



# BELROSE PRODUCE MARKET

4/6 Niangala Close, Belrose NSW

## BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN



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The next revision of this document should occur every 12 months or where a bushfire incident has occurred affecting the site or where new buildings or alterations or additions are planned in order to ensure the content and recommended actions within this document remain relevant.

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## Section 1

### 1.0 Introduction

The Belrose Produce Market is located on the roof of Belrose Super Centre at 4/6 Niangala Close, Belrose. The subject property has street frontage to Niangala Close to the west, Forest Way to the east, Garigal Road to the south and Mona Vale Road to the north.

The subject property is within the Northern Beaches local government area.

The subject site facilitates the Produce Market located on the roof of the Belrose Super Centre consisting of up to 100 stalls and an entertainment area.

As part of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* section 8.3.8 'Outdoor events in bush fire prone areas' states:

*a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan must be prepared that is acceptable to relevant stakeholders, including crowd management and security.*

This Bushfire Emergency Management Plan has been prepared to accord with the above.

This document is based upon the NSW Rural Fire Service guideline for preparing a '*Bushfire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan*'.

Reference should also be made to any additional emergency management plans as may have been prepared for the complex in respect to other types of emergency incident.

The whole of the building complex is noted as being bushfire prone under the current NSW Rural Fire Services 'Bushfire Prone Land' mapping system and the Northern Beaches Council 'Bushfire Prone Land Map'. (refer to Image 04)

The site has been determined to have a worst case Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) of FZ and as the Produce Market is an outdoor event the direct location will not be able to be used as a 'safe refuge' although the Belrose Super Centre can be directly accessed and could be used as a 'safe refuge' where available time does not permit full evacuation/ relocation.

The vegetation identified as posing a bushfire hazard is to the north, east and west consisting of a "Forest" hazard associated with subject allotment, neighbouring allotment and Garrigal National Park.

One of the greatest problems facing the occupants of the event is conducting a rapid bushfire evacuation. Often considerable time is required to organise an evacuation and sometimes as is the case here, the primary option could be to remain within the relative safety of the building complex.

Owing to the multi culturalism of the area, it is understood there is a possibility that there will be occupants that have English as their second language. Owing to this it is encouraged that this plan is encouraged to include measures that can be transcribed across relevant languages.

Overall, the maximum number of people at the markets is approximately 460.

## 1.01 Purpose

The purpose of this bushfire emergency management plan is to provide the staff, occupants and others with an understanding of possible bushfire evacuation or 'stay in place' measures and to provide a simple occupant management tool.

By way of information, a simple distinction between an internal building fire and an external bushfire is that for a building fire it should be; *everybody out*, however for a bushfire – *everybody relocate, evacuate early or remain within the safety of a resilient building*.

A "stay-in-place" philosophy is the preferred option for this complex, where operational timing or occupant's needs do not allow for their controlled and safe relocation or their rapid evacuation.

The term relocation relates to the occupants having adequate time to calmly prepare and move to predetermined safer locations.

The term evacuation infers a temporary but rapid movement of all occupants from a building or disaster (or threatened disaster) area where impact is imminent.

## 1.02 Aim and Objectives

The aim of this BEMP is to provide reasonable preplanning advice for the Building Manager, staff and occupants where there may be a need to evacuate or relocate occupants from a place of bushfire threat or impact (to the building complex) to another *safer location*.

In some circumstances where adequate time permits, these evacuations or relocations could be external to the building complex grounds. When the safe time for early relocation has lapsed the BEMP also includes instructions on how to “*stay in place*” within the building complex.

The BEMP document can be incorporated as a ‘section’ of an overall Emergency Management Plan which would address other types of emergency incidents.

The Event Management can include actions for bushfire preparation or subsequent recovery as separate appendixes to this document.

# Belrose Super Centre Produce Market

## DETAILS

The primary action to follow under normal bushfire conditions is to:

### **STAY IN PLACE**

Name of Premises: Belrose Super Centre Produce Market

Street address: 4/6 Niangala Close, Belrose

Council: Northern Beaches

Contact Persons:

**Event Manager: Madelienne Anderson**                      **Mob: 0411 170 008**

**Event Manager: Bec Fox**    **Mob: 0468 910 558**

Type of Facility: **Outdoor Farming Market**

No of building units: **100 stalls (Roof Top Parking area on Belrose Super Centre)**

**Total number of staff:** 5

**Total number of stall staff:** 155

**Total number of visitors:** 300

**Total of occupants with support needs:** **Unknown allow 10**

Transport: **Private vehicles**

Council / NSW RFS - 'Neighbourhood Safer Place'

**Belrose Public School**  
**Bambara Reserve (Belrose Oval) & Belrose Community Centre**

Other:

Date of Plan: **October 2020**

Date of Review: **September 2021**

## Section 2

### 2.0 Background Information

The outdoor Produce Market is located on the roof of Belrose Super Centre located at 4/6 Niangala Close, Belrose and contains 100 individual stalls.

The Belrose Super Centre is currently surrounded by large commercial buildings, public roads and unmanaged vegetation. This suggests that the building complex is at a high risk in consideration of the separation distances from the bush land hazard to the north, east and west.

Notwithstanding, smoke and ember impact can occur from bushfires burning locally or several kilometres away and this will require action due to the possibility of respiratory or visual impairment problems arising for occupants.

Where sufficient time is available all occupants will be asked to evacuate and asked to return home or relocate to the neighbourhood safer place. All trades persons are to follow the directions of the Building Manager/ Event Manager.

The assembly of occupants outside in smoky conditions **is not** the preferred option but to relocate to inside Belrose Super Centre or their homes.

The arrival of firefighting service vehicles or other emergency vehicles will likely disrupt the flow of occupants attempting to evacuate. This will be compounded by the departure of private vehicles from the complex.

It would be reasonable to assume that communications between each of the stalls and the complex would be by the speaker/ PA system.

Mobile telephones may be available for emergency contact with wardens.

The NSW Rural Fire Service has prepared a list of Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP's) relevant to this local government area. (refer Section 7.04. Page 23)

Other nearby commercial premises, local clubs or community halls may provide more adequate temporary assembly areas where 'staging' is required or where road access to prearranged Neighbourhood Safer Places is not possible due to bushfire impact or other impacts such as local traffic congestion.

## Section 3

### 3.0 Roles and Responsibilities

General:

All event staff are part of the Produce Market “*Emergency Control Organisation*” under Australian Standard AS3745 -2010 “Planning for emergencies in buildings” and relevant Work Health and Safety Regulations. The Australian Standard provides a process for the management of all emergency incidents however it excludes bushfire.

The NSW Rural Fire Service has prepared a document / guideline in support the preparation of a bushfire emergency evacuation plan which can be either a stand-alone document or added as section of the building complex’s overall emergency management plan under AS3745 (where provided).

As required by the Australian Standard, a ‘Chief Warden’ is to be appointed. This is usually the Building Manager/ Event Manager or their Deputy.

During an emergency all Area Wardens or Wardens (if appointed) shall follow the directions of the Chief Warden (or their Deputy).

The Chief Warden (or their Deputy) has full and total control of any emergency incident until they hand the incident over to the first attending emergency service.

Even then they must continue to manage occupants within the markets until all occupants can be relocated or evacuated to safer locations or the incident is deemed safe / closed by authorities.

Tradespersons and contractors within the markets must follow all instructions given by the Chief Warden or any Warden.

The following table sets out the relevant contacts for various areas:

Name & Position	Building / Area of Responsibility	Contact Number
Chief Warden  Event Manager	Market Area	Name: Madelienne Anderson Ph: 0411 170 008  Name: Bec Fox Ph: 0468 910 558
Deputy Chief Warden  _____	Market Area	Bus: _____ Mob: _____
First Aid Super Centre (if appointed)  _____	Collect Emergency First Aid Kit	Bus: _____ Mob: _____
Area Warden 1  _____	If required	Mob: _____
Area Warden 2  _____	If required	Mob: _____

Table 01 – Warden Listing and Contact Numbers for Produce Market

### 3.01 The Chief Warden or their Deputy shall;

The Chief Warden shall be the Building / Event Manager, their deputy or a nominated member of the staff.

On notification of a Severe, Extreme or a Catastrophic fire danger day or of an approaching bushfire or the smell of bush fire smoke;

- On days of Extreme or Catastrophic Fire danger, the Produce Market should be cancelled and rescheduled for a day where there is a lower Fire danger
- Advise all store holders of the expected fire danger or the presence of a bushfire or of bushfire smoke and any details or instructions.
- Advise all occupants by emergency alarm / PA system if the event is to be evacuated or relocate within the Super Centre.
- Liaise with the first attending Emergency Services as necessary and follow their directions.
- When possible advise the Super Centre Management of the incident and what precautions are being undertaken.

### 3.02 First Aid Officer (If required):

The First Aid Officer is responsible for all medical incidents within the market until the arrival of NSW Ambulance or local doctors.

The First Aid Officer shall follow the directions of the Chief Warden but shall not take part in evacuation duties. Their role is to provide immediate first aid until formal medical assistance arrives.

### 3.03 Area Wardens:

All Area Wardens are to follow the directions of the Chief Warden or their Deputy.

- Where directed, move occupants to nominated areas.
- Follow any specific directions given by Emergency Services and advise the Chief Warden of such directions given by them as soon as possible.

### 3.04 Visitors and Trades Persons:

All visitors and tradespersons are to follow the directions of the Chief Warden, Area Warden or the attending Emergency Services.

Visitors and tradespersons can only depart the markets **after advising** the Chief Warden or an Area Warden of their departure.

Tradespersons are expected to 'make safe' any work area before departing.

## Section 4

### 4.0 Sheltering in Place Procedures (preferred option)

#### 4.01 General:

Direct bushfire impact is considered highly likely in this instance. Notwithstanding this, smoke and ember impacts are possible. Evacuation may not be possible for many of reasons; extensive local traffic delays, local road closures and so on.

It is therefore reasonable to advise occupants to “shelter in place”. That is, to remain within Belrose Super Centre.

Smoke and embers can prove to be very dangerous to all occupants and buildings as these products of combustion will often obscure vision, restrict breathing and possibly ignite other small spot fires around the grounds or even inside the complex if doors and windows are left open.

Super Centre Management will need to ensure all external doors and windows in the super centre are securely closed.

‘Spot fires’ can occur in close proximity to building complex, Wardens may choose to conduct first attack firefighting where they consider it safe to do so. Such a fire attack needs to be measured against the safety of primarily themselves and then of other occupants.

Typically, Fire Service response will mean several fire appliances arriving over a short period of time, possibly whilst occupants are attempting to exit the Super Centre complex by car. Extreme caution must be taken using public roads under bushfire conditions.

#### Shelter in Place or Go Policy:

Everyone shall, after the Chief Warden considering all options available at the time, decide to either evacuate the complex or to ‘Shelter in Place’.

Any decision to evacuate must be made as early as possible to ensure the safe passage for all occupants to places of safety.

#### Timing will be critical.

Attending Fire Services or the NSW Police may instruct that the Super Centre complex is to be evacuated however the Chief Warden **must still consider** the problems associated with a rushed evacuation and should suggest that occupants are held in the Super Centres where possible until the smoke & ember impact has passed or subsided.

**Warning:** It is not recommended that occupants are asked to walk to any locations in smoke affected areas.

#### 4.02 Chief Warden (or their deputy)

On being advised of an approaching bushfire or on smelling smoke, the Chief Warden shall immediately notify '000' and seek urgent confirmation from the Fire Rescue NSW and / or NSW Rural Fire Service of any bushfire burning locally.

The Chief Warden shall advise the Fire Services of the following;

- the observed location of the bushfire (smoke column)
- direction of travel of the bushfire smoke (toward or away from the Super Centre complex)
- the approximate number of occupants currently in the Produce Market.
- the actions that are being undertaken to safe guard all occupants. (i.e. Shelter in place)

The Chief Warden shall then directly advise all Area Wardens of the incident by face to face communication or instruct the Communications Super Centre to arrange advice. The Area Wardens shall then advise all occupants of the situation and that they are to **Shelter in Place** within the building.

Proposed actions should include:

- Where considered safe to do so, arrange to keep a 'fire watch' outside for any 'spot fires' and advise the Chief Warden immediately.
- Occupants to be asked to remain within the complex until further advised.
- Occupants advised not to leave the complex privately due to smoke and ember impact safety concerns.

The Chief Warden shall again telephone the Fire Rescue NSW and confirm the total number of occupants at the Super Centre complex and any 'shelter in place' plans being implemented.

#### 4.03 Area Warden

Area Wardens are to follow any instructions given by the Chief Warden and to maintain communications at all times as best as possible.

On smelling smoke or on advice of an approaching bushfire, Area Wardens shall advise emergency services and if possible, advise the Chief Warden. They shall also direct occupants into the Super Centre. Area Wardens shall instruct contractors cease work, make safe and to assemble in the area they are working and await further instructions.

Where considered safe to do so, Area Wardens should carry out a fire watch on all elevations and where impacted by bushfire embers advise the Chief Warden who should then advise the Fire Services.

Area Wardens can if they consider it safe to do so, use fire hose reels to extinguish any small fires on or around a floor. They are to maintain regular contact with the Chief Warden.

Area Wardens are reminded that their first responsibility is to the occupants in ensuring they are in a relatively safe place. Wardens are not trained as fire fighters and where fire attack is proposed, Area Wardens must work in pairs for their own safety.

Where possible, Area Wardens are to turn on local radio or TV stations and listen for emergency broadcasts about the bushfire or other warnings such as declared “Extreme or Catastrophic” fire event days and the recommendations made by fire authorities for those days.

Monitor the NSW Rural Fire Service website or ‘[Fires Near Me](#)’ application for updates.

#### 4.04 First Aid Officer (where appointed)

Standby and await instruction from the Chief Warden.

Of particular concern will be persons having breathing difficulties due to smoky conditions. This aspect may necessitate the use of an Oxy-viva or similar resuscitation devices where available. Other occupants should also be instructed to activate their asthma plans as necessary.

#### 4.05 Designated Internal Refuges

The buildings ground floor shall be used as the main designated Bushfire Emergency Assembly Areas. Where possible to facilitate a more rapid evacuation if necessary.

#### Special note:

**External Assembly Areas are traditionally designed for other emergencies which occur within a building and may **NOT** be suitable for bushfire impact and importantly may not provide a secure area to assemble occupants.**



Image 01 – Aerial of the subject site (courtesy of nearmap)

**4.07 Shelter in Place triggers**

The triggers for sheltering in place are:

Trigger	Chief Warden Actions
Advice of, or seeing a rapidly approaching bushfire smoke column or smoke cloud over the Super Centre complex	Activate this Plan
Advice of possible bushfire impact from NSW Fire Services / General Media	As above. Confirm with Fire Services the direction of the bushfire and possible impact period. Advise all Area Wardens of Plan activation. Confirm designated areas are available for assembly purposes. Instruct Area Wardens to relocate inside Belrose Super Centre or evacuate area.

**4.08 After the bushfire emergency**

The triggers for recovery following a bushfire emergency:

Trigger	Chief Warden Actions
Advice of or seeing a bushfire smoke column or cloud dissipate.	Advise Area Wardens to undertake a final examination of the area for any embers and to extinguish if safe to do so. Advise occupants sheltering inside the building they may now depart the complex. Close the incident. Advise the Super Centre management the market is returning to normal activities.  Record all incident details.
Advice from Emergency Services	As above
other	

## Section 5

### 5.0 Evacuation Procedures:

In the event that a bushfire evacuation has been ordered, the Chief Warden shall carry out or arrange to be carried out the following:

- Advise all occupants of the pending situation via the emergency alarm/ PA system or advise Area Wardens, to advise occupants.
- Where evacuation is required, instruct all occupants to evacuate to the NSP – **Belrose Public School or Bambara Reserve (Belrose Oval) & Belrose Community Centre**
- Chief Warden to advise the Fire Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW Police that the Produce Market is now vacant and where evacuees have been advised to go to.
- On advice from the Fire Services that the markets are no longer threatened, the Chief Warden can proceed back and investigate if the area can be safely re-opened.

**Note:** - Traffic may still be chaotic on the return trip and care should be taken at all times.

### 5.01 Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP's)

Neighbourhood Safer Places are a **last resort** only. NSP's are not a guarantee of complete safety in times of bushfire nor can any guarantee be given that other persons in the local area or region have not already gone to the same NSP location thereby restricting free access for Super Centre occupants.

The **Belrose Public School or Bambara Reserve (Belrose Oval) & Belrose Community Centre** would be considered as 'safer' location and is within a reasonable travel distance from the complex provided private vehicles can be used.

Where occupants can relocate or evacuate to other 'safer locations' within an adequate time frame the use of the designated NSP may not be required.

#### Special Notes:

- Prior to proceeding to a NSP, the Chief Warden should remind occupants about possible emergency services road traffic.
- There is no set time frame for staying at any NSP. A decision to leave should be made by the occupants in consultation with Fire Services, Police or Chief Warden.
- The Chief Warden should not allow re-occupation of the markets until a thorough inspection has been made to ensure the area and its services are acceptable and safe to re-use.

### 5.02 Emergency Transportation

The complex does not have an arrangement with any bus company for the purposes of emergency transport.

Local roads are highly likely to be heavily traffic logged during bushfire incidents.

Travelling on any roads subject to excessive smoke and ember impact must be avoided. This may be exasperated where emergency services have carried out road closures.

The Chief Warden is to seek advice from Transport NSW, their app 'Live Traffic' or the Fire Services as to any road closures which may affect the evacuation route. The Chief Warden is then to advise all Area Wardens and where possible occupants intending to use their own vehicles.

### 5.03 Triggers for Evacuation

The triggers for evacuation are:

Trigger	Chief Warden Actions
Directions from Police or Fire Services	Activate this Plan

#### 5.04 Emergency Warning Advice

General emergency warning advice shall be via the NSW Rural Fire Services mobile telephone application "Fires-Near-Me", the local media; either by television announcements or by commercial or government radio announcements. Alternatively, the Emergency Services may contact the Event Manager / Chief Warden directly in some extreme situations.

It is possible that local area mobile and landline telephones will be provided with an overriding 'emergency warning tone' and recorded message.

NSW Police and SES have a functional role in evacuation. They will issue evacuation instructions generally on the advice of the Fire Services, this will be done on-site.

The Chief Warden shall arrange to disseminate all emergency advice to all wardens as rapidly as possible.

All wardens shall then make necessary preparations and prepare for further directions from the Chief Warden.

Where possible all wardens should also monitor the NSW Rural Fire Service's application – "*Fires Near Me*".

## Section 6

### 6.0 Emergency Contacts

6.01 The following contact details can be used in a bushfire emergency.

Contact Name	Organisation	Telephone Number
	Bushfire Emergency	000
	Fire Rescue NSW	000
	NSW Ambulance	000
	NSW Bush Fire Emergency Information Line	1800 679 737
	Northern Beaches Council	1300 434 434
	State Emergency Services	132 500
	RMS Road Closures	132 701
	Frenchs Forest Police Station	02 9452 9599
	Event Manager	
	Northern Beaches NSW Fire Control Office	02 9450 3000
	WIRES	8977 3333

Table 02 – Contact Details

6.02 Wardens can consult the NSW Rural Fire Service’s website or the ‘Fires Near Me’ application for more up to date bushfire locations and additional bushfire safety information.

Search [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me)

# Section 7

## 7.0 Plans and Maps

### 7.01 Market Plan

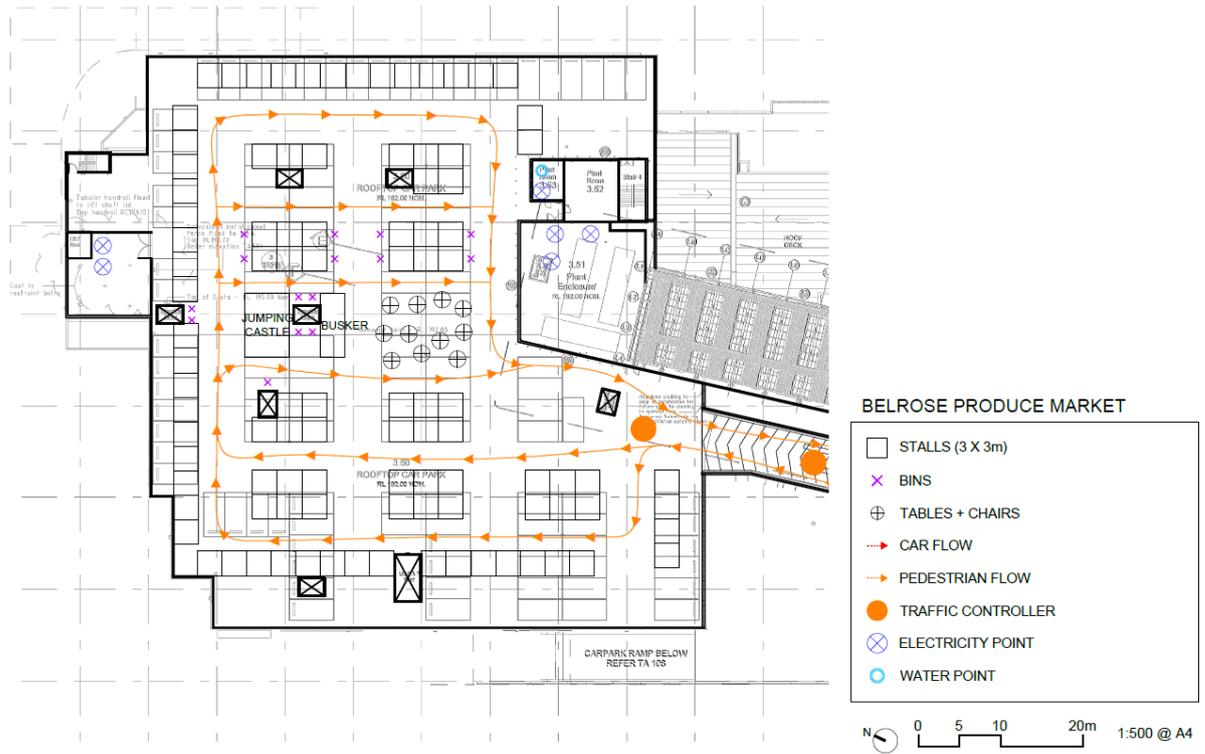


Image 02 – Market Plan.

7.02 Local area map & Neighbourhood Safer Place

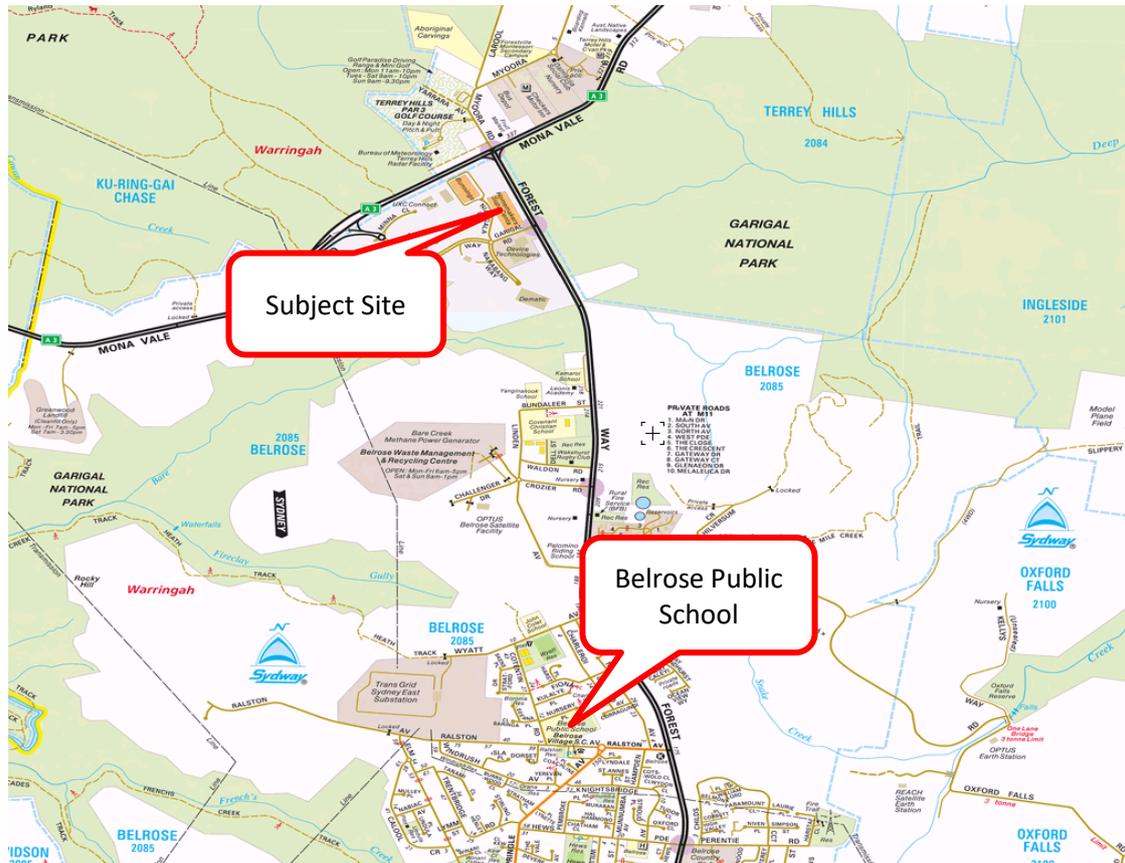


Image 03 – Location of Subject Site & Neighbourhood Safer Place  
(acknowledgements – street-directory.com.au)

7.03 Bushfire Prone Land Map



Image 04 – Extract from The Northern Beaches Council's Bushfire Prone Land Map

7.04 Declared Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP's)

Title	Type	Location	LGA
North Balgowlah Community Centre	Building	Corner of Bardoo Avenu and Wonga Street, North Balgowlah	Northern Beaches
Forestville Memorial Hall	Building	Cnr of Warringah Road and Starkey Street, Forestville	Northern Beaches
Abbot Road Fields	Open Space	Abbot Road, North Curl Curl	Northern Beaches
Brookvale Park	Open Space	Federal Parade, Brookvale	Northern Beaches
Beverley Job Reserve	Open Space	McIntosh Road, Naraweena	Northern Beaches
Patanga Reserve	Open Space	Patanga Road, Frenchs Forest	Northern Beaches
Bambara Reserve (Belrose Oval) & Belrose Community Centre	Open Space	Forest Way (near Bambara Road), Belrose	Northern Beaches
Lionel Watts Oval	Open Space	Blackbutts Road, Forestville	Northern Beaches
Cromer Park	Open Space	South Creek Road, Cromer	Northern Beaches
St Mathews Farm Reserve	Open Space	Grover Avenue, North Cromer	Northern Beaches
Vic Huxley Oval (Collaroy Plateau Oval)	Open Space	Blandford Street, Collaroy Plateau	Northern Beaches
Kurara Reserve	Open Space	Kurara Close, Terrey Hills	Northern Beaches
Woolgoolga Reserve	Open Space	Woolgoolga Street, North Balgowlah	Northern Beaches
The Greenway Reserve	Open Space	The Greenway, Duffys Forest	Northern Beaches
Allambie Heights School - Community Centre	Building	165 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights	Northern Beaches
Belrose Public School	Open Space	Cotentin Road, Belrose	Northern Beaches
Frank Beckman Reserve	Open Space	Yulong Avenue, Terrey Hills	Northern Beaches

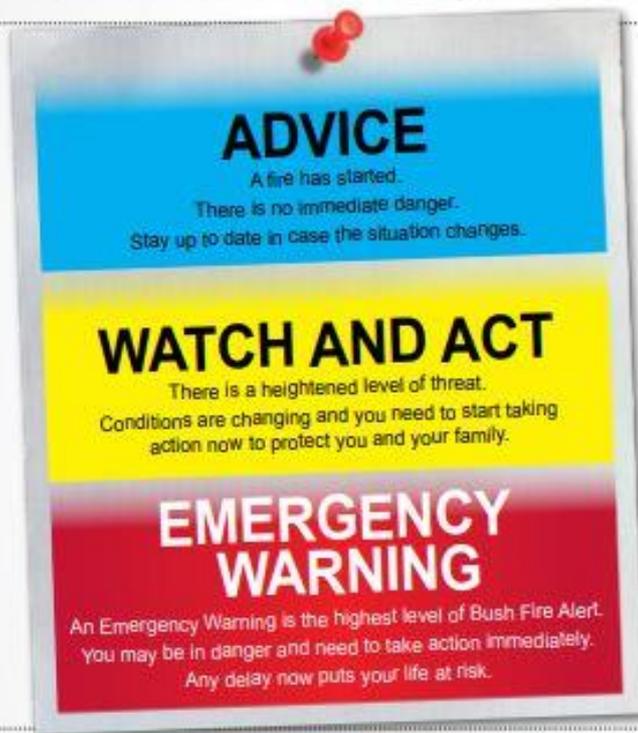
Table 03 – Extract from the NSW RFS Neighbourhood Safer Places register for Northern Beaches Council

**Warning:** The majority of NSP locations are open spaces and therefore subject to smoke and ember impact and any other weather change.

# Bush Fire Alerts

## KEEP INFORMED, STAY SAFE

Where there is a risk from bush fire, the NSW Rural Fire Service uses Bush Fire Alerts to provide information to affected communities using **radio**, **television**, and the **internet**. There are three Bush Fire Alert levels to help you make the right choices for your safety.



**ADVICE**  
A fire has started.  
There is no immediate danger.  
Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

**WATCH AND ACT**  
There is a heightened level of threat.  
Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

**EMERGENCY WARNING**  
An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert.  
You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.  
Any delay now puts your life at risk.

- Where can you get information during a bush fire?**
- Bush Fire Information Line  
1800 NSW RFS  
(1800 679 737)
  - NSW Rural Fire Service  
website [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
  - [www.facebook.com/nswrfs](https://www.facebook.com/nswrfs)  
[www.twitter.com/nswrfs](https://www.twitter.com/nswrfs)
  - Local Radio, TV, Newspapers

*Remember a fire can threaten suddenly. Don't rely on a single source for emergency information, and be ready to act*

An **EMERGENCY WARNING** is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert.

The alert will give information about the severity of the fire, its location and what you should do. Bush Fire Alerts are not always given in the above order. A fire may be at 'Watch and Act' or 'Emergency Warning' first. Some fires start and spread so quickly that there is no time for any warning at all. You should be prepared to put your Bush Fire Survival Plan into action with little or no warning. Include Bush Fire Alerts in your Bush Fire Survival Plan as triggers to Leave Early or prepare to Stay and Defend where appropriate.

**PREPARE** → **ACT** → **SURVIVE** | BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737

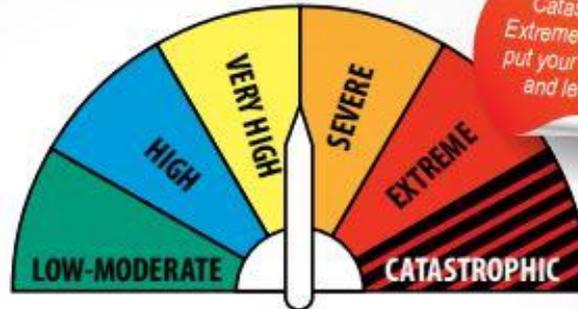


# Fire Danger Ratings

## WHAT DO THEY MEAN FOR YOU?

### Knowing what they mean could save your life

- If you live or travel through an area where a bush fire can start you need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is and what it means so you can make the safest decision.
- The Fire Danger Rating is the indication of the consequences of a bush fire if a bush fire was to start.
- The higher the Fire Danger Rating the more dangerous the conditions and the more likely that people will be injured or die if a bush fire occurs.
- When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic for your area, any fires that start will be extremely hard for fire authorities to control. Even a well prepared, well constructed and actively defended home may not survive.
- If Catastrophic conditions are expected the best option is to leave early the day or hours before a fire threatens.
- Keep informed - check the Fire Danger Rating for your area at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- PREPARE your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Know your trigger points and download a plan from [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



*On days of Catastrophic or Extreme Fire Danger put your survival first and leave early.*

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
CATASTROPHIC	For your survival, leaving early is the only option. Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens. Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return. Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.
EXTREME	Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day. Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.
SEVERE	Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.
VERY HIGH	Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan with your family. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.
HIGH	
LOW MODERATE	

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