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ACT Aboriginal Fire Management Plan 2015-16



Building a Strong Foundation



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Introduction

The Aboriginal Fire Management Plan is the practical component of the Aboriginal Fire Management Framework. All work outlines in this Plan falls under the protocols and conditions stipulated in the Aboriginal Fire Management Framework.

The *2015-16 Aboriginal Fire Management Plan (AFMP)* is the inaugural year that these working are to be completed. The aims and objectives stipulated in this plan have been devised in consultation with the local Ngunnawal community, PCS Fire Management Unit and PCS Community and Visitor Programme. The activities outlined in the *2015-16 AFMP* have been accepted and approved by the Commissioner of the Emergency Services Agency (ESA) through approval of the BOP.





Strategic Objectives

The 2015-16 has three Strategic Objectives:

- 1.** Establish Standard Operating Procedures for all ACT Parks and Conservation staff in relation to cultural heritage protection on fire sites;
- 2.** Organise a pool of resources to effectively implement the current *IFMP 2015-16* and ensuing IFMPs in *2016-17* and *2017-18* and;
- 3.** Re-initiate cultural burning practices in the ACT with Traditional Custodians.





Who is responsible?

The Aboriginal Fire Management Project Officer is responsible for successful completion of the Aboriginal Fire Management Plan. The project officer is required to work within and between teams in Parks and Conservation Services to achieve the objectives as outlined in this, *2015-16 AFMP*.

The Aboriginal Fire Management Project Officer reports to the Partnerships Coordinator of the Community and Visitor Programme and the head of the Fire Management Unit.

The Aboriginal Fire Management Project Officer is also responsible for the preparation of an end of cycle report on the activities outlined in this Plan. This report shall detail the completed works and provide justification of any non-completed works





List of works and activities 2015-16

Prevention/Fuel Management

Location	Type of Work	Works Description	Start Month	Finish Month	Completed
Rendezvous Creek	Physical removal	Murumbung Rangers to lead a team to remove the shrubs using mulching machine, create fire break containment lines as well as rake the much and remove the resulting debris from bushland area adjacent to the rock art site as mapped	July	June	
Nursery Swamp II	Physical removal	Murumbung Rangers to lead a team to remove the shrubs using mulching machine, create fire break containment lines as well as rake the much and remove the resulting debris from bushland area adjacent to the rock art site as mapped	July	June	
Wallaby Rocks	Physical Removal	Murumbung Rangers to lead a team to remove the shrubs using mulching machine, create fire break containment lines as well as rake the much and remove the resulting debris from bushland area adjacent to the rock art site as mapped	July	June	

Prevention/Infrastructure

Location	Work Description	Start Month	Finish Month	Completed
Yankee Hat	Replace fire hazardous wooden viewing platform with fire retardant platform (such as metal)	August	November	

Preparedness/Equipment

Item	Purpose	Start Month	Finish Month	Completed
Fire PPE Equipment	Set of Murumbung assigned PPE for community members (to be kept at Stromlo)	July	June	

Preparedness/Training

Accreditation/Skill Level	Type of Training	Estimated Number of Staff	Start Month	Finish Month	Cost	Completed
Promote positions with Fire Management Unit to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, particularly on seasonal fire crews.	Essential Competency Attainment	6	July	June		
Incident Controller (IC) training for an identified Indigenous staff member that can perform the role of Incident Controller, Divisional Commander, Task Force Leader at Level 2 or 3 incidents or perform as a Roster Officer	Essential Competency Attainment	1	July	June	In-house	
Training of identified Indigenous staff member to be values officer on fire ground	Essential Competency Attainment	1	July	June	In-house	
Observer training session to allow identified community members enter fire site	Essential Competency Attainment	6	July	June	In-house	

Procedural awareness training for Fire Staff who enter fire sites (in accordance with Indigenous Fire Framework) to be given a refresher training (30 mins)	Essential Competency Attainment	150	July	October	In-house	
Updating fire fighter manuals with updated content from the Indigenous Fire Management Framework			July	June		
Updating pre-suppression plan to include content from the Indigenous Fire Management Framework			July	June		
Trip to Booderee National Park and/or Victoria Indigenous Protected Areas for information exchange between other Indigenous Ranger groups and Murumbung Rangers with specific focus on fire management	Capacity Building & Succession Training	6	July	June		
Attendance at Indigenous fire conference in Cairns, June 2016	Capacity Building & Succession Training	3	May	June		
Recruitment of Aboriginal Fire Officer to further develop, implement and report outcomes of the Aboriginal Fire Management Framework (2015-16)	Essential Competency Attainment	1	July	June	\$70,844	

Audit/Monitoring

Item	Start Month	Finish Month	Completed
Assess fuel hazard at identified cultural sites throughout ACT	July	June	
As needed, audit sites that have been identified as possible cultural areas on fire ground	July	June	
Assessment of sites post-burning	July	June	
Dozer trail assessment prior to rehabilitation	July	June	

Planning/Research

Item	Activity	Start Month	Finish Month	Completed
Drafting of research/discussion paper on the process leading to and implementation of Indigenous Fire Management Framework	Administrative	July	June	
Development of traditional Aboriginal seasons map for the ACT and surrounding areas, including fire burning season(s)	Administrative	July	June	
Indigenous fire planning day	Administrative	August	October	
Community skills and capabilities audit and record on database	Administrative	July	November	
Cross-checking of heritage database for cultural assets on proposed fire grounds	Administrative	July	June	
Pierce's Ck - Grass Tree Site	Audit, burn plans and plan of management for site including possible cultural burn	July	June	
Ginninderra Catchment	Audit, burn plans and plan of management for site including possible cultural burn	July	June	
Jerrabomberra Wetlands	Audit, burn plans and plan of management for site including possible cultural burn	July	June	



Approval