



Newsletter

for Fire Management Area Committees

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Hello FMAC members

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the State Fire Management Council email sent in March. From your responses we have decided to re-instate the SFMC Newsletter! This newsletter will help to support communication between the State Fire Management Council (SFMC) and Fire Management Area Committees (FMACs).

We received some great ideas which we will start to include in future editions:

- FMAC member profiles
- Who is available to support FMACs? Where to go for guidance on certain issues
- FMAC stories, highlighting achievements and challenges
- Research
- Useful links and information
- Upcoming events.

If you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter, or if there is any specific information you would like to see included please let us know at sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au.

Fire Protection Plans

2018 Fire Protection Plans have been approved by the SFMC and are now available at www.sfmc.tas.gov.au/document-library.

All SFMC members wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of FMACs in preparing FPPs for their communities. .

Project Updates

Fire Protection Plan Project

The [Project Officer, Bushfire Protection Planning position](#) has been advertised today on www.jobs.tas.gov.au and www.seek.com.au.

The aim of this project is to provide a consistent framework, tools, education and support for FMACs to undertake risk assessments and develop fire protection plans.

Once the Project Officer has been appointed consultation will commence with FMACs.

FMAC Terms of Reference

At last year's Annual FMAC Forum participants worked with an external facilitator to revise the role and responsibilities of FMACs. As a result a draft FMAC Terms of Reference (ToR) has been developed.

Some of the suggested changes to the ToR include; clearly identified core functions and responsibilities, length of terms for all members and meeting procedures.

We need your help to make sure the draft ToR accurately reflects the role of FMACs.

FMAC Meetings

In the March update we suggested that FMACs may like to postpone meetings until mid-year. Due to the delay in advertising the Project Officer position it is now recommended that FMACs commence their meeting schedule.

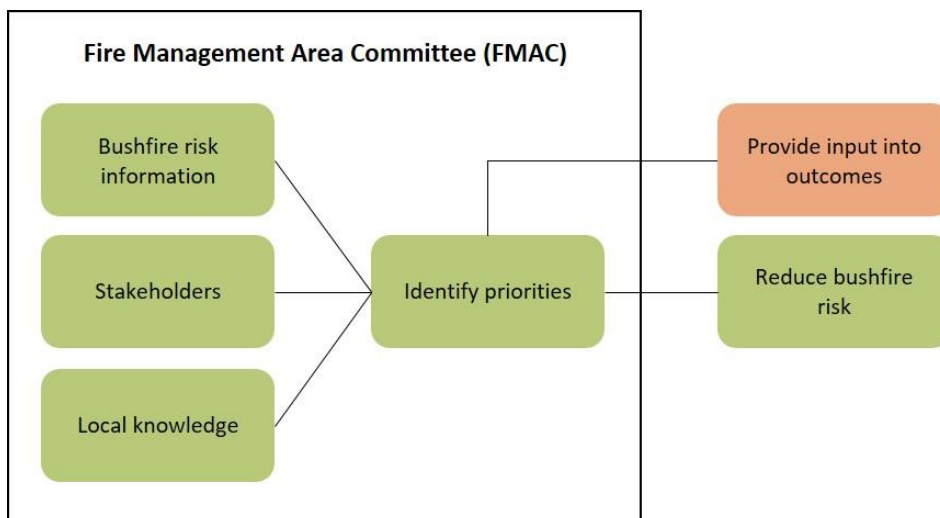
Deb will be in contact with all FMAC chairs this week to discuss meeting schedules, agendas and support.

You are invited to provide feedback on the attached DRAFT ToR to sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au by **close of business 25 July 2018**, this should allow enough time for the draft to be tabled at upcoming FMAC meetings.

If you would like to discuss or would like further information please feel free to phone Deb on 6225 8533.

Further work will now commence on of Statements of Duties for Chairs and Deputy Chairs, meeting procedures and templates to support the ToR.

FMACs enable as holistic approach to bushfire risk reduction



Fire Service Act Review

The [Issues Paper](#) has now been released for the Fire Service Act Review. The paper explores issues that affect the delivery of fire and emergency services in Tasmania. The Issues Paper can be accessed at www.fire.tas.gov.au.

Public notices are being placed in the three major Tasmanian newspapers on Saturday, 9 June calling for written submission to the Review.

FMAC members are invited to provide written submissions by emailing Act.Review@fire.tas.gov.au by **7 September 2018**.

In order for the Review to be effective, consultation with key stakeholders throughout the Review process is seen as fundamental. It is intended that face to face consultation will be conducted with FMACs during the coming months.

If you have any questions about the Review, or you wish to raise any issues, please contact Project Manager Dr Felicity Novy on 6230 8711 or email felicity.novy@fire.tas.gov.au.

Useful Stuff

Fire Australia Magazine

[Issue 2 of 2018](#) is now available online.

If you missed [Issue 1 for 2018](#), make sure you take a look as there is a great article on Tasmania Fire Service Chief Officer (and SFMC member) Chris Arnol in this issue.

Centre of Excellence for Prescribed Burning

Check out the resources at [Centre of Excellence for Prescribed Burning](#) Hub.

There is also a recorded webinar on YouTube that takes you on a guided tour of the Hub - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9sGk-Npe-o>.

Upcoming Events

5 July 2018

Next SFMC Meeting

If you have any correspondence or agenda items you would like tabled at the next SFMC meeting please email them to sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au by 20 June 2018

Things to do.....

- Submit an article for the next Newsletter to sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au
- Provide feedback on the draft FMAC ToR by 25 July
- Book in your next FMAC meeting
- Spread the word about the FPP Project Officer job, closes 17 June
- Provide comment on the Act Review Issues Paper by 7 September
- Email your agenda items for the SFMC meeting by 20 June

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