



## FMAC Member Profile 1

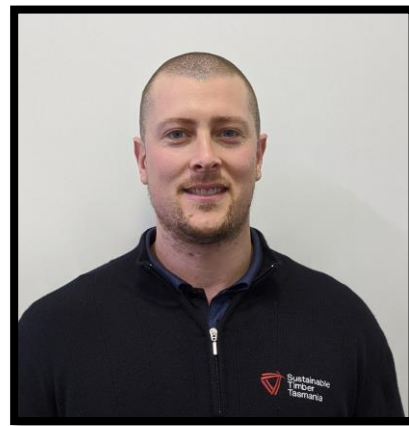


**Peter Geard - OAM, ESM, JP, FAIES  
Deputy Chair, Hobart FMAC**

- I represent Brighton Council on HFMAC.
- Councillor at Brighton from June 1984 to present.
- Brighton Council Emergency Co-ordinator.
- Brighton SES Unit Manager.
- Member of Brighton Fire Brigade and local Fire Permit Officer.
- Operational Trainer (VTI) - TFS Cambridge Complex
- On Fire Permit Working Group.
- Board Member of TAS SES Volunteer Assn as Public Officer.
- Board Member Australasia Institute of Emergency Service – TAS Division.
- Local Gov of TAS representative on State Fire Commission.
- I have volunteered for five fire deployments to the mainland: 2000, 2001, 2019 and 2022.
- Now retired from my building business. Enjoy spending time with my wife, Jannene at our holiday home at Dolphin Sands, travelling and gardening.
- Our two sons, Simon – ITC Paramedic at A.T. and Andrew – Career Fire Fighter with T.F.S. and our grand children keep us involved and entertained.

***My motto "Put 100% into everything you do"***

## FMAC Member Profile 2



**Jye Hill – Chair  
Southern FMAC**

- Has worked in the forest industry for 18 years' in both the private and public sector.
- Is currently employed by Sustainable Timber Tasmania as the Fire Management Coordinator in the Southern Region.
- Has a keen interest and experience in bushfire response, planned burning and fire related training and design.
- Is also a member of the Forest Industry Fire Management Committee and is currently the Chair of the Southern FMAC.
- Enjoys spending time in the outdoors & exercising.
- Enjoys camping with his wife and 2 daughters.
- Spend weekend adventures at the family's hobby farm in the Derwent Valley.
- Gardening and reading are favourite pass times.

## People Movements

### **Bushfire Risk Unit – Planning**

Tasmania Fire Service

Planning Officers in the Bushfire Risk Unit (BRU) are assigned to two FMAs each and participate as Subject Matter Experts in FMAC meetings.

In the past 12 months, several BRU Planning Officers have either changed position/agency or changed the FMAs that they are assigned to (which was undertaken to balance the workload across planners).



### **Hobart and East Coast FMACs**

Denna Kingdom has been appointed BRU Planning Coordinator until June 2024, but will continue working with these FMACs until the Planning Officer role is backfilled.

### **Southern and Midlands FMACs**

Jonathan Leaman continues as the Planning Officer.

### **Central North / Tamar FMACs**

Leon Murray has returned to the position of Planning Officer, Northern Region, in September.

### **North East and Flinders FMACs**

Steve Summers continues as the Planning Officer.

### **West Coast / King Island FMACs**

Clinton Heyworth has been promoted to the position of Mitigation Coordinator - North West Region. Other planners will support this FMAC until the Planning Officer role is back-filled.

### **Bushfire Protection Planning**

The Project Officer, Bushfire Risk Management Framework (formerly Project Officer, Bushfire Protection Planning) position recruitment is ongoing.

## FMAC News

### **FMAC Handbook**

In response to suggestions from FMAC workshops this year we have commenced a "DRAFT" handbook to be distributed for feedback/amendments soon.

### **Welcome to our new FMAC members**

#### **Central North FMAC**

Graeme Sumcad – Central Coast Council

#### **Hobart FMAC**

Stephen Bresnehan - Chair.

Peter Geard - Deputy Chair.

#### **Southern FMAC**

Liz Quinn – Kingborough Council (*temporary*)

#### **Flinders FMAC**

Lyndon Nicholls and Andrew Donellan

Hydro Tasmania

#### **King Island FMAC**

Jeremy Summers – Hydro Tasmania

#### **West Coast FMAC**

Eleanor Strang - Deputy Chair.

## Fire Prevention at Forest Operations Procedure updated

The Tasmanian Forest Industry Fire Management Committee (FIFMC) has endorsed changes to the Fire Prevention at Forest Operations procedures and equipment audit form for the upcoming 2023 fire season which commences October 1.

The FIFMC was established in the early 1990s with an objective to minimise the incidence of wildfire resulting from forest operations and to ensure compliance with relevant regulations. Endorsed by the Tasmanian Fire Service, procedures outline minimum fire equipment requirements and procedures to follow to reduce the risk of fire in both high and low risk hazard forest activity.

For a copy of the procedures please click on the link:

[Fire-Prevention-at-Forest-Operations-procedure-September-2023.pdf](#)

## SFMC Update

The **FMAC Review** has been accepted by SFMC and will soon be sent to all FMAC Members. Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the FMAC review. The review highlights the need for change and improvement, and Pep and the team will continue this with further consultation with FMACs on a **FMAC Handbook**. The SFMC have resolved to progress to the State Fire Commission the recommendation from the FMAC Review to implement **6 FMAs** (Hobart, Flinders Island, King Island, Northwest, Northeast and South).



Pep has listened and taken forward your views on **TFES Reform and the TFES Draft Bill**. Engagement and communication with the Ministers office and the Fire Service Act Reform Steering Committee continues. The SFMC and other submissions can be found via the link below. John Atkinson (TFGA SFMC), Pep Turner and I were at the Minister's Roundtable where the proposed fire service levy models were abandoned, and a working group established. The SFMC is providing advice to the Minister and is at the table to advocate for reform. <https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/reform/submissions/>

To improve communications between the SFMC and FMACs, a feedback structure will be implemented and trialled in 2024. This will include **BRMP Implementation Status Reports** and **FMAC messages to SFMC**. Many thanks to those who were involved in **updating BRMPs**. These were approved at a SFMC Extraordinary meeting on the 23 October 2023, and are available on the SFMC website and FMAC SharePoint.

In other news, the **Strategic Coordination Group** met and discussed several projects including High Risk Lightning and Fixed Cameras; the **Machinery Operations Guidelines** Working Group reviewed the Guidelines and the SFMC are working with TFS on wording used in alerts, and; **Permit Officer Rescindments/Recommendations** for October and November 2023 were approved.

On behalf of the SFMC, I would like to thank all FMAC members for your continued support during a challenging year and wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

**Ian Sauer**  
Chair – State Fire Management Council



Red Hot Tips is a free one-stop service for farmers and rural landowners. The program educates, engages and supports farmers and landholders in rural Tasmania to actively manage their bushfire risk; encouraging collaborative vegetation fire management and ecological sustainability across the landscape.

Program Facilitators have been working with several landowners and stakeholders from across the state over the past few months to ensure burns could be achieved when the conditions were suitable.

RHT has been working with Tasmanian Women in Agriculture empowering their members, and other interested participants, to manage their bushfire risk. Burn plan workshops were held in Rowella and Kettering.

### *Do you have a Conservation Covenant?*

A recent burn was carried out on David Munz's property (below) on the East Coast involving a covenant. RHT worked with Mr Munz to produce a tailored supportive burn plan and get the required approvals to conduct the burn.



*Sam Tacey with Landowner David Munz*

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