

## FORESTRYSA

# Fire Danger Season ends in the Mount Lofty Ranges

The Fire Danger Season is now at an end in the Mount Lofty Ranges, signalling the end of a long reaction period for ForestrySA fire crews based in the region.

While the local fire season was extended until 12 May due to continuing high fire risk, ForestrySA crews are now debriefing a season which caused relatively minimal impact on assets and neighbouring communities.

ForestrySA fire crews attended 33 fires in the Mount Lofty Ranges during the 2018-19 season, 23 of which were on ForestrySA land.

ForestrySA is responsible for the management of 17,000 hectares of plantation and native forest in the Kuitpo, Mount Crawford and Second Valley Forest Reserves.

This includes 10,000ha of commercial plantation pine forest for sustainable timber production and 7,000ha of native forest managed and protected for conservation purposes.

ForestrySA Forest Reserves are an important state asset due to their commercial, recreation and environmental value.

Hundreds of thousands of people visit each year for camping and bush hut accommodation, bushwalking, horse riding, mountain biking, fossicking and a range of community and private events.

In line with ForestrySA's ongoing commitment to bushfire prevention, a team of trained fire personnel has remained on standby throughout the Fire Danger Season to protect the forest asset and the communities that surround it.

ForestrySA Fire Manager Chris Gibson said ForestrySA worked cooperatively at a regional level to manage the risk and response to bushfire in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

"ForestrySA is committed to bushfire prevention, preparedness and response," he said.

"We work closely with the Country Fire Service, the Department for Environment and Water, neighbouring landholders and stakeholders to protect both our assets and the local community."

**At a glance - ForestrySA firefighting capabilities, Mount Lofty Ranges:**

- Trained CFS firefighting personnel, based in the Mount Lofty Ranges
- Four FireKing fire trucks, three state-of-the-art G-Wagen Quick Response Vehicles, three bulk water carriers and other fire equipment maintained and strategically stationed for fire response.

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