

APPENDIX E1

TASMANIA FIRE SERVICE & TASMANIA POLICE TIMELINES

Bicheno Fire - Police Timeline

Thursday 3 January 2013

Time	Activity
10.52pm	TFS advises Bicheno police of a fire at Lilla Villa, Bicheno. Possibly caused by a lightning strike.
11.39pm	Bicheno police remain in the area due to concern the fire may flare up and travel across to Friendly Beaches. Lightning strikes occurring in the area.

Friday 4 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.12am	Bicheno police leave the fire and advise the fire brigade will be staying with the fire overnight.
12.30pm	Bicheno police re-attend Lilla Villa fire and fire crews are putting out spot fires. The main fire appears under control and no major issues.
2.00pm	Police depart the Lilla Villa fire.
3.56pm	Bicheno police called to re-attend the Lilla Villa fire as it has taken hold again.
4.11pm	TFS advises police Radio Room that Courland Bay, Bicheno needs to be evacuated as the fire is heading that way and spotting 400m ahead of itself.
4.33pm	Bicheno police advise that all occupants of Courland Bay have been advised to leave. There are five houses in the area, two are unoccupied at the time.
4.35pm	Bicheno police head to Harveys Farm Road to advise residents to evacuate.
4.47pm	Police request State Emergency Service assistance for road block of Courland Bay Road.
7.09pm	TFS request police units to Harveys Farm Road to assist with evacuation.
10.27pm	Harveys Farm residents are not being told to evacuate but to prepare for evacuation.

Saturday 5 January 2013

Time	Activity
4.58am	TFS request police assistance at Harveys Farm Road as the area is under ember attack and a number of locals are evacuating.
5.22am	Bicheno constable advises he is evacuating houses in Harveys Farm Road as smoke is across the area.
5.29am	Bicheno constable advises houses on Harveys Farm Road near the Tasman Highway are evacuating as a precaution in case the fire goes over the ridge.
7.30am	Bicheno police attend a briefing at Bicheno fire station.
8.00am	Northern District Commander assumes responsibility for the response to the Bicheno fire, due to Southern District resources being tied up with the Forcett and Lake Repulse fires.
8.56am	Bicheno constable advises that Coles Bay Road at the Tasman Highway intersection is closed.
9.30am	Major Incident Room is set up at Launceston Police Headquarters.
9.30am	Bicheno police change radio channels and operate on a Northern Channel. Mobile phone coverage in the area very poor.
10.00am	Coles Bay Road is closed to tourists but residents still allowed access at this stage.
10.30am	Launceston inspector arrives at Bicheno to take charge on the ground.
11.00am	Bicheno constable travels to Coles Bay to advise people and businesses in the area of the fire situation.
11.12am	Swansea police help with road blocks on the Tasman Highway at either end of the Coles Bay turn off. No vehicles are allowed to travel north or south except emergency services vehicles.
	Some vehicles are escorted into Coles Bay during small windows of opportunity. Escorts are arranged by police on the ground in consultation with Parks and Wildlife Service.
12.10pm	Harveys Farm Road residents are being evacuated again.
12.22pm	Incident Management Team advises police that Coles Bay Road is unsafe to travel and no vehicles are to be let through.
12.40pm	Tasman Highway blocked at the intersection with Harveys Farm

	Road. No vehicles are allowed south except emergency services vehicles.
	Tasman Highway blocked at the intersection of Coles Bay Road. No vehicles are allowed to travel north except emergency services vehicles.
12.48pm	Wind change cancels the need to evacuate Harveys Farm Road residents.
1.10pm	Red Cross advises it has been activated to help in registration at the Bicheno Community Fire Refuge.
2.27pm	Advised that the fire is about to breach Coles Bay Road about 1km from the Tasman Highway. A number of cars in danger are moved from the intersection of Tasman Highway and Coles Bay Road.
2.41pm	Approximately 15 houses in Llandaff are evacuated.
2.52pm	TFS advises the fire has crossed Coles Bay Road.
3.12pm	Advised that there has been an issue with the TFS emergency warning SMS to Bicheno locals, and Telstra is rectifying.
3.14pm	Residents of Apslawn are warned and on high alert.
3.15pm	Road block on the Tasman Highway is moved further South to Old Coach Road at Cranbrook.
4.00pm	Additional police resources arrive from Launceston.
6.45pm	Tasman Highway re-opened but may be subject to further closures.
Overnight	Bicheno constable remains in Coles Bay overnight in the event Coles Bay becomes cut off.

Sunday 6 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Inspector in charge advises there is currently no threat to Coles Bay or Bicheno communities and Coles Bay Road remains closed.
8.34am	Incident Management Team advises Coles Bay Road is likely to be re-opened to local traffic in a short time.

9.00am	TFS advises police that it is about to start back burning in the Coles Bay Road area and the road may now not open today.
am	Police and TFS check all Courland Bay properties the Butlers Point area and provide a briefing to the Inspector.
10.00am	Coles Bay Road is opened for local traffic only and with reduced speed limit.
11.43am	TFS request that Coles Bay Road be closed again as fire is impacting on the area.
12.00pm	Major Incident Room at Launceston Police Headquarters shut down.
12.50pm	TFS advises that Coles Bay Road will not be opened for at least another two hours and escorts are not an option.
3.13pm	Escorted convoy of 50 vehicles leaves Coles Bay.
3.55pm	TFS advises media is causing issues at Harveys Farm Road. Unit is dispatched to deal with the issue.
6.43pm	After numerous enquiries, police confirm that all known residents of Courland Bay have left the area and are accounted for.

Monday 7 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.11am	TFS advises a check of Butlers Point has confirmed the loss of a railway carriage that was being used as shack, a caravan and sheds.
11.12am	Coles Bay Road is opened to local residents and essential traffic.
12.42pm	TFS advises the Rapid Impact Assessment Team will be in Courland Bay at 11.00am 8 January.
3.11pm	Coles Bay Road is closed again due to smoke and fire activity.
3.46pm	Bicheno fire is upgraded to Bushfire Watch and Act alert level.
6.17pm	Coles Bay Road is re-opened.
7.44pm	Bicheno fire is downgraded to Bushfire Advice message level.

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Time	Activity
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7.00pm

Inspector attends community forum in Bicheno.

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.00pm	Bicheno fire downgraded to 'No Alert' level. Courland Bay Road and Friendly Beaches Road remain closed to the public.

Friday 11 January 2013

Time	Activity
0900	Regional Fire Operations Centre North is stood down and fire management is returned to Incident Management Team. Police to continue to liaise with TFS and monitor any fires.

Bicheno Fire - TFS Timeline

Monday 31 December 2012

Time	Activity
4.00pm	Bureau of Meteorology notifies agencies of predicted worsening fire weather on 3 January and 4 January 2013.

Wednesday 2 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Southern Region staff are notified to prepare for worsening fire conditions and district staff are advised to check all recent fires. Hot day response in place.
9.00am	Fire permit embargo established.
1.00am	Additional firefighting aircraft are requested from and coordinated through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (Melbourne). The services of a fixed wing and medium rotary wing aircraft are secured.
1.00pm	Arrangements are put in place to stand-up the Regional Fire Operations Centre and an Incident Management Team at Cambridge for 3 January 2013.
4.00pm	Chief Officer declares a total fire ban for the Southern Region for 3 January 2013. State Operations notifies key stakeholders of total fire ban declaration.

Thursday 3 January 2013

Time	Activity
7.35am	Southern Region fires are checked; the 'Rhyndaston' fire is noted as the only going fire in the region.
8.00am	Parks and Wildlife Service pre-positions a helicopter at the Freycinet air field.
10.00am	Southern Region staff at Cambridge are briefed. Regional Fire Operations Centre and Incident Management Team are stood-up at Cambridge.
1.37pm	State Fire Operations Centre meets to discuss resource allocations to active incidents and regional resource issues.

4.00pm	Chief Officer declares a state wide total fire ban for 4 January 2013. State Operations notifies key stakeholders of total fire ban declaration.
9.23pm	'000' caller reports a vegetation fire at Cherry Tree Hill Bicheno. Cranbrook brigade responds.
9.29pm	'000' caller reports a vegetation fire at Lilla Villa, Bicheno, close to the Apsley River.
9.31pm	Bicheno 5.1 advises it is on route.
9.43pm	Bicheno 5.1 advises there is no fire in the location and it is returning to the station.
10.17pm	'000' caller reports fire burning in Lilla Villa area.
10.19pm (approx.)	Cranbrook 4.1 observes a glow from a distant fire to the north east of its location and contacts Bicheno Brigade Chief.
10.27pm	Bicheno 5.1 proceeds to the fire again. Cranbrook 4.1 arrives at the Lilla Villa fire. Access gates to the 'Wallaroo' property are locked. Attending brigades contact landowner and wait approximately half an hour for the landowner to arrive to allow access to fire.
10.28pm	Brigade makes request to put bulldozer on standby for fire.
10.33pm	District Officer rejects request for bulldozer, as crews appear to be in asset protection.
10.52pm	Fire crews report the fire moving in a southerly direction and burning in gorse; it will be hard to stop until it reaches Coles Bay Road. Severity of fire is reported as high.
11.03pm	Coles Bay and Swansea Brigades are paged to help at Lilla Villa fire.
11.20pm	Mayfield Brigade is paged to attend.
11.32pm	Parks and Wildlife Service is notified of incident.
11.33pm	Landowner's bulldozer is on site pushing in breaks.

Friday 4 January 2013

Time	Activity
1.07am	Crews complete a bulldozer line around fire, and start a back burn to secure lines in approx 20 minutes.

1.23am	Fire status: under control.
2.46am	Another fire reported at Butlers Point. Brigades are dispatched to investigate.
4.00am (approx)	An attending officer contacts the Cambridge or Youngtown incident management team requesting further resources. The request is denied as resources are being directed to southern fires.
4.20am	Parks and Wildlife Service fire crew is notified of the fires burning at Lilla Villa and Butlers Point.
4.37am	Additional resources are requested from Cambridge incident management team. Two light tanker units required and will be dispatched at a later time.
8.00am	<p>A large tree on the fire edge is still seen to be burning and several attempts are made to push the tree over using the bulldozer on site. However, the tree remains standing.</p> <p>A fuel free break is pushed around the tree and the area patrolled by crews. The tree can still be seen burning from the base. A decision is made not to work around the tree as it is dangerous and could potentially fall.</p>
8.15am	<p>Helicopter reconnaissance flight finds the Freshwater Lagoon fire burning south of Friendly Beaches.</p> <p>The flight also flies over the Lilla Villa fire that is reported as within containment lines with two small areas of smoke. Fire is considered safe by the observing officer, with two TFS tankers in attendance.</p>
8.29am	<p>Brigades are paged to a fire off Friendly Beaches Road, near Freshwater Lagoon.</p> <p>Swansea 5.1, Bicheno 5.1 and Cranbrook 4.1 remain in attendance at Lilla Villa fire.</p>
8.45am	Helicopter completes reconnaissance flight of Douglas Apsley National Park; flies back to Friendly Beaches air field. On route, both TFS vehicles are observed re-filling together at the water source near the Lilla Villa fire.
9.45am	Current weather conditions: temperature 28.5 degrees C, relative humidity 35%.
10.01am	Bushfire Advice Message issued for incident.
10.30am	<p>Cape Tourville Road to Lighthouse is closed.</p> <p>State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.</p>

10.50am	Current weather conditions: temperature 30 degrees C, relative humidity 35%.
1.05pm (approx)	The bulldozer is re-deployed to Coles Bay.
1.30pm (approx)	<p>Brigades at the Lilla Villa fire notice a considerable amount of smoke coming from the Butlers Point fire. The Lilla Villa fire crews try to raise the crews at the Butlers Point fire via radio but cannot get through, so a decision is made for Bicheno 5.1 to relocate to check conditions.</p> <p>This leaves Swansea 5.1 and Cranbrook 4.1 at the Lilla Villa fire.</p> <p>Current weather conditions: temperature 37.1 degrees C, relative humidity 31%.</p>
1.45pm	<p>'000' caller reports a flare up of the Lilla Villa fire.</p> <p>Situation report from Butlers Point: fire crews are still blacking out a few hot spots.</p> <p>Current weather conditions: 40 degrees C, relative humidity 20%</p>
2.00pm	<p>Brigade investigates and reports just a 'flare up'.</p> <p>Fire reported to be spotting in several locations but brigades extinguish these spot overs.</p>
2.30pm	<p>Glamorgan Group Officer asks Bicheno 5.1 to return to the incident due to continuing spotting of the fire over the control lines.</p> <p>State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.</p>
3.00pm	The large tree burning on the edge of the fire is pushed over by an excavator. Crews put 3–4 loads of water onto the tree.
3.10pm	Both fire crews on the fire ground run out of water simultaneously and are required to re-fill from the creek area close to the fire ground.
3.14pm	As the crews re-fill their fire vehicles, the fire breaks out of containment lines and they request further resources. Swansea and Mayfield Brigades are paged to re-attend.
3.18pm	Fire crews at the Lilla Villa fire still cannot communicate to Parks and Wildlife crews at the Butlers Point fire. The message that the fire has escaped is relayed to the Butlers Point crews via the Bicheno crew in attendance at Butlers Point.
3.27pm	Reported fire has moved 300m in 10 minutes and may impact on

	shacks in Courland Bay.
4.10pm	Reported fire spotting 400 metres ahead of the main fire. Police en route to start to evacuate residents from Courland Bay.
4.14pm	Police advise Courland Bay residents to relocate. Helicopter lands in Courland Bay at about this time to help with the evacuation.
4.15pm	Current weather conditions: temperature 38 degrees C, relative humidity 24%, wind 50–70 kilometres an hour from the north west.
4.17pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay and Friendly Beaches.
4.23pm	St Helens and Scamander Brigades are paged to help with fire.
4.37pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay and Friendly Beaches.
4.56pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay, Friendly Beaches and Harveys Farm Road.
5.13pm	Bulldozer and fire crews are actively working on the southern fire boundary protecting assets.
5.15pm	Campers are evacuated out of Friendly Beaches area.
5.19pm	Police confirm all residents in Courland Bay have been evacuated.
5.27pm	Glamorgan Group Officer makes request for additional bulldozer ASAP.
5.50pm	Fire crosses Courland Bay Road.
6.31pm	'000' caller advises that all people from Courland Bay area have been relocated to Bicheno.
7.35pm	Police confirm they have evacuated Harveys Farm Road.
7.54pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay, Friendly Beaches and Harveys Farm Road.

Saturday 5 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.03am	Incident management team closing down at Youngtown. Control handed to fire commander on the fire ground with TFS and Parks and Wildlife Service crews.
4.33am	Wind change has blanketed Bicheno in smoke. Southern flank is reported as quiet. On the northern flank, activity has picked up.
4.54am	Police advise that embers are starting to fall at Harveys Farm Road.
5.20am	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay, Friendly Beaches and Harveys Farm Road.
5.34am	Fire predicted to impact houses in Harvey Farm Road due to wind change.
5.39am	Additional resources are paged to Harveys Farm Road.
6.22am	Report from fire ground advises that winds have picked up to around 30–40 kilometres an hour in Harveys Farm Road area. People are starting to evacuate and Police advise a CFR is established at Bicheno.
6.44am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay, Friendly Beaches and Harveys Farm Road
8.08am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay, Friendly Beaches and Harveys Farm Road.
9.28am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Butlers Point, Courland Bay, Friendly Beaches and Harveys Farm Road.
9.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.45am	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Harveys Farm Road.
11.31am	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Harveys Farm Road.
12.03pm	Fire mapped and reported fire size is 3310 hectares.
12.27pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Harveys Farm Road and Coles Bay Road, south of Apsley River.
12.56pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Coles Bay Road south of Apsley River and Tasman Highway South of Tower Hill.
2.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.

2.26pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Coles Bay Road south of Apsley River and Tasman Highway South of Tower Hill.
2.40pm	Emergency Alert message activated to Llandaff area.
3.00pm	Fire crosses Coles Bay Road.
3.08pm	Emergency Alert message sent to the area around Tasman Highway and Coles Bay Rd intersection (Llandaff). People in Bicheno are incorrectly advised to move south. A new Emergency Alert is sent asking people in Bicheno to stay; those south of the Apsley River to move south; those in Coles Bay can stay put.
3.12pm	Emergency Alert message reissued for Llandaff area.
4.15pm	Fire runs into an area where a fuel reduction burn had been conducted the previous year. The fire is slowed enough to contain and extinguish using fire crews and a bulldozer.
4.25pm	Fire status: fire size is estimated at 4000 hectares and status is 'going'.
4.34pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Tasman Highway south of Tower Hill and Llandaff.
5.51pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Tasman Highway south of Tar Hill and Llandaff.
6.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.35pm	Fire status: fire size is estimated at 4000 hectares and status is 'going'. Fire activity has decreased on Harveys Farm Road section. Back burning has been undertaken off Harveys Farm Road this afternoon.
7.38pm	Bushfire Advice message issued for Bicheno area. No threat to communities.
10.26pm	Bushfire Advice message reissued for Bicheno area. No threat to communities.
10.48pm	'000' caller advises the fire is approximately 50 metres from a property on Harveys Farm Road.
11.04pm	Fire on Harveys Farm Road is checked and is burning within the containment lines.

Sunday 6 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.41am	Bushfire Advice message reissued for Bicheno area. No threat to communities.
9.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
2.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
3.43pm	The Bicheno sector is okay. The wind shift has blown up embers over containment lines but all is okay.
5.17pm	Back burning operations in the Coles Bay area completed and now mopping up.
4.08pm	A fire unit escorted 50 cars in a convoy into Coles Bay. Parks and Wildlife Service officer in charge asks to cease further convoy escorts.
6.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
8.49pm	Power pole and wires are reported down on Coles Bay Road near the airstrip.
9.23pm	11 units are on the ground with 28 personnel. Northern sector at Bicheno is undertaking back burning and blacking out. Crews on Coles Bay Road are completing last 1.2km of back burning.

Monday 7 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.24am	Back burning operations are complete and all control lines have been inspected. Three vehicles will remain on scene to patrol overnight.
9.00am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.44am	Fire status: Fire size is estimated at 4000 hectares and status is 'going'.
4.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conduct state wide briefing.

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Time	Activity
9.00am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
9.38am	10 TFS units plus additional Parks and Wildlife Service units are still engaged in the fire in three sectors.
2.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Time	Activity
1.37pm	Fire status: fire is contained with estimated area burnt of 5000 hectares.

Friday 11 January 2013

Time	Activity
4.47pm	Incident management team hands back control of the fire to local area. Patrol arrangements remain in place.

Tuesday 22 January 2013

Time	Activity
3.30pm	No smoke is visible from the fire in 72 hours and incident is closed.

Forcett Fire - Police Timeline

Thursday 3 January 2013

Time	Activity
10.30am	TFS Fire Chief briefs TASPOL Corporate Management Group on fire and weather outlook.
10.30am	Southern District Commander attends a TFS regional briefing.
12.15pm	Southern District District Management Group is updated on fire and weather outlook and requested to provide personnel numbers for 4 January.
2.13pm	Acting Commissioner of Police contacts members of the State Emergency Management Committee and provides advice on the fire threat.
	TASPOL advised of fire in Inala Road, Forcett
	Dunalley officer attends and helps TFS to warn residents in Kellevie Road.
3.30pm	Southern District Commander and Regional State Emergency Services Manager attend State Fire Command briefing. Advised there are 22 fire incidents across the state. Richmond fire is at Bushfire Emergency Warning level, and Forcett and Lake Repulse fires are at Bushfire Watch and Act level. Following the meeting, the Southern District Commander instructs the Police Operations Centre be established.
4.20pm	TFS advises TASPOL that the State Fire Operations Centre will be stood up at 9.00am 4 January.
4.25pm	Police liaison officer at the TFS Incident Management Team at Cambridge advises that the most significant fires at Lake Repulse and Forcett may be of concern on 4 January.
4.37pm	South East Divisional Inspector advises TFS does not require police assistance at this stage. Fire is cordoned and contained but is unlikely to be extinguished tonight and may be of concern tomorrow.
5.17pm	South East Divisional Inspector advises TFS has no police support requirements at this stage and additional resources will be stood down.
5.44pm	Southern District Commander is briefed and advised of possible evacuations of Copping, Forcett and Nugent on 4 January. Intensity of high risk period for 4 January begins at 10.00am for 11 hours duration.

7.30pm	TFS disseminates a media release highlighting concerns about the Lake Repulse and Forcett fires, recommending that people in specific locations consider evacuating early the following morning.
Overnight	TASPOL continues patrols of bushfire areas overnight and pre-deploys food, radios and equipment to strategically located police stations.

Friday 4 January 2013

Time	Activity
7.45am	Southern District, District Management Group meets and assigns roles for the Police Operations Centre. Investigation duties for Forcett fires are allocated to the Detective Inspector. Divisional Inspectors are required to plan pre-deployment options and prepare to activate their Divisional Police Forward Command Posts.
8.30am	TFS provides a briefing to the Southern District District Management Group and members of the Southern Region Emergency Management Committee.
9.00am	Southern District Police Operations Centre is stood up with the mission of 'Supporting Tasmania Fire Service as the lead agency in fighting fires and supporting police resources across the district.'
9.00am	Police inspectors appointed as liaison officers to the Regional Fire Operations Centre and State Fire Operations Centre.
9.57am	Regional Fire Operations Centre liaison officer advises TFS is considering restricting access to the Tasman Peninsula.
10.00am	SEMAG meets and is briefed by TFS. The Chief Officer flags the possibility of closing the Arthur Highway as early as 12 noon. The Commander advises SEMAG that police will close the roads on request from TFS. It is agreed that a joint media release by TFS and TASPOL would be prepared on road closures and the likely impact of the fire on the Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas.
10.23am	TFS advises Sorell police that the fire may jump the Highway and head towards Dunalley, and they may want to close the Arthur Highway and turn away tourists who are heading down the Peninsula.
10.30am	Briefing from the State Fire Operations Centre indicates a Bushfire Watch and Act alert level.

10.50am	Local police and TFS personnel on the ground at Forcett agree to request that the Arthur Highway be closed to stop tourists heading down the Arthur Highway.
11.00am	Bellerive Police Forward Command Post is operating and plans are made for road closures. A team of police are pre-deployed to Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas to assist.
11.05am	Arrangements are made to permanently staff the rescue helicopter and make two police vessels available for deployment if required.
11.30am	Local police are advised that a decision on the closure of the Arthur Highway will not be made until 12.00 noon.
11.40am	Pending the anticipated road closure, Sorell police begin advising all motorists it is preferable not to travel to the Tasman Peninsula.
11.51am	Police report they are closing the Arthur Highway at Forcett and Dunalley.
11.59am	One sergeant and five constables proceed to Nubeena from Hobart to assist on the ground.
12.00pm	The Southern District Commander and Chief Officer provide a joint Southern Regional Emergency Management Committee /Southern Police Operations Centre briefing.
12.15pm	Four additional police arrive at Dunalley station.
12.31pm	<p>State Fire Operations Centre advises the predictive analysis of Forcett fire is that it will cross the Arthur Highway at a location between Forcett and Copping at around 12 noon, and will move toward Copping and Dunalley, spotting on the way.</p> <p>Based on this information, advice from police in the field, and discussions with the Incident Management Team at Cambridge, the decision is made to close Arthur Highway at Old Forcett Road and to block the highway at Dunalley.</p>
12.40pm	Fulham Road is closed.
1.00pm	Discussions are held between the Acting Commissioner of Police, Southern District Commander and Chief Officer about appointing a single person to have overall control of the emergency management and recovery arrangements.
1.11pm	Incident Management Team advises the fire has jumped the Arthur Highway near Gangells Road. Arrangements are made for a road block near Copping.
1.30pm	Extra police arrive at Nubeena and set up a Command Post at the Nubeena State Emergency Service building.

1.37pm	Further police are deployed to the area to assist.
1.45pm	One sergeant and seven constables are deployed to Sorell station before heading to Dunalley to assist the local officer.
2.08pm	Police advised that TFS has sent a Bushfire Emergency Alert to residents in Copping and Boomer Bay area.
2.52pm	Fire breaches hills of Dunalley. Those evacuated to Dunalley Hotel are now re-directed to Nubeena Community centre.
3.00pm	A sergeant arrives at Dunalley station and takes control of police response on the ground.
3.05pm	Fire is spotting in Dunalley.
3.10pm	All police units in Dunalley are directed to leave their road blocks and attempt to evacuate Dunalley residents.
3.23pm	Police evacuate Dunalley station and head to Dunalley Hotel.
3.37pm	Decision is made to evacuate Primrose Sands.
3.39pm	Fire is reported to have jumped Dunalley Canal.
3.39pm	All police are ordered to withdraw out of Dunalley and to head towards Eaglehawk Neck.
4.00pm	Police arrive at Murdunna Shop and start warning residents along Sommers Bay Road to evacuate. Other units continue south along Arthur Highway to Eaglehawk Neck, warning residents.
4.30pm	A number of '000' calls are received from residents in and around Dunalley who stayed when the fire came through and now require assistance.
5.00pm	Security Emergency Management Advisory Group meets and Acting Commissioner of Police advises that the Southern District Commander is appointed to have overall control of the incident in accordance with the Emergency Management Act 2006.
5.22pm	Primrose Sands residents are advised to head to the beach as it is not safe to leave via the roads.
6.00pm	Southern Regional Emergency Management Committee meets and the Southern District Commander advises of his appointment as overall in charge.
6.05pm	Advised that the fire has hit Murdunna.
6.10pm	Police establish a mobile Command Post at Eaglehawk Neck.

6.15pm	There are approximately 600 people at Nubeena Community Centre.
7.51pm	An initial triage team (comprising TASPOL, TFS, Ambulance Tasmania and Aurora Energy) arrives in Dunalley by helicopter to begin an initial search of residences for injured or deceased persons.
9.30pm	First ferry departs Nubeena heading to Hobart with 160 people on board.
10.30pm	Police observe fire jump the water at Eaglehawk Neck to the southern side.
10.30pm	Residents of Josephs Road, Carlton advised to evacuate.
10.42pm	61 police are currently deployed undertaking duties associated with the Forcett fire.
11.00pm	Police Command Posts established at Copping, Nubeena, Primrose Sands, Dodges Ferry and the Dunalley Golf Club.

Saturday 5 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.18am	Police advise there are approximately 2000 people at the Nubeena Community Centre.
1.30am	Eaglehawk Neck residents are advised to evacuate to the beach as the fire threatens.
10.00am	The area affected by the Forcett fire is declared a 'Crime Scene' under section 63A of the Police Offences Act 1935. Media is advised it is not to enter the area.
am	Superintendent from Victoria Police with experience from the Victorian Bushfires arrives and is attached to the Police Operations Centre in a supporting role.
10.10am	Dunalley police request to provide an escort of vehicles wanting to leave Dunalley and head to Hobart. Request denied pending an assessment of the Highway.
10.35am	Road blocks are in place at Old Forcett Road and Arthur Hwy at Forcett, Carlton River Road at Gate 5 at Carlton River, Sugarloaf Road at Primrose Sands, Nubeena Road and Saltwater River Road at Tarana, Fortescue Bay Road and Arthur Highway, and Pirates Bay Road and Arthur Highway.

11.07am	Advice received that the Arthur Highway as far as Dunalley has been assessed by the Rapid Impact Assessment Team (comprising TASPOL, State Emergency Service, Dept of Infrastructure Energy and Resources, and Aurora Energy) and is regarded as unsafe due to power lines and poles down on road. May be opened to emergency services only.
1.38pm	Police Operations Centre arranges for the National Registration and Inquiry System to be activated through Red Cross.
3.34pm	National Registration and Inquiry System is confirmed as up and running and being managed by Victoria Red Cross.
3.45pm	Initial search team (comprising three TFS and two TASPOL personnel) conducts searches of addresses in the fire affected areas with concerns for the welfare of occupants.
4.00pm	Team of 50 personnel assembled at Bellerive station for briefing about house-to-house searches in fire affected areas.
5.00pm	Further briefing from Rapid Impact Assessment Team deems Arthur Highway not safe to be open to the general public due to safety issues.

Sunday 6 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Search teams (comprising TASPOL, State Emergency Service, NSW Police Force and Australian Defence Force) begin searching Dunalley properties. 67 personnel used, with some remote properties checked by helicopter.
1.27pm	Road blocks are in place on the Arthur Highway from junction of Old Forcett Road to junction of Pirates Bay Road at Eaglehawk Neck, Fulham Road from junction with Primrose Sands Road to Gellibrand St, Dunalley, Sugarloaf Road at junction with Arthur Highway.
2.20pm	Forcett to Dunalley is a level 2 Traffic Management Point category (Essential Services Access: authorised by the Management Authority). Dunalley to Nubeena is a level 1 Traffic Management Point category (Emergency Service Access Only: Authorised by the Management Authority). A convoy of essential services vehicles to Nubeena is being arranged through the Police Forward Command Post, leaving from

	Sorell station at 6.00pm. The highway to Nubeena is currently under assessment.
3.30pm	76 properties within the Dunalley area have been assessed and categorised as either destroyed or significantly damaged.
5.38pm	TFS advises the fire has jumped containment lines at Taranna, and residents need to be evacuated immediately.
6.05pm	Eleven search teams (comprising 70 personnel) continue to conduct ground searches of bushfire affected areas in the Dunalley, Boomer Bay and Marion Bay areas.
6.00pm	Convoy out of Sorell delayed due to fire flare up at Taranna.
6.15pm	Road Assessment Team advises it has completed its assessment to Eaglehawk Neck and has cleared issues. DIER advises it will need 24 hours notice to open the road to the general public, and a further 7 days to complete all work required on the road.
7.41pm	Escorted convoy leaves Sorell for Nubeena.
10.12pm	593 people have reported a concern for the welfare of someone in the fire affected areas to the National Registration and Inquiry System. 131 people have been accounted for and 462 not accounted for.
10.46pm	Offers of assistance are received from the Australian Federal Police, Victoria Police, and New South Wales Police Force.

Monday 7 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.10am	The crime scene declaration made on 5 January is replaced with a declaration of a serious incident site under Section 63B of the <i>Police Offences Act 1935</i> .
11.15am	Escorted convoy leaves Eaglehawk Neck for Forcett.
11.30am	Escorted convoy leaves Sorell for Dunalley. Proposed that regular convoys at 0900 and 1800 will now be conducted from Sorell to Nubeena and returning each day until the road is open.
12.46pm	Road blocks in place at Arthur Highway and Old Forcett Road, Forcett, Arthur Highway and Nubeena Road, Taranna, Sugarloaf

	Road and Carlton River Road, Primrose Sands, Fulham Road and Sugarloaf Road, Primrose Sands and Fulham Road and Gellibrand Street, Dunalley,
3.00pm	557 properties have been searched by the search teams in the fire affected areas, with 22 properties searched by the helicopter team. 110 properties categorised as damaged or destroyed.
6.00pm	Escorted convey of essential services vehicles leaves Sorell for Nubeena.
7.00pm	778 properties searched by the search teams.
8.00pm	Escorted convoy of private vehicles leaves Nubeena for Forcett.

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.00am	Escorted convoy of private vehicles leaves Nubeena for Forcett. 395 vehicles containing 750 people have so far left the Tasman Peninsula via escorted convoys.
9.00am	Escorted convoy of approximately 330 private vehicles leaves Nubeena for Forcett.
11.49am	Police advise a Bushfire Emergency Alert has been issued for Doo Town.
5.00pm	Escorted convoy of 157 private vehicles leaves Nubeena for Forcett.

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.00pm	Committee (comprising TASPOL, TFS, Dept of Infrastructure Energy and Resources, Aurora Energy, and Sorell Council) meets and discusses the reopening of the Arthur Highway. Meeting adjourned for agencies to consider a number of issues raised. Status of the Highway to remain unchanged.
5.00pm	Police chair Community Forum at the Dunalley Hotel.
6.00pm	Four buses containing 158 people leaves Sorell for Nubeena to collect private and rental vehicles left behind.
9.20pm	Escorted convoy of 137 private vehicles leaves Nubeena for Forcett.
9.35pm	Escorted convoy of 207 private vehicles leaves Nubeena for Forcett.

Thursday 10 January 2013

Time	Activity
10.00am	Dept of Infrastructure Energy and Resources advises further work is being undertaken and speed restriction signs are placed on the Arthur Highway to facilitate the re-opening on 11 January.
10.20am	Road block at Taranna is moved to Eaglehawk Neck.
Mid-morning	Police Inspector chairs Community Forum at the Nubeena Community Centre.
Mid afternoon	Police Inspector chairs Community Forum at the Dunalley Hotel.
Evening	Police Inspector chairs Community Forum in Hobart.
5.44pm	Sugarloaf Road has re-opened. The road block at Old Forcett Road intersection with Arthur Highway has been moved to the Sugarloaf Road intersection with Arthur Hwy.

Friday 11 January 2013

Time	Activity
11.30am	Roads re-opened to residents, property owners and business operators to return to fire affected areas.
4.30pm	Fulham Road re-opened.

Saturday 12 January 2013

Time	Activity
9.00am	Final bus containing 10 people leaves Hobart for the Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas to collect private and rental vehicles left behind.
12.20pm	Nubeena Refuge Centre is closed.
6.00pm	National Registration and Inquiry System deactivated. Any further calls to be redirected to TASPOL.

Sunday 13 January 2013

Time	Activity
4.00pm	Police Operations Centre closed down.
6.00pm	All roads reopened to the general public with lowered speed restrictions and warning signs.

Monday 14 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Policing of the fire affected areas returns to local division responsibility.

Forcett Bushfire - TFS Timeline

Monday 31 December 2012

Time	Activity
4.00pm	Bureau of Meteorology notifies agencies of predicted worsening fire weather on 3 January and 4 January 2013.

Wednesday 2 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Southern Region staff are notified to prepare for worsening fire conditions and district staff are advised to check all recent fires. Hot day response in place.
9.00am	Fire permit embargo is established.
1.00am	Additional firefighting aircraft are requested from and coordinated through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (Melbourne). The services of a fixed wing and medium rotary wing aircraft are secured.
1.00pm	Arrangements are put in place to stand-up the Regional Fire Operations Centre and an Incident Management Team at Cambridge for 3 January.
4.00pm	Chief Officer declares a total fire ban for the Southern Region for 3 January. State Operations notifies key stakeholders of total fire ban declaration.

Thursday 3 January 2013

Time	Activity
7.35am	Southern Region fires are checked; the 'Rhyndaston' fire is noted as the only going fire in the region.
8.00am	Parks and Wildlife Service pre-positions a helicopter at the Freycinet air field.
10.00am	Southern Region staff at Cambridge are briefed. Regional Fire Operations Centre and Incident Management Team are stood-up at Cambridge.

1.37pm	State Fire Operations Centre meets to discuss resource allocations to active incidents and regional resource issues.
2.13pm	'000' caller reports a bushfire at Forcett.
2.30pm	Dodges Ferry unit arrives. Fire size is estimated at 10 hectares; fire is threatening properties in White Hills Road and Inala Road, Forcett. Arriving units immediately begin property protection measures.
2.31pm	Incident Controller requests a Bushfire Watch & Act message be activated for White Hills Road and Inala Road Forcett.
2.56pm	Acting East Coast District Officer arrives at fire.
2.58pm	Fire is now close to the top of Gangells Road Forcett some 2.5 kilometres from where it started 45 minutes earlier.
3.00pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for White Hills Road and Inala Road fires. State Fire Operations Centre conducts briefing on current fires and situation. Arrangements are put in place for 4 January.
3.03pm	Request is made for further resources to be dispatched to fire to help with property protection in Gangells Road, Forcett.
3.20pm	Three additional brigades are dispatched to fire as per 3.03pm request.
3.23pm	Fire is running in a south easterly direction parallel with the Arthur Highway. Fire crews are still protecting properties.
4.00pm	Chief Officer declares a state wide total fire ban for 4 January. State Operations notifies key stakeholders of total fire ban declaration.
4.12pm	Helitack 721 arrives at incident for water bombing.
4.38pm	Fire status: fire is currently burning through Tanners Creek and heading towards Mother Browns Bonnet. Fire crews are protecting structures in Inala Road, Gangells Road and White Hills Road.
4.58pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for White Hills Road, Gangells Road and Inala Road areas.
5.30pm	Fire modelling predicts the Forcett fire may reach Dunalley by 3.00pm 4 January, if the weather predictions eventuate.
5.32pm	Fire reaches Mother Browns Bonnet. Reconnaissance work now being carried out in Copping and Kellevie areas.

6.14pm	Fire spots over Mother Browns Bonnet into Wettenhall Flat. Fire size is estimated at over 500 hectares.
6.35pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message upgraded to include Copping, Kellevie and Bream Creek.
8.00pm	Volunteer fire fighter is injured with smoke inhalation. Thunderstorms start to move over the fire area, causing a number of lightning strikes.
8.18pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message upgraded to include Kellevie Road.
9.25pm	A suspected lightning strike starts a small fire in the bush behind Torenus Timber. Fire crews quickly bring it under control and extinguish.
10.41pm	Handover begins with night shift crews.
11.05pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road, Kellevie Road and Copping.

Friday 4 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.34am	Bushfire Watch & Act message activated for Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road and Kellevie Road and Copping.
6.47am	Helicopter maps fire boundary. Fire size is estimated at 1006 hectares with a perimeter of 20 kilometres.
7.00am	Fire crews assemble at staging area for pre-deployment briefing.
7.30am	Sector Commanders are briefed. Some fire crews begin day shift relieving night shift crews at locations around the fire.
8.00am	Community Fire Refuge is established at Sorell Memorial Hall.
8.30am	Division and sector commanders meet on the corner of Sugarloaf Road and Arthur Highway to discuss tactics and establish communications structure.
9.31am	Updated Bushfire Watch & Act message activated for Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road, Kellevie Road and Copping.

10.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.36am	Updated Bushfire Watch & Act message activated for Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road, Kellevie Road and Copping.
11.10am	A sector commander does reconnaissance flight over fire. Fire conditions are okay at this point.
11.32am	Updated Bushfire Watch & Act message activated for Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road, Kellevie Road and Copping.
11.51am	Police report they have closed the Arthur Highway at Forcett and Dunalley.
11.53am	Current weather conditions: temperature 33 degrees C, relative humidity 31%, winds 2 kilometres an hour.
Midday	Fire spots over the Arthur Highway opposite Gangells Road. Two helicopters attempt to slow down fire spread; however, ground crews have trouble accessing the fire due to a large spoon drain running parallel with the highway.
12.22pm	Fire crews triage properties on the Arthur Highway for fire defend ability.
12.25pm	New Bushfire Watch & Act message activated for Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road and Kellevie Road. Message also details the potential of the fire to impact on Copping, Boomer Bay, Dunalley, Connellys Marsh, Primrose Sands and Carlton River within the next 3 hours.
12.30pm	Northern Strike Team leaves Cambridge for Dunalley to assist with fire operations.
12.37pm	Current weather conditions: temperature 37.4 degrees C, relative humidity 26%, winds 11.8 kilometres an hour.
12.58pm	Fire crews report multiple spot fires occurring along the Arthur Highway towards Blue Hills Road Forcett.
1.00pm	Northern Strike Team arrives at Forcett for a briefing and to drop two crews to help with the northern flank of the fire.
1.30pm	Northern Strike Team resumes its way to Dunalley. It needs to cut its way through with power lines, poles and trees down across the highway.
1.41pm	Property in Gangells Road under threat fire crews in attendance.
2.09pm	Fire jumps Arthur Highway 200 metres south of Sugarloaf Road.
2.25pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Copping, Dunalley, Inala Road, Gangells Road, White Hills Road and Kellevie Road. Fire has

	<p>the potential to impact on Boomer Bay, Connellys Marsh, Primrose Sands and Carlton River within 2-4 hours.</p> <p>Emergency Alert issued for Copping, Carlton River, Boomer Bay and Sugarloaf Road areas.</p>
2.30pm	<p>Northern Strike Team arrives at Dunalley with six fire crews.</p> <p>State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.</p>
2.41pm	<p>Fire moves across the Blue Hills behind Dunalley.</p>
2.45pm	<p>Fire impacts on properties in Inala Road and White Hills Road Forcett.</p>
2.51pm	<p>From Dunalley, fire can be seen 'crowning' through trees as it moves over the top of Blue Hill.</p>
2.57pm	<p>Spot fires hit Dunalley. Houses on the outskirts of Copping under threat.</p>
2.59pm	<p>Spot fires are reported behind Dodges Hill.</p>
3.06pm	<p>Structures are under threat on the Arthur Highway near Boomer Bay turn off. Fire crews are involved in a burn over shortly after.</p>
3.08pm	<p>Emergency Alert issued for Dunalley.</p>
3.16pm	<p>Spot fires are reported at the rear of the saw mill at Dunalley.</p>
3.24pm	<p>Fire approaches 'Potters Croft' and homes on the outskirts of Dunalley.</p> <p>Smoke increases in Dunalley as the fire impacts on the town.</p>
3.33pm	<p>All crews instructed to pull out of Dunalley and relocate to Dunalley Hotel.</p>
3.50pm	<p>Multiple '000' callers ask for help in Dunalley, Boomer Bay, Connellys Marsh and Murdunna.</p>
3.52pm	<p>Spot fires start on 'Bangor' property on the southern side of Dunalley canal.</p>
3.53pm	<p>Spot fires reported approaching northern side of Murdunna.</p>
4.00pm	<p>Severe weather is experienced at Dunalley; all fire crews have been withdrawn.</p>
4.10pm	<p>Reports of significant fire damage to property in Dunalley.</p> <p>Several fire crews relocate along Arthur Highway to Murdunna to help with evacuations and property protection.</p>

4.17pm	Updated Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Dunalley, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Sommers Bay and surrounds. Fire will impact on Eaglehawk Neck, Taranna and Doo Town within 1 hour.
4.28pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued indicating the areas of Eaglehawk Neck and Doo Town will come under threat within 10 minutes.
4.30pm	Emergency Alert issued for areas between Dunalley and Eaglehawk Neck.
4.33pm	Police evacuate Sommers Bay Road, Murdunna. Spot fires start to run into Connellys Marsh.
5.00pm	Fire destroys several properties at Sunset Beach.
5.14pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Dunalley, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Sommers Bay, Eaglehawk Neck and Doo Town. Fire is also predicted to impact on Carlton River Road within 20 minutes.
5.19pm	Emergency Alert issued for Carlton River Road.
5.30pm	Fire crews start to enter Dunalley to help with property protection. Conditions are reported as still being very bad.
5.38pm	Power poles and infrastructure fall across Arthur Highway between Dunalley and Murdunna making traversing the highway difficult.
5.40pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Dunalley, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Sommers Bay, Eaglehawk Neck, Doo Town and Connellys Marsh.
5.47pm	Dunalley properties along the Arthur Highway, opposite the canal, come under threat and many are on fire.
5.48pm	Ember attack starts at Murdunna shop.
6.04pm	Emergency Alert issued for Connellys Marsh.
6.06pm	Request for additional air support at Murdunna and all available resources from the 'Stormlea' fire to be released to Murdunna south to Eaglehawk Neck.
6.13pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Dunalley, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Sommers Bay, Eaglehawk Neck, Doo Town and Connellys Marsh.
6.40pm	Massive ember attack in Sommers Bay Road Murdunna. Fire crews

	report multiple structures alight with limited resources.
7.02pm	Fire crews extinguish a fire on the Murdunna bridge on Sommers Bay Road.
7.13pm	Power lines come down on Sommers Bay Road making access for fire crews difficult.
7.18pm	Properties still being lost to fire in Dunalley.
7.52pm	Emergency Alert issued for Primrose Sands.
7.55pm	Additional resources arrive at Murdunna from the 'Stormlea' fire.
8.11pm	Fire officer reports property loss is being reduced in Murdunna due to the arrival of additional fire crews.
8.17pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Delmore Road Forcett, Dodges Ferry, Primrose Sands and Connellys Marsh.
8.23pm	Emergency Alert issued for Inala Road and White Hills Road areas.
8.30pm	Fire Commander at Dunalley attempts to make his way back to Cambridge in vehicle to brief incident management team. Initial assessment indicates that 30% of properties have been lost in Dunalley including the primary school and the police station.
8.45pm	Northern Strike Team attempts to make its way back to Forcett from Dunalley.
9.12pm	Fire officer in attendance in the main street at Dunalley requests more resources as properties can be saved.
9.16pm	Cambridge IMT notified of structure fires in Dunalley as reported by fire officer at 9.12pm.
9.19pm	Dunalley canal bridge reported as on fire. Fire crews respond.
9.20pm	FireComm notifies Cambridge IMT of Dunalley canal bridge fire.
9.21pm	Fire Commander at Dunalley advises the Northern Strike Team has been withdrawn from Dunalley at the request of the operations officer.
9.25pm	Dunalley brigade responds to the Dunalley canal bridge incident.
9.27pm	The Northern Strike Team turns back Carrick 4.1 to attend the Dunalley canal bridge incident.
9.52pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Delmore Road Forcett, Dodges Ferry, Primrose Sands and Connellys Marsh.

10.03pm	Fire reported to have spotted behind Old Jetty Road, Eaglehawk Neck.
10.41pm	Multiple structures lost in Murdunna and many more still under threat. Fire crews continue to assist. Fire moves in behind Torenus Timber at Forcett.
10.42pm	Police report fire has jumped the neck at Eaglehawk Neck and is now burning behind Taranna.
10.49pm	'000' caller reports Torenus Timber surrounded by fire. Fire crews in attendance.
10.54pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Dodges Hill Road, Carlton River Road and Oakines Road, Dodges Ferry.
11.04pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Bream Creek, Copping, Boomer Bay, Dodges Ferry, Carlton, Primrose Sands, Connellys Marsh and Susans Bay.

Saturday 5 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.48am	Fire crews confirm the fire has jumped the water at Eaglehawk Neck and is burning towards Taranna.
12.52am	Houses in Sugarloaf Road, Primrose Sands are still under threat. Fire crews have difficulty accessing areas due to fallen power lines and livestock on roads.
1.24am	Properties in Delmore Road Forcett come under threat.
3.10am	Properties in White Hills Road Forcett come under threat.
3.15am	Aurora Energy confirms it has cleared the Arthur Highway of conductors and fallen infrastructure from Forcett to Dunalley.
4.46am	Warning Level downgraded to Bushfire Watch & Act message.
5.39am	Aurora Energy advises it has cleared the Arthur Highway of conductors and infrastructure from Dunalley to Eaglehawk Neck.
6.30am	Fire crews that have been on duty for 24 hours and isolated on the Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas are replaced by relieving crews as the Arthur Highway is cleared.

6.55am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued.
7.47am	Properties in Jetty Road, Eaglehawk Neck under threat.
8.25am	Fire still burning around Torenus Timber. Fire crews patrolling in area.
8.59am	Fire threatens properties in Hylands Road, Murdunna.
9.21am	Fire threatens properties in Boomer Bay.
9.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.20am	Properties in Carlton come under threat.
11.10am	Properties on the outskirts of Dunalley still coming under threat from fire.
11.12am	Bushfire Watch & Act Message reissued for Taranna, Lewisham, Dunalley, Copping, Forcett, Connellys Marsh, Dodges Ferry, Eaglehawk Neck, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Boomer Bay, Bream Creek and Sommers Bay areas.
Midday	Fire status: fire size is estimated at 15000 hectares and status is 'going' and uncontained.
12.36pm	Carlton properties still coming under threat.
1.11pm	Confirmed fire size is 17804 hectares.
2.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
2.40pm	Residents struggle to protect properties in Carlton and Primrose Sands areas. Fire crews are stretched.
3.06pm	Fire is still spotting around Eaglehawk Neck area.
3.25pm	Bushfire Watch & Act Message reissued for Taranna, Lewisham, Dunalley, Copping, Forcett, Connellys Marsh, Dodges Ferry, Eaglehawk Neck, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Boomer Bay, Bream Creek and Sommers Bay areas.
4.02pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Taranna.
5.22pm	Fire impacts on properties around Susans Bay area.
5.46pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Taranna.
6.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.47pm	Taranna is downgraded to Bushfire Watch & Act message including Lewisham, Dunalley, Copping, Forcett, Connellys Marsh,

	Dodges Ferry, Eaglehawk Neck, Primrose Sands, Murdunna, Boomer Bay, Bream Creek and Sommers Bay.
8.26pm	Incident management team is stood down at Cambridge and replaced by a night shift team.
9.36pm	Fire crews begin back burning operations around properties in Gillingbrook Road and Old Coach Road Forcett.
11.00pm	Confirmed fire size is 19215 hectares.

Sunday 6 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.46am	Day shift fire crews changeover with night shift crews on the fire ground.
5.54am	Fire crews begin back burning operations in White Hill and Mackies Hill area.
5.57am	Spot fires reported around the Blue Seal Café, Eaglehawk Neck.
7.30am	Day shift crews begin at Dodges Ferry staging area.
9.30am	Fires are still impacting on properties in Gillingbrook Road Forcett and Sommers Bay Road Murdunna. State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
11.19am	Fire status: fire size is 20165 hectares and status is 'going'.
2.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
5.39pm	Fire impacts on properties in Taranna. Aircraft and additional crews are deployed to area.
6.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.08pm	Emergency Alert issued for Taranna area.
6.22pm	Convoy of supplies due to leave Forcett is delayed due to fire spot overs on Arthur Highway.
7.48pm	Fire investigation completed. Fire determined to be accidental originating from White Hills Road Forcett.
7.53pm	Fire activity still being reported in Jetty Road, Eaglehawk Neck area.
8.24pm	Spot fires reported around Connellys Marsh.
8.59pm	Emergency Alert issued for Taranna area.
9.39pm	Night shift crews begin change over with day shift fire crews.

Monday 7 January 2013

Time	Activity
7.30am	Day shift fire crews begin change over with night shift crews.
9.00am	Victorian taskforce leaves Cambridge for fire ground. State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
11.42am	Fire status: fire size is 22900 hectares and status is 'going'.
2.30pm	Fire flare ups are reported at Forcett and Murdunna areas.
4.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
5.33pm	Aurora Energy notifies TFS that it has reinstated power to parts of Old Forcett Road and Gillingbrook Road, Forcett.
8.00pm	Night shift fire crews begin change over with day shift crews.

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Day shift crews begin change over with night shift crews.
9.00am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
9.50am	Fire outbreaks are reported at Sommers Bay Road, Murdunna.
10.49am	Fire outbreaks are reported at Stokes Road near Kellevie.
11.06am	Fire outbreak is reported near Mother Browns Bonnet.
11.59am	Fire is reported to be burning fiercely around Mother Browns Bonnet just north of Copping. Aircraft and fire crews in attendance.
12.04pm	Emergency Alert issued for Eaglehawk Neck area.
12.05pm	Bushfire Emergency warning activated for Lufra area of Eaglehawk Neck.
12.39pm	Fire crews report a shed has been lost in Reef View Road, Dunalley.
1.05pm	Fire crews in attendance at Forcett fire are notified of wind change due in an hour. Wind speeds expected up to 100 kilometres an

	hour.
2.25pm	Considerable fire activity reported in Marion Bay area. Fire crews help residents relocate. Fire crews in other areas are experiencing rain and showers.
2.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing. Emergency Alert issued for Kellevie area.
5.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.30pm	Night shift crews begin changeover with day shift crews.

Thursday 10 January 2013

Time	Activity
2.00pm	There is still a considerable amount of resources committed to the incident across the Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas.
4.30pm	Fire status: fire size is 23600 hectares and status is 'going'.

Sunday 13 January 2013

Time	Activity
4.30pm	Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment firefighter is found deceased on the fire ground in the Eaglehawk Neck area. Firefighter is later found to have died of natural causes.
7.30pm	Fire status: fire size is 24040 hectares and status is 'going'. Bushfire Watch & Act message still in place for all affected areas on the peninsulas.

Fire crews from TFS, Forestry Tasmania, Norske Skog, Gunns Limited, and Parks and Wildlife Service continue to respond to smoke sightings, hot spots and flare ups over the next two months.

Monday 14 January 2013

4.00pm Aurora Energy advises that all overhead high voltage lines in Boomer Bay and Dunalley to the canal are re-energised.

Wednesday 16 January 2013

Time Activity

7.00pm Fire status: fire size is 25520 hectares and status is still 'going'.

Saturday 19 January 2013

6.30pm Dodges Ferry staging area is closed for the night shift for the first time since the fire start.

10.00pm Night shift crews work until 10.00pm and then control is handed to local brigades until the morning.

Sunday 20 January 2013

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11.47am Fire status: fire size is 25520 hectares and status is changed to 'being controlled'.

Sunday 27 January 2013

Time Activity

3.15pm Fire status is changed to 'contained'.

Tuesday 29 January 2013

Time	Activity
11.47am	Fire status is changed to 'patrol'.

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Time	Activity
11.27am	Incident closed.

Lake Repulse Fire - Police Timeline

Thursday 3 January 2013

Time	Activity
10.30am	TFS Fire Chief briefs TASPOL Corporate Management Group on fire and weather outlook.
10.30am	Southern District Commander attends a TFS regional briefing.
12.00pm	Two local police on duty are advised of a fire at Lake Repulse and both travel to the area.
12.14pm	TFS advises the fire has jumped the road and is headed towards the other side of Lake Repulse Dam. There are still campers in the area who need to be evacuated immediately.
12.15pm	Southern District, District Management Group is updated on fire and weather outlook and requested to provide personnel numbers for 4 January.
12.30pm	Local police meet TFS personnel at Lake Repulse Dam who indicate the fire is out of control and may warrant the evacuation of Ellendale.
12.35pm	The Bridgewater Division Acting Inspector is advised of the situation and requested to provide more resources to assist.
12.45pm	Local police start evacuating remaining campers in the area.
1.00pm	Police evacuating campers are given information about the source of the fire.
1.28pm	All campers and residents in the immediate area have left. Request made for additional resources to assist with road closures at intersection of Lake Repulse Road/ Lyell Highway and Dawson Road/Ellendale Road.
1.30pm	TFS indicates the fire has the potential to remain active into 4 January. Assistance requested from State Emergency Service to maintain road blocks.
1.30pm	Police from New Norfolk and Bridgewater stations begin to arrive to assist.
2.13pm	Acting Commissioner of Police contacts members of the State Emergency Management Committee and provides advice on the fire threat.
2.48pm	TFS advises it is pulling out of the area it is working and returning to Dawson Road to protect property in that area.

2.50pm	TFS advises it is concerned the fire has crossed Dawson Road and may threaten Fentonbury and Ellendale.
3.00pm	Acting Inspector provides a briefing on the Lake Repulse Dam fire to the Commander. Currently six police are engaged in duties associated with the fire. No Police Forward Command Post is in place.
3.30pm	Southern District Commander and Regional State Emergency Services Manager attend State Fire Command briefing. Advised there are 22 fire incidents across the state. Richmond fire is at Bushfire Emergency Warning level, and Forcett and Lake Repulse fires are at Bushfire Watch and Act level. Following the meeting, the Southern District Commander instructs the Police Operations Centre be established.
4.16pm	Campers at Meadowbank are told to evacuate.
4.20pm	TFS advises TASPOL that the State Fire Operations Centre will be stood up at 9.00am 4 January 2013.
4.25pm	Police liaison officer at the TFS Incident Management Team at Cambridge advises that the most significant fires at Lake Repulse and Forcett may be of concern on 4 January.
5.44pm	Inspector at the IMT provides a briefing to the Commander in the Police Operations Centre and advises possible evacuation of Ellendale on 4 January, Ellendale Road may be closed tonight, and fire is currently at Bushfire Watch and Act level.
7.30pm	TFS disseminates a media release highlighting concerns about the Lake Repulse and Forcett fires, recommending that people in specific locations consider evacuating early the following morning.
7.59pm	Ellendale Road is open, Dawson Road and Pillies Road near Ellendale are closed, Lake Repulse Road and Cluny Lagoon Road near Ouse are closed.

Friday 4 January 2013

Time	Activity
8.00am	Police Forward Command Post is established at Hamilton station.
8.00am	Acting Inspector conducts a planning meeting at Hamilton station to prepare for the day ahead. Additional police resources arrive to assist with door knocking residents in the area.
8.30am	TFS provides a briefing to the Southern District District Management Group and members of the Southern Region

	Emergency Management Committee.
9.00am	Southern District Police Operations Centre stood up with the mission of 'Supporting Tasmania Fire Service as the lead agency in fighting fires and supporting police resources across the district.'
9.00am	Police inspectors appointed as liaison officers to the Regional Fire Operations Centre and State Fire Operations Centre.
10.00am	Police start notifying residents and giving evacuation advice. Records are maintained of the residents spoken to, those who evacuated, and those who chose to stay.
10.00am	SEMAG meets and is briefed by TFS. The Chief Officer flags the possibility of closing the Arthur Highway as early as 12 noon. The Commander advises SEMAG that police will close the roads on request from TFS.
10.00am	Residents of Ellendale told to evacuate.
10.27am	Glenorchy Detective Inspector advises that enquiries have been conducted on the cause of the Lake Repulse fire. Statutory Declarations obtained indicate the fire started in the vicinity of an open fire pit beside the lake that had been lit the night before.
11.00am	Police Forward Command Post set up at Bridgewater station to manage the police response to the Lake Repulse fire.
11.37am	Further police resources deployed to Bridgewater station to assist with duties associated with fire.
12.00pm	The Southern District Commander and Chief Officer provide a joint Southern Regional Emergency Management Committee /Southern Police Operations Centre briefing.
12.17pm	Combined TASPOL, TFS, Ambulance Tasmania, State Emergency Service, and Dept of health and Human Services briefing. Ouse Community Fire Refuge set up.
1.00pm	Discussions are held between the Acting Commissioner of Police, Southern District Commander and Chief Officer about appointing a single person to have overall control of the emergency management and recovery arrangements.
1.15pm	Police advised by TFS that the fire has broken containment lines at Ellendale.
2.00pm	Ellendale residents are advised that the fire may impact on them and they are to evacuate immediately.
2.00pm	Community Fire Refuge opens at New Norfolk.

2.05pm	A number of Ellendale residents are refusing to leave. Details of those residents are obtained.
2.36pm	Acting Inspector advises fire resources at Lake Repulse are redeploying to Ellendale. Fire front will pose an extreme risk in 2–4 hours.
4.03pm	Acting Inspector advises embers falling at Fentonbury, the fire front is 1 ½–2 hours away, and Ellendale will be under direct threat at around 5pm. 10–15% of residents are refusing to evacuate.
5.00pm	Security Emergency Management Advisory Group meets and Acting Commissioner of Police advises that the Southern District Commander is appointed to have overall control of the incident in accordance with the <i>Emergency Management Act 2006</i> .
6.00pm	Southern Regional Emergency Management Committee meets and the Southern District Commander advises of his appointment as overall in charge.
6.59pm	The fire front has crossed north of Ellendale and is no longer threatening Ellendale. The fire may endanger Hamilton. Primary concern is that the Ouse evacuation centre may need to be evacuated.
8.36pm	TFS requests road closure for Lake Repulse Road, and Ellendale Road from west of the township to the Lyell Highway at Rockmount Road.
9.13pm	Inspector at the Incident Management Team advises of an unconfirmed report that the fire has jumped the river at Meadowbank, a caravan has been destroyed at the Ski Club, and Norske Skog and Forestry plantations destroyed. Priority is asset protection (including vineyards). Fire crews are working on Ellendale Road. There is some confusion on whether residents can return to their homes; this is to be followed up.
9.46pm	Ellendale residents have returned to their homes; however fires are spotting in the community. Request is made for an urgent update of Ellendale fire situation.
10.28pm	TFS advises the fire at Ellendale has jumped the river and threatening the Ski Club area at Meadowbank. TFS believes there are campers in the area that may be at risk.
10.55pm	Rescue helicopter (Y9) tasked to Rockmount Road, Ellendale for medivac of heart attack victim.
11.30pm	TFS advises that Ellendale residents can now return to their homes.

Saturday 5 January 2013

Time	Activity
1.00am	Incident Management Team advises the information given that Ellendale residents can return to their homes is not correct and not authorised by the IMT. Residents are not to return to their homes.
3.00am	TFS advises the weather conditions have eased, enabling firefighters to adopt an active firefighting approach. Main concern is spot fires crossing the river at Hamilton. Ellendale residents have not been cleared to return to their homes.
8.30am	Acting Inspector advises the Police Operations Centre that they will essentially 'self-manage' the Ellendale fire, given the seriousness of the Forcett fire.
10.30am	Road blocks currently in place at Lake Repulse Road at intersection with Lyell Hwy (unmanned, signage only), Ellendale Road at junction with Risbys Road (manned by SES personnel), Ellendale Road at intersection with Lyell Hwy (eastern side of Meadowbank Lake, manned by SES).
11.03am	Police advise that 900 Rockmount Road and the Meadowbank Ski Club building have been destroyed.
11.03am	Rockmount Road at intersection with Ellendale Road is closed.
am	Superintendent from Victoria Police with experience from the Victorian Bushfires arrives and is attached to the Police Operations Centre in a supporting role.
12.12pm	Ouse Community Refuge is closed.
12.16pm	Inspector at the Incident Management Team advises the fire is expected to affect the community of Ellendale. TFS advises transmission lines are under threat. Crews from Norske Skog, Gunns Limited and Forestry Tasmania are also in attendance.
12.21pm	Acting Inspector advises there is now no mobile phone service in the Hamilton and Ouse area due to fire damage to repeaters and other infrastructure etc. Risbys Road is an area of extreme concern due to recent fire activity. Properties are now in jeopardy. One owner is refusing to leave in this area, but all other people have evacuated the area.

1.38pm	Police Operations Centre arranges for the National Registration and Inquiry System to be activated through Red Cross.
3.34pm	National Registration and Inquiry System is confirmed as up and running and being managed by Victoria Red Cross.
5.00pm	TFS advises no change. Priority fire ground is still in the Rockmount Road area. The only operating refuge in the area is in New Norfolk. Current Road blocks are Ellendale Road between Holmes Road and the Lyell Highway, Dawson Road to Repulse Dam Road, and the Causeway on Ellendale Road at Meadowbank Road.
8.53pm	Rockmount Road is now open.

Sunday 6 January 2013

Time	Activity
10.00am	The following roads are confirmed as closed: Ellendale Road junction with Lyell Highway (manned by State Emergency Services personnel), Ellendale Road junction with Holmes Road (manned by TASPOL personnel), Ellendale Road junction with Rockmount Road (unmanned, signage only), Repulse Road junction with Lyell Highway (manned by State Emergency Services personnel).
11.47am	Update from Inspector at the Incident Management Team that the fire is currently at Bushfire Watch and Act level and has burnt approximately 10000 hectares. Conditions benign overnight. Major concern is the northwest corner due to the fire getting into the Broad River Valley area.
3.58pm	Acting Inspector confirms there has been no loss of houses in the Lake Repulse fire.

Monday 7 January 2013

Time	Activity
9.30am	The following road blocks remain in place: Ellendale Road junction with Lyell Highway, Ellendale Road junction with Holmes Road, Ellendale Road junction with Rockmount Road, Lake Repulse Road junction with Lyell Highway.
9.41am	Highway from Meadowbank Dam to Westerway closed until further notice while trees are cleared.
11.21am	Fires have flared up in Scotts Peak Road. Road is closed.
3.53pm	Dawson Road is closed at intersection of Ellendale Road to all but residents.

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Time	Activity
9.00am	Ellendale Road is now fully open to all traffic. Meadowbank Ski Club, initially thought to be destroyed, has been confirmed as intact. Residence at 900 Rockmount Road, originally thought to be destroyed, is intact but with a number of outbuildings destroyed.
10.34am	Spot fires reported between Ellendale township and Meadowbank Dam on Ellendale Road.
1.31pm	Acting Inspector advises there is a significant situation east of Ellendale that will seriously impact on the area. Units deployed immediately.
1.57pm	TFS confirms fire is known to be at Risbys Road. TFS is in attendance and there is a Bushfire Watch and Act alert in place. No evacuation is required this stage.

Thursday 10 January 2013

Time	Activity
11.00am	Community Forum conducted at Ellendale Hall attended by TASPOL, TFS, Aurora Energy, State Emergency Services, and federal, state and local government representatives.
5.00pm	Dawson Road is now open to residents.

Friday 11 January 2013

Time	Activity
9.00am	Gradual reduction of police resources in the area being implemented.

Saturday 12 January 2013

Time	Activity
9.00am	Fire affected area being monitored by local police, with the need for additional resources now subsided.
6.00pm	National Registration and Inquiry System deactivated, with any further calls to be redirected to TASPOL.

Sunday 13 January 2013

Time	Activity
4.00pm	Police Operations Centre closed down.

Lake Repulse Fire - TFS Timeline

Monday 31 December 2012

4.00pm	Bureau of Meteorology notifies agencies of predicted worsening fire weather on 3 January and 4 January 2013.
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Wednesday 2 January 2013

Time

8.00am	Southern Region staff are notified to prepare for worsening fire conditions and district staff are advised to check all recent fires. Hot day response in place.
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9.00am	Fire permit embargo established.
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10.00am	Additional firefighting aircraft are requested from and coordinated through the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (Melbourne). The services of a fixed wing and medium rotary wing aircraft are secured.
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1.00pm	Arrangements are put in place to stand-up the Regional Fire Operations Centre and an Incident Management Team at Cambridge for 3 January 2013.
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4.00pm	Chief Officer declares a total fire ban for the Southern Region for 3 January 2013. State Operations notifies key stakeholders of total fire ban declaration.
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Thursday 3 January 2013

Time

Activity

7.35am	Southern Region fires are checked; the 'Rhyndaston' fire is noted as the only going fire in the region.
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10.00am	Southern Region staff at Cambridge are briefed. Regional Fire Operations Centre and Incident Management Team are stood-up at Cambridge.
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11.33am	'000' caller reports Lake Repulse fire.
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11.43am	Hamilton brigade responds.
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11.47am	Ouse brigade responds.
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11.58am	Norske Skog advises that fire is close to threatening a harvested pine plantation on its land.
12.00pm	Bulldozer requested and district officer advised.
12.01pm	Ouse brigade arrives and advises the fire size is about half a hectare, burning into harvested pine plantation.
12.05pm	Fire spotting into heavy slash may require aircraft for water bombing.
12.06pm	Helitack 721 is activated.
12.09pm	Norske Skog advises it already has two vehicles on site and a tanker on the way.
12.10pm	Fire spotted onto eastern side of river. Request for crews to be activated to deal with spotting.
12.10pm	Request for police to be contacted to evacuate campers.
12.16pm	Helitack 721 airborne.
12.18pm	Panicked campers try to evacuate on roads.
12.20pm	Midlands Council is notified of request for grader.
12.25pm	Resources are released from 'Black Bobs' fire to 'Repulse' fire.
12.34pm	Bushfire Advice message issued for Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton areas.
12.47pm	Forestry Tasmania crews advise the fire on the eastern side of the lake is on private land with large amounts of fuel. Recommend 'Watch and Act' on incident.
12.50pm	Helitack 721 arrives over fire and mapped before commencing water bombing.
12.59pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for communities north of Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton.
1.34pm	Fire breaks are established on eastern side of fire with grader and plough.
1.37pm	State Fire Operations Centre meets to discuss resource allocations to active incidents and regional resource issues.
2.06pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Ouse and communities north of Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton.
2.14pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Ouse, Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton.

2.22pm	Fire jumps Dawsons Road in numerous places.
2.23pm	Additional resources are deployed to fire (staging area manager and sector commanders).
2.42pm	Firebird 701 is dispatched to incident.
2.46pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Ouse, Ellendale and Meadowbank and Hamilton.
3.51pm	Helitack 721 is redeployed to Forcett fire.
4.00pm	Chief Officer declares a state wide total fire ban for 4 January. State Operations notifies key stakeholders of total fire ban declaration.
4.52pm	Hamilton staging area is set up.
8.30pm	Fire status: fire size is 320 hectares and status is 'going'.
8.39pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Ouse, Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton overnight.
11.06pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ouse, Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton overnight.

Friday 4 January 2013

Time	
2.34am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ouse, Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton overnight.
5.42am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ouse, Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton.
6.08am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ouse, Ellendale, Meadowbank and Hamilton.
7.17am	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for the communities of Ellendale, Meadow Bank, Ouse, Hamilton and Westerway.
7.26am	Firebird 702 completes mapping run of fire.
8.00am	Community fire refuge is established at Ouse Hall for residents relocating from the Lake Repulse fire.
10.16am	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for the communities of Ellendale, Meadowbank, Ouse, Hamilton and Westerway.
10.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.

12.00pm	Fire status: fire size is 453 hectares and status is 'going'.
12.07am	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for the communities of Ellendale, Meadowbank, Ouse, Hamilton, Fentonbury, National Park and Westerway.
1.00pm	Current weather conditions: temperature 38 degrees C, relative humidity 16%, wind is 25 kilometres an hour gusting at 40 kilometres an hour. Fire is contained but vulnerable.
1.33pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Ellendale.
1.38pm	'000' caller reports property under threat at Ellendale Road.
1.43pm	Current weather conditions: temperature 43 degrees C, relative humidity 17%, wind 20 kilometres an hour gusting to 40 kilometres an hour, from the north west.
1.46pm	Helitack 732 is deployed to Hamilton staging area.
1.48pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale.
1.50pm	Emergency Alert message issued for Ellendale and Karanja areas.
1.55pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale.
2.30pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale including Rockmount Road. State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
3.37pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale including Rockmount Road.
3.49pm	Initial fire investigation complete. Fire cause determined as accidental.
4.11pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale including Rockmount Road.
5.01pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale including Rockmount Road.
5.14pm	Brigade on the ground reports that a new fire has started about six kilometres north/north west of 'Cleveland' property.
5.16pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale including Ellendale Road, Rockmount Road and Meadowbank Lake area.
5.23pm	'000' caller reports fire has jumped at Broad River and is heading towards houses.

5.58pm	Power pole on fire in Ellendale Road. Aurora Energy is asked to shut power off to area ASAP.
6.22pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Ellendale, Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank.
7.04pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale, Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank.
8.12pm	Request made for a roadblock on Rockmount Road at Ellendale.
8.26pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Meadowbank Ski club, Ellendale, Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank.
9.52pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Ellendale and Karanja. Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank. Emergency Alert issued for Karanja area.
10.28pm	Bushfire Emergency Warning issued for Ellendale, Karanja, Lawrenny and Hamilton. Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank.

Saturday 5 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.13am	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale, Karanja, Lawrenny and Hamilton. Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank.
1.22am	Bushfire Emergency Warning reissued for Ellendale, Karanja, Lawrenny and Hamilton. Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Gretna, Hamilton, Ouse and Meadowbank.
2.11am	Crews work on property protection through night.
2.16am	Multiple power poles are burnt on northern end of Ellendale Road.
2.40am	Fire flares up in Sweeney's Gully off Meadowbank Road.
2.55am	Fire near Fenton Forest has flared up.

4.17am	Bushfire Watch & Act message issued for Ellendale and Karanja.
6.30am	Fire crews assemble at Hamilton staging area for day shift deployment.
8.06am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
8.59am	Bulldozer required to put line in behind Ellendale.
9.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
9.38am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
9.48am	Bulldozer requested for line from Westerway to Ransley Road and Clarkes Rd to Rockmount Road.
10.49am	Fire status: fire size is 9530 hectares and status is 'going'.
11.11am	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
11.26am	Firefighter is burnt on the fire ground and is transported to Calvary hospital via ambulance.
12.09pm	Mt Lloyd tower: fire has spotted into dry grassy area between fire boundary and Tyenna River towards Karanja.
12.17pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
2.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
3.06pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
3.52pm	Spot fire starts close to mature pine plantation 300 metres west of where Dawsons Road crosses Repulse Road.
6.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.13pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
8.37pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.
10.51pm	Bushfire Watch & Act message reissued for Ellendale and Karanja.

Sunday 6 January 2013

Time

7.00am	Fire crews assemble at Hamilton staging area for day shift deployment.
9.30am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.13am	Fire status: fire size is 9530 hectares and status is 'going'.

12.28pm	Helitack 732 returns to Cambridge with an unserviceable water bucket.
1.00pm	Helitack 732 in service again and about to begin water bombing operations.
2.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
2.05pm	Norske Skog advises one of its towers has reported a flare up at Waterfalls Hill Gully opposite Dylans Road, Ellendale.
5.54pm	Police advise at least four houses under threat along Risbys Road, Ellendale.
6.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
6.27pm	Fire crews arrive in Risbys Road and advise all is okay. They will black out fire with Forestry Tasmania crews.
6.58pm	Hamilton 3.1 advises everything is under control on Risbys Road.
9.00pm	Situation report: crews are working with bulldozer and back burning operations on ridge behind Ellendale Road to consolidate control line. Moderate fire behaviour in the area is not causing any concern at the moment.
9.37pm	A large back burn is about to be conducted between Rockmount Road and Clarkes Road to consolidate a bulldozer line.

Monday 7 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.40am	Fire crews are still undertaking back burn between Rockmount Road and Clarkes Road.
7.00am	Fire crews assemble at Hamilton staging area for day shift deployment.
9.00am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.15am	Fire status: fire size is estimated at 10670 hectares and status is 'going'.
1.43pm	Fire towers pick up fresh smoke in the Risbys Road area.
4.00pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.

Tuesday 8 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.52am	Back burns are completed at Clarks Road along Boye's Creek. Moderate fire activity in the area and crews are in mop up and patrol mode.
8.10am	Fire jumps Clarks Road.
9.00am	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
10.30am	Fire status: fire size is 10930 hectares and status is 'going'.
10.35am	Police report spot fires between Ellendale Road and Meadowbank Dam.
2.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.
5.15pm	Remote Area Team is deployed to fire.
5.30pm	State Fire Operations Centre conducts statewide briefing.

Wednesday 9 January 2013

Time	Activity
12.44am	There is little to no fire activity on Clarks Road. Light intermittent drizzle is falling, with winds 5–10kilometres an hour.
4.53am	Due to amount of rain falling, all units leave the fire ground for Hamilton Station.
10.30am	Situation report: fire size is 11210 hectares and status is 'going'.
8.09pm	Fire activity is reported as very low. Fire crews are blacking out.

Thursday 10 January 2013

Time	Activity
10.30am	Situation report: fire size is 11210 hectares and status is 'going'. Communities of Ellendale, Karanja, Westerway, Hamilton, Ouse and Risbys Road should remain vigilant. There is no immediate threat to communities.

Friday 11 January 2013

Time

6.53am	Remote Area Team continues to work in Broad River area.
11.06am	There is a medivac request made for a remote firefighter working in Broad River area.
11.43am	Firebird 701 coordinated rescue helicopter goes into evacuation area.
8.35pm	Situation report: fire size is 11560 hectares and status is 'going'.
11.34pm	Fire crews check all boundaries and report they are all safe.

Saturday 12 January 2013

Time

12.35am	The only fire activity reported is in the Broad River area.
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Friday 18 January 2013

Time

10.30am	Fire status: fire size is 11620 hectares and status is 'going'. Remote area teams continue to work in the Broad River area with Norske Skog and Forestry Tasmania crews.
8.58pm	'000' caller reports fire breakout across from Dillions Road.
9.19pm	Following discussions with Division Commander, Ellendale brigade responds to incident.
9.59pm	Ellendale brigade reports fire is a flare up and is well behind containment lines.

Sunday 20 January 2013

Time

9.00am	Fire status: fire size is 11620 hectares and status is changed to 'controlled'.
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Monday 21 January 2013

4.10pm

Fire flares up in Clarks Road. Brigade checks out area and blacks out hot spots.

Fire crews from TFS, Forestry Tasmania, Norske Skog, and Parks and Wildlife Service continue to respond to smoke sightings, hot spots and flare ups over the next two months.

Tuesday 22 January 2013

Time

Activity

5.15pm

Fire handed back to local control including Forestry Tasmania and Midland fire district.

Wednesday 20 March 2013

Time

Activity

4.10pm

Fire considered safe due to rainfall received along with fire ground inspection. Incident closed.
