

Rosedale Association – Fire Update September 2023

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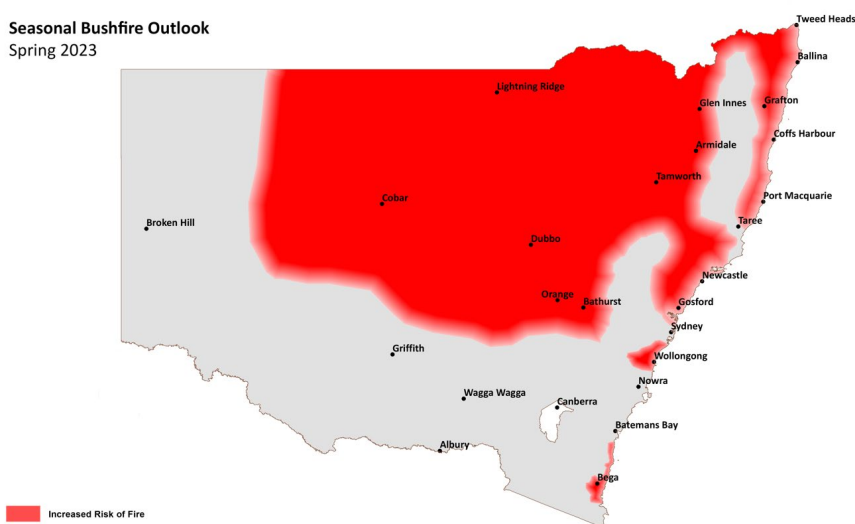
The AFAC (National Council for Fire and Emergency Services) has recently released a report outlining the forecast across the state for the coming 2023/24 fire season. This Seasonal Bushfire Outlook serves as a strong reminder to communities and businesses across the country to prepare now.

After the last three years of above average rainfall, the Bureau of Meteorology predicts a switch to higher chances of above average temperatures and below average rainfall for almost the entire country. This seems true for us on the south coast as well given the lack of meaningful rain in the last six months.

There is certainly increased fuel growth (particularly grasses) in the western and northern areas of NSW that will be cause for concern as this fuel load dies and “hays off” leaving large tracts vulnerable to fire.



Seasonal Bushfire Outlook
Spring 2023



From a local perspective, recent discussions with the Malua Bay RFS confirm that the areas that were burned three years ago have a floor load fuel base greatly minimised from the buildup we saw in November and December 2019.

In addition, the development of Rosedale farm and clearing to the west of George Bass Drive have also contributed to a lower level of concern for us in Rosedale.

The Malua Bay RFS are keeping a closer eye on the grass buildup around Dunns Creek Rd and the unburnt timber and scrub adjoining Guerilla Bay

While the threat levels for us at present are not concerning we must remember that fire is a regular part of the Australian landscape in spring/summer and now is the time to plan and prepare. Understand your risk, know where you will get your information, and talk to your family about what you will do.

State and territory fire authorities will continue to monitor local conditions closely and undertake bushfire mitigation activities where possible.