

# **Fire Management Issues from 'Big Hill Trail' Fire - Dec 2017**

## **1. Improved co-ordination of community fire-fighting & communication**

Centralise all info through Fire Warden, who makes at least twice-daily update phone tree report to all members, and mobilises manpower where appropriate

The Fire Warden to control deployment of fire-fighting equipment, striker and tanker

Develop liaison and contacts with RFS hierarchy

## **2. Fire-fighting Infrastructure**

Dams to be designated for RFS usage, with GPS coordinates, and supplied to RFS

Improve road access for RFS trucks to those dams, if necessary

SWS signs need review, if sites not practicable

## **3. 'Community land'**

Minimum 'fire break' standard to be applied behind ALL member sites

Fire-fighting budget (\$4000) to be applied to contractor for clearing priority risk areas NOW

Removal of leaf litter on community roads (\*)

## **4. Member Sites**

Removal of leaf mounds, leaf litter, long grass, including dam walls (\*)

'Undefendable' (\*) properties to take immediate action to achieve safe conditions for them and their neighbours

## **5. Ongoing Maintenance of Fire-Readiness**

Map community areas requiring burning and/or clearing

Give priority to this work for upcoming working bees, including calling special one soon

Can Men's Shed also prioritise this work for the summer?

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14 Dec 2017

(\*as per RFS Community Engagement Brigade report 19 Jul 2017)