

**TAMBOON FIRE TIMELINE – EAST GIPPSLAND 2019/20**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>STATUS AND ACTIONS</b>
29/12/2019	Parks called and advised of fire at Wingan and asked us to visit camp sites late afternoon, advised them to pack and leave, all did except 1 (7 campers)
30/12/2019	<p>Fire at Wingan, moved from near the highway to the coast east of Point Hicks, (travelled 26 km overnight)</p> <p>Phone call @ 0230 warning Tamboon would be impacted in 3 hrs.</p> <p>Phone calls from Cann police, asking us to door knock and advise residents of situation, (24 in resident)</p> <p>One left immediately.</p> <p>Call from Bairnsdale police, asking for confirmation all resident knew of fire and that it was too late to leave.</p> <p>Deployed all firefighting gear and hoses, set up quick fill pump at 46k Lt fire water storage tank.</p> <p>Set up floating pump at pool and deployed hoses.</p> <p>Fitted 200lt tank to back of Hilux and filled with water.</p> <p>Had meeting with all residents and discussed plan to move to ocean beach if necessary.</p> <p>One group went to beach as smoke was very thick.</p>
31/12/2019	<p>All house &amp; shed spouting cleaned.</p> <p>Blew ash off verandas and mowed around houses to clean up ash.</p> <p>New Year's dinner - most joined.</p>
1/01/2020	<p>Pumped 20,000 lts of water to tank.</p> <p>Some went into Cann River to confirm road open and for gen for fridge, no unleaded fuel available in Cann</p>
2/01/2020	<p>VicPol rang to advise police boat and coast guard would take people off the beach at Tamboon.</p> <p>Got word the road to Cann was clear and there was a convoy going to Orbost at 1500, a group left.</p> <p>At Tamboon, 11 stayed</p> <p>Tamboon Sth, all left from beach in boats or came up to Cann, only 3 left at Tamboon Sth</p> <p>Set up meeting schedule for 1300 hrs each day, with 1200 call to Tamboon Sth and 0930 calls to David Sturges CFA Bemm River and Rose Young CFA Cann Valley</p>

	Red Cross Lear jet circled 6 times than dropped emergency pak with Imarsat Sat Phone, did the same at Tamboon Sth and Bemm River
	Called number in emergency pak and spoke to Red Cross, at Bairnsdale ICC.
3/01/2020	Hosed down houses & sheds and wood heaps and scrub/grass near houses and sheds
	8 x 1000 lts pumped from 46K lt concrete FW tank, (total now about 8,000lts)
	1100 meeting discussed some folks moving to the beach.
	1700 meeting confirmed 7 Of 11 would move to shelter/camp at Ocean Beach, (Set up by Tamboon Sth Folk),
	4 to stay and manage ember attack.
	Seven evacuated to ocean beach
4/01/2020	Continued to hose down houses, & sheds and wood heaps and scrub/grass near houses and sheds
	6 x 1000 lts pumped from 46K concrete FW tank, (total now about 14,000lts)
	Group relocated to Daryls house at Tamboon Sth.
	Rescue chopper landed on sand between jetty and Peach Tree creek and unloaded provisions for fires.
5/01/2020	Removed plugs from spouting and washed ash off roofs of houses
	Evacuees came back from Tamboon Sth, boats pulled out to clean up
	2 x 1000 lts used to wash down roofs, (total now 16,000 lts), 30,000 remaining
6/01/2020	Morning update, (0700), all good at Tamboon, 3.5 mm rain overnight, more forecast today, lite winds as at 0700, smokey about 1-2 km visibility, nearest fire 3.7km and moving slowly NE.
	Total of 11 people at Tamboon and 3 at Tamboon St.
	Vehicles x 2 @ Peach Tree Jetty, 1 van on block
	Need to know when Cann to Orbost road open.
	Working with CFA & DELW, to get backburn approval at Tamboon.
	Did a run to Tamboon Rd and as far as Broome track, fire crossed the Rd between Broome Track and Point Hicks Rd.
	Machine, Logging Skidder, came into Peach Tree creek, confirming road clear to Cann River, 1200 hrs.
	Advised on Emergency Vic App an escorted convoy will leave Cann at 1030 for Orbost and return at 1730

	NB had earlier called ICC Bairnsdale, they called back later in the day to advise VicPol has said road west of Cann closed, advised road would be opened for short period and we had a skidder clear road to Tamboon.
	ICC called back about 1830 and confirmed Cann to Orbost Rd would be open for convoy and Tamboon Rd should be OK.
	Emailed CBBM officer on FW tank water usage and need to have vehicle access around tank to avoid backing.
7/01/2020	Tamboon morning update 0700 hrs, 6 mm rain in last 24 hrs, total of 9.5 in last 2 days, thick smoke, 500-600 mt vis, nearest fire came within 3.7km. Little to no wind as at 0700.
	Heavy tractor, (timber jack), has cleared roads to Tamboon/Peach Tree creek and Furnel, confirmed fire crossed Tamboon Rd about 400 mt north of Point Hicks turn off, still smoldering yesterday.
	11 people in residence at Tamboon.
	Arrangement made to get fuel and provisions.
	Today's plan is to travel into Cann in a 3 vehicle convoy at 0900.
	Two people from Tamboon will join a 1030 convoy from Cann to Orbost and then onto Melb.
	Two from Tamboon Sth will go into Orbost for medical treatment and then return to Tamboon Sth
	Diesel 2 x 20 from BP Evans at Gus McKinnon's, 3 x 20 lts ULP from CFA .
	Asked CFA strike team ICC Cann if back burning planned for Tamboon, stated DELWP were working on this and planning a site visit.
	Meet with ambulance driver and bush nurse to discuss medication for resident
	Ran into DELWP, on Fishermans track, they were inspecting area and reviewing back burning, discussed bring in dozer to prepare.
	1300 meeting, discussed potential for backburn and talked to residents about communication of this.
	Hung up some firehoses to dry out, cleared away scrub that was cut down 2 days ago.
	Light southerly wind for most of day
	Tamboon numbers now 9, 2 went back to Melb.
8/01/2020	Tamboon morning update 0700 hrs, 3.5 mm drizzling rain late yesterday and overnight, little to no wind, smoke has cleared overnight, 7/8 cloud cover with band of blue sky to the south.
	CFA ICC lead, DELWP, and Fire Rescue crews visited and inspected fire break.
	Gus McKinnon's D7 bulldozer, brought in at midday and commenced operations on a bare earth break on the bush side of the NBFT break.

	Tamboon numbers 9, Tamboon Sth 3.
	Bush Nurse rang to check on residents' medication, DELWP picked up in Orbost and delivered to Bush Nurse Cann River who gave to CFA to deliver to Tamboon.
9/01/2020	Tamboon morning update 0700 hrs, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday was mainly sunny with ENE winds overnight and continuing this morning, smoke hazy now developing, vis 4-5+km.
	D7 bulldozer completed 2 x blade wide bare earth control line along the east side of the existing NBFT fire break and 100 mt further east to form a coup for planned burn.
	CFA strike team of 5 Fire Tankers visited and together with FFMV team, inspected and assessed the work being carried out in preparation for a controlled burn.
	Tamboon Rd remains usable, Cann River Relics cafe is open, pub is open for beer only, post office is open, but all mail is being held at Morwell until road open, all service stations, supermarket and other cafes remain closed.
	Escorted convoy left Cann at 1700 and advise there will not be another until next Tuesday.
	Nine people remain at Tamboon and three at Tamboon Sth.
	2 people went to Cann, picked up 20lts fuel from CFA.
10/01/2020	Tamboon morning update 0900 hrs. 5 mm rain overnight, cool change arrived late afternoon and strong westerly came through at 1800, smoke haze became thicker late afternoon.
	This morning we have clear air good vis and no smoke, thanks to westerly and overnight rain.
	D7 completed bare earth fire break and was loaded on float and returned to Cann yesterday morning.
	Unsure if Tamboon Rd is usable, all roads out of Cann remain closed.
	In Cann River Relics cafe is only one open and pub is opened intermittently for beers sales only.
	CFA in Cann have 3 x drums of ULP and diesel is available at Evans BP module.
	9 people at Tamboon, 3 at Tamboon Sth.
	Boat with camping gear left at ocean beach, (when 5 x campers from this boat evacuated), recovered and brought back to Tamboon and retrieved onto trailer.
	Tamboon entrance is closed, (appears it has been closed for 3-4 days).
	Lots of deer around Tamboon.
	Red Cross ICC Bairnsdale called to see if we needed anything.
	CFA ICC Orbost called to see if we needed anything.

11/01/2020	SDF corporal called to see if we needed anything
12/01/2020	Morning update 0700, no rain last 24 hrs, WSW winds yesterday, clear air, sunshine most of the day, some fire activity to NW. Smoke and ash developed overnight, fire activity as follows: 0330 phone call from ICC Orbost advising of likely fire impact in 2 hrs 0400 FFMV came in and advised fire on Point Hicks Rd 2km from Fisherman's track Fire burning 5.4 km to ENE. Fire burning 3.9 km to N Fire burning 5.4 km WNW. Wind now light ENE, forecast ENE for rest of day. Watch an act alert at 04:18 from ICC Orbost Conference call with ICC Orbost at 0730, advised of fire situation and that no tankers available to assist Tamboon. Conference call at 1730 with ICC Orbost and Tamboon Sth, advised fire to east had swept down to coast near Clinton rocks and is about 2 km from Tamboon Sth 3 x 1000 lts pumped from 46K concrete FW tank, used to hose down houses, sheds, wood heaps, vegetation etc (total now 17,000 lts), 27,000 remaining) 5 people evacuated to Tamboon Sth. <b>Possible support coming</b> from Newmerella CFA tanker.
13/01/2020	Conference call with ICC Orbost at 0730, advised fire situation and that no tankers available to assist Tamboon and roads have to be assessed for hazard trees and removal crew remove them before tankers can come in Advised fire near pelican point, I noted the eagles' nest. 0800 Checked on fire on Fishermans track, 2.7 km up track. 1100 hrs Newmerella <b>No 2</b> tanker arrived with grader of Gus McKinnons clearing the way. Set up 2 x quick fill pumps at jetty. Tested quick fills and carried out crew training on Newmerella tanker and did circuit around houses and walked new fire break. All are safe at Tamboon and Tamboon Sth, 5 evacuated Mon to Tamboon Sth and stayed until about 1740 when they came under ember attack, they moved to the ocean beach.

	At 1530, fire impacted Tamboon from the NNE and quickly engulfed scrub and trees along fire breaks. DELWP gave approval, via radio, to carry backburn, backburn immediately carried out on North and east side of community.
	The fire breaks and backburn worked well and slowed down the fire, however we have been kept busy housing down spot fire and hot spots generated by ember attack from tall trees.
	No houses have been lost and we are still patrolling and hosing down.
	Some wood heaps have been burnt and some fencing damaged.
	Quick fill water pumps set up at new 46k lt concrete fire water tank and jetty at Peachtree were compromised by fire activity and became unusable. Water was then pumped from house water tanks.
	Attempting to get relief fire crew in this morning and heavy machinery to clear road and remove burning trees in township.
	Teleconference scheduled at 0730 with ICC Orbost to discuss our needs and fire status.
14/01/2020	Continuous patrolling and hosing down houses, sheds and vegetation near buildings, using CFA tanker and trailer
	D7 dozer arrived at 0930, left Cann at 0600
	Fantastic job in removing killer trees and cleaning up fuel loads around township.
	Couple of trees dropped with chain saw
	ADF arrived in 3 x Bush Masters with MFB Rapid Damage assessment team.
	CFA strike team lead arrived with food and drinks and his team started assessing fuel loads and fire break strategies.
	Media officer ICC Orbost called to see if I would do morning interview,
	Interview with Mark Debono @1600hrs
15/01/2020	Grader escorted 2 x ADF Bush Masters delivered food, bread, water etc, and took away rubbish
	Crew patrolled and hosed down burning and hot spots.
	Delivered 3 x fog nozzles to Tamboon Sth, meet with residents.
	Inspected Sea Eagles nest at Pelican Point and cleared away fuel load with rackhoes.
17/01/2020	Day 19 of bushfires impacting Tamboon.
	We had 2 mm of rain, light winds, smoke haze, visibility 3-4 km.
	Hot spots and smouldering trees/logs around Tamboon are causing no concern.

	Occasional crash of trees falling continues, well away from houses.
	Continue mopping up and washing down roofs and cleaning spouting and lines to water tanks.
	Fire water tank is now empty and water being drawn from domestic water tanks.
	Tamboon road remains closed to all but emergency vehicles.
	All roads out of Cann River remain closed.
	ADF Chinook landed and offloaded 400kg of welcome supply of fresh food and water.
	11 people remain at Tamboon and 3 at Tamboon Sth.
18/01/820	Saturday 18th Jan, Day 20, no rain in last 24 hrs, smoke haze near cleared, blue sky by days end and first sunset in weeks.
	Continue mop up and clean up around town boundary.
	Carried out a mission to the sea eagles nest tree and used rackhoes to remove fuel load from around base of tree to prevent a creeping fire igniting bark.
	Picked up sleeping gear from ocean beach shelter.
	Endeavouring to get feed for animals and birds brought in.
	Fisherman's track/Tamboon road and all roads into and out of Cann remain closed to all but emergency vehicles.
	11 people at Tamboon and 5 at Tamboon Sth, (another 2 arrived back yesterday to help DELWP prep for backburn).
	DELWP x 4 brought in large mower and cut fire break from lake to sand dune at low area
	DELWP are bring Bobcat in on 61 Track to build larger fire break to enable back burn.
19/01/2020	Sunday 19, (day 21).
	Yesterday light winds and mainly sunny day with slight smoke haze, 2mm rain early this morning.
	Continue mop up and clean up, repaired quick fill fire pump.
	ICC Orbest have advised the Tamboon road and road from Cann River to Orbest will be open tomorrow from 8am until 8pm today for residents only to travel.
	Fisherman's track remains closed.
	11 people at Tamboon and 5 at Tamboon Sth.
20/01/2020	Moring update, Tue 21st Jan, Day 22, yesterday and overnight we had 13mm of very welcome rain. A DELWP contracted logging skidded arrived and started removing fallen trees and logs from near township.

	Road from Tamboon to Cann and into Orbost was opened yesterday from 1200 to 2000, it is to be opened again today from 0800 to 2000hrs.
	Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track remains closed, harvester is working on these roads.
	11 people remain at Tamboon and there are now 11 people at Tamboon Sth with an extra 6 arriving yesterday.
22/01/2020	Moring update, Wed 22nd Jan, Day 23, no rain last 24hrs, clear skies, still a few smouldering trees about.
	Pack up and store quick fill pumps.
	DELWP contracted logging skidder provided escort out for Newmerella CFA tanker with CFA vols onboard.
	Called CFA Bairnsdale and spoke to Ops Manager about possibility of getting a CFA slip-on to replace tanker.
	Fisherman's Track and Point Hicks Road remain closed with heavy logging equipment working to make road safe, road from Furnell to Cann is open.
	9 people remain at Tamboon and 11 people at Tamboon Sth.
	Very low on petrol supplies for generators and boats, working to get fuel in today.
23/01/2020	Morning update Thu 23rd Jan, Day 24.
	No rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday was clear skies in morning, NNE winds which caused many smouldering bush areas to flare up with many fires to west and north of us.
	Chinook chopper delivered 4 x 200 lt drums of ULP in a sling load to the island, we than floated and towed to jetty to decant into jerry cans.
	Used FFT to control fire on north side of Peachtree camp area early afternoon.
	Late afternoon a water bombing chopper dropped 8 loads of water on this fire.
	Set up quick fill back at water tanks.
	9 people at Tamboon.
24/01/2020	Morning update Fri 24th Jan, Day 25.
	No rain last 24 hrs, yesterday we had blue sky, light winds, a few small smoke columns on west side of lake.
	Went to Furnell by boat, where we were picked up and taken to Cann River for meeting with CFA and to pick up a CFA ultra light fire fighting vehicle, (great support from district 11 management).
	Picked up food supplies at community centre and wildlife food brought out from Orbost.



	Returned to Tamboon via Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track, lot of damage in this area, heavy logging equipment working on these roads to make safe for travel.
	Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track remain closed to all but emergency vehicles.
	9 people remain at Tamboon
25/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan, (day 26).
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, WSW winds stirred up fires on west side of Tamboon, (no immediate threat to Tamboon), clear skies yesterday morning with smoke building in afternoon.
	Burning and smouldering logs and trees around Tamboon settlement continue to be monitored.
	Heavy logging equipment, (tree harvester), arrived yesterday morning and commenced removal of dangerous trees both sides of Peach Tree creek and moving up Fisherman's track, 2 more harvesters and bull dozers are working on Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track.
	Orbost to Cann River and Cann to Furnell roads are open to local traffic, ID may be required.
	Tamboon is accessible via boat pick up at Furnell.
	Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track remain closed to all except emergency vehicles and DELWP contractors.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump set up at resident's water tank and numerous residents fire fighter pumps.
	This morning at 0800, light winds with smoke haze.
	11 people at Tamboon, (extra 2 arrived via boat pick up at Tamboon)
26/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan, this is now day 28 since we had the 0230 hrs police, call on Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec, that fire would impact Tamboon in 3 hrs.
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, WSW winds continue to fan fires on west side of Tamboon, (no immediate threat to Tamboon), smoke haze all day.
	Heavy logging equipment, (3 x tree harvester, bulldozer and grader continue working on Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track.
	Orbost to Cann River and Cann to Furnell roads are open to local traffic, ID may be required.
	Tamboon is accessible via boat pick up at Furnell.
	Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track remain closed to all except emergency vehicles and DELWP contractors.

	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting tailer, floating pump, quick fill pump set up at residents' water tank and numerous residents fire fighter pumps.
	This morning at 0800, light winds with thick smoke, visibility 500-800 mt.
	16 people at Tamboon, (extra 4 arrived via boat pick up at Furnell and one escorted in by DELWP via Fisherman's track)
	Life is returning to the bush, see pic of mushroom rising from the ashes.
27/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan, this is now day 29 since early morning call on Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec, that fire would impact Tamboon in 3 hrs.
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday blustery S/SW winds continued to fan fires across the lake and river to the west and NW of Tamboon, (no immediate threat to Tamboon), thick morning smoke cleared, however smoke haze all day.
	Heavy logging equipment, (tree harvesters, bulldozers and grader continue working on Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track), grader arrived into Tamboon late afternoon and will now work back up Fisherman's track.
	Orbost to Cann River and Cann to Furnell roads are open to local traffic, ID may be required.
	Tamboon is accessible via boat pick up at Furnell.
	Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track remain closed to all except emergency vehicles and DELWP contractors, expectation it will be usable by residents early this week.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting tailer, floating pump, quick fill pump set up at resident's water tank and numerous residents fire fighter pumps.
	This morning at 0730, no wind, smoke haze, visibility 3-4km.
	16 people at Tamboon.
	ICC Orbost called to discuss our immediate needs, this call was set up by EGSC
	Wallabies are enjoying the food being distributed
28/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, (day 30).
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday light E-SE winds continued to fan fires across the lake and river to the west and NW of Tamboon, (no immediate threat to Tamboon).
	Backburn carried out at Tamboon Sth by DELWP/FFMV team with local residents assisting.
	Heavy logging equipment, 3 x tree harvesters, 2 x bulldozers and 1 x grader continue working on Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track.

	Orbost to Cann River and Cann to Furnell roads are open to local traffic, ID may be required.
	Tamboon is accessible via boat pick up at Furnell.
	Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track remain closed to all except emergency vehicles and DELWP contractors, ICC Orbost advise it should be open to residents tomorrow, (Wednesday).
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting tailer, floating pump, quick fill pump set up at residents water tank and numerous residents fire fighter pumps.
	This morning at 0730, no wind, full cloud cover, smoke columns to the south, west and north, slight smoke haze.
	ICC Orbost called to check on immediate needs which are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	9 people at Tamboon, (7 left via boat to Furnell than onto Cann River & beyond).
29/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan, (day 31).
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday light S-SW winds, cloud cover cleared to a sunny afternoon, smoke columns around south, west and NW sides of lake, (no immediate threat to Tamboon).
	Backburn mopping up at Tamboon Sth by DELWP/FFMV team with local residents assisting.
	Evacuation refuge shelter/tent set up by Tamboon Sth folk on ocean beach dismantled and removed and more camping gear left by boat evacuees brought back to Tamboon, (still small amount to be recovered).
	Heavy logging equipment, 3 x tree harvesters, 2 x bulldozers and 1 x grader, continue working on Point Hicks road and Fisherman's track.
	CFA ultralight fire vehicle used to escort local residents out along Fisherman's track and Point Hicks road, anticipate this will be opened to residents today or tomorrow.
	ADF personnel visited Tamboon and Tamboon Sth to assess immediate needs.
	FFMV visited and assessed some of the hazardous fire damaged trees.
	This morning at 0730, no wind, sunny morning, smoke haze over the lake, visibility 2-3 km.
	Tamboon immediate needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	7 people at Tamboon, (2 left with escort via Fisherman's track and Point Hicks rd.
30/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan, (day 32).

	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday light winds, sunny day, smoke columns around south & west of lake, active fire on west side of Cann river, opposite Peach Tree creek, (no immediate threat to Tamboon).
	Heavy logging equipment has been redeployed to other areas and no longer working on Fisherman's track.
	Grader and water tanker working on repairing Fisherman's track.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents.
	ADF water tanker delivered one load of 10,000 lts to fire water tank and was on a second load when it suffered mechanical damage, on Fishermen's track, and needs repair before further loads can be delivered.
	Picked up 2 x ADF, (tanker driver & offsider), and took to Cann River.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump at fire water tank.
	This morning at 0730, no wind, sunny morning, smoke haze over the lake, visibility 2-3 km.
	Tamboon immediate needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	5 people at Tamboon, (2 left via Fisherman's track and Point Hicks).
31/01/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Fri 31 <sup>th</sup> Jan, (day 33).
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday S-SE winds, smoky day with some ash falling, active fires around south & west of lake and on west side of Cann river, opposite Peach Tree creek, (no immediate threat to Tamboon).
	Grader and water tanker continue working on repairing Fisherman's track.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump at fire water tank.
	This morning at 0730, no wind, smoke haze, visibility 2-3 km.
	Tamboon immediate needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	5 people at Tamboon.
1/02/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb, (day 34).
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday S-SE-E-N winds, smoky day, active fires around south side of lake, smoke columns around west of lake and on west side of Cann river, opposite Peach Tree creek, (no immediate threat to Tamboon).

	Sea eagles nest on Pelican Point was destroyed in early morning wildfire, (0200 hrs Sat). <sup>1</sup>
	Grader and water tanker work on hold yesterday because of weather/high temperature.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump at fire water tank.
	This morning at 0700, no wind, smoke haze, visibility 4-5 km.
	Tamboon immediate needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	5 people at Tamboon.
2/02/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Feb, (day 35).
	All safe at Tamboon, 1 mm rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday SE-E winds swinging to a southerly when the cool change arrived at 2000hrs, smoke haze most of day, smoke columns around lake, (no immediate threat to Tamboon).
	NB: Mineral earth rackhoe firebreak put around Eagles nest tree on 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan was unsuccessful in protecting from this wildfire.
	Grader and gravel trucks worked on Fisherman's track.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump at fire water tank.
	This morning at 0730, light wind, smoke haze, visibility 4-5 km.
	Tamboon immediate needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	5 people at Tamboon.
3/02/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb, (day 36).
	All safe at Tamboon, 3 mm rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday we had a lite drizzle in the morning which cleared to a sunny afternoon, little smoke about, smoke columns around lake, still have occasional crash of a tree falling.(no threat to Tamboon).
	Grader and gravel trucks continue working on Fisherman's track.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents.

<sup>1</sup> Eagles nest inspected August 18 2020 – it has been rebuilt!

	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump at fire water tank.
	This morning at 0800, zero wind, cloudy, good visibility with slight smoke haze.
	Tamboon immediate needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, refill of fire water storage tank and replacement of domestic/drinking water used for firefighting.
	5 people at Tamboon, (2 left and 2 arrived).
4/02/2020	Tamboon bushfire update Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb, (day 37 since fire threat on 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec).
	All safe at Tamboon, no rain in last 24 hrs, yesterday we had a mainly cloudy day with strong WSW winds, late afternoon became sunny, wind stirred up a bit of fire activity in western bay.
	Grader and gravel trucks continue working on Fisherman's track.
	Water tanker from Bruthen started water deliveries to fill up concrete fire water tank and drinking water tanks and continues today.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump at fire water tank.
	This morning at 0730, zero wind, clear skies, sunny no smoke haze.
	Tamboon ongoing needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, restoration and clean-up work around Peachtree Creek and fire break.
	7 people at Tamboon, (another 2 arrived).
	As fire activity is no longer a threat to Tamboon, this will be the last daily morning update unless there are activities that all need to be aware of.
	Cheers and looking forward to seeing everyone back at Tamboon in the near future.
10/02/2020	Tamboon bushfire/recovery update for past week, Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> .Feb, (day 43 since fire threat on 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019).
	All safe at Tamboon, rain in last 7 days 11ml,(all in last 48 hrs), yesterday we had a rainy drizzly cloudy day with light easterly winds.
	People arrived and recovered their camping gear, boat and vehicles, and installed a number of nesting and habitat boxes.
	Wallabies, goannas and deer are about in normal to above average numbers, (wallabies have been drinking lots of water in buckets that we have placed about the area).

	Birds are about in normal pre bushfire numbers and species.
	A water dragon was spotted last week along burnt out Peachtree Creek, (see pic).
	More water birds around the lake than normal, (ducks, swans, pelicans, seagulls and egret's etc).
	A few fisherman have been out and catching flathead and bream.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents and visitors.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4, Firefighting trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump, (fire water storage tank is full).
	Tamboon ongoing needs are: removal of dangerous fire damaged trees, restoration and clean-up work around Peachtree Creek and fire break.
	Plans and work are underway to build a second firefighting trailer for Tamboon.
	UHF radios have been purchased by a number of residents to provide clear and reliable communication during emergency activities, (fire, search & rescue etc), and are compatible with CFA & DELWP comms. (Tamboon Sth also use these).
	NB: These radios are also very useful for general comms when fishing, beach or bush walking etc,
	Cheers and looking forward to seeing everyone back at Tamboon in the near future.
15/02/2020	Advised that works happening on Fisherman's Track and maybe able to clean up blocks
17/02/2020	Fishermans\'s Track verge cleaned up using bobcats, to enable future slashing and maintenance.
	Called Council and got go ahead for tidy up around mineral earth break
18/02/2020	Tamboon mineral earth break tidied up to enable future slashing.
	All blocks tidied up a bit, Cathedral track cleared.
20/02/2020	Parks put up signs and barriers to each side of Peach Gtree Creek saying Park closed for Public Safety
18/02/2020	Landline playing up, (has been problematic for a few weeks), spoke to Telstra they advised would be fixed 24th Feb
21/02/2020	Peachtree Creek area tidy up started by Parks/DELWP, arranged for removal of dangerous branches and limbs.

23/02/2020	Tamboon bushfire recovery update for past two week.
	We have had 75 mm of rain this month, (between 9 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb), warm to cool days and the grass around the community has greened up.
	Fisherman's track is still closed to general traffic but can be used by local residents and visitors.
	Prime reason Fishermen's Track remains closed is due to works underway at Peach Tree creek.
	Road to Point Hicks remains closed due to bridge at Thurra burnt/collapsed.
	Contractors, using Bobcats, have tidied up the verge on Fishermen's Track to enable future maintenance, (slashing).
	Most properties that were impacted by bushfire have been tidied up, mulched and fuel loads reduced.
	Contractors, using a 90 foot Travel Tower and Bobcat are treating hazardous & dangerous trees in and around the Peach Tree creek camp area.
	Fire equipment located at Tamboon: Fire Fighting Trailer, floating pump, quick fill pump, (fire water storage tank is full).
	CFA Ultra-Light 4 X 4 has been returned to Bairnsdale.
	Plans and work are underway to build a second firefighting trailer for Tamboon is moving forward with the donation of funds and a new tandem trailer with brakes.
	Cheers and looking forward to seeing everyone back at Tamboon in the near future.
9/03/2020	Noticed smoke coming out of ground/tree roots at bottom/south side of Peach Tree Creek bridge, (56 days after fire went through).