

# Fuel Treatment in your area

## Mulching Works 1.6ha Forrest – Tip Road

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MANAGEMENT VICTORIA**

### Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) will be conducting mulching works in this area in the next few weeks.

Crews from FFMVic work alongside the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to carry out a fuel management program, in Victoria's public parks and forests and on private land. To reduce the risk of bushfire to people, property and the environment.



Fuel management is one of the most effective ways to reduce the impact of bushfire. It includes works such as mulching, planned burning, slashing and the construction of strategic fuel breaks. These works help to reduce fuel (flammable vegetation) which reduces the risk of a bushfire.

If a bushfire does occur in an area where fuel management has occurred these works can help reduce the bushfire's intensity and impact.

### Mechanical Fuel Treatments

Mechanical fuel treatments, such as mulching, can enable safer delivery of planned burns by treating part of a burn unit which has complex vegetation or

topography. This type of fuel treatment is also very effective where planned burning is not operationally feasible due to dispersed houses and other assets in a forested area.

Mechanical fuel treatments are not weather dependent like planned burning, enabling us to reduce fuel loads more effectively each year.

### What works will take place?

These works will target the understorey vegetation leaving the larger remnant trees in place. The goal being to reduce the number of fine fuels which are the key drivers of fire behaviour during a bushfire. Please see map opposite, the target area is marked in **RED** and will be undertaken when conditions are suitable.

In addition to this hazardous tree assessment and removal will be undertaken.

This will assist with firefighter safety, protection of infrastructure and provide safer access and egress in an emergency.

### When will these works take place?

Machine works will commence in the next few weeks.

### How can I find out about a fuel management near me?

Stay informed.

**Visit** [ffm.vic.gov.au](http://ffm.vic.gov.au)  
**Call** VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**  
**Download** **VicEmergency App**  
**Register** Planned Burns Victoria  
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For further information about fuel management in the Otways, please contact your local FFMVic office on: 03 5233 5565.

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## What will the Works look like?

These mulching works will aim to remove the understory and leave larger remnant trees in place.

Currently this will be a one-off fuel treatment and will complement other fuel reduction activities in the surrounding area. The below photo is an example of what completed mulching may look like.



## Safety around the machine

- Please Stay 50m clear of machine while in operation.
- Do not approach the machine while it is working.

**Thank you for your patience and understanding while we do this important work to better protect communities, property and the environment from the impacts of bushfire**

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Forest Fire Management Victoria consists of specialist staff drawn from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and VicForests. These staff work alongside CFA, other emergency services and communities across Victoria to protect people, property and the environment.