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Community Information Newsletter for Smithton and surrounding areas

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INCIDENT INFORMATION

A fire that started in the Brittons Swamp area at the end of January has currently burnt through more than 2400 hectares.

The fire is now contained and has no alert level. While recent rain has eased the risk to communities and fire activity has reduced, there are still a number of hot spots for firefighters to extinguish and patrol. With there being the potential for fire activity to increase, the public are reminded not to drop their guard yet - stay vigilant, stay aware, stay focussed, be safe when travelling and do not become complacent.

More favourable weather conditions are forecast in the coming days. Several crews will be supported by aircraft in identifying and extinguishing any hot spots and smouldering logs, and will remain in the area for some time.

People may still see some smoke in the area. Motorists should exercise caution and drive to the conditions, particularly on machinery trails which may be slippery and dangerous. Please slow down and be mindful of an increased volume of operational vehicles and aircraft working in the area.

Only water (no chemical additives) is being, and will continue to be, used with the exception of an area around the Telstra Tower and radio repeater on Christmas Hills Road.

With the fire at patrol status, further advice about firefighting and recovery efforts will continue to be available on the Tasmanian Fire Service website.

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the bushfire situation through via:

- TFS website www.fire.tas.gov.au,
- TFS social media www.facebook.com/TasmaniaFireService & www.twitter.com/TasFireService
- Bushfire Information Line **1800 000 699**
- ABC local radio

If you need urgent assistance, contact TFS via **Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

HEALTH INFORMATION

For information on how smoke from bushfires can affect your health visit the Department of Health and Human Services website www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/alerts/air

ROAD INFORMATION

Information on current road closures is available via **13 14 44** or the Tasmania Police website www.police.tas.gov.au/community-alerts