



Koonwarra Community Fire Plan - Summary

TODAY		NEXT THREE YEARS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Function: Develop, implement and maintain a CFP for Koonwarra Village and its environs • Driver: Optimise the safety and well-being of people, assets (built and environment) and native species in the face of increasing bushfire risk • CFA role widely misunderstood - expectation that CFA has the responsibility for protecting the community versus individual responsibility with CFA providing resources, knowledge and support • Public apathy - <5% have Fire Plans - community is unprepared and at significant high risk • Demographics have changed - many older residents have left and new residents entered Koonwarra. Tarwin River is major asset • Water restrictions - CFA accessing storages that do not use limited drinking water/ town water pressure issues can impede hydrants (25-30) • CFA brigade in Koonwarra - may be called out • CFA literature available to assist community 		<p>Vision: Within three years Koonwarra will have fully implemented the Community Fire Plan and significantly reduced the risk and potential impact of the bushfire threat</p> <p>Business Solution: Co-ordinate Koonwarra Community Fire Plan mgt to provide the awareness, knowledge, structure, resources and support for 95%+ of the Koonwarra community to prepare, implement and maintain their individual fire plans and achieve an integrated emergency response with CFA and other essential services - increased community ownership and responsibility</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic - Rely on volunteers and generate funding/sponsorships and incentives to resource the CFP Social - Overcome public apathy and build community spirit/engagement Environmental - Protect Koonwarra's natural beauty, assets, resources & wildlife Education - Harness & disseminate knowledge/response info to residents Political - Community ownership integrated with all key authorities roles 				
		<p>Intentions</p> <p>Indiv Fire Plans</p> <p>Community Participatic</p> <p>Fire Plan Workshops</p> <p>Level of Risk</p> <p>Level of Preparedness</p> <p>CFA Members</p>	<p>2007</p> <p>1%</p> <p>10%</p> <p>2</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p> <p>32</p>	<p>2008</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>12</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p> <p>35</p>	<p>2009</p> <p>75%</p> <p>75%</p> <p>12</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>37</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>95%+</p> <p>95%+</p> <p>12</p> <p>Low</p> <p>High</p> <p>40</p>
GROWTH PLATFORM						
STRATEGIES				MILESTONES		
<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form KCFP mgt committee • Base at K Sust Comm Centre office • Koonwarra Web Portal and CFA noticeboard - communication tools • Form Koonwarra Guardians with all residents as eligible members • Fire Plan templates to all residents • KCFA boundary - village @ heart • CFA mgt of public land/assets 	<p>Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build community database - email/sms alerts • Securely store and manage individual fire plans - summaries to CFA • Web Portal tracks fire plan development/maintenance • Visible numbers on all properties - fast response 	<p>Individual Fire Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop templates and run workshops with incentives • Negotiate insurance savings • All residents prepare, decide stay/leave, document their plans and communicate within their family and to CFP mgt and CFA ability to control emergency situations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FP summaries to CFA - develop template • Encourage residents to store water buckets, mops • Preparation plans actioned – neighbours/buddy system • Indiv folders for residents to hold/update their Fire Plans • Security of info/privacy • Emergency refuges plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee formed Oct 07 • First workshop Nov 07 • Register emails/database Dec 07 • Track census for database • Summary FP template Dec 07 • Register FP/audit ongoing • Buddy system/promo Feb 08 • FP review sessions annually • sms/comms alert system 08 • New resident kit 08 		