



Tasmania Fire Service

Community Bushfire Protection Plan

BELLINGHAM

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Tasmania Fire Service may not be able to protect you during some bushfires.

Know what to do and where to go when threatened by bushfire.

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1800 000 699 or visit our website

www.fire.tas.gov.au

Are **YOU** bushfire ready? PREPARE • ACT • SURVIVE

Most of Tasmania is bushfire-prone. Every summer you need to be bushfire-ready.

This plan sets out the things you should do to survive a bushfire. **Get the latest version and use it to update your personal *Bushfire Survival Plan*.**



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PREPARE | before the fire

- 1) **Prepare your home for bushfire.**
 - Use the Tasmania Fire Service *Bushfire Prepare to Survive* booklet or DVD.
 - Even if you plan to leave early, preparing your home gives you another shelter option, and firefighters a better chance to save it.
- 2) **Decide what you will do and write down your plan.**
 - Will you leave early, or will you stay and defend your home?
 - Decide now, and fill out your *Bushfire Survival Plan*.
- 3) **If you can, talk with your neighbours.**
 - What are their plans? Are they aware of your plans?
- 4) **Review your insurance policy.**
 - Are your home and contents covered for bushfire?

ACT | when fires are likely, or nearby

- 1) **Keep informed.**
 - Check the weather forecast and Fire Danger Rating daily.
 - Listen to ABC Local Radio, monitor the Tasmania Fire Service website www.fire.tas.gov.au and watch for smoke and fires.
 - If bushfires are in your area, don't wait for an official warning.
- 2) **Put your *Bushfire Survival Plan* into action.**
 - **The safest option for all bushfires is to leave early, before a bushfire threatens you and your home.**
 - Consider leaving immediately if 'Severe', 'Extreme' or 'Catastrophic' Fire Danger Ratings are forecast for the following day.
 - Leaving the day before because of a bad fire danger forecast isn't always practical. So, if waiting until a bushfire breaks out in your district, leave early before roads are cut by fire, fallen trees or power-lines.
 - Be prepared to stay away for several days. Head away from any fires; towards a town centre is often best.
 - **A safe option for some bushfires.**
For less intense bushfires, you may stay & defend your home if:
 - a) You have prepared it for bushfires, with fire-fighting equipment and plenty of water.
 - b) You are fit and emotionally prepared (it is best to evacuate children and other dependents early).
 - **An unsafe option is to 'wait and see', then flee at the last minute.**
 - If you don't have a plan, leave immediately.
 - If a bushfire catches you by surprise and it's unsafe to stay at home but too late to leave the area, go to a nearby safer place and wait for the fire front to pass through.

SURVIVE | after the fire

- 1) Make sure everyone's safe, check on your neighbours if you can.
- 2) Tune in to the Information Sources (listed on the map overleaf).
- 3) If at home, put out any embers and spot-fires threatening your home.
- 4) If your home is destroyed, contact your local council for assistance.



**In an emergency dial triple zero 000
or if a TTY user call 106**

Get your free *Bushfire Survival Plan* & *Bushfire Prepare to Survive* booklet & DVD
www.fire.tas.gov.au | Free call 1800 000 699

NSP NEARBY SAFER PLACES

A nearby safer place is somewhere close by you should be able to reach quickly and safely, and that gives shelter from radiant heat.



Using nearby safer places is not without risk. They are a last resort, not your only option.

Nearby safer places may include town centres; ground level water e.g. rivers, in-ground pools, dams; large open areas e.g. beaches, ploughed or green fields, golf courses, recreation grounds and community parks with very short grass; and approved bushfire bunkers.

Tasmania Fire Service has identified some nearby safer places in this area (see below).

- List other nearby safer places, close to where you live, in your personal *Bushfire Survival Plan*.
- Prepare your home and identify nearby safer places. Otherwise, leave early.
- Travelling through fire impacted areas is unsafe and should be avoided, even in a car.

Nearby Safer Places:

- **Millers Beach**

Access from Gees Marsh Rd
Map Grid: D3

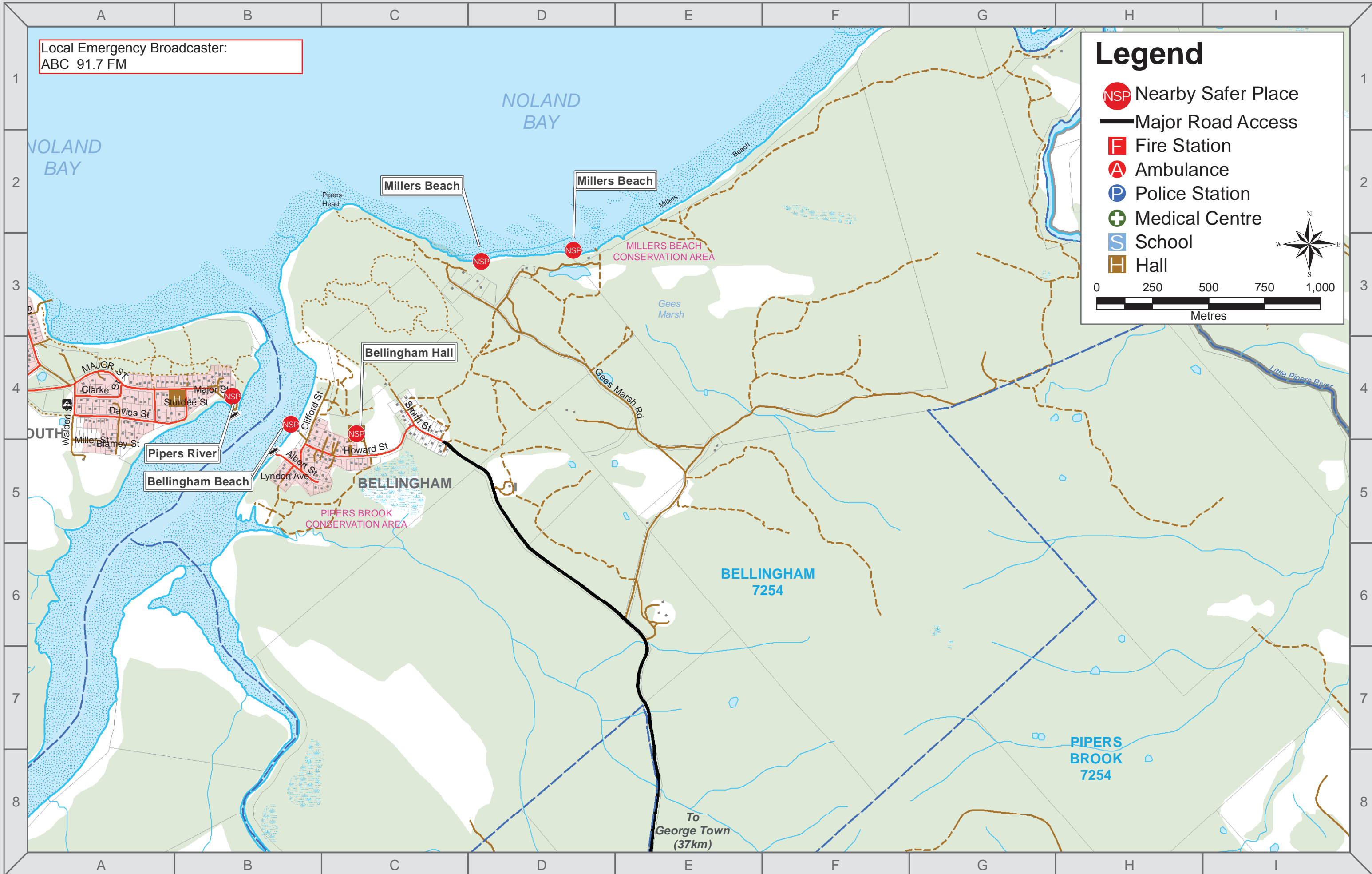
- **Bellingham Beach**

Access from Albert St, Bellingham
Map Grid: B4

- **Bellingham Hall**

Howard St, Bellingham
Map Grid: C4

**Add nearby safer places to your
Bushfire Survival Plan.**



Local Emergency Broadcaster:
ABC 91.7 FM

Legend

- NSP Nearby Safer Place
- Major Road Access
- F Fire Station
- A Ambulance
- P Police Station
- + Medical Centre
- S School
- H Hall

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Metres

To George Town
(37km)