



Tasmania Fire Service

# Community Bushfire Protection Plan

## SWANSEA

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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.

### Receive bushfire updates from Tasmania Fire Service



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## 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](http://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**

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*Bushfire Prepare to Survive* booklet & DVD  
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## 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:

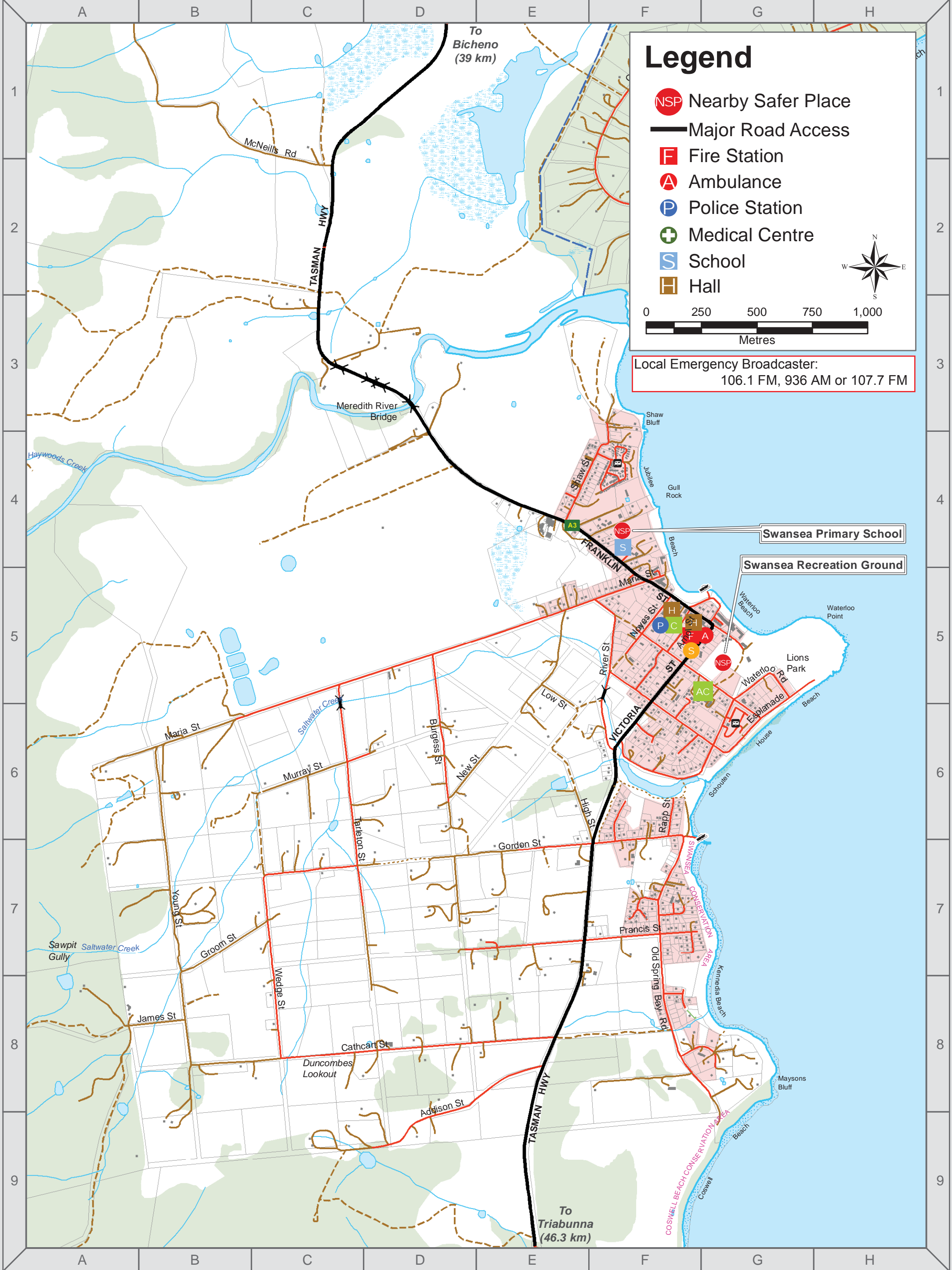
- **Swansea Primary School**

31 Franklin Street, Map Grid F4

- **Swansea Recreation Ground**

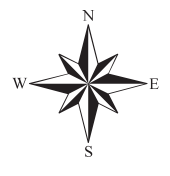
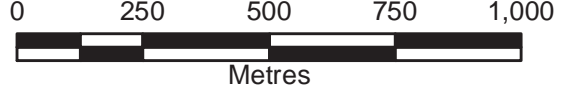
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**Add nearby safer places to your  
*Bushfire Survival Plan*.**



### Legend

- Nearby Safer Place
- Major Road Access
- Fire Station
- Ambulance
- Police Station
- Medical Centre
- School
- Hall



Local Emergency Broadcaster:  
106.1 FM, 936 AM or 107.7 FM