

# Bushfire Preparedness and Resilience in the City of Mitcham 2023



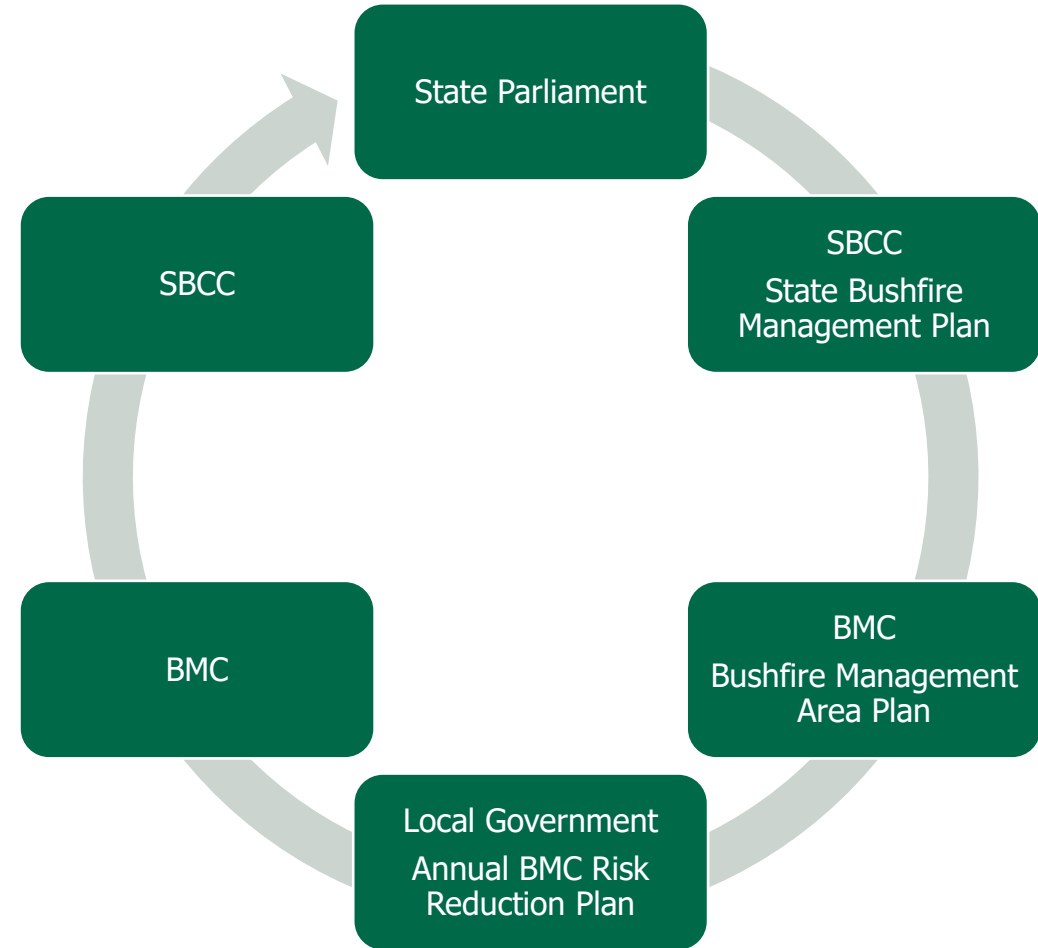
# What will this Presentation Cover?

1. Legislative Framework we operate under
2. Proposed Project Scope \$675K pledge funding



# Bushfire Framework in South Australia

- State Bushfire Management Committee
- State Bushfire Management Plan
- Bushfire Management Committees
- Bushfire Management Area Plan



# Role of State Bushfire Coordination Committee

- State-level SA Government committee appointed by the Governor
- Responsible for coordinating bushfire management in South Australia
- Provides direction, advice and report to the Minister on bushfire prevention and matters (including failures or delays)
- Promote state-wide coordination and integration of policies, practices and strategies
- Provide guidance, direction and advice to BMC's
- Prepare and review the State Bushfire Management Plan (and to ensure consistency between the BMAP and the State Plan)
- CFS provide executive support



# Role of Bushfire Management Committee

Bushfire Management Committees have the following statutory functions:

- Advise the SBCC on bushfire prevention in their area
- Promote coordination of and prepare policies, practices and strategies
- Prepare, and to keep under review, a Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP) and ensure it is consistent with the State Bushfire Management Plan
- Oversee implementation of the BMAP and report any failure or delay in this process to the SBCC or the Minister
- Work with local communities to promote and improve effective bushfire management
- CFS provide executive support

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### BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN



This Plan has been developed as part of a project funded by the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) in partnership with the Commonwealth and State Governments of South Australia.



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# Scope of Pledge Funding

\$675,000

- \$500k – Fuel Reduction and Management
- \$175k - Signage

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## LABOR COMMITS TO DISASTER READINESS IN SA

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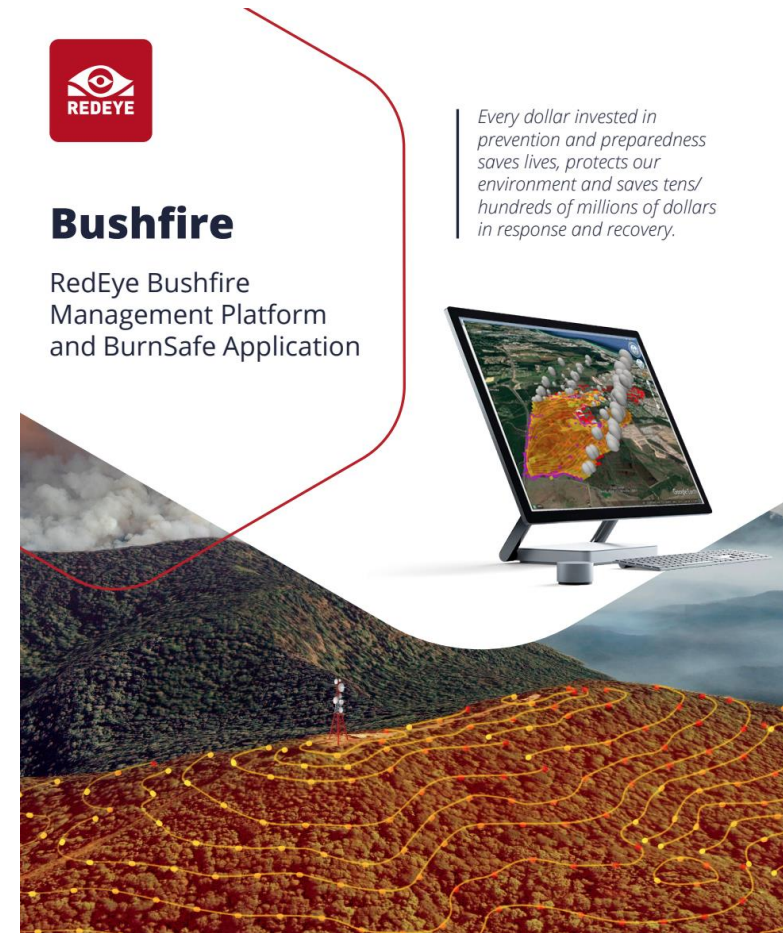
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# Key Outcomes of Fuel Load Management activities

- Assessment, profiling and mapping fuel types and loads – understanding bushfire risk better
- Map and profile bushfire risk and modelling of bushfires to guide decision making and bushfire behaviour in our area
- Identify key strategic fuel load management areas
- Undertake strategic fuel reduction and mitigation work – use of contractors or purchase remote mower
- Map and document the extent of woody weed infestations and increase strategic fuel management mitigation works
- Enhance a partnership strategy with private property owners with identified significant woody weed infestations to reduce fuel loads



# Fuel Load Management and Reduction

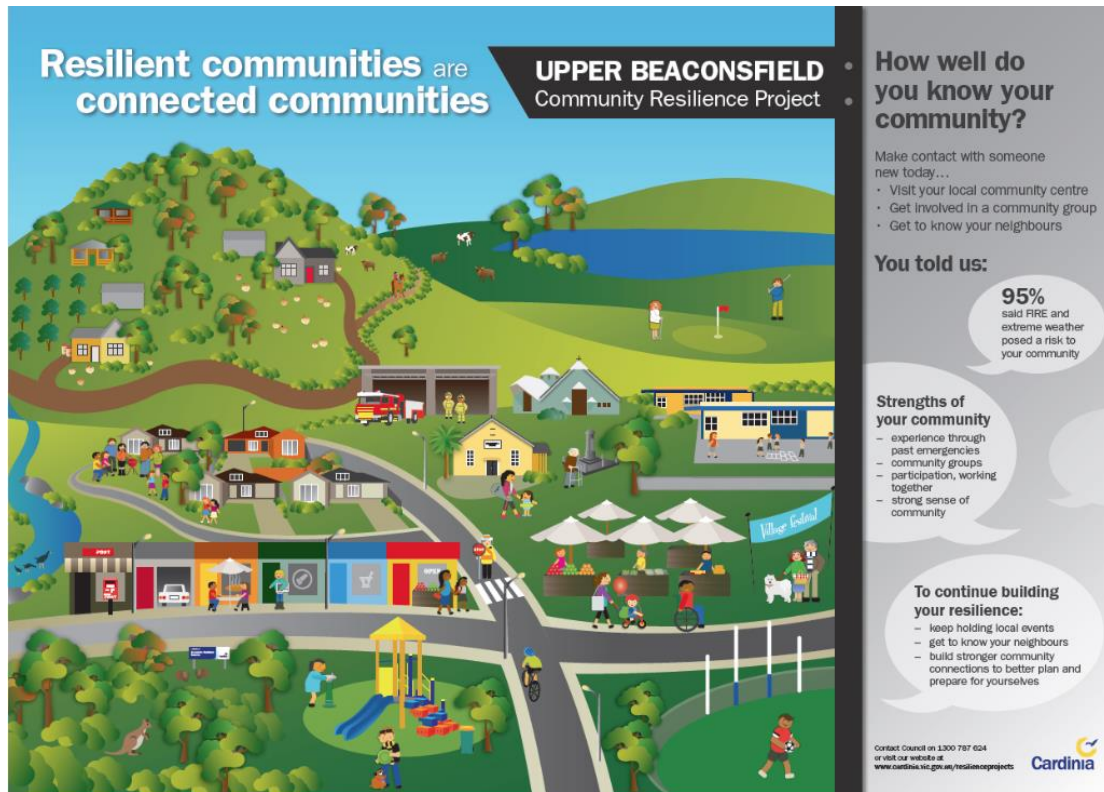
## Costing – Fuel Management and Reduction

<b>Portion of Resourcing a Project Officer to coordinate funding program</b>	\$60,000	
<b>Undertake Strategic Fuel Management on identified Roadside and Reserves to reduce fuel loads for better asset protection and bushfire buffer zones. Including consideration for purchase of Remote Controlled mower/slasher (ongoing costs)</b>	\$300,000	
<b>Fuel load assessment collection, mapping and analysis</b>	\$40,000	
<b>Provide a grants program for private property owners to undertake a woody weed control on their property to reduce the fuel load through strategic fuel reduction and eradication of large volumes of woody weeds such as olives and other species</b>	\$100,000	
<b>COSTING FUEL MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>





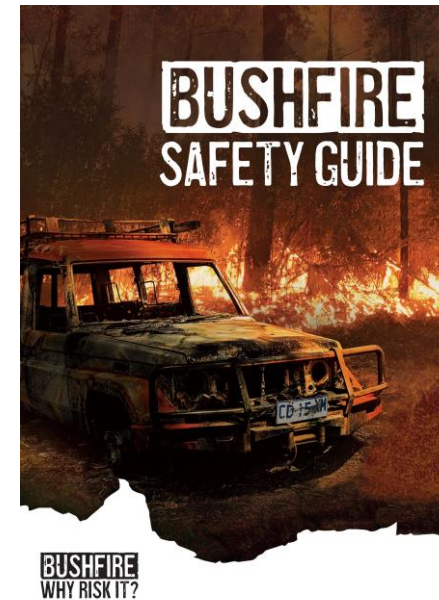
# Key Outcomes of Community Engagement and Signage



- Raise awareness of bushfire risk in our region
- Improve public awareness, and engagement, of our community
- Improve long-term resilience of our community
- Purchase of mobile trailer sign boards to visualise key messaging throughout the fire danger season
- Development of Bushfire Safety Guide and media/videos as key messaging
- Partner with programs such as the Australia Red Cross 'Community Led Emergency Resilience' program

# Signage and Community Engagement

Costing – Signage and Community Engagement		
<b>Resourcing Project</b>	Portion of Resourcing a Project Officer to coordinate funding program	\$50,000
<b>Building Community Resilience through education, awareness and engagement</b>	Communications and training material – Develop Bushfire Survival Guide and media videos	\$40,000
	Community Led Emergency Resilience Project	\$25,000
	Purchase of 2 x Mobile Digital Sign Boards to allow mobile key messaging to the community on Bushfire Safety, Fire Danger Ratings and other key messages for Bushfire Safety	\$60,000
<b>COSTING COMMUNITY SIGNAGE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>		<b>\$175,000</b>



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## Community-led Resilience Teams.

A guide for establishing and developing Community-led Resilience Teams in local communities



# Where to from here?

- NEMA Application  
Project Scope will be circulated  
Lodgement of application by 15 June 2023
- Timeframe of Project

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# Questions and Feedback

