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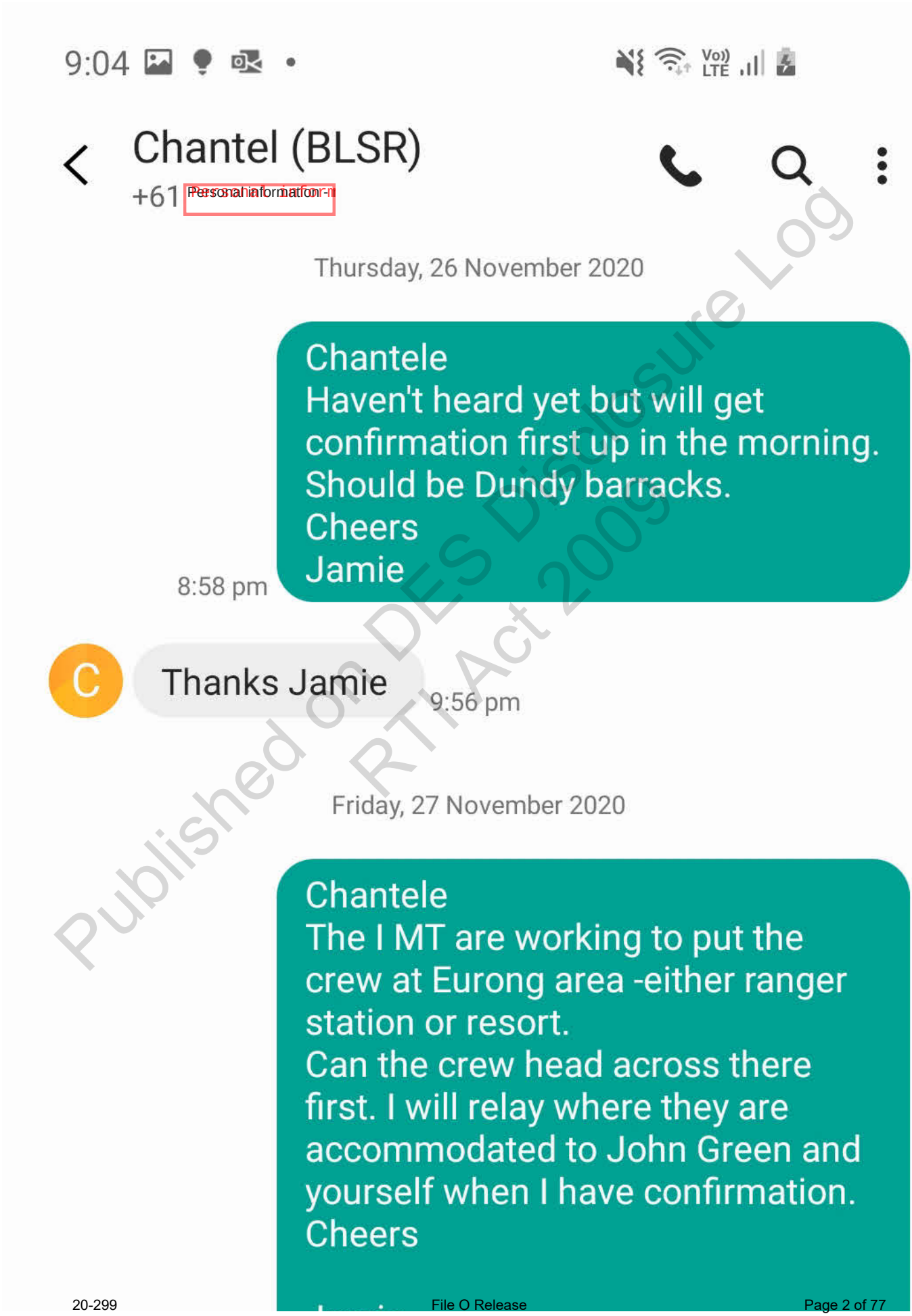

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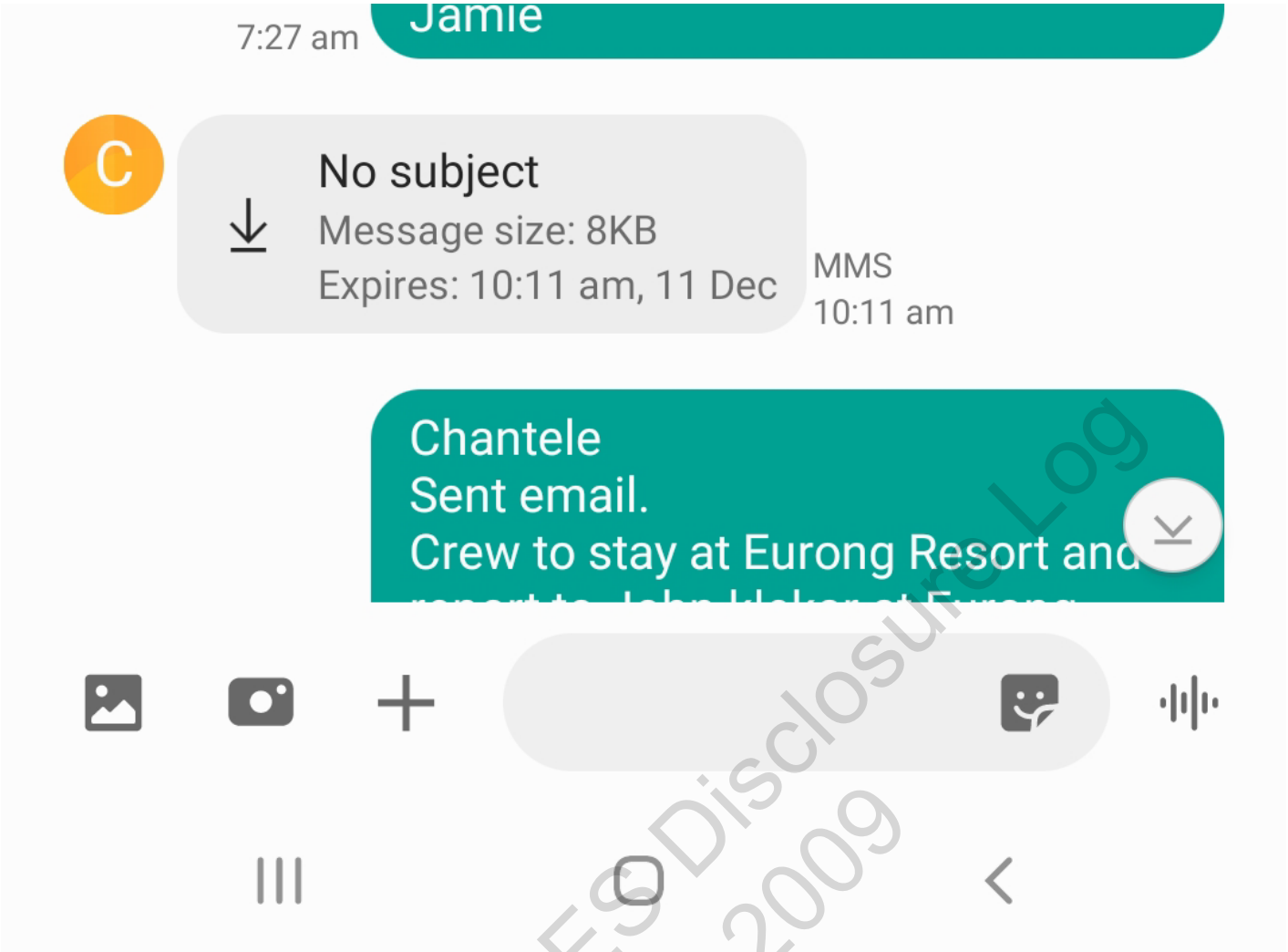

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Chantel (BLSR)

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Chantele
Haven't heard yet but will get confirmation first up in the morning. Should be Dundy barracks.
Cheers
Jamie

8:58 pm

C Thanks Jamie

9:56 pm

Friday, 27 November 2020

Chantele
The I MT are working to put the crew at Eurong area -either ranger station or resort.
Can the crew head across there first. I will relay where they are accommodated to John Green and yourself when I have confirmation.
Cheers

Jamie

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Chantele
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Crew to stay at Eurong Resort and

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To : "culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org"
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Subject : Cultural Assets near Current Fire, K'gari
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Dustin
How are you?
As you are aware, and as we spoke about this morning there is currently a wildfire north of Orchid Beach on K'gari. Given the likelihood of this fire continuing for some time are there any particular cultural assets in that block that would require protection.
Happy to have a conversation around these and how best to look after them.
Give me a call if you like.

Regards

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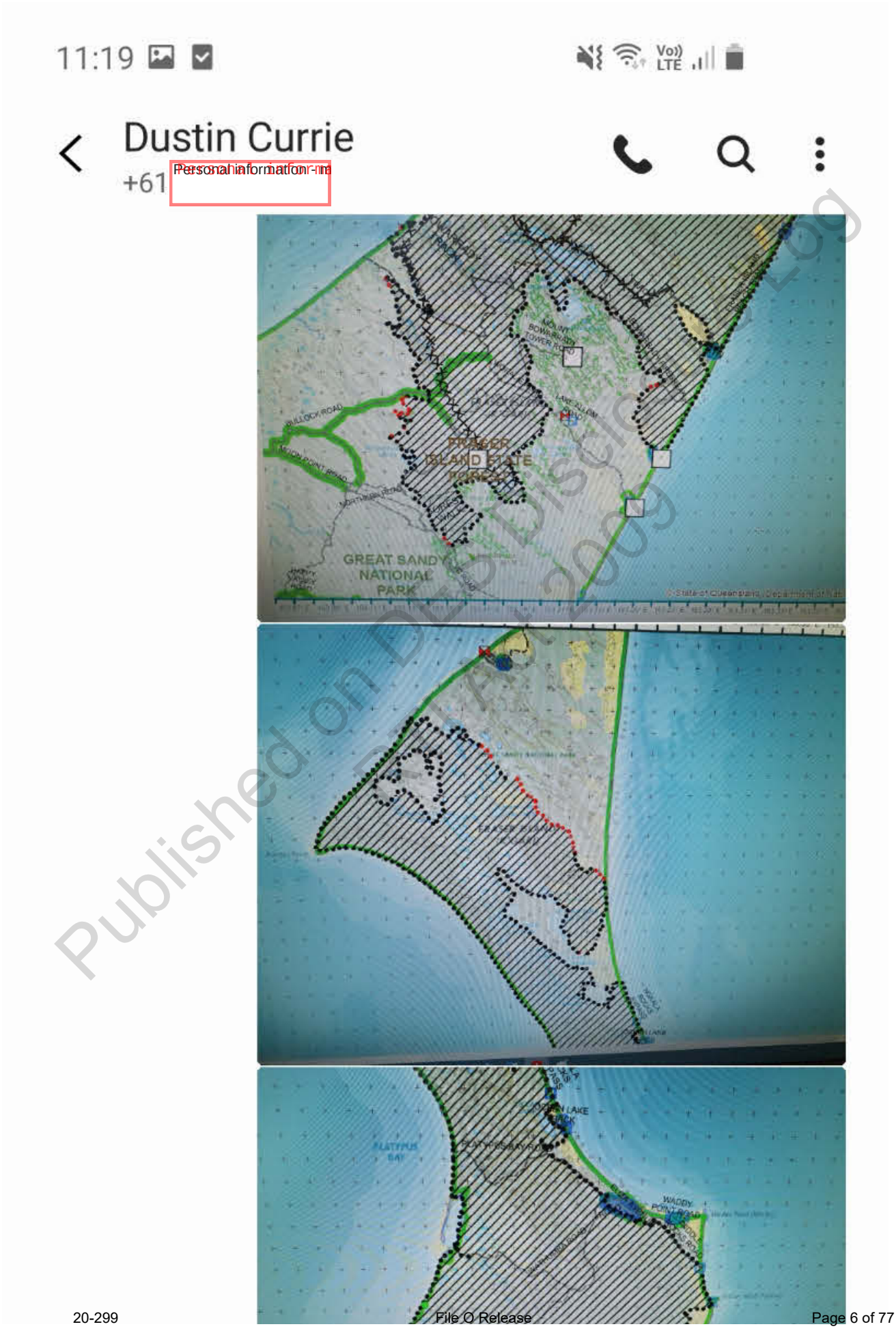

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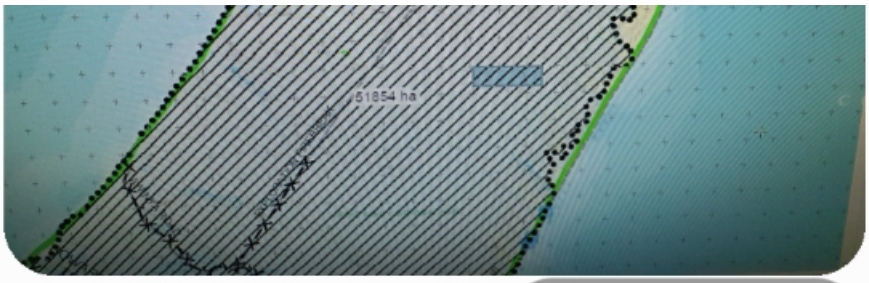

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Cheers
Jamie

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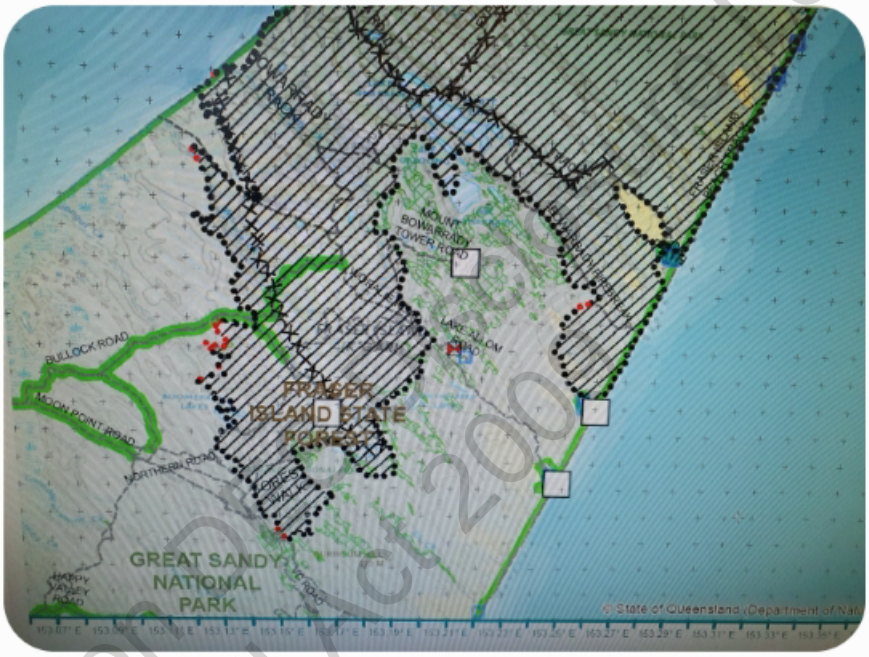

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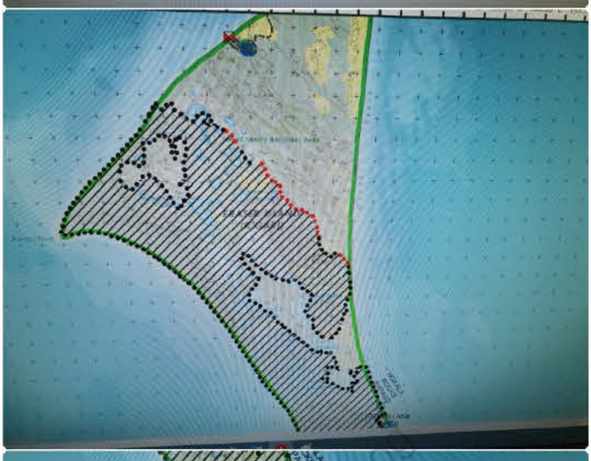

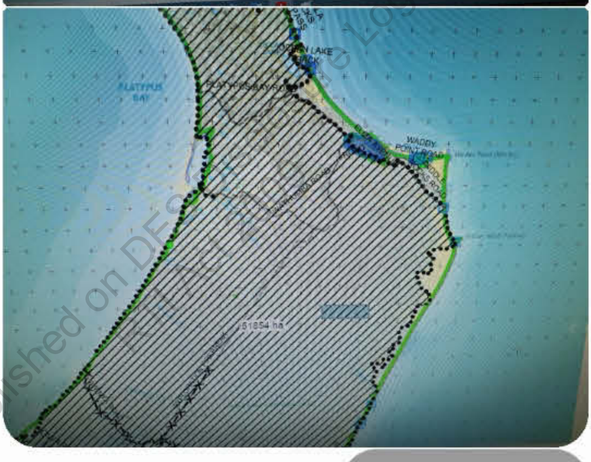

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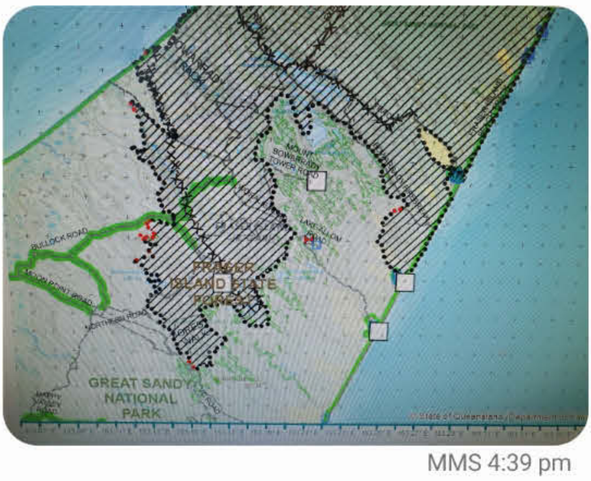

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To : "Amanda Jackson"
Cc : "Rachel Killer"
Subject : Emergency List of Lakes that may be accessed for Water
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Amanda (and Rachel)

When we spoke the other day you were looking at having something written down regards to Lakes that may be accessed for water in an emergency.
Did this ever get tabled? If it did is it possible to have a copy of what was developed / endorsed.?

Thanks

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To : "Rachel Killer"
Subject : Fatigue Guidelines
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Rachel
As discussed.
This is what we need to work with.

Regards

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Fatigue management (fire operations)

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Purpose and scope

Fatigue management is a critical element of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) fire operations which needs active monitoring by Incident Controllers and crew leaders. The purpose of this procedural guide is to prescribe safe guiding practices for the management of fatigue during fire operations on QPWS managed estate or otherwise involving QPWS personnel and associated non-QPWS fire crew or supporting personnel.

This procedural guide specifically relates to QPWS fire operations and should be read in conjunction with relevant safety, risk management and Industrial Award provisions (including certified agreements). The arrangements prescribed in this procedural guide apply to QPWS staff both when engaged in normal QPWS operations and when deployed to provide fire operations support to other organisations or jurisdictions except where alternative arrangements are approved by the QPWS Executive.

Background

Fatigue is a significant safety issue for personnel involved in fire operations. Fatigue may delay response and reaction times, negatively impact on logical reasoning, decision-making, judging risk, communication, recollection and impair abilities such as driving.

Fire operations often necessitate working outside of normal work periods, working extended hours and working extended hours over prolonged periods in at times a stressful, strenuous and taxing situation. As the physical and mental nature of fire operations and extended work periods has the potential to significantly contribute to personnel fatigue, the management and supervision of work periods is therefore a vital element in minimising personnel fatigue and maximising their safety.

To effectively manage fatigue, forward planning is required to ensure that there are adequate strategies in place to meet the requirements of both operational personnel and any emergent response. Fatigue management at fire operations is necessary to:

- maintain a sustainable, safe workforce;
- minimise the potential for injury or death occurring on the fireground or while travelling to or from a fire situation; and
- minimise errors in decision-making resulting from fatigue.

Definitions

A ***roster*** for the purposes of this procedural guide is a forward plan of shifts and work cycles including details of days of duty, starting and finishing times, role, location of deployment and personnel on each shift.

Fireground is the active fire front, together with areas that have been burnt and any unburnt areas where fire operations are occurring or may occur in the near future.

A ***shift*** is a single continuous operational period (hours) worked.

A ***night shift*** is a routine or longer shift commencing between 1600 and 0200 hours.

A ***wildfire shift*** is a single continuous period worked of up to 12 hours effective fireground operations or incident management and up to 2 hours for changeover and travel requirements. This wildfire shift may be approved by the Incident Controller subject to normal overtime approval procedures.

An ***extended wildfire shift*** is a single continuous period worked of more than 12 hours (excluding changeover and travel) up to 18 hours total shift length.

An ***extension in exceptional circumstances*** refers to a single continuous period worked of more than 18 hours total shift length, where a justified extension is approved by the Regional Director or higher delegate on clear indication of the immediate operational value, merit and safety measures identified. Trigger points for approval circumstances may be better supported within Wildfire Response Procedures.

A ***work cycle*** is a number of consecutive shifts (day shifts or night shifts) separated by off-duty rest periods (24 or 48 hours). For example, one work cycle may be: 4 consecutive day shifts, one 24 hour off-duty rest period, followed by another 4 consecutive day shifts and two 24 hour off-duty rest periods.

An ***off-duty rest period*** is a period of time away from work which does not involve work duties to allow staff to rest and recuperate.

Fatigue is defined by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland as the increasing difficulty in performing mental and physical activities as a result of inadequate restorative sleep. In a work context, fatigue is a state of mental and/or physical exhaustion which can reduce the ability of a person to perform their work safely and effectively.

Fatigue management procedures (for Incident Controllers, crew leaders and incident coordination teams)

Fatigue management, as with all safe work practices, should be viewed by both the department and its employees as a shared responsibility. Incident Controllers and fireground supervisors have a duty of care to provide safe work practices, tasks and rest periods that permit adequate time for personnel to rest and recover in order to undertake their work duties in a safe and responsible manner. Equally, personnel have a duty of care to assess their own capability and fitness, acknowledge when they are fatigued and to use their time away from work in a reasonable manner in order to rest and recuperate from long work cycles and extended shifts or strenuous work activities.

These procedures are consistent with the DES *Guide to Fatigue Management for Personnel Undertaking Incident Response and Recovery Activities* and provide an approved framework for departure from the arrangements for shift management outlined within the DES Guide specifically for responding to escalating wildfire incidents.

Refer to **Figure 1** *Managing fatigue overview (fire operations)* to manage fatigue in relation to and during fire operations.

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Planning and implementing shifts

When planning and implementing shifts, Incident Controllers should note that:

- The potential for fatigue to set in is faster as a result of heavy or extended workload, high temperatures, stressful situations, poor accommodation and poor nutrition
- Fatigue often occurs more quickly, and takes longer to recover from, when working night shifts due to disturbance of normal day/night biorhythms.
- As fire operations extend over time, fatigue will set in faster on each subsequent shift.
- Frequent short breaks (in addition to meal breaks) during fire operations can be highly beneficial to maintaining work performance, situational awareness and reducing fatigue.
- Where practical, fire crew should be regularly provided with the opportunity to change or rotate tools and tasks during shifts to minimise fatigue.
- All personnel need to maintain a good level of hydration[1], consuming fluid (water or carbohydrate/ electrolyte drinks) on average of 200mL every 15 minutes.
- Operation of vehicles, heavy machinery and power tools (e.g. chainsaws) by personnel who are fatigued or have been on-shift in excess of 12 hours without a clear rest period, should be avoided. If continued operation is essential, close on-site supervision must be maintained.
- If possible, shift changes or task changeovers for field based roles should occur during daylight and at a suitable location close to the fireground, to enable orientation and familiarisation with firelines and with the priority tasks allocated.

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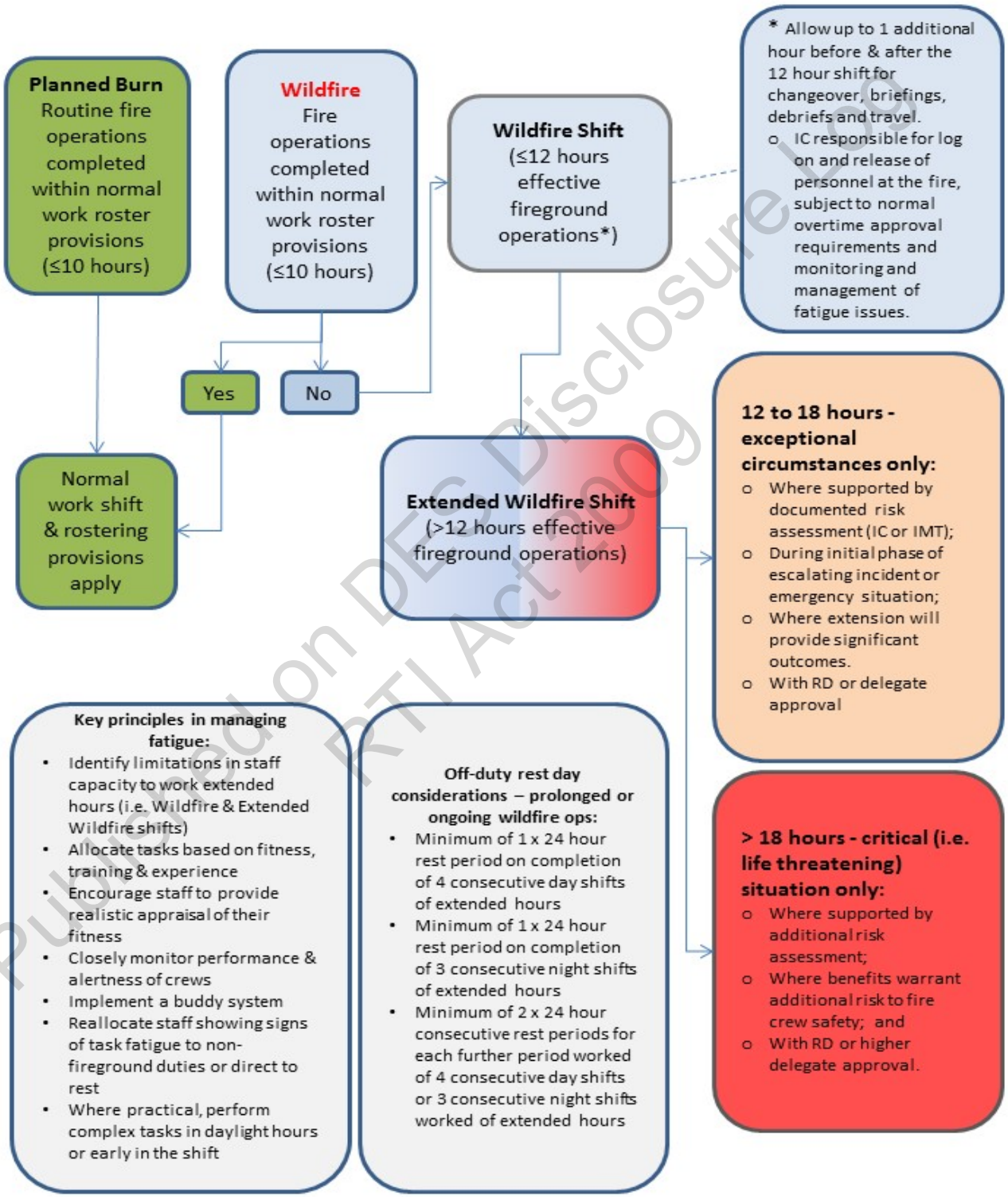
[1] During prolonged work in the heat our body can sweat up to one litre an hour. Unless this fluid is replaced by drinking, progressive dehydration will result. Source: https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/workplace-hazards/dangers-in-your-workplace/heat-stress

Figure 1 Managing fatigue overview (fire operations)



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Shift management

As part of a risk-based approach in the management of fatigue during QPWS fire operations, a rostering system for all operational personnel should be implemented as soon as possible after it becomes evident that more than one shift will be required. This approach identifies control measures that contribute to the management of fatigue-related risk and provides mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing these control measures. A decision support tool has been developed to assist with shift management (refer to QPWS Fire Management page).

Shift planning summary

Situation	Duration	Management guidelines	Work cycle (Maximum)
Planned burn	≤10 hours	• Applies to staff undertaking routine planned burn operations and wildfire operations completed within normal work roster provisions • Commences from start of normal duties • Refers to single continuous period of time of ≤10 hours, comprising combined hours of normal duties and either planned burn operations or wildfire operations • Hours worked include changeover, briefings, debriefings and travel • 10hr **minimum** off-duty break between shifts is **mandatory**	• As prescribed in relevant Industrial Award provisions (including certified agreements). • On completion of 10 consecutive day shifts worked, a minimum of 48 consecutive hours should be provided to rest. • On completion of 4 consecutive day shifts at maximum hours consideration should be given to one 24 hour rest period. • On completion of 3 consecutive night shifts at maximum hours consideration should be given to one 24 hour rest period.
Wildfire operations completed within normal work roster provisions	≤10 hours		
Wildfire shift	≤12 hours	• Applies to staff deployed to wildfire operations • Includes combined hours of normal duty and deployment • Enables up to 12 hour effective fireground shift (where staff are deployed exclusively to wildfire operations) • Provision for up to 1 additional hour before and after the 12 hour shift for changeover, briefings, debriefings and travel • Where a full shift changeover is not required, staggered start and finish of crews to achieve effective 10 hour fireground operations is recommended • 10hr **minimum** off-duty break between shifts is **mandatory**	• Maximum of 10 days if not involving 4 day or 3 night consecutive shifts (≤12 hours) or occasional extended shifts. • On completion of 4 consecutive day shifts (≤12 hours), a minimum of one 24 hour off-duty rest period should be provided prior to returning to normal duties; **or** • On completion of 3 consecutive night shifts (≤12 hours), a minimum of one 24 hour off-duty rest period should be provided prior to returning to normal duties; **and**

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			• For each further period of 4 consecutive day shifts (including travel time) or 3 consecutive night shifts, a minimum of two consecutive 24 hour off-duty rest periods (i.e. 48 hours) between deployments should be provided.
Extended wildfire shift	>12 hours (18 hours max)	• Applicable when necessary and with prior approval to extend length of wildfire shift • Enables >12 hours effective fireground operations • Shift may only exceed the 12 hour **maximum wildfire** shift length up to a maximum of 18 hours when **prior to reaching the 12 hour mark** a risk assessment is completed by the Incident Controller, Manager or supervisor to support such action providing evidence that: ▪ in accordance with QPWS stated commitment to staff safety as the highest priority in accordance with the principles of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, risks to staff safety have been identified and accorded priority over all other fire suppression/management considerations, AND ▪ risk assessment documentation demonstrates that risks to staff safety have been considered and that all reasonably practical measures have been implemented to eliminate, minimise and manage those risks, AND ▪ it is necessary to implement an extended shift to achieve effective fireground operations and associated incident management, AND ▪ **extension is approved by the Regional Director or delegate on that basis**. • Where travel is required after completion of an extended wildfire shift, consideration must be given to the risk of driving while fatigued. The Incident Controller or IMT is required to assess whether it may be necessary to arrange for the safe transportation of staff. Hazard factors for consideration include the apparent fatigue levels of staff and the distance to be travelled. • **Shifts of lesser duration than 12 hours effective fireground operations should always be considered**. Where operationally practicable, the Incident Controller should stand down crews with priority given to those who have travelled the furthest to the fireground, or been on the longest shift length. • 10hr **minimum** off-duty break between shifts is **mandatory**	• Single occurrences only. • Consecutive extended shifts should not be considered.
Extension in exceptional critical circumstances	>18 hours	• An extended fireground shift may exceed an 18 hour shift **only** in the event of **exceptional critical circumstances** (i.e. life threatening). • Where a shift extension up to a maximum 18 hours has been previously supported by an extended shift risk assessment, a further risk assessment must be performed prior to the 18 hour mark and provided to the Regional Director or higher delegate for approval of further extension.	• Single occurrences only. • Consecutive extended shifts should not be considered.

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		• In determining whether the likely increase in fatigue-related risk associated with such an extension is acceptable in the circumstances, the Regional Director/or higher delegate must consider the following: o Is loss of life and/or property imminent? o Is extension likely to be effective in responding to this imminent threat? o Are any alternative resources available, including QFES? o What further control measures will be implemented to manage the hazards associated with the likely increase in fatigue-related risk? • A risk assessment template and decision support tool are available on the QPWS Fire Management page to assist Incident Controllers. • In these circumstances, a driver **mus**t be engaged to transport employees from the fireground to their place of rest. • 10hr **minimum** off-duty break between shifts is **mandatory**	

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Between shifts

Accommodation areas provided for personnel should be comfortable, clean and in quiet surroundings. Wherever possible, aim to provide one bedroom per person to minimise disturbances from the presence of other people. In remote situations, incident support should include where possible supporting functions such as campground managers to provide meals, readying fire units for re-deployment, and other tasks that can otherwise eat into available rest periods for off-line fire crew.

Meaningful rest should be encouraged when fire crew personnel are off-duty. Personnel should use their time away from work in a manner that ensures they are fit for work when they return to fire operations.

General principles (all fire crew, supervisors and supporting personnel)

1. An off-duty break of 10 consecutive hours between shifts is **mandatory.**
2. Implementation of a buddy system during fire operations is encouraged to facilitate the well-being of all personnel and to ensure that staff do not work on the fireground on their own, or in an unsupported situation.
3. All supervisors must closely monitor the performance and alertness of their crews and take appropriate measures to minimise the risks associated with personnel fatigue, such as rotating tasks. Similarly, at any time during or following the activity, employees have a responsibility to draw to their supervisor's attention any aspect of their physical and personal well-being that is of concern.
4. As early as possible, when an assessment indicates that subsequent shifts will be required utilising intra or inter region support, consideration should be given to rostering local staff off-duty and staggering their availability so that personnel with local knowledge will be available for follow-up shifts.
5. Personnel who show signs of task fatigue impacting their performance should be allocated non-fire ground duties for the crew shift or be directed to rest (e.g. blurred vision, lack of concentration, irritability, slower reaction times, reduced vigilance)[2]. Where practical, high risk tasks should be scheduled during daylight hours or as early in the shift as possible. Tasks should be continually risk assessed for both achievability and safety.
6. Personnel should be actively encouraged to provide a realistic appraisal of their level of fitness, including current capability, prior to the start of and throughout the fire season. Some employees will not have the capacity to work extended hours on a continuous basis. All personnel should be allocated tasks based on an assessment of their fitness, training and experience.
7. Consideration must be given to the safe transportation of personnel to and from the fireground. During extended shifts a refreshed (i.e. non-fatigued) driver should transport personnel from the fireground to their place of rest. Time for transportation by another driver could be outside any shift period without the need for additional extended shift approval, however transportation time is included in on-duty time and the mandatory 10 hour break commences with arrival at the place of rest.
8. If it is necessary, in exceptional circumstances, for example a fire occurs at the end of a normal 10 day work cycle, to extend the number of consecutive days for a combination of normal duties and fire duties beyond 10 days the Regional Director or delegate must consider the following factors for determination prior to granting approval for the extension:

[2] The signs and symptoms of fatigue include: blurred vision, difficulty keeping your eyes open, head nodding, drowsy, relaxed, feeling irritable, not feeling refreshed after sleep (waking tired), falling asleep at work, micro sleeps - falling asleep for less than a second to a few seconds, and being unaware that you have done so (usually due to sleep loss). More information on effects of fatigue can be found at: http://www. https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/workplace-hazards/fatigue/effects-of-fatigue

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- the likely increase in fatigue related risk
- the likelihood of imminent loss of life and/or property
- the availability of alternative skills or resources
- what further control measures will need to be implemented to manage the hazards associated with the likely increase in fatigue related risk.

9. A maximum extended deployment of 12 days is not to be exceeded in any circumstances.
10. Hours worked prior to deployment to fire operations are to be considered in determining the initial response allowable shift length duration. Note that a work cycle starts from the first day of work and not the first day of working within fire operations.
11. Where shift length may become an issue, all crew leaders must advise the Incident Control at briefing, or via their chain of command during their shift but well ahead of stand down time, of their required stand down time, to allow time for crew changeover, accelerated containment, or shift extension approval if required, particularly if operating at other agency managed fires.
12. It is the Incident Controller's responsibility to manage resourcing of the incident, however Regional Coordination Centres can track shift length, arrange supporting functions such as organising a driver to return fire crew to a suitable place of rest, and could arrange for replacement crews, if requested.

Other fatigue management requirements

13. Arrangements must be in place (documented in the risk analysis) to ensure the safe conveyance of staff to and from the fireground, or to organise a suitable place of rest at the closest point of proximity to the fireground. These may be pre-determined within Wildfire Response Procedures.
14. Personnel start and finish times should be recorded via T-cards or similar fireground recording methods, must be able to be tracked by the Incident Controller throughout operations, and must be able to be reported to any Regional Coordination Centre when requested.
15. Work times, and meal and rest breaks must be able to be accurately reported for all fire crew and supporting personnel.
16. Fire staff must maintain a logbook of fire related activities (e.g. incident log located at the rear of the Fire Operations Field Guide) to assist in assessment of fire related competencies and/or maintenance of any competency currency requirements where applicable.

Auditing fatigue management during fire operations

In addition to debriefs, Fire Operations Assessments (FOA's) particularly in relation to campaign fires, can effectively evaluate the efforts and success of managing fatigue during fire operations especially where there is a requirement to implement extended shift arrangements. FOA's can be compiled at fire debriefs by Senior Rangers (or other senior management delegate) to ensure capture of relevant information from the largest pool of fire operations personnel involved in any individual incident. Key fatigue management procedures to be audited within a FOA are contained within the *FOA functional elements checklist* documents available on the QPWS Fire Management page.

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Further information

For further information contact the State Fire Team, Operational Support, via email fire.advice@des.qld.gov.au, or refer to the following references and the QPWS Fire Management page which includes:

- Fatigue decision support tool (incident factors) and risk assessment form - to assist with preparation of a risk assessment for fatigue management.
- User guide – Fatigue management decision support tool
- Extended shift risk assessment (generic) form
- Fatigue management (fire management) supporting document.
- DES *Guide to Fatigue Management for Personnel Undertaking Incident Response and Recovery Activities.* http://intranet.nprsr.qld.gov.au/human-resources/workingsafe-workingwell/pdf/fatigue-management-guide.pdf
- DES *Work Health and Safety Risk Management Procedure*
- DES *Work Health and Safety Policy.*
- DES *Work Health and Safety Incident Reporting, Recording and Investigation Procedure*
- *Managing fatigue following natural disasters*: http://www.deir.qld.gov.au/workplace/resources/pdfs/qld-floods-managing-fatigue.pdf
- Draft Code of Practice – *Preventing and managing fatigue in the workplace*: http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/model-whs-laws/public-comment/Documents/Draft Model Work Health and Safety Codes of Practice Public Comment/Draft Model Codes of Practice for Public Comment/Preventing-and-Managing-Fatigue-in-the-Workplace.pdf
- *Guide for Managing The Risk Of Fatigue At Work*: http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Documents/825/Managing-the-risk-of-fatigue

More information on effects of fatigue can be found at:

- http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/workplace-hazards/fatigue/managing-fatigue
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Subject : Fire at orange Creek Swamp K'gari
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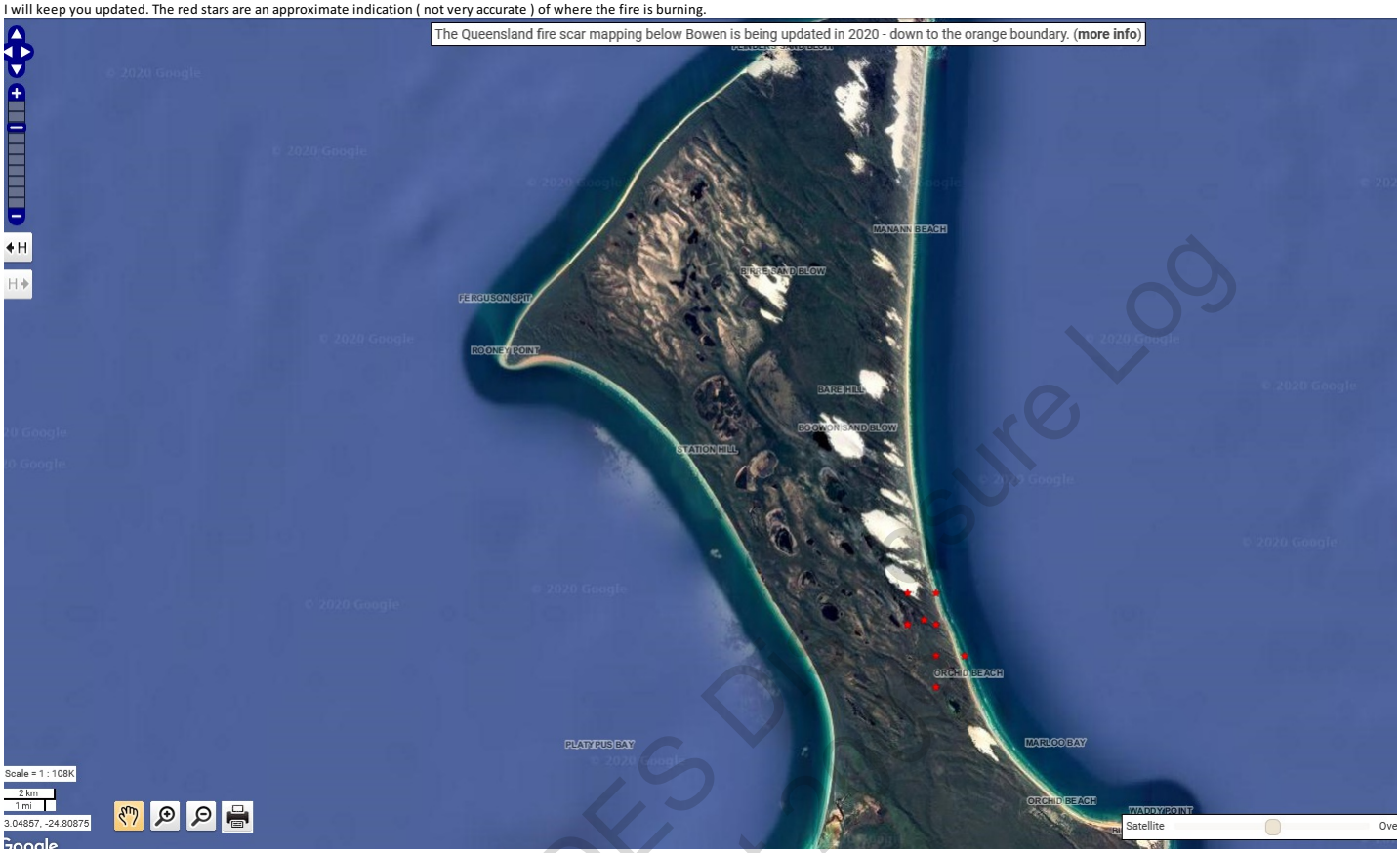
Veronica/ Mellissa
How are you both?
By way of update on the fire. It is still burning and is in Orange Creek Swamp and currnetly burning north.
Both QPWS and QFRS crews are assessing today with the main objective to keep the fire north of the Platypus Bay road and away from the township.
I will keep you updated. The red stars are an approximate indication (not very accurate) of where the fire is burning.



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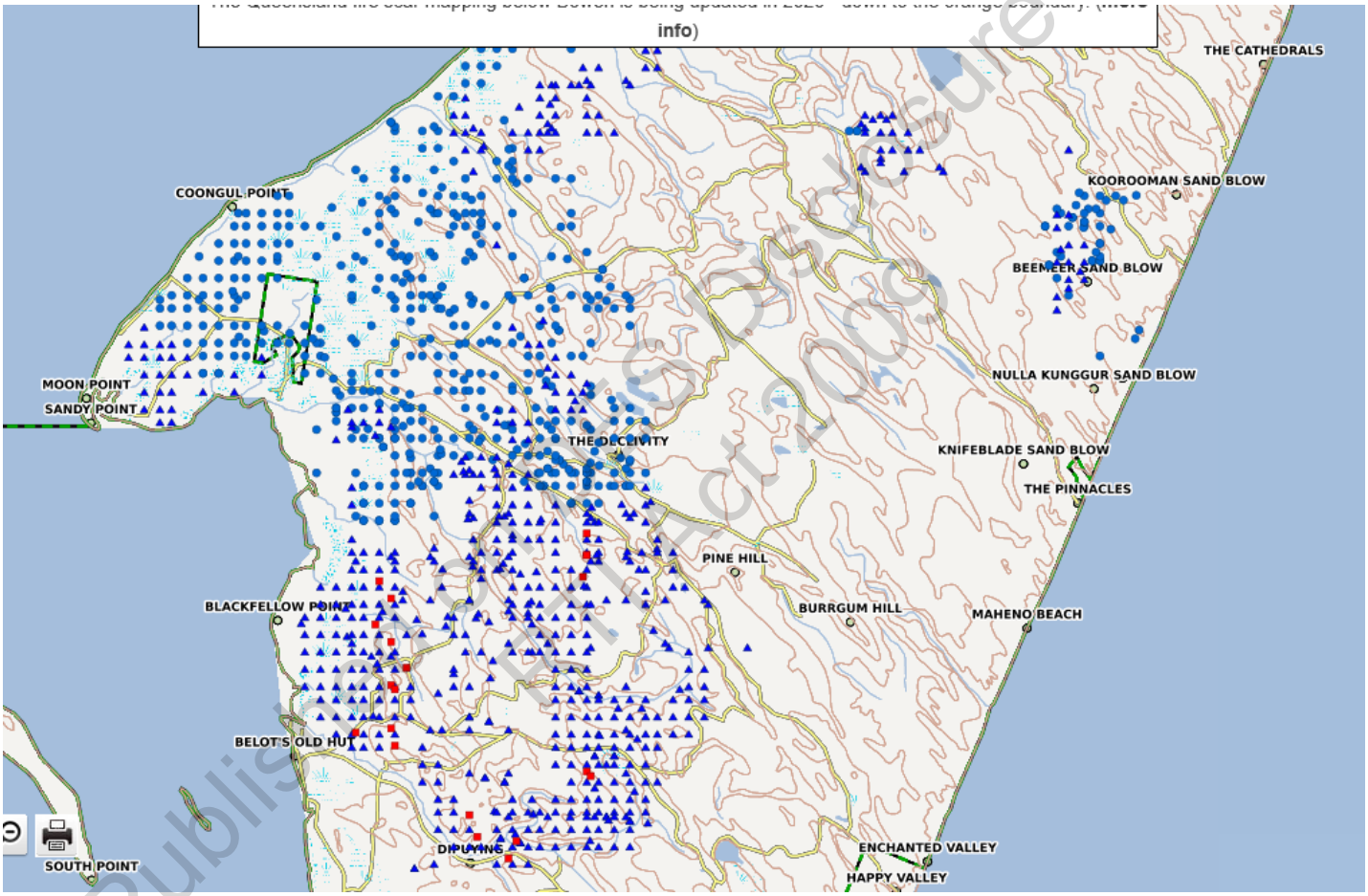
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Veronica Bird" , "Melissa Foley Personal information - perso**"**
Cc : "Amanda Jackson" , "Rachel Killer"
Subject : Fire Update K'gari
Attachment : image001.png;image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;

All
Please see a quick update on the fire from K'gari

- The southerly change came through yesterday evening and fire weather conditions have eased on the fire ground.
- Four major components to fire:
  - Fire in South
    - The intent is to hold the wildfire on a southern fire control line (Smith-Poyungan/Cornwalls Road).
    - A range of options at IMT disposal with some already implemented which include: mechanical work on break, aerial support (waterbombing/aerial ignition) and back burning.
  - Happy Valley – no immediate threat, watching brief with good prep work undertaken.
  - Cathedrals on Fraser – no immediate threat, watching brief with good prep work undertaken.
  - Sandy Cape – no immediate threat, watching brief with good prep work undertaken.

Better conditions on K'gari today with cooler southerly conditions.
IMT and crews are prepping for work to come including preparing roads and planning for undertaking fire operations/ suppression on the different fire fronts.



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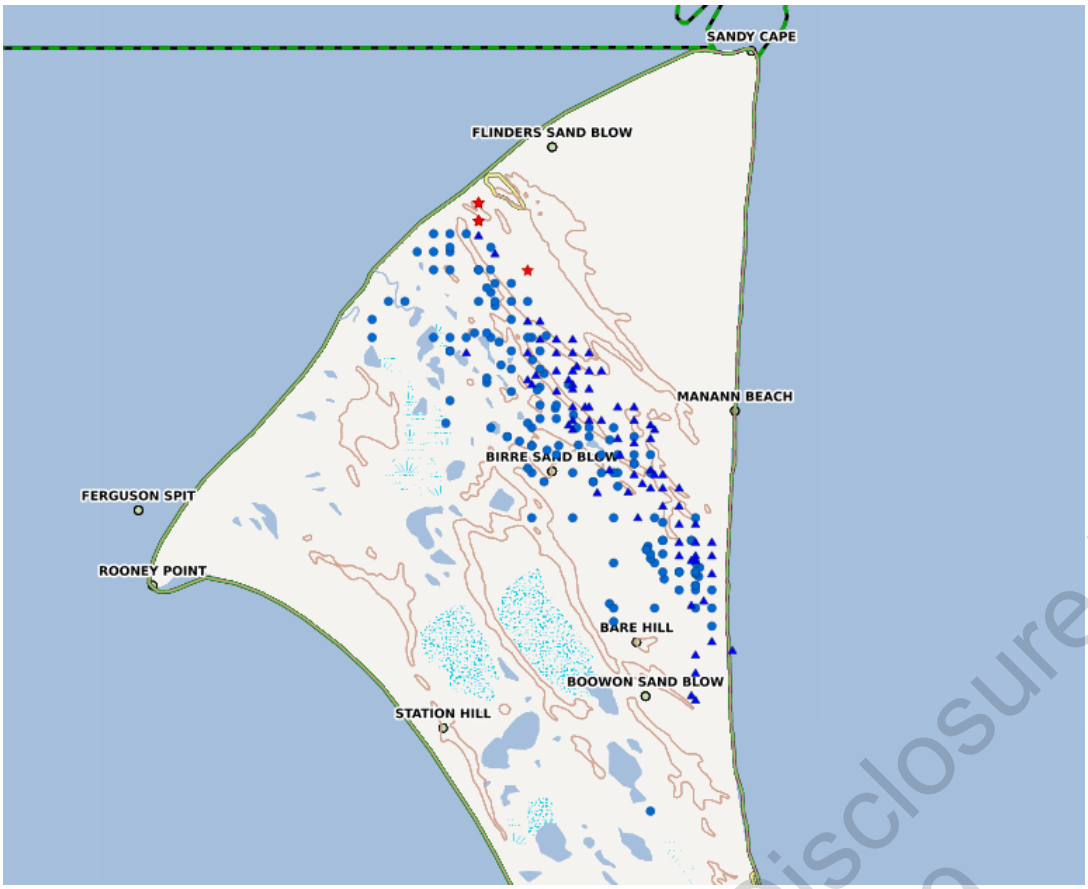

I will update further when I can.

Regards

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From : "Rachel Killer"
To : "TAPPLY Jenna"
Cc : "DAVIES Matt" , "BULLEY Graeme" , "DARGUSCH Anthony" , "Amanda Jackson"
Subject : RE: BAC Wildfire Support
Attachment : Kgari Fire Assistance Work Brief Team 2 Round 2.docx;image001.png;image004.png;image006.jpg;

Hi all,

Please see attached Fire Assist Work Brief.

Jenna, apologies for the lateness. Please let me know if I�ve missed anything.

Cheers
Rachel

From: TAPPLY Jenna <Jenna.Tapply@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 20 November 2020 11:07 AM
To: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Cc: DAVIES Matt <Matt.Davies@des.qld.gov.au>; BULLEY Graeme <Graeme.Bulley@des.qld.gov.au>; DARGUSCH Anthony <Anthony.Dargusch@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: BAC Wildfire Support

Morning Rachel,

Following on from your call this morning I have put Personal inform in at the Dundubara Barracks when they arrive on Monday can you please send me the work/travel sheet (sorry not sure what you call it) when you have a moment/have it completed so I can make sure I allocate accommodation for enough nights.

Any hassles please let me know.

Thanks,
Jenna

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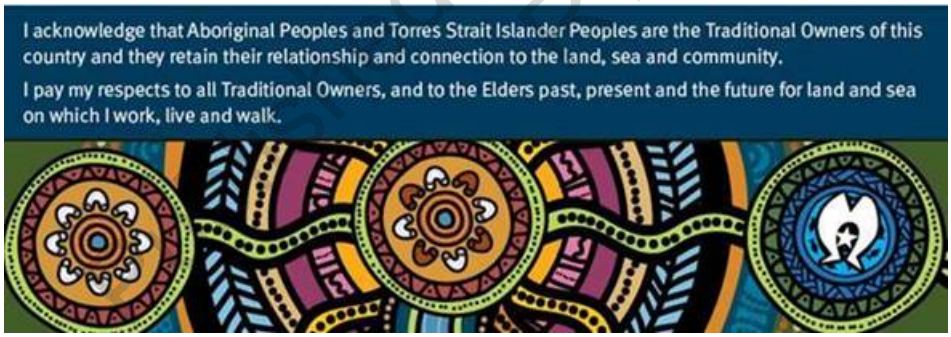

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Program/Project title:	**K'gari Fire Assistance – Team 2**
Incident Coordinator:	*TO BE ADVISED*
Incident Control Centre K'gari:	QPWS Dundabarra Station
Accommodation:	QPWS Dundabarra Barracks Arriving Monday 23/11/2020 Departing K'gari Saturday 28/11/2020

SCOPE: **BAC ACTION REQUIRED – BLSR AND/OR COMMUNITY RANGER ASSISTANCE**

BAC have been requested to mobilise a second team of 2 personnel, and fire unit to assist to relive Team 1.

All teams BAC/BLSR dispatch, ***will have to be self-sufficient for food supplies***

Penalty rates will be applied for any weekend work.

Team 2

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BOOKING: 12079654
NAME: ** BAC** Personal information
PAX: 1 x Vehicle , driver & passenger
DATE: Monday, 23/11/20

DUTY

Team 2 to travel directly to Dundabarra QPWS Barracks, check in at office for a formal briefing and orientation.

Team 1 to provide a handover to Team 2, particularly relating to familiarisation of the BLSR vehicle and any other matters of importance. Both teams to swap vehicles so that the BLSR vehicle remains on K'gari as the BAC assistance vehicle.

Active shifts in assisting will be;
Tuesday 24/11/20
Wednesday 25/11/20
Thursday 26/11/20
Friday 27/11/20

Team 2 will require a fatigue break overnight on 27/11/20, prior to travel back to mainland on Friday 28/11/20.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Standard issue fire fighting PPE and equipment.

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PLEASE NOTE Personal information to return to mainland as per booking below;

BOOKING: 12079654
NAME: ** BAC** Personal information
PAX: 1 x Vehicle , driver & passenger
DATE: Tuesday, 24/11/20
DETAILS: Vehicle barge RH from KBR @ 1330pm

BAC VEHICLE USE:

BAC vehicles and/or the hire vehicles BAC use to undertake works are not to be driven for personal use, unless in an emergency situation.

Please ensure pre-starts are conducted on vehicles ie;

- Check water and oil levels
- Lights and indicators are in working condition
- Tyre check

HOUSEKEEPING:

You are required to clean your accommodation thoroughly prior to your departure on the final day. All rubbish removed, floors swept and/or mopped if required.

Please consider your housemate during your stay and CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF

RACHEL KILLER

BAC PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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Date : 18/11/2020 9:22:43 PM
From : "Rachel Killer"
To : "Chantel Van Wamelen" , "TAPPLY Jenna" , "Amanda Jackson"
Cc : "DAVIES Matt" , "BULLEY Graeme"
Subject : RE: BLSR Crew
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image004.jpg;image005.png;image006.jpg;

Noted, thanks Jenna.

From: Chantel Van Wamelen <chantel.vanwamelen@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 7:04 PM
To: TAPPLY Jenna <Jenna.Tapply@des.qld.gov.au>; Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Cc: DAVIES Matt <Matt.Davies@des.qld.gov.au>; BULLEY Graeme <Graeme.Bulley@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Re: BLSR Crew

Thanks Jenna,

I have notified Personal inform of the change.

Kind regards
Chantel

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From: TAPPLY Jenna <Jenna.Tapply@des.qld.gov.au>
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To: Chantel Van Wamelen <chantel.vanwamelen@bac-kgari.org>; Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Cc: DAVIES Matt <Matt.Davies@des.qld.gov.au>; BULLEY Graeme <Graeme.Bulley@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: BLSR Crew

Hey Chantel & Rachel,

Just an update – the boys will now be based down at Cathedral Beach (sorry plans are pretty fluid at the moment 😊).

They will be in a 2bdr cabin – linen supplied, kitchen in the room, shared amenity block nearby.

Again, any hassles please let me know.

-Jenna

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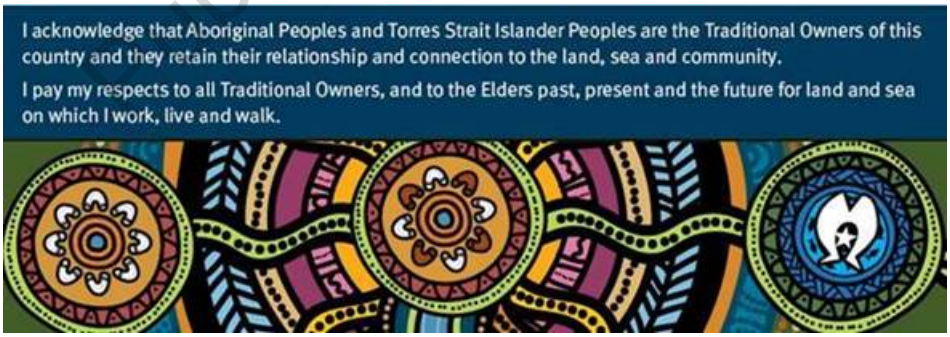

From: Chantel Van Wamelen <chantel.vanwamelen@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 1:42 PM
To: TAPPLY Jenna; Rachel Killer
Cc: DAVIES Matt; BULLEY Graeme
Subject: Re: BLSR Crew

Thanks Jenna,

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I will pass this on to Personal information and I can confirm they will be travelling home on Monday the 23rd of November 2020.

Kind regards
Chantel

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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 1:40:32 PM
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Cc: DAVIES Matt <Matt.Davies@des.qld.gov.au>; BULLEY Graeme <Graeme.Bulley@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: BLSR Crew

Afternoon Chantel and Rachel,

Confirming that there is accommodation sorted for Personal information at the Dundubara Barracks from tomorrow night. The guys will hopefully be aware of what's needed in terms of bedding/food etc. but any hassles let me know.

Can you please just confirm what day they will be travelling home so I can make sure I secure the accommodation for enough nights 😊

Thanks heaps,
Jenna

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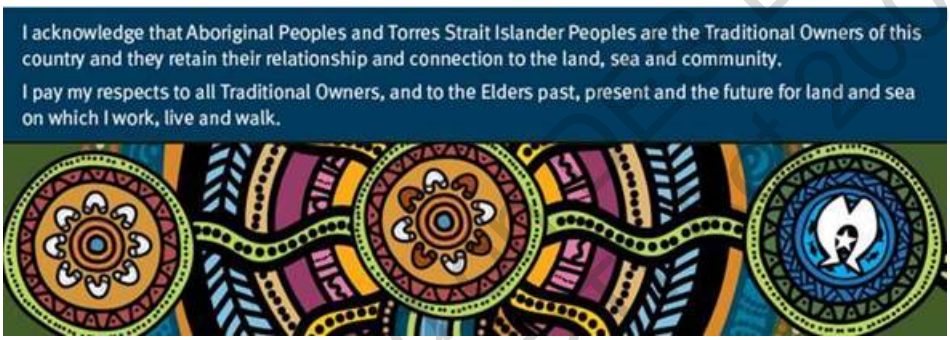

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From : "Rachel Killer"
To : "TAPPLY Jenna" , "Chantel Van Wamelen" , "Amanda Jackson"
Cc : "DAVIES Matt" , "BULLEY Graeme"
Subject : RE: BLSR Crew
Attachment : Kgari Fire Assistance Work Brief Team 1 2nd Round.docx;image001.png;image002.jpg;

Hi Jenna,
Please see attached brief, should give you the information you need, that includes Personal information active and rest shifts. Let me know if I have missed anything.
They are scheduled to have a rest at Dundy Monday night to manage fatigue, and will be returning to the mainland Tuesday 24/11/20.
Regards
Rachel

From: TAPPLY Jenna <Jenna.Tapply@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 1:41 PM
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Cc: DAVIES Matt <Matt.Davies@des.qld.gov.au>; BULLEY Graeme <Graeme.Bulley@des.qld.gov.au>
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Thanks heaps,
Jenna

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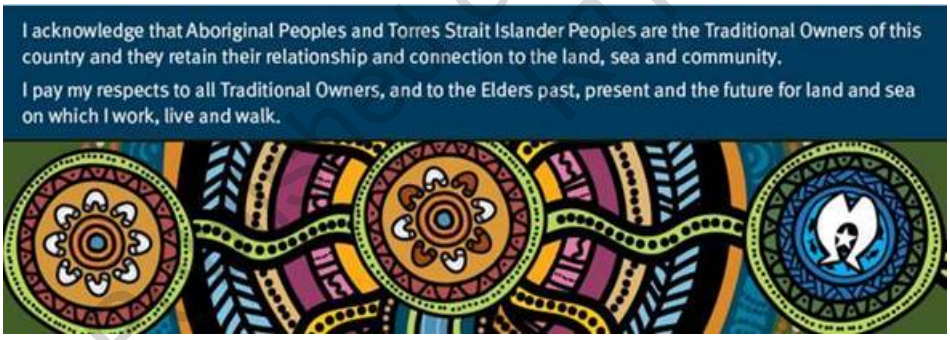

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Program/Project title:	**K'gari Fire Assistance – Team 1 2nd Round**

Incident Coordinator:	Linda Behrendorff **P** 07 4127 9128 **M** Personal information
Inci-dent Control Centre K'gari:	QPWS Dundabarra Station
Accommodation:	TO BE ADVISED

SCOPE: **BAC ACTION REQUIRED – BLSR AND/OR COMMUNITY RANGER ASSISTANCE**

As per original QPWS request for fire assistance, BAC to mobilise Team 1 to return to relieve Team 2 (Geoff Malezer and Mark Page).

Team Leader is responsible to provide a welfare check to either the BLSR Coordinator Chantel, or BAC Program Coordinator Rachel daily.

All teams BAC/BLSR dispatch, ***will have to be self-sufficient for food supplies***

Penalty rates will be applied for any weekend work.

Team 1

Personal information Personal information

BOOKING # 12069502.
NAME: ** BAC ** Personal information
PAX: 1 x Vehicle, driver & passenger
DATE: Thursday, 19 November 2020.
DETAILS: Vehicle ferry RH to KBR@ 0645am
DATE: TBA
DETAILS: TBA

DUTY

Team 1 to travel directly to accommodation. Then travel to QPWS Dundabrra Station for a formal briefing and orientation.

Team 2 to provide a handover to Team 1, particularly relating to familiarisation of the BLSR vehicle and any other matters of importance. Both teams to swap vehicles so that the BLSR white Toyota Landcruiser Utility remains on K'gari as the BAC assistance vehicle.

Active shifts in assisting will be;
Friday 20/11/20
Saturday 21/11/20
Sunday 22/11/20

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Monday 23/11/20

Team 1 will require a fatigue break overnight on last active shift on 23/11/20, prior to travel back to mainland on Tuesday 24/11/20.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Standard issue fire fighting PPE and equipment.

Maps and other information:

RACHEL KILLER

BAC PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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Date : 16/10/2020 11:04:51 AM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org"
Subject : FW: K'gari Fire Update
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

From: SEELEITHER Jamie
Sent: Friday, 16 October 2020 8:32 AM
To: Veronica Bird; MELLISSA FOLEY
Subject: K'gari Fire Update

Hello Veronica and Mellissa

Just a quick fire update. The fire has made it across the island to the western beach. QPWS and Rural crews will continue to monitor its progress.
Campers have been relocated from north of the fire on the eastern Beach.

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Regards

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Date : 20/11/2020 11:24:44 AM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Rachel Killer"
Subject : FW: BAC efforts arising from the Wild Fire (next 2 weeks)
Attachment : Kgari Ancilliary Support Team Work Brief.docx;image003.png;image004.png;image001.png;image005.png;

Rachel
How are you?
I have emailed Amanda regarding the BAC Community Rangers .
Good for a crew of two to help out the southern Management unit at Eurong for next week (we will have to confirm the following week as it may depend on the fire). Accommodation will be at the Visitor house at Eurong.
Peter/ John have just put together this brief (and its very brief).

Can you confirm names of the crew please?
Happy to talk as well.

Thanks
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From: General Manager <gm@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Friday, 20 November 2020 11:15 AM
To: SEELEITHER Jamie
Cc: Rachel Killer
Subject: Re: BAC efforts arising from the Wild Fire (next 2 weeks)

I have forwarded this to Rachel but please communicate directly with each other regarding daily operation activities as needed

Thanks so much
Amanda

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From: SEELEITHER Jamie <Jamie.Seeleither@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 11:10:23 AM
To: General Manager <gm@bac-kgari.org>
Cc: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Subject: RE: BAC efforts arising from the Wild Fire (next 2 weeks)

Thanks Amanda
Do you need me to talk to Rachel regarding the work next week for the BAC crew?

Cheers

Jamie
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From: General Manager <gm@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Friday, 20 November 2020 11:09 AM
To: SEELEITHER Jamie
Subject: Re: BAC efforts arising from the Wild Fire (next 2 weeks)

Thanks Jamie

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Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 11:03:44 AM
To: General Manager <gm@bac-kgari.org>
Subject: RE: BAC efforts arising from the Wild Fire (next 2 weeks)

Amanda
Thank you for that.
The ancillary crew will be working on QPWS directed off fire duties (mainly to do with visitor facility maintenance and visitor briefings) and crews maybe split up to work with one QPWS officer. They will report to the Ranger in Charge / 2IC at Eurong. (John Green or Malcolm Burns)
Because of the accommodation limitations and patrolling with QPWS we can only take **two people** per week.

I will delve into the other items with Marc and the IMT as haven't been privy to those

Regards

From: General Manager <gm@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Friday, 20 November 2020 9:22 AM
To: SEELEITHER Jamie
Subject: BAC efforts arising from the Wild Fire (next 2 weeks)

Dear Jamie

As discussed with you yesterday: I confirm BAC has agreed to supply Ancillary support over the next 2 weeks on the usual payment agreement with QPWS.
Due to accommodation constraints (at Eurong base) this will be team 4 males next week and a team of 4 females the week after.

I confirm we have agreed to continue to supply our fire crews in rotation on the usual payment agreement.

I confirm we have engaged Person to provide cultural heritage research support to Dustyn and Persona in the field. Part of Dustyns work is covered by the Grant and part will be billed to QPWS along with Personal information hours incurred as a result of this fire.

BAC has now been welcomed to the IMT and this will be undertaken by myself and Rachel in rotation. I arrive Saturday afternoon. I understand Dundubara base has accommodation for me. This work is beyond Rachels grant so that will be billed along with my time and expenses.

Please let me know if there is anything we need to discuss further.

Biralunbar Galangoor (Many Thanks)
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Program/Project title:	**K'gari Southern Management Team (SMU) – Support** November 23 to December 2 2020
Event Coordinator:	QPWS&P
Location:	K'GARI - SMU
Accommodation:	QPWS&P - Eurong Base House

SCOPE:

COMMUNITY RANGER ASSISTANCE

- To assist in the day to day operations in the Southern Management Unit.
- The assistance will include but is not limited to, visitor facilities management (cleaning toilets), campground checks, visitor safety briefings and assisting in wongari patrols.
- Briefings and patrolling will be undertaken with a QPWS&P ranger.

All teams BAC dispatch, *will have to provide all food, PPE, water bottles, and bedding supplies*

SAFETY

The team are required to adhere to the following;

- To follow all Ranger In Charge/2IC and Team Leader instructions. (John Green/ Malcolm Burns)
- To conduct a toolbox or safety talk at the start of each shift. The toolbox talk should include an assessment of hazards they may encounter for the shift.
- ***Toolbox talk must include a discussion on the shift "Safety Retreat Plan", and provide staff updated wildfire conditions***
- ***Team Leader is responsible to provide a welfare check to either the BAC General Manager or BAC Program Coordinator (numbers below), daily.***
- Where possible, the use of QPWS hand-held 2-way radios to maintain communications.
- Drive to conditions at all times
- Stop work if it is not safe
- Manage
  - Fatigue
  - Hydration levels

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- Beware of wildlife – in particular, distressed wildlife

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Standard PPE – steel capped Boots, Hat, sun protection, water bottles

Amanda Jackson BAC General Manager

Rachel Killer BAC Program Coordinator

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Date : 14/12/2020 2:06:28 PM
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To : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
Subject : FW: K'gari Fire Update_Mellissa
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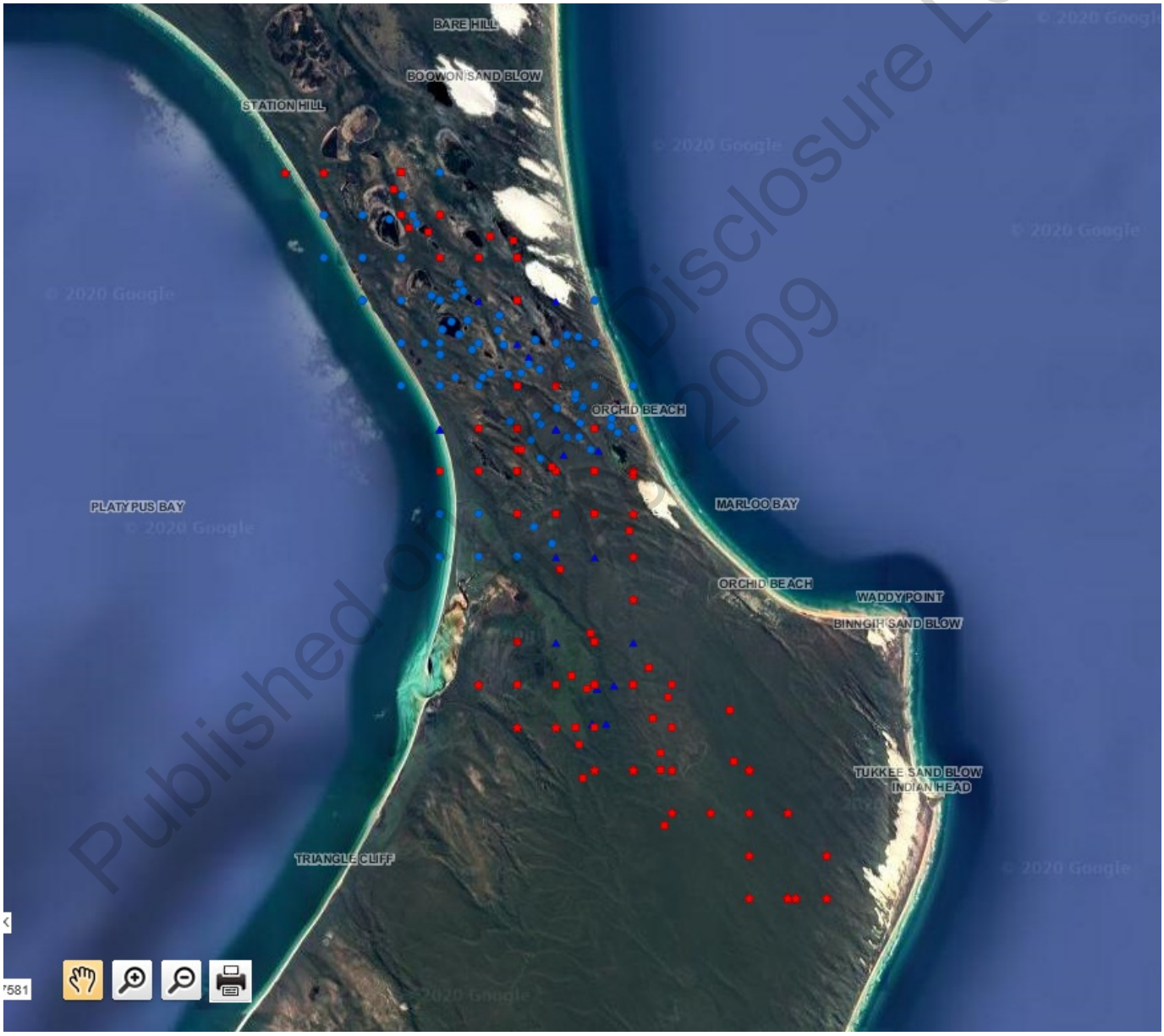
From: SEELEITHER Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 10:40 AM
To: 'MELLISSA FOLEY'; Veronica Bird
Subject: RE: K'gari Fire Update

Mellissa/ Veronica

See if the map comes through this time.
It is below.



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From: MELLISSA FOLEY <Personal information - pers
Sent: Tuesday, 20 October 2020 10:36 AM
To: SEELEITHER Jamie; Veronica Bird
Cc: joyce@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org
Subject: Re: K'gari Fire Update

thanks Jamie for the update - but there was no map attached

mellissa

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From: "SEELEITHER Jamie" <Jamie.Seeleither@des.qld.gov.au>
To: "Veronica Bird" Personal information - pe "MELLISSA FOLEY" Personal information - person
Cc: "joyce@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org" <joyce@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 Oct, 2020 At 8:03 AM
Subject: K'gari Fire Update

Veronica and Mellissa

Please see below an updated map of where the fire has got to on K'gari.

(On this map red stars indicate most recent fire)

- The objective for the next couple of days is to ensure Orchid beach Township is protected and then the areas such as, Waddy Point, champagne Pools area and Tukke Wurroo.
- The winds forecast for the next couple of days are favourable coming from the south east.
- Presently there is an IMT set up at Dundubara with both QPWS and QFES personnel.
- There are both QPWS and QFES Rural crews on the fire.
- Accommodation in the area remains an issue.

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Regards

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Date : 17/11/2020 12:23:00 PM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Rachel Killer" , "Amanda Jackson" , "Veronica Bird"
Cc : "DARGUSCH Marc"
Subject : FW: Some Urgent requests from the K'gari Fire IMT
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image005.png;

Hello All
I have sought some clarification on locations and there are the lakes that the IMT would like to be able to utilise for helicopter bucketing of the fire.

- Boomerang
- Hidden Freshwater
- Coomboo
- Black Lagoon
- Babrook Lagoon
- Deepwater

Even as far away as Bowarrady, Geeoong and White.

Let me know your view on this request, and any conditions. Thank you for the considering the request.

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From: SEELEITHER Jamie
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 10:51 AM
To: Rachel Killer; Amanda Jackson
Subject: Some Urgent requests from the K'gari Fire IMT

Rachel/ Amanda
The IMT for the fire has asked me several questions regarding the management of the fire to ask BAC

1. **Can they (the IMT of the fire) utilise a lake on the island to fill up with water with helicopters to use directly on the fire**

The specific request is for the Helitak to be able to refill out of a nearby lake on the island – nearby to where they are dropping. The reasons for this are

- Alternatives are to pick up water from:
  - East Booral on the mainland
    - Significant reduction in amount of drops due to increased turn round times
    - Significant increase in fuel use during ferrying.
  - Use collar tank on the island
    - Helipad needs to be a minimum of 30 metres diameter with a gradual departure path for the chopper to depart under load, and
    - Accessible to a water source capable of sustaining up to 36,000 litres per hour for up to 5 hours
    - Cathedral Beach – too small
    - Happy Valley
      - LZ large enough (AW139 EMQ uses the pad)
      - Water supply – seriously challenged (Bore 3,500 litres per hour)
      - Would need to check with QAS re closing the LZ to Aeromed evac as a consequence

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- Orchid Beach
    - Side of airstrip without impact Fixed Wing Operations.
    - I understand there is adequate bore flow but confirmation would be good

Protocols

- **Belly tank could be cleansed prior to departure for Fraser Island**
- **If contamination is a concern then no use of gel etc, however this would reduce drop persistence from 3 hours to 20 minutes max depending on local weather conditions**

Overall the ability to use a nearby lake would increase the effectiveness of Helitak operations by:

- Significantly reducing turn round time between drops
- Increasing litres per hour delivered, and
- Increased likelihood of success in pulling up any spot overs

2. **The provision of a cultural advisor to work with a grooming machine** Significant cultural information - Butchulla people **as a road to back burn from.**
   Is Dustyn still on the Island and is he the logical choice??

I will ring Rachel to discuss now or it can be discussed in the 11 am meeting with Amanda.

Regards

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Tue, 17 Nov, 3:45 pm

Significant cultural information - Butchulla people

Personal information - mobile telephone

Dustyn, , Shayne

Personal information - mobile telephone

Shayne can you please touch base with Dustyn to make a suitable time and place to meet Dustyn and take him over to Moon Point to meet the barge to take up with the contractors?
Graeme Bulley

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AJ

Amanda >

iMessage
Wed, 18 Nov, 8:56 pm

Hi Graeme, this is Amanda Jackson. Please remind me the land area burnt by this fire

Text Message
Thu, 19 Nov, 5:51 am

Hi Graeme, this is Amanda Jackson. Please remind me the land area burnt by this fire

iMessage

Morning Amanda
Currently just over 51,000 hectares.
G

Delivered

Thank you

Thu, 19 Nov, 9:15 am

Can you please ring me? Graeme

Sent as Text Message

Subject

iMessage

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LB

Linda >

Mon, 16 Nov, 8:55 am

Hi, any idea of your eta on fraser?

Leaving Cleveland now. Maybe 14.00?

Wed, 18 Nov, 7:33 am

Sent to Dustyn. G
Morning Dustyn.
Fine to continue at the camp today. May have some machines working north of Kingfisher over the next couple of days. Will advise you when I know. Graeme

Wed, 18 Nov, 2:40 pm

Thank you for your support. Really enjoy the company. L

Thu, 19 Nov, 6:10 am

Hi, yes I'm relaxing- setting up another fish tank. Thought. Job card needs to be updatdef by someone. Hanes was dealing with it and said he showed Jenna. And a debrief folder needs to be started as a word

Subject

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A

Andrew Marne QFES >

iMessage
Tue, 1 Dec, 6:59 pm

Hi Graeme

Do you have a tasking for our crews in the morning

Cheers

Andrew

What time do they

Start at 7.00. Call prior to leaving Happy Valley. G

Read 1/12/20

Will do

Subject

iMessage

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D

Dustyn Currie >

Text Message
Tue, 17 Nov, 2:26 pm

Djali Graham it's Dustyn Currie, Cultural Heritage for BAC

Checking in re: moon point road works

Tue, 17 Nov, 3:46 pm

Received cheers Graeme

Wed, 18 Nov, 7:25 am

Djali Graeme, just checking in to see if K'gari Camp is OK to continue vegetation reduction there today?

Morning Dustyn.
Fine to continue at the camp today. May have some machines working north of Kingfisher over the next couple of days. Will advise you when I know. Graeme

Cheers Graeme. Thanks for staying in touch

Thu, 19 Nov, 8:29 pm

Subject

Text Message

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D

Dustyn Currie >

in touch

Thu, 19 Nov, 8:29 pm

Dustyn
Thank you for your call. Phone dropped out. Appreciate your support. Happy for the opportunity to be here working on your country
G

Fri, 20 Nov, 6:39 am

Djali bunji how's things up there today? Did the back burn go ahead

All good thanks. Still prepping the line cleaning around the old growth trees etc. maybe tonight for the burn?
Regards Graeme

Fri, 20 Nov, 5:55 pm

Yura bunj could you please give me a quick call to understand the tactics forthcoming. Is additional water points required ect

Sat, 21 Nov, 9:08 pm

Fall back to Happy Valley Rd

Subject

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Sat, 21 Nov, 9:08 pm

Fall back to Happy Valley Rd. Aggressive fuel reduction endorsed with cultural supervision. Please make contact.

Wed, 2 Dec, 9:33 pm

Dustyn
Second bed in the last room on the left is free if you like.
Graeme

Thanks bunj

Subject

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M

Matt davies >

Text Message
Sat, 21 Nov, 10:22 am

Morning Matt this came in last night from Dustyn Currie. One for Jamie. G
Yura bunj could you please give me a quick call to understand the tactics forthcoming. Is additional water points required ect

Sun, 22 Nov, 9:34 am

I am awake for 5minutes if there is anything you want to ask. What time sign in this afternoon? G

Wed, 25 Nov, 7:04 am

Mck

Subject

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Date : 17/11/2020 7:55:16 AM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Veronica Bird" , "Mellissa Foley"
Cc : "Rachel Killer" , "ch@bac-kgari.org"
Subject : K'gari Fire Update
Attachment : image001.png;image003.png;image004.png;image005.png;

All
Please find attached the fire update from yesterday afternoon.

Weather conditions: Moderate winds (~20-27 km/hr) from NNE to mud afternoon Easterlies from 21:00 predicted by SABRE.
Sector breakdown:
North Sector (Sandy Cape)

- Fire at Sandy Cape still estimated by air observers yesterday to be several days from the lighthouse. Main fire has a 5.6km front moving easterly south of Lk Maroong easterly towards North Ngkala, flanking traveling towards Browns rocks- air observations to be completed every second day at Sandy cape. Next due Wed.
- Watch and wait – preparing crews for securing infrastructure mid-end of week (3 crews).

South-east sector (currently 1km nth Cathedrals)

- Fire remains 500m north of Cathedral beach. Due to topography, fuel variations and NE influence it has moved closer to Cathedrals. Active fire visible from beachfront.
- QFES Water and gel bombing activities commenced from 15:00 today slowing the progression and heading the northern front into the dune. It is still predicted to come around from the west, around the sand dune.
- Back burning northern edge of Cathedrals outer fire break will be attempted on the SE change tomorrow.
- RFS 12,000 ltr collar tank setup at Cathedral Beach helipad – currently full of water and bore tank at cathedrals quick fill is full this morning.
- Overgrown break reopened 1.5 blade width (prev 4 blade) from Nulla Kunggur SB to the Cathedral's western FB.
- PSPA remains deactivated

South west sector (Woralie to Happy Valley sector)

- Fire is south of Woralie break on Western side and has slowed during the day still around 9.8km from HV. Travelling through centre of island towards the eastern side of the island.
- Head fire remains in tall forest burning towards the south and west around 1.2km from Boomerang lakes area.
- 270m NW of Coomboo Barracks.
- Road closed sign remains erected along Moon Point Rd and Bullock Rd/ Northern Scenic drive intersections; Woralie Road eastern beach closed.
- Slashing / scraping of Dindeir Sand blow firebreak north of Happy Valley completed, Kooloro sand blow break slashing recompleted.
- HV community meeting occurred attendance of 37 people including QPWS&P, QFES, QPS, QAS, RFB and landholders including Eurong.

Dundubara sector (Dundubara sth)

- Fire was nursed and tied-off/secure edge early evening to prevent risk of SE wind change causing ember attack upon the base/campground and infrastructure. It's still mooching around and being patrolled.
- Still expecting active fire south of Indian Head and several kilometres north and south of Dundubara

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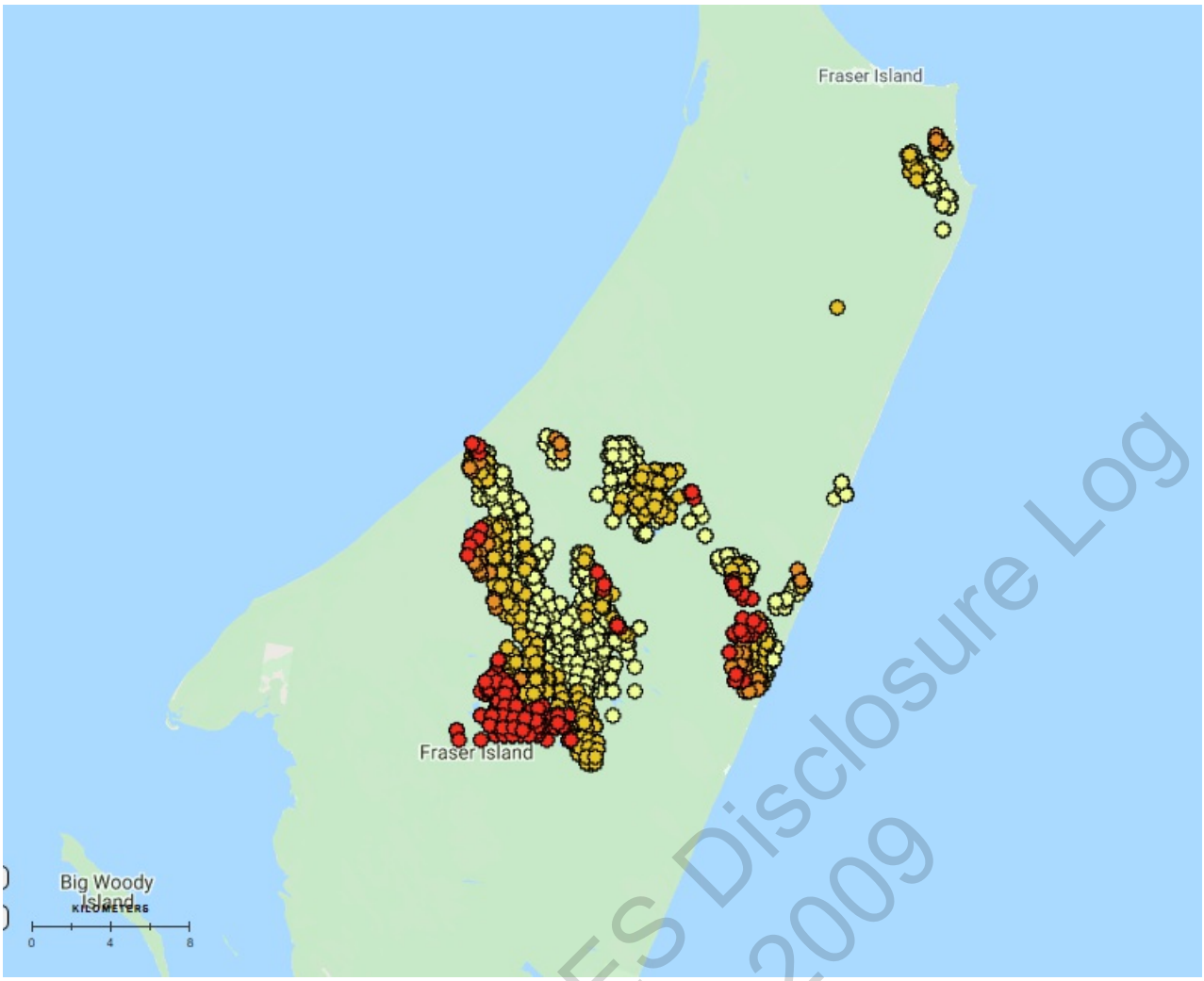

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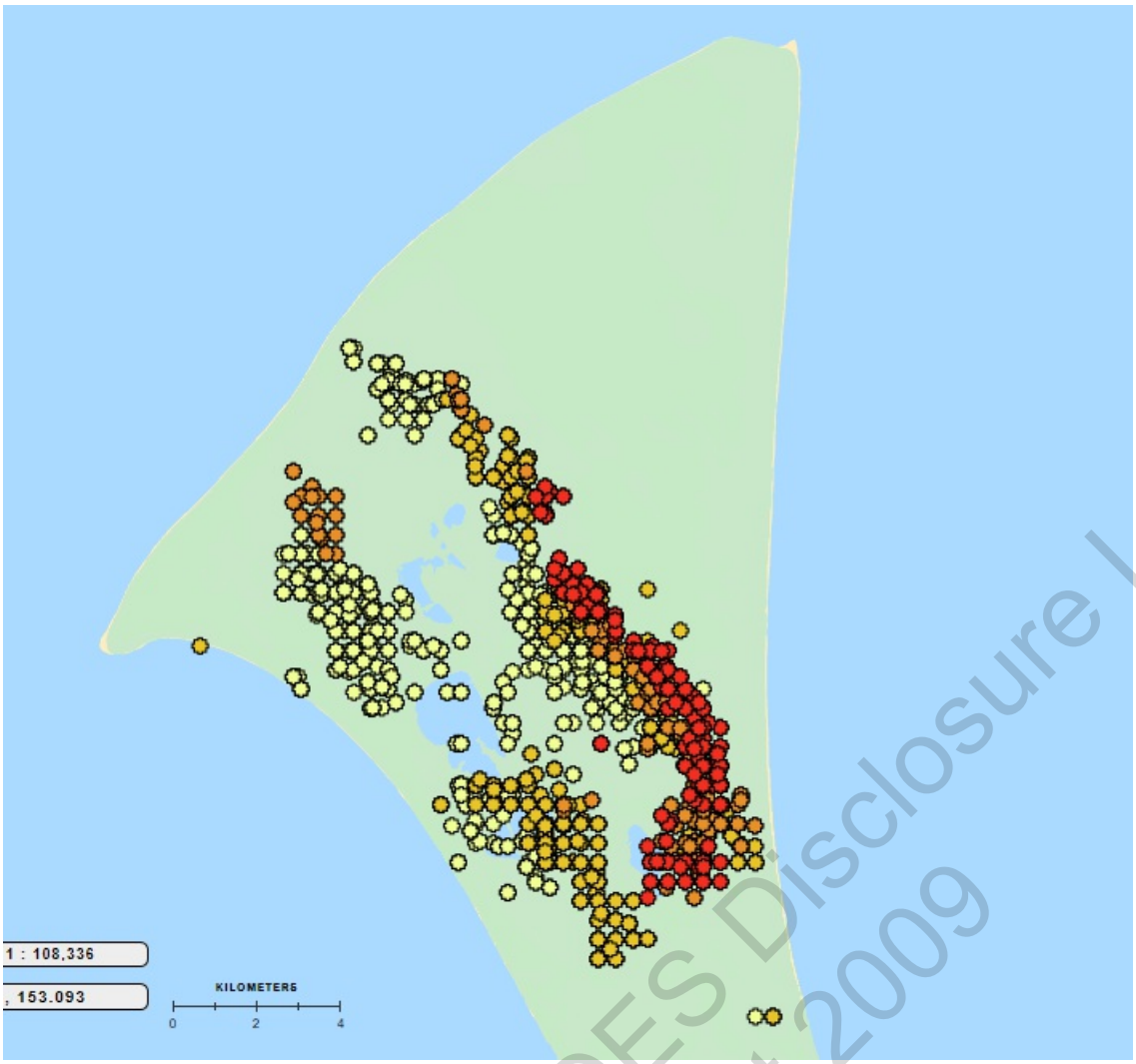

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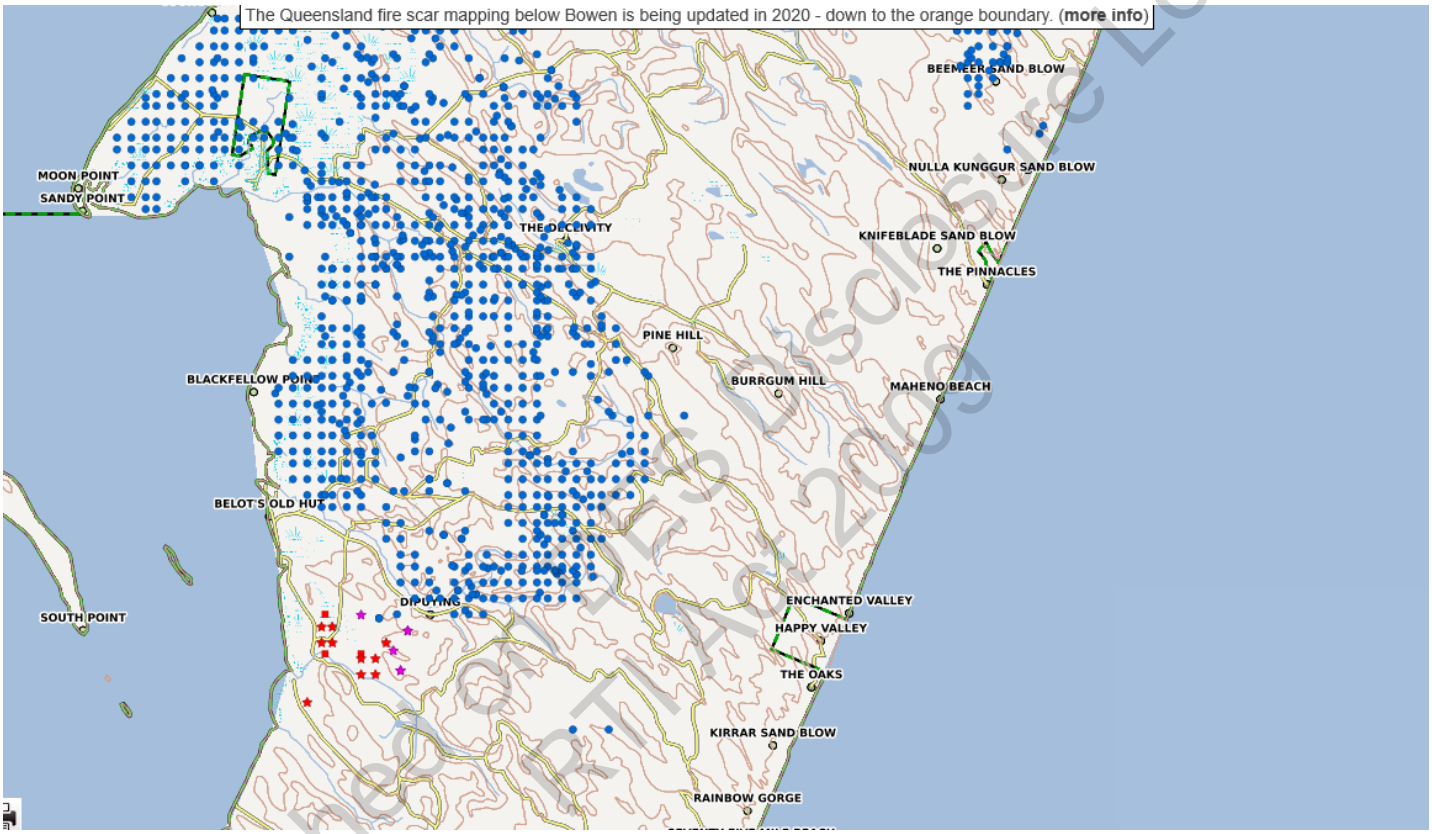
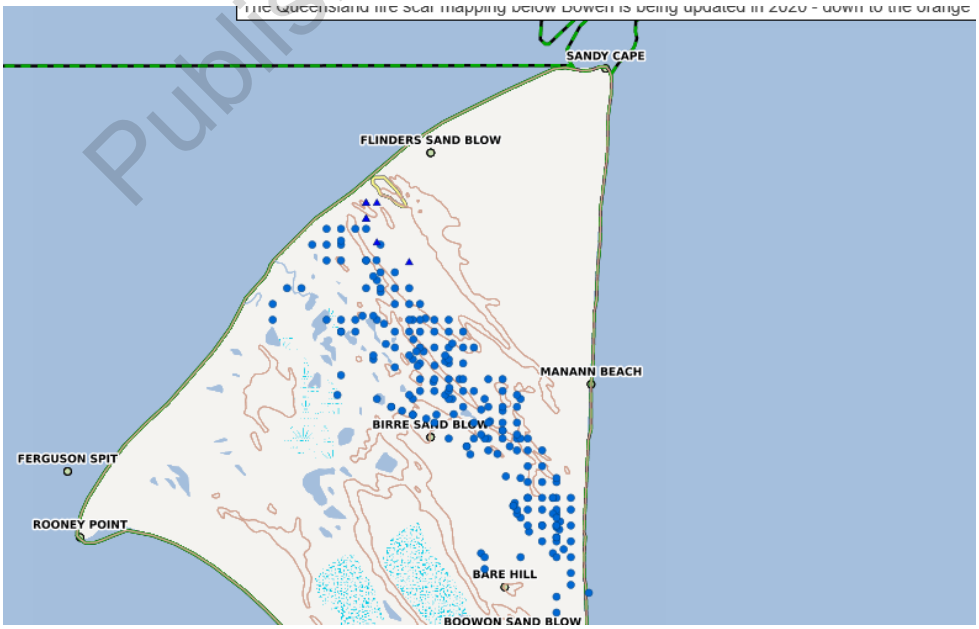
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Veronica Bird" , "Mellissa Foley"
Cc : "Rachel Killer" , "Amanda Jackson"
Subject : K'gari Fire Update
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;image004.png;

Hello All
Please see below and update from the IMT from late yesterday.

- Fire is still burning in the north near Sandy Cape, around Cathedral Beach and Happy Valley. The fire continues to burn in the central part of the island.
- BAC rangers have implemented protection burning around cultural assets in the Western Sector of the fire, Significant cultural informat
- Priority on developing and implementing Incident Action Plan – including fortifying Cornwells road to improve track condition. Core ignitions are planned for later this afternoon – 1700+, with crews to work along Cornwells track to backburn off as needs arise.
- Hold fire north of Cornwells/Smith Poyungan firebreak.

- Intention is to hold fire nth of Cornwells/Smith Poyungan firebreak. Fireline preparation to be completed by 1700 25/11. Integrated burn out operations to commence on falling hazard (late in the day/early evening) with ground operations to be conducted in concert with aerial core ignition north of Cornwells break and south of head fire.
- Crews to be retained at the Happy Valley community for monitoring and protection.
- Cultural burning asset protection operation continued to be carried out Significant cultural on Thursday morning.
- Crews will monitor fire burning near Sandy Cape and conduct protection measures when required.





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From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org"
Subject : Photos Of K'gari fire
Attachment : IMG_1713.JPG;IMG_1707.JPG;IMG_1698.JPG;20201105Fraser Island Southern section 1200.pdf;image001.png;image002.png;image003.png;

Dustin
How are you?
Please find attached some photos / map of the fire burning late last week.

Regards

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Legend

Current Incidents

- FIRE VEHICLE *
- FIRE VEHICLE *
- FIRE VEGETATION
- FIRE VEGETATION EXPOSURES
- (FIRE VEGETATION)
- PERMITTED BURN (ATTENDANCE)
- HAZARD *
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- ALARM *
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- ASSIST EXTREME WEATHER
- RESCUE ROAD *
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- RESCUE WATER ALL TYPES

Fire Direction

- Fire E
- Fire N
- Fire NE
- Fire NW
- Fire S
- Fire SE
- Fire SW
- Fire W

Fire Points

- Control Centre
- Divisional Boundary
- Evacuation Area
- Fire
- Fire - Point of Origin
- Fire Appliance
- Fire Hot Spot
- General Asset
- Note
- POI
- Refuge Area
- Road Closed
- Sector Boundary
- Spot Fire
- Threatened Asset
- Water Point

Fire Lines

- Access Track
- Back Burn - Completed
- Back Burn - Planned
- Evacuation Route
- Fire Control Line - Completed
- Fire Control Line - Planned
- Fire Edge - Active
- Fire Edge - Predicted
- Powerlines
- Sector Boundary
- LAT Line - Completed
- LAT Line - Planned

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Awinya Fire break

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Date : 14/10/2020 2:29:24 PM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Veronica Bird" , "Melissa Foley Personal information - personal e" , "joyce@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org"
Subject : Possible fire South of Ngala Rocks
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;

Hello Veronica and Mellissa
QPWS have had a call from Firecomm regarding a possible fire on the eastern beach of K'gari - north of Orange Creek and south of Ngala Rocks in Camp Zone 8.
QPWS rangers are attending the location and assessing the report of fire.
I will provide an update on this when I receive more information.

Regards

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From : "BEHRENDORFF Linda"
To : "Rachel Killer"
Cc : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
Subject : RE: BAC Ancillary Support Team
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;

Fire fighting for me please. John Green can advise of the other.
Thank you.
L.

From: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 1:15 PM
To: BEHRENDORFF Linda
Cc: SEELEITHER Jamie
Subject: RE: BAC Ancillary Support Team

Is that for a Fire Fighting crew or Ancillary Crew.

YES to a fire-fighting crew changeover. Am putting together a brief now for a Fire Assist Team to swap Personal informa out on Friday. Just need to get confirmation of bookings etc.

Cheers
Rachel

From: BEHRENDORFF Linda <Linda.Behrendorff@des.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 1:07 PM
To: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Cc: SEELEITHER Jamie <Jamie.Seeleither@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: BAC Ancillary Support Team

Hi Racheal,

Can you please confirm if the changeover crew are still able to attend Friday?

Regards,
Linda

'The legacy you leave for colleagues emerging behind you, is how you allow yourself to be treated by others.'

Linda Behrendorff
Ranger in Charge, Natural Resouce Management
Great Sandy National Park – K'gari (Fraser Island) & Cooloola
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I acknowledge and pay my respect to Traditional Owners as the Custodians of the Lands and Seas on which I walk, work and live on.

From: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 11:19 AM
To: BEHRENDORFF Linda
Subject: BAC Ancillary Support Team

Hi Linda,
Sorry I thought I sent this to you yesterday.
Cheers
Rachel

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From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Communication & Education Officer" , "Rachel Killer" , "Amanda Jackson" , "Chris Darvell" , "Veronica Bird"
Subject : RE: Fire Management Control - K'gari
Attachment : image001.jpg;image002.png;

Thank you Aunty Joyce

From: Communication & Education Officer <c&e@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 November 2020 5:15 PM
To: Rachel Killer; Amanda Jackson; Chris Darvell; Veronica Bird
Cc: SEELEITHER Jamie
Subject: Re: Fire Management Control - K'gari
Importance: High

Galangoor djali Rachel
I have spoken to Personal informa in regards to K'gari Camp near Woralie Track. As K'gari landline has been disconnected. Persona also advised Personal information have their fire tickets. Information for Fire Management Control for contact details is; Perso who has taken over from Perso
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Any other information please contact Persona who will know their availability due to working for the forestry. Hopefully this assists if we need provide Butchulla members who have fire tickets who can be utilised.

'yanga galangoor djali, yangu bana' (have good day, yarn later). 😊

'Without language, one cannot talk to people and understand them: one cannot share their hopes and aspirations, grasp their history, appreciate their poetry, or savour their songs'. Nelson Mandela
'yanidjin nyinam gumuri galangoor gawun ngaa marigurim dugoo' (intend to walk, stay safe shielded in good health care and good heart). Joy Bonner

Personal information-sig

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1. 'minyang galangoor gu djaa kalim baya-m' - Butchulla
What good for land, first come - Butchulla translation
What is good for the land must come first - SAE
2. 'wangou nyin gamindu biralunbar nyin wumga-n' – Butchulla
If you have many you give – Butchulla translation
If you have plenty, you must share – SAE
3. 'minyang waa nyinung waa bunmalee dhama-n' – Butchulla
What not yours, do not take or touch – Butchulla translation
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From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org"
Cc : "General Manager" , "DARGUSCH Marc"
Subject : RE: K'gari Fire Update
Attachment : image001.png;image005.jpg;image002.png;image003.png;

Dustyn
Thanks for the email.
The cultural Heritage of the area would be foremost in the staffs mind over on K'gari (especially when using large machines) but it's always good to remind the IMT. I think the BAC regular briefs (Teams Hook-ups) are a good way to relay specific concerns on locations where they may be conducting fire operations into the future. Happy for you raise the specific examples you may have and you are right we have a known track for this fire (to the south) and if we can look to identify areas that may be of concern in the coming week we should take protective actions if we can.

Talk soon and Thanks for raising this.
Galangoor nyin

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From: culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org <culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org>
Sent: Thursday, 12 November 2020 10:09 AM
To: SEELEITHER Jamie
Cc: General Manager
Subject: RE: K'gari Fire Update
Importance: High

Thank you very much for this informative update Jamie. Using those aerial images is an excellent visual communication tool, easily understood by anyone unfamiliar with the environment.

As you would be aware, there is Significant cultural information - Butchulla people I trust that the loader operator is aware of this and all care will be taken to open up the access track. I appreciate the need for the measures to be taken.

I am available to supervise these Ground Disturbance activities (where safe to do so) - at short notice. An adhoc approach to Cultural Heritage Duty of Care is entirely avoidable and I ask that advanced consideration be given to other breaks or assets that may require preventative Ground Disturbance activities. The Telstra infrastructure on Bowarrady Hill comes to mind as an asset protection priority?

Does any part of the current Wildfire Management Strategy have a component that addresses the need to minimise potential harm to Butchulla (Heritage) Assets?

Can we look into this and get something happening and close the gaps in the way we do things together.

Galangoor nyin (thank you)

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Sent: Wednesday, 11 November 2020 10:18 AM
To: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>; culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org
Cc: gm@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org; Veronica Bird [redacted]; Mellissa Foley [redacted]; DARGUSCH Marc <Marc.Dargusch@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: K'gari Fire Update

Hello All,
Please see below some points of update on the K'gari Fire

- **9mm rain** at Dundubara overnight, similar amount along eastern side of Bowarrady Break (tonight's backburn cancelled)
- Winds are as forecasted and predicted to remain E/SE tending to E on Thursday then N to NNW until Monday
- Fire around Dundubara appears to be out, but IC will wait to see if reactivated in the heat of the day today.
- Fire was burning south of Awinya Creek in moderate to high intensity along swamp section, both sides of Awinya Road west have burnt with low intensity .
- Crews to investigate the possibility of water bombing if any active fire south of Awinya line.
- Planning for Cat loader to prepare road into old Bowarrady lake camp ground to assist in containing fire to NW of Bowarrady Firebreak
- RFS support today will organise 12,000 ltr collar tank to be at Dundubara to assist with chopper fill if required
- Road closed signs to be erected today along Moon Point Rd and Bullock Rd/ Northern Scenic drive intersections
- Slashing of Woralie firebreak by contractors to commence tomorrow – to focus on western side first, for backburn operations if needed.
- BLSR crew to arrive late today for work on fireline tomorrow.

Regards

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From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Rachel Killer"
Subject : RE: Water Bombing Queries
Attachment : image002.png;image004.png;image001.png;

Thanks Rachel
I will grab that information together and put something back to you.

Regards
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From: Rachel Killer <rachel.killer@bac-kgari.org>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 2:31 PM
To: SEELEITHER Jamie
Subject: Water Bombing Queries

Nara Jamie,

At the fire briefing yesterday Marc mentioned there had been some water bombing done to date.

Are you able to provide information on the following please?

- What dates was water bombing conducted
- What areas were water bombed
- What was the strategy
- What was the conditions
- How effective was it

Regards
Rachel

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Date : 14/11/2020 12:21:00 PM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Veronica Bird" , "Melissa Foley" Personal information - personal e
Cc : "Rachel Killer" , "Amanda Jackson" , "culturalheritage@butchullaaboriginalcorporation.org"
Subject : Saturday update on K'gari Fire
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;

Hello All

Please see below an update on the Kgari Fire.

- Moderate winds (~30 Km) from North today and the BoM have forecast Very High to Severe FDR for parts of SE Qld over the next 2 – 4 days
- Fire south of Awinya Creek has burnt down South of Woralie break on Western side (remote sensing)
- Fire now south of Bowarrady break approximately, 1.6 K north of Cathedral beach
- Crews preparing Cathedral beach for direct attack if fire approaches before 1600
- Planning to backburn northern edge of Cathedrals outer fire break after 1600 if fire is still not on site by then, last few days conditions for backburning favourable after 1600 wind not as strong as predicted (see sabre reports)
- RFS 12,000 ltr collar tank setup at Cathedral Beach helipad - using as additional water point – helipad too small to use there, needs redeployment for helicopter use, preferably beach front area
- QFES support officer on site
- Road closed erected along Moon Point Rd and Bullock Rd/ Northern Scenic drive intersections; Woralie Road eastern beach closed
- Slashing / scraping of Dindeir Sand blow firebreak north of Happy Valley Tomorrow, then back to around K'gari area – slasher crew to depart Sunday AM TBC
- Extra QPS assistance on site ; PSPA trigger to yet be determined, air observation on route, predictive mapping requested via QFES
- Smoke alert to be issued

I will provide an update when I can.

Regards

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Date : 17/11/2020 10:51:16 AM
From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Rachel Killer" , "Amanda Jackson"
Subject : Some Urgent requests from the K'gari Fire IMT
Attachment : image001.png;image002.png;

Rachel/ Amanda
The IMT for the fire has asked me several questions regarding the management of the fire to ask BAC

1. **Can they (the IMT of the fire) utilise a lake on the island to fill up with water with helicopters to use directly on the fire**

The specific request is for the Helitak to be able to refill out of a nearby lake on the island – nearby to where they are dropping. The reasons for this are

- Alternatives are to pick up water from:
  - East Booral on the mainland
    - Significant reduction in amount of drops due to increased turn round times
    - Significant increase in fuel use during ferrying.
  - Use collar tank on the island
    - Helipad needs to be a minimum of 30 metres diameter with a gradual departure path for the chopper to depart under load, and
    - Accessible to a water source capable of sustaining up to 36,000 litres per hour for up to 5 hours
    - Cathedral Beach – too small
    - Happy Valley
      - LZ large enough (AW139 EMQ uses the pad)
      - Water supply – seriously challenged (Bore 3,500 litres per hour)
      - Would need to check with QAS re closing the LZ to Aeromed evac as a consequence
    - Orchid Beach
      - Side of airstrip without impact Fixed Wing Operations.
      - I understand there is adequate bore flow but confirmation would be good

Protocols

- **Belly tank could be cleansed prior to departure for Fraser Island**
- **If contamination is a concern then no use of gel etc, however this would reduce drop persistence from 3 hours to 20 minutes max depending on local weather conditions**

Overall the ability to use a nearby lake would increase the effectiveness of Helitak operations by:

- Significantly reducing turn round time between drops
- Increasing litres per hour delivered, and
- Increased likelihood of success in pulling up any spot overs

2. **The provision of a cultural advisor to work with a grooming machine** Significant cultural information - Butchulla people **as a road to back burn from.**
   Is Dustyn still on the Island and is he the logical choice??

I will ring Rachel to discuss now or it can be discussed in the 11 am meeting with Amanda.

Regards

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Date : 17/11/2020 4:30:40 PM
From : "BULLEY Graeme"
To : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
Cc : "BEHRENDORFF Linda"
Subject : Request for information to BAC

Jamie,
Dustyn Currie has requested that information about the fire , areas burnt, operational plans and footage of the burn water sources used etc be sent to Amanda Jackson, of BAC. gm@bac-kgari.org
Can you please assist with this request?

Regards

Graeme Bulley
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From : "SEELEITHER Jamie"
To : "Veronica Bird" , "Mellissa Foley"
Cc : "Rachel Killer" , "Amanda Jackson" , "ch@bac-kgari.org"
Subject : Wednesday Morning K'gari Fire Update
Attachment : QPWS_A3_20201118_0830_Great Sandy National Park.pdf;image001.png;image002.png;

Good morning all,

Weather conditions: K'gari experienced some rain in critical areas overnight and cooler conditions are being experienced currently and predicted for the next couple of days. Moderate winds (~20 km/hr) Easterly today turning ESE early tomorrow through to Northerlies from early Monday.

Note: attached map of burnt areas of island and red denotes going fire (as plotted by air obs this morning)

Sector breakdown:

1. **North (Sandy Cape) Sector**

Current situation - Fire at Sandy Cape still estimated by air observers this morning to be 4km from the western break and around 3-4 days with prevailing winds from the lighthouse area.

- Main fire has a 5+km front moving easterly south of Lk Maroong moving towards North Ngkala, flanking traveling towards Browns rocks- air observations to be completed every second day at Sandy cape.
- Preparing crews for securing infrastructure arrive Thursday and expected ignition from lighthouse infrastructure on Friday (3 crews+1 SC Matt P).

2. **Eastern sector (Cathedrals/K'gari camp)**

Current situation - 23 mm rain fell on Cathedrals this morning (to 9am) easing conditions. 1x RFS truck patrolling today.

- Fire has settled north of Cathedral beach and was burnt back by crews last night successfully to the northern dune and beachfront. Currently being monitored by RFS today.
- Due to topography, fuel variations and weather influence it is predicted to move westerly and around the northern dune that will require defending. Overgrown break reopened 1.3 blade width (prev 4 blade) from Nulla Kunggur SB to the Cathedral's western FB can be lit off for defence tactics.
- Previous QFES Water and gel bombing activities recommenced commenced yesterday afternoon initially slowing the progression of fire to the beachfront.
- Fire is still predicted to come around from the west, around the sand dune to the veg finger on western section between the southern and northern sand dunes..
- Back burning Western and Southern edge of Cathedrals outer fire break will be attempted if required.
- RFS 12,000 ltr collar tank remains setup at Cathedral Beach helipad – currently full of water where required. Could be moved south to HV in preparation for possible defence campaign.
- PSPA remains deactivated- removal of personnel occurring as required.

3. **Southern sector (Moon Pt Rd - Happy Valley)**

Current situation - Fire is reported to have remained ~100-200m north of Moon Pt. road and is likely to meet the road today. 2 x QPWS, 1xBAC and 3xRFS crews were deployed to investigate 3 hotspots off the rainforest belt east of the northern forest walk approx. 9-11km west of Happy Valley. Monitor and advise progress. Objective is to keep the fire north of the Moon Point Road/

- The active fire on the north western side is moving in a north westerly direction. Movement of this will be influenced by the SE change and weather conditions.
- **3.8 mm rain fell on Happy Valley** this morning
- Logistics for mulching plant and equipment contracted for Moon Pt Rd to assist in mitigating fire crossing the track from 10am tomorrow.
- Significant cultural information - [redacted]
- A rain gauge will be deployed to Moon Pt Rd this morning for accurate rain reading.
- Road closed sign remains erected along Moon Point Rd and Bullock Rd/ Northern Scenic drive intersections; Woralie Road eastern beach closed.
- Slashing / scraping of Dindeir Sand blow firebreak north of Happy Valley completed, Kooloro sand blow break slashing recompleted.
- Happy Valley Road to be slashed and prepped today as back up for Moon Pt Rd breach.
- KBRV – protection – As per 20201117_DulingWildfire_SituationAnalysis document being prepped for submission outing breaks for prepping (Poyungan-smith Road, old happy valley Rd, Dundonga firebreak).

4. **Orchid Beach Sector (Middle Rock/Indian Head)**

- Being monitored and investigated as required.
- Still expecting active fire south of Indian Head and several kilometres north and south of Dundubara

5. **Dundubara sector (Dundubara)**

- Being monitored and being patrolled.
- Still expecting active fire south of Indian Head and several kilometres north and south of Dundubara.

Media – DES media can contact QFES media for imagery.

Park alert – Moon Pot Rd Closed west from Lake Garrawongera turn off – signs put in place.

IMT –

- 2 QFES support officers on site (Dundubara)

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- Extra QPS assistance on island
- Extra QAS on island
- FLAME / Firecom updated 16:00

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Sunday– Wednesday AM Linda Behrendorff

Wed PM—Sunday – Matt Davies

Logistics Support

Mid Monday – Thursday Grahame Bully

Jenna Tapply - Eurong

CIR Fire team resources allocated to Duling WF

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Ground Crews – Wednesday

Day

2 x NMU

1 X BAC

2 X RFS 51's

1 x RFS 41

0 X SMU

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Night – Currently at Cathedrals.

1.5x NMU

2 x NSI

1 X RFS 51

Incoming crews – TBA

CIR team sourcing 4 x Crew for SW sector and 3 crew for SC sector

SMU x 1

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Regards

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Great Sandy National Park

MICA data 18/11/2020 0800hrs, VIIRS Hotspots and Imagery 18/11/2020 0200hrs

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Legend

- Fire Control Line - Completed
- Fire Control Line - Planned
- Fire Edge - Active
- Fire Edge - Inactive
- Burnt Area - Current
- Qld Building Points

Baseline roads and tracks Queensland

- Streets
- 4WD and tracks
- Ferry
- Bikeways / Walkways
- Gate, Unlocked/Unclassified
- Gate, Locked
- QPWS estate

Fire Regime Groups - Southeast Queensland

- Rainforests

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