



**The Greater Metropolitan
Cemeteries Trust**
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Bushfire Guidelines

GMCT recognises the responsibility we have to all stakeholders and visitors entering our cemeteries during the summer months where there is a heightened risk of bushfires. Whilst any GMCT cemetery may be affected by a bushfire, Andersons Creek and Emerald Cemeteries are at particular risk due to their locality (as identified by the CFA).

Code Red and Extreme Fire Days

On any day declared by the CFA as being **Code Red** or **Extreme** all GMCT cemeteries within the affected region will be **CLOSED** to all visitors. All services will be postponed until such time as conditions in the area are declared safe.

Severe Fire Days

On any day declared by the CFA as being Severe, GMCT cemeteries within the affected area will remain open, but will be subject to close monitoring throughout the day. If conditions change or if the CFA issues a 'Watch & Act' or 'Emergency Warning' notice GMCT cemeteries in that area will be immediately evacuated and closed. All services will be postponed until such time as conditions in the area are declared safe.

Low-Moderate, High or Very High Fire Days

GMCT cemeteries will be open for normal operations unless weather conditions change and the risk levels increase.

Communications

When arranging funerals during the bushfire season, the GMCT would greatly appreciate your assistance in communicating the high risk fire policy to your client families.

The GMCT will endeavour to provide you with as much notice as possible before making the decision to close a cemetery. Where this does occur, we will provide all assistance to provide alternative options where appropriate.

Fire Danger Information

- Bushfire Hotline 1800 24 667
- CFA www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- Weather Forecast www.bom.gov.au
- Radio ABC 774am

