

# NATTE YALLOCK & Surrounding Districts

## Local Town Emergency Plan

Emergencies (Fire/Heat/Flood/Storm/Other Incidents) can happen quickly.  
Planning and preparing for emergencies can help reduce the impact and to recover more quickly.

### THINK AHEAD

- Understand the risks to your property and members of your household.
- Develop and practice an emergency plan so your household members know what to do in an emergency.
- Know where to find warnings and what they mean.
- Pack a kit with items you may need to cope in an emergency.
- Prepare your property.

#### PLANNING TOOLS

CFA Fire Ready Kit  
SES Home Emergency Plan  
RED CROSS Emergency REDiPlan

***Note:** During major emergencies there are often many competing demands for the emergency services. Households need to share the responsibility for staying safe.*

### BE ALERT

***Look, listen and smell. Be aware of what's happening around you.***

#### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**To report an incident:**  
**Police, Fire, Ambulance 000**  
**Flood/Storm Emergency 132 500**  
**Mobile Ph (with no service) 112**

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING?

***Seek reliable information about what is happening and advice from emergency services.***

Monitor local ABC radio station  
594 AM or 107.9 FM  
or commercial stations.

#### Vic Emergency

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

#### VIC Bushfire Information Line

1800 240 667

#### Storm/Flood

VIC SES Information Line

1300 842 737

NURSE-ON-CALL

1300 60 60 24

### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### All-Hazards

- Most people will experience some anxiety, stress and alarm.
- Dangerous to travel on the roads with limited visibility, debris and many emergency vehicles.
- Limited or restricted access to and within the area.
- Could have power outages, lose water pressure and phone lines.

#### Fire

- Smoke, heat, noise and limited visibility.
- Radiant heat that can kill.
- Burning embers landing ahead of the fire and after it's passed.

#### Heatwave

- Unusual and uncomfortably hot weather.
- Can make existing medical conditions worse.
- Can cause heat related illness that can be fatal.

#### Severe Thunderstorms & Weather

- Hazards such as floodwater, debris and damaged roads or bridges.
- Damaged buildings, power lines and trees.

### WHEN TO GO

- On Code Red Fire Danger Rating Days leave early (or the night before).
- On severe and extreme days, if you are not prepared, leave early.
- When advised to evacuate by the Police.
- Listen to the warning messages via radio, internet, phone etc.
- Don't forget to check on your neighbours or the elderly if it is safe to do so.

Take your Household Emergency Household Kit and Need to Leave: Don't Forget Bag with daily items to help you cope.

### WHERE TO GO

#### FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Well away from emergency threat.

#### RELIEF CENTRE

Designated location used for the assembly of emergency-affected persons. Will only be established depending on extent and location of the emergency event. The location will be well away from the threat and announced via radio.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE

*Natte Yallock Recreation Reserve*  
*(Oval area in front of clubhouse)*

Reserve Road, Natte Yallock  
(off Maryborough-St Arnaud Road)

This is a place of last resort during the passage of a bushfire. *This is not a refuge or relief centre. Emergency Services may not be present.*

#### DESIGNATED COOLER PLACE

A place for relief from the heat.

### WEBSITES

- Bureau of Meteorology (Weather) [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)
- Country Fire Authority (Fire) [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)
- SES (Flood/Storm) [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au)
- DEPI (Environment/Animals) [www.depi.vic.gov.au](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au)
- Red Cross (Relief) [www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au)
- VicRoads (Traffic conditions) [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

# WARNING INFORMATION

## FIRE WARNINGS:

Advice – General advice to keep you up-to date with developments.

Watch and Act - An emergency threatens you

- Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect your health, life and family.

Emergency Warning

- You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately.

- You will be impacted by the emergency.

All Clear - Emergency activity in the area has subsided and is no longer a danger to you.

## SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS

(not related to fire/thunderstorm) issued for:

- Sustained winds of gale force (63 km/h) or more.

- Wind gusts of 90 km/h or more.

- Very heavy rain that may lead to flash flooding.

## SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS issued for:

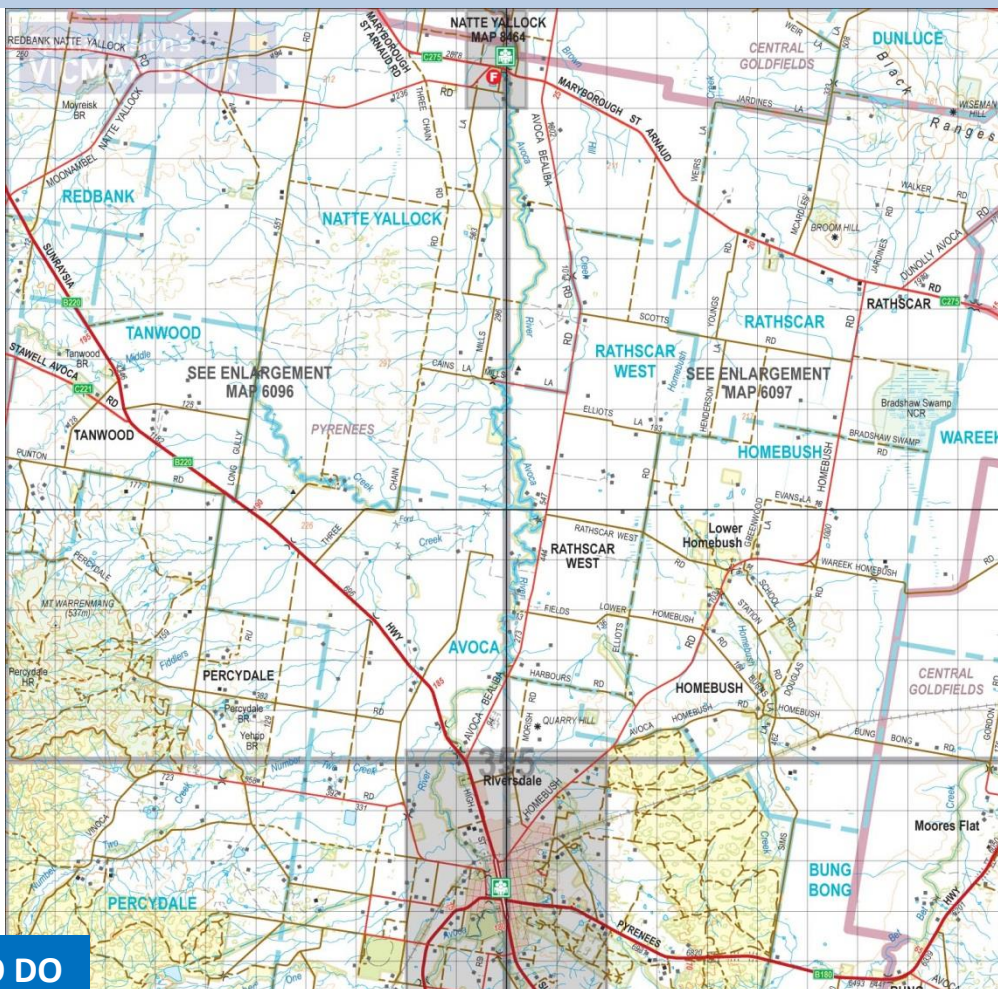
Where significant localised damage may be caused by the action of damaging wind gusts, large hail, tornadoes or flash flooding.

## HEAT HEALTH ALERT issued for:

Forecast average temperatures predicted to reach or exceed the heat health temperature threshold for the district.

(Average of daily maximum temperature divided by overnight temperature.)

**Stay calm and follow the advice of the warnings.**



## KNOW WHAT TO DO

### In stressful situations:

- **Keep calm**, taking deep breaths.
- **Implement your Household Emergency Plan** to protect yourself and your family.

- Understand that feeling worried and anxious is normal, **use helpful thoughts to cope.**
- **Ensure you act sensibly** by telling yourself that the danger and what is happening is real.

- **Continue to check warnings** for critical new information.
- **Continue to drink water, eat and take breaks.**
- **Wear appropriate clothing** for the conditions.

- Engaging in **simple practical preparedness tasks** prior to an event will help to give you a sense of confidence and control.