

A photograph of a dirt path lined with trees under a blue sky, with a light blue diagonal overlay on the left side.

THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

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OPEN FIRES

Breamlea is located within the Central Fire District and the Local Government area of the City of Greater Geelong.



The township of Breamlea, nestled amongst the dunes between the coast and Thompson Creek, has a unique fire risk. The township is serviced by a single road in and out and the township itself is surrounded by coastal heath. The vegetation in this area is extremely flammable due to the density and arrangement of the fuels within the dune system.

For this reason **fires are not permitted** on the beach or within the dunes at any time and residents must obtain a permit if they wish to burn on their own properties.

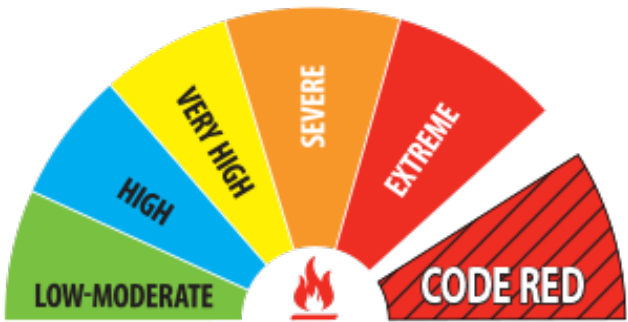
USE OF BBQS

The use of solid fuel BBQs (those using wood and/or coals) are not permitted in the dunes or on the beach under Council's Local Law. Residents and visitors wishing to use a solid fuel BBQ can do so on private property, providing the property has a properly constructed fire place as per the CFA Act.

BBQs are provided at the Breamlea Recreation Reserve for the community's enjoyment.

FIRE DANGER RATING

The Fire Danger Rating is your prompt to take action and stay safe.



It tells you how dangerous a fire could be if one was to start. Ratings are forecast using the Bureau of Meteorology data for up to four days ahead. They are based on weather and other environmental conditions such as fuel loads.

CODE RED	These are the worst conditions for a fire. Leaving high fire risk areas the night before or very early in the day is your safest option. Avoid travelling through forested areas, thick bush or long dry grass.
EXTREME	Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. The safest place to be is away from high fire risk areas.
SEVERE	Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Be prepared to change your plans.
VERY HIGH	If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions.
HIGH	Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. Plan your activities carefully on hot, dry and windy days.
MODERATE	

WARNINGS

Warnings are issued when an emergency is likely to impact an area. They provide important information on the situation and advice on what you should do.

There are three different levels of warnings:



ADVICE

An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area.
Access information and monitor conditions



WATCH AND ACT

An emergency is developing nearby.
You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.



EMERGENCY WARNING

You are in imminent danger and need to take action now.
You will be impacted.

You may also see this message issued:



PREPARE TO EVACUATE / EVACUATE NOW

An evacuation is recommended or procedures are
in place to evacuate

FIRE SAFETY FOR VISITORS

Due to the unique fire risk in Breamlea, it is important for residents and visitors to understand this risk and **have a plan** for high fire risk days.

- Be aware of the Fire Danger Rating for the area while you are visiting
- Be aware of any fire restrictions or Total Fire Ban declarations for the area
- Monitor local weather conditions
- Listen to ABC radio or check the VicEmergency App for warnings
- Watch for signs of fire
- Leave the area early on Severe, Extreme and Code Red days
- If you see fire please call 000

STAY INFORMED AND BE PREPARED!

PARKING IN BREAMLEA

Breamlea is a popular coastal town, with narrow streets and a single access road into the town.

It is crucial that all streets remain accessible to emergency vehicles at all times. For this reason street parking is prohibited.

Council parking inspectors routinely visit Breamlea, failure to park in designated parks may result in a fine.

PLEASE ONLY PARK IN DESIGNATED CAR PARKS

Car parks are available at:

- Bancoora Surf Lifesaving Club
- Breamlea Recreation Reserve
- Cahir Park

FIRE PLUGS



Fire plugs are located along the street network of Breamlea for fire fighting purposes.

Inspection and maintenance of fire plugs is a shared responsibility between the City and Barwon Water.

Fire plug faults can be reported by calling our Customer Service team on 5272 5272.

STAYING INFORMED

It is your responsibility to stay informed during summer.

During summer you need to:

- Be aware of weather conditions
- Know what the Fire Danger Rating is for the next day
- Whether it's a Total Fire Ban day
- Regularly check for warnings.

The VicEmergency App, is the Victorian Government's official app for the community to access real-time information and warnings for all types of emergencies in Victoria.

The app is FREE to download and use for Apple and Android users.

Download the app and set up your watch zone to **stay informed!**



BE PREPARED



For more information on preparing for fire and staying up to date on current emergencies visit:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au or
www.emergencies.vic.gov.au

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