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Subject: Kings Park Bushfires

Good Morning Anna,

I note your concerns that residents did not receive a text message notification from Department Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) on the day of the Kings Park fires in October. This would have been discussed at incident control on the day and would largely have been guided by DFES risk assessments at the time of the fires. I suspect that DFES were comfortable with the situation and their ability to control the fire hence the decision to not message residents on the day. In the absence of direct notifications from DFES neighbours should monitor any future situations at this website: <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>

As always, BGPA had actioned our pre-season maintenance around critical assets and our neighbours well in advance of the fire season which included weed control activities to reduce invasive grass species. BGPA also implemented our preparedness and maintenance checklists which include liaising with DFES, neighbour notifications, and other tasks to prepare our staff and lands in case of a fire.

We continue to monitor fire conditions throughout the summer and will implement bushland and park closures in the event of Total Fire Bans and other Extreme Fire Danger conditions. These conditions will also trigger increased staff patrols within BGPA lands.

The October fire did not impact the experimental fire research area. For a robust experimental design it is important to undertake measurements before a fire occurs and therefore, it will be unlikely that BGPA will use this fire as a research opportunity. We have however, been fortunate that this area was included in our Bushland Condition Monitoring Program and we will be able to follow its recovery over the coming years. We do expect that local scientists will be interested in this fire site and I have been speaking with Trap-door spider experts and Mycologists who are very interested in this site.

Going forward, we expect to implement weed control within the fire site to reduce grass and bulbous weed impacts to the native vegetation and hope that the condition remains steady or improves over time.

Thank you again for your email and I hope this answers questions raised by the City of Perth's Western Residents Association.

Regards

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