

Shire of Kent

Bushfire Risk Management Plan – Review

Consultant Status Report – 01/04/2026

NB. Words in italics taken directly from OBRM portal

Documents Included

1. **Shire of Kent Bushfire Risk Management Plan (Two Year Review)**
2. **Office Bushfire Risk Management initial audit report – February indicating updates required**
3. **Office Bushfire Risk Management updated audit report – March indicating all updates complete**
4. **Treatment schedule – separate document – not part of Bushfire Risk Management Plan as treatment schedule is accessible to Office Bushfire Risk Management from Bushfire Risk Management System**
5. **Tax invoice for work completed**

Office of Bushfire Risk Management – Review Requirements

Bushfire Risk Management Plans must be maintained to ensure ongoing endorsement by the Office of Bushfire Risk Management. Completion of this Review Checklist confirms the plan has been reviewed and remains current, accurate and consistent with the standards in the Guidelines for Preparing a Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

Requirement	
<i>The context statement reflects the current factors affecting bushfire hazard and risk to the community, cultural heritage, economy and environment of the local government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes – Context has been reviewed & updated• Strategic and Corporate Framework – unchanged from previous plan• Land Use and Tenure – reviewed and rationalised• Community Demographics – updated census figures• Cultural Heritage – added ILUAs identified and ACHIS sites listed• Economic Activities – reviewed and rationalised• Topography – reviewed and rationalised• Climate – reviewed and rationalised. Moisture level and influence of summer troughs added• Vegetation – updated• Important Species – latest search undertaken• Bushfire History – updated with latest figures• Bushfire Risk Controls - reviewed
<i>The list of stakeholders is current and complete</i>	Yes – reviewed and modified accordingly A number of agencies invited but did not attend planning meeting held 5 th March 2026

<i>Figures and tables have been updated to reflect data in the Bushfire Risk Management System</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 216 Bushfire Risk Management System assets reviewed/updated • All asset boundaries reviewed • All risk assessments reviewed • 4 new assets identified and added • Assets now total 273
<i>A Risk Acceptability Table is present and includes an explanation for the chosen levels of acceptable risk</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – determined and agreed by working group representing key stakeholders in Shire. • Risk assessment ratings updated for all listed assets in Shire • Treatment strategies/priorities added
<i>A Treatment Strategy is present and reflective of community values and strategic priorities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – Treatment Strategy for next 12 months included in Bushfire Risk Management System – not required in Bushfire Risk Management Plan • Funding source identified in Bushfire Risk Management System – copy of proposal included • Environmental and Cultural Heritage Clearances for proposed works to be sought by Shire

Bushfire Risk Management System - Update

Assets, risk assessments and treatments recorded in the Bushfire Risk Management System must be kept current to support understanding of bushfire risk within the local government area and facilitate development of an annual risk mitigation works program. This includes re-assessing assets as surrounding fuels age or treatments are implemented.

Bushfire Risk Management System data must be reviewed regularly to maintain OBRM endorsement.

Requirement	
<i>Important assets that are exposed to bushfire hazard have been identified and risk assessed; this includes: Previously identified assets that have had their risk assessment reviewed and updated as necessary. Newly identified assets have been added and risk assess.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All asset boundaries reviewed • All risk assessments reviewed (Desktop) • 4 new assets added (Nyabing residential) & risk assessed
<i>The Treatment Schedule includes treatment for the next 12 months</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in BRMS and available to OBRM for review • MAF funding now available to selected treatments – ready for MAF submission – due midday April 29th – early submission and confirmation of submission and receipt of submission required ahead of this date. • Refer to MAF guidelines for details.

Changes to the Bushfire Risk Management Plan

Have there been any significant changes made to the Bushfire Risk Management Plan since its last review? If so, please identify the sections that were changed below. Minor edits excluded.

Changes made: see table above

Concluding Actions Required by Shire of Kent

1. Shire/Chief Executive Officer endorses Bushfire Risk Management Plan
2. Email from Chief Executive Officer/Manger confirming Bushfire Risk Management Plan has been reviewed and changes previously recommended by Office Bushfire Risk Management have been considered and reviewed plan has been accepted by Council
3. Items 1 & 2 to be completed by Shire/Chief Executive Officer and emailed to consultant for uploading to Office Bushfire Risk Management portal
E: theemergencymanagementconsultant@outlook.com

Concluding Actions Required by Consultant

1. Upon receipt of plan and confirmation email upload to Office Bushfire Risk Management portal – upload required before May 31st

Derek Jones

The Emergency Management Consultant

M: 0409 882 958