

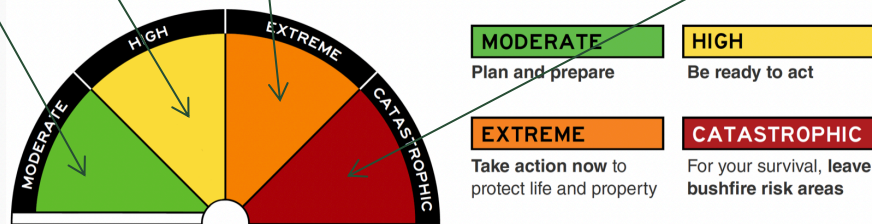
**Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater volunteer programs
TOTAL FIRE BAN and SEVERE WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY
Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Yarra Glen forecast area**

TOTAL FIRE BAN (TFB). ALWAYS CANCELLED

Access permitted only if TFB not declared

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The new Fire Danger Ratings



SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS. Central district

WIND 50 KPH or higher in the morning	<u>ALWAYS</u> CANCELLED
WIND 50 KPH or higher from midday	<u>12 noon CLOSURE</u> Programs may operate in the morning only. Staff / event coordinators will close programs, if winds arrive earlier than expected.
Severe THUNDERSTORMS	<u>ALWAYS</u> CANCELLED when these are expected at the time of an on-ground event
Hazardous AIR QUALITY	<u>ALWAYS</u> CANCELLED when these are advised by EPA for our region eg hazardous bushfire smoke, or by BOM / DHHS for Thunderstorm asthma events
If relevant, BOM forecasts contain a 'View the current warnings for Victoria' web link. If YNCA/YARRA GLEN is in a yellow highlighted area on the Victorian map (click on the link)	<u>ALWAYS</u> CANCELLED , even if the specific wind speed for the general Yarra Glen forecast is less than 50 KMH

COMMUNICATIONS

MOBILE PHONES MUST be carried <u>AND</u> turned on at all times when in the Reserve. <u>YOU MUST</u> be able to be contacted by the event coordinators at any time, <u>AND</u> be able to contact them or emergency services.	<u>EVERYONE</u> has a responsibility to check for Total Fire Ban days and severe weather warnings. Please don't assume you will be contacted. It is critical that you can be contacted if conditions change (eg fire, storm, flood events etc). NOTE. Telstra is the <u>only</u> service provider with reliable coverage at Yellingbo NCR and this is patchy in some sections.
We strongly RECOMMEND	<u>EVERYONE</u> download the VicEmergency app <u>and</u> register.