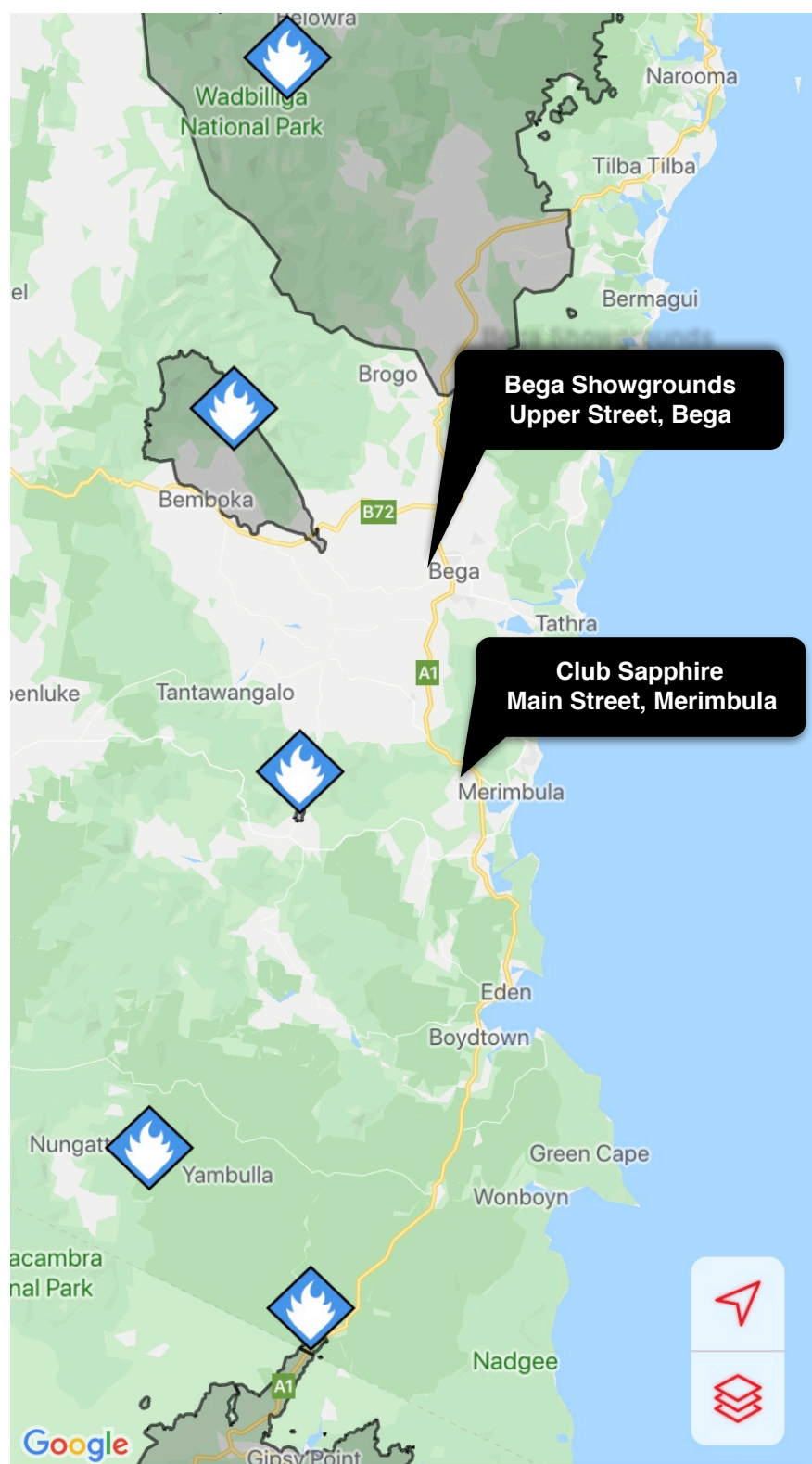


# BUSHFIRE UPDATE

7AM FRIDAY 3 JAN, 2020

CHECK THE FIRES NEAR ME APP OR THE NSW RFS WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

## EVACUATION CENTRES



Map updated 7:00am, 3 Jan

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bushfires have significantly impacted the Bega Valley Shire, resulting in property losses, and tragically, the loss of several lives.

Weather conditions have eased but hot temperatures are expected to return on Friday and Saturday.

The water supply in Bemboka has been compromised and is only suitable for firefighting. A boil water notice exists for some other parts of the Shire.

Many roads are closed and have the potential to close without notice. Evacuation Centres are currently open in Merimbula and Bega.

Power outages are being experienced and may last for up to a week.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- Visitors to the Shire should leave before conditions deteriorate on Friday and Saturday.
- If you are a resident of Bermagui, Eden, Tathra, Kalaru and the surrounding villages and don't have the means to stay and possibly defend your home and your life we strongly advise you to **leave now**.
- If travel is necessary, check [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) for the latest road closures.
- Stay alert to current weather conditions, listen to your local emergency broadcaster, follow NSW RFS online and on social media, download the Fires Near Me app and follow the directions of emergency services.
- Look after pets and animals - contact Local Land Services on 1800 814 647 for assistance.
- Check on your neighbours and the elderly who may need assistance.

## FURTHER DETAILS OVER PAGE >

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To report a fire emergency, call Triple Zero (000)  
 Bushfire Information Line: 1800 679 737  
 Bega Valley Shire Council: (02) 6499 2345



## ROADS AND TRAVEL

The road network has been severely impacted. Check [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the **LiveTraffic app** for the latest information on major roads. Local road information is being updated on the Bega Valley Shire Council Facebook page.



## WATER

A Boil Water Notice applies for Quaama, Cobargo, Bermagui, Beauty Point, Fairhaven, Wallaga Lake, Wallaga Lake Heights, Wallaga Lake Koori Village and Akolele, as well as trunk main customers in these areas. All water for drinking, food preparation, teeth cleaning should be boiled before use.

## EVACUATION CENTRES

Evacuation centres have been established at Club Sapphire Merimbula and Bega Showground.

If you choose to move to the Bega Showground or Club Sapphire we ask that you bring bedding materials for the people you are with. If you can't do that, alternative arrangements are available.

Some campgrounds are available to campers and residents with caravans. Limited toilet and shower facilities are available at these sites.

## PREPARE FOR THE WEEKEND

Conditions are expected to deteriorate over the coming days. Take steps now to ensure you are prepared for fires in the Bega Valley Shire. Visit NSW RFS online for information on how to prepare, act and survive.

## WEATHER

Weather conditions are expected to deteriorate Friday through to Saturday. Temperatures are expected to exceed 40 degrees, with winds to strengthen from different directions across the day.

## POWER OUTAGES

Essential Energy are working to restore power as quickly as possible, however due to the severity of damage to the network, outages may last for up to a week.

### During a fire

- Monitor conditions and stay up to date with the latest emergency information for your local area.
- If you are going to leave, make your decision early and move to a safer location.
- Follow directions from emergency services
- To report a fire emergency call 000.

### Recovering after the fire

- Check the safety of roads before returning to your property.
- If you have suffered damage as a result of the fire, contact your insurance company.
- Dispose of food which has not been refrigerated during power outages.

### CONTACTS AND LINKS

#### ABC Radio

Bega 810 AM

Eden 106.3 FM

#### Local Land Services

1800 814 647

#### LifeLine

13 11 14

#### Essential Energy

13 20 80 or [www.essentialenergy.com.au](http://www.essentialenergy.com.au)

#### Public Toilets

[www.toiletmap.gov.au](http://www.toiletmap.gov.au)

#### LiveTraffic

132 701 or [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com)

#### Disaster Assistance

1800 018 444

#### Register.Find.Reunite

[register.redcross.org.au](http://register.redcross.org.au)

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