Tambo Crossing Community Emergency Plan

Tambo Crossing is well-connected community where everybody knows everybody. Bounded by state forest, the community facility provides a central gathering place and focus.

This **Tambo Crossing Community Emergency Plan** sets out how we respond as a community in an emergency. Our community actions below are key activities taken at the beginning of the season and during an emergency, in some cases before state and other agencies can physically attend.

Emergency information

STAND Satellite/Wi-fi/charging (back-up generator) capability at Community facility.

ABC FM 828

UHF Ch 40

https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/

Community Action	Expectation of agency(s)
Fire season commences • Individual responsibility to keep water tanks supplied, pumps working, generator maintained, properties clear • Locate local static water tank(s) for times of emergency	• Refuel all generators for Telstra and Optus Towers and put in place arrangements for regular refuelling during an emergency (whether community or telco provider) • AusNet to slash area under and around powerlines • Critical to keep Somerville Track clear for alternative access
Smoke/fire in landscape • Look out for each other (10 houses west side of river, 3 the other) • Reasonably self-sufficient and we are prepared to defend own area and problem solve • Keep well-stocked pantries and fuel • Look out for each other • Refer to Tambo Crossing **LIMP**	• Use farmers' good local knowledge of tracks, their condition and the location of dams • Support provision of water when river stops, gets dirty and water holes are contaminated
Communication *Telecommunications infrastructure:* • When comms are out, known 'hot-spot' on Tambo Spur Rd hill to make phone calls • Satellite/Wi-Fi/charging at Community facility *Communicating with each other:* • Coordination plans made at community facility (e.g., fuel runs, dinner arrangements, checking in on each other) • Everyone uses UHF radio Ch 40 (invaluable)	• Activate arrangements with telcos for regular refuelling of generators
Power out • Well-equipped with own generators and are mostly self-sufficient	• Where appropriate, supply large generator to Omeo to power Tambo Crossing (reverse power direction down the line)

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Road Closures • Locals carry proof of address, eg. 2nd wallet (ID, Property Identification Code number and/or rates notice)	• Timely accurate information about access routes (via website (if can access)) • Prioritise food / fodder deliveries • Local knowledge to inform roadblock decisions • Road blocks in sensible places and sensible detours (i.e., road block not at Bruthen) • Out of town police need to be properly briefed about local hazards, conditions and to allow locals through • Communicate when convoy/escort vehicles (where dangerous roadside trees)
Goods and fodder delivery • Coordinate supply-trips to Bairnsdale (e.g., for medication, fuel) • Food, water, donated goods deliveries to Community Facility	• Donated meals and goods appreciated (e.g., little toiletry bags)
Meals • Meals heated/prepared at Community Facility	• Meals for emergency workers delivered to community facility
Pets / Livestock • Know where animals are and take responsibility for own	• Prioritise permits (easy process) to allow stock and fodder transport (road access) • Prioritise vets to access area
Evacuation • Individual responsibility taken for decision to stay (not evacuate)	• Respect preference not to leave to manage livestock

LIMP – Local Incident Management Plan