

Work on bushfire prevention going on behind the scenes

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Essential work is being carried out behind the scenes across the Mackay, Whitsunday and Isaac region to mitigate bushfire risk in preparation for the coming fire season.

Three bushfire recovery grants have been made across the region and projects are aimed at building community resilience to bushfires by assisting with developing bushfire management plans and facilitating coordination required to undertake fire breaks, controlled burns and training.

- A total of 12 rural fire brigades have so far been engaged to consult over developing bushfire management plans.
- 12 kilometres of fire trails/breaks have been brought up to working condition
- 8 bushfire plans have been developed and reviewed
- 5 training events have been held with 45 Rural Fire Service members and 100 community members given training
- Controlled burns have been carried out at Proserpine State Forest and Mt Rooper, Conway National Park

Aaron Regan, Bushfire officer at Reef Catchments said preparations for the next fire season are going well: “We are pleased with the way our bushfire recovery projects are progressing. Extensive work has been carried out across the region, including works to allow improved fire regimes in the Pioneer Valley post the 2018 wildfires.

“With proper planning and cooperation from the region’s Rural Fire Services, we hope to be better prepared to deal with the coming fire season.”

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