

FIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKS NOTIFICATION

Selective vegetation mulching and hazardous tree removal will take place in Dandenong Ranges National Park at Sassafras to reduce bushfire risk.

Date: Late October 2021

Duration: Approximately four weeks (weekdays only).

Location: Section of Dandenong Ranges National Park west of Sassafras township, south of Mountain Highway.

Impact: **Traffic management will be in place on Mountain Highway for some of the works. There may be short delays to road users.**

A new combined approach of selective burning and mulching on this block aims to reduce the vigorous regrowth of Hop Wattle.

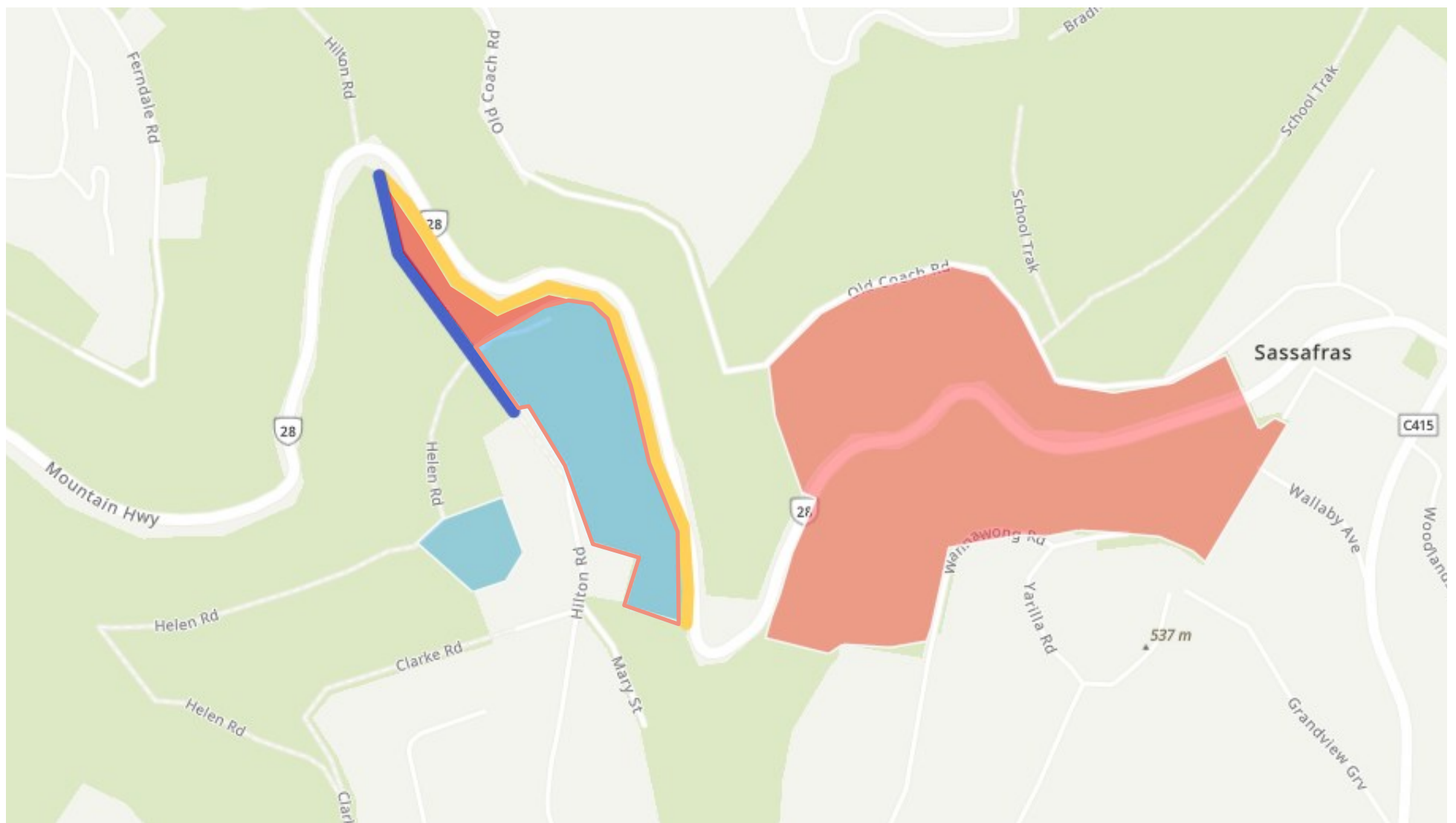
No park access or tracks are impacted by these works.

Environmental and cultural heritage assessments have been undertaken to ensure important areas are protected.

Why: This block sits within a bushfire Asset Protection Zone (APZ) . This area is managed regularly using planned burning and mechanical means to reduce bushfire risk to the surrounding communities. Visit www.ffm.vic.gov.au/jfmp to find out more about the fuel management program.

For more information about this work call **13 1963**.

For information about planned burning call **1800 226 226**.



- The yellow line shows the location of the hazardous tree removal works on Mountain Highway. Traffic management will be in place when necessary.
- The blue shaded area is where the mulching work is taking place.
- The red shaded areas (including the blue mulching block) are the planned burn units proposed for autumn 2022, if conditions are suitable. Some additional hazardous tree work will happen here prior to the burn.
- The blue line is a strategic fuel break where maintenance work, including some vegetation removal, is due to occur later this year.