

UPDATE

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## Kangaroo Island Fires

The following is an update on the fires at Kangaroo Island which started from lightning strikes last Thursday 6 December as follows:

### ***Flinders Chase Fire***

#### ***Affected Properties - Brookland Park (to the south) & Lycurgus (to the North)***

This fire is still out of control in the Flinders Chase National Park. Conditions will worsen over the next few days as the winds and temperature increase. However as predicted, the winds have shifted to the north-north east today, which should move this fire away from Lycurgus but may bring another front back towards Brookland Park.

Work has been carried out over the past two days cleaning up the boundaries of Brookland Park, putting in firebreaks on neighbouring properties and back burning native vegetation to the north of the property in preparation for a change in weather conditions today.

Overnight residents from the Lycurgus area (Jump Off Road) were evacuated which caused some concern, however this was an over reaction to the normal shift in the nightly sea breeze coming from the south. It has been reported that the fire does not pose any immediate threat to Lycurgus as the winds will be pushing the fire south-south/west away from the property.

It is likely that the fire will continue in the National Park for some period before it burns itself out.

### ***Vivonne Bay Fire***

#### ***Affected Property - Cronins***

There was a flare up overnight with this fire but it does not pose any threat. *It is now effectively out and poses no threat.*

### ***Western River***

#### ***Affected Property - Lycurgus***

This fire is on the north coast in a wilderness area to the east of Lycurgus and is still out of control. It is a fair distance away but the wilderness area goes through to the northern boundary of Lycurgus. The authorities claim that they have carried out enough back burning to the west of the fire to prevent the fire traveling along the north coast towards Lycurgus. *Therefore it poses no threat at this stage.*

To view a map showing the location of the fires and the proximity to the plantations click on the following link. <http://www.ruralaus.com.au/files/ki-fire-map-dec-2007.pdf>