Green Triangle
Fire Alliance

STRATEGIC
PLAN

2021 - 2024

INTRODUCTION

The plantation industry in the Green Triangle has a long-standing vision of improving the effectiveness of its fire protection capabilities.

This is vital in protecting the valuable plantation resource which underpins the regional economy as well as benefitting the broader community.

The Green Triangle Fire Alliance (GTFA) is a subcommittee of the Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub (GTFIH) with a focus on improving strategic fire management.

This strategic plan sets the direction for the initial funding period of 2021 to 2024.

Six themes have been developed, each with an objective and focus areas. The order of the themes and focus areas does not reflect their relative importance.

In addition to the identified themes, the GTFA will work alongside the Forest Owners Conference (FOC) providing appropriate support as requested.

THE GREEN TRIANGLE PLANTATION INDUSTRY

- The timber plantation industry is a major investor and employer in the Green Triangle region

- There are 334,000 hectares of plantation in the region which constitutes 17% of Australia's plantations

- The Green Triangle plantation industry employs over 3,000 people directly and a further 4,000 indirectly

- The Green Triangle plantation industry contributes over $1.5 billion to the regional economies of South Australia and Victoria, and $3.4 billion to the Australian economy annually

STRATEGIC PLAN THEMES

REGULATORY SETTINGS AND ADVOCACY

OBJECTIVE: Ensure GTFA / FOC / FIB members are fully integrated into fire management planning and response systems.

WHY? The Green Triangle plantation industry is backed by a large number of fire appliances and highly trained fire fighters. By working closely and communicating issues that the Green Triangle plantation industry faces with stakeholders, fire management outcomes will be improved.

UNDERSTANDING RISK

OBJECTIVE: Enhance GTFA members' and the wider community's understanding of fire risk to plantations and the regional economic and social stability.

WHY? We seek to investigate patterns of why, where and when fires occur, how this may change in the future and develop tools that assist in understanding and managing the risk.

PLANNING, PREPARATION AND PREVENTION

OBJECTIVE: Reduce the risk of wildfire and fire losses through improved planning, preparation and prevention.

WHY? Great practice can always improve. Through continued improvement the risk of fire losses can be reduced.

DETECTION

OBJECTIVE: Investigate new detection methods / technologies.

WHY? It is critical that fires are suppressed while small and early detection enables this. We are at the crossroads with new detection technologies emerging and some detection infrastructure being at the end of its serviceable lifespan.

RESPONSE AND SUPPRESSION EFFECTIVENESS

OBJECTIVE: Improve the effectiveness of fire suppression.

WHY? The plantation industry has a long history of working very well together and with fire agencies. Through constantly seeking to do better, better fire management will be achieved.

SALVAGE AND RECOVERY

OBJECTIVE: Mitigate the impact of a potential large scale fire loss through preparation that would lead to a timely and well-coordinated response.

WHY? Large fire losses have impacts for decades to the industry and wider community. Although the aim is to prevent fire losses, being prepared will mitigate loss if it does occur.

MEMBER COMPANIES