

Heritage, Ecology and Land Management Division

Classification: Fire Management

Component: APZ Management Brief

Definitions	
Eco-Culture	Landform, soil, water, vegetation, and fauna both terra and aquatic –
GLALC	Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council
APZ	Asset Protection Zone

General

Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) owns 1161 ha of threatened heathland (henceforth called “the Scope Area”) that is valuable to State and Local government preservation objectives and GLALC’s Eco-Culture preservation vision. As legislated, the landowner is responsible for fire management comprising APZ and Fire Trail management. This brief pertains only to APZ management for land wholly owned by GLALC. Ongoing Crown Land transfers include lots in various stages of transfer to GLALC and are not included in this brief. The conditions of this brief will apply to all other APZ’s and Fire Trail Maintenance to come.

The Heathland vegetation is a continuous living community across cadastral borders. The current 1161 ha is landlocked by state and local government owned land, and thus, they are GLALC’s neighbours and, very importantly, also GLALC’s regulatory authority. It is imperative that all internal staff and contracted staff abide by best environmental practice because rangers are constantly in proximity, Aboriginal Eco-Culture principles and the terrain is predominantly comprised of Threatened National Assets. The region is of great interest to State Programs (Koala, Save our Species and Healthy Water programs).

The Scope of Works

N.B. Maps are QField app compatible

1. Area of works as per attached georeferenced maps
 - a. Overview of APZ map
 - b. Individual maps APZ works
2. Quality of works: s per HRC’s. Where an HRC does not exist, use APZ standards.
3. Schedule of works

#	Quarter	Months	Frequency
1		June – August 2024	Immediate until further notice
2		September – November 2024	
3		December 2024 – February 2025	
4		March – May 2025	

Priority	Site (Names in bold coincide with names on maps)	Schedule
1	Edgecliff PI (a.k.a Ferntree, Ardua Place Menai)	Contractor to complete
2	Friendship to Redman	

3	Lots 33//DP1158596, 2//DP1061416, 29//DP1158596, 20//DP1158596, 2//DP1158596 around Timbrey Circuit, Barden Ridge	
4	Lot 41 DP 1158596, 22R Timbrey Circuit, Barden Ridge Council Ref. EFS5611 See detail below	
5	Barnes Cres, Menai	
6	Bradman Road_Kippax Place South	
7	Kippax Place North	
8	Kinsella Street	
9	Koorabar Road	
10	Landy Close	
11	Mckenzie Place	
12	Rosewell Drive	
13	Torumba Place	

The list is a portion of the entire scope.

Contractor to provide:

1. A cost for works
2. A schedule of works

GLALC will send a brief to professional land management companies and will consider the quality of works at the final stage.

Lot 41 DP 1158596, 22R Timbrey Circuit, Barden Ridge

- The attached document 2009 03 13 LEC Approval DA Consent 3074902 DA071431, provides the conditions relating to the Asset Protection Zone (APZ). These are noted on the last 3 pages of the document. As part of the consent conditions, it requires the APZ to be maintained in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 (please click on the link which will direct you the NSW RFS website containing all relevant versions of the document - [Building in a bush fire area - NSW Rural Fire Service](#)) and the NSW RFS document Standards for asset protection zones (see attached copy for your ease).
- I have also attached document 7111RP3 – Final 04.08.09, which is the Final version of the **Vegetation Management Plan** (VMP). This document also outlines the requirements and depicted areas specifically relating to the Asset Protection Zone (APZ), both the Outer Protection Area (OPA) – managed by the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) and the Inner Protection Area (IPA) managed by the Land Owner. This document also reiterates that the works shall be carried out as per the requirements of the Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 and Standards for Asset Protection Zones.

Note: the maintenance standard at the time of the approved consent was the Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 and has since been superseded by the current version, Planning for

Bushfire Protection 2019 (which was legislated on 1 March 2020), which can be obtained from the NSW RFS link provided above.

Consent conditions noted in the Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 are:

- Water and utilities – Section 4.1.3 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006,
- Access – Section 4.1.3 (1) & (3) of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006, and
- Landscaping – Appendix 5 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006.

Under the latest version Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019, the above consent conditions would now be relevant to:

- Water supply and utilities – Section 3.5 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (which also encapsulates Chapters 5-7),
- Access – Section 3.4 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (which also encapsulates Chapters 5-8), and
- Landscaping – Section 3.7 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (which also encapsulates Appendix 4 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019) and refers to the use of the NSW RFS document Standards for asset protection zones (see attached copy for your ease).