

Emergency service resources increased in Swan

A new state of the art fire station now operates in Ellenbrook and is providing increased protection to people, property and the environment in this rapidly growing northern corridor.

The station is staffed around the clock by fulltime career Fire and Rescue Service firefighters.



The new fire station is strategically sited with easy access to major roads, providing a fast response to emergencies in residential, commercial and industrial properties.

Ellenbrook and neighbouring areas are also benefiting from the enhanced capacity of the recently formed Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire Service (previously Bullsbrook Bush Fire Brigade) that is now able to respond to a wider range of emergencies. In addition to bushfires, these committed volunteer firefighters are now trained and equipped to deal with fires in buildings.

New ESL category boundaries

To ensure that all property owners are correctly and equitably charged for the emergency services available to them, a review of ESL category boundaries and classifications has been conducted. The boundaries are only amended in areas where there has been a change in the delivery of emergency services.

Service delivery changes have occurred in the Swan region due to the Ellenbrook Fire Station coming on stream. To reflect this increased level of protection, the Metropolitan Fire District has been expanded and an ESL category 1 classification will apply from 1 July 2011 in the area highlighted in yellow on **Map 1** on the back of this advice.

Previously an ESL category 3 classification had applied when local volunteer bush fire brigades were the first responders to an incident in this area, with back up support from northern and eastern metropolitan career resources.

This boundary change will bring the 2011/12 ESL charge on properties in this area into line with all other properties in the metropolitan region that receive the same level of protection, including the dedicated services of volunteers from the State Emergency Service.

As a result of the Metropolitan Fire District expansion, properties in areas highlighted in green on **Map 2** on the back of this advice will continue to receive protection from the enhanced Bullsbrook Volunteer Fire Service, local volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and the State Emergency Service. When required they will now also receive back up support at emergency incidents from metropolitan based career Fire and Rescue Service firefighters, including the new crews based at Ellenbrook. Consequently from 1 July 2011 this area will be reclassified ESL category 3 (previously ESL category 5).

The ESL is a State Government charge which is levied on rates notices issued by the City of Swan. All ESL money collected by the City is sent directly to FESA to fund fire and emergency services.



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