



OPERATIONAL CIRCULAR 67/2019

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STATE AERIAL FIREFIGHTING FLEET 2019-2020

The following information outlines state aerial firefighting aircraft types and bases for the commencement of their service periods during the 2019-2020 southern bush fire season.

METROPOLITAN

Jandakot:

1 November 2019, available daily 0900-1800hrs

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 *HELITAKS*
- 1 x AS355 TwinSquirrel Type 3 *FIREBIRD* helicopter (Air Attack Supervision (AAS))
- 1 x AS365 N3 Dauphin Type 2 *FIREBIRD* helicopter (utility, all-hazards response)

1 December 2019, available daily 0900-1800hrs

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 *HELITAKs*

Commencement date To Be Advised (DBCA), available daily 0600-1800hrs

- 2 x AirTractor 802 fixed wing (SEATs/*BOMBERS*)
- 1 x Champion Scout *BIRDDOG* light fixed wing (AAS)
- 1 x AS350 Squirrel Type 3 *FIREBIRD* helicopter (AAS)

Serpentine:

20 December 2019, available daily 0900-1800hrs

- 1 x Sikorsky S64E Airplane Type 1 High Volume *HELITAK*

COUNTRY

Bunbury:

Commencement date To Be Advised (DBCA), available daily 0600-1800hrs

- 2 x Air Tractor 802 fixed wing (SEATs/*BOMBERS*)
- 1 x AS350 Squirrel Type 3 *FIREBIRD* helicopter (AAS, utility)
- 1 x GA8 Airvan *BIRDDOG* fixed wing (AAS, utility)

Busselton:

15 December 2019, available daily 0900-1800hrs

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 *HELITAKS*

Manjimup and Albany:

Commencement date To Be Advised (DBCA), available daily 0600-1800hrs

- 2 x Air Tractor 802 fixed wing (SEATs/*BOMBERS*) at each base
- 1 x Champion Scout *BIRDDOG* light fixed wing (AAS) at each base

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The AISR resources are summarised in a separate circular.

Further detail on aerial firefighting services is contained in the [Aerial Firefighting Fleet Fact Sheets](#) available on the DFES intranet.

Further information on automatic responses and call out procedures is available from [SOP 3.11.1 – Aerial Suppression Response](#).

CRAIG WATERS
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OPERATIONS

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