



## OPERATIONAL CIRCULAR 81/2023

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### UPDATE: STATE AERIAL FIREFIGHTING FLEET 2023/2024

#### Key Information

The following information is an update to previously released [Operational Circular 68/2023](#) outlining further commencement dates for State aerial firefighting fleet and their bases for the 2023/2024 southern bush fire season.

#### Jandakot Operational Base:

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- Air Attack 1 - AS355 Twin Squirrel FIREBIRD helicopter  
Air Attack Supervision (AAS)
- 2 x SEAT - Single Engine Air Tanker 802AT (3150 litres)

##### **17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 2 x Bell 214B HELITAKS (2650 litres)

#### Bunbury Operational Base

##### **6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 1 x Air Attack 2 - AS350 Squirrel FIREBIRD helicopter (AAS)
- 2 x SEAT - Single Engine Air Tanker 802AT (3150 litres)

#### Serpentine Operational Base

##### **1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 2 BLACKHAWK HELITAKS (4500 litres)

#### Busselton Operational Base

##### **1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- Large Air Tanker (LAT) 15140 litres

#### Manjimup Operational Base

##### **26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 1 x Air Attack 2 - AS350 Squirrel FIREBIRD helicopter (AAS)
- 2 x SEAT - Single Engine Air Tanker 802AT (3150 litres)

#### Albany Operational Base

##### **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 1 x Air Attack 2 - AS350 Squirrel FIREBIRD helicopter (AAS)
- 2 x SEAT - Single Engine Air Tanker 802AT (3150 litres)

#### For further Information

Further information on aerial firefighting services is available on the DFES intranet.

[Aerial Firefighting Fleet Fact Sheets](#)

Further information on automatic responses and call out procedures is available from

[SOP 3.11.1 – Aerial Suppression Response.](#)

**CRAIG WATERS AFSM**  
**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OPERATIONS**

Target Audience: All personnel involved in Bushfire Operations				
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