

Resort Closure on Code Red Days

SOUTHERN ALPINE RESORT MANAGEMENT FACT SHEET



Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort and Lake Mountain Alpine Resort have adopted a Bushfire Management Plan that is a Sub-plan of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP). In accordance with the Bushfire Management Plan, **on Code Red days**, as they are declared by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in each region, **the respective Resorts will be closed**. The Resorts may also close on Severe and Extreme fire danger days. The Resort General Managers will make the decision to close on Severe and Extreme fire danger days.

How will I find out if a Code Red Rating has been issued?

- A Code Red day will be called no later than 1pm the day before, however can also be called a number of days in advance.
- Fire Danger Ratings are published on the VicEmergency, CFA and Bureau of Meteorology websites. Fire Danger Ratings are also available through the VicEmergency app or by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on 1800 240 667.
- A static Fire Danger Rating sign is located at the Resort entry. CFA/Resort manually update this every day during the summer.
- Media and advertising will also let you know if a Code Red Rating has been called.
- The Resort General Manager will issue a Resort Update to stakeholders and relevant agencies via email outlining closures, fire risk and any weather warnings.

What should I do on a Code Red day?

- On a **Code Red Day the resort will be closed and anyone present on resort will be advised to leave**. We recommend no-one should remain at a closed Resort. People should have left the resort by 6pm the day before a Code Red is required and each person should return to your preferred point of origin.
- Although Control Agencies or the Resort can't force you to evacuate, it is our position to always prioritise personal safety over asset protection, and we will strongly recommend you leave. Whilst we advise you to evacuate, you have control over your actions and we will not forcibly remove you if you choose to remain.
- The Alpine Resort (Management) Regulations 2009 set out the penalties associated with unauthorised entry to the resort during a closure, fines may be incurred.

What services operate at the resort on a Code Red day?

- All staff will leave the resort the evening before a Code Red day.
- No facilities or services will be open or available.
- It is likely that after an evacuation and during a closure, utilities will be unavailable (power, gas and water) and communication systems (landline, mobile, radio) may also be inoperable during a power outage.
- The Resort does not have a Neighbourhood Safe Place and where there is no alternative, staff will direct evacuees to Evacuation and Relief Centres off mountain if required.

Where can I get further information?

- The Vic Emergency App and website www.vicemergency.vic.gov.au is a valuable source of ratings, warnings and information.
- The Country Fire Authority website www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/north-central-fire-district/ This is the most direct source of information regarding Fire Ratings.
- Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au is a valuable source of weather observations, forecasts and warnings.
- SARMB resort websites www.mtbawbaw.com.au and www.lakemountain.com.au

What happens after a Code Red day has passed?

Once a Code Red Rating is withdrawn all facilities and access will be reopened and all agencies and information outlets will be updated on the changed situation.

Code Red Bushfire Management Plan

If you have information relating to emergencies, please call 000. The resort emergency contact number is 0407 562 020.

