

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



OCTOBER 2013 NSW BUSH FIRES

13-26 October

627 bush and grass

164,053 hectares burnt

1300+ firefighters deployed each

148 strike teams from nsw rfs deployed

days of total fire ban

section 44 'bush fire emergency' declarations

630 aircraft taskings

72 emergency alert telephone warning campaigns

418,247 emergency alert messages sent

5.7m visits to nsw rfs website

14.1m pageviews on nsw rfs website

1020 major fire updates posted to nsw rfs website

340 website updates at emergency warning

147,700 new facebook likes

108.4m facebook impressions

45.6m people reached via facebook

24.2 twitter impressions 470m impressions of #nswfires on twitter

18,300 retweets of nsw rfs content

46,544 calls to bush fire information line

18,041 calls handled by **BFIL** operators

188,833 new downloads of fires near me app

219,000 fires near me searches per hour at peak

30+ media briefings screened live