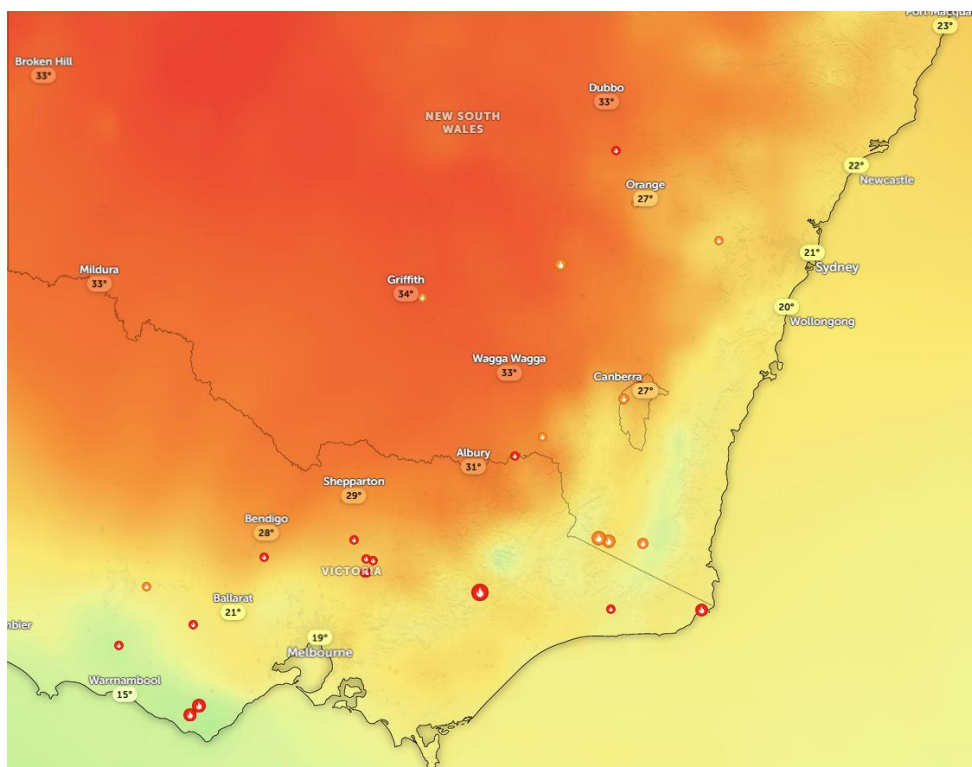




Bushfires and Heatwave – South Eastern Australia



Potentially Affected Areas

Western and central New South Wales, northern and central Victoria, Riverina, Mallee and Wimmera regions, Victorian Alps foothills, and parts of southeast South Australia.

Hazard Types

Extreme heat and bushfires

Hazard duration

21/01/2026 to 26/01/2026

Hazard Summary

A severe to extreme heatwave is affecting southeastern Australia, with inland temperatures exceeding 33–35 °C, driving elevated to extreme bushfire danger. Parts of Victoria are bracing for a heatwave with authorities on alert in fire-affected areas in the state's north. The prolonged heat, dry fuels, and localized strong winds are supporting active grass and forest fires, increasing risks of rapid fire spread, heat stress, and reduced air quality, particularly across inland and southern districts.