

Fire Management on a bush block

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- The challenge:
Trying to use fire for both **protection** of property and for **encouraging** wildlife.

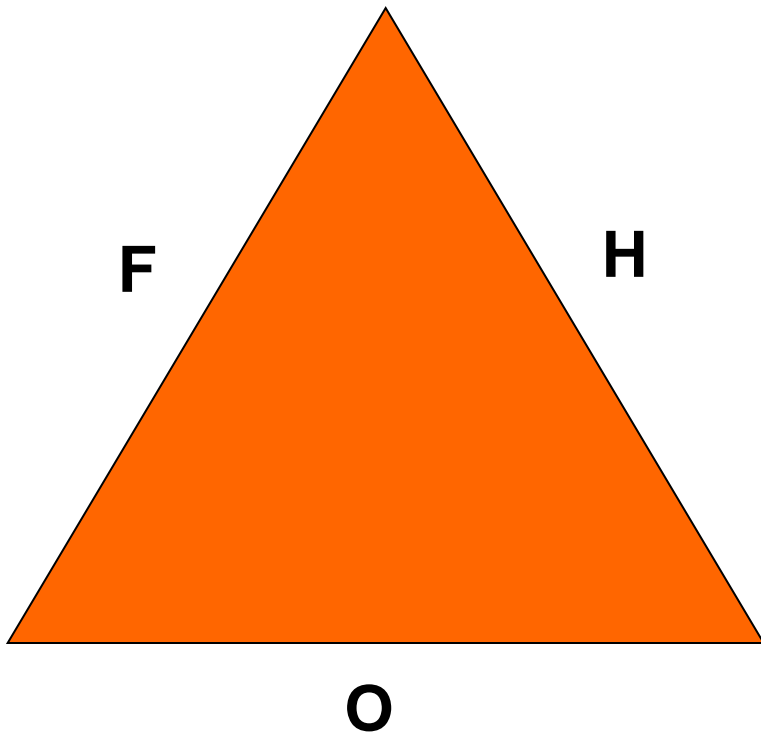


Husty's Place

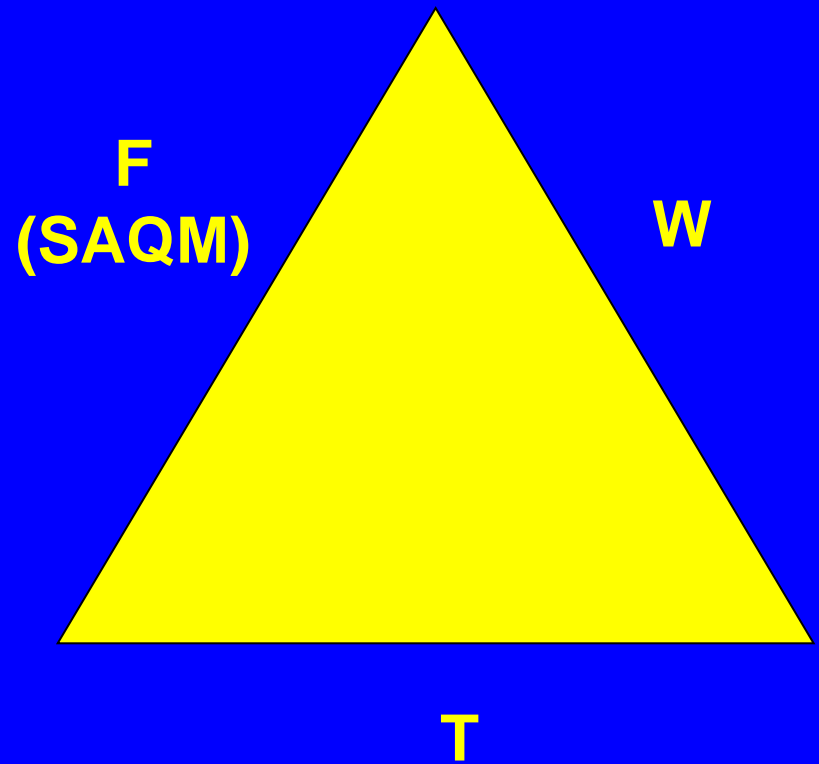


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- Fire Triangle



- Fire Behaviour



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Some points to consider:

- Appreciate Fire Triangle
- Appreciate the basic principles of fire behaviour
- Be clear why you want to burn.
- What is the fire history?
- How will the fire affect the needs of the wildlife in your bushland?
- Conduct mosaic burn approach.
- Spring or autumn burns?
- Seek Advice?
- Seek VBFB support.
- Think laterally and think it through?
- Be cautious – safety / NC
- Complete a Basic Fire Fighters course.
- Keep records
- It's the frequency of burns that matters most...



Rotation: 25+ years

Rotation: 15-20 years

Rotation: 10-15 years

Rotation: 1-3 years



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Some final Thoughts

- Holistic Approach: Lessens risk – increases choices.
 - ✓ Gutters, raking,
 - ✓ sprinklers,
 - ✓ independent power source,
 - ✓ water supply, fire hoses
 - ✓ Training etc
 - ✓ Bush Fire Survival Plan
- Plans are dynamic – subject to change.
- Work with neighbours if possible.
- Be pro-active and engaged.
 - The bush and its ecology is tolerant to fire.
It hasn't an immunity.