

# Hot Spot

February 2017

## Fire Events

This year's summer has been a bit of a non-event with a plenty of growth (fuel) but very little drying. As a result there have been very few fires (see below), mainly just people burning their hedges after trimming.

It would appear the trees are now starting to change their leaves and we have gone from spring to autumn, awesome!

Scion has put out the latest fire danger outlook for 2017. For Southland this means, temperatures and rainfall will be normal for this time of year, along with soil moisture.

However as Canterbury has shown, we can always be sure the weather will throw a spanner in the works so be prepared.

## Know your L.A.C.E.S



Type	Number	Comment
<b>Vegetation</b>	20	5 Controlled burns – no action 15 hedge / scrub fires
<b>Mobile Fires</b>	7	1 Quad Bike 1 Tractor 2 Digger 3 Other farm machinery
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	3	
<b>Medical Calls</b>	3	
<b>Other</b>	1	Search and rescue

# Up and Coming Events

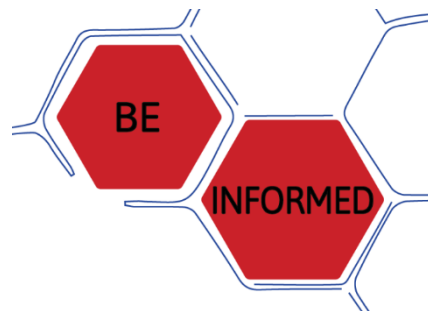
## YOUR CHANCE TO BE INFORMED

David Strong the Chair of the Fire and Emergency Transition team is coming to Southland to provide an update on the transition to FENZ and to answer your questions. This invitation is open to every Southern Rural Fire Fighter.

**When:** 1930, Thursday 23rd February

**Where:** Hedgehope Fire Depot (cnr of Rakahouka-Hedgehope Road and Glencoe Highway)

Southern Rural Fire will provide a light supper.



## Save the Date

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) comes into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. This means Southern Rural Fire will no longer exist, and we think that is a great excuse to have one final shin-dig.

**When:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

**Where:** Ascot Motel, Invercargill

Partners are welcome, this will be an evening of food, music, entertainment, awards and heaps more, so book the baby sitter, dust off your glad rags and get ready, more information will be out soon.

## Training

Yep, we will be training again this year so make sure it's in your diary / work plan.

Team	Date	Location
DOC – Te Anau (Team 1)	21-22 March	Te Anau
DOC – Stewart Island	7-8 June	Stewart Island
Southroads	17-18 August	Kingswell, Invercargill
Fulton Hogan	24-25 August	Kingswell, Invercargill
DOC Te Anau (Team 2)	3-4 October	Te Anau
Volunteer Teams	On your training nights	

**“Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good.” - Malcolm Gladwell**