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Production resumes at Maryvale Mill after fires

Operation has resumed as normal at Australian Paper's Maryvale Mill following a fire in the woodchip yard and log piles on 9 February 2014.

The Country Fire Authority (CFA) attended the scene alongside our own on-site emergency crews and fires were contained quickly and have since been fully extinguished.

Less than 24 hours production time was lost and customer orders are being despatched as normal.

No long term impacts are expected on production despite some resources being burnt.

This fire was a result of embers from a bushfire in Morwell travelling inside mill grounds.

Australian Paper's Emergency Management Plan was implemented by trained staff immediately when the fire was discovered.

"As a result of the outstanding dedication of our staff and the CFA our mill was fortunate to avoid severe damage or loss of production time and for that we are extremely grateful," said Mark Nelson, General Manager of Australian Paper.

"We credit the fast acting and courageous efforts of everyone on hand to assist and minimise the impact on our company, employees and customers."

Roads to the mill have reopened as normal including rail operations.

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About Australian Paper

Australian Paper is an Australian pulp, paper and packaging manufacturer. We produce around 612,000 tonnes of paper products, including more than 457,000 tonnes of pulp, and sell almost 700,000 tonnes of paper product to local (Australia and New Zealand) and overseas markets annually. Our products are exported to more than 75 countries in Asia, USA, Europe, Middle East, the Indian Subcontinent, Latin America and Africa.

We employ around 1,300 employees directly and support almost 6000 full-time equivalent jobs when flow-on effects are considered. Annually, we contribute around \$750 million to gross domestic product including flow-on impacts and over \$430 million to government revenue, or \$1.81 for every ream of copy paper manufactured.

Our Maryvale Mill is located in the Gippsland region of Victoria and our Shoalhaven Mill located in the Illawarra region of New South Wales. Our envelope and stationery manufacturing facilities, head office and Australian Office branch are located in Melbourne.

We are committed to sustainable practices throughout our operations, and oversee our operations in a way that aims to minimise our impact on the environment, and maximise our social and economic contribution to our employees and in the communities in which we operate.

Australian Paper adheres to the strictest environmental practices which are reflected in [our certifications](#).

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