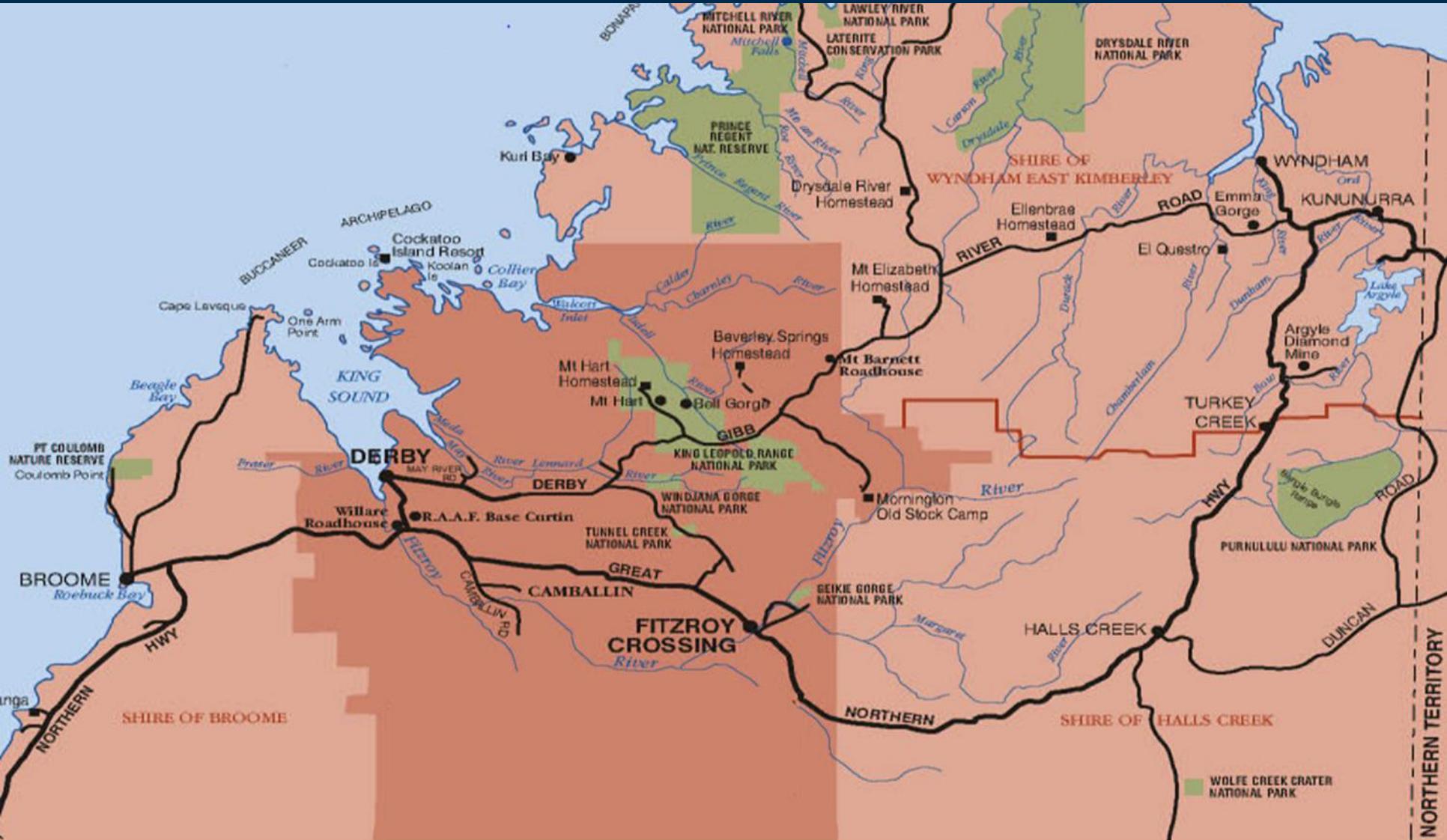




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2017/18 Season Overview Challenges & Achievements

- 548 Bushfire incidents attended/managed
- Remote Eco Tourism Ventures – Fire/Mitigation Management
- Roadside Burning Project covered 630Km
- 39 Pastoral Stations participated in Aerial Controlled Burning
- Conducted 8 weeks of in town burning (UCL/UMR town site)
- Increased Aboriginal Ranger involvement in fire suppression



Organisational Change – Structural Reform





NEW Rural Fire Division - Overview

- ▶ State Government announced the rural fire reform package on 13 April 2018.
- ▶ Reforms address recommendations made by the *Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire* (Ferguson Inquiry).
- ▶ Changes include the creation of a Rural Fire Division within DFES, the establishment of a new \$18 million Bushfire Centre of Excellence, additional funding for bushfire mitigation activities, plus a range of new support measures for volunteers.
- ▶ Changes are being made alongside other structural reforms within DFES, including the reintegration of the Office of Emergency Management.
- ▶ Modest, central coordination hub, drawing on existing regional resources and networks to deliver activities and services.



The Rural Fire Division becomes one of four Command Structures within DFES, incorporating the Office of Bushfire Risk Management, Bushfire Risk Management Program, Land Use Planning, Bushfire Technical Services and the NEW Bushfire Centre of Excellence.





Rural Fire Division Centre of Excellence





Establishment of Remote Aboriginal Fire & Emergency Service Units

- Increasing remote community resilience and capacity
- Currently we have 3 FES Units established
- Over 50 Volunteers trained and registered
- Responding to area's that were previously managed from town based emergency services





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Thank You