

Smoke Blankets Melbourne as Out-of-Control Bushfires Rage Across Victoriaaa

The <u>Grampians</u> region, where fires first threatened the tiny hamlet of Mirranatwa on Wednesday, remains a focal point of danger. On Friday, a strong south-westerly wind and temperatures in the low 30s reignited the blaze, pushing it eastward. The towns of Mafeking and Watgania are now under immediate threat. Emergency warnings issued shortly before 3:30 p.m. cautioned residents that these areas could be impacted within the hour.

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