

Prescribed Burn

NEWS RELEASE

Mount Lofty
Ranges Fire
Cooperative

Prescribed burn in Deep Creek Conservation Park tomorrow

27 March 2012

Subject to suitable weather conditions, the Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Cooperative will undertake a prescribed burn at **Deep Creek Conservation Park**, 10 kilometres south of Delamere, tomorrow (**Wednesday, March 28**).

- The prescribed burn is due to begin at about 1pm and will conclude at about 8pm.
- The burn will treat about 100 hectares of the southern section of the park, south of Trig campground off Tent Rock Road.
- Smoke may be visible from Parawa and Cape Jervis residential areas.
- Tent Rock Road may be impacted by smoke (depending on weather conditions).
- Trig campground will be closed and speed restrictions may apply on other roads in the area during the burn.
- The park will not be closed during the burn, but Trig campground and the Trig to Deep Creek Cove walking trail will be closed. Signage will be placed at key locations to advise passers by and park users.

The purpose of the prescribed burn is to reduce fire fuel loads within the park.

There is conclusive evidence both nationally and internationally that prescribed burning lessens the impact bushfires would otherwise have on assets and the community.

DENR fire crews will monitor the fire grounds until the areas are declared safe, with SA Country Fire Service (CFS) crews on standby if required.

About prescribed burns

"Prescribed burns are an essential part of DENR's strategy of working with the CFS to reduce the impact of bushfires on public land," Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Cooperative convenor Richard de Groot said.

"They are conducted for a number of reasons such as reducing heavy fuel loads in strategic areas of our parks and reserves or for ecological and research purposes.

"Reducing heavy fuel loads is very important, because it can make it easier to control a bushfire, help prevent a bushfire spreading to residential areas, and ultimately save people's lives and property.

"Before every prescribed burn, we carefully assess and prepare to manage a range of risk factors including the weather, dryness of the vegetation and site geography.

"The risks are relatively small compared to the possible consequences of a major bushfire occurring during the summer.

"We always ensure that appropriate back-up resources and fall-back positions are available in the event a prescribed burn crosses containment lines."

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