

PLANNED BURNS - ADVICE

EAST GIPPSLAND AREA

Thursday, 20 October 2011 0900hrs

(Expires Friday October 21 1800hrs)

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria advise that planned burning will be occurring in the following areas today, weather conditions permitting:

- Gormandale – Merrimans Creek Reserve: 48 hectare fuel reduction burn, 10 kilometres south of Rosedale and just north of Hiamdale to protect communities in the area.
- Nowa Nowa township: 19 hectare fuel reduction burn, one kilometre north of Nowa Nowa. This burn is part of the township protection strategy.
- Cann River – Cemetery Track South: 279 hectare fuel reduction burn, one kilometre east of Cann River to protect communities in the area.
- Yarram Tip: 39 hectare fuel reduction burn, four kilometres north-east of Yarram to protect communities in the area.

Smoke may be visible in the following locations as well as from surrounding areas:

Gormandale, Hiamdale, Willung, Nowa Nowa, Cann River, Yarram and Won Wron.

What to do

- If you are experiencing any symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure, the Department of Health advises people seek medical advice or call Nurse on Call on 1300 606 024.

Additional Information

Road Users

- Road travel may be hazardous due to low visibility associated with smoke;
- Signs may be in place to slow traffic. Obey all traffic signs and instructions from fire agency crews near the burn.
- For road closures check www.vicroads.vic.gov.au
- Access to walking tracks, car parks, camping grounds and picnic sites in areas close to or in burn areas may be restricted.

Smoke and your home

- Close windows and doors to prevent smoke from entering.
- Avoid hanging washing out.

Stay Informed

- Information on fires in Victoria is available from the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on freecall 1800 240 667 or www.cfa.vic.gov.au. Keep informed by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or watching Sky News TV. Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can contact VBIL via the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.

Authorisation

Approved by Area Duty Officer, Anthony Costigan