



HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT

Managing fire on your property & across the landscape

A Hotspots workshop is planned for landholders and residents in coastal forests in the Nutleys, Baragoot, Cuttagee, Bunga, Murrah, Wapengo and Tanja areas

Venue: The Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds

Date: Saturday 15th October, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Participation is **FREE** to participants with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided



WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- Support landholders who have attended previous Hotspots workshops to refine and implement property fire management plans
- Support new participants wanting to develop and implement plans for their own properties
- Support neighbourhood networking to enhance community capacity in managing fire
- Provide updates on the landscape fire management strategy, the new flora reserves, the koala project and Aboriginal partnerships in regards to these initiatives.



Supporting sustainable fire
management for healthy landscapes

HOW TO REGISTER?

Register on-line at the Eventbrite web page,
<http://hotspots-community-koala-workshop.eventbrite.com.au>

If you don't have computer or internet access,
please contact Phil Paterson, NSW Rural Fire
Service Hotspots Officer on 0417128815

Please register by 14th October

For more information on Hotspots visit
www.hotspotsfireproject.org.au

HOTSPOTS WORKSHOPS

The Hotspots Fire Project enables landholders and public land managers to work together to reduce bush fire risk across the landscape, whilst maintaining and improving biodiversity.

This workshop is being planned both for those who attended the Hotspots workshops in 2015 and for those who would like to explore ways to better protect themselves and their properties against fire and who would like to learn more about fire management in their region.

Since the workshops held in 2015 there have been some important developments in regards to the management of fire in the coastal forests between the Bermagui and Bega Rivers. These include:

1. State forests within this area have been designated as new flora reserves, and the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have been appointed as their manager.
2. OEH, NSWRFs and FNSW agency staff developed 11 options for where to locate Strategic Fire Advantage Zones (SFAZ) where fuel loads would be managed. The University of Melbourne undertook fire simulation modelling that quantified by how much each option reduced the risk of wildfire impacting on houses and mapped koala activity areas.
3. The most cost-effective of the options has been adopted as the fire management strategy for the landscape. The SFAZ areas identified in this option is being adopted by the Bega Valley Bushfire Risk Management Plan.
4. A partnership with the Boards of Biamanga and Gulaga National Parks is being consolidated to assist the development and implementation of the fire management strategy for the landscape.

People living within this landscape have a vital role to play in its fire management, and the main aim of the workshop is to support residents' capacity to make a contribution. Developing fire management plans for their own assets, consolidating community networks that both support and integrate these plans and facilitate communication between residents, local bushfire brigades and fire agency staff, are all vital contributions to the broader fire management strategy that we will support.

In regards to fire management the workshop will undertake the following:

1. Provide an overview of the fire management strategy for the landscape and seek feedback from workshop participants.
2. Review property fire management plans that are being developed by residents who have previously attended Hotspots workshops.
3. Support those who are new to Hotspots workshops to develop plans for their own properties.
4. Enable specific support from professional fire management staff and local brigades to be provided to residents who wish to undertake fuel reduction activities on their properties in the coming autumn.

Venue

The Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds is an inspiring location for conferences, training days, workshops and meetings set in 30 hectares of open forest parkland

Directions

Travel 9kms south from Bermagui along the Tathra-Bermagui Road

Turn into Four Winds Road, Barragga Bay NSW 2546

