

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Information on Gospers Mountain Bush Fire Issued on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 3pm

Situation

The Gospers Mountain fire is currently approximately 160 000 hectares in size and continues to burn in the Wollemi, Yengo National Parks and the Parr State Recreation Area.

The fire is burning to the north of Colo Heights, south of Putty, east of Glen Davis and west of St Albans in the Lithgow, Hawkesbury and Singleton Local Government Areas.

Firefighters continue to protect properties with the assistance of water bombing aircraft and earth moving equipment. Firefighters continue to undertake back burning operations in the areas of Central Macdonald up to St Albans, around Gorricks Run, Putty and surrounding areas.

Further back burning will be implemented to protect communities as conditions allow. Residents in the area will notice an increase in fire and smoke during these times.

Residents in the vicinity of Gorricks Run, Glen Davis, Glen Alice, Newnes, Putty Valley, Colo Heights, Upper Colo, Webbs Creek and St Albans (through to Higher MacDonal) should remain vigilant and know what they will do if fire conditions were to change.

It is expected that the surrounding areas will experience smoke especially in the morning and late evenings over coming days, if not weeks as the fire continues to burn.

Please only call Triple Zero (000) if you see fire without a fire truck in attendance or you are directly threatened by fire.

Advice

- If you live in the areas of Colo Heights, Higher MacDonal, Gorricks Run, St Albans, Webbs Creek and Yengo Drive (Putty) implement your bush fire survival plan and continue to monitor conditions. Know what you will do if the fire impacts.
- If you are in the areas of Glen Davis and Putty Valley implement your bush fire survival plan and continue to monitor conditions. Know what to do if the fire impacts.
- St Albans Road will be closed from the Webbs Creek Ferry to St Albans. Locals can access St Albans via Settlers Road.
- The Putty Road remains closed from the Colo river to Milbrodale due to ongoing operations in the area.
- Deliveries or vital/emergency supplies to properties or businesses in this area may be possible by pre arrangement through the Hawkesbury Fire Control Centre on 4560 6400.
- Bicentenary and Wheelbarrow Ridge Roads also remain closed due to ongoing operations in the area.
- If you are in the proximity of the fire and you are not prepared – leaving early is the safest option. Seek advice as to the safest route to take.
- If you are threatened by fire, seek a safe location. This includes built up areas, well away from bushland.

Stay up to date at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

- People with respiratory conditions who are affected by bush fire smoke should implement their health management plan and seek medical advice if necessary. Take precautions, such as staying indoors and closing windows.

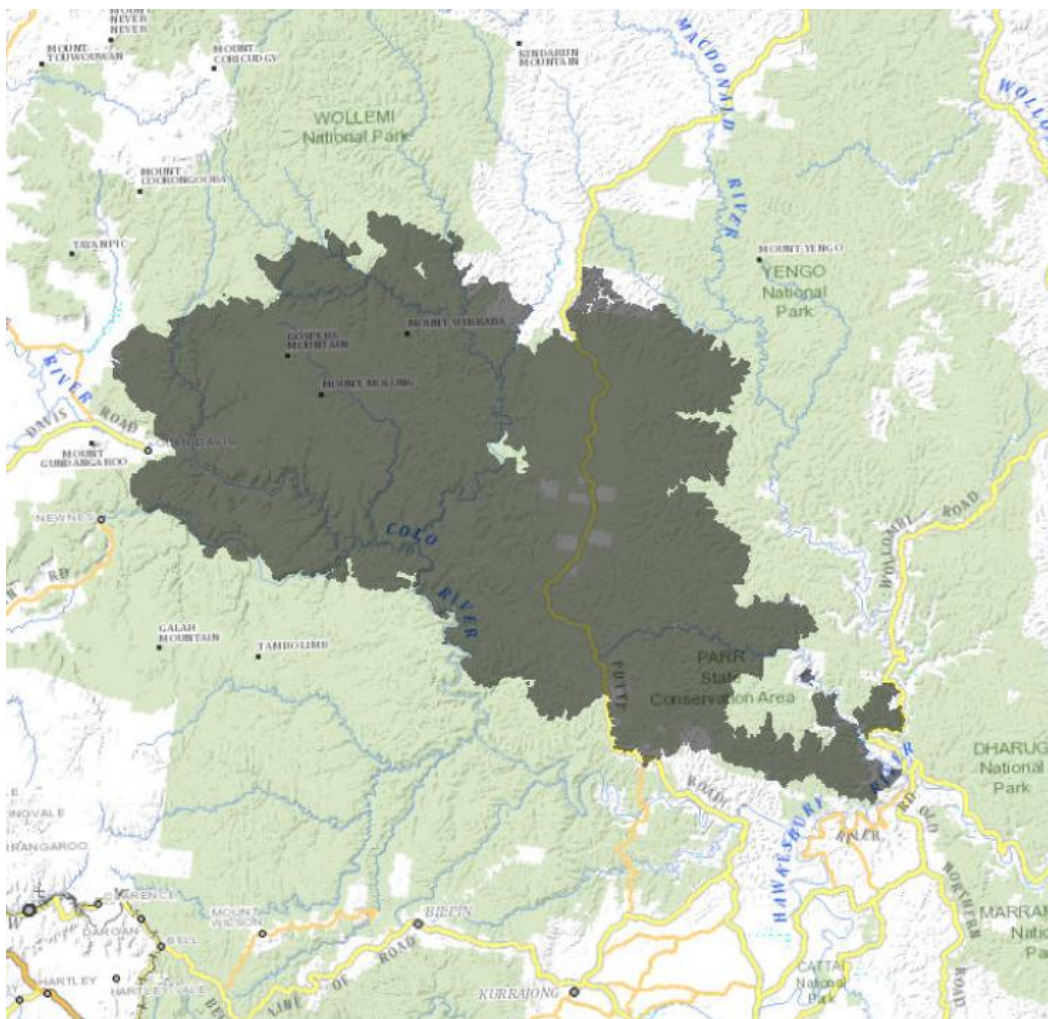
Information

- Stay up to date with the situation at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or by calling the **NSW RFS BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE** on **1800 NSW RFS** (1800 679 737) or via the Fires Near Me app.
- Animal owners can contact the Local Land Services Hotline on 1800 814 647 if you need emergency assistance or the location of the large animal welfare centres.
- For information on road conditions or closures, call the RMS on 132 213 or check www.livetraffic.com. Remember roads may be closed without warning.
- For information on closures of National Parks associated with this fire, please visit www.npws.nsw.gov.au

Community Meetings

To keep affected communities informed of the fire situation and emergency arrangements fire fighters and incident management team members will present along with NSW Police at the following locations:

- Putty Hall – Wednesday 20 November – 4:00pm
- Mangrove Mountain Memorial Hall – Wednesday 20 November – 7:00pm
- Colo Heights Rural Fire Brigade Station – Wednesday 20 November – 8:00pm



Authorised by Incident Controller Superintendent Karen Hodges, Hawkesbury Fire Control Centre.
Issued by the Incident Management Team on behalf of the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

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