

HAZARD REDUCTION NOTIFICATION

Lake Macquarie City Council wishes to advise residents that Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is planning to conduct a Hazard Reduction burn in your local area. The works are planned to be conducted at;

Collarena HR Lot 7344 DP 1159321 Burwood Road Whitebridge

The burn will be scheduled for
Friday, 22 September 2023
between the times of 0900 - 1700

The operation will depend on suitable weather conditions. If weather conditions are unfavourable on the planned day, *this notice will remain valid until 1st October 2023.*



NOTE: This map is only an indication of the general burn area. Boundaries are not precise.

Resident Responsibilities:

- **PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY NOW:** Fire fighters require your help. In order to conduct this essential work, residents immediately adjacent to the burn area are required to conduct property maintenance. Your property should be maintained to reduce the risk of embers causing damage.
- Clear vegetation and leaf litter away from assets such as fences, storage containers, sheds, power poles and machinery. Maintain a clear area near combustible materials such as wood piles.
- Maintain an area of mown grass around residential dwelling & buildings, and clear gutters of leaf debris.

Hazard Reduction Information

Hazard reduction is just one way of preparing for bush fires – it doesn't remove the threat of fire, and it doesn't remove the need for you and your family to be prepared. There are different types of hazard reduction including controlled burning, mechanical clearing like slashing undergrowth, or even reducing the ground fuel by hand.

Smoke

Hazard reduction is an important part of preparing for bush fires. It helps protect people, property and the environment. Fire agencies and land managers work together to minimise the impact of smoke from hazard reduction burning. Controlled burns are planned well in advance. They're planned to have minimal impact on the environment and the community.

If you are likely to experience problems relating to smoke, think now about what you'll do.

Safety Precautions During the Burn

- Local residents should keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Outdoor items such as furniture, trampolines etc, should be either taken inside or covered. Where this is not practical, items should be hosed down regularly to prevent ember damage
- Retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Remove washing from clotheslines
- Ensure pets have a protected area
- Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
- Obey the instructions of traffic controllers and emergency services
- Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice
- Never fly drones or Remote Piloted Aircraft near bush fires or hazard reductions, where other aircraft may be operating. Penalties apply.

INFORMATION & UPDATES

- Visit the NSW Rural Fire Service web site www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr
- Call the Bush Fire Information Line **1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)**
- Download the free smart device application 'Hazards Near Me NSW'



Yours sincerely,
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