

Proposed Planned Burn

Emerald – Emerald Quarry

Information Pamphlet



What is happening?

A planned burn is being undertaken to reduce overall fuel loads and bushfire risk to local properties.

When will the burn take place?

CFA will aim to conduct the burn during autumn 2020. We are unable to provide a specific date in advance as ignition is dependent on weather and site conditions.

How does planned burning help reduce bushfire risk to communities?

Planned burning reduces the amount of vegetation available to burn in the event of a bushfire in the area. Dead plant material within the burn area will be reduced and it is hoped that there will be an increase in species diversity in the area.

What planning has gone into the burn?

The CFA has prepared a detailed plan for the site including various environmental and cultural heritage checks.

As this burn may occur during the designated Fire Danger Period (FDP), special permits have been obtained to permit these works.

How will we ensure the fire doesn't escape?

Many precautions are taken to ensure the safety of local communities, firefighters and the natural environment. The CFA will have numerous brigades and fire vehicles on site during the burn and in the day(s) after as deemed necessary until the burn is declared safe.

How can I stay up to date with the latest information?

You can subscribe to notifications for Planned Burns in your area on the Planned Burns Victoria website (www.plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au).

A notification will also occur on the VicEmergency app upon ignition (check your notification settings to ensure they include Fire/ Planned Burns).

What can I expect on the day of the burn?

You may see fire vehicles and increased traffic in the area during operations. The burn area and some surrounding areas may have restricted public access. There may be smoky conditions in the area.

It is therefore advisable to:

- Keep doors & windows closed
- Bring washing inside
- Keep pets indoors
- Remain indoors if you are elderly or have respiratory problems

If you experience symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure, seek medical advice or contact NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

How will we protect plants and animals?

Environmental Values checking has been conducted on the site to avoid impacts to values within the burn area. Habitat trees have been identified and will be marked and avoided. The burn will be lit at a slow pace to allow animals to move to other nearby areas of bush.

