

Wednesday, 28 October 2009

Two planned burns in the Dandenong Ranges tomorrow

Two fuel reduction burns are planned to be ignited in the **Dandenong Ranges** National Park tomorrow (Thursday), as the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Parks Victoria prepare for fire season.

The first burn is 6 hectares off Hilton Road in **Ferny Creek** (Melways 66 C10). The second burn is 5.5 hectares off Wannawong Road in **Sassafras** (Melways 66 D10).

The burns have been planned to reduce the risk of fire for nearby houses and properties, and are subject to favourable weather conditions. Both burns are expected to be ignited late tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

Smoke is expected to be visible in surrounding communities, and drivers in the area are asked to slow down and take care.

For information on fires or planned burns in Victoria and general fire safety, please contact the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on freecall 1800 240 667. Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment may call textphone/telewriter (TTY) on 1800 122 969.

Information is also available at www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires and for information about fire restrictions, fire bans and fires on private land visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au