



## Throsby Park Historic Site and Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve Fire Management Strategy February 2007

**This Map should be used in conjunction with topographic maps and ground reconnaissance during incidents and the development of incident action plans.**

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**Australian Map Grid Zone 56  
Topographic Map Sheet 1:25 000  
Moss Vale 8928-1-N  
Grid Intervals 1000 metres**

Please forward comments on this strategy to:  
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or NPWS Highlands Area Office, "Yarrunga" Novra Rd, Fitzroy Falls NSW 2577

CONTACT INFORMATION		Communications Information																																															
<b>Emergency Calls - Fire, Ambulance, Police</b>	Call your nearest service required	Service	Channel																																														
<b>National Parks &amp; Wildlife Service NSW</b> (Dept. of Environment & Conservation)	Emergency Contact: Business Hours: 1800-1630 Mon-Fri. After Hours / All areas: 1800 629 104. Local NPWS Area Office: Highlands Area Office: 4887 6244. South Coast Regional Office: 4423 2170. 55 Graham St. Novra NSW 2541	NPWS VHF	118.254																																														
<b>Rural Fire Service</b>	Wingecombie Fire Control Centre: Emergency calls: 000. Business Calls: 4871 2966. For Brigade Contact No.s - Contact Fire Control	NPWS VHF (Fire Management)	43.26																																														
<b>NPWS Fire Brigades</b>	Moss Vale & Berrara Fire Stations: 000	NPWS VHF (Fire Management)	43.26																																														
<b>Police NSW</b>	Hillbrook Forest: 4472 6211. Balmara Bay Office: 6458 3177. Bombala Office: 6428 6367	NPWS VHF (Fire Management)	43.26																																														
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<b>COMBUSTION CONTACTS</b>	Whites: 4862 1788. Neaveval Hospital: 4861 0200. Berrara & District Hospital (Berrara): 4861 0200	NPWS VHF (Fire Management)	43.26																																														
<b>Operational Guidelines</b>	<p>These guidelines are provided to assist fire management activities within these reserves. They are intended to be used in conjunction with other fire management strategies for fire management, reserve management plans, neighbours and other site-specific issues that need to be considered. Feedback on these matters is always appreciated and should be directed to NPWS Highlands Area Office "Yarrunga" Novra Rd, Fitzroy Falls NSW 2577.</p> <p><b>Command and Control:</b> The NPWS is responsible for fire management within these reserves. Any fire activity may require fire and attack subject to the NPWS strategies for fire management, reserve management plans, neighbours and other site-specific issues that need to be considered. Feedback on these matters is always appreciated and should be directed to NPWS Highlands Area Office "Yarrunga" Novra Rd, Fitzroy Falls NSW 2577.</p> <p><b>NPWS Area:</b> Those reserves within the total response and command area of the Moss Vale NSWFB (urban) fire brigade. Fireground operations will remain under NPWS control until formally transferred with NPWS advice to ALL other agencies and firefighters.</p> <p><b>Visitor Safety:</b> Consider public safety within incident operations (e.g. clearing heavy visitor use areas and sites, warnings and information, on-site protection, closures or evacuations where required by Police).</p> <p><b>Fire Suppression:</b> Firefighter safety is paramount. Containment operations should consider using existing tracks, trails, walking tracks and recently burnt areas. Where possible to limit unnecessary damage, the use of extinguishing equipment should be limited. If extensive fire conditions prevail, fall back to property protection of adjacent land.</p> <p><b>Extinguishing Equipment:</b> Except for immediate initial attack, the use of extinguishing equipment for fire suppression within these reserves requires NPWS consent. There are significant natural and cultural values at some reserves and equipment should be used in a way that does not cause damage to these values. All use of extinguishing equipment will be consistent with NPWS safety, operational and environmental guidelines.</p> <p><b>Foam and Retardant Use:</b> Avoid foam and retardant use within these reserves unless there is a significant necessary operational advantage. DO NOT use on or near watercourses, wetlands or sensitive areas. There are reserves with an on-site water supply catchment. DO NOT use foams or retardants near water storages or supply infrastructure. Unless under emergency conditions always obtain permission before using aerial water supplies. Take care when tanker filling not to contaminate water catchments.</p> <p><b>Aerial operations:</b> Aerial operators should be briefed on location of transmission lines in the area. Consider safety implications where aerial will operate over adjacent urban areas or dwellings, or operate from publicly accessible fireground sites. Aerial operators should be equipped with a high risk of slip and fall through the area, or there is a significant wind change anticipated.</p> <p><b>Reserve Management:</b> These reserves are subject to a range of land use and management. Consider prompt advice to neighbours, downward and consider traffic management during fire suppression operations. Consider safety and health implications during fire suppression operations. Consider safety and health implications during fire suppression operations. 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