



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Increase in fire activity in Southern Highlands**

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The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) is urging Wingecarribee residents to take extreme care when conducting burning activities following an unusually high number of fires in the local area due to pile burn escapes.

NSW RFS Inspector David Bartlett said local Brigades have been called to a number of fires in recent weeks, including grass fires at Mittagong, and Sutton Forest.

“Current windy, dry conditions mean landowners need to be very careful when attempting any burning,” Inspector Bartlett said.

“Residents and landowners need to take care when using fire and remember it is their responsibility to control the fire so that it doesn’t escape and cause damage.

“When undertaking burning activities, landholders need to notify their neighbours, ensure they have adequate water available to extinguish the fire, and not leave a fire unattended.

Inspector Bartlett said there are also significant penalties for land owners who do not conduct burning safely on their property.

Land owners should check that they also are complying with any Council requirements that may apply to their land.



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