



NOTICE OF PLANNED CULTURAL BURN AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

We wish to advise that the Dharug Traditional Custodians, in conjunction with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), are planning to conduct a cultural burn in Lane Cove National Park around 25th – 28th April 2024. The works are planned to be conducted at:

Browns Waterhole, Lane Cove National Park
Between Lane Cove River and Downes St / Eastcote Rd, North Epping

Implementation will depend on suitable conditions. If conditions are unfavourable for the planned dates, this notice remains valid and the burn will be rescheduled.

The Dharug people are committed to caring for the Country and ensuring its long-term health. Cultural burning, also known as cool burning, has been used by Aboriginal Australians for millennia. It involves controlled, low-intensity fires that benefit the land in several ways:

- Reduces fire risk by removing built-up fuel loads
- Stimulates seed germination and encourages new growth of native plants
- Manages habitats for native animals

In the weeks prior to the Cultural Burn, Dharug people and community volunteers will be undertaking preparation activities to manage leaf litter and other flammable materials, helping to create a reduced bushfire risk in the area.

An integral part of the preparation work each day will include the Dharug people conducting Smoking Ceremonies, a traditional Aboriginal land management practice. These ceremonies connect the Dharug people to their Country and honour their ancestral practices. They also hold cultural and spiritual significance and promote healthy ecosystems.

Please note that the Dharug people will be accessing the site via Kissing Point Rd, South Turramurra and Vimiera Rd, North Epping.

If you have any questions, please contact the North Western Sydney Area on 8448 0400 or npws.northwesternsydney@environment.nsw.gov.au

Regards

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