Fire and Restoration: working with fire for healthy lands

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th May 2015

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Surry Hills, Sydney

Welcome Pack
The Nature Conservation Council of NSW welcomes you to our 10th biennial Bushfire Conference, **Fire and Restoration: working with fire for healthy lands**

We would like to thank you for registering and being part of this event. Our program of distinguished speakers, poster presentations and panel discussions will provide an informative examination of ecologically sustainable bushfire management.

To make your experience more comfortable and valuable we have provided this information pack with some general information about the event.

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1. Location & Access

Teachers Federation Conference Centre
37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills
www.conferencecentre.nswtf.org.au

A = Teachers Federation Conference Centre
*Enter the venue via Reservoir Street.

The Teachers Federation Conference Centre is conveniently located in the heart of Sydney in cosmopolitan Surry Hills – a five-minute walk from Central Station, China Town and the George Street entertainment district. The venue is also a five to ten minute walk from the suggested accommodation options, Southern Cross Hotel and Sydney Central YMCA.

Surry Hills is a colourful inner city suburb with a mix of business, residential and entertainment uses. There are a plethora of low, mid and high range cafés, restaurants and pubs located in and around the area’s narrow streets. A popular restaurant strip is on Crown Street where you will find anything from traditional pub meals to funky wine bars. On the other side of George Street is Chinatown, where you will find a range of Asian restaurants.

For entertainment options close by, the George Street strip between Liverpool and Bathurst Street has a number of cinemas, including Hoyts and Greater Union. There are also numerous shopping options. Market City and Paddy’s Markets are located in the centre of Haymarket and Chinatown. Further along George Street towards the city you will find World Square.

Closer to home there are cafés located on either side of the conference centre or directly opposite on Reservoir Street.
2. Transport & Parking

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The best way to get to the Conference Centre is via public transport as it is an easy five minute walk from Central Station. Public transport options include train, bus and light rail.

All trains on Sydney’s network connect to Central Station and buses along George Street and Railway Square connect Sydney’s Inner-West to Circular Quay. Some major bus routes from Railway Square include:

- 422 – Kogarah – Tempe-St Peters-Newtown-City
- 423 – Kingsgrove - Earlwood – Marrickville – Enmore – Newtown – City
- 426 – Dulwich Hill – Marrickville – Newtown – City
- 428 – Canterbury – Petersham – Newtown – City
- 431 – Glebe Point – City
- 433 – Balmain – Glebe – City
- 440 – Rozelle – Liechhardt – City
- 438 – Abbotsford – Liechhardt – City

- Buses to the eastern suburbs leave from Hyde Park at Liverpool Street and go along Oxford Street.
- Buses to the North Shore leave from Wynyard Station.
- For more detailed transport information call 131500 or online www.131500.com.au

If you choose to drive, there are 3 parking stations within a 1 km radius from the venue - up to a 10 minute walk.

**Wilson Parking**: Corner of Goulburn St & Elizabeth St (entry via Goulburn St) Ph: 1800 727 5464
**Secure Parking**: 55 Holt Street, Surry Hills Ph: (02) 8912 4900
**Rydges Hotel Surry Hills**: 28 Albion St, Surry Hills (02) 9289 0000

3. Accommodation

Discounted accommodation is available at the Great Southern Hotel, 717 George St, Surry Hills. For more information and other accommodation options, please go to [www.nature.org.au/healthy-ecosystems/bushfire-program/conferences/](http://www.nature.org.au/healthy-ecosystems/bushfire-program/conferences/)

4. Catering & Conference Dinner

**Morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch** will be fully catered for at the conference. A delicious range of healthy vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will be available. Tea, coffee and water will also be available during the breaks.
**Conference Posters and Drinks Session** – Posters will be presented at the conclusion of the first day of the conference, Tuesday the 26th May 2015 from 5:00pm until 6:15pm. Drinks and antipasto will be served in the reception lounge and will provide the opportunity to discuss the day’s proceedings and review the posters and displays of restoration work around Australia.

**Conference Dinner** – We have organised a conference dinner at Albies Restaurant, Rydges Central Hotel, 28 Albion St, Surry Hills following the drinks and nibbles session. We’ve negotiated an Asian style banquet with a variety of vegetarian options.

The 3 course banquet dinner with drinks costs $65 a head. If you didn’t book for the dinner with your registration but would like to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

*If you have any special dietary requirements, such as gluten-free or lactose intolerance, please ensure that you have advised us of this in your registration.

Restaurant address: Rydges Central Hotel, 28 Albion St, St Surry Hills NSW 2010. (02) 9289 0000

Car parking is available under the Hotel.

**5. Registration from 8.15am Tuesday**

Registration will commence at 8.15am on Tuesday 26 May. To assist us with prompt registration we recommend you arrive at 8.15am. Late registrations will be available on Tuesday until 1.30pm and on Wednesday until 10.00am.

Tea and coffee will be available during registration.

**6. Conference hashtag #bushfireconf**

We’re encouraging those of you with Twitter accounts to share conference highlights and images with your networks. Use the hashtag #bushfireconf to assist those who can’t attend to connect with what is going on at the conference. The NCC twitter account is @naturensw.

**7. What to bring**

You will be provided with a conference pack containing your name tag, the program booklet and a pen. Feel free to bring your own writing utensils and laptop if required.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy the conference!

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