



What is Hotspots?

Hotspots is a community-based training program which provides landholders and land managers with the skills and knowledge to actively participate in fire management for the protection of life and property while at the same time ensuring biodiversity is protected and maintained.

Hotspots works with a diverse range of communities:

- ✓ New landholders
- ✓ Traditional farming communities
- ✓ Conservation-minded communities
- ✓ Multiple occupancies
- ✓ Indigenous
- ✓ Remote

The training program is delivered by the NSW Rural Fire Service, the Nature Conservation Council and independent facilitators, taking landholders along with agency staff through a number of field days which provide skills and knowledge to actively manage fire.



Landholders participate in a **demonstration burn**

"It's different actually seeing fire, rather than reading and hearing about it"

Hotspots aims to:

- ✓ Provide a forum to share information and knowledge on fire management and fire ecology, to make better informed land management decisions;
- ✓ Build capacity for landholders to do the planning for themselves with the assistance from local fire authorities and other agencies; and
- ✓ Build landholder and community confidence and skills in fire management through planning for and participating in demonstration burns.



Landholders create **fire management plans**



Landholders and agencies spend **time in the field** learning about fire in their area

Further Information:

The Hotspots Fire Project is managed by the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC). For further information contact the Hotspots Coordinator at the RFS on (02) 8741 5555 or NCC on (02) 9516 1488, email hotspots@rfs.nsw.gov.au or visit

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