

MEDIA RELEASE

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Recent Fires at Sir Joseph Banks Park

Bayside Council, NSW Fire & Rescue and NSW Police have recently responded to a series of suspicious fires that occurred at Sir Joseph Banks Park, Botany.

“Council’s Regulation Enforcement officers regularly patrol the area, but anyone with information relating to these fires should contact NSW Police. Arson is a criminal offence and carries a hefty jail sentence. If residents see fires in the park they should ring 000,” Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

On Friday 20 April NSW Fire & Rescue attended the park at approximately 4pm in response to an emergency call from a member of the public.

Five units from NSW Fire & Rescue were sent to control the fires that burnt approximately 1 hectare of the park.

Council staff are developing management plans to regenerate the burnt areas and to limit the impact on park visitors.

Sir Joseph Banks Park is a regionally significant natural area that has been identified as containing important habitat for Green and Golden Bell Frog’s and several other native species.

Bayside Council with the support of the Environmental Protection Agency, Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Council’s Bushcare volunteers recently started an environmental restoration program park.

The environmental restoration program will improve the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, Freshwater wetlands and Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest that are located at the site.

To find out more about the restoration program at Sir Joseph Banks Park or volunteering with Bayside Council Bushcare please contact Bayside Council’s Natural Resource Management Officer on 9562 1703 or bushcare@bayside.nsw.gov.au.



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