

Wingfield fire controlled

Tuesday, 28 August 2012

Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighters have handed the incident scene of the Wingfield mulch and timber fire back to the recycling depot's management.

The smouldering pile of mulch and timber is completely contained within strong perimeter lines at the Hanson Road facility.

The fire is expected to continue to smoulder within containment lines for several hours, well into the evening.

Depot workers will continue to use excavation equipment to turn over the mulch this evening in an effort to cool the pile. Staff will keep a close watch at the scene overnight and will notify the MFS if any further assistance is required. A water tanker is on hand at the scene.

MFS Commander, Greg Howard has commended firefighters and depot staff for their teamwork.

"I'd like to thank MFS firefighters and depot staff for working together to contain the fire and prevent its spread to nearby waste materials.

"Firefighters working in shifts maintained a presence at the incident for almost 40 hours, and received ongoing support from depot staff with the use of excavation equipment," he said.

The Bureau of Meteorology predicts a chance of rain this evening, and a high chance of showers tomorrow, which may assist the situation at Wingfield.

The incident does **not** pose a threat to public safety. Smoke in the area has significantly reduced, but motorists should take care as winds may cause smoke to travel over roads in the local area.

People with respiratory issues are advised to stay indoors and to close all doors and windows if smoke in the area is affecting them.

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