

Wombat Ridge Nature Reserve Cultural burning principles



- 1. Acknowledge and connect with country before you burn it.**
- 2. Burn in winter when the understory is still green and grasses have not fully cured.**
- 3. Go slow. Wait and watch the fires you light.**
- 4. Look for sweet ignition spots that can gently carry the fire.**
- 5. If it won't burn, don't force it. Move on elsewhere.**
- 6. Burn patches, not lines. Like a Nanna rug.**
- 7. Leave some unburned areas.**
- 8. Burn downhill not uphill.**
- 9. Burn into the wind.**
- 10. Use natural containment lines where possible.**
- 11. Aim for soft white smoke and black ash with remnants of green. (Not black smoke and white ash which comes from hot fires).**
- 12. Look up and see what's above you. Always protect the canopy.**
- 13. Burn around the base of trees to remove undergrowth and fuel.**
- 14. Remove flammable dead bark from tree trunks to stop fire running up trees.**
- 15. Don't fight fire with fire.**
- 16. Ensure asset protection (natural and human).**
- 17. Make known a refuge zone.**
- 18. Include and listen to the RFS and follow its advice in an emergency.**