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Public Safety Concerns Keeps Park Closed

Cootamundra's Pioneer Park will be closed over the Easter break due to public safety concerns following a Rural Fire Service controlled hazard reduction burn last weekend.

The hazard reduction burn was conducted by the RFS to reduce the risk of bushfire and reduce the amount of flammable fuel within the park.

The decision to keep the park closed over the Easter weekend, was reached by the RFS and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council as several hot spots have been identified.

Acting Manager for Regional Services Cootamundra, Mr Steve Lowe said the closure was a precaution and in the interests of public safety.

"The hazard reduction burn was very successful, and the area is being monitored by the RFS, both organisations felt that due to hot spots still smouldering it would be in the best interest of public safety to keep the park closed. We apologise for the inconvenience and will open the park when it's safe to do so," Mr Lowe said.

Picture and caption:

The hazard reduction burn at Cootamundra's Pioneer Park was carried out last weekend. As a precaution the park will remain closed to the public over the Easter long weekend, to enable RFS to continue to monitor hot spots within the park.

Photo Credit: NSW RFS South West Slopes Zone.



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