



MEDIA RELEASE

Bushfires NT Save Tourist Resort from Potential Disaster

Bushfires NT today responded to a reported gas leak at the popular Kings Canyon Resort between Alice Springs and Ayers Rock.

Bushfires NT Alice Springs west regional fire control officer Shane Brumby said it was fortunate he was nearby when the 7am call came through.

"I was conducting hazard reduction burning with Parks and Wildlife Service rangers nearby at Watarrka National Park when Emergency Services at Watarrka rang me to say they had received a report of a gas leak at the resort," Mr Brumby said.

"The 100 people or so in the area at the time were evacuated and I put in place a 500m exclusion zone.

"After that, I began spraying water through a fog nozzle to help disperse the leaking gas, which tends to sit in a dense blanket at ground level in cold weather.

"The gas cylinder responsible is now working properly and I suspect that will be the end of the matter."

Bushfires NT acting director Steve Sutton praised Mr Brumby for his quick response.

"Shane was in the right place at the right time and handled the situation extremely well," Mr Sutton said.

"Who knows what might have happened had Shane not been able to respond in the immediate and professional manner in which he did."

Mr Brumby is expected to continue the hazard reduction burning later today.

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Media Note – For more information contact Shane Brumby on 0427 971 073 or Bushfires NT southern region senior fire control officer Tony Secker on 8952 3066

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