

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Paringa Paddock fire

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10.00 am

A bushfire claimed two hectares of scrub at Paringa Paddock on Sunday 23 November and blocked the Sturt Highway for approximately two hours.

Firefighters were alerted to the blaze by an emergency call at 4.22 pm and brought the fire under control three and a half hours later.

Eighteen Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighters from four MFS appliances were assisted by eight Country Fire Service (CFS) firefighters from three CFS appliances.

Crews continued to monitor the fire overnight and finished mopping up at 9.30 am yesterday. An MFS crew continued to check on the area throughout the day.

MFS Regional Manager, Jim Grivell, says, "The fire is a reminder to people to remain vigilant and always report signs of fire.

"The fire was difficult to access and there were concerns about a nearby caravan park. But the quick work of firefighters prevented it from claiming property, or worse," Mr Grivell says.

Police continue to investigate the cause of the fire.

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