



Title: Port Hills Burning

Description: In February 2017, fires were started and spread from two places in the Port Hills of Christchurch, destroying nine homes, significant farm property and forest, and shutting down the newly established mountain-bike park.

Photographer: Rod Hay

Where, when: Cashmere - Christchurch, February, 2017.

Sustainability? Across the world, the frequency and severity of wildfires is increasing, fuelled by a warming climate and by human pressure and, lets face it, stupidity. There is good evidence that at least one of the two fires in Christchurch was deliberately lit; it resulted in great loss of property and the death of a helicopter pilot fighting the blaze. The newly opened and highly successful Adventure Park was shut down for months because of the fire. Ironically, though, it seems that the facility may have contributed to its spread. In a futile attempt to protect their chairlift cable intact, they kept it running, thereby risking taking the blaze to new spots via burning plastic on the chairs. It was a somewhat scary experience watching the fire as it advanced to within a kilometre of our home in Cashmere.

Photo notes: 1/800s, 50mm, f11, ISO 200.

Digital specs: 4608 x 3456 pixels (16 MP)

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