

Teens face fire charge

SYDNEY: Two teenagers will be charged with lighting a series of bushfires in the NSW Blue Mountains using homemade incendiary devices.

The pair, aged 19 and 13, were arrested at a home they shared in Cascade Street, Katoomba, yesterday after tip-offs from the public.

They are believed to be friends. The pair was questioned and Acting Superintendent Robert Vella said they would be charged with causing malicious damage by fire.

A search warrant was being carried out at their home yesterday and could lead to additional charges, he said.

"This has been an extremely quick result for police due to the assistance we have received from members of the public," Acting Supt Vella said.

"The public have been vigilant and have been reporting suspicious activity to us. Just because we've locked up two people, it doesn't mean that should stop."

Thirteen fires have scorched bushland in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, since Sunday.

One threatened six homes at Leura and destroyed about 20ha of bushland.



RFS officers cleaning up after the blaze at Leura

That was contained on Thursday night after burning for four days.

Police believe the teenagers are not responsible for all the fires.

Other suspects are being hunted and several already are being investigated.

The pair allegedly started the fires using homemade chemical devices, the exact nature of which was not disclosed by police. "My message is if you think it's cool to light a bushfire, you want to do something stupid, we will find you — it'll just be a matter of time," Acting Supt Vella said.

PM likely to back gay marriage: Brown

HOBART: Greens leader Bob Brown says he expects Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the ALP to back same-sex marriage at its national conference.

Every state and territory Labor branch, except NSW, has passed motions supporting same-sex marriage, and the issue is expected to come before the party's national conference in December. Senator Brown said he ex-

pected the party to change its platform.

"You've only got to look at the state and territory conferences to know they're going to support it," he said.

"Under those circumstances, I think we'll find Prime Minister Gillard joining the incoming tide to fix up the marriage laws and allow equal marriage rights to people regardless of their sexuality."

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