

FIRE CONTROL POLICY No. 7

Camping and Cooking Fires Policy

Pursuant to the powers provided under Section 25(1a) of the Bushfires Act 1954, the Shire of Jerramungup hereby prohibits the lighting of fires in the open air in its district for the purpose of camping or cooking fires during the following period;

- Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times as gazetted by the Shire of Jerramungup.
- When the days fire danger rating is set at “Very High” or above, by the Bureau of Meteorology.
- Days when a Total Fire Ban has been declared for the region by the State of Western Australia.

Unless the camping or cooking fire meets one of the following requirements;

1. On the occupiers land, of their place of permanent home or residence (a building approved by the shire) and;
 - i. Has obtained a current Fire Permit from a Fire Control Officer, and;
 - ii. Is contained within a purpose built structure of brick, rocks and mortar, or
 - iii. Is contained within a purpose built steel container recognisable as a properly constructed barbeque or fire drum, or
 - iv. Is a sand fire pit structure suitable for either a camp fire or cooking fire that has a maximum diameter of 1m and a minimum depth of the walls of the fire pit of 30cm;
2. Located within an area which;
 - i. Set aside as a “designated location” (see below) for that purpose by the State Authority or Local Government responsible for the care, control or management of the land, or
 - ii. Bears the State Authority or Local Government’s sign denoting that purpose, and
 - iii. Where all combustible material is cleared from within a 5m radius of the outer rim of the fire, fire pit or built structure (refer to Section 1ii, 1iii, 1iv of this policy)

Designated Locations within the Shire of Jerramungup are where camping and cooking fires are permitted during the Prohibited and Restrictive Burning Times, EXCEPT when the “Fire Danger Rating” for day indicates Very High or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban has been declared, is;

- Bremer Bay Beaches Resort & Tourist Park
333 Wellstead Rd, BREMER BAY WA 6338
- Bremer Bay Caravan Park
72 Bremer Bay Rd, BREMER BAY WA 6338
- Jerramungup Caravan Park
1 Moorshead St, JERRAMUNGUP WA 6337
- Tozer’s Bush Camp
Lot 52 Ocumup Rd, BREMER BAY WA 6338
- Camping areas managed by a Camp Host

On days when a Total Fire Ban is declared by the State of Western Australia and/or when the days Fire Danger Rating is “Very High” or above, by the Bureau of Meteorology;

- i. All Camping fires are prohibited.
- ii. Cooking fires are permitted, providing that the flame is encapsulated within a purpose built structure recognised as a gas appliance only, and

- iii. Has a 5m radius minimum, surrounding the gas appliance cleared of all combustible materials;

ALL camping and cooking fires must not be left unattended and must be fully extinguished prior to leaving during the mentioned period of this policy. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in a fine of \$250.00 (Section 25 of the Bushfires Act 1954) or if any person is found guilty in any court of competent jurisdiction, Penalty: \$3,000.00 (Section 25[2] of the Bushfires Act 1954).

For the purpose of this policy a camping and/or cooking fire is defined to be a fire no greater than 1m² in area with a flame height no greater than 1m. Anything greater will be known as a bonfire and therefore illegal, during the mentioned period of this policy.