**Jerramungup Shire Fire Control Policy**
**Policy Number: FCP07**

# Camping and Cooking Fires Policy

## Objective

The objective of this policy is to minimise the risk of bushfire associated with camping and cooking fires by establishing the circumstances in which written approval may be granted and the conditions that must be met for the safe construction, location and use of approved fire pits within the Shire of Jerramungup.

## Policy

Pursuant to Section 25(1a) of the *Bush Fires 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 gazetted Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times without the written approval of the Shire of Jerramungup.

Camping or cooking fires during Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times in the Shire of Jerramungup will only be permitted with the written approval of the Shire of Jerramungup and under the following conditions:

1. **Solid fuel camping or cooking fires**
   i. ***Solid fuel*** camping or cooking fires will only be permitted in a fire pit approved by the Shire of Jerramungup;
   ii. A fire pit will only be considered for approval when they are constructed;
      - of brick and mortar; or
      - from purpose-built steel container; and
      - where all ***flammable*** material within a 5 metre radius from the outer edge of the ***fire pit site*** has been cleared.

2. **Approved fire pit locations**
   i. A fire pit will only be approved at a residential building constructed with the approval of the Shire of Jerramungup and occupied by a registered owner or ***long term tenant;*** or

ii. at the following locations:
- 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
- Shire of Jerramungup managed camp sites with Shire appointed Camp Host.

ii. Up to three (3) approved fire pit locations may be identified on a property to allow for changes in wind conditions provided each location independently complies with all applicable conditions of use; and

iii. Fire pits **will not** be approved for any property listed on the Shire of Jerramungup Short Term Accommodation Register.

**3. Conditions of approval**

i. The approval to use a fire pit is cancelled when the forecast fire danger rating for the Fitzgerald Fire Weather District on that day is "high", "extreme" or catastrophic";

ii. Fire pits must be fully extinguished, with water, **by 23:59 if the Fire Danger Rating for the following day is "high", "extreme" or "catastrophic**;

iii. A fully charged garden hose, capable of reaching the fire pit in use and fitted with ***adjustable nozzle,*** or a 400l firefighting unit, is to be available at all times when the fire pit is in use;

iv. At least one owner or ***long term tenant*** of the property must remain in attendance at all times when the when the fire pit is in use;

v. Under Section 46 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* a Shire of Jerramungup Fire Control Officer can require the immediate extinguishment of a fire within an approved fire pit;

vi. The Shire of Jerramungup may cancel a fire pit approval at any time;

vii. The fire pit may be approved for a period of ~~up to~~ 3 years, after which a new approval must be sought;

viii. A fire pit approval lapses when the applicant is no longer a resident at the property.

***For information on camping or cooking fires, including gas or electric barbecues during a Total Fire Ban declared in the Shire of Jerramungup, refer to DFES Total Fire Ban information page.***

Failure to adhere to this Policy may result in fines under section 25 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* being imposed on the offending person/s.

***Defined terms within this policy***

***Adjustable hose nozzle*** – a hose fitting designed to adjust the spray pattern water as it leaves the hose. The spray pattern ranges from jet flow to a fan spray.
***Camp fire*** – means a fire no greater than $1m^2$ in area with a flame height no greater than 1m.
***Cooking fire*** – means a fire no larger than $1m^2$ in area with a flame height no greater than 1m.
***Fire pit site*** – the specific location of the fire pit as shown in photos to accompany the original application for fire pit approval.
***Long-term tenant*** – means a person with a fixed term residential property lease with a duration of at least three months. An original fixed term lease that has converted to a periodic lease is considered as complying with the residential requirements of this policy.
***Solid fuel*** – means all forms of timber or BBQ briquettes. It excludes branches with leaves or leaves separately.

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