

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR BURNING OFF</h2>	IS273
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### Burning Season from 1 March 2024 to 30 April 2024

(This may be extended by the CFS)

a) **Hundreds of Para Wurlie, Coonarie, Carribie & Warrenben**

That a minimum of four (4) able bodied persons to control the fire must be present at the site of the fire from the time it is lit to the time it is completely extinguished. (Able bodied person is a person who is competently able to drive a vehicle and operate a pump and hose).

**Land situated within the Gum Flat & Kalkabury Council Wards & Hundred of Melville, Dalrymple & Moorowie**

That a minimum of three (3) able bodied persons to control the fire must be present at the site of the fire from the time it is lit to the time it is completely extinguished.

***\*\*See Note 1 (on page 2) if patching out or burning dump harrows***

b) That at least 1,000 litres of water connected to a working water pump and hose(s) must be kept at hand to extinguish the fire.

***\*\*See Note 1 (on page 2) if patching out or burning dump harrows***

***\*\*See Note 2 (on page 2) if burning stubble dump or chaff piles***

c) That the land immediately around the relevant land must be cleared of all flammable material to a distance of at least four metres. A four metre fuel break must be put in place surrounding any trees within the proposed burn off.

***\*\*See Note 2 if burning stubble dump or chaff piles***

d) That the fire must be lit from the leeward side of the relevant land to establish a protective break, and then may be lit from the windward side of the land.

e) That the holder of the permit must, no more than seven days, and no less than two hours, before the fire is lit, give notice of their intention to light the fire-

i) to any person who owns, occupies or is in charge of land adjoining, the land holding where the relevant land is situated.

ii) if the relevant land is within two kilometres of a government reserve - to the person in charge of the reserve. Burning off is only permitted between the hours of 8.00am-9.00pm Monday to Friday.

**No burning is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays or any day an Authorised Officer deems unsuitable.**

f) If the fire escapes or appears to be out of control, immediately phone 000 for assistance.

g) No burning shall occur when the local Fire Danger Rating exceeds 35 (same rating as per the Harvesting Code of Practice.)

**NOTE:** Before lighting the fire the current and predicted weather conditions must be seriously considered as well as being mindful of wind direction on the day of the burn and the following day so as not to create a smoke hazard to road users or nuisance to townships.

### Section 81 (13) of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005

"The fact that the holder of a permit has complied with the conditions of the permit does not itself relieve the holder from liability for any loss or damage caused by a fire lit under the authority of a permit."

**FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ANY PERMIT CONDITION MAY RESULT IN THE PERMIT BEING REVOKED AND AN EXPIATION NOTICE BEING ISSUED.**

### **NOTE 1**

If a genuine attempt has been made to burn off as per the general burning conditions above, the following note replaces condition a) and b) when patching out and fire/dump harrowing.

A minimum of two able bodied persons to control the fire plus a fire unit (mobile water pump and hose(s)) with a minimum of 500 litres of water to extinguish a fire must be present at the site of the fire from the time it is lit to the time it is completely extinguished. (Able bodied person – a person who is competently able to drive a vehicle and operate a pump and hose).

### **NOTE 2**

**Replaces general condition b) and c) if *burning stubble dump or chaff piles***

At least 1,000 litres of water connected to a working water pump and hose(s) must be kept at hand to extinguish the fire. This water supply and pumps are to remain at the location for a further 24 hours after the completion of the burn OR until the area where the chaff piles were located is ploughed. Chaff piles/stubble dumps must be contained within a 20 metre burnt/cleared area immediately around the pile/dump and a 4 metre ploughed break around the boundary of the relevant paddock. No chaff piles are to be located within 25 metres of a boundary fence. No Chaff pile to be higher than 500mm. The fire ground must be checked between 2-3 hours of the completion of the burn.

## **BEFORE YOU BURN**

Once you have read the permit and conditions you may commence your burning operations by following the conditions of the permit.

- The permit must be validated prior to light the burn off.
- Each location of a burn needs validation separately so it accurately shows the location of the burn off.
- A permit can be validated online via Councils website from 5pm, the day prior to the burn.
- Permits can also be validated on the day of the burn prior to lighting the fire.
- Validation of a permit will close at 5pm on a day where burning is not permitted the following day (e.g. Fridays at 5pm as no burning on Saturdays).
- When validating online (if notifying of more than one location), enter details of the first burn where *"Thank you for notifying Council of your intention to burn"* appears.

- Then select *“Click here to add another intention to burn”* and select the next location. Personal details will be automatically saved for the subsequent locations of a burn. This can be repeated several times for all intended locations to be burnt for that day.
- Permit holders are encouraged to validate online, however permits can also be validated by contacting Council on the day of the burn and speaking to a Customer Service Officer.
- The permit holders mobile phone number may be shared with emergency services.
- Councils Fire Prevention Officers in conjunction with the Country Fire Service monitor the approaching weather forecast. At times it may not be a total fire ban day, however burning will not be permitted due to special circumstances. The website will not allow validating of permits on these days.
- Council’s Fire Prevention Officer will be conducting inspections. If the Permit Holder is non-complying with the conditions, the permit may be revoked and the permit holder and/or those associated with the burn off may be issued an Expiation Notice.