





North West Grampians Fire Brigade News

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FIRE DANGER PERIOD: CAN I or CAN'T I?

Fire Danger Period: Fires in the open air are subject to legal restrictions when the Fire Danger Period is declared by CFA for a particular municipality. Fire Danger Period restrictions remain in place until May 1st unless revoked earlier due to seasonal conditions. In State forests, National, State and Regional parks and other reserves, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) fire restrictions remain enforce all year round. Local DSE and Parks Victoria offices can provide advice on what forest or parks campfire restrictions apply.

Can I Can't I?		Fire Danger Period
Can I have a BBQ, light a campfire, or light a fire for warmth or comfort?	YES 	But only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wind is not more than 10kph; and The fire is lit in a properly constructed fireplace or trench at least 30cm deep; and The fire is not within 7.5 metres of a log or stump; and The ground and air space within 3 metres are clear of flammable material; and The fire and fuel used are the minimum necessary for the purpose and do not occupy an area more than 1 sq metre; and A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight
I am a caterer. Can I set up and light a fire to operate a barbeque or spit at outdoor functions?	YES 	But only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The wind is not more than 10kph; and The fire is lit in a properly constructed fireplace or trench at least 30cm deep; and The fire is not within 7.5 metres of a log or stump; and The ground and air space within 3 metres are clear of flammable material; and The fire and fuel used are the minimum necessary for the purpose and do not occupy an area more than 1 sq metre; and A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight <p>A commercially produced BBQ or spit would be considered a properly constructed fireplace).</p>
Can I light a fire in the open air for burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation?	YES 	But only if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have a written permit issued by the Municipal Fire Prevent Officer; and You comply with the conditions of that permit; and A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight.
Can I drive a vehicle in places where the vehicle will be in contact with crops, grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation?	YES 	But only if the vehicle is fitted with an efficient silencing device that takes all of the exhaust from the engine through the silencing device. You should avoid driving vehicles through dry vegetation in hot and dry conditions, even if it is not a TFB, due to the risk posed by the hot exhaust system.

Landowners can call VicFire before undertaking burning activity on-

1800 668 511



*Are you wildfire ready?
Do you have a plan?*

YOU are invited by CFA, DSE and YOUR fire brigade to a free bbq and information session on:

Date: Thursday 11th December

Where: Picnic Area next to the Wander Inn, Wartook
(formerly Wartook Pottery)

When: 6.00 pm for free sausage sizzle,

Information session starting at 7.00pm

BYO Drinks and Chair

The Session will include:

- **Protecting your family and yourself during a wildfire**
- **How a bushfire might spread in your area**
- **What you can do to help your home survive a wildfire**
- **Come and find out about Community Fireguard**
- **An opportunity to ask any questions**

***For further information please contact:
CFA R17 Headquarters on 53826672***

FREE Information Packs.

