



Southern Mallee District Council

Permit conditions 2018-2019

AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

1. Permits for the burning of standing grass, bush and stubble for agricultural purposes to be restricted to the period between 15th February 2019, and the 15th of April 2019 and to be valid for the current fire danger season only.
2. The following conditions, additional to those set out on the back of the permit, apply to the burning of standing grass, bush and stubble for agricultural purposes outside of townships.
 - 1) **Council office, neighbours and the nearest CFS Officer** to be advised not less than 2 hours prior to the fire being lit.
 - 2) A **portable fire fighting** unit with at least 250 litres of water to be on site.
 - 3) At least two persons who are able to control the fire must be present from the time the Fire is lighted to the time the fire is completely extinguished.
 - 4) **Fire not to be lighted before 9.00am**, grass or stubble to be **extinguished by 9.00pm** on the same day.
 - a. **Exceptions for Header Row Burning:**
 1. Fire not to be lighted before Monday 4am or after-Friday 12noon.
 2. All fires to be extinguished by Friday 9pm or 9pm the day before a holiday.
 3. Minimum 4m fire break around the paddock.
 4. First two rows around the paddock to be burnt first.
 5. All fires extinguished before 9pm preceding a day of declared Total Fire Ban.
 6. The fire is not to be left unattended.
 - 5) Fire not to be lighted on any Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday.
 - 6) A permit may not be issued for any day where the maximum temperature for the area has been forecast for 40 degrees celsius or greater.
 - 7) The Authorised Permit Officer may request an inspection of the land to be burnt prior to lighting.
 - 8) If the Permit Officer believes the CFS should attend the fire, then the permit holder must negotiate with the CFS. The CFS are not obliged to agree to the request.

A copy of these additional conditions is attached to each permit issued so that landholders are aware of the conditions before lighting any fire.

Captain's/Contact Person's No's

CFS Hotline – Fire Ban Hotline	1300 362 361
Geranium	Ph: 8577 3527 Mb: 0428 175 973
Kulkami	Ph: 8578 8044 Mb: 0437 423 604
Lameroo	Ph: 8576 3253 Mb: 0408 814 110
Parilla	Ph: Mb: 0417 753 484
Pinnaroo	Ph: Mb: 0408 105 892

CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT AND REGULATIONS, 2005

The conditions applicable to any permit issued under the Act for Burning Off land on any day during the Fire Danger Season other than a day of Total Fire Ban are:

- (a) that the land immediately around the relevant land must be cleared of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres;
- (b) that at least 2 persons who are able to control the fire, or such greater number of persons as may be specified in the permit, must be present at the site of the fire from the time it is lighted to the time it is completely extinguished;
- (c) that the fire must first be lighted from the leeward side of the relevant land to establish a protective break, and then may be lighted from the windward side of the land;
- (d) that at least 250 litres of water, or such greater amount of water as may be specified in the permit, must be kept at hand to extinguish the fire;
- (e) a water pump and hoses must be kept at hand in case water must be used to control or a extinguish the fire; -
- (f) that the holder of the permit must, not more than 7 days, and not less than 2 hours, before the fire is lighted, give notice of his or her 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 and who resides within 8 kilometres of the relevant land or, if it is not reasonably practicable to give such a notice, to the person in charge of the nearest police station; and
 - (ii) if the relevant land is inside (or partially inside) a council area-to an officer of the council for that area; and
 - (iii) if the relevant land is within 2 kilometres of a government reserve- to the person in charge of the reserve; and
 - ~~(iv)-~~
 - ~~A) if the relevant land is within the area of an SACFS brigade to an officer of that brigade; and~~
 - ~~B) if the relevant land is within a designated area to the fire control officer for that area; and~~
 - ~~C) if neither subsubparagraph (A) nor (B) apply to the Chief officer.~~

The conditions applicable to any permit issued under the Act for purposes other than Burning Off land other than on a day of Total Fire Ban are:

- (a) that the space immediately around and above the fire must be cleared of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres;
- (b) that an appropriate agent adequate to extinguish the fire must be kept at hand;
- (c) that at least 1 person who is able to control the fire, or such greater number of persons as may be specified in the permit, must be present at the site of the fire from the time it is lighted to the time it is completely extinguished;
- (d) that if the fire is to be lighted within the area of an SACFS brigade, the holder of the permit must, not more than 7 days, and not less than 2 hours, before the fire is lighted, give notice of his or her intention to light the fire to an officer of that brigade.

"Authorised Officers are to strike through any condition that is removed and initial at the start and finish of each removed condition"