

FIREWORKS USAGE

Objective

The objective of this policy is to provide guidance to staff in issuing fireworks permits in order to prevent the spread of wildfire and the traumatisation of livestock, horses and companion animals through inappropriate fireworks usage.

Policy

The only types of fireworks that will be considered for usage under this policy are those that are fired at and remain at ground level.

Fireworks that are fired into the air and/ or explode in the air will not be permitted due to their increased fire risk.

Prohibited Circumstances

The usage of fireworks will not be approved in the following circumstances:

- In any location during the prohibited fire season.
- In any location during the restricted fire season except where firefighting unit(s) with a combined water holding capacity of at least 1000 litres are available onsite and manned by competent crews.
- At any time on land that is zoned rural or special rural.
- At any time on land that directly adjoins or is over the road from land zoned rural or special rural where the effected land is being actively used for grazing purposes.
- On other lands that are within 1km of land that is zoned rural or special rural where the effected land is being actively used for grazing purposes.

Approvable Circumstances

Fireworks proposals will only be considered under the following circumstances:

- On cleared areas of Shire reserves that are within town site boundaries where the distance to bush or other bushfire hazards is twice the estimated ember drop zone with consideration being given to anticipated winds during the event.
- Where prior Department of Parks & Wildlife (DPaW) approval has been obtained when the land is adjacent to DPaW controlled land.
- On river inlets where the distance to bush or other bushfire hazards is twice the estimated ember drop zone with consideration being given to anticipated winds during the event.