

## Campfires at The Steps of Girrba Campground (at Dec 2015)

### Where – Pits and pitfalls

- Each campsite at The Steps has an existing designated fire pit. Use this pit only, do not create new pits. Ensure you orientate your tent and outdoor spaces accordingly.
- If you are sharing a campsite with others then you also are sharing the fire pit.
- If you have a large group and would like a larger fire, then ensure you hire the appropriate campsite (#1 or #3) with a larger fire pit.
- Do not use rocks or stones to enclose fire pits as they are a trip hazard to people and can damage vehicles and mowers. River stones are also likely to shatter when heated, due to water trapped in porous stones.

### When – Know the fire ban rules

- During your stay at The Steps, you are responsible for knowing the fire danger rating on each day and whether a fire ban is in effect.
- Fire ban rules are often misunderstood, so check out the truth on the attached official summary from the NSW Rural Fire Service.
- Please ensure your campfire is fully extinguished before checking out from The Steps.

### With what – Wood supplies

- We sell 20kg bags of ready-to-burn firewood for \$15 per bag + \$5 bag deposit. Pick-up is from our Gloucester office. In peak times, bags will also be available onsite from our staff.
- To get your \$5 refund, simply return the empty bag to a staff member onsite or to our Gloucester office. No bag, no refund. Empty bags left behind will forfeit the refund (although enterprising kids will probably see the opportunity for quick pocket money!)
- If you have a large group we can arrange delivery of one cubic metre to your site, ask about prices.
- You are always welcome to bring your own firewood. Supplies are usually sold at petrol stations in Gloucester and Barrington but these may sell out quickly in peak periods.

### Why – Our philosophy

- A campfire is often an essential feature of a camping holiday: teaching your kids about safe use of fire and the potential dangers too; turning your first marshmallow to cinders; telling your first campfire story. But be responsible too: only make small contained fires in designated fire pits. And be prepared to put them out in a hurry if needed.
- Be considerate of the environment. Fallen timber provides valuable habitat for wildlife and is not to be scavenged from the property nor the neighbouring properties. Do not remove dead wood from trees from the same reason, you may be stealing an animal's home.
- Be considerate of your neighbours at all times.
- Burn responsibly. Only burn what you truly need for your cooking or comfort and extinguish it before going to bed at night.
- Burn dry, well-seasoned wood (not damp or green wood). Burn bright to minimize smoke.
- Be aware of wind direction for smoke drift, it can be much more annoying than cigarette smoke.
- Sharing a fire pit with your neighbours will link you to thousands of years of human tradition, so share a pit, tell a story and make new friends!