



## **INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS**

### **TOTAL FIRE BAN RULES**

**Contractors must not work in areas of the farm, remote areas of the campus, or bushland when there is a Total Fire Ban.**

The Rural Fire Service website outlines the following rules:

- *“A total fire ban means no fires out in the open. A total fire ban helps limit the potential of fires developing.*
- *During a Total Fire Ban you cannot light, maintain or use a fire in the open, or to carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire.*
- *No general purpose hot works, such as welding or gas cutting can be done in the open.*
- *The NSW RFS strongly recommends you reconsider activities such as such using a tractor or slashing, to help reduce the chance of a fire starting on your property”*



<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans/total-fire-ban-rules>

For further information concerning Total Fire Bans, please see the above link or contact the Hawkesbury Campus Safety and Security Office on 4570 1361.



## **BUSHLANDS AND REMOTE AREAS**

As outlined in the CW&F Contractor Induction, responsibilities for any access to bushlands and remote areas of campus include:

- No access by any contractors unless approved by CW&F
- Only diesel vehicles to be used in accessing remote areas to reduce risk of grassfires
- Contractors must supply and carry their own fire extinguisher in case of vehicle fires, min 2kg capacity dry powder type
- Extra care to be taken in refuelling equipment, with refuelling locations to be identified with CW&F
- Contractors must carry their own first aid kits and have a qualified first aider with them
- Working with a 'buddy' is strongly preferred to working alone
- Ensure University sun protection policy is followed, as well as care in relation to hazards of snakes, stinging insects, and trip hazards
- Ensure communication maintained with Campus Security and CW&F for personal safety
- Report any identified hazards to CW&F contact and/or Campus Security
- Contractors must not work in remote areas/bushland when there is a total fire ban

For any questions regarding access to areas of the farm, remote areas of the campus or bushlands, please contact Lyn Anderson, CW&F Environment Coordinator (0410 326 193) or Steve Norris-Smith, CW&F Campus Manager (0420 946 159).