



ASHBURTON
DISTRICT COUNCIL

LIFTING OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the previously advertised **RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON**, which extended over that part of the Ashburton District for which the Ashburton District Council is the Rural Fire Authority is replaced with an **OPEN FIRE SEASON** as from **Saturday 14 February 2004**.

Fires may now be lit in the open air without permit. Restrictions may be re-imposed at a later date if changed weather conditions create a potentially dangerous fire situation.

People should be advised that there is still a duty of care when conducting any burning in the open air, and due attention should be given to weather conditions, adequacy of fire breaks, and the patrolling/supervision of fires until completely out, and it is requested that fires not be lit after dark.

People should also be advised that the legal liability for suppression costs associated with uncontrolled fire lies with the person lighting the fire.

Please note that it is still necessary to obtain a fire permit from the Department of Conservation for any fires lit on or within one kilometre of any Crown land.

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Principal Rural Fire Officer
