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- **PAY IT FORWARD** Purchase a gift voucher for Mother's Day, or a birthday present for when this pandemic is over.
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- All wood BBQ's, fire pits and pizza ovens are permitted, this is all subject to a **Total Fire Ban** or **VERY HIGH** or **ABOVE fire danger rating** being issued in which they are **NOT allowed to burn** (see permit conditions).

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