



## Training notes for Volunteers – Bonfire

### **Purpose**

- To dispose of the cut woody material

### **Demonstration**

- Practical demonstration of fire loading
- Start with short lengths and work up
- Always stack in the same direction
- Always stack lengths vertically up the hill to prevent it rolling down
- Don't stack too high and risk the fire falling over
- Demonstrate exactly which way you want the fire stacked
- Demonstrate how to read the wind and direction of flame
- Always keep the area around the fire clear of trip hazards

### **Safety**

- Always wear gloves
- Wear safety specs in windy conditions
- Always have a first aid kit to hand with plenty of eye wash solution
- Always stack in the direction shown by Designated Work Party Leader
- Always ensure the fire has died down to a safe level before leaving it
- Always surround the fire with a hazard tape barrier to stop other site users wondering over it.

### **General**

- Check if anyone in the group has breathing difficulties like asthma and if so, instruct them to do a different job away from the fire.
- Never leave the fire unattended
- Make sure long hair is tied back
- Make sure volunteers are wearing old clothes they don't mind getting smoked out and/or singe marks.

**Report any problems or concerns to Designated Work Party Leader**

