

Gisborne Olde Time Market Fire, Flood & Weather Policy

Gisborne and surrounds can be subject to extremes of weather, fire and flood. The Macedon Ranges have experienced severe bushfires, the market site is located on land subject to an Inundation Overlay, and marquees are always a wind risk, even with the mandatory 15kg weight on every leg.

This policy is designed to ensure safety for stallholders, market-goers and organisers, and to give stallholders certainty in their planning when conditions are forecast to be difficult.

The table below shows the different conditions with our expected response in each situation. In making decisions, market management will consider all available inputs from the relevant authorities. The Bureau of Meteorology will be used as the primary source of weather forecasts, in particular the BOM Gisborne Detailed Forecast: <http://www.bom.gov.au/places/vic/gisborne/> which gives wind and rain forecasts in 3-hourly blocks. To gauge fire risk, these sites will be used:
<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>
<https://www.deeca.vic.gov.au/> .

In all cases, the “Detail” column relates to primarily Gisborne itself and secondly to the immediate surrounding area, as many stallholders and market-goers travel to Gisborne.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Market response</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Wind	Forecast wind speed greater than 37 km/hr in any 3-hour block between 4AM and 4PM in the BOM Gisborne Detailed Forecast	Cancellation of market	
Other weather	Extreme weather conditions with high risk of damage	Cancellation of market	
Flood	Any forecast likelihood of flooding at the market site	Cancellation of market	
Fire danger	Fire Danger Index: Catastrophic/Code Red	Cancellation of market	
Fire danger	Total Fire Ban	Cancellation of market if risk is in the Gisborne & surrounds area	Dependant on location of fire risk
Fire danger	Fire Danger Index: Extreme	Cancellation of market if risk is in the Gisborne & surrounds area	Dependant on location of fire risk
Heat	Forecast temperature greater than 37 degrees in any 3-hour block between 4AM and 4PM in the BOM Gisborne Detailed Forecast	Cancellation of market	

Cancellation of market: this decision will be non-reversible and wherever possible will be made and notified before 5PM on the Friday before the market and we will aim to notify earlier if possible. Notification will be via Facebook and email. If the market has not been cancelled by this time, stallholders should assume that the market will be held. It would only be cancelled after this time if conditions deteriorate rapidly on the Saturday.

The Macedon Ranges are located in the Central Fire District, which covers a very large area. Hence the decision-making process when the forecast is Extreme Fire Danger or a Total Fire Ban will take into account the location of the high risk areas.

If a Total Fire Ban is in force and the market is run, all hot food vendors must have a current Section 40 permit.

In the event of flooding occurring during the running of a market, all those on site must quickly clear the area via Hamilton and Aitken Streets; do not enter Gardiner Reserve or move towards Jacksons Creek. Please obey all instructions from the traffic controllers and market management if this occurs.

If the market is cancelled at any time by management, all fees will be credited. If the market is not cancelled and stallholders decide to cancel, any credits will be at management discretion.

Approved by the Committee of the GREAT Association Inc. on 20 February 2025.