

## DRONE/UAV/RPA OPERATIONS POLICY

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### 1. Scope

This Policy covers all use of Drones, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) within the defined geographical footprint managed by the RMB.

### 2. Objective

To establish a clear and consistent approach to the issuing of permits based on the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) guidelines for the safe use of Drones/UAV/RPA.

### 3. Policy

#### 3.1 Eligibility

The recreational, civil and hobby use of Drones/UAV/RPA by the general public is prohibited within the defined geographical footprint managed by the Mt Buller Mt Stirling Resort Management Board (RMB). Permission will NOT be granted under any circumstances.

The RMB may issue permits for Commercial Use of Drones/UAV/RPA. A permit will NOT be granted without confirmation of relevant authorised credentials from CASA.

#### 3.2 Drone Flight Application Process

To request a Permit, applicants must:

- Submit a completed Application Form at least 14 days prior to the proposed flight date via [property@mtbuller.com.au](mailto:property@mtbuller.com.au). The Application Form is available at <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/resort-info/resort-management/drone-policy>
- Provide evidence of an appropriate CASA licence and/or certification
- Provide Certificate of Currency for at least \$20 million of Public and Products Liability Insurance
- Provide a Flight Plan that complies with CASA Standard Operating Conditions.
- Applications for flights within the Ski Field Lease boundary at Mt Buller require the approval of the lease holder BSL.

The provision of the required documentation does not guarantee a permit being granted.

#### 3.3 Drone Flight Rules

Commercial Drone/UAV/RPA Operators must comply with all relevant regulations within Part 101 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* and CASA Instrument 96/17. The onus is on each Operator to read and understand the rules and regulations that apply to Drone/UAV/RPA operation and comply with all relevant CASA requirements. CASA requirements are outlined at: [www.casa.gov.au](http://www.casa.gov.au)

In particular the designated and emergency helicopter landing pads must be respected.

A copy of the approved permit must be accrued at all times when operating a drone at Mt Buller and shown to RMB Authorised Officers and Ski Patrol upon request.

### 3.2 Enforcement

Operators that breach this Policy or any Permit conditions will be required to immediately cease operation of the Drone/UAV/RPA.

Operators that breach this Policy or any Permit conditions will receive an official warning issued by the RMB. The RMB will keep a record of all official warning issued. All breaches will also be reported to CASA. Failure to comply with CASA rules and regulations may result in CASA penalties and infringement notification.

Permit applications from Operators that have received two official warnings over any two-year period will be refused.

### 4. Roles/Responsibilities

- The Manager, Property and Contracts is responsible for approving permit applications.
- The Manager, Property and Contracts is responsible for the annual review of this Policy in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- The General Manager of BSL or the Ski Patrol Manager are also responsible for approving permit applications within the Ski Field Lease boundary.

### 5. Other References and Related Documents

- Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (Part 101) - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017C00742>
- CASA Instrument 96/17 - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01370>
- CASA - <https://www.casa.gov.au/aircraft/landing-page/flying-drones-australia>
- Australian Certified UAV Operators - <https://www.acuo.org.au/>
- Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009
- Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997
- Drone Flight Application Form - <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/resort-info/resort-management/drone-policy>
- CASA Authorised ReOC Holders - <https://www.casa.gov.au/aircraft/standard-page/remotely-piloted-aircraft-rpa-operators-certificate>

### Version Control

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