

# NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN

Notice is hereby given to land owners/occupiers within the Shire of Dandaragan that fire breaks and hazard reduction requirements must be installed by **1 November 2024** and maintained up to and including **30 April 2025** as per the requirements of *Section 33* of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Failure or neglect to comply with this notice is an offence and can result in a penalty of up to \$5,000. The Shire advises that its officers, contractors, vehicles, and machinery, may carry out the requisitions of this notice if they are not complied with throughout the dates specified above, and any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner and/or occupier of the land.

## REQUIREMENTS

### Rural Residential Land:

- Clear and maintain Fire Break.
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings.
- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials in the Building Protection Zone.

### Urban Residential Land:

- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials on the property so it does not exceed 10 centimetres in height.
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings.

### Rural Land:

- Clear and maintain Fire Break.
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings.
- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials in the Building Protection Zone.

### Plantations:

- Clear and maintain Fire Break.
- Clear gutters of inflammable material on all habitable buildings and outbuildings.
- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials in the Building Protection Zone.
- Adopt the practices set in the *Guidelines For Plantation Fire Protection* unless variations are set within Local Government Development Approval documentation.

## DEFINITIONS

**FIRE BREAK:** A strip of trafficable area, at least 3 metres wide with a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres, that is maintained clear of inflammable materials and encroaching branches, as close as practical to the boundary of the property. A fire break must be continuous around all boundaries.

Where remnant vegetation adjacent to the fire break exceeds 2 metres in height, a further 5 metre wide area between the fire break and vegetation is to be slashed to a height of no more than 50 centimetres.

**INFLAMMABLE MATERIAL:** An object or substance that is easily set on fire.

**AUTHORISED OFFICER:** An officer appointed as a Shire of Dandaragan Ranger or Fire Control Officer. The *Bush Fires Act 1954* gives these Officers the power to enter property for the purposes of enforcing the Act.

**ADDITIONAL WORKS:** You may be required to carry out further bushfire property preparedness works on your land to reduce any fire hazards considered necessary by a Fire Control Officer. If required, these will be outlined in a 'work order' and sent to the address of the owner.

**HABITABLE BUILDINGS:** A dwelling, work place, place of gathering or assembly, and includes any building used for storage or display of goods or produce for sale.. The term habitable building includes attached and adjacent structures like garages, carports, verandahs or similar roofed structure(s) that are attached to, or within, 6 metres of the dwelling or primary building.

**BUILDING PROTECTION ZONE:** The area within a distance of 20 metres from a habitable building that has a reduced bush fire fuel load, measured from the external walls within the boundaries of the lot on which the dwelling is situated. All grass in Building Protection Zones must be maintained to or under 10 cm in height. Fuel loads within the Building Protection Zones must be maintained at 2 tonnes per hectare or under. Wood piles and inflammable materials must be stored a safe distance from habitable buildings. There must be no tree crowns or branches hanging over habitable buildings. Trees are to be under pruned to at least a height of 2 metres from the ground. No tree, or shrub over 2 metres high is to be within 2 metres of a habitable building.

## VARIATIONS TO THIS NOTICE

If it is impractical to have a fire break immediately inside a boundary for a valid reason(s), such as topographical, you are required to apply to the Shire of Dandaragan in writing, before 1 October to obtain permission for fire breaks to be installed in an alternative position or for alternative measures to be put in place. Approval is granted for a period of 3 years, after which the landowner must re-apply for a variation to the fire break notice.

Fire break variation forms can be downloaded from the Shire of Dandaragan website.



# BURNING

## PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

**1 NOVEMBER - 28 FEBRUARY:** Strictly no burning unless the fire complies with the Shire's Camping and Cooking Fire Policy.

## RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

**19 SEPTEMBER - 31 OCTOBER & 1 MARCH - 31 APRIL:** During this time a permit to burn is required from a Fire Control Officer; list of local Fire Control Officers below.

## RESPONSIBLE BURNING PERIOD

**1 APRIL - 18 SEPTEMBER:** During this time you still need to keep any fire on your property under control. Responsible burning means monitoring the weather conditions prior, during, and after your planned burn, informing your neighbours, and having the correct resources on hand to ensure your fire doesn't get away.

**NOTE:** Be aware that these periods are subject to change as seasonal weather conditions may vary the length of the fire season; contact the Shire if you are unsure.

		2024		2025								
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	

 Permit Required

No Burning 

Burn Responsibly 

Before burning on your property, it is best practice to inform your neighbours and register the burn on the EmergencyWA Burn Registry by calling 9395 9209.

If the burn is to be carried out on any land that is adjoining or adjacent to land that is managed or controlled by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, their office is to be notified by telephoning 9688 6000.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

#### BADGINGARRA

Graham Lethlean: 0429 647 201 (Captain)  
Josh Barnes: 0429 203 936  
Gary Peacock: 0428 529 030  
David Wilson: 0429 652 900  
Andrew Kenny: 0428 529 110  
Geoff Felber: 0488 034 101

#### CERVANTES

Jayson Lindsay: 0488 288 285 (Captain)  
Peter Ivey: 0429 652 755

#### DANDARAGAN

Hugh Roberts: 0428 962 030 (Captain)  
Doug Wasley: 0427 414 787  
Richard Brown: 0428 513 028  
Grant Creagh: 0427 987 585  
Matt Leeds: 0419 912 390  
Lachie Brown: 0427 684 507  
Robert Wedge: 0427 770 819  
Lincoln Brown: 0418 507 304  
Campbell Hurst: 0428 592 966  
Jaydon Atkinson: 0400 126 012

#### HILL RIVER

Aubrey Panizza: 0428 990 748 (Captain)  
Dale Park: 0427 953 171  
James Raffan: 0428 523 006

#### JURIEN BAY

Cam Rosenthal: 0427 002 532 (Captain)  
Geoff Hortin: 0427 525 014  
Gary Olsen: 0409 906 253  
Peter Scharf: 0449 735 722  
Shane Elliss: 0417 489 416

#### CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Andrew Kenny: 0428 529 110

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Will Miller: 0428 114 221

#### SHIRE FIRE DUTY OFFICER

Will or Ange (24/7): 0484 610 123

#### RANGER DUTY OFFICER

Graeme/Ange/Wendy: 0455 593 422

Visit [emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au) to view current incidents, alerts and warnings for your area.

#### Camping & Cooking Fire Policy



#### Harvest Ban SMS Notification Request



#### Information about Total Fire Bans



### HARVESTING:

- No harvesting operations are permitted on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
- Minimum 400L mobile firefighting unit must be located within the paddock where the harvesting operation is taking place.
- It is mandatory for all operators of harvesters to be registered on the Shire of Dandaragan Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban SMS Notification service. Visit the Shire's website to sign up.
- A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is likely to be imposed when a Total Fire Ban is in place or when local conditions warrant bans to be applied. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/Fire Weather Officer.
- During any period of restricted or prohibited burning, a person shall not operate any agricultural or earth moving vehicles, unless it is carrying an approved fire extinguisher, as described under *Section 3* of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*.

### FIREFIGHTING:

- Trailer mounted fire units are not permitted for use on active fire grounds.
- Any vehicle operating at a fire must be fitted with a UHF radio. UHF Channel CB11 is reserved for firefighting operations throughout the Shire.
- Appropriate PPE/PPC must be carried and worn by all personnel attending a fire.
- Rural Firefighting Awareness training is available to all industry personnel across the Shire. Contact the Emergency Management Coordinator to find out more.

**INFRINGEMENT PENALTIES:** Contravening the *Bush Fires Act 1954* may result in prosecution or the issuing of infringements.

**GREEN WASTE:** Green waste disposal is free at all Shire of Dandaragan waste facilities.



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For more information, or any queries relating to this notice contact (08) 9652 0800 or visit [dandaragan.wa.gov.au](http://dandaragan.wa.gov.au)



# FIRE & BURNING INFORMATION