

- Bushfire Risk Management Planning – Local Government Wide Controls

This template is provided to record the programs and activities (controls) currently undertaken by local government and other stakeholders across the local government area in relation to managing bushfire risk. Refer to section 6.1 of the *Bushfire Risk Management Plan Template* and section 2.5.2 of the *Guidelines for Preparing a Bushfire Risk Management Plan*.

Control	Action or activity description	Lead agency	Other stakeholder(s)	Notes and comments
Risk Analysis	1) Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BRMP) extreme risks priority for treatment 2) Maintain and review BRMP	LG	All	Treatments planned for all extreme and very high risks and including in BRMP Treatment Schedule
Westplan - Fire	Performance monitoring and reporting of BRMP outcomes to the relevant local government Council and OBRM as required by Westplan - Fire	DFES	LG	Review periods are detailed in Table 12 – Criteria for acceptance of Risk and Course of Action
Shire of Esperance Fire Hazard Reduction Notice – <i>Bush Fires At 1954 s.(33)</i>	1) Fire Hazard Reduction (Fire Breaks) Notice published in Govt Gazette and issued through Rates Notice 2) Review Fire Hazard Reduction Notice annually 3) Annual Fire break inspection targets set, met and reviewed	LG		Published annually Level of non-compliance (human settlement assets) identify vulnerability
Shire of Esperance Prohibited Burn Times, Restricted Burning Times	Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times are published in the annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice and on the Shire website. Reminder of dates are provided on the Shire Facebook page and via the Shire's SMS system.	LG		Restricted Burning (All Zones) 19 th September – 31 st October Prohibited Burning (All Zones) 1 st November – 31 st January Restricted Burning (Rural Zone) 1 st February – 31 st March Restricted Burning (Town Zone) 1 st February – 30 th April
Total Fire Ban	Restrictions on activities that could cause a fire in increase fire weather conditions. Managed by State Govt, however communicated locally through Shire communication channels	DFES	LG	Put in place by State Govt on forecast of Severe of above fire weather conditions for the following day.

	Shire of Esperance Council Policy <i>EXT024 : Bushfire Management</i>	Guidelines in place, recommended by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee and endorsed by Council, to address fire risk with certain activities	LG		Addresses additional requirements around Harvest bans, farming operations, volunteer training requirements, fire break exemptions, burning exemptions and additional requirements.
	<i>State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bush Fire Prone Areas</i>	Shire of Esperance declared <i>Bushfire Prone</i> . Hazard mapping conducted throughout the Shire in order to formally recognize bush fire prone areas. Scheme Amendment to require all housing in a recognised bush fire prone areas to comply with AS3959.	LG	WAPC DFES	Bushfire prone mapping reviewed and updated annually Local Government submits amendments through OBRM
	BAL Contours for existing town sites (to be completed 2021/22 financial year)	Designed to aid applicants in preparing information for lodging development applications by providing a BAL Contour Plan. Large areas of townsites within the Shire of Esperance are required to prepare BAL Assessments, being identified as “bushfire prone” within the State-wide Bushfire Prone Mapping	LG	WAPC DFES OBRM	BAL Contour Mapping for Shire of Esperance being completed in the 2021/22 financial year with funding being made available through Shire Budget. Currently sourcing quotes from Kath Kinnear - Biodiverse Solutions for work to be undertaken.
	Subdivision Fire Management Plans	Each new Subdivision application must provide a Fire Management Plan for the Subdivision. Inclusions must provide a water source, fire break requirements and clearly defined access and egress routes. Once developed fire management reverts to land owners and requirements are provided in annual Fire Break Notice.	LG		Requirements for landowners (after Subdivision development is completed) is circulated annually with the Fire Break Notice
	Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia	The purpose of the Code is to provide goals and guidelines to plantation managers so that plantation operations in WA are conducted in a manner that is in accordance with accepted principles for good plantation management	FIFWA FPC	Private Plantation owners/operators	A Fire Management Plan should be available for each plantation. Plantation compartment size and fire break specification should comply with the Section 33 of the <i>Bush Fire Act 1954</i> and <i>Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection</i> (FESA publication) Many tree plantations within the Shire of Esperance have been harvested with only a small amount remaining. Guidelines on burning tree plantations are provided in Shire Policy <i>EXT:024 Bush Fire Management</i> .

	Arson Prevention Programs	Arson Prevention Programs combine a range of strategies with partner agencies. They include community education, gathering of intelligence by community and stakeholders as well as providing access to counselling, as required.	WAPol	DFES	Often targeted strategies in areas where suspicious fires have occurred.
	Community Preparedness Education Campaigns	Bushfire Ready Groups (preparedness, education and information). DFES Community Engagement Initiatives/Programs i.e. Bushfire Awareness Workshops, Bushfire Information booths, Farm Safe Workshops, monthly themes, Bushfire Patrol at schools etc	LG DFES		Bushfire Ready groups exist within Urban Rural areas i.e. Barook Rd in Pink Lake, Blue Haven. Onus is on these groups being community based and run. Other programs will be planned and organised as the treatment schedules are established.
	Water Corp Bushfire Mitigation Program	5 year Bushfire risk Mitigation Program focused on reducing bushfire risk to offsite assets from fuel loads on its tenure. Water Corp owns or manages over 31,000 parcels of land across WA. This tenure has been spatially risk assessed at prequalification level to identify the HIGH, VERY HIGH and EXTREME risk parcels that form the priority sites funded by the program. EXTREME project sites are being addressed first.	Water Corp (State)		Water Corp has a number of sites in the Shire of Esperance including Cascade, Salmon Gums, Grass Patch, Scaddan, Gibson, Condingup and Esperance. Sites with a HIGH or above fire risk have been identified at Salmon Gums, Grass Patch and Gibson
	Water Corp	Goldfields Esperance Region Annual Works Plan	Water Corp (Esperance Office)		Water Corp assets are managed and maintained at a regional level. Each asset has an asset number and management plan (SAP). The SAP addresses very basic maintenance i.ee fire breaks but not fuel load management. Treatments identified within the BRMP would be identified and allocated to the SAP to raise work orders with Water Corp.
	Water Corp	Water Corp have an agreement in place the DBCA to undertake mitigation and land management activities on their land tenure	Water Corp DBCA		The agreement is reviewed annually

Main Roads WA – Bridge Prioritisation	<p>State wide risk prioritisation to identify key bridge assets at risk</p> <p>Increase in vegetation clearance envelopes for bridges, applied to annual works program, adopted in response to Rec 30, <i>Perth Hills Bushfire Inquiry 2011 (Keelty 1)</i></p>	MRWA		<p>There are six bridges on the South Coast Highway in the Shire of Esperance, being located at;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coobige Creek - Dalyup River - Caitup Creek - Young River - Lort River - Munglup River (Shire of Esperance and Shire of Ravensthorpe Shire Boundary) <p>All Bridges have received upgrades after recent flood events and surrounding vegetation cleared in line with Keelty Report</p>
Horizon Power – vegetation management, vegetation inspections and correction action	Annual field assessments for vegetation management and pole base clearing	Horizon Power		<p>Inspections and corrective actions carried out in accordance with standards within the Horizon Power Vegetation Management Manual, undertaken annually.</p> <p>Clearing requirements for high voltage poles are defined within Horizon Powers Field Instruction Manual, undertaken annually.</p>
Bush Fire Risk Mitigation - Schools	All schools within areas declared bushfire prone are individually assessed. Risk treatment plans are developed and accepted. The Dept of Education appoints contractors to undertake agreed works	Dept of Education DFES		<p>Schools are Rated Zone 1 or Zone 2. Need to have a BAL of 12 (BAL 19 is accepted with building modifications)</p> <p>Schools in Shire of Esperance identified in a “bushfire prone area” are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salmon Gums Primary School - Scaddan Primary School - Cascade Primary School - Condingup Primary School - Esperance Senior High School - Esperance Agricultural School - Nulsen Primary School
School Principals Guide	All schools include their Bushfire Plan as part of their <i>Emergency and Critical Incident Management Plan</i>	Dept of Education	DFES	

	Indicative Annual Prescribed Burn Program	DBCA prepare an indicative burn plan for the South Coast Bush Fire Risk Management Zone and Southern Rangelands Bush Fire Risk Management Zone. This comes from a longer term (5 – 10 years) plan, with priorities highlighted and an indicative plan implemented annually	DBCA	DFES LG Reference Groups (BFAC, ROAC, LEMC)	Reviewed and implemented annually. The Plans are devised with information received from local BFAC, ROAC and other various meetings, and communicated through the same channels
	Preparedness, Mitigation and Response for lands managed by DBCA and DPLH managed by DBCA via MOU	Risk management activities such as fuel reduction are undertaken by DBCA on UMR and UCL.	DBCA	Local Brigades	DBCA region liaise with DFES and Local Government. BRMP relevant in planning burn requirements.
	Preparedness, Mitigation and Response for land within the gazette town boundaries owned by DPLH and managed by DFES via MOU	Risk management activities such as fuel reduction are undertaken by DFES on UMR and UCL.	DFES LG	Local Brigades	DFES is responsible for identifying risk on UCL/UMR on an annual basis. The BRMP will now assist in identifying risk.

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