

Fire Breaks Notice

First & Final Notice



Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you are hereby required on or before the 1st day of October 2018, or within fourteen (14) days of your becoming owner or occupier of land, should this be after the 1st day of October 2018, to clear fire breaks and remove inflammable materials from the land owned or occupied by you as specified in this Notice. You are required to have the specified land and fire breaks cleared of all inflammable materials from, but not limited to, the 1st October 2018 up to the 31st March 2019.

Persons who fail to comply with this Notice may be issued with an infringement (modified penalty \$250) or prosecuted with an increased penalty up to \$5000. A person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work directed in this Notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this Notice.

If it is, for any reason, impractical to clear fire breaks or remove inflammable material as required by this Notice, you may apply to Council, not later than the 1st October 2018, for permission to provide fire breaks in alternative positions or take alternative action to remove or abate the fire hazard. If permission is not granted by Council, you must comply with the requirements of this Notice.

Landowners should note that restrictions exist on clearing native vegetation under other legislation. Clearing should be limited to the extent necessary to comply with this notice. If your property has an approved Fire Management Plan (FMP) then you are to comply with the requirements of that plan in full. For dwellings constructed after 2011, clearing is permitted if required to maintain your approved Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) rating.

Contact the Shire Ranger Service on **9083 1533** for more information on variations.

Rural Land

- Cleared Land – Boundary fire breaks are not compulsory.
- Uncleared Land (except areas set aside for conservation purposes) – Install low fuel buffers, not less than six (6) metres wide along the inside of external boundaries of any property. In cases where a property is only partially cleared, the boundary low fuel buffer is required in areas where the uncleared land abuts the property boundary.

Urban Land / Special Residential

Including Residential, Commercial and Industrial Land within a town site or any other subdivided area for residential purposes

- Where the land is 2000 square metres or less, remove all inflammable material then mow or slash the whole of the land to achieve a low fuel condition, to be maintained until 31st March 2019.
- Where the land is 2000 square metres or more, install and maintain a low fuel buffer not less than four (4) metres wide on the inside of all boundaries, to be maintained until 31st March 2019.

Lot 290 Tribune Parade, Bandy Creek

Vegetation in proximity to any lot created as part of the subdivision of Lot 290 Tribune Parade, Bandy Creek is to be managed and maintained so that no lot created by that subdivision possesses a bushfire attack level other than BAL-Low.

Definitions

For the purpose of this Notice, the following definitions apply:

Low Fuel Buffer / Condition means an area where inflammable material has been reduced to a height of not more than 50mm. This can be achieved through mowing, slashing, parkland clearing, grazing, spraying or any other method to achieve this objective.

Inflammable Material means material that can be easily ignited i.e. dead or dry grasses, leaves, timber, boxes, cartons, paper, plastics and other material or thing deemed by an authorised officer to be capable of combustion. This does **not include** green, growing trees, growing bushes or plants in gardens.

Important Dates

Firebreaks required to be in place

1st October 2018 to 31st March 2019

Restricted Burning Period

19th September 2018 to 31st October 2018 (inclusive)

Prohibited Burning Period

1st November 2018 to 31st January 2019 (inclusive)

Restricted Burning Period

1st February 2019 to 15th March 2019 (inclusive)

All of the above dates are subject to variation. Alterations will be published on the Shire Website and within the *Esperance Express* newspaper.

Matthew Scott,
Chief Executive Officer

Timeline Fire Preparedness



Jul

- Arrange to have your fire break cleared. A Fire Break Contractor list is available on the Shire website

Aug

- Safely burn off any garden refuse on your property or drop it off at the Wylie Bay Waste Facility

- Contact the Shire to clarify your fire break responsibilities

Restricted Burning

- Permit to burn is required
- Be aware of weather forecasts

Sept

- Review your family's *Fire Safety Plan*

- Permits to burn required after 19 September 2018

- Fire break Inspections Commence 1 October 2018

Oct

Prohibited Burning

- No fires allowed within the Shire of Esperance
- Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans (HVMB) may be put in place due to adverse fire weather
- Be aware of weather forecasts
- **Stay vigilant and if you see a fire ring 000**

Nov

- Decide whether you'll *Stay or Go* in the event of an emergency

Dec

- Register for SMS notification for HVMB and extreme weather forecasts - Fill in the e-form on the Shire Website

Jan

- Keep property firebreaks maintained

Feb

- Are you interested in joining a Volunteer Bushfire Brigade? Contact Karen on 9071 0625 to learn how you can help protect your community
- Check your Smoke Alarms to make sure they are working
- **Ensure your Fire Break is maintained until 31 March 2019**

Restricted Burning

- Permit to burn is required
- Be aware of weather forecasts

Mar

Apr

- Keep your property boundaries maintained
- Can Fire Brigades safely access your property? Access gates should be able to accommodate a fire truck that is 3m wide and 4m high.
- Download a *Bushfire Preparation Toolkit* from www.dfes.wa.gov.au and check your Emergency Kit

May

Jun