

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

**Shire of Nannup
Fire Hazard Reduction Notice 2006/07**

IMPORTANT: Significant changes have been made to this notice.

PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

Notice to Owners and/or Occupiers of Land within the Shire of Nannup

All fire prevention work covered by this notice must be completed by:

1st December, 2006 in the Nannup Townsite, and
15th December 2006 in rural, special rural and plantation areas.

This work must be maintained throughout the summer months until the close of the restricted burning period on 31 May 2007.

Properties which do not comply with this Notice at the time of the inspection, generally in December, are subject to a \$250 infringement notice. No further warnings are issued.

1. ALTERNATIVE MEASURES

If it is considered impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks or remove flammable material as required by this notice, you may apply to the Council by no later than 1 November each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or take alternative measures to abate the fire hazards on the land.

Any such application must bear the signature of the Fire Control Officer for the area signifying agreement to this variation. If permission is not granted, you shall comply with the requirements of this Notice. Applications for alternative measures should be renewed each year.

2. MINIMUM STANDARDS

The requirements of this order are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required protecting, not only individual properties, but also the district generally. In addition to this order Council may issue special orders to owners/occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary in some specific areas.

Although this notice does not apply in all areas of the district, in those areas where it does not apply, landowners are encouraged to apply the order as a minimum standard for fire prevention works.

3. PENALTIES

Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice fine of \$250 or prosecuted with a maximum fine at court of \$5,000. Council may also carry out the required works at the owner/occupier's expense.

4. INSPECTIONS

An authorised officer will carry out inspections of Firebreaks and hazard reductions around buildings on or after the specified work completion dates.

5. FIRE HAZARDS

Where in the opinion of an Authorised Officer or the area Fire Control Officer the land contains an amount of flammable material which is considered hazardous, the land owner shall clear such hazard upon service of a notice requiring such works to be carried out.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

1. Urban Land

In this section: "Trafficable" means an area of 3 metres minimum width constructed to allow unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles and has all trees on both sides of firebreaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres.

All owners and occupiers of land in the Shire of Nannup are required to carry out fire prevention work and to maintain access for fire fighting vehicles on the land owned or occupied in accordance with the provisions of this order.

1.1 Urban land means land within the Shire of Nannup, which is within the Townsite or is within any area, which is sub-divided for residential purposes.

1.2 Where the area of land is less than or equal to 2024m² (approx. 0.5 acre) all flammable material shall be removed from the whole of that land, with the exception of live, standing trees and live garden plants.

1.3 Where the area of land exceeds 2024m² (approx. 0.5 acre) firebreaks not less than 2 metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside the boundary of the land.

1.4 All flammable material except for live standing trees and live garden plants shall be cleared within a 20 metre radius of all buildings.

2. Rural Land

In this section: "Trafficable" means an area of 3 metres minimum width constructed to allow unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles and has all trees on both sides of firebreaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres.

All owners and occupiers of land in the Shire of Nannup are required to carry out fire prevention work and to maintain access for fire fighting vehicles on the land owned or occupied in accordance with the provisions of this order.

2.1 This section applies to:

2.1.1 All holdings of land within the Darradup, North Nannup and Nannup Brook Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade boundaries.

2.1.2 All rural holdings of land that allow access to the general public, e.g. chalet developments, bed and breakfast establishments, museums, door sale businesses etc.

2.2 Firebreaks clear of all flammable material, not less than 2 metres wide shall be constructed immediately abutting all homesteads, buildings and fuel storage areas on the land. Further, a reduced flammable fuel zone extending a further 20 metres from the firebreak shall be maintained. (Note: live standing trees may be permitted in this area).

2.3 A trafficable area shall be constructed inside and within 6 metres of the boundary of each lot unless the landowner has contributed to a strategic firebreak. Further, a 2 metre mineral earth firebreak shall be constructed within this trafficable area.

2.4 Where land is protected by strategic firebreak measures, it shall be the responsibility of all landowners protected by the strategic firebreak to contribute to the maintenance of the firebreak.

2.5 Landowners shall maintain access across their land for the use of fire fighting vehicles between 1 December 2006 to 31 May 2007.

2.6 There is no requirement for Firebreaks mentioned in 2.2 and 2.3 above, where:

2.6.1 The whole area not covered by homestead and buildings is kept mown or slashed or clean of flammable material, or,

2.6.2 The whole area not covered by homestead and buildings is kept green by efficient water reticulation systems installed by the landowner.

2.6.3 Live standing trees are permitted in 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 above.

3. Special Rural Land

In this section: "Trafficable" means an area of 3 metres minimum width constructed to allow unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles and has all trees on both sides of firebreaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres.

3.1 All owners and occupiers of land within the Darradup, North Nannup and Nannup Brook Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade boundaries are required to carry out fire prevention work and to maintain access for fire fighting vehicles on the land owned or occupied in accordance with the provisions of this order.

3.2 Firebreaks clear of all flammable material, not less than 2 metres wide shall be constructed immediately abutting all homesteads, buildings and fuel storage areas on the land. Further, a reduced flammable fuel zone extending a further 20 metres from the firebreak shall be maintained. (Note: live standing trees may be permitted in this area).

3.3 A trafficable area shall be constructed inside and within 6 metres of the boundary of each lot unless the landowner has contributed to a strategic firebreak. Further, a 2 metre mineral earth firebreak shall be constructed within this trafficable area.

3.4 Where land is protected by strategic firebreak measures, it shall be the responsibility of all landowners protected by the strategic firebreak to contribute to the maintenance of the firebreak.

3.5 Landowners shall maintain access across their land for the use of fire fighting vehicles between 1 December 2006 to 31 May 2007.

3.6 There is no requirement for Firebreaks mentioned in 3.2 and 3.3 above, where:

3.6.1 The whole area not covered by homestead and buildings is kept mown or slashed or clean of flammable material, or,

3.6.2 The whole area not covered by homestead and buildings is kept green by efficient water reticulation systems installed by the landowner.

3.6.3 Live standing trees are permitted in 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 above.

4 Plantations

In this section: "Trafficable" means an area of 3 metres minimum width constructed to allow unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles and has all trees on both sides of firebreaks progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres.

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4.1 A plantation is any area of planted trees, other than a windbreak, exceeding 3 hectares.

4.2 A windbreak is planted areas of trees not exceeding 100 metres in depth and 1 kilometre in length. Separation between windbreaks must be 50 metres (sides) and 15 metres (ends) allowing access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles.

4.3 All plantations require Planning Approval from Council prior to development. Council may require plantation fire protection measures to be fulfilled as a condition of Planning Approval.

4.4 Firebreaks not less than 10 metres wide, shall be constructed on the boundaries of plantations or on such alternative location as may be agreed between Council and the plantation owner. Boundary firebreaks shall consist of an area 10 metres wide cleared of all flammable material and having no overhanging tree branches for a vertical clearance of at least 10 metres.

4.5 Internal firebreaks clear of all flammable material and not less than 6 metres wide shall be constructed surrounding compartments of approximately 30 hectares. All internal firebreaks must be maintained in a trafficable condition as previously defined in this order.

4.6 Where power lines pass through, or near plantation areas, additional obligations are required by the state power authority. Plantation owners and/or managers should consult Western Power for advice on their responsibilities.

5 Camp Fires

5.1 Lighting of fires in the open air for the purpose of camping or cooking is prohibited in the Shire of Nannup during the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Period each year.

5.2 Areas set aside for cooking by CALM or the Shire of Nannup are included in this prohibition if the Fire Danger Forecast is 'very high' or 'extreme'.

5.3 All fires shall be completely extinguished by the application of water or earth before leaving it.

5.4 Open solid fuel fires shall not to be lit within 3 metres of a log or stump and have an area with a radius of at least 3 metres around the site cleared of all bush and other flammable materials.

5.5 Properly constructed gas barbecues and cookers, the flame of which is encapsulated by the appliance, may be used at any time for the purpose of camping or cooking in recognised camping and picnic areas.

5.6 All combustible material is to be cleared from within a 5 metre radius of the gas barbecue or cooker.

By Order of the Council.
Shane Collie
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Nannup

It is in the interests of all owners/ occupiers of land to be registered members of the Bush Fire Brigade covering the area wherein they own land. Membership of a brigade is the safest way to ensure cover under Council's fire insurance policy which covers the personal injury and damage to equipment resulting from fighting bush fires.

During Restricted burning periods permits to burn must be obtained from the Fire Control Officer for your area as listed below.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:

David Boulter 9756 1093

Bush Fire Control Officers:

Brian Tomas Cundinup 9756 2057

Peter Russell North Nannup 9756 1560

Chris Scott Balingup Road 9756 1114

Vacant Bidellia

Malcolm Cole Carlotta 9756 1086

Keith Oldfield Darradup 9756 1550

Victor Lorkiewicz East Nannup 9756 1129

Vacant Nannup Brook

Andrew Dunnet Scott River Jasper 9758 2273

Shane Collie (CEO) Townsite 9756 1018

IN CASE OF FIRE

RURAL AREAS

CONTACT FIRE CONTROL OFFICER MENTIONED
ABOVE OR SHIRE OFFICE

TOWNSITE

CONTACT 000

STATE FOREST AND FPC PINE PLANTATIONS

CONTACT CALM OFFICE 9731 6232

WA PLANTATION RESOURCES PLANTATIONS

24HR CONTACT WAPRES ON 9777 2022

**PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED
BURNING TIMES**

RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED	RESTRICTED
9 November 2006 to 20 December 2006	21 December 2006 to 28 February 2007	1 March 2007 to 31 May 2007

These times are subject to variation. If you intend to burn, it is your responsibility to ensure that the burning is done legally and safely. Please check with your Fire Control Officer before commencing any burning

At any time of year, prior to undertaking burning within 20 metres of any CALM estate approval from the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) must be obtained pursuant to the CALM Act.

Bush Fires Act General Information (Summary):

1. Permits to burn are required for the whole of the Restricted Burning Periods and can only be obtained from the Area Fire Control Officer.
2. Any special Conditions imposed by the Fire Control Officer when issuing permits must be strictly adhered to.
3. The permit holder shall give notice of his intention to burn to:
 - (a) The Shire offices no later than on the day when the burning is taking place. Weekend burning must be notified by Friday at 4.00pm.
 - (b) The owner or occupier of adjoining land.
 - (c) The nearest Department of Conservation and Land Management office, if the land is situated within 3km of State Forest (phone CALM Kirup on (08) 9731 6232).
4. PERIOD OF NOTICE to neighbours prior to burning cannot be more than 28 days or less than 4 days although lesser notice may be determined by mutual agreement of all neighbours.

5. Your attention is drawn to items 5, 6 and 7 printed on the back of the permit.

6. Burning is permitted during the Restricted Burning Period on Sundays and Public Holidays under permit.

7. All landowners and occupiers upon whose land a bushfire occurs have an obligation to assist each Area Fire Control Officer to compile a Fire Report form.

Fire Break Contractors:-

The following contractors are available to carry out firebreak construction and clearing, however the responsibility for compliance with Council's Fire Hazard Reduction Notice remains with the owner or occupier.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Hamish Robinson	2 North Street	9756 0668
Geoff Kemp	Darradup/Jalbarragup	9756 1407
Fred Myers	PO Box 75	9756 1128
K Pears/P Archdall	Nannup Fire & Rescue	9756 1159 or 9756 1078

The contractors listed have lodged their names with Council for public reference if required. They are not employed by Council as subcontractors nor is this Council responsible for any works carried out if used in a private capacity. Contractors who would like their name included on this list should lodge their details, in writing, with Council.