



Bush Fire Notice 2017/18

The Shire is committed to your safety; please take note of the instructions contained within this notice. This year we will be hosting information workshops on the 4th & 12th of August 2017 to help explain fire break information, all residents are invited and we hope to see you there...

If you require any further information please call a Fire Control Officer Direct.

Peter Monk

Chief Fire Control Officer – Shire of Wandering



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Dates You Must Remember

Due to unseasonal weather conditions these dates may be extended or shortened. You must check with the Shire of Wandering for details

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD - PERMITS REQUIRED

1 October 2017 to 31 October 2017 inclusive

CAMPSFIRES AND BONFIRES PROHIBITED

Contact your Local Fire Control Officer for a permit

BURNING PROHIBITED

1 November 2017 to 21 February 2018 inclusive

NO BURNING AND NO FIRES

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD - PERMITS REQUIRED

22 February 2018 to 19 April 2018 inclusive

NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT

CAMPSFIRES AND BONFIRES PROHIBITED

Contact your Local Fire Control Officer for a permit

BURN WITH CARE

20 April 2018 to 30 September 2018

NO PERMIT REQUIRED

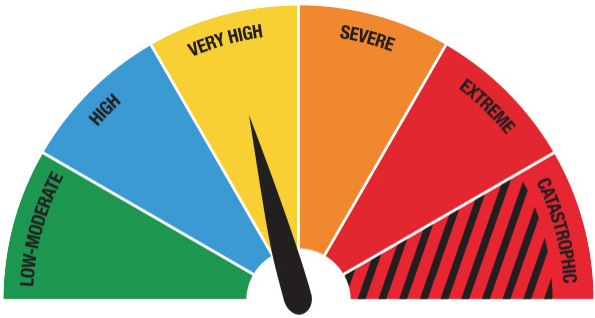
Note: Fire Danger Rating for a particular day can overrule permits

BURNING PERMITS can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer. Please remember the Fire Control Officers are volunteers – you may have to leave a message and they will get back to you.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD, do not ring a Fire Control Officer on the day you want to burn and expect a permit, as it may not be granted. You must give notice to your neighbours and the Shire once the permit is granted.

FIREBREAKS must be installed before 31 October 2017 and maintained clear of flammable material.

FOR ALL FIRES CALL 000



Fire Danger Index

- CATASTROPHIC** Total Fire Bans will be declared. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.
- EXTREME** Total Fire Bans will be declared. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.
- SEVERE** Total Fire Bans are likely. Some fires will be unpredictable, difficult to control and move very fast.
- VERY HIGH** Total Fire Bans may be declared. Some fires may be unpredictable, difficult to control and may be fast moving.
- HIGH** Fires can be controlled but there is still a potential threat.
- LOW** Fires can be easily controlled and are slow moving.

During a Total Fire Ban

You must not light a fire in the open air or use any equipment in the open air that is likely to emit sparks.

This includes lighting wood fuel barbeques, pizza ovens or candles, and using angle grinders, welders or lawnmowers.

Bush Fires Act 1954

Shire of Wandering – Firebreak Notice

Notice to all Owners and Occupiers of land within the Shire of Wandering

A firebreak is a strip of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes and grasses (eg. sprayed, ploughed, cultivated, scarified) and any other flammable material, leaving clear bare earth. This includes the trimming back of all overhanging trees, bushes, shrubs and other objects over the fire break area.

Firebreaks must be maintained clear of all inflammable materials during the restricted and prohibited burning periods

This notice advises what action you must take by 31 October 2017, and maintain through the restricted and prohibited burning periods. If you do not meet your responsibilities, you may be fined a minimum of \$250 and be required to meet the cost of Council's effort to make you comply with this notice.

1. Properties in Blackboy Springs and Wandering Downs Estate:

Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 3 metres wide, inside and within 20 metres of the road reserve.

Bare mineral earth 3 metre firebreaks around all buildings.

It is recommended that all flammable material be removed for a distance of 3 metres immediately adjacent to all buildings.

2. All other Small Rural Holdings with an area of 80 hectares or less:

Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 3 metres wide, inside and within 20 metres of the entire boundary.

Bare mineral earth 3 metre firebreaks around all buildings.

It is recommended that all flammable material be removed for a distance of 3 metres immediately adjacent to all buildings.

3. Combined Rural Holdings in the Shire of Wandering greater than 80 hectares:

Satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- i. Have on stand-by an operational mobile fire-fighting unit of minimum 450 litre capacity. If you own more than one land holding in the Shire of Wandering, a minimum of one unit is required for the total land holding; or
- ii. Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 3 metres wide, inside and within 20 metres of the road boundary of all rural land held.

You must also have:

- i. Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 3 metres wide, within 20 metres of the perimeter of all buildings on the land. It is recommended that all flammable material be removed for a distance of 3 metres immediately adjacent to all buildings; and
- ii. Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 20 metres wide, around the perimeter of any bush exceeding 10 hectares in area prior to carrying out a clearing burn.

4. Town site land:

- i. Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 3 metres wide, inside all external boundaries of the land; and/or
- ii. Clear, by burning, all flammable material likely to be conducive to the outbreak, spread or extension of a fire from the whole of the land; and/or
- iii. Maintain grass to a height not greater than 10cms.

5. Plantations (A clump of planted trees greater than 10 hectares in area):

- i. Bare mineral earth firebreaks, not less than 10 metres wide, immediately inside all external boundaries of land.
- ii. Bare mineral earth firebreaks internal, not less than 10 metres wide, surrounding compartments of maximum area of 100 hectares.

All properties will be inspected from 31 October 2017 to ensure they comply with these requirements. Failure to comply will result in an infringement being issued.

HARVEST, BALING & CHAFF CUTTING

- During harvest, baling and chaff cutting operations an operational mobile firefighting unit of minimum 450 litre capacity, must be in close proximity and an operational fire extinguisher must also be at hand.
- Rural property owners are urged to fit a 38mm male camlock coupling and check valve to their water storage tanks to allow easy access to water by fire fighters.

HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN

Imposed by the Shire of Wandering

HARVEST BAN LINE 9884 1042

- A ban on harvesting and the movement of vehicles in paddocks (except for the watering, feeding and management of stock), is likely to be imposed by Fire Control Officers when the Shire's actual conditions dictate.
- The Shire of Wandering offers a free program that allows you to be notified by SMS message when Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans are imposed. Contact the Shire Office for details.
- Phone the Harvest Ban line on 9884 1042 for details and updates.

TOTAL FIRE BANS

IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES (DFES)

Refer to www.dfes.wa.gov.au for full conditions and restrictions for Total Fire Ban days.

What does a Total Fire Ban mean?

It means a person **must not**:

- Light, maintain or use a fire in the open air, or carry out an activity in the open air that causes or is likely to cause a fire.
- The ban includes; hot works (welding, grinding, soldering, gas cutting), all open solid fuel fires for the purpose of cooking or camping, use of incinerators and other activities.

When will a Total Fire Ban be declared?

Total fire bans are declared on days when fires will be difficult to control, are most likely to threaten lives and property, or when widespread fires are impacting the availability of resources.

The decision to put a ban in place is based on the weather forecast. DFES consults with the Bureau of Meteorology to determine when dangerous fire weather conditions are likely. DFES also consults with local governments that will be affected.

How will I know when one has been declared?

You can check:

- The DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- By calling 1800 709 355
- By listening to ABC local radio and other media outlets.



Hazard Reduction Program

To reduce fire hazards around your property:

- Chemical spraying of firebreaks and low fuel zones – final applications and maintenance.
- Prune Trees – prune well around buildings, remove lower branches and check that power lines are clear. Use a professional contractor if required.
- Reduce fuel levels around the house – clear long grass, leaves, twigs and flammable shrubs.
- Ensure petrol and other flammables are safely stored, away from the main dwelling.
- Make sure your fire-fighting equipment is in good working order and serviced where required.
- Make sure all residents of your property are aware of your emergency plan, including evacuation routes.
- Move woodpiles and stacked timber away from the main dwelling.
- Keep grass short.
- Clean gutters and roof debris.
- Install firebreaks in accordance with the Firebreak Notice.
- Water lawns, trees and shrubs near the buildings to keep them green.
- Re-check firefighting equipment, screens, water supplies, and that gutters remain clear.

- Make sure that the buildings are safe—fit wire fly screens and shutters, fill gaps in roof/wall spaces, fit fire screens to evaporative air conditioners and have them operable to provide a water only supply.
- Give consideration to installing external building sprinkler systems and backup power for emergencies.
- Ensure the access to emergency water supplies has the correct fittings, is unobstructed and the route trafficable.
- Get basic training in fire fighting from your local Bush Fire Brigade or even join your local Brigade.

Firebreak Contractors

Landowners, particularly absentee owners should not assume the contractor has undertaken all the work that is required to achieve compliance with the Firebreak Notice.

Regardless of any contractual relationship between the parties, the landowner remains legally responsible to ensure full compliance with the Firebreak Notice is achieved.

Fire Notice Workshops Open Invite

The Shire and Chief Bush Fire Control Officer will be hosting 2 workshops prior to the commencement of the Restricted Burning period for the 2017/18 Fire Season. The workshops will provide the opportunity to discuss issues and concerns with Shire, Fire Brigade and DFES representatives. Important fire break and chemical management information will be provided. Dates as per below:

Friday 4 August 6.30pm - Sausage sizzle provided

Wandering Community Centre Down Street

Saturday 12 August 9.00am – Morning tea provided

Wandering Community Centre Down Street

Prepare. Act. Survive.

Bush fires happen every summer; they can start suddenly and without warning. People have been killed or seriously injured, and homes destroyed in recent events in WA. If you live in or near bush, fire is a real risk to you and your family.

You need to understand the bush fire risk to your family and home so you can make decisions now on what you will do if a bush fire starts. Fire fighters are preparing for the bush fire season and will do everything they can to make your community safe. Many fire fighters are volunteers and take time away from their families putting themselves at risk to support you and your family.

You need to help them by developing your bush fire survival plan and preparing your home to make it as safe as possible. Whether you choose to leave for a safer place or you choose to actively defend, preparation is the key to your survival.

Information in this brochure will help you prepare your home, family and business develop a plan to act to make sure you survive. Before summer starts you need to decide what you will do if a bush fire threatens.

PREPARE your family, home or business – know your bush fire risk and have a bush fire survival plan.

ACT on the fire danger ratings – put your preparations into action, do not wait and see.

SURVIVE by monitoring conditions if a fire starts – know the bush fire warning alert levels and what you will do if you are caught in a fire.

For further information contact DFES on 1300 657 209 or visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

Acceptable Firebreak



Non Acceptable Firebreak



Council Recommendations

Council recommends that landowners consider these initiatives in addition to those that are mandatory.

- Perimeter Firebreaks be installed at Blackboy Springs and Wandering Downs
- Fit a 38mm male camlock coupling and check valve to water storage tanks
- All farming operations 80 ha and above have a dedicated fire fighting vehicle of 800 litres minimum capacity from November to April
- All trees should be pruned away from buildings
- Ensure petrol and other flammables are stored safely away from buildings
- Keep grass short
- Keep gutters and roof clean and free from debris
- Fit external building sprinklers
- Consider back up power supplies
- Organise to have Shire SMS service to receive all fire announcements
- Keep emergency phone numbers in an accessible place



Emergency Numbers

FIRE • AMBULANCE • POLICE • 000
HARVEST BAN LINE 9884 1042

Fire Control Officers

	Home Ph	Mobile	Fax	VHF
CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER				
Peter Monk	9887 7016	0429 887 725	9887 7009	Codji 1
DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER				
Melvin Schorer	9887 7023	0429 877 023	9887 7028	Codji 4
	Home Ph	Mobile	Fax	VHF
CODJATOTINE				
Peter Monk	9887 7016	0429 887 725	9887 7009	Codji 1
Melvin Schorer	9887 7023	0429 877 023	9887 7028	Codji 4
Dean Warburton	9884 1063	0429 884 106		Codji 3
Brendon Hardie		0428 225 350		Codji 2
HASTINGS				
Graeme Parsons	9887 6022	0428 876 631	9887 6022	Hastings 2
Richard Bostock	9887 7004	0428 280 068	9887 7027	Hastings 1
Chad Ferguson	9884 1041	0427 841 041	9884 1551	Hastings 3
Anthony Turton	9887 7142	0428 876 042	9887 1042	Hastings 5
Adam Watts	9887 6023	0419 949 223		Hastings 4
WANDERING TOWN				
Warrick Brand		0428 399 656		Wandering Town 1
Graham Treasure		0427 841 083		Wandering Town 2
Shaun Brand		0429 433 452		Wandering Town 3
Brendan Whitely	9884 1027	0427 988 400		Wandering Town 4
WANDERING				
Tim Treasure	9884 1569	0458 653 521		Wandering 5
Tim Hardie	9884 1091	0427 841 091	9884 1502	Wandering 4
Grant White	9884 1049	0428 841 049	9884 1049	Wandering 3
Steve Watts	9884 1051	0429 887 001	9884 1051	Wandering 2

Shire of Wandering Contacts

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