

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF WANDERING



2026/2027 FIREBREAK AND FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE

FOR ALL FIRES PHONE 000

ABOUT THIS NOTICE AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

In accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you as set out in this Notice by the dates specified. If the requirements of this Notice are not met by the due date or are not completed to the satisfaction of an inspecting officer, an on-the-spot fine of **\$250** will be issued. The maximum fine for failure to comply is **\$5,000**. The Shire can also enter upon the land and carry out required works at the owner/occupier's expense.

DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD (PERMIT REQUIRED)	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD (NO BURNING AND NO FIRES)	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD (PERMITS REQUIRED)
1 October to 31 October	1 November to 21 February	22 February to 19 April
UNRESTRICTED BURNING SEASON (NO PERMIT REQUIRED) 20 April to 30 September		

Please Note:

- During Restricted Burning Period - no burning without a permit. Campfires and bonfires are prohibited. Contact your Local Fire Control Officer for a permit.
- Due to unseasonal weather conditions these dates may be extended or shortened. You must check with the Shire of Wandering for details.
- Burning is prohibited on days where the Fire Danger Rating is High or above and if either a Total Fire Ban or Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is declared
- You can find the Fire Danger Rating on the Shire Website



Firebreak Notice



BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

As the landowner or occupier, you are required under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to carry out the fire prevention work on your property to the satisfaction of the Shire or its duly authorised officers on or before 31 October 2026. All land is to be maintained up to and including 26 April 2027.

All previous versions of this document are hereby cancelled. Properties subject to an approved Bushfire Management Plan must comply with the requirements of their plan.

Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice or be prosecuted. Where the owner fails to comply with the requirements of the notice, the Shire may carry out the required work at cost to the owner/occupier.

If it is considered for any reason impractical to clear Fire Access Tracks or remove flammable material as required by this notice, or if natural features render Fire Access Tracks unnecessary, you may apply to the Shire in writing no later than 30 October 2026 for permission to provide Fire Access Tracks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If permission is not given, you must comply with this notice.

Inspection and Compliance

The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district generally. In addition to the requirements of this Notice, the Shire may issue separate special orders on owners or occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary. As may be required, the Shire Fire Control Officer and Town Ranger will begin conducting onsite inspections from 31 October 2026.

SMS Alerts

Broadcast of local Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, Total Fire Bans and other information is available via www.wandering.wa.gov.au.

Fire and Emergency Services / SMS Notifications. Please Note: SMS alerts do not include alerts about fires or other emergencies. For those updates see: www.emergency.wa.gov.au

Advice is Available

Further advice on how to protect your home, when and how to burn, is available from Ranger Services or your local Fire Control Officer. If you have any questions, please contact them.

Properties in Blackboy Springs, Wandering Downs Estate and properties less than 10 hectares:

- Firebreaks cleared of all flammable material and obstructions, **no less than 3 metres wide** and **no less than 4 metres of vertical clearance**, within 20 metres of the external boundary.
- **3-metre-wide firebreaks** cleared of all flammable material and obstructions as close as possible to all buildings.
- Have, on standby, an operational mobile fire- fighting unit of minimum **450 litre capacity**.
- Have all flammable material slashed, mowed or trimmed down by other means to a height of **no greater than 150mm** across the entire property (living trees, shrubs, plants and agricultural crops under cultivation are accepted) or approved stock management of pasture by Local Brigade Fire Control Officer.

All other Small Rural Holdings with an area of 10-80 hectares or less:

- Firebreaks cleared of all flammable material and obstructions, **no less than 3 metres wide** and **no less than 4 metres of vertical clearance**, within 20 metres of the external boundary.

- 3-metre-wide firebreaks cleared of all flammable material and obstructions as close as possible to all buildings.
- Have, on standby, an operational mobile fire- fighting unit of minimum **450 litre capacity**.

Town site land less than 1500m²:

- Clear all flammable material likely to be conducive to the start, spread or extension of a fire from the whole of the land: and/or
- Maintain grass to a height **not greater than 100mm**.

Barbeques

Solid fuel barbeques are prohibited when the fire danger rating is high or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban has been declared. Gas cooking or electric barbeques are permitted for the purpose of cooking only. All Properties to be Fire Safe by 31 October 2026 If you do not meet your responsibilities as outlined in this brochure, you may be fined a **minimum of \$250** and be required to meet the cost of the Shire's efforts to ensure compliance with this Notice. Ultimately you could be liable for a **maximum penalty of \$5,000 plus costs**.

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

Satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- Have, on standby, an operational mobile fire- fighting unit of mini-mum **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
- Firebreaks cleared of all flammable material and obstructions, **no less than 3 metres wide** and **no less than 4 metres of vertical clearance**, within 20 metres of the external boundary.

You must also have:

- **3-metre-wide firebreaks** cleared of all flammable material and obstructions as close as possible to all buildings.
- Firebreaks cleared of all flammable material, **not less than 20 meters wide**, around the perimeter of any bush exceeding 10 hectares in area prior to carrying out a clearing burn.

Recommended when conducting any groundwork e.g. stubble crunching, reefering, bulldozing or loader work: an **operational mobile firefighting unit** of **minimum 600 litres capacity** on hand, between 1st October and 19th April. **An operational fire extinguisher should also be on 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.

Plantations (Planted trees greater than 10 hectares in area):

- Firebreaks cleared of all flammable materials and obstructions, **no less than 10 meters wide**, immediately inside all external boundaries of land.
- Firebreaks cleared of all flammable materials and obstructions, **no less than 10 meters wide**, to divide internal areas of no more than 100 hectares.





How to obtain permits

Burning permits can be obtained from your local Bush Fire Control Officer

CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

CODJATOTINE

C Cameron Hardie 0428 249 799

Mark Browne 0428 877 086

HASTINGS

C Anthony Turton 0428 876 042

Adam Watts 0419 949 223

WANDERING TOWN

C Shaun Brand 0429 433 452

Graham Treasure 0427 841 083

WANDERING

C Tim Treasure 0458 653 521

Jon Hardie 0466 662 615

BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH

Prior to the burning of garden refuse and rubbish, a **3 metre radius perimeter** around the waste heap is to be cleared of all flammable material. Burning of garden refuse and rubbish is not permitted during the Prohibited Burning Period and during the Restricted Burning Periods it will require a burning permit from a Fire Control Officer.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- A harvest ban and a ban on the movement of all vehicles and machinery and the operation of internal combustion engines is imposed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day each year.
- All other activities or operations may only be undertaken during a ban on the movement of all vehicles and machinery and a ban on the operation of internal combustion engines after approval has been granted by the Shire. Approval has to be sought on an individual basis and is subject to specified conditions. It should be noted that approval may not be granted.