

Shire of Boyup Brook  
ANNUAL FIREBREAK NOTICE  
Section 33 ( 1 ) Bush Fires Act 1954  
2015 / 2016



**KNOW YOUR BUSHFIRE RESPONSIBILITY  
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY  
If in doubt contact the Shire of Boyup Brook or your local brigade**

**FOR ALL BUSHFIRES REFER TO BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS**

**FOR ALL TOWN FIRES CONTACT 000**

**BUSH FIRE ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS**

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER 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 ORDER, THE COUNCIL MAY ISSUE SEPARATE SPECIAL ORDERS ON OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS IF HAZARD REMOVAL IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN SOME SPECIFIC AREAS.  
**BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER**

**Restricted Burning Times** (PERMITS REQUIRED)

**9 October to 20 November** in each year, both dates inclusive and **1 March to 30 April** in each year, both dates inclusive.

**Prohibited Burning Time**

**21 November** in each year to **28 February** the following year, both dates inclusive

1. Permits for hazard reduction of bush will not be issued before **1 April** unless permitted by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.
2. Burning of garden refuse is not permitted during the prohibited burning time.
3. A mobile working fire fighting power unit is to be in the paddock when harvesting (see definition of harvesting) is being carried out during the periods **15 November to 15 April**. The responsibility to supply the unit being that of the land holder.
4. The only automatic harvesting and total movement ban in the Shire of Boyup Brook is **CHRISTMAS DAY**.
5. Camping and cooking fires in the open are banned from **30 October to 30 April** each year, both dates inclusive.
6. Cut off date to have all fire breaks installed is the **30 November**.

**Note**—Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times may be varied due to seasonal changes. Any changes will be advertised in a local newspaper circulated within the Shire's district. It is YOUR responsibility to check with the Shire of Boyup Brook or the Chief Fire Control Officer

**SPECIAL NOTES**

**Ride on lawn mowers are treated the same as farming equipment and subject to the same rules in regards to movement and harvest bans. Any recreational activity that involves fuelled motor driven devices including models are also governed by movement and harvest bans. Examples motor bikes ,buggies, model aeroplanes and model cars.**

**The Department of Fire and Emergency Services may also issue a Total Fire Ban which overrides all other authorities. Check the DFES website for these bans.**

**The Shire is the authority that implements and controls Harvest Bans**

**PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES ON 08 9395 9209 PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY BURN.**

**A special permit is to be obtained from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer to burn tree plantation waste at any time of the year**

**For current information relating to Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, phone 9765 1543**

**TOWN SITES**

**TOWN SITE LAND**

On all land located within a town site (except for land zoned Rural and Special Rural as shown on the Shire of Boyup Brook Town Planning Scheme No.2), you must:

- (a) Where the area of land is 2023m<sup>2</sup> or less, clear the land free of all inflammable matter, except living trees and cultivated plants, shrubs and lawns, to a height no greater than 5cm: or
- (b) Where the area of the land is in excess of 2023m<sup>2</sup>, clear a 2.5 metre wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land or immediately surrounding all buildings on the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 2.5metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.

**CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS**

Where a building is under construction on any land between the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in any year and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the following year, the owner or occupier of the land must clear the land free of all inflammable material within a 15 metre radius of the construction site. The Chief Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officer for the area will be notified by Council staff of all building permits granted.

**BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE PROHIBITED DURING THE PROHIBITED BURNING TIME**

Pursuant to section 24G(2) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all owners and occupiers of land within the district of the Shire of Boyup Brook are prohibited from burning garden refuse during the Prohibited Burning Time specified above.

**USE OF WELDING APPARATUS AND ANGLE GRINDERS**

Pursuant to section 39C of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, it is an offence to operate welding apparatus of any kind or power operated abrasive cutting discs of any kind in the open air unless at least one fire extinguisher is provided at the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out is surrounded by a firebreak which is at least 5 metres wide.

**SPECIAL RURAL LAND**

On land zoned Special Rural under the Scheme ("Special Rural Land"), you must:

1. clear a 2.5 metre wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 2.5 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground; and
2. clear a 10 metre wide bare earth firebreak around all buildings and fuel storage areas by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 10 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.

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On land zoned Rural under Scheme ("Rural Land"), you must:

1. a) clear a 2.5 metre wide bare earth firebreak break immediately around all buildings, homesteads, hay sheds, fuel storage areas, caravans and mobile accommodation by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 2.5 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground: and  
b) clear a second 2.5 metre wide bare earth firebreak break around all buildings, homesteads, hay sheds, fuel storage areas, caravans and mobile accommodation and located not less than 20 metres and no more than 100 metres from the firebreak in paragraph 1.a) above by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 2.5m wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.
2. As an alternative to the two firebreak system described in paragraphs 1.a) and 1.b) above, clear a 10metre wide bare earth firebreak immediately all buildings, homesteads, hay sheds, fuel storage areas, caravans and mobile accommodation by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 10 metre firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.
3. Where a building is under construction on any land between the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in any year and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the following year, the owner or occupier of the land must clear the land free of all inflammable material within a 15 metre radius of the construction site. The Chief Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officer for the area will be notified by Council staff of all building permits granted.
4. a) One adult is to be in attendance on the day following protective burning around a house, hayshed, etc, unless permission is given otherwise.  
b) Household protective burns are to consist of a minimum of two units between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm, and after 6.00 pm one unit with a minimum of two people. This information is intended as a guide only. The Fire Control Officer in the brigade area concerned must issue a permit for any protective burning that is to be carried out.
5. Permits will not be issued for protective burning of bush before 1 April unless permitted by the Chief Fire Control Officer. No fires to be lit before 1.00 pm unless otherwise authorised by the Chief Fire Control Officer.
6. Protective burning is permitted around homesteads up to the 15 December, in each year, subject to final approval being granted by the Chief Fire Control Officer. Arrangements beyond that date need to be confirmed by the Chief Fire Control Officer.
7. a) In the event of a ban being placed on the operation of combustion engines in paddocks, clover harvesting may still continue provided that the fire hazard in the area being harvested has been previously removed and also that no combustion engine is less than 20 metres from the firebreak. No vehicles may enter or leave a paddock except on a cleared roadway. This regulation is also pertinent to aircraft except in the instance of an emergency landing.  
b) All holders of clover burning permits are to notify their base station on the day of the burn, unless the fire is being lit after 6pm.

## RURAL LAND Cont.

8. Prior to carrying out burning of grassed and stubble areas, you must clear a 3 metre wide bare earth firebreak immediately around the area to be burned by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 3 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground. Permits for stubble burns will not be issued to allow the land holder to commence burning before 4.00 pm on any day, unless a specific permit is obtained from the Chief Fire Control Officer and if he approves, three mobile fire fighting units will be required to be in attendance during the burn. This regulation is to be in force until 1 April, each year. After which time the Brigade Fire Control Officer be permitted to use his judgment on the conditions of issuing permits to burn.

9. The only automatic harvesting and total movement ban in the Shire of Boyup Brook is **CHRISTMAS DAY**.

10. For additional fire protection, land holders are urged to clean up roadsides wherever possible. Removal of logs, grass, etc., will be considered following application for a permit.

## PLANTATIONS

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**A PLANTATION-TREE FARM** is defined as an area exceeding three (3) hectares within the TOWNSITES or an area exceeding twenty (20) hectares within RURAL areas, of trees planted for COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

A Plantation shall only be required to comply with the Fire Order for the fire season under which the plantation was approved by the Council under its Town Planning Scheme for the life of that plantation.

The 'life' of the plantation is defined as the period between planting and the first harvest. It does not include further plantings post-harvest or coppice re-growth ('second rotation'). In these situations the then current firebreak order must be complied with.

The owner or occupier of the land on which there is a Plantation must:

1. Clear a 15 metre wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land. Within this 15 metre area all vegetation or flammable material shall be cleared to a height of 5 metres. All flammable matter and vegetation greater than 5 metres above the ground shall be separated by no less than 10 metres.

2. Where the Plantation is divided into compartments:

If compartments do not exceed 30 hectares clear a 6 metre wide bare earth firebreak between compartments removing all flammable matter and vegetation within the 6 metre firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground;

3. If compartments exceed 30 hectares clear a 10 metre wide bare earth firebreak between compartments by metre removing all flammable matter and vegetation within the 10 wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground;

4. Clear a 50 metre wide bare earth firebreak around all buildings and fuel storage areas by removing all flammable matter and vegetation within the 50 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground; and where power lines pass through the Plantation, Clear firebreaks in accordance with Western Power specifications (consult Western Power - Bunbury, Phone 13 13 53).

**The Shire's Bush Fire Control Officer hereby prohibits pursuant to regulation 38A(1) of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, the use of a stump grinder during the restricted and prohibited burning times unless a**

## PLANTATIONS Cont.

mobile fire fighting unit (trailer mounted units are not acceptable) with a minimum of 600 litres of water is on site and within the same working compartment as the stump grinder at

## ALL AREAS

### USE OF ENGINES, VEHICLES, PLANT OR MACHINERY LIKELY TO CAUSE BUSH FIRE

The Shire's Bush Fire Control Officer is of the opinion that harvesting machines and headers, other than clover harvesters, are likely to cause a bush fire, or would be conducive to the spread of a bush fire, during the prohibited burning time. Accordingly, the Shire's Bush Fire Control Officer hereby prohibits pursuant to regulation 38A(1) of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, the use of a harvesting machine or header, other than a clover harvester, during the restricted and prohibited burning times specified below, unless a mobile fire fighting unit as defined below is in the paddock being harvested or adjacent to the entrance of the paddock being harvested.

### HARVESTING MACHINES AND HEADERS - REG. 38

Pursuant to regulation 38 of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, a person shall not operate any harvesting machine or header in any crop during the prohibited burning times or the restricted burning times set out below unless a fire extinguisher is carried on the machine.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

With reference to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

**This work must be carried out by 30 November, unless approved otherwise, and maintained throughout the summer months until 1 May.**

An inspection of firebreaks will be carried out in all areas of the Shire by an Authorised Officer.

PERSONS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER MAY BE ISSUED WITH AN INFRINGEMENT ORDER (Penalty \$250) OR PROSECUTED, AND ADDITIONALLY, THE COUNCIL MAY CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED WORK AT THE COST OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER.

If it is impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this Notice, you may apply to the Shire in writing before the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations or take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire. If permission is not granted in writing by the Shire, you shall comply with the requirements of this Notice.

### ROADSIDE BURNING

Burning on Road Sides requires a Permit all times of the year and there are other requirements.

**IF IN DOUBT CONTACT CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER OR THE SHIRE OFFICE (08) 9765 1200.**

## DEFINITIONS

**"MOBILE WORKING FIRE FIGHTING UNIT"**, unless otherwise defined, where referred to in these clauses, means: the tank must be filled at all times with at least 450 litres of water. If a trailer type unit, it must be attached at all times to a suitable towing vehicle, during burning or harvesting operations. The pump on the unit must be efficient and in working condition.

**"HARVESTING"** means mechanical cutting of all crops or pasture for seed, grain and or hay including mowing and baling of straw.

## DEFINITIONS

### CAMPING / COOKING FIRES

Pursuant to section 25(1a) of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the lighting of fires in the open air within the Shire of Boyup Brook for the purpose of camping or cooking is prohibited during the Prohibited Burning Time specified above.

### PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

It is recommended that all fire fighters wear adequate protective clothing when fighting fires. It is pointed out that flammable synthetic clothing is not considered sufficiently protective.

### Summary of Bush Fires Act

- Permits to burn are required for the whole of the restricted burning periods and can only be obtained from the Brigade Fire Control Officer. Permit holders must advise DFES on 9395 9209 prior to commencing a burn
- Any special conditions imposed by the Fire Control Officer when issuing permits must be strictly adhered to.
- The permit holder should give notice of his intention to burn to:
  - The owner or occupier of adjoining land.
  - The nearest Department of Parks & Wildlife Office, if the land is situated within three (3) kilometres of State Forest Land. Kirup 9731 6232 or Manjimup 9771 7988
- 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 between neighbours.
- Prior to setting fire to the permitted location, the permit holder should be aware of their obligations and responsibilities in accordance with section 18 and 15B as detailed on the reverse of the permit.
- All landowners and occupiers who incur a bush fire have an obligation to assist each Brigade Fire Control Officer to compile a Fire Report Form.
- Any INCINERATOR used to burn rubbish must be properly constructed - an open drum with or without a lid is not an appropriate incinerator.

## BRIGADE AND SHIRE CONTACTS BASE SET CALL VL6X (HOTEL X-RAY)

### SHIRE CONTACT DETAILS

Shire Office	9765 1200
Manager of Works	0409 640 482
Works Supervisor	0427 651 222

### X-RAY TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

<b>CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
D Inglis	HOTEL X-RAY	9765 1423	0418 651 088
<b>1ST DEPUTY</b>			
T Mead	X-RAY 1	9767 1344	0497 671 340
<b>2ND DEPUTY</b>			
R Bingham	X-RAY 2	9767 1280	0429 900 058
<b>COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER</b>			
Position Vacant	X-RAY 3		
<b>FIRE WEATHER OFFICER</b>			
J Potter	X-RAY 4	9765 3091	0429 653 091
<b>DEPUTY WEATHER OFFICER</b>			
M Wright	DINNINUP 2	9767 2062	0427 191 785
<b>TRAINING OFFICER</b>			
M Waller		9765 2817	0427 672 049

### BENJINUP

FCO	D Inglis	HOTEL X-RAY	9765 1423	0418 651 088
DEPUTY FCO	D Guazzelli	BENJINUP 2	9765 1001	0487 342 920

### BOYUP BROOK (FESA) - TOWN

FCO	G BOGAR		9765 1437	0427 651 437
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### CHOWERUP

FCO	B Evans	CHOWERUP 1	9833 7528	0459 337 524
DEPUTY FCO	A Hallet	CHOWERUP 2	9832 3057	UHF 36

### DINNINUP

FCO	T Mead	X-RAY 1	9767 1344	0497 671 340
DEPUTY FCO	M Wright	DINNINUP 2	9767 2062	0427 191 785

### EAST BOYUP BROOK

FCO	J Ritson	EAST 1	9765 1010	0427 033 010
DEPUTY FCO	J Johnson	EAST 2		0429 780 226

### GIBBS ROAD

FCO	R Bingham	X-RAY 2	9767 1280	0429 900 058
DEPUTY FCO	P Goerling	GIBBS 2	9765 1154	0428 676 730

### KENNINUP

FCO	B Skraha	KENNINUP 1	9767 3030	0428 673 058
DEPUTY FCO	N Bagshaw	KENNINUP 2	9767 1272	0428 993 909

### KULIKUP

FCO	B Fairbrass	KULIKUP 1	9767 3054	0428 673 054
DEPUTY FCO	H Bock	KULIKUP 2		0427 439 329

### MAYANUP

FCO	C Coole	MAYANUP 1	9765 3101	0427 230 851
DEPUTY FCO	B Creek	MAYANUP 2	9765 3158	0428 158 138

### McALINDEN

FCO	D Fortune	McALINDEN 1	9767 2061	0428 672 061
DEPUTY FCO	D Wildy	McALINDEN 2	9732 2220	0458 011 599

### MICKALARUP/DWALGANUP

FCO	R Forbes	MICKALARUP 1	9765 3036	0427 887 397
DEPUTY FCO	K Lloyd	MICKALARUP 2	9765 3044	0428 653 044

### NOLLAJUP

FCO	M Gifford	NOLLAJUP 1	9764 4040	0428 644 040
DEPUTY FCO	R INTROVIGNE	NOLLAJUP 2	9764 4082	0427 644 082

### SCOTTS BROOK

FCO	B Thompson	SCOTTS BROOK 1	9767 3072	0427 673 072
DEPUTY FCO	C Caldwell	SCOTTS BROOK 2		0418 913 531

### TONEBRIDGE

FCO	D Turner	TONE 1	9769 1069	
DEPUTY FCO	R Tuckett	TONE 2	9769 1036	0427691010

### TWEED

FCO	C Connop	TWEED 1	9761 7536	0428 617 536
DEPUTY FCO	D Muir	TWEED 2		0428 653 041

### WEST BOYUP BROOK

FCO	B Cailles	WEST 1	9765 1999	0408 151 800
DEPUTY FCO	G Hales	WEST 2	9765 1042	0427 651 046