



# Shire of Boyup Brook 2023 / 2024

## **FIRE INFORMATION & FIREBREAK NOTICE**

**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 DIRECT CONTACT 000.**

### **Prohibited Burning Times**

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

### **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.  
(Note 1. May be varied due to seasonal changes.)

### **Period during which mobile fire fighting power unit required when harvesting**

**15 November** to **15 April** (the responsibility to supply the unit being that of the landholder).

### **Automatic harvesting and total movement ban CHRISTMAS DAY.**

**Burning of Garden Refuse or lighting of open-air Camping or Cooking fires is banned during prohibited times and a permit is required during restricted times.**

**21 November** to **28 February** in each year, both dates inclusive.  
(Permit required 9 October to 20 November and 1 March to 30 April)

### **Firebreaks must be installed by 30 November.**

#### **NOTE**

- 1. Restricted Burning Times and Prohibited Burning Times may be varied due to seasonal changes. Variations will be advertised in a local newspaper and on the Shire's website. It is the responsibility of owners and occupiers of land to ensure they are aware of any variations.*
- 2. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services may declare a total fire ban. Such a declaration overrides any other authority. Total fire bans are advertised on the Department's website and broadcast on ABC radio. Information can also be obtained on the Department's Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355.*

## **DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER**

## RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Burning without a permit is prohibited during any restricted burning time. To obtain a permit an application must be made to the relevant Brigade Fire Control Officer (see contact list). Unless permitted by the Chief Bush Fire Officer, permits for hazard reduction of bush will not be issued before 1 April.

A permit holder must -

- (a) no more than 28 days nor less than 4 days prior to commencing the burn, give notice of the intention to burn –
  - (i) to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (on 08 9395 9209);
  - (ii) if the land is to be burned within 3 km of a State forest or timber reserve, to the nearest Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Office (Kirup 9731 6232 or Manjimup 9771 7988); and
  - (iii) to the owner or occupier of any adjoining land;
- (b) comply with all conditions on the permit;
- (c) ensure he or she is aware of their obligations and responsibilities under section 18 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and regulation 15B of the Bush Fire Regulations 1954 (as detailed on the reverse of the permit) during any restricted burning times.

## PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

All open-air burning is prohibited during any Prohibited Burning Time.

*NOTE: Subterranean clover may be burned during a prohibited burning time but only in accordance with a permit issued by the Chief Bushfire Control Officer.*

## VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

### HARVEST AND TOTAL MOVEMENT BANS

The Shire may declare a harvest and total movement ban at any time during a restricted or prohibited burning time. **Christmas Day** in each year is automatically a day on which a harvest and total movement ban is in force.

It is prohibited to use any vehicle with a combustion engine '**off road**' during any period for which a harvest and total movement ban has been declared.

This includes any form of fuelled motor device such as, but not limited to –

- aircraft (which, except in an emergency, can only take-off or land on a cleared roadway)
- ride-on lawn mowers
- motorbikes and buggies
- model aeroplanes and cars.

'**Off road**' means anywhere (including a paddock or area of bush or forest) other than a road or track cleared of all vegetation to a minimum width of 3.0m.

Clover harvesting may continue during a harvest and total movement ban provided –

- (a) any fire hazard in the area being harvested has previously been removed;
- (b) no combustion engine is less than 20m from the firebreak;
- (c) no vehicle enters or leaves a paddock except on a cleared roadway; and
- (d) a permit has been issued by the Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

*Note: A holder of a clover burning permit must notify his or her base station (see contact list) on the day of the burn, unless the fire is to be lit after 6.00pm.*

For current information relating to harvest and total movement bans, phone 9765 1543.

## RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES & PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

## HARVEST MACHINES, HEADERS, MOWERS, SLASHER, STUMP GRINDERS OR SIMILAR

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It is prohibited to operate any harvesting machine, header, mower, slasher, stump grinder or similar in any crop during the restricted or prohibited burning times unless –

- (a) a working fire extinguisher is carried on the machine; and
- (b) a working mobile fire fighting unit is –
  - (i) in the paddock being harvested, or adjacent to the entrance of that paddock.
  - (ii) filled at all times with at least 450L of water.
  - (iii) equipped with an efficiently operating pump.
  - (iv) self-propelled or always attached to a suitable towing vehicle.

## WELDING APPARATUS AND ANGLE GRINDERS

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It is prohibited to operate any kind of **welding apparatus** or **power operated abrasive cutting disk** in the open-air during Restricted or Prohibited Burning Times unless –

- (a) The location where the welding or abrasive cutting taking place is surrounded by a firebreak which is at least 5m wide.
- (b) At least one appropriate fire extinguisher is located and accessible at the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out.

## STUMP GRINDERS

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It is prohibited to operate a stump grinder without written consent (permit) from the Chief Bushfire Control Officer during the restricted and prohibited burning times.

## FIREBREAKS

Under section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act*, you are required to carry out the fire prevention work specified below on any land within the Shire that is owned or occupied by you.

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

If an owner or occupier fails to comply with these requirements, he or she may be issued with an infringement notice (penalty \$250) or prosecuted, and the Shire may carry out the required work at the cost of the owner or occupier.

If it is impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks, or to take measures in accordance with these requirements, you may apply to the Shire in writing before 11 November, for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations, or to take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire. If permission is not granted in writing by the Shire, you must comply with these requirements.

## **TOWN SITE LAND**

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

1. 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, that are no greater than 5cm in height.
2. Where the area of the land is in excess of 2023m<sup>2</sup>, clear a 3m 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 3.0m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground.

## **SPECIAL RURAL LAND**

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On all land zoned Special Rural under the Scheme, you must -

- (a) Clear a 3m wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 3.0m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground; and
- (b) Clear a 10m wide bare earth firebreak around all buildings and fuel storage areas by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 10m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground or a 20m building protection zone.

# **FIREBREAKS**

## RURAL LAND

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1. On land zoned Rural under the Scheme, you must **either** -
  - (a) clear a 3m 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 3.0m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground; and
  - (b) clear a second 3.0m wide bare earth firebreak break around all buildings, homesteads, hay sheds, fuel storage areas, caravans and mobile accommodation located not less than 20m nor more than 100m from the firebreak in paragraph (a) above by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the second 3.0m wide firebreak between the ground and 4 metres above the ground.

### OR

2. As an alternative to the two-firebreak system described in 1, clear a 10m wide bare earth firebreak immediately around all buildings, homesteads, hay sheds, fuel storage areas, caravans and mobile accommodation by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 10m firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground.

### AND

3. For Rural land (of less than 40ha) adjacent to Special Rural properties, you must –

clear a 3m wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 3m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground.

## PROTECTIVE BURNING

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1. A permit from the Chief Fire Control Officer is required for any protective burning.
2. Subject to the approval of the Chief Fire Control Officer, protective burning around homesteads may be undertaken up to 15 December. (The Chief Fire Control Officer may approve arrangements beyond that date.)
3. A permit to undertake a homestead protective burn is also required from the Fire Control Officer for the area in question (see contact list). Subject to the requirements of the Fire Control Officer, a minimum of two mobile firefighting units are generally required for a homestead protective burn between 4.00pm and 6.00pm and one mobile firefighting unit with at least two people is generally required after 6.00pm.
4. Unless permission is given otherwise, one adult must be in attendance on the day following any protective burning around a house, hay shed etc.
5. Subject to any alternative arrangement permitted by the Chief Fire Control Officer, permits will not be issued for protective burning of bush before 1 April of that year. No fires are to be lit before 1.00pm.
6. Prior to carrying out any burning of grassed or stubble areas, a 3m wide bare earth firebreak must be cleared immediately around the area to be burnt. All inflammable matter and vegetation between the ground and 4m above the ground within the 3m firebreak must be cleared.
7. (a) Up until 1 April, only the Chief Fire Control Officer can issue a permit allowing the burning of stubble before 4.00pm on any day. If such a permit is issued, 3 mobile firefighting units will be required to be in attendance during the burn.  
(b) After 1 April, the relevant Fire Control Officer (see contact list) may issue permits for the burning of stubble subject to such conditions as he or she thinks fit.

## FIREBREAKS cont. PROTECTIVE BURNING



## PLANTATIONS

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A plantation is defined as an area exceeding 3ha within a town site, or an area exceeding 20ha within a rural area, of trees planted for commercial purposes. The plantation will cease once the stumps are removed and the area is returned to agricultural production.

Up until the first harvest following the first planting of a plantation, the firebreak requirements for the plantation are those that applied for the fire season in which the plantation was approved by Council under the Scheme.

Further plantings and post-harvest or coppice regrowth or until all stumps are removed will be subject to the then current firebreak requirements.

Subject to the above, on all land on which there is a plantation, you must –

- (a) clear a 15m wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation to a height of 5m.
- (b) ensure all inflammable matter and vegetation greater than 5m above the ground is separated by no less than 10m.
- (c) where a plantation is divided into compartments –
  - (i) if the compartments do not exceed 30ha, a 6m wide bare earth firebreak between compartments must be cleared by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 6m firebreak and between the ground and 5m above the ground.
  - (ii) if compartments exceed 30ha, a 10m wide bare earth firebreak between compartments must be cleared by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 10m wide firebreak and between the ground and 5m above the ground.
- (d) clear a 50m wide bare earth firebreak around all buildings and fuel storage areas by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 50m firebreak and between the ground and 5m above the ground.
- (e) where power lines pass through the plantation, clear firebreaks in accordance with Western Power specifications (consult Western Power – phone 13 10 87).

## **BLUE GUM TRASH HEAPS**

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A permit will be required for burning of tree plantation waste at any time throughout the year. Permits will only be issued by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and burning of blue gum trash heaps to be completed by 31st of August annually. All trash heaps are required to be pushed out and levelled by the 30th of October of that year.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS**

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Where a building is under construction on any land between 9 October and 1 May, the land must be cleared of all inflammable matter within a 15m radius of the construction site. The Chief Fire Control Officer and relevant Fire Control Officer will be notified by Shire staff of all building permits granted.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ROADSIDE BURNING**

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A permit is required to carry out any burning on a roadside at any time of the year. Further requirements may apply e.g. Traffic management.

### **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

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Any incinerator used to burn rubbish must be properly constructed. An incinerator should be designed and constructed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material and should be situated 2.0m or more away from any building or fence. An open drum with or without a lid is not an appropriate incinerator.

### **INCINERATORS**

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Any incinerator used to burn rubbish must be properly constructed. An open drum with or without a lid is not an appropriate incinerator.

An incinerator should be designed and constructed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material and should be situated 2m or more away from any building for fence.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS**

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The requirements specified in this notice are recommended as the minimum standard of Fire Prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district in general. The Shire may issue separate special orders requiring owners or occupiers of specific areas to carry out additional hazard reduction work.

# **PLANTATIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

## SHIRE AND BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS

### EMERGENCY CALL 000

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Boyup Brook Shire **9765 1200**

Boyup Brook Police **9762 1666**

Manager (Shire Depot) **0419 777 033**

Shire Ranger (Infringements) **0438 150 797**

### FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

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#### BRIGADE

#### FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

#### X-RAY TEAM

CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

**Ben Thompson** **0427 673 072**

1ST DEPUTY

**Tristan Mead** **0497 671 340**

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## **BRIGADE & SHIRE CONTACTS**

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