

Shire of Boyup Brook  
2020 - 2021 FIRE INFORMATION AND 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 FIRES CONTACT 000**

**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

**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**

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

**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.

**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.

See 'Vehicle and Equipment' below for particular requirements during any restricted burning time.

## PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

All open air burning is prohibited during any prohibited burning time.

See 'Vehicle and Equipment' below for particular requirements 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 Shire.

## 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 2.5m.

Clover harvesting may still 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; and
- (c) no vehicle enters or leaves a paddock except on a cleared roadway.

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.**

## HARVEST MACHINES AND HEADERS

It is prohibited to operate any harvesting machine or header 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; and
  - (iv) self-propelled or attached at all times to a suitable towing vehicle.

## WELDING APPARATUS AND ANGLE GRINDERS

It is prohibited to operate any kind of welding apparatus or power operated abrasive cutting disk in the open air unless –

- (a) at least one fire extinguisher is provided at the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out; and
- (b) that place is surrounded by a firebreak which is at least 5m wide.

## STUMP GRINDERS

It is prohibited to operate a stump grinder without written consent (permit) during the restricted and prohibited burning times in a plantation tree farm and a motorised vehicle with an incorporated water tank containing at all times a minimum of 600L of water is on site, and within the same working compartment as the stump grinder and a fire extinguisher is carried within the machine.

## 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 May.

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

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 2.5m 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 2.5m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground.

### **SPECIAL RURAL LAND**

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

- (a) clear a 2.5m wide bare earth firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 2.5m 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 10 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground.

### **RURAL LAND**

1. On land zoned Rural under the Scheme, you must **either** -
  - (a) clear a 2.5m 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 2.5m wide firebreak between the ground and 4m above the ground; and
  - (b) clear a second 2.5m wide bare earth firebreak 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 2.5m 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.

### **Protective burning**

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 fire fighting units are generally required for a homestead protective burn between 4.00pm and 6.00pm and one mobile fire fighting 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 and 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 fire fighting 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.

Note: for additional fire protection, owners and occupiers are urged to clean up roadsides wherever possible. Removal of logs, grass, etc will be considered following application for a permit.

## **PLANTATIONS**

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.

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 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 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 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 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**

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 31<sup>st</sup> of August annually.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS**

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

#### Roadside burning

A permit is required to carry out any burning on a roadside at any time of the year. Further requirement will apply eg. Traffic management.

#### Protective clothing

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

#### Incinerators

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 or fence.

#### Special orders

The requirements specified in this notice are considered to be 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.

<b>BRIGADE AND SHIRE CONTACTS</b>			
<b>BASE SET CALL VL6X (HOTEL X-RAY)</b>			
<b><u>SHIRE CONTACT DETAILS</u></b>			
<b>Shire Office</b>			9765 1200
Manager of Works	9765 1220		0427 651 222
Supervisor (Works)			0448 833 102
<b><u>X-RAY TEAM CONTACT DETAILS</u></b>			
<b>CHIEF FIRE CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
T Mead	HOTEL X-RAY		0497 671 340
<b>1ST DEPUTY</b>			
B Thompson	X-RAY 1	9767 3072	0427 673 072
<b>2ND DEPUTY</b>			
R Bingham	X-RAY 2	9767 1280	0429 900 058
<b>COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER</b>			
D Fortune	X-RAY 3	9767 2061	0428 672 061
<b>FIRE WEATHER OFFICER</b>			
B Fairbrass	X-RAY 4	9767 3054	0428 673 054
<b>DEPUTY WEATHER OFFICER</b>			
J Johnston	EAST 2		0429 780 226
<b>TRAINING OFFICER</b>			
Vacant			

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

**BENJINUP**

FCO				
	D Inglis	BENJINUP 1	9765 1423	0418 651 088
DEPUTY FCO				
	D Guazzelli	BENJINUP 2	9765 1001	0487 342 920

**BOYUP BROOK (DFES) - Town**

FCO				
	G Bogar		9765 1437	0418 651 437

**CHOWERUP**

FCO				
	B Evans	CHOWERUP 1	9833 7528	0459 337 524
DEPUTY FCO				
	A Hallet	CHOWERUP 2	9832 3057	0437 772 558

**DINNINUP**

FCO				
	T Mead	HOTEL - X-RAY		0497 671 340
DEPUTY FCO				
	W Girando	DINNINUP 2		0428 384 893

**EAST BOYUP BROOK**

FCO				
	J Ritson	EAST 1	9765 1010	0427 033 010
DEPUTY FCO				
	J Johnston	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

**BRIGADE AND SHIRE CONTACTS  
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**KULIKUP**

FCO				
	B Fairbrass	X-RAY 4	9767 3054	0428 673 054
DEPUTY FCO				
	H Bock	KULIKUP 2		0427 439 329

**MAYANUP**

FCO				
	B Creek	MAYANUP 1	9765 3284	0428 158 138
DEPUTY FCO				
	C Coole	MAYANUP 2	9765 3101	0427 230 851

**McAlinden**

FCO				
	D Fortune	X-RAY 3	9767 2061	0428 672 061
DEPUTY FCO				
	L Shine	McALINDEN 2	97322 080	0428 308 202

**MICKALARUP/DWALGANUP**

FCO				
	D Chapman	MICKALARUP 1		0427 673 047
DEPUTY FCO				
	J Forbes	MICKALARUP 2	9765 3036	0457 903 024

**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				
	C Caldwell	SCOTTS BROOK 1		0418 913 531
DEPUTY FCO				
	W Robertson	SCOTTS BROOK 2		0427 673 090

**TONEBRIDGE**

FCO				
	R Tuckett	TONE 1	9769 1036	0427 691 010
DEPUTY FCO				
	D Turner	TONE 2	9769 1069	0457 603 881

**TWEED**

FCO				
	C Connop	TWEED 1	9761 7536	0428 617 536



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

DEPUTY FCO		
D Muir	TWEED 2	0428 653 041

**WEST BOYUP BROOK**

FCO		
B Cailles	WEST 1	0408 151 800
DEPUTY FCO		
R Parker	WEST 2	0427 989 647