



Shire of **JERRAMUNGUP**

FIRE CONTROL INFORMATION **2023/2024**

FIRST AND **FINAL NOTICE**

First and Final notice has been served to all landowner/occupiers within the Shire of Jerramungup, who have the legal responsibilities to prepare their properties to reduce the risk of outbreak and spread of fires.

These are your legal requirements.

Please read carefully and retain for future reference.

This notice sets out the actions that you must take to prepare your property for the fire season. As a measure for preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire which may occur, all owners and occupiers of the land within the Shire's district are required, before **Tuesday, 10 October 2023**, to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this Notice and maintain those firebreaks and measures in accordance with this Notice up to and including Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

It is the responsibility of ALL landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Jerramungup to fully understand their requirements mentioned within this Notice.

This Notice constitutes the Shire of Jerramungup Fire Control Information and is issued under Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

**FOR ALL FIRE & EMERGENCIES
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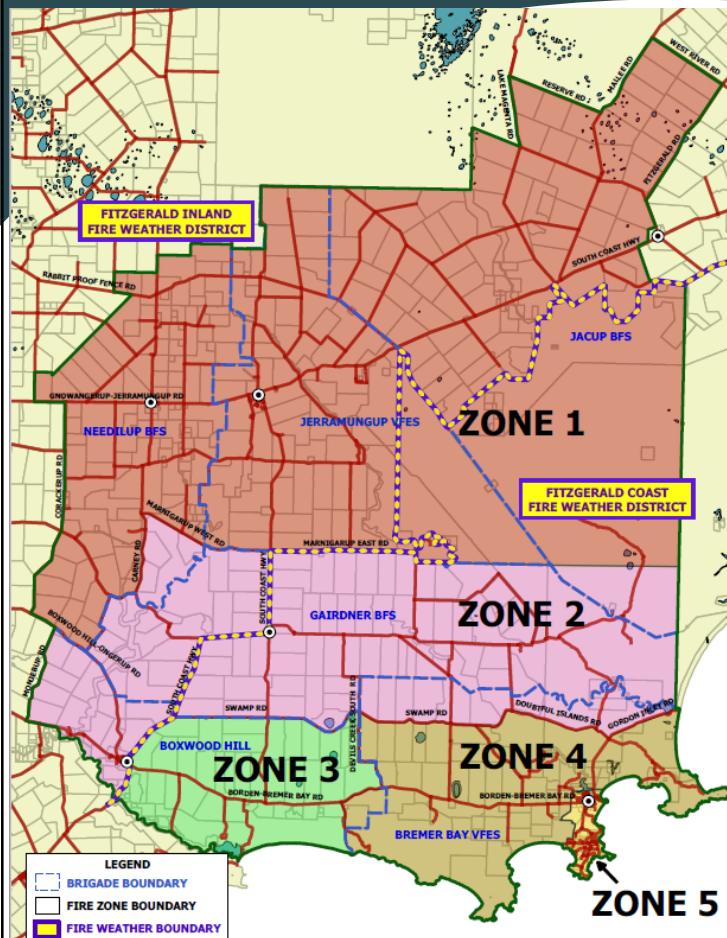
**HARVEST BAN HOTLINE
08 9835 1333**

**TO REGISTER FOR SMS ALERTS
08 9835 1022**

**BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY
UHF CHANNEL 5**



SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP HARVEST BAN AREAS

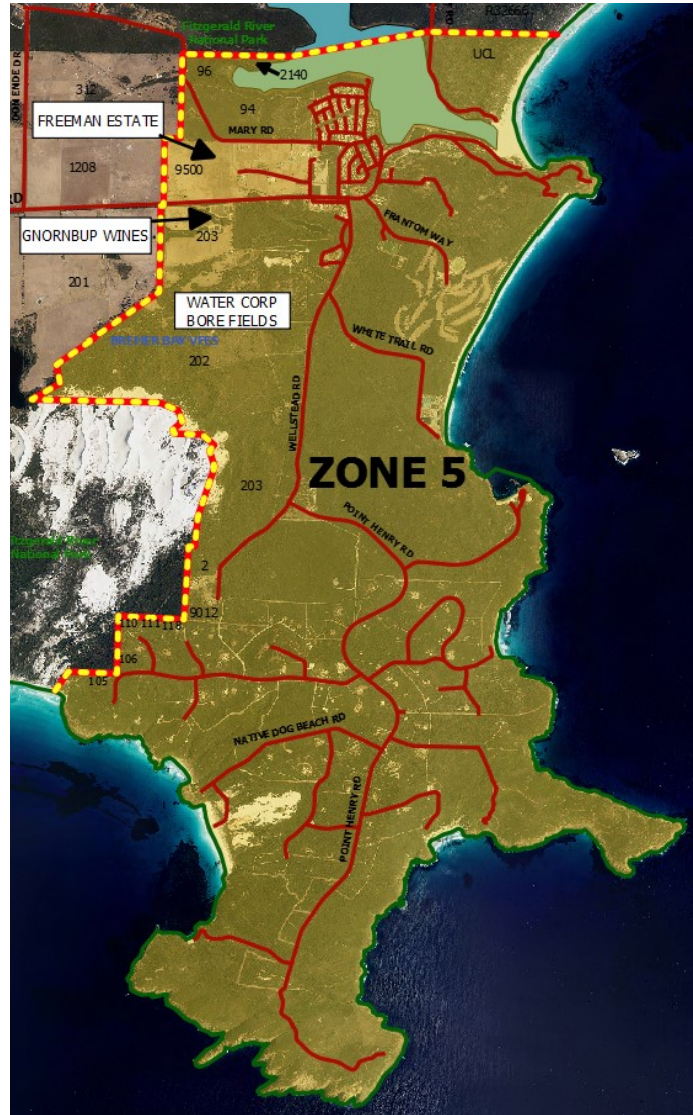


HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN / FIRE BAN INFORMATION

All Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans and Fire Bans will be communicated via the Shire's SMS system, Shire's website and Facebook page, Harvest Ban Hotline (Ph: 08 9835 1333) and on ABC local radio 558AM / 630AM at the following times: 10:05am, 12:35pm and 2:05pm weekdays, 12:35pm and 2:05pm weekends.

If you are a farmer or a contractor and would like to receive notification by SMS of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans contact the Shire Office on 08 9835 1022 to register your mobile number.

**ZONE 5 FIRE BOUNDARY
BREMER BAY/PT HENRY PENINSULA**



ZONE 5 - BREMER BAY/PT HENRY PENINSULA

1 September 2023 - 31 October 2023	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
1 November 2023 - 5 April 2024	PROHIBITED BURNING
6 April 2024 - 31 May 2024	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required

1. RESTRICTED & PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

The Shire of Jerramungup has gazetted the following datelines for its Restricted Burning Times (RBT) & Prohibited Burning Times (PBT).

ZONE 1, 2, 3 & 4 - SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP	
1 October 2023 - 31 October 2023	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
1 November 2023 - 7 February 2024	PROHIBITED BURNING
8 February 2024 - 30 April 2024	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required

ZONE 5 - BREMER BAY/PT HENRY PENINSULA	
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Depending on seasonal factors, above dates can be changed or extended as permitted under the Bush Fires Act 1954. Any changes will be published in local newsletters, on public notice boards and social media, via the Harvest Ban SMS contact group and on the Shire's website.

2. IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

4th September 2023	Applications for individual Bushfire Management Plan - <i>Last Day!</i>
1st October 2023	Applications for Variation to the Fire Control Notice - <i>Last Day!</i>
10th—17th October 2023	<u>Fire Break Inspection;</u> Properties are initially inspected for compliance to this Notice.
16th—20th October 2023	<u>Pt Henry Fire Break Inspection;</u> Properties are inspected for compliance to the Pt Henry Fire Management Strategy
10th October 2023 - 30th April 2024	Fire Break Compliance Period; Properties are to be maintained to the requirements of this Notice.
31 October 2023	Registrations of Licenced Storage Areas - <i>Last Day!</i>

3. BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to *Section 18 Bush Fires Act 1954* all landowner/occupiers, before setting fire to bush or burning off within the Shire during the Restricted Burning period, MUST obey the following conditions:

- Obtain a Fire Permit from an endorsed Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Jerramungup (see contacts on back of pamphlet).
- A Fire Control Officer has the authority under the Bush Fires Act to refuse to issue or halt any activity or operation that they deem as hazardous or likely to start a fire; and
- Failure to comply with requirements of any permit to burn may incur penalties as defined in the Bush Fires Act and/or Regulations 1954.
- Fire Permits are to be activated with the Shire Office (Ph: 08 9835 1022) prior to burning. Permits need to be activated before 4pm Friday for weekend burning.
- **It is the Permit Holder's responsibility to comply with ALL conditions outlined on the front and rear of the permit.**
- No fires are permitted on Total Fire Ban days.
- Burning is **PROHIBITED** on Public Holidays.
- Appropriate fire fighting equipment is to be readily available.
- Notify neighbours prior to burning.
- Nuisance smoke is not to affect neighbours or impact road networks
- Have a 3 metre wide **Bare Earth Fire Break*** installed around the burn area, except for plantation/clearing burns.
- Fire Permits are automatically deemed **invalid** on days where the Fire Behaviour Index, issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, is forecast "High" or above.
- Failure to comply with requirements of any permit to burn may incur penalties as defined in the Bush Fires Act and/or Regulations 1954.

Do not start a fire if you are not prepared to be responsible for it!

RESPONSIBILITIES TO EXTINGUISH FIRES

Landowners/occupiers of land are reminded that *Section 28* of the Bush Fires Act 1954 states that where a bush fire is burning during the Restricted or Prohibited Burning time, the landowner/occupier of the land shall, whether they have lit or caused such a fire to be lit or not, take all possible measures to extinguish the fire. Where a landowner/occupier fails to extinguish the fire, a Shire Fire Control Officer may take all proper measures to extinguish such fire and expenses of that action may be recoverable from the relevant landowner/occupier.

4. CAMPING & COOKING FIRES

Pursuant to *Section 25(1a)* Bushfires Act 1954, the Shire of Jerramungup hereby prohibits the lighting of fires in the open air in its district for the purpose of camping or cooking fires during the Prohibited and Restricted Burning times, unless the fire is:

- 1) On the occupiers land; their place of permanent home or residence (a building approved by the Shire), and;
 - i. Has either registered their fire pit with or has obtained a Fire Permit from a Fire Control Officer, and;
 - ii. Is contained within a purpose built structure of brick, rocks and mortar, or;
 - iii. Is contained within a purpose built steel container recognisable as a properly constructed barbeque or fire drum, or;
 - iv. Is a sand fire pit structure suitable for a camp fire or cooking fire that has a maximum diameter of 1 metre and a minimum depth of the walls of the fire pit of 30 centimetres;
- 2) Located within an area which:
 - i. Is set aside as a 'designated location' (see below) for that purpose by the State Authority or Local Government responsible for the care, control or management of the land, or;
 - ii. Bears the State Authority or Local Government's sign denoting that purpose, and;
 - iii. All combustible material is cleared from within a 5 metre radius of the outer rim of the fire, fire pit or built structure.
- 3) **Registered fire pits are not permitted where a property is operated for short term accommodation uses.**

Designated Locations; where camping and cooking fires are permitted during the Prohibited and Restrictive Burning Times:

- Bremer Bay Beaches Resort & Tourist Park
- Bremer Bay Caravan Park
- Jerramungup Caravan Park
- Tozer's Bush Camp
- Camping areas managed by the Shire's Camp Host

On days when the Fire Behaviour Index issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is High or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban is declared by the State;

- i. **ALL** Camping fires are **PROHIBITED**.
- ii. Cooking fires are only permitted when utilising recognisable gas or electric cooking appliances, and
- iii. Has a 5 metre radius minimum, surrounding the gas appliance cleared of all combustible materials.

ALL camping and cooking fires ***must not be left unattended and must be fully extinguished*** prior to leaving. Penalty: \$250.00 fine.

TOTAL FIRE BAN REQUIREMENTS

A Total Fire Ban is declared by the Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) on days of extreme weather where a fire is most likely to spread rapidly, or if there are already widespread fires and fire fighting resources are too stretched to fight any more. The lighting of open-air-fires or any other activity in the open air that is likely to cause a fire is banned.

What is and is not permitted during a Total Fire Ban:



- Light, maintain or use a fire i.e. Camp Fires, Fire Pits.
- Wood fired and Charcoal BBQ's, Webbers and Ovens
- Burning of garden/green waste.
- Incinerators
- Hot works in the open air or near bush, crops and stubble i.e. Grinding, welding, gas cutting, etc.
- The use of Motor Bikes, Quad Bikes, Dune Buggy's and 4WD Vehicles on overgrown/4WD tracks.
- The use of earthmoving equipment, slashers, mowers near bush, crops, pasture and stubble. (Unless exempt)



- The use of Gas or Electric BBQ's and Webbers
- Harvesting and Agricultural activities are permitted, until a Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban is declared by the Shire of Jerramungup.

Penalties:

If ignoring conditions of a Total Fire Ban you may receive an infringement of \$1,000.00. If it is a serious breach you may receive a court penalty of \$25,000.00 and/or be jailed for 12 months.

Where to check if a Total Fire Ban is in force?

- ⇒ Visiting the EmergencyWA website (www.emergency.wa.gov.au)
- ⇒ Listen to local ABC Radio 558AM or 630AM
- ⇒ Calling 13 DFES: 13 33 37 or Total Fire Ban Hotline: 1800 709 355
- ⇒ Following DFES on Twitter or Facebook
- ⇒ Local Government Facebook, SMS service or Harvest Ban Hotline

For more information on Total Fire Ban and how to apply for an exemption visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans



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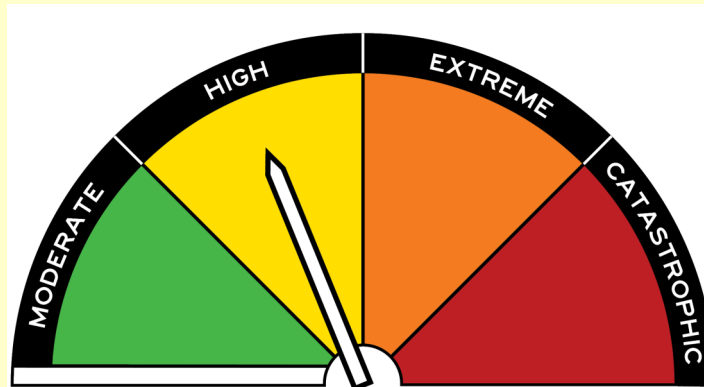


Providing you with information and community warnings about emergencies, Fire Danger Ratings and declared Total Fire Bans

Alerts and warnings about fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, cyclones, hazardous material incidents and more

FIRE DANGER RATING INFORMATION

AUSTRALIA'S FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM IS CHANGING



FIRE DANGER RATINGS

MODERATE	PLAN AND PREPARE
HIGH	BE READY TO ACT
EXTREME	TAKE ACTION NOW
CATASTROPHIC	LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREA

Australians now have a simplified, action-oriented Fire Danger Rating System.

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start.

EMERGENCY ALERTS & BUSHFIRE WARNINGS



EMERGENCY WARNING

There is a threat to lives or homes.
You are in danger and need to take immediate action to survive.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a possible threat to lives or homes.
You need to leave or get ready to defend – do not wait and see.



ADVICE

A fire has started but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes.
Be aware and keep up to date.

Where can I get information during an emergency?

[emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) 13 DFES (13 33 37)
[@dfeswa](https://www.facebook.com/dfeswa) [@dfes_wa](https://www.instagram.com/dfes_wa) Local ABC Radio



**Stay alert when a bushfire starts!
Do not wait and see, this can be deadly.**

5. TOWN SITES:

(please refer to the definition section of this notice for words marked with '')*

On land zoned as Residential, Residential Development, Town Site, Town Centre, Service Commercial, Light Industry, General Industry and Rural Residential (specific to Freeman Dve) under the Shire of Jerramungup Local Planning Scheme No.2 ("Scheme"), you must:

- (a) Where the area is 4,000 square metres or less:
 - (i) Reduce **fire fuel*** from the whole of the land such that fuel loads are maintained. Isolated trees and managed shrubs may generally be retained in a **parkland cleared*** state.
- (b) Where the area of land exceeds 4,000 square metres:
 - (i) Establish and maintain an **Asset Protection Zone*** around all habitable buildings;
 - (ii) A 3 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** shall be located around fuel storage tanks, sheds, gas cylinders and within 6 metres of haystacks. Haystacks cannot be situated on the external boundaries. The bare earth firebreak shall be maintained so that it is totally clear of all flammable material.
 - (iii) Remainder of land –
 - Grassed areas to be maintained to a maximum height of 100mm.
 - Implement **parkland clearing** of vegetation across the entire extent of the native and planted vegetation within the parcel of land in question.
- (c) Where approval has been granted for grazing of animals on a property:
 - (i) Establish and maintain an **Asset Protection Zone*** around all habitable buildings;
 - (ii) Provide a 3 metre wide bare earth access track between the boundary of the land and all buildings on the land by removing all inflammable matter and vegetation within the 3 metre wide access track between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the access track provides unrestricted vehicular access.
- (d) Where a **Bushfire Management Plan*** which relates to the property has been adopted by Council, clear firebreaks and take measures in accordance with that **Bushfire Management Plan*** as an alternative to the standard requirements listed in this Notice.

NOTE: Where any conditions listed in Requirements 2a, 2b and 2c are physically impractical on a property, the Shire may approve a **Variation*** in place of the standard requirement (refer to section 12 of this Notice).

6. RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (SPECIFIC TO POINT HENRY PENINSULA)

On land zoned Rural Residential located on the Point Henry Peninsula, you must comply with the following:

- (a) Where a subdivision guide plan lodged in accordance with the Local Planning Scheme shows a strategic firebreak located on the land, clear or arrange for the Shire to clear, a 20 metre wide firebreak in the location of the strategic firebreak shown on the subdivision guide plan or such other location approved by the Shire by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 20 metre wide firebreak between 100mm above the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access; or
- (b) Where a **Bushfire Management Plan*** which relates to the property has been adopted by Council, clear firebreaks and takes measures in accordance with that **Bushfire Management Plan*** as an alternative to the standard requirements listed in this notice
- (c) Property driveways and turnaround areas for fire appliances are to be maintained in accordance to the definitions of this notice;
- (d) Establish and maintain a Low Fuel Zone (parkland cleared) 1 metre wide, around Power Infrastructure e.g. Metre Box, Poles and Underground Power Domes; and,
- (e) The Point Henry Fire Management Strategy was adopted by Council on 15 October 2014; **existing landowners*** in the Point Henry Peninsula are required to phase in the following requirements over a five year period;
 - (i) **20,000L dedicated water supply***; landowners must comply by **31 October 2018** - refer to section 13(l)
 - (ii) **20m Asset Protection Zone*** (APZ); landowners must comply by **31 October 2019** - refer to section 13(n)

NOTE: Where any conditions listed in Requirement 3a, 3b and 3c are impractical for site-specific, topographical or environmental reasons on a property, the Shire may approve a **Bushfire Management Plan*** or **Variation*** in place of the standard requirement (refer to section 12 of this Notice).



7. RURAL ZONES

(please refer to the definition section of this notice for words marked with '')*

On land zoned Rural under the Scheme, you must:

- (a) Where the area of the land is 100 hectares or less:
 - (i) Clear a 3 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** immediately inside all external boundaries of the land by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 3 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground ; and,
 - (ii) Clear a 3 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** around all buildings on the land and within 20 metres of all haystacks and stockpiled **flammable matter*** by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 3 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access; and,
 - (iii) **Existing Landowners*** must clear and construct **Compliant access/driveways*** and **Turnarounds for heavy firefighting vehicles***; or,
- (b) Where the area of the land exceeds 100 hectares,
 - (i) Clear a 3 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** within 100 metres of all buildings, haystacks, stockpiled **flammable matter*** and fuel dumps by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 3 metre **bare earth firebreak*** between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access.

8. LICENCED STORAGE AREAS

- (a) As from the 1994/1995 season, grain carting and out loading during Harvest Ban times shall be permitted from licensed storage and out loading areas, subject to inspection prior to licensed approval being given from the local Bush Fire Brigade. There will be a licence fee of \$50.00 payable to the local Bush Fire Brigade in the area.
- (b) The storage areas are to be on a roadway or adjacent to a road with 50m radius cleared area free of **flammable materials***, therefore the out loading areas should attract the same conditions, either being on or adjacent to a roadway or near houses or sheds. All areas are subject to inspection for Bush Fire Advisory Committee, further, that once inspected they need to be licensed.
- (c) Registration of licenced areas will **not be accepted after 31 October** (before harvest commences).
- (d) A full list of licenced areas detailing owners name and locations are to be published in local media publications.

9. PLANTATIONS

A plantation for the purposes of this notice is any area of planted hardwood or softwood plants exceeding 3ha within a town site and exceeding 10 ha if outside a town site and where the area planted exceeds 50 metres in any one direction. The area will continue to be defined as a plantation until all stumps are removed or the land use has changed.

If you are the owner or occupier of land upon which there is a plantation, you must:

- (a) Clear a 15 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** immediately inside the external boundary of the land on which the plantation is located by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 15 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access; and
- (b) Clear a 15 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** immediately inside the boundary of any lot on the land which abuts a public road by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 15 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access; and
- (c) Where the plantation is divided into compartments:
 - (i) Clear 6 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** between compartments which do not exceed 30 hectare in area each by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 6 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access; or
 - (ii) Clear 10 metre wide **bare earth firebreak*** between compartments where one or both of the compartments exceed 30 ha in area by removing all **flammable matter*** and vegetation within the 10 metre wide firebreak between the ground and 5 metres above the ground so that the firebreak provides unrestricted vehicular access; and
- (d) Where power lines pass through the plantation, clear firebreaks in accordance with Western Power specifications; and
- (e) Firefighting water supply facilities are designed and constructed so that 4 x 4 vehicles carrying 3000 litres of water are able to access the facilities; and



- (f) Erect signposts to show the location of:
 - (i) Compartment boundaries by name and number in a manner which is consistent with the plantation map;
 - (ii) Water supply facilities;
 - (iii) Emergency access and egress;
 - (iv) Any structures including houses, sheds, etc; and
 - (v) Significant features including creek crossings, dead ends, etc; and
- (g) Provide to the Shire a map of the plantation showing the location of firebreaks and the matters specified in paragraph (f) above, and;
- (h) Where brigade fire fighting equipment is located more than 20 minutes from the plantation, supply and maintain the following equipment:
 - (i) Where the plantation has an area of less than 100ha, a 4 x 4 vehicle with 1 tonne load capacity carrying at least 450 litres of water; or
 - (ii) Where the plantation has an area of between 100ha and 1000ha, a 4 x 4 vehicle carrying 2000 litres of water; or
 - (iii) Where the plantation has an area of greater than 1000ha, a 4 x 4 vehicle carrying 3000 litres of water.

When land is transitioning from a plantation to other land use, where fell timber is either stockpiled or windrowed, landowners must comply to clause 7a as the required minimum firebreak standards until fell/stockpiled timber is removed. **Variations*** to the Fire Break width standards maybe considered on application (refer to section 12 of this notice).

Please note Pursuant to *Section 46* of the Bush Fires Act 1954, an FCO has the power to delay or postpone the lighting of a fire at anytime. In relation to plantations it should be noted that where land owners wish to clear the land of plantations, any accompanying burning operations must gain Shire approval at all times throughout the year. The subject approval will be in the form of a Burn Prescription issued by the Shire.



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

The Shire's Fire Control Officer is of the opinion that harvesting machines, headers, stubble mulchers, rock pickers and track raking/chaining, 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 and restricted burning times.

Accordingly, the Shire of Jerramungup hereby prohibits pursuant to *Regulation 38A(1)* of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954:

- (a) the use of harvesting machines, headers, stubble mulchers, rock pickers and track raking/chaining, or **any other machine or activity likely to cause a fire**, other than clover harvesters, during the prohibited and restricted burning times specified above unless, in the paddock being harvested/mulched/raked or adjacent to the entrance of the paddock being harvested/mulched/raked, there are sufficient mobile fire fighting units or equivalent fire fighting capacity as defined below (to provide a minimum of 600 litres of water per Harvesting machine or header)
- (b) the use of a harvesting machine or header on Christmas day .

Due to the potential increased fire risk, farmers should consider additional firefighting water in paddocks that seed destructors are operating in.

Note: the Shire of Jerramungup may, by notice, prohibit or regulate the use of other engines, vehicles, plant or machinery at any time during the prohibited or restricted burning times.

11. HARVESTING MACHINES & HEADERS

(please refer to the definition section of this notice for words marked with '')*

Pursuant to *Regulation 38* of the Bush Fires Regulation 1954, a person shall not operate any harvesting machine or header in any crop during the prohibited burning times or the restricted burning times mentioned above unless a **fire extinguisher*** is carried on the machine.

BECOME A EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

"Our communities are served by dedicated group of emergency services volunteers, who require your help today!

There is a role to suit everyone and training is available."



Contact the Community Emergency Services Officer at the Shire of Jerramungup on 08 9835 1022 for more details or how to join.

12. APPLICATION TO VARY REQUIREMENTS

(please refer to the definition section of this notice for words marked with '*')

(a) Variations:

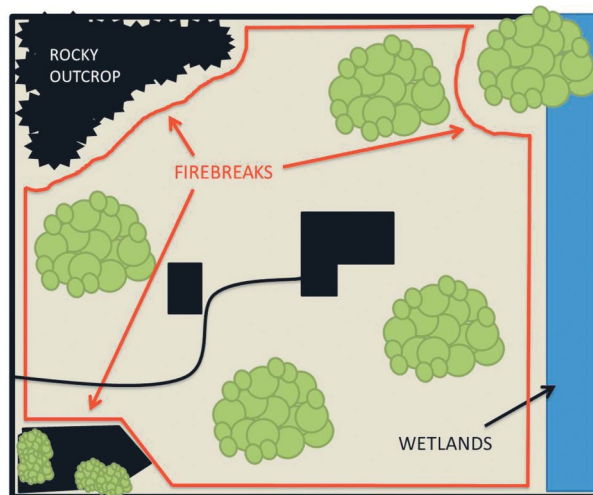
If it is impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this Notice, you may apply to the Shire in writing before **1 October** each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations or take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire. If permission is not granted in writing by the Shire, you shall comply with the requirements of this Notice.

The requirement for an **Asset Protection Zone*** may be varied by Council on application. Where it is not practical for an existing dwelling to provide a 20 metre **Asset Protection Zone*** a landowner may apply for a variation to the Firebreak Notice. In considering any such request regard will be given to;

- (i) The topography of the site or privacy issues;
- (ii) Potential environmental impacts (including impact upon Kwongkan Shrubland);
- (iii) Provision of alternative low or managed fuel zones.

The Shire may approve variations to the Asset Protection Zone for a period not more than 5 years.

Note: Variation Forms are available to be downloaded from the Shire's Web page.



EXAMPLE OF A FIREBREAK VARIATION

(b) **Bushfire Management Plan:**

As an alternative to lodging a request for a variation, a landowner may have a site-specific **Bushfire Management Plan*** prepared by a **Bushfire Planning Practitioner*** that fully complies with the requirements of State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP3.7) and associated Guidelines. This **Bushfire Management Plan*** is to be approved by the Shire of Jerramungup.

Proposals for a **Bushfire Management Plan*** (BMP) must be provided to the Shire no later than **1 September** for permission to provide alternative fire mitigation measures on the land:

- (i) If a BMP has been approved by the Shire, it will thereafter replace and totally extinguish the landowner's obligations to otherwise implement the standard regulations as described in the Fire Regulation Notice, appropriate to the zoning of the property.
- (ii) If a BMP has not been approved then the standard Regulations must be implemented by the due dates.

Note: *A number of properties developed since 2015 will have an adopted BMP as part of their existing planning approval.*



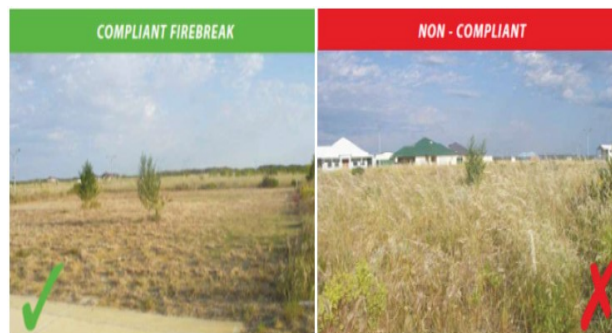
13. DEFINITIONS

In this Notice, the following definitions apply:

- (a) **Bare Earth Fire Breaks:** A strip of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses and any other object or thing or flammable vegetation material leaving clear bare mineral earth - Achievable by ploughing, grading or early spraying.



- (b) **Bushfire Management Plan (BMP):** A document that sets out short, medium and long-term risk management strategies for the life of the development. It is to be prepared by an accredited Bushfire Planning Practitioner in accordance with the requirements of State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP3.7) and associated Guidelines.
- (c) **Bushfire Planning Practitioner:** A person who holds Level Two or Level Three accreditation under the Western Australia Bushfire Accreditation Framework.
- (d) **Fire extinguisher:** A device which comprises of a container filled with at least 9 litres of Water or Dry Chemical Powder and is capable of discharging its contents and which is in sound working order and maintained to AS2444.
- (e) **Flammable Material:** Any material that is easily ignited, capable of burning and of carrying a fire.



- (f) **Equivalent fire fighting capacity:** The required water carrying capacity and water delivery capacity of a fire unit/s provided when more than one header or harvester is operating in a paddock as per the following table:

<i>Number of Headers or Harvester</i>	<i>Equivalent Fire Fighting Capacity</i>
1	1 x mobile fire fighting unit* (minimum 600 litre water capacity)
2	1 x mobile fire fighting unit* (minimum 600 litre water capacity)
3 or more	2 x mobile fire fighting units* (minimum 1200 litre capacity) or; 1 x mobile fire fighting unit* (minimum 600 litre capacity) and 1 x trailer mounted unit of at least 600 litre capacity)

- (g) **Fire Fuel:** Any combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation or clusters or aggregation with other combustible materials that, in the opinion of an authorised officer of the Shire of Jerramungup, is likely to fuel a bushfire. Including but not limited to;

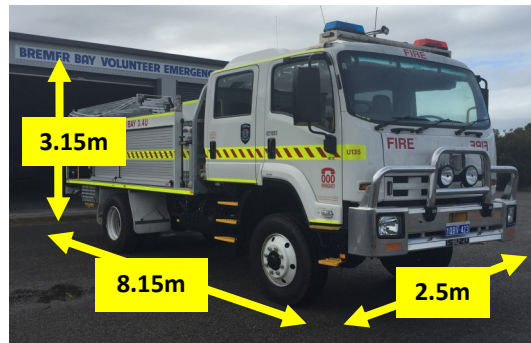
- Heavy leaf litter on the ground, dead leaves in gutters, fallen branches and any combustible vegetation in clusters. Of particular concern are combustible materials suspended off the ground;
- All dry grasses exceeding a height of 100mm;
- Any tree within the APZ or branch of a tree that may fall onto a building which in the opinion of an authorised officer of the Shire of Jerramungup constitutes an unacceptable fire risk.

It does not include:

- Vegetable gardens, tended lawns, landscaped gardens (including deciduous or ornamental planted trees), isolated planted shrubs, established natural or planted trees that, in the opinion of an authorised officer of the Shire of Jerramungup, do not constitute an unacceptable fire risk;
- Well compacted dead vegetative material e.g. mulch, that in the opinion of an authorised officer of the Shire of Jerramungup does not constitute an unacceptable fire risk.

(h) **Compliant access/driveway:** An access to a property/dwelling that can provide unrestricted access to emergency service vehicles:

- Has a minimum width of 4 metres;
- Has a vertical clearance of 5 metres;
- Has a minimum horizontal clearance to vegetation of 6 metres and;
- Has a maximum grade of 8 degrees



(i) **Mobile fire fighting unit:** A self-propelled vehicle carrying a single water tank of at least six hundred (600) litres capacity, equipped with an engine driven pump fitted with a minimum of twenty (20) metres of nineteen millimetre (19mm) diameter fire fighting delivery hose and capable of delivering fire fighting water through an adjustable nozzle in spray or jet settings. **This does not include trailed firefighting units.**



(j) **Parkland Clearing:**

- A technique of mulching understorey ladder fuel plants from within native vegetation and planted vegetation along with thinning any densely stocked overstorey plants to create an open parkland similar in nature to that of the APZ but over a larger area of land.



(k) **Turnarounds for heavy firefighting vehicles:** A turnaround area for a Heavy Duty fire truck within 50 metres of the dwelling (three point or circular).

(l) **20,000L dedicated water supply:** A water tank (or dedicated portion of a water tank) with a 20,000L capacity which is solely for fire fighting purposes and:

- A 50mm male camlock coupling with full flow valves.
- A hard standing access adjacent to such connection/s and this must be readily identifiable.

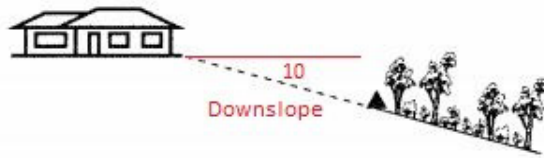
You are strongly recommended to provide an associated non electric firefighting pump (normally 5.5hp) with sufficient hose to protect the dwelling and the surrounding low fuel zone.

(m) **Existing landowners:** Current owner/occupiers of developed land with habitable buildings, approved by Council.

- (n) **Asset Protection Zone (APZ):** A low fuel area immediately surrounding a building.

APZ's starve a fire by reducing the fuel levels around your house. These requirements are designed to reduce the fire's intensity and minimise the likelihood of flame contact with buildings. The APZ gives more protection to families should a fire threaten suddenly and they cannot leave. It also provides extra protection for fire fighters and property owners who may decide to stay with their property.

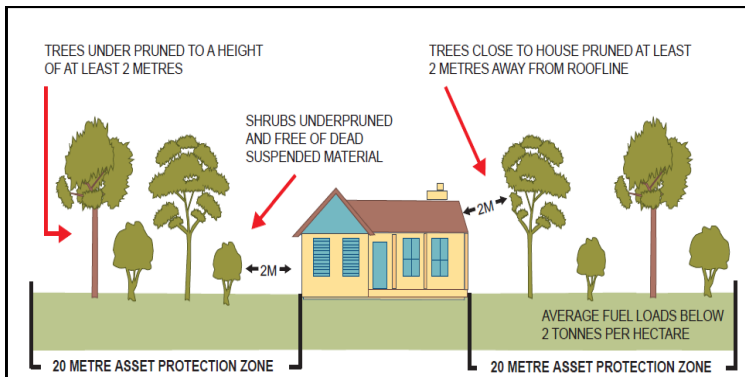
- i. The width of an APZ is to be a minimum of 20 metre, increasing with slope as per the table below.



Asset Protection Zone		
Slope	Add	Adjusted Distance
10 deg	10m	30m
20 deg	20m	40m

*The Shire may consider a lesser width as part of a **variation*** or as part of an adopted **Bushfire Management Plan*** (refer to section 12 of this Notice)*

- ii. Location: within the boundaries of the lot on which the building is situated.
- iii. Fire Fuel load: reduced to and maintained.
- iv. Trees (>5m in height) at maturity should be a minimum of 6m from the building, branches should not touch or over-hang the building, lower branches should be removed to a height of 2m above the ground, canopies should be at least 5m apart and coverage should be less than 15%.
- v. Shrubs (0.5m to 5m in height) should not be located under trees or within 3m of buildings or planted in clumps of >5metres square in area.
- vi. Ground covers (<0.5m in height) can be planted under trees but must be maintained to remove dead material and any part within 2m of a building.
- vii. Grass should be managed to maintain a height of 100mm or less.



Imagery of an 20 metre Asset Protection Zone

- viii. Fences within the APZ are constructed from non-combustible materials (e.g. iron, brick, limestone, metal post and wire).
- ix. Objects: within 10 metres of a building, combustible objects must not be located close to the vulnerable parts of the building i.e. windows and doors.

Refer to **Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas** for more information.



Image of a house saved by an Asset Protection Zone

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14. CONTRACTOR LIST

Below is a list of local contractors, in no specific order, available for landowners/occupiers to choose from and to engage with to assist in preparing your property.

Avon Hiab Service - Bryan Hunter	0427 083 979
Bobcat Hire - Andy Solomon	0457 983 620
Bremer Bay Earthmoving - Colin Hobbs	0427 374 134
Bremer Bay Landscaping - Stacey Francis	0437 611 759
Dave's Tree Service—Dave Kerr	0439 816 593
Indiji Flora—Tim Nolen	0408 919 213
J A Biddulph—Andy Biddulph	0429 366 072
M & K Hobbs Earthmoving - Murray Hobbs	0427 916 466

PLEASE NOTE:

The Shire of Jerramungup accepts no responsibility either implied or inferred for any works carried out by the above contractors. The engagement of a contractor is between the landowner/occupier and the contractor; therefore the landowner/occupiers is the legal identity responsible in making sure contractors carry out the required works in accordance to this notice.



Image: Bremer Bay locals talking to Emergency Services Volunteers at a recent Mitigation Workshop in Bremer Bay.

15. NON COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to *Section 33(3)(4)(5)* of the Bushfires Act 1954, failure to comply to the requirements mentioned within this notice by the required compliance dates will result in the following;

- a. A Category 1 Notice (Warning Notice): providing additional 14 working days for your property to comply to this notice. Failure to comply to this notice will result in;
- b. A Category 2 Notice (Infringement Notice): a \$250.00 infringement issued to the landowner, with an additional 7 working days for your property to comply to this notice. Failure to comply to this notice will result in;
- c. A Category 3 Notice (Works Order): Shire will engage an available contractor on your behalf and authorise the contractor to enter your property to carry out the required works in accordance to the Fire Break Notice.

Note: A Category 2 Notice can be issued instead of a Category 1 if the authorised inspecting officer of the Shire of Jerramungup deems it appropriate.

Landowner/occupiers issued with a Category 2 Notice (Infringement Notice) have 28 days to arrange payment with the Shire, otherwise infringement notices will be referred to Department of Justice Fines Enforcement Registry for follow up payment. This could lead to the suspension of your Drivers Licence.

A Category 3 Notice (Works Order) can be issued at any time throughout the compliance period, for properties not maintained to the requirements within the Fire Break Notice. As such the Shire of Jerramungup will recover ALL cost incurred against the landowner as permissible under the Bush Fires Act 1954.

INFRINGEMENT	PENALTY
s33: Failure of owner or occupier of land to comply with a notice (Fire Break Notice)	\$250.00
s25: Offences relating to lighting of fires in the open air. (campfires, etc. during prohibited and restricted burning period)	\$250.00
s24E: Offences relating to fires in the open air during a Total Fire Ban.	\$1,000.00
s18: Offences relating burning to the bush. (Burning without a fire permit)	\$250.00
r15B: Failure to comply with conditions of a fire permit.	\$250.00
r38A(3): Operating or using engines, vehicles plant or machinery contrary to notice or direction. (Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban)	\$500.00

SURVIVAL PLAN

How to develop your basic survival plan to follow in event of a bush fire: (to develop a more detailed survival plan, visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat)



Name: _____

Home Address: _____

House Phone: _____



Mobile Number: _____

OUR PLAN: Leaving for a safer place...

Our triggers to leave early will be: _____

Things we must do: _____

We will relocate to: _____

We will get there by : _____

Our backup plan is: _____

Our **RELOCATION KIT** is located: _____

When writing this **PLAN** think about:

- P** - People, pets and possessions
- L** - Leaving for a safer place; *where will you go?*
- A** - Alternative routes, and alternative plan; *what if it is not safe to leave?*
- N** - Next few days; *if you cannot return home, what will you need?*



SURVIVAL PLAN

OUR PLAN: Stay and actively defend...

We will be ready ensuring we have:

- A well-established and maintained Asset Protection Zone
- The right clothing / protective equipment
- An independent water supply and pump
- The equipment and ability to extinguish spot fires
- The ability to go several days without assistance, mains power, fresh water/food

Our role/s in defending our home: _____

As the front approaches we will take shelter: _____

Who knows of our plan and where to find us: _____

Who will look after our kids, if stuck at school: _____

Our backup plan is: _____

We will test our plan on: _____

Our **SURVIVAL KIT** is located: _____

DON'T COME HOME TO THIS!



When writing this **PLAN** think about:

- P** - Protection of people, pets and possessions
- L** - Last resort; *where will you take shelter?*
- A** - After the fire; *are you able to extinguish spot fires?*
- N** - Next few days; *could you go several days without assistance?*

FIRE CONTROL OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

FOR ALL FIRE & EMERGENCIES		000
SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP		08 9835 1022
HARVEST BAN HOTLINE		08 9835 1333
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Alex Jones	0429 361 034
Community Emergency Services Manager	Russell Palmer	0438 498 221
Shire Ranger		0499 351 141
Boxwood Hill BFB	Stuart Hocking	0438 287 280
	Jarrold King	0427 812 242
	Michael Campbell	0428 366 044
	Anthony Thomas	0429 366 021
	Peter Kinnear (permits only)	0438 420 608
Bremer Bay VFES	Peter Buckenara	0429 371 003
	Terry Anderson	0437 953 020
	Stacey Francis	0437 611 759
	Ash Lester	0427 354 041
	Bryan Hunter (permits only)	0427 083 979
Gairdner BFB	Brad Shelton	0457 679 413
	Craig Hall	0427 086 011
	Bruce Hill	0447 140 079
	Daniel Smart	0427 366 058
Jacup BFB	Michael Lester	0429 374 268
	Brad Bailey	0427 291 078
	Trevor Ross	0427 355 023
	Peter Wisewould	0448 556 086
	James Lyall	0428 960 488
Jerramungup VFES	Anthony Armstrong	0427 651 561
	Paul Hislop	0427 354 037
	Jeremy Wisewould	0428 351 171
	Paul Barrett	0428 362 014
	Trenton Parsons	0428 551 979
	Siwel Solomon	0457 124 370
Needilup BFB	Ron Pocock	0429 353 005
	Jye Duggan	0427 532 094
	Wade Brown	0427 549 850
	Chad Sounness	0427 511 450