

# Shire of JERRAMUNGUP

## FIRE CONTROL INFORMATION

2020/2021

### 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 **Monday, 5 October 2020**, 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 Friday, 30 April 2021.

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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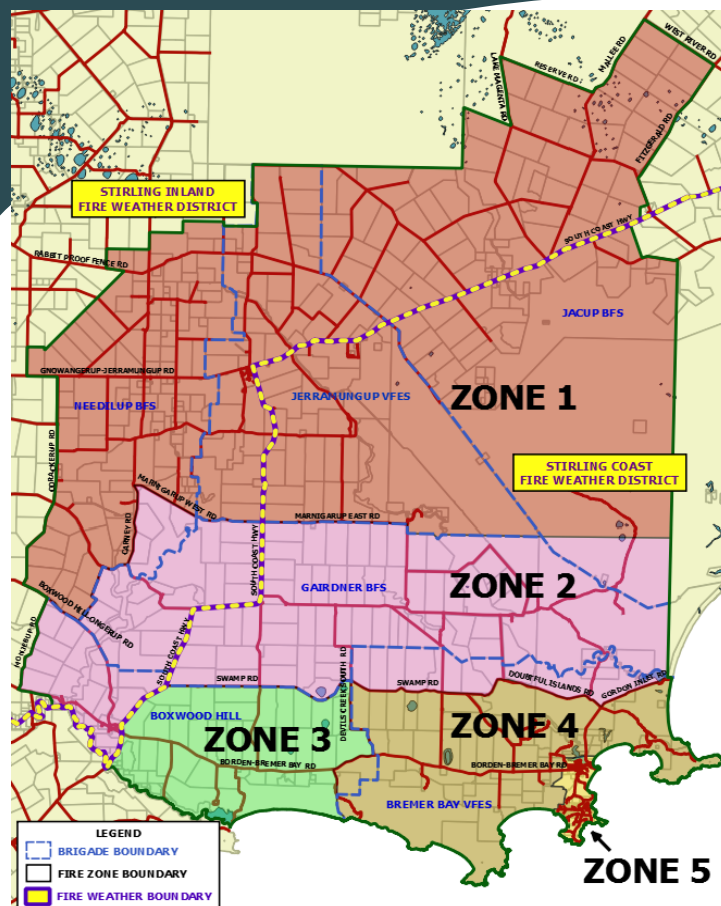
**HARVEST BAN HOTLINE  
08 9835 1333**

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

**BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY  
UHF CHANNEL 5**



## SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP HARVEST BAN AREAS

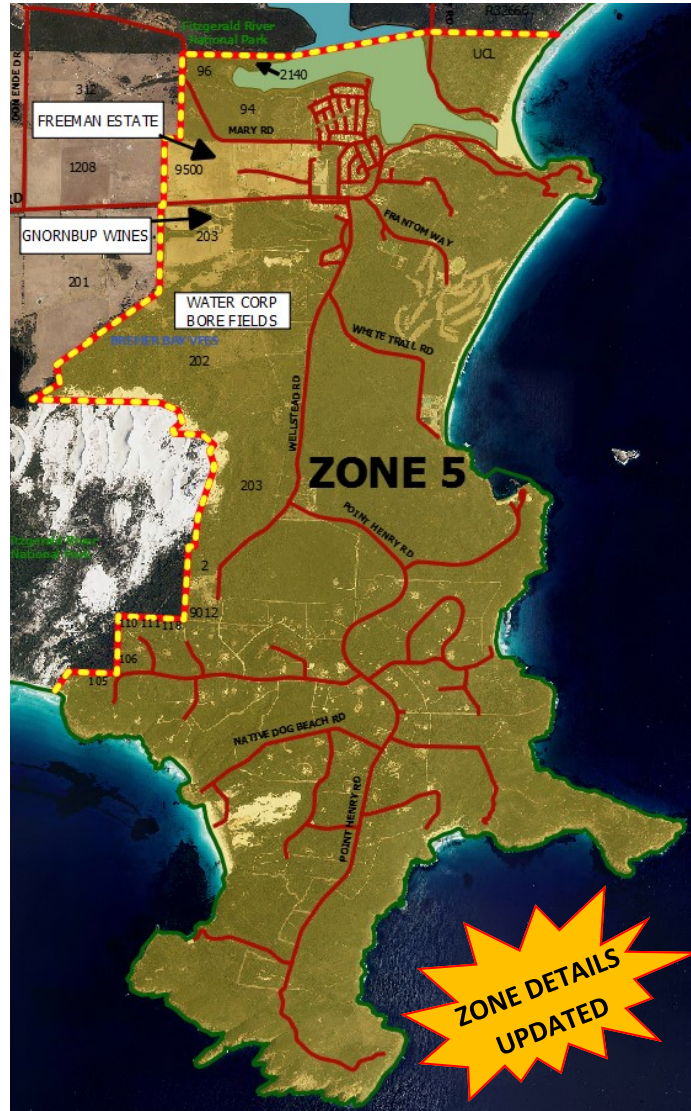


### HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN / FIRE BAN INFORMATION

All Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans and Fire Bans will be communicated via the Shire's SMS system, Harvest Ban Hotline (Ph: 08 9835 1333) or 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 - 31 October 2020	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
1 November 2020 - 6 April 2021	<b>PROHIBITED BURNING</b>
7 April - 31 May 2021	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 - 31 October 2020	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
1 November 2020 - 7 February 2021	<b>PROHIBITED BURNING</b>
8 February - 30 April 2021	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required

ZONE 5 - BREMER BAY/PT HENRY PENINSULA	
1 September - 31 October 2020	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
1 November 2020 - 6 April 2021	<b>PROHIBITED BURNING</b>
7 April - 31 May 2021	Restricted Burning Time, Permits required

Pending seasonal factors, above datelines 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

7 September 2020	Applications for individual Bushfire Management Plan - <b><i>Last Day!</i></b>
1 October 2020	Applications for Variation to the Fire Control Notice - <b><i>Last Day!</i></b>
5 - 7 October 2020	<b><u>Fire Break Inspection;</u></b> Properties are inspected for compliance to this Notice.
7 - 9 October 2020	<b><u>Pt Henry Fire Break Inspection;</u></b> Properties are inspected for compliance to the Pt Henry Fire Management Strategy
5 October 2020 - 1 May 2021	Fire Break Compliance Period; Properties are to be maintained to the requirements of this Notice.
31 October 2020	Registrations of Licenced Storage Areas - <b><i>Last Day!</i></b>

### 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 right to refuse issuing a Fire Permit to anyone they deem unsuitable.
- 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 responsibility to read 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.
- Have the appropriate fire fighting equipment available.
- 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 Danger Rating, issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, is forecast "Very 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.

### 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 are recoverable from the relevant landowner/occupier.

**ARE YOU  
BUSHFIRE  
READY?**



#### 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 centimetre;
- 2) Located within an area which;
  - i. 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. Where all combustible material is cleared from within a 5 metre radius of the outer rim of the fire, fire pit or built structure.

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 Danger Rating issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is Very High or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban is declared by the State;

- i. ALL Camping fires are **PROHIBITED**, only;
- ii. Cooking fires are permitted utilizing 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 a 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's 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](http://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](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans)



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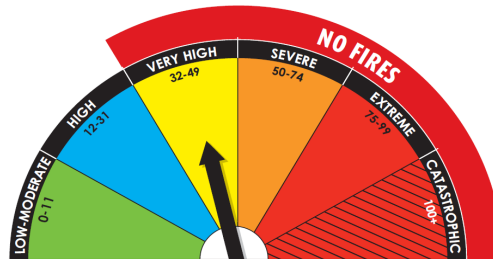


Providing you with information and community warnings about emergencies, Fire Danger Ratings and declared Total Fire Bans

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



## FIRE DANGER RATING INFORMATION



Fire Danger Rating	What Should I do?
<b>CATASTROPHIC</b>	<b>YOU NEED TO ACT NOW:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put your survival first and leave bushfire risk areas the night before or early in the day - this is your best option.</li> <li>Act immediately - do not wait and see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Leave now.</li> <li>* Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass.</li> <li>* Take shelter if you cannot leave.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>EXTREME</b>	<b>YOU NEED TO GET READY TO ACT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only stay with your property if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to have been constructed to bushfire protection level e.g. enclosed eaves, covers over external air conditioners, metal fly screens, etc.</li> <li>You must be well prepared and able to actively defend your home if a fire starts. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home e.g. enough water supply, petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing, etc.</li> <li>If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving bushfire risk areas early in the day is</li> </ul>
<b>SEVERE</b>	
<b>VERY HIGH</b>	<b>YOU NEED TO BE AWARE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. This means you have the right equipment and resources to put out fires around your home e.g. enough water supply petrol/diesel portable pump, generator, protective clothing, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>HIGH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check your bushfire survival plan.</li> <li>Monitor conditions.</li> <li>Action may be required.</li> <li>Leave if necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>LOW-MODERATE</b>	



## EMERGENCY ALERTS & BUSHFIRE WARNINGS



**ADVICE**

### **BE AWARE AND KEEP UP TO DATE:**

A fire has started nearby but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes.

Bushfire Advice Alerts are broadcast via ABC Radio at 11am and 4pm unless situation changes.



**WATCH  
AND ACT**

### **THERE IS A POSSIBLE THREAT TO LIVES AND HOMES:**

A fire is approaching and conditions are changing. Put your bushfire survival plan into action! You need to leave early or get ready to defend

Bushfire Watch & Act alerts are broadcast via ABC Radio every two hours unless the situation changes.



**EMERGENCY  
WARNING**

### **YOU ARE IN DANGER & NEED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION**

#### **TO SURVIVE:**

The fire is out of control and moving very fast. If the way is clear leave immediately for your safer place and take your survival kit with you. If you are unable to leave, you need to get ready to take shelter in your home and actively defend it.

Bushfire Emergency Warnings are broadcast via ABC Radio every hour unless the situation changes. Emergency alerts will be sent to mobile phones and landlines within the effected area.



**ALL CLEAR**

### **TAKE CARE TO AVOID ANY DANGERS AND KEEP UP TO DATE:**

Remain vigilant in case the situation changes, the danger has passed and the fire is under control. Firefighters will still be patrolling and mopping up on the fire ground.



**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 to a maximum of **2 tonnes per hectare\***. Isolated trees and managed shrubs may generally be retained.
- (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.
    - **Fire fuel\*** in bush areas is to be maintained to a maximum of **8 tonnes per hectare\***.
- (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:

- (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) Properties are to maintain their driveways and turnaround areas for fire appliances 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\*** by 30 September 2020; 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

## 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: the owners name and locations are to be published in local media publications.
- (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). A full list of licenced areas detailing owners name and locations are to 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 townsite 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 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 and track raking/chaining, 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;
- (b) or equivalent fire fighting capacity as defined below (to provide a minimum of 600 litres of water per Harvesting machine or header); and
- (c) the use of a harvesting machine or header on Christmas day .

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;

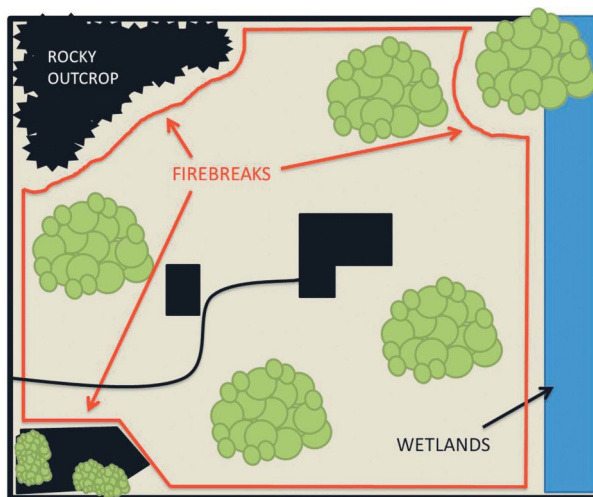
If it is impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this Notice, you may apply to the Shire in writing before **1 October** each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations or take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread 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.



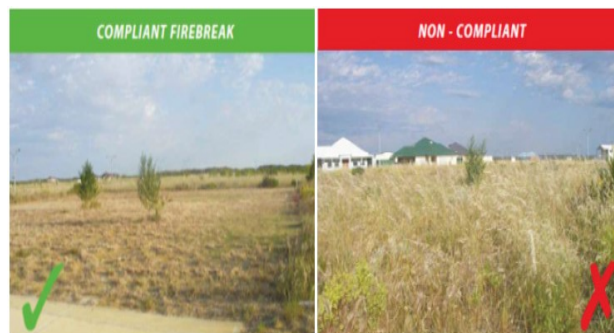
### 13. DEFINITIONS

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);** is 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;** means 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;** means 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:

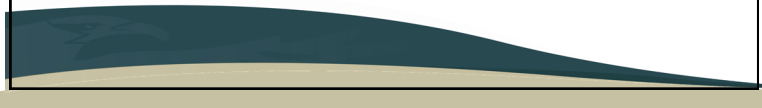
<i>Number of Headers or Harvester</i>	<i>Equivalent Fire Fighting Capacity</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>1 x <b>mobile fire fighting unit*</b> (minimum 600 litre water capacity)</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>1 x <b>mobile fire fighting unit*</b> (minimum 600 litre water capacity)</i>
<i>3 or more</i>	<i>2 x <b>mobile fire fighting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

- (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.

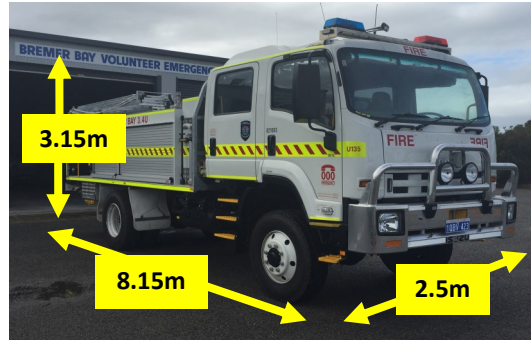
It does not include;

- 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;** means 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;** means 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) **Tonnes per Hectare;**

- 2 tonnes per hectare = 200 grams (2 handfuls) **fire fuel\*** per square metre
- 8 tonnes per hectare = 800 grams (8 handfuls) **fire fuel\*** per square metre



*Pictured: The recommended level of leaf litter for 1 square metre within the Asset Protection Zone. As a guide this equates to 2 heaped hand fulls of leaf litter spread evenly over 1 square metre.*

- (k) **Turnarounds for heavy firefighting vehicles;** means a turnaround area for a Heavy Duty fire truck within the 50 metres of the dwelling (three point or circular).
- (l) **20,000L dedicated water supply;** means 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.

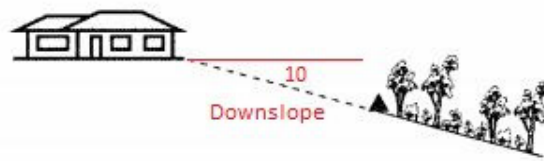
- (m) **Existing landowners;** means current owner/occupiers of developed land with habitable buildings, approved by council.



- (n) **Asset Protection Zone (APZ)**; Is 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.

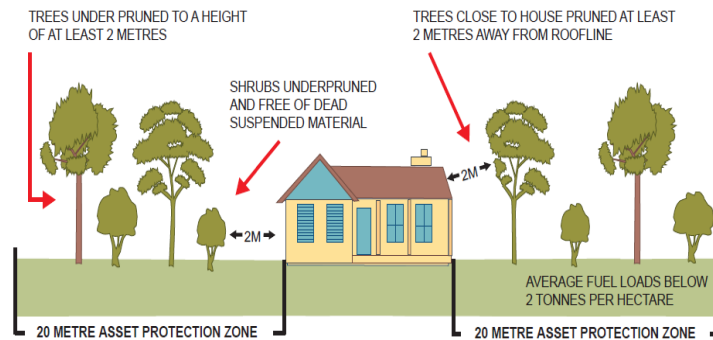


Asset Protection Zone		
Slope	Add	Adjusted Distance
10 deg	10m	30m
20 deg	20m	40m

*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 at two tonnes per hectare;
- 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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IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

## 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
Bav's Earthmoving & Contracting - Tony Bavoillot	0457 821 973
BN Grader Services - Nigel Ritchie	0437 818 448
Bobcat Hire - Andy Solomon	0457 983 620
Bremer Bay Earthmoving - Colin Hobbs	0427 374 134
Bremer Bay Landscaping - Stacey Francis	0437 611 759
DC Laser Contracting - David Campbell	0429 366 057
Deep South Civil - Zane Mitchell	0429 409 526
Gramax Deliveries - Graeme Harris	0427 374 087
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 an 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: Jacup Bush Fire Brigade Shed Opening*

## 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, which can 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](http://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

<b>FOR ALL FIRE &amp; EMERGENCIES</b>		<b>000</b>
<b>SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP</b>		<b>08 9835 1022</b>
<b>HARVEST BAN HOTLINE</b>		<b>08 9835 1333</b>
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - Dave Edwards		0429 100 007
Community Emergency Services Officer - Ashley Peczka		0438 498 221
Shire Ranger		0429 351 022
BOXWOOD HILL BFS	Anthony Thomas	0429 366 021
	Stuart Hocking	0438 287 280
	Jarrold King	0427 812 242
	Michael Campbell	0428 366 044
	Peter Kinnear ( <i>permits only</i> )	0438 420 608
BREMER BAY VFES	Peter Buckenara	0429 371 003
	Wes Thomas	0429 374 065
	Stacey Francis	0437 611 759
	John Iffla	0427 374 298
	Bryan Hunter ( <i>permits only</i> )	0427 083 979
GAIRDNER BFS	Brad Shelton	0457 679 413
	Craig Hall	0427 086 011
	Bruce Hill	0447 140 079
	Alex Jones	0429 361 034
	Daniel Smart	0427 366 058
JACUP BFS	Trevor Ross	0427 355 023
	Michael Lester	0429 374 268
	Brad Bailey	0427 291 078
	Peter Wisewould	0427 356 086
	Mark Spinks	0428 354 065
JERRY VFES	Anthony Armstrong	0427 651 561
	Paul Hislop	0427 354 037
	Kim Parsons	0428 351 128
NEEDILUP BFS	Ronnie Pocock	0429 353 005
	Clint Pocock	0400 746 523
	Nathan Brown	0427 351 057
	Peter Daniel	0427 353 028