Fuel Hazard Reduction
& Firebreak Notice
2015-2016

First and Final Notice
is Hereby Served to all
Residents and Ratepayers

In Case of Fire in ALL Areas Phone 000
Your Responsibility:

All owners and occupiers of land in the Shire of Nannup are required to carry out fire prevention work and to maintain access for fire fighting vehicles on the land owned or occupied in accordance with the provisions of this order.

It is the property owner not the contractor that is responsible for the standard and quality of the firebreaks installed and maintained.

Detailed information on firebreak construction and requirements, as well as electronic downloads of this notice and relevant forms can be found on our website:
www.nannup.wa.gov.au
## IMPORTANT DATES

* Dates are subject to seasonal change. Any variation can be obtained from your area fire control officer or shire office and is made by consultation with the Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

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<td>Application for variation to this notice closes.</td>
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<td>9 November 2015</td>
<td>Restricted burning period commences. A permit is required to burn.</td>
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<td>16 November 2015</td>
<td>All fire prevention work in Plantations other than Scott River, covered by this notice must be completed.</td>
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<td>1 December 2015</td>
<td>All fire prevention work in the Nannup townsite, Rural and Special Rural areas, covered by this notice must be completed.</td>
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<td>14 December 2015</td>
<td>All fire prevention work for plantations in the Scott River area, covered by this notice must be completed.</td>
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<td>21 December 2015</td>
<td><strong>Prohibited burning period commences.</strong></td>
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<td>1 March 2016</td>
<td>Restricted burning period commences. A permit is required to burn.</td>
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<td>31 May 2016</td>
<td>Restricted burning period ends.</td>
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<td>01 June 2016</td>
<td>No burning restrictions. No permit is required to burn.</td>
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During the Maintenance Period (1 October to 1 June) all properties must be maintained and be compliant as per this notice. It is the landowner’s responsibility to ensure the property is compliant throughout the maintenance period. Failure to do so may result in an on-the-spot fine of $250.00.

Hazard reduction is required to be maintained throughout the restricted and prohibited season.
The purpose of this guide is to give an understanding of the principle locations of firebreaks on properties. The installation of a firebreak is only one element of the fire prevention picture. Hazard reduction is required to be maintained throughout the restricted and prohibited season every year. Firebreaks are there to provide a safe access to your property for firefighters. Firefighters need to be able to use the firebreak as a place of safety for themselves and their vehicles where the fire will not travel under their vehicles or underfoot and they can manoeuvre the vehicle for a safe exit.

All holdings of land across the Shire of Nannup means ‘All Brigade Areas in the Shire of Nannup’

**Inspections:**
An Authorised Officer will carry out inspections of firebreaks and hazard reductions around buildings on or after the specified work completion dates.

**Penalties:**
Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice fine of $250 or prosecuted with a maximum fine at court of $5,000. Council may also carry out the required works at the owner/occupier’s expense.

**Building Protection Zone:**
Is a low fuel area immediately surrounding buildings designed to minimise the likelihood of flame contact with buildings.

**Firebreak:**
A firebreak is an area or strip of land where flammable material has been removed or modified to reduce the risk of fires starting and reduce the intensity and rate of spread of fires that may occur. It also allows unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles.

The firebreak shall be constructed within 6 metres of the boundary of the property must be a minimum of 3 metres wide of mineral earth and have all trees on both sides of the firebreak progressively pruned to a minimum height of 4 metres.
Fire Break Variations:
Council acknowledges that not all properties are the same and may require a variation which allows owners to manage their properties according to the environment in which they live and in accordance with the Shire Firebreak Notice.

Fire Hazards:
Where in the opinion of an Authorised Officer or the area Fire Control Officer the land contains an amount of flammable material which is considered hazardous, the land owner shall clear such hazards upon service of a notice requiring such works to be carried out.

Flammable Material:
Accumulated fuel (living or dead) such as bark, leaf litter, twigs, dead trees and grass over 75mm, depending on the type of property, capable of carrying a running fire.

Low Fuel Zone:
A low fuel zone is defined as an area from which the majority of combustible material such as dry grass, leaf litter, dead bracken, dead trees and dead limbs/branches on live trees (to a height of 2 metres) has been removed.

Managed Land:
Land that is being actively used for agriculture, viticulture, horticulture etc, and where such use is clearly evident but excluding plantations.

Minimum Standard:
The requirements of this order are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required, protecting not only individual properties, but also the district generally. In addition to this order Council may issue special orders to owners/occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary in some specific areas.

Plantations:
Any area of trees, other than a windbreak exceeding 3 hectares, planted in pine, eucalypt or other trees that have been planted for commercial gain, excluding vineyards and fruit producing trees within orchards.

Trafficable:
Means to be able to travel from one point to another in a 4x4 fire vehicle on a firm and stable surface unhindered and without any obstruction.

Unmanaged Land:
Land that is not being used primarily for agriculture, viticulture, horticulture etc, excluding plantations.
Please note: On any day during the restricted burning period where the fire danger rating is **Catastrophic, Severe, Extreme** or **Very High**, the burning of garden refuse or wood or the use of solid fuel barbeques or webbers are **NOT** permitted to be used under any circumstances. Permits are automatically cancelled on these days. Due to unseasonable weather conditions these dates may be extended or shortened.

You must check the fire danger rating by listening to daily weather reports, contacting the Shire, or calling the weather information line 1196.

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<td>Failure to comply with this notice</td>
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<td>Offences relating to lighting fires in open air</td>
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<td>Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning times</td>
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<td>Failure of occupier to extinguish bush fire</td>
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<td>Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name and abode</td>
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<td>Failure to produce a Permit to Burn</td>
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**Fire Permits**

Permits to burn are required for the whole of the Restricted Burning Periods and can only be obtained from the Area Fire Control Officer; it is an offence to apply to another Brigade Fire Control Officer for a permit if YOUR Brigade Fire Control Officer has refused you.

Before you call a Fire Control Officer ensure you have the following information:

- Who will be the three able bodied persons in attendance at all times whilst the fire is alight, including contact phone numbers?
- What is the address of the property to which the permit applies?
- What fire-fighting equipment and resources will you have at the fire and is it in good working order?
- What is the size of the burn to take place?
• Are there firebreaks installed and can a fire unit get access to the area?
• What material are you burning? Is it dry? Is there any plastic, tyres or treated posts in the piles or area to be burnt? If so, remove them to a safe place.

Once the permit is issued, the permit holder shall give notice of their intention to burn to:

• The Shire offices no later than on the day prior to when the burning is taking place. Weekend burning must be notified by Friday at 4.00pm.
• The owner or occupier of adjoining land. Period of Notice to neighbours prior to burning cannot be more than 28 days or less than 4 days, although lesser notice may be determined by mutual agreement of all neighbours.
• The nearest Department of Parks and Wildlife office (DPAW), if the land is situated within 3km of State Forest, phone DPAW Kirup on (08) 9731 6232 or the Donnelly District phone (08) 9776 1207.

Any special Conditions imposed by the Fire Control Officer when issuing permits must be strictly adhered to.

Your attention is drawn to items 5, 6 and 7 printed on the back of the permit.

Burning is permitted during the Restricted Burning Period on Sundays and Public Holidays under permit.

All landowners and occupiers upon whose land a bushfire occurs have an obligation to assist each Brigade Fire Control Officer to compile a Fire Report form.

Fire Permits are free of charge.

**For further information contact the Shire on 9756 1018.**
FIREBREAK VARIATIONS

Reasons a variation may be needed can include;

- Topography makes the normal placement of a firebreak impracticable or dangerous;
- Topography makes the normal methods of construction impracticable (rocks, water, etc);
- An approved Fire Management Plan for the property is in place;

All requests must be made by the property owner or person authorised to act upon the owner’s behalf.

For permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions to abate the fire hazards on the land, applications must be made no later than the 1st October each year. The application and map must bear the signature of the Fire Control Officer for the area signifying agreement to the variation. The Authorising Officer has the right to grant, refuse, alter or add any conditions to an application, where alterations or additions are applicable. If permission is not granted, you must comply with the requirements of this Notice.

Applications for alternative measures can be renewed yearly or in some instances every five (5) years. The variation application forms are available on our website and at the Shire office.

Emergency access ways are not to be considered as a firebreak or escape route.

Council does not expect you to remove large trees from or adjacent to boundaries to install a firebreak. The firebreak can detour around the tree(s) so as to afford safe access.

Contact your local Fire Control Officer for any further information. See page 16 for contact numbers.

Forms are available on our website.
Non-Compliant Firebreak

Compliant Firebreak
Urban means “Land within the Shire of Nannup which is within the Nannup townsite or zoned as ‘Residential’, ‘Special Residential’ or ‘Special Use Zone No. 7’ in the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3.”

**Land less than or equal to 2024m² (approx. 0.5 acre)**
All flammable material shall be removed from the whole of the land to a height of 75mm, with the exception of live, standing trees and live garden plants.

**Land exceeding 2024m² (approx. 0.5 acre)**
Firebreaks not less than 3 metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside the boundary for the whole of the land. All flammable material except for live standing trees and live garden plants shall be cleared within a 20 metre radius of all buildings.
Rural Land

Rural Land means “Land within the Shire of Nannup which is zoned ‘Agriculture’, ‘Agriculture Priority 1 – Scott Coastal Plain’, ‘Agriculture Priority 2’, ‘Coastal Landscape’, ‘Special Use’ (outside the Nannup townsite) and ‘Future Development’ and any freehold land outside the Nannup townsite that is a ‘Local Scheme Reserve’ in the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3.”

RURAL MANAGED LAND AND ACCOMMODATION VENUES

All rural holdings of land that allow access to the general public, e.g. chalet developments, bed and breakfast establishments, museums, door sale businesses etc are included in this Rural Land section.

• There must be active fuel reduction carried out on the property throughout the period of this notice, by means such as grazing by an appropriate number of livestock, slashing and baling etc, or a fuel reduction plan which shows the means of fuel reduction on the land.

• All buildings must have an access track not less than 3 metres in width and vertical clearance of 4 metres to allow access by fire appliances

• Around all buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas, slash and remove all flammable materials likely to create a fire hazard, except living trees and shrubbery, for at least 10 metres around the Buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas. Height of grass not to exceed 75mm.

• Managed land is not required to have perimeter firebreaks, although land owners and occupiers are encouraged to install them in strategic places to protect their property in the event of a fire.

UNMANAGED LAND

Property owners are required to maintain a Low Fuel Zone on their own property and maintain this Zone throughout the Maintenance Period. Flammable Material must be managed and not exceed 75mm, except for living trees and shrubbery.
**SPECIAL RURAL LAND**

Special Rural means “Land within the Shire of Nannup which is zoned ‘Special Rural’ in the Shire of Nannup Local Planning Scheme No. 3.”

- Firebreaks (cleared of all flammable material) not less than 3 metres wide and 4 metres vertically shall be constructed immediately abutting all homesteads, buildings and fuel storage areas on the land. (Note: live standing trees may be permitted in this area).

- A Building Protection Zone extending 20 metres from the homestead / building / fuel storage area firebreak shall be maintained. (Note: live standing trees may be permitted in this area).

- A Trafficable Area shall be constructed inside and within 6 metres of the boundary for the whole of each lot. Further, a 3 metre mineral earth firebreak shall be constructed within this Trafficable Area.

- There is no requirement for firebreaks where the whole area is not covered by homestead and/or buildings and is kept mown or slashed or clear of Flammable Material, or is kept green by efficient water reticulation systems installed by the landowner.

**Special Requirements**

**The Valley:** Residents are required to comply with the above notice.

**Cockatoo Valley:**

- An area of not less than 3 metres wide immediately abutting all homesteads, buildings and fuel storage areas must be kept clear of all Flammable Material; this excludes reticulated gardens.

- An area extending 20 metres from the homestead shall comprise, and be maintained as, a Low Fuel Zone. Live standing trees and shrubs may be permitted in this area.

- The whole area, except for homestead and buildings shall be kept mown, slashed or clean of Flammable Material; the height of the fuel is not to exceed 75mm. Alternatively, the area shall be kept green by efficient water reticulation systems installed by the landowner.

- An annual contribution of $50 shall be paid by the landowner for maintenance of the strategic fire break.
PLANTATIONS

A plantation means any area of trees, other than a windbreak exceeding 3 hectares, planted in pine, eucalypt or other trees that have been planted for commercial gain, excluding vineyards and fruit producing trees within orchards.

- The firebreak requirements for harvested plantations are the same as those for a plantation unless it has been clear felled and all prunings, branches and other accumulated tree litter and logging residue have been removed.

- A windbreak is a planted area of trees less than 3 hectares.

- All plantations require Planning Approval from Council prior to development. Council may require plantation fire protection measures to be fulfilled as a condition of Planning Approval.

- These measures shall apply to all new plantations, the replanting of plantations and renegotiated lease agreements in the case of blue gum plantings.

- Boundary firebreaks shall be constructed on the boundaries of plantations or on such alternative location as may be agreed between Council and the plantation owner.

- Boundary firebreaks shall consist of an area not less than 15 metres wide, cleared of all flammable material and having no overhanging tree branches for a vertical clearance of at least 5 metres.

- Internal firebreaks clear of all flammable material and not less than 6 metres wide, progressively pruned on both sides to a minimum height of 4 metres, shall be constructed surrounding compartments of approximately 30 hectares.

- Internal firebreaks must be maintained in a Trafficable condition as previously defined in this order.

- Where power lines pass through or near plantation areas, additional obligations are imposed by the State power authority. Plantation owners and/or managers should consult Western Power for advice.
CAMP FIRES

• Lighting of fires (without a permit) in the open air for the purpose of camping or cooking is prohibited in the Shire of Nannup during the Prohibited and Restricted Burning Period each year.

• Areas set aside for cooking by DPaW or the Shire of Nannup is included in this prohibition if the Fire Danger Forecast is ‘Very High’ or above.

• All fires shall be completely extinguished by the application of water or earth before leaving them.

• Open solid fuel fires shall not to be lit within 3 metres of a log or stump and must have an area with a radius of at least 3 metres around the site cleared of all bush and other flammable materials.

• Properly constructed gas barbecues and cookers, the flame of which is encapsulated by the appliance, may be used at any time for the purpose of camping or cooking in recognised camping and picnic areas.

• All flammable material is to be cleared from within a 5 metre radius of the gas barbecue or cooker.

ROAD VERGES

The Shire is unable to maintain all road verges in the district due to the high cost involved. Minimal slashing and some spraying of verges is undertaken in rural and semi-rural areas to minimise road hazards; however, it cannot be guaranteed that this action will sufficiently reduce all fire risks.
VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADES

It is in the interests of all owners/occupiers of land to be registered members of the Bush Fire Brigade covering the area wherein they own land.

Bushfire Brigade training is carried out on a regular basis; please contact your Fire Control Officer to join your Brigade and participate in the Introductory training for Bushfire Brigade members.

Residents are encouraged to register their contact details with the Shire in case of an emergency.

Please phone 9756 1018 for further information.
DO YOU HAVE OVERHANGING BRANCHES ON YOUR FIREBREAKS?

WOULD THIS TRUCK HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO DEFEND YOUR PROPERTY?
PLANTATION CONTACT LIST

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<td>9776 1207</td>
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<td>DPAW Blackwood District</td>
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VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Chief Bushfire Control Officer

John Patman 9756 1514 0407 713 653

Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officers

Chris Wade 9756 0083 0427 778 645
Robin Mellema 9756 1156 0427 975 611

Brigade Fire Control Officers

Balingup Road  Mark Scott 9756 0444
Carlotta    Malcolm Cole 9756 1086
Cundinup    Gerald Brown 9756 2055
Darradup    John Patman 9756 1514
East Nannup  Victor Lorkiewicz 9756 1129
Nannup Brook Robin Mellema 9756 1156
North Nannup Paul Lamers 9756 1891
Peerabeelup John Gaunt 9776 2005
Scott River/Jasper John Dunnet 9758 2238

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