

BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer & Fire Weather Officer

Andrew Vlahov

Mob: 0427 205 144

Yetna Brigade, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer & Deputy Fire Weather Officer

Local Bush Fire Control Officer: Ph: 9920 5555

Jason Stokes Mob: 0407 388 511

(in the absence of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer / Fire Weather Officer, the Deputy becomes the Acting Chief Bush Fire Control Officer / Fire Weather Officer)

Naraling Brigade

Local Bush Fire Control Officer: Ph: 9920 3033

Craig Mincherton Mob: 0417 957 075

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Local Bush Fire Control Officer:

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Nabawa Brigade

Local Bush Fire Control Officer: Ph: 9920 5050

Neil Kupsch Mob: 0429 108 289

Yuna Brigade

Local Bush Fire Control Officer:

Shaun Earl Mob: 0429 108 425

Durawah / Valentine Brigade

Local Bush Fire Control Officer:

Bruce Ley Mob: 0428 930 423

Shire and Emergency Two-way Radio Channel

UHF:11

Senior Ranger: 0428 948 073

IN CASE OF
EMERGENCIES
RING



CONTRACTORS

Central Earthmoving	0459 301 851
Centre Point Earthmoving - Chris Newton	0427 976 833
Graham Hancock	0408 230 421
Midwest Mulching & Mowing	0429 341 306
SMS Group WA	9935 9230
Ivey Contracting (Grading Only)	0428 840 935
Corbett Contracting	0408 172 391
DCR Investments Pty Ltd	0418 555 566
Hill River Contracting	0429 120 182
Kitalpha Park Services	0438 931 365
Peter McCagh	0417 171 423
Richard Jones	0408 913 478

Plantations

- Clear and maintain minimum fire break as per the standard below
- Clear and maintain all inflammable materials in the Building Protection Zone.
- Adopt the practices set in the [Guidelines For Plantation Fire Protection](#) unless variations are set within Local Government Development Approval documentation.

PENALTIES

Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order.	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air.	\$250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning period	\$250
Failure of Occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating a false name and abode.	\$100
Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100

Fire Control Officers are not obliged to issue permits.

Permits cannot be issued over the phone and should a Fire Control Officer refuse to issue a permit, it's a breach of the Bush Fire Act 1954 to request a permit from another Fire Control Officer.

You MUST have a copy of the permit on you during the burn.



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FIRST AND FINAL

Fire Break Notice 2026/27 Period

SECTION 33 BUSH FIRE ACT

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

15 October to 14 February

STRICTLY NO BURNING

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

1 September to 14 October

15 February to 7 April

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

COMPULSORY FIREBREAKS (FOR ALL ZONES)

15 October to 8 April

**FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED
TO ALL RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS**

Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000 fine.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

HARVESTING OPERATIONS

1. NO harvesting operations are permitted on **Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day**. A separate firefighting appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, churning, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The firefighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and hose. The farm firefighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting or working area.
1. A Harvesting and Movement Ban and Use of Internal Combustion Engines (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Behavior Index (FBI) rating off Forty (40) or above at the weather stations of two (2) Bush Fire Control Officers. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

If a ban has been imposed, all registered people will be sent a text message advising details. All bans will still be broadcast on radio:

**ABC Statewide AM
98.1 FM & 96.5 FM**

NOTE: Attention of landowners is drawn to the fact that this order allows for provision of firebreaks in situations other than immediately with property boundaries subject to approval. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and appointed Fire Control Officers have been authorised to act for Council in this matter.

**FAILURE TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN
FIREBREAKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THIS NOTICE MAY RESULT IN A
\$5,000 PENALTY**

Notice is hereby given to all landowners in areas requiring compulsory firebreaks under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Firebreaks must be installed by 15 October and maintained free of flammable material as required in accordance with this Notice, or approved variation.

PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COUNCILS REQUIREMENTS

ALL RESIDENTIAL AND RURAL LOTS UP TO AND INCLUDING 3.0HA

Flammable materials shall be mowed/slashed/mulched to a maximum height of 7.5cm and maintained for the fire season, with the exception of selected live standing trees and selected shrubs. All buildings/structures must have a 3m clearance of all flammable material. All dead trees/shrubs must be removed from the block unless application is made to retain prior to 15 October and approved.

ALL RESIDENTIAL AND RURAL LOTS OVER 3.0HA

Fire breaks must be continuous bare earth break (No Vegetation) at a width of at least 3m wide and have a minimum overhead clearance (from trees) of 4m or have flammable material mowed/slashed/mulched to a maximum height of 7.5cm over the entire property (excluding managed vegetation such as ornamental trees, distinct islands of vegetation remote from boundaries and assets). All buildings/structures must have a minimum of 3m clearance of all flammable material. All dead trees/shrubs must be removed from the block unless application is made to retain prior to 15 October and approved.

RURAL AREAS

Fire breaks must be continuous, trafficable and are to be graded, ploughed or chemically applied to be free of flammable material 3m wide and overhead clearance of 4m and installed as close as practicably possible inside and along the whole of the external property boundary. Vegetation on the ground (chemically applied), must not exceed a maximum height of 5cm during the fire season. Internal boundaries are not compulsory but highly recommended. Buildings/sheds must have a minimum of 20m clearance of all flammable material.

FUEL DEPOTS AND UNATTENDED COMBUSTION ENGINES

On or before the 15 October all flammable material must be removed from an area 2m in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated combustion engine whether the motor is intended to be used, it is to be maintained clear of grass and flammable material until 7 April.

RECOMMENDED ASSET PROTECTION ZONES

Asset Protection Zones (APZ) are required within a minimum 20m radius of an asset, building, or haystack, where the bushfire fuel load is reduced, free of dead vegetation, and clear of low-hanging branches that could carry fire directly to the structure. All grass in an asset/building Protection Zones must be maintained to or under 7.5cm in height. Wood piles and inflammable materials must be stored at a safe distance from habitable buildings. There must be no tree crowns or branches hanging over asset/buildings. Trees are to be under pruned to at least a height of 2 metres from the ground. No tree, or shrub over 2 metres high is to be within 2 metres of an asset/building.

VARIATION TO FIRE BREAKS

If it is impractical to have a fire break immediately inside a boundary for a valid reason(s), such as topographical, you are required to apply to the Shire of Chapman Valley in writing before 14 October.

Note: A variation is not an exemption but an application to employ other methods of fire hazard reduction to your property. Variation forms are available on Shire website.

PENALTY

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of \$250 Per Title and or a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice. If it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this notice.

