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Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2019/20



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale



Definitions

Acre

4047m² area of land.

Agricultural buildings

Any sheds or groups of buildings on agricultural zoned land.

Asset Protection Zone (APZ)

An area required to achieve a BAL-29 or less, measured from the outer edge of the building or as stated in your approved BAL assessment (within the boundaries of your land). Fuel loads in this zone may not exceed 2 tonnes per hectare.

Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Assessment

A measurement of the buildings potential exposure to a bushfire, in accordance with Australian Standard 3959 – Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas.

Firebreak

A strip of land that has been cleared of all flammable material, leaving bare mineral earth. This includes the trimming back of anything overhanging the fire break area. Mowed firebreaks are not acceptable.

Flammable material

Any vegetation (bushes, grasses, trees, mulch and green waste), object or material that is likely to catch fire.

Fire Management Plan

A document forming part of a building, development or subdivision approval that sets out short, medium and long-term bushfire risk management strategies for the life of the development.

Fuel and vegetation storage

Storage of hydrocarbons and/or fuel dumps (containing fuel or not) including drums, piles or stacks and any other flammable material.

Trafficable

The ability for 4x4 vehicles to access your land on a firm surface without obstruction. No firebreak is to terminate without provision for departure to a safe place or a cleared turnaround area of not less than a 21 metre radius (prior written approval from the Shire is required).

You

Owner or occupier of any land within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

Vertical axis

An uninterrupted vertical line at a right angle to the horizontal line of the firebreak.

Firebreak Notice

Please read carefully as these are your legal requirements.

This notice applies to all owners and/ or occupiers of land within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* you are required to take action in accordance with this notice for the duration indicated in your category.

The following categories detail what you must do to comply, with no exemptions. Failure to comply may result in you being fined and/or Council entering your land to install firebreak works at the owners expense.

This Notice and information has effect **1 October 2019**. All previous Firebreak Notices are hereby cancelled.

By order of the Chief Executive Officer.

Your legal requirements

1. If you live on 1 acre or less

On your land

- ☐ Cut all grass to less than 25mm in height.
- ☐ Trim all trees and bushes that overhang driveways, access ways and firebreaks to leave a 4 metre wide clearance and a clear vertical axis.

OR

- ☐ Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately inside all external boundaries.
 - ✓ Immediately surrounding all agricultural buildings, sheds or group of buildings.
 - ✓ A minimum of 3 metres wide, but not wider than 5 metres.
 - ✓ Trim all trees and bushes that overhang driveways, access ways and firebreaks to leave a 4 metre wide clearance and a clear vertical axis.

For your dwellings

- ☐ Maintain 20m asset protection zones or as per your approved BAL/FMP assessment.
- ☐ Trim back all trees overhanging buildings.

Prior approval by Shire officers may be required for the removal of any vegetation on existing properties.

Compliance is required by **30 November** and must be maintained until **31 May** each and every year.

2. If you live on more than 1 acre

On your land

- ☐ Keep grass short.
- ☐ Trim all trees and bushes that overhang driveways, access ways and firebreaks to leave a 4 metre wide clearance and a clear vertical axis.
- ☐ Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately inside all external boundaries.
 - ✓ Immediately surrounding all agricultural buildings, sheds or group of buildings.
 - ✓ A minimum of 3 metres wide, but not wider than 5 metres.

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- ☐ Maintain 20m asset protection zones or as per your approved BAL/FMP assessment.
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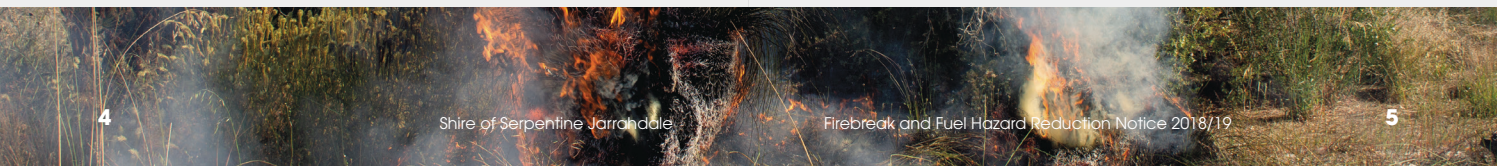
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- ☐ Locate new development 4 metres or more from the perimeter fence of your land. Development includes sand pads associated with structures.

Compliance is required by **30 November** and must be maintained until **31 May** each and every year.

3. To vary your firebreak

Apply in writing to the Shire from 1 June to 31 October requesting your variation and the reasons for your application. If approved all firebreak conditions will be as per your variation.



If your variation is not approved or your previous variation is cancelled, you must comply with the Firebreak Notice requirements for your land.

You don't need to apply for a variation every year. **Remember, variations are provided to the property owner, not the land.**

To apply for a variation call **9526 1111** and request a Firebreak Variation application form.

Compliance is required by **15 November** and must be maintained until **31 May** each and every year.

See the Firebreak Variation guidelines on pages 14 to 15 for more information.

4. If you have a plantation

You must comply with:

- ☐ The Shire's conditions of approval.
- ☐ Any approved Bushfire Management Plan.
- ☐ Australian Standard 3959 - Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas.

On your land

- ☐ Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately inside all external boundaries.
 - ✓ Immediately surrounding all agricultural buildings, sheds or group of buildings.
 - ✓ A minimum of 20 metres wide, or as per your planning approval.
 - ✓ Have a clear vertical axis.

Compliance is required throughout the **whole year**.

5. Storing fuel and haystacks

Around fuel storage areas

- ☐ Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately surrounding each stack or pile.
 - ✓ A minimum of 4 metres wide, but not wider than 20 metres, with a clear vertical axis.
 - ✓ Include where possible additional low fuel zones outside of the firebreak area. Cut all grass within these zones to less than 100mm in height.

Around haystacks

Your haystack area is not permitted to be larger than 25m long x 10m wide x 5m high.

- ☐ Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately surrounding each stack or pile.
 - ✓ A minimum of 5 metres wide, but not wider than 20 metres. If only 5 metres wide then have an additional 5m low fuel area directly adjacent to the firebreak.
 - ✓ Include where possible additional low fuel zones outside of the firebreak area. Cut all grass within these zones to less than 100mm in height.

Compliance is required by **30 November** and must be maintained until **31 May** each and every year.

6. Other flammable materials

Stacks of other flammable materials, such as mulch, compost or combustible materials, is not permitted to be larger than 20m long x 10m wide x 3m high.

- ❑ Install firebreaks that are:
 - ✓ Immediately surrounding each stack or pile.
 - ✓ A minimum of 10 metres wide, but not wider than 20 metres. If only 10 metres wide then have an additional 5m low fuel area directly adjacent to the firebreak.
 - ✓ Include where possible additional low fuel zones outside of the firebreak area. Cut all grass within these zones to less than 100mm in height.

If you have to clear any trees or shrubs to install your firebreaks, you may need planning approval from the Shire.

Any tree or shrub with at least one well defined trunk higher than 4 metres or wider than 150mm in diameter, measured at a height of 1.2 metres above ground level will need planning approval for removal.

For more information see the **Trees on my property** page on the Shire's website.

Remember Australian Standard 3959 - Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas applies to new buildings on your land.

Compliance is required by **30 November** and must be maintained until **31 May** each and every year.



7. Bushfire and Emergency Management Plans and BAL Assessments

Some properties need to comply with approved:

- ✓ Bushfire Management Plans.
- ✓ Emergency Management Plans.
- ✓ Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessments.

This is because of conditions approved under a subdivision approval, development approval or building permit.

These requirements are in addition to the requirements of this Notice.

Failure to comply may result in a \$5,000 fine.

Compliance is required throughout the **whole year**.

8. Any other requirements

Further to the firebreak requirements listed above, the Shire may instruct property owners or occupiers in writing to comply with additional firebreak prevention works.

These works are to reduce hazards and may include a Bushfire Risk Treatment Plan derived from the Shire's Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

9. Burning your garden waste

In accordance with Section 24G of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* as amended.

If you want to burn your garden waste you need to:

- ❑ Let your neighbours know 72 hours before you burn.
- ❑ Do a maximum of 2 burns per calendar month within the restricted burning period.

- ❑ Each pile can be no bigger than 1 cubic metre.
- ❑ Only one pile may be alight at any one time.
- ❑ Only burn dry garden waste from your property without accelerants.

Don't burn at all during the prohibited burning period.

During restricted burning period don't burn on Sundays or public holidays.

Failure to comply may result in a \$3,000 fine.

Compliance is required during the **restricted** and **prohibited** burning periods.

More information about burning your garden waste is on page 28.



Firebreak installation guide

Firebreaks provide safe access for firefighters and their vehicles. The landowner is responsible for the standard and quality of firebreaks on their land.

You can choose to install your firebreaks yourself or engage a contractor.

Remember you need to maintain your firebreak throughout the firebreak season. Regrowth occurs between December and May, and you will need to clear this regrowth and any fallen tree limbs and obstructions.



Firebreaks can

- ✓ Detour around single large trees without a variation (as long as you comply with the required dimensions of your firebreak).
- ✓ Be achieved by chemical application, ploughing and grading, however loose soil may erode in steep areas and will require constant maintenance. Stepping and grading the firebreak into the incline will reduce this effect.

Firebreaks can't

- ✗ Detour around multiple large trees without a variation.
- ✗ Be outside the boundaries of your land.
- ✗ Be on roads, verges, bridle paths, footpaths, dual access ways or reserves.
- ✗ Be an existing emergency access way unless it is on your land and was required as a condition of planning approval.

Can we fit?



Frequently asked questions about firebreaks

Why are firebreaks required?

- ✓ Provide a safe area for firefighters to work from in a bushfire.
- ✓ Prevent the extension of a bushfire.
- ✓ Prevent a fire from entering or leaving your property.
- ✓ Provide a starting point to contain a bushfire.

Fires can travel quickly and over large distances: Do firebreaks really work?

We accept that firebreaks will not stop a high intensity fire in extreme fire conditions. However, firebreaks will certainly stop or slow down a low to moderate intensity fire.

Remember firebreaks are only a part of the wider bushfire safety picture. It's important you undertake other preparation such as managing fuel loads on your property, creating a bushfire survival plan and establishing an asset protection zone around dwellings.

You can read more frequently asked questions on our website
www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/firebreakfaqs

Firebreak variations

When applying to vary your firebreak, please remember constructed driveways must have our approval to be used as a firebreak.

You might apply to vary your firebreak if

- ❑ It would be impractical or dangerous to construct a firebreak on your land due to its landscape.
- ❑ A normal firebreak would encroach on a reticulated lawn. You need to keep the lawn green and maintained to a height of less than 25mm from **30 November to 31 May** each and every year.
- ❑ A normal firebreak would encroach on reticulated feed paddocks. You need to keep the paddocks green and maintained to a height of less than 100mm from **30 November to 31 May** each and every year.
- ❑ A normal firebreak would encroach on reticulated garden beds, orchards, or other sustained cultivation. You need to ensure clear trafficable access for emergency vehicles to your buildings and land.
- ❑ Trees were previously planted where the firebreak would normally be placed so alternative siting of the firebreak is required.

To apply

Only the owner of a property can apply for a firebreak variation.

Download the Firebreak Variation application form from our website www.sjshire.wa.gov.au.

You don't need to apply for a variation every year, but if there is a change to the law or you fail to comply with your variation we will advise you. If there is a change in ownership

of the property, the new owner needs to reapply.

Compliance

If approved, all firebreak conditions will be as per your approved variation. If your variation isn't approved or your previous variation is cancelled, you must comply with the requirements in the Firebreak Notice within 14 days.

Key dates

1 June

Applications open

31 October

Applications close

15 November

Approved variations must be in place

31 May

Variations must be maintained until this date



Hazard reduction

Firebreaks are only one part of fire prevention. Hazard reduction activities will also increase your preparedness for an emergency. You don't need to remove all your vegetation as this would seriously impact the environment, and some plants can provide protection during bushfires.

You can reduce hazards by:

- ☐ Hand clearing.
- ☐ Mechanical clearing.
- ☐ Chemical spraying (should be undertaken from June-September).
- ☐ Hazard reduction burning.
- ☐ Keeping grass short and green, and removing clippings.

Hand and mechanical clearing can be safer than burning and easier to organise and maintain.

Follow our hazard reduction program

May - August

- ☐ Prune trees within the APZ - remove branches up to 2 metres.
- ☐ Clear long grass, leaves, twigs, and flammable shrubs from directly around your house.
- ☐ Store petrol and other flammables away from your house.
- ☐ Check your firefighting equipment and service it when required.
- ☐ Share your emergency plan (including evacuation routes) with your neighbours.
- ☐ Apply chemical spray to your firebreaks and low fuel zones (two applications).

September - November

- ☐ Move stacked wood and timber at least 20 metres away from your house.
- ☐ Keep grass short.

- ☐ Clean gutters and roof debris.
- ☐ Install your firebreaks.
- ☐ Apply chemical spray to your firebreaks and low fuel zones (final application).
- ☐ Review your family's emergency plan remembering your pets and livestock.

November - May

- ☐ Water lawns, trees and shrubs near your buildings.
- ☐ Check your firefighting equipment and service it where required.
- ☐ Clean gutters and roof debris.
- ☐ Maintain your firebreaks.

Be fire safe all year round

- ☐ Ensure firebreaks are prepared.
- ☐ Ensure the planting of windbreaks or trees follows this Firebreak Notice.
- ☐ Make sure that your buildings are safe – fit metal fly screens and shutters, fill gaps in roof and wall spaces, fit fire screens to evaporative air conditioners and see if they can provide a water only supply.
- ☐ Consider installing external building sprinkler systems and backup power for emergencies.
- ☐ Ensure trafficable access to your emergency water supplies and install the correct fittings.
- ☐ Join or get training from your local Bushfire Brigade. There are lots of ways you can help, from active roles to brigade support. Call us on **9526 1111** to find out how.
- ☐ Join or start a local Bushfire Ready Action Group.



Bushfire prone areas

The Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner has identified Bushfire Prone Areas as being subject, or likely to be subject, to bushfire attack.

Around **97% of our Shire is declared bushfire prone**. This means that additional planning and building requirements may apply to developments on your land. A Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment and/ or a Bushfire Management Plan may be required.

You can check if your land is bushfire prone on the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas website <https://maps.slip.wa.gov.au/landgate/bushfireprone/>

For information about BAL assessments and Bushfire Management Plans visit our website www.sjshire.wa.gov.au

Contractors who can help

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale maintains a list of contractors that can assist you with:

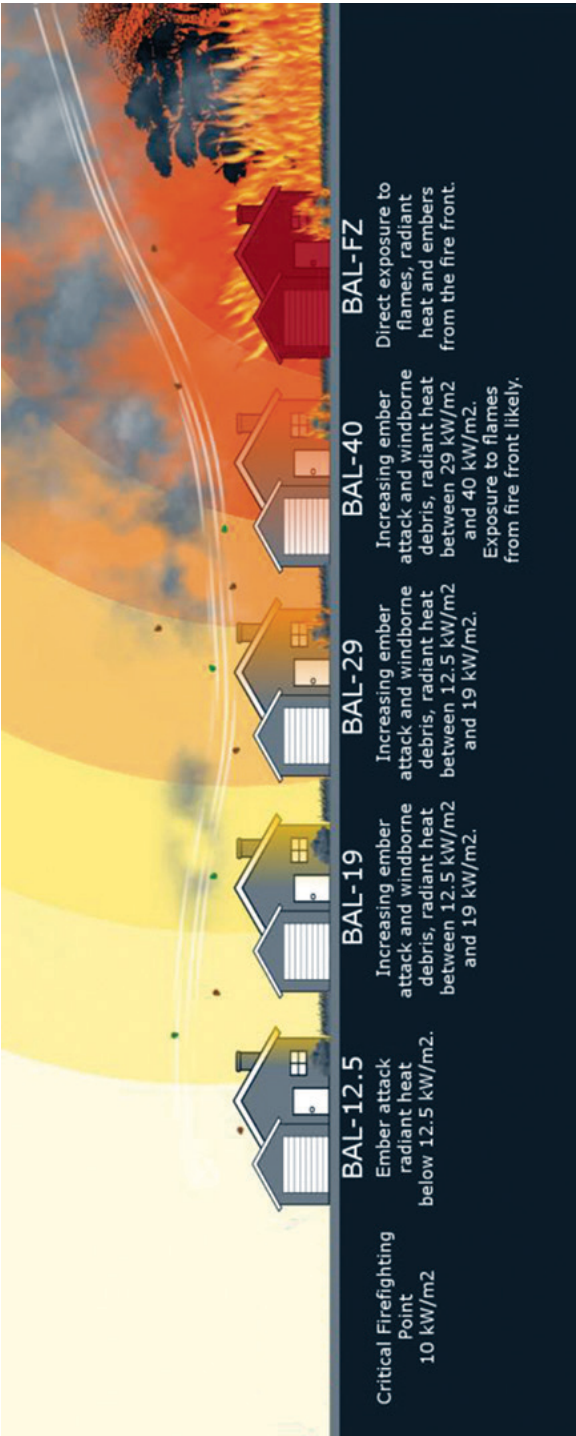
- ✓ Firebreak works.
- ✓ Fuel hazard reduction works.

Visit www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/firebreaks

For assistance with:

- ✓ Bushfire Attack Level Assessments (BAL's).
- ✓ Fire management planning.

Visit www.fpaa.com.au/bpad



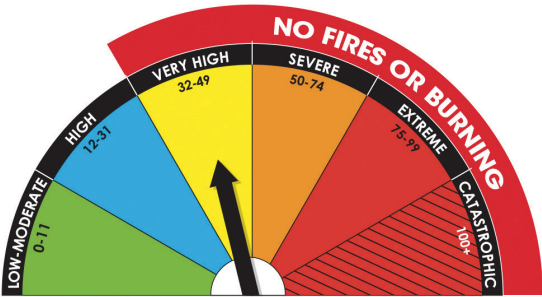
Burning

Fire Danger Rating (FDR)

The FDR tells us what the level of bushfire threat could be on any given day.

The FDR is supplied daily by the Bureau of Meteorology.

You can find it at www.bom.wa.gov.au or www.emergency.wa.gov.au or by calling the Perth Weather Service on **9263 2222**.



When the FDR is:

- Very high
- Severe
- Extreme
- Catastrophic

Permits are automatically cancelled.

No burning (including garden refuse) is allowed.

You can't use any BBQ or cooker in the open air that requires solid fuel (wood or charcoal). This includes wood-fired ovens or stoves.

Campfires aren't allowed.

Burning periods

We have burning periods because risks vary depending on the time of the year. Burning periods define what activities are allowed during these different periods of risk.

We may vary burning periods depending on weather and other conditions, so it's essential that you stay up to date.

You can find the latest on burning periods on our website www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/burning and Facebook page @shireofsj.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC

Prohibited burning period

All burning and fires are prohibited during this time.

Restricted burning period

(no burning on Sundays and Public Holidays)

You can burn one 1m x 1m pile of garden waste without a permit under the conditions on page 28.

You need a permit to burn grass, paddocks and bush. Details about permits on pages 23 to 27.

Unrestricted burning period

(burning is allowed on any day)

There are no fire restrictions on burning; however, if the Fire Danger Rating is very high or above and/ or a total fire ban has been put in place then no burning is permitted. It is your legal responsibility to check prior to undertaking any burn. Health legislation is also still applicable.

Considerate neighbour tip!

Let your neighbours know you intend to burn and consider the smoke impact.



Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

When can I use my BBQ?

Electric BBQs

Anytime of the year, even during a TFB.

Gas BBQs

Anytime of the year, even during a TFB.

Solid fuel BBQs

Can't be used when the FDR is Very High or above or during a TFB.

Remember that during the prohibited burning period you need to have no flammable material within a 3m radius of your BBQ.

Total Fire Ban (TFB)

TFBs are declared by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services on days of extreme weather or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources.

TFBs are generally declared the evening before they take effect. To find out if a TFB has been declared visit www.emergency.wa.gov.au or tune in to 720AM on your radio.

When a TFB is declared it prohibits the lighting of any fires in the open air and any other activities that may start a fire.

The ban includes all open air fires for cooking or camping. It also includes incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting.

For more information including exemptions visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans (HVMB)

A HVMB, once declared by the Shire, prohibits all harvesting operations and all vehicle movements on a property (except for the essential watering of stock using a diesel powered vehicle).

HVMBs remain in place until midnight on the day called or until lifted (revoked) by the Shire.

A ban may be called on the basis of:

- ✓ Unfavourable fire weather conditions.
- ✓ Lack of firefighting resources due to existing commitments.
- ✓ Public holidays.

You can find out if a HVMB has been declared on the Shire's website www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/burning and Facebook page @shireofsj or by tuning into 720AM on your radio.

Burning permits

If you want to burn grass, paddocks and bush during the Restricted Burning Period, you will need a burning permit. To apply for a permit call your local Fire Control Officer **at least 1 week before your burn**. They will assess your burn and issue a written permit (if approved).

Burning permits are only valid for the day or days written on the permit. If you have been refused a permit, you can't reapply for the same burn. Appeals to a refusal can only be lodged to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer by emailing info@sjshire.wa.gov.au.

If you want to burn a Council road reserve or verge you need written approval from the Shire, as well as an approved permit from a Fire Control Officer. Contact us on 9526 1111 for more information.

Before you apply

- ☐ Have your address ready.
- ☐ Know the size of your burn and ensure materials are dry.
- ☐ Check your firebreaks are maintained and that the burn area is trafficable.
- ☐ Check your firefighting equipment and resources are in good working order.
- ☐ Have the contact numbers of 3 able bodied people who will be at the burn.
- ☐ Remove plastics, treated wood, tyres and other materials (you can only burn vegetation).

Who to call for a permit

Byford, Darling Downs, Karrakup and Cardup (East of Hopkinson Rd)

Frank Rankin - 9525 1146

David Gibson - 0425 250 100

Oakford, Oldbury (North of the rail line) and Cardup (West of Hopkinson Rd)

Paul Williamson - 0439 994 803

Mundijong, Whitby, Mardella (North of Lowlands Rd and Oldbury, South of the rail line)

Steve Chadwick - 0419 983 838

Jarrahdale

Belinda Briscoe - 0427 474 809

Serpentine (West of the rail line), Hopeland (North or Utley Rd, Punrak Rd and Wigg Rd)

Ray Elliott - 0409 106 610

Serpentine (East of the rail line)

Don Downey - 0400 252 352

Keysbrook (East of Westcott Rd)

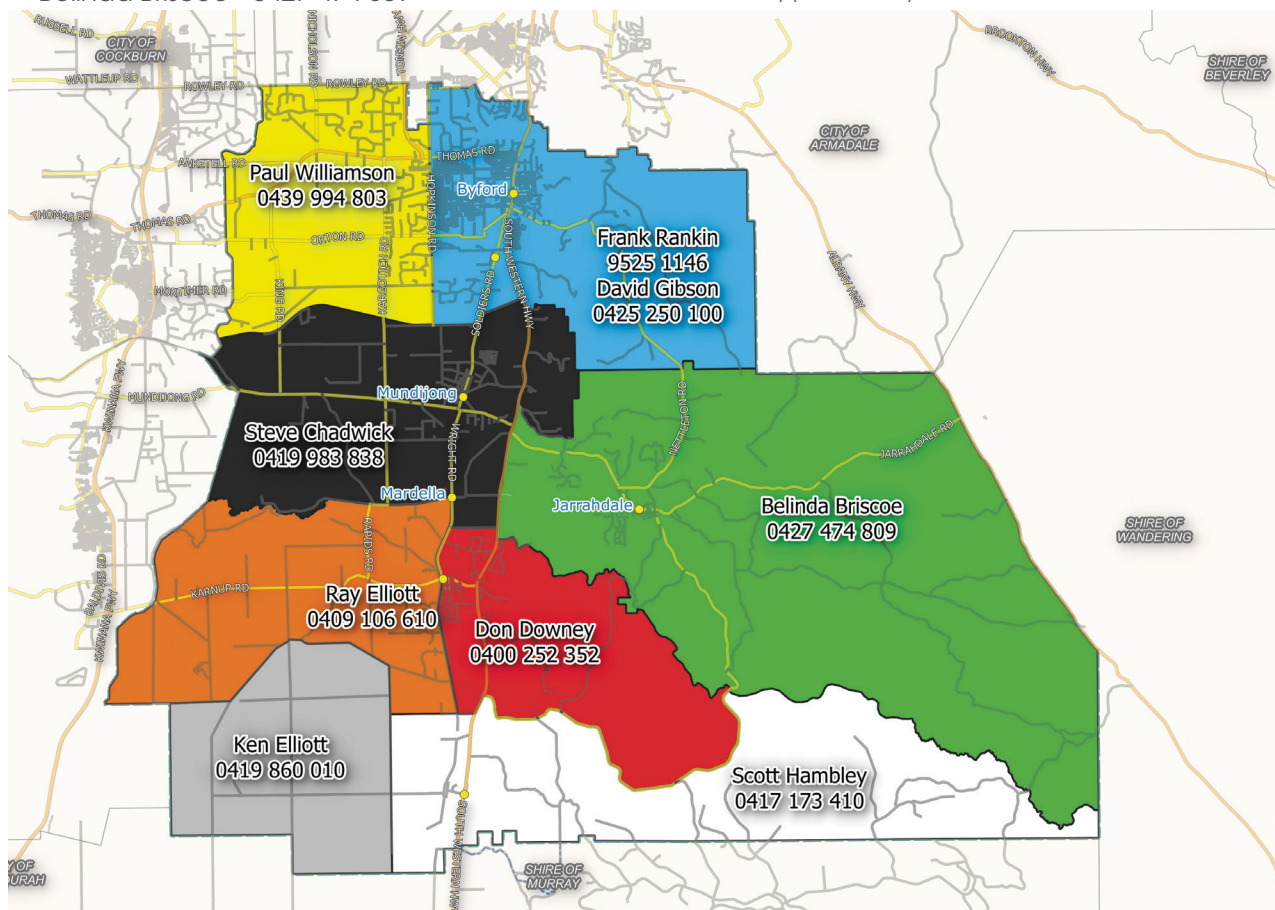
Scott Hambley - 0417 173 410

Keysbrook and Hopeland (West of Westcott Rd and South of Utley Rd)

Ken Elliott - 0419 860 010

Please only contact Fire Control Officers between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Remember you can only call the Fire Control Officer appointed to your area or call us on 9526 1111.



Before you burn

You need to give at least 4 days but not more than 28 days notice (verbal or written) to:

- ☐ Your local Fire Control Officer.
- ☐ Your neighbours.
- ☐ The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (if your burn is within 3km of State Forest or Regional/National Park).

Before you commence the burn, you need to notify the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Communications Centre on **9395 9209** and the Shire on **9526 1111**.

If you're being paid to burn on behalf of a landowner you need to have:

- ☐ Written permission from the landowner.
- ☐ An approved burning permit.
- ☐ A prescribed fire plan including details of the burn, a site plan and traffic and smoke management plans.
- ☐ Insurance.

While you're burning

- ☐ Your firefighting equipment and 3 able bodied people must stay at the burn until it is safe to leave.
- ☐ It is safe to leave when all burning or smouldering debris is fully extinguished within the burn area for a distance of 30 metres measured from the edge of the burn area.
- ☐ You must monitor your burn to keep smoke from impacting on your neighbours or causing a traffic hazard.
- ☐ It is the permit holder's responsibility to control the burn. If you feel that your burn is out of control call **000**.

- ☐ If a Fire Control Officer thinks that your burn is out of control, you may need to extinguish it. If a Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is required to extinguish your burn, costs may be incurred.
- ☐ If your burn escapes, you must report the incident to us within 7 days, including how it escaped, any losses and the equipment used to suppress the fire. You may be held responsible for any damage caused to others.

Remember to get insurance to cover you, your land and your public liability responsibilities before you burn.

Remember our environment

Some properties have environmental values that need to be considered and protected. These include but are not limited to:

- Threatened ecological communities.
- Environmentally sensitive areas.
- Bush Forever sites.
- Areas protected under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
- Specific development or subdivision approval conditions.

If you think that your land may be affected by environmental values, please contact us on **9526 1111**.

As burning can encourage weed growth we recommend you undertake weed control after burning to help maintain the reduced fuel loading.

Contact Landcare SJ on **9526 0012** for more information.



Burning your garden waste

During the restricted period

- ❑ You **can't** burn on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- ❑ You can only burn 2 times per calendar month.
- ❑ You can only burn one pile of garden waste at a time.
- ❑ Each pile must not be bigger than 1 cubic metre. Clear 3 metres around the edge of your pile for safety.
- ❑ The burn must be lit after 6pm. You can add waste to your burn until 11pm (can't exceed 1 cubic metre at a time). The burn needs to be completely out before midnight.
- ❑ Be a good neighbour and let the people living near you know 72 hours before you burn.
- ❑ Only burn dry garden waste from your land, no building materials, household goods, plastic, pallets or cardboard. Don't use accelerants.
- ❑ Stay and attend to your burn until it is extinguished. Ensure you have an adequate water supply.

During the unrestricted period

- ❑ You **can** burn on Sundays and Public Holidays.
- ❑ You can burn at any time of the day.
- ❑ You don't need a permit.

Remember during the unrestricted period you're still responsible for your burn.

You need to:

- ✓ Consider the impact of smoke on others.
- ✓ Keep the burn contained and controlled.
- ✓ Make sure the burn is fully extinguished once it's complete.

If your burn escapes, you are responsible for any damage caused.



Fines and penalties

Offence	Infringement	Maximum Penalty
Failure to produce permit to burn	\$100	\$500
Failure to comply with the directions of a Fire Control Officer	\$250	\$2,000
Offences relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250	\$3,000
Obstruction of an authorised officer	\$250	\$5,000
Disposal of burning cigarettes etc.	\$100	\$5,000
Apply to another Fire Control Officer for a permit where a permit has already been refused or granted subject to special conditions	\$250	\$10,000
Failure of occupier to extinguish bush fire	\$250	\$10,000

5 minute fire chat

In a bushfire every 5 minutes counts, especially your next 5 minutes.

- Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year.
- The single biggest killer is indecision.
- To survive a bushfire you must be prepared to make your own decision.



1 WHEN will you know to leave?



2 WHERE will you go?



3 WHICH way will you go?

www.dfes.wa.gov.au/firechat

- ☐ Get to know your neighbours, and share your plans and information with them. Download the **Be a mate eight** template from our website www.sjshire.wa.gov.au.
- ☐ Take action to prepare your property and manage fuel loads, check out our hazard reduction program on pages 16 to 17.
- ☐ Have a 5 minute fire chat to develop your family's bushfire action plan.
- ☐ Know what you will do with your pets and livestock.

Helpful links

www.emergency.wa.gov.au

www.redcross.org.au/prepare

Alerts and warnings

During emergencies, alerts and warnings may be issued by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. You can get these warnings by visiting www.emergency.wa.gov.au or calling **13 DFES (13 33 37)**.

Bushfire Emergency Warning



Authorities have confirmed that you are in danger and need to take immediate action to protect yourself and your family. Leave now if the way is clear, or prepare to actively defend your home.

Bushfire Watch and Act



Authorities have confirmed that there is a threat or possible threat to life and/or property. Take action now to stay safe.

Bushfire Advice/Other Fires



An incident has been reported near this location. You need to be aware and keep up to date – act for your safety. Get prepared.

Prescribed Burn/Bushfire All Clear



An incident has been reported near this location. You need to be aware and keep up to date – act for your safety. Get prepared.

Do not wait to take action. If you see fire activity or smoke put your plan in place straight away.

The Parks and Wildlife Service at the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions conduct prescribed burns throughout the year. Find out where these are occurring on www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/management/fire/prescribed-burning/burns or by calling **9219 8000**.

Alerts, warnings, and fire ban information is broadcast on ABC radio station (720 AM).



In emergencies call 000

Other important numbers

State Emergency Service	132 500
DFES Public Information	13 33 37
Main Roads WA	138 138
Western Power	13 13 51
ATCO Gas	13 13 52
Water Corporation	13 13 75
Telstra	13 22 03
RSPCA WA	9209 9300
Wildcare Helpline	9474 9055
DBCA Perth Hills District	9290 6100

a 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong WA 6123

t 9526 1111

f 9525 5441

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