

Notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers
of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale



Firebreak Notice and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice

Your legal responsibilities and fire safety information



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


This Notice and information has effect from 1 October 2015
All previous Firebreak Notices are hereby cancelled.
By order of Council, **Richard Gorbunow**,
Chief Executive Officer



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

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TO REPORT ANY FIRE:

DON'T COME HOME TO THIS...



Important dates

Restricted Burning Period commences*	1 October
Variation to Firebreak Notice completed by	31 October
Variation to Firebreak Notice, as approved by council, to be complied with by	15 November
Firebreak Installed by	30 November
Prohibited Burning Period commences*	1 December
Maintenance of Firebreaks	1 December to 31 May
Prohibited burning period ends as Restricted Burning Period commences*	1 April
Restricted Burning Period finishes*	31 May

**Subject to seasonal changes - check with
the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale*

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...OR THIS



FIREBREAK NOTICE

Good firebreaks must be clear of everything - it may save a life.

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
THESE ARE YOUR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Action is required by all property owners to comply with this notice.

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 (as amended) all land owners/occupiers within the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale are hereby required in accordance with the following categories to maintain the land for such duration and in such positions/dimensions and specifications as required by this Notice or approved in writing by Council or its authorised officer.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT
IN A \$5,000 FINE**



Definitions

“Firebreak” means 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. This includes the trimming back of all overhanging trees, bushes, shrubs and any other object or thing over the fire break area.

“Flammable” means any bush, plant, tree, grass, vegetable, substance, object, thing or material that may or is likely to catch fire and burn.

“Trafficable” means to be able travel from one point to another in a 4x4 fire vehicle on a firm and stable surface, unhindered without any obstruction that may endanger resources, no firebreak is to terminate without provision for egress to a safe place or a cleared turn around area of not less than a 19 meter radius (prior written approval from council is required).

“Vertical axis” means a continuous vertical uninterrupted line at a right angle to the horizontal line of the firebreak.

“Duration” means the period of time stipulated in categories 1 – 7 on the following page.



**ACCEPTABLE
FIREBREAK**



**NON
ACCEPTABLE
FIREBREAK**

YOUR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS


Category	Requirement	Fuel Hazard Reduction	Dwellings, Out Buildings	More Info
	(a)	(b)	(c)	
1. All areas of land 4047m² (one acre) or less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have the entire land cleared of all flammable material by mowing and slashing or other means. All grasses are to be maintained below 25mm in height. All trees, bushes, shrubs are to be trimmed back over driveways and access ways to all buildings to four (4) metres wide with a clear vertical axis over it to afford access for emergency services to all structures and points of the property or provide firebreaks as per category 2. <p>Duration: Compliance required on or before 30th November and maintained up to and including the 31st May each and every year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove fuels as per 1(a). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain low fuel zones adjacent to all buildings and outbuildings. Trim back all overhanging trees from buildings. 	Pages 8 – 13
2. All areas of land greater than 4047m² (one acre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install trafficable, bare mineral earth firebreaks clear of all flammable material to a minimum of three (3) metres wide immediately inside all external boundaries and immediately surrounding all buildings, sheds or groups of buildings situated on the land. All overhanging branches, trees and limbs are to be trimmed back four (4) metres wide with a clear vertical axis over the firebreak area. This includes driveways and access to all buildings on the land. The maximum permissible width of a firebreak is five (5) metres unless otherwise approved in writing by Council or a duly authorised officer. <p>Duration: Compliance required on or before 30th November and maintained up to and including the 31st May each and every year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep grasses short. Manage and maintain fuel levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain 20m low fuel zones adjacent to all buildings and outbuildings. Provide firebreak around all buildings as per 2(a). 	Pages 8 – 13
3. Fuel storage/hay stacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear firebreaks a minimum of 4 metres wide with a clear vertical axis on all land where fuel storage/hay stacks are located and where fuel dumps, whether containing fuel or not, are stored, around any drum, ramp or stack of drums. The maximum permissible width of a firebreak is five (5) metres unless otherwise approved in writing by Council or a duly authorised officer. <p>Duration: Compliance required on or before 30th November and maintained up to and including the 31st May each and every year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain fuel free zones Manage and maintain fuel levels. Keep grasses short. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain low fuel zones around fuel storage/hay stacks. 	Pages 8 – 13
4. Plantations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All plantations shall comply with Councils conditions of approval and/or the approved Bushfire Management Plan. Install bare mineral earth trafficable firebreaks clear of all flammable material to a minimum of twenty (20) metres wide immediately inside all external boundaries of the land with all overhanging branches, trees, limbs, etc to be <p>Duration: Compliance required on or before 30th November and maintained up to and including the 31st May each and every year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain fuel loadings below 8 tonnes to the hectare. Firebreaks to remain clear of all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with AS3959 Comply with approved conditions of approval and/or Bushfire Management 	N/A

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Add following dot point:

Any development is to be sited not less than four (4) metres from the perimeter fencing of the lot to allow installation and maintenance of the firebreak area.

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Replace highlighted text as follows:

"Clear firebreaks a minimum of 4 metres wide with a clear vertical axis on all land where fuel storage/hay stacks/greenwaste/mulch piles are located and where fuel dumps, whether containing fuel or not, are stored, around any drum, ramp or stack of drums."

Add the following dot point:


"The maximum permissible dimensions for flammable materials, unless otherwise approved in writing by Council or its authorised officer are as follows (L x W x H):

- Hay stacks: 70m x 30m x 10m
- Fuel storage and any other flammable material (including mulch, vegetation or green waste): 25m x 10m x 4m

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	<p>trimmed back to a clear vertical axis over the firebreak area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install bare mineral earth trafficable firebreaks to a minimum of twenty (20) metres wide immediately surrounding all buildings, sheds and haystacks or groups of buildings situated on the land. All overhanging branches, trees, limbs etc. to be trimmed back to a clear vertical axis over the firebreak area. If a structure exists on the plantation then AS3959 applies. 	<p>Flammable material.</p>	<p>Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain firebreaks clear to mineral earth as per 4(a). Maintain all vegetation away from power lines. 	
<p>5. Application to vary firebreak</p>	<p>Duration: Compliance required on or before 30th November and maintained up to and including the 31st May each and every year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you consider you cannot clear firebreaks as required by this Notice, you may apply in writing to Council on or before 31st day of October in any year, requesting permission to provide firebreaks in an alternative position or take alternative action to comply with this Firebreak Notice. If Council or its authorised officer does not grant permission for your variation or your variation is cancelled, you shall comply with the requirements of this Notice in its entirety. Variations to the Firebreak Order once approved will not be required to be applied for each subsequent year after granting. To apply for a Variation please call 9526 1111 and request a Variation to Firebreak Notice Kit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with your approved Variation to Firebreak Notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with your approved Variation to Firebreak Notice. 	<p>Pages 14 - 16</p>
<p>6. Hazard reduction requirements</p>	<p>Duration: Compliance required on or before 30th November and maintained up to and including the 31st May each and every year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to the above firebreak requirements where Council or the Authorised Officer requires that additional fire prevention works be undertaken within the property to reduce the hazard, Council or the Authorised Officer may instruct in writing the owner and/or occupier to comply with the required works specified within the notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with 6(a) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional hazard reduction as required by Council/ authorised officer. 	<p>Page 10</p>
<p>7. Does your property have a Bushfire or Emergency Management Plan?</p>	<p>Duration: Compliance is in accordance with the written notice throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All properties with a bushfire management, emergency management plan or an approved Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment approved as part of a Town Planning Scheme, subdivision approval, development approval or building permit for an individual or group of properties shall comply with the plan in its entirety. A bushfire management plan's requirements are in addition to the requirements of this notice. PENALTY: \$5000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with your Bushfire Management Plan and/or Bushfire Attack Level assessment and this Firebreak Notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with your Bushfire Management/Emergency Management Plan and/or Bushfire Attack Level assessment and this Firebreak Notice. 	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8. Exemptions</p>	<p>Duration: Compliance is required throughout the year, each and every year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council does not issue exemptions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council does not issue exemptions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council does not issue exemptions. 	<p>N/A</p>

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Firebreak installation guide

The purpose of this guide is to give an understanding of the principle locations of firebreaks on properties. Council acknowledges that not all properties are the same and has introduced a **Variation** to firebreak system. This allows property owners to apply for a variation to manage their properties responsibly within the environment they live in accordance with the Council firebreak notice. See ESINFO 03 Page 13.


As a guide the picture below gives an indication of where firebreaks should be installed to meet the requirements of the Councils firebreak notice.



**MOWED FIREBREAKS
ARE NOT ACCEPTED**



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Variation does not need to be capitalised.

The installation of firebreaks is only one element of the fire prevention picture. Firebreaks are required to be installed and maintained from 30 November until 31 May each and every year. In some cases *firebreaks may have to be reinstalled several times in one year.*

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

Ploughing and grading: these methods can produce effective firebreaks, however, the areas need constant maintenance. Loose soil may erode in steep areas, particularly where there is high rainfall and strong winds. Stepping and grading the firebreak into the incline reduces this effect.

The installation of firebreaks needs to be in harmony with total fire prevention activities of which some are highlighted below;

How to do hazard reduction

Reduction of fuel does not have to be as drastic as removing all vegetation. Environmentally this would be disastrous and often trees and plants can provide you with some bushfire protection from strong winds, intense heat and flying embers.

Methods of hazard reduction:

- hand clearing
- mechanical clearing
- chemical spraying (should be undertaken June – September)
- hazard reduction burning

In many circumstances, hand and mechanical clearing methods should be considered the best way to protect assets. These methods can be safer than burning, and easier to organise and maintain.

Manual removal of fine fuels: remove debris such as fallen leaves, twigs, grasses and bark on a regular basis.

Mowing grass: keep grass short, green and well watered.

Slashing and mulching: this is an economical method of fuel reduction. To be effective, the cut material must be removed or allowed to rot before summer starts. Slashing and mowing may leave grass in rows, increasing fuel in some places. Mulching, or turbo mowing, also mulches the vegetation leaving the fuel where it is cut.

Hazard reduction program

Autumn to winter (May - August)

- Tree Pruning - remove lower branches; check that power lines are clear. Use a professional contractor.
- Reduce fuel levels around the house - clear long grass, leaves, twigs and flammable shrubs.
- Ensure petrol and other flammables are safely stored away from the main dwelling.
- Make sure your fire fighting equipment is in good working order and serviced where required.
- Make sure all residents are aware of your emergency plan including evacuation routes.
- Chemical spraying of firebreaks and low fuel zones – first and second applications.

¹ Spring (September - November)

- Move woodpiles and stacked timber at least 20 metres away from the main dwelling.
- Keep grass short.
- Clean gutters and roof debris.
- Install firebreaks in accordance with this Firebreak Notice, your Variation to Firebreak Notice or your Bushfire Management Plan.
- Chemical spraying of firebreaks and low fuel zones – final applications and maintenance.

Early summer (November - May)

- Water lawns, trees and shrubs near the buildings to keep them green.
- Re-check fire fighting equipment, screens, water supplies and that gutters remain clear.

Long term precautions

- Ensure firebreaks are prepared in accordance with the latest Firebreak Notice or any Variation to Firebreak Notice or Bushfire Management Plan approved by council.
- Ensure that any planting of wind breaks or trees is in accordance with this Firebreak Notice and will not be detrimental to fire suppression requirements in years to come.
- Make sure that the buildings are safe - fit metal fly screens and shutters, fill gaps into roof/wall spaces, fit fire screens to evaporative air conditioners and have them operable to provide a water only supply.

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Add the following dot points:

- Review your family's bushfire survival plan. Further information on bushfire planning can be found on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website.
- Make sure you consider your specific circumstances, including pets and livestock in your bushfire preparation.

- Give consideration to installing external building sprinkler systems and back up power for emergencies.
- ¹ Ensure the access to emergency water supplies has the correct fittings, is unobstructed and the route is trafficable.
- Get basic training in fire fighting from your local Bush Fire Brigade or even join your local Brigade.
- Join or start a local Bushfire Ready Group.

Additional information

Trees - live standing trees: Council does not expect you to remove large trees from or adjacent to boundaries so as to install the firebreak. The firebreak can simply detour around the tree so as to afford safe access. This procedure does not require a Variation to Firebreak Notice as long as the normal dimensions of the firebreak exist. If there is a requirement to detour around multiple trees then ² a Variation to Firebreak Notice may be required.

Roads, verges, bridle paths, footpaths, dual use access ways and reserves: None of the above can be classified as a firebreak for your property. **Firebreaks must be on your own property to conform to the Firebreak Notice.** However, any additional fire prevention activities on verges etc. is encouraged as long as it does not present a liability issue to Council. Removal of indigenous and substantive trees/vegetation requires council approval.

Emergency access ways: These are for Emergency Services vehicles only and are not to be considered as an escape route unless declared as such by the Incident Controller.

³ Building/asset protection zones

⁴ Building/asset protection zones must be a minimum of 20 metres on flat land with the zone increasing as the slope increases. A ⁵ Building/asset protection zone is a low fuel area immediately surrounding a building and is designed to minimise the likelihood of flame contact with buildings and the effect of radiant heat.

It is important to maintain ⁶ building/asset protection zones and keep fuel loads below 2 tonnes per hectare through removal of long grasses and sedges, leaf litter, twigs and flammable shrubs. If there are large trees within 20 metres of the house, consider having them pruned by a professional contractor. There should be no trees overhanging buildings or assets within the ⁷ building/asset protection zone. Where a

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¹ **Building/asset zone** is required as part of an approved Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment it must be maintained as prescribed in the Bushfire Attack Level report.



Hazard separation zone




A Hazard separation zone is to provide additional fire protection by creating a physical separation between the buildings and the surrounding vegetation to reduce the impact of bush fires upon the structures within the ² **Building/Asset** Protection Zone including ember attack. A Hazard Separation Zone (HSZ) should extend for 80 metres beyond the ³ **Building/Asset** Protection Zone or where the 80 metres cannot be achieved then the HSZ is to be to the lot boundary and enhanced construction standards in accordance with *Australian Standard 3959: Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas*.



As the occurrence of bush fires in this locality is inevitable and will burn in accordance with the prevailing weather and fuel conditions at the time, it is essential that property owners maintain HSZ on their land to have any degree of safety. The following practices should therefore be maintained:

- Bush fire fuels within the HSZ should be kept below 4-6 tonnes per ha. as per the Visual Fuel Load Guide for the Swan Coastal Plain and Darling Scarp.
- All unreticulated grasses must be a maximum of 25mm in height.
- All accumulated litter, twigs, bark of trees, fallen tree branches and logs should be removed from the area on a regular basis prior to and during to the Bush Fire Season.

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Maintenance of firebreak, access and vegetation: Once your firebreaks, accesses and vegetation have been managed to meet your legal requirements of the Firebreak Notice, please ensure that these conditions are maintained all the way through until 31 May each year. It is fairly normal for regrowth to occur between December and May. Keep firebreaks and accesses mineral earth and free of obstructions such as fallen tree limbs, ensure vegetation is maintained to minimum levels.

NOT ACCEPTABLE



Effective firebreaks: Firebreaks are there to provide safe access on your property to fire fighters. They 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. On days of strong winds or extreme conditions it is fully accepted that a three metre firebreak will be unlikely to stop a wildfire. The more fire prevention work you undertake, the greater the chance of your family and property surviving the ravages of fire.



Roadside (verge) burning: Please note it is an offence to set fire to Council road reserves/verges at any time of the year without a permit. Permits for this activity can only be obtained from the Council. Contact 9526 1111 to obtain your permit.



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Firebreak variation guidelines

The following guidelines are acceptable categories for which a variation to firebreak may be applied for:

1. The topography makes the normal placement of a firebreak impractical or dangerous and alternative firebreak emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of the fire break order is provided and demonstrated.
2. The topography/composition makes the normal methods of construction impractical (cap stone, rocky or waterlogged) and alternative firebreak emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of the fire break order is provided and demonstrated.
3. An approved Bushfire Management Plan for the property is in place and being conformed to and meets the intention of the fire break order is provided and demonstrated.
4. The firebreak variation only applies to a portion of the property that is **reticulated lawn** that is **kept green** and it can be demonstrated that it is maintained regularly to **less than 25mm** from the 1st December through to the 31st May inclusive.
5. The firebreak variation only applies to a portion of the property that is **reticulated feed paddocks** that is **kept green** and it can be demonstrated that it is maintained regularly to **less than 100mm** from the 1st December through to the 31st May inclusive.
6. The variation only applies to the portion of the property that has **reticulated garden beds, lawn, orchard or other accepted sustained cultivation**, unless it is deemed by the Council or its Authorised Officer that the fuel type/loadings are a hazard, however, there must be in all cases, cleared access provided to enable emergency vehicular access to buildings and outbuildings and all parts of the property in accordance with Councils firebreak notice.

7. Where permission was previously granted to plant trees, where the firebreak would normally be placed, and placement of the firebreak is in an approved alternative position that affords proper emergency vehicular access and hazard management and prevention principles in accordance with Councils firebreak notice.
8. Firebreaks are provided in agreed alternative locations to negate natural obstructions.
9. Constructed driveways may where authorised, substitute for fire breaks as long as it remains trafficable for the firebreak as a whole and is maintained clear of all obstructions and flammable materials at all times in accordance with Councils firebreak notice.

All requests must be made by the property owner or person authorised to act upon the owners behalf. **Individual requests** are required for **each property** and must be submitted on the approved document/application form.

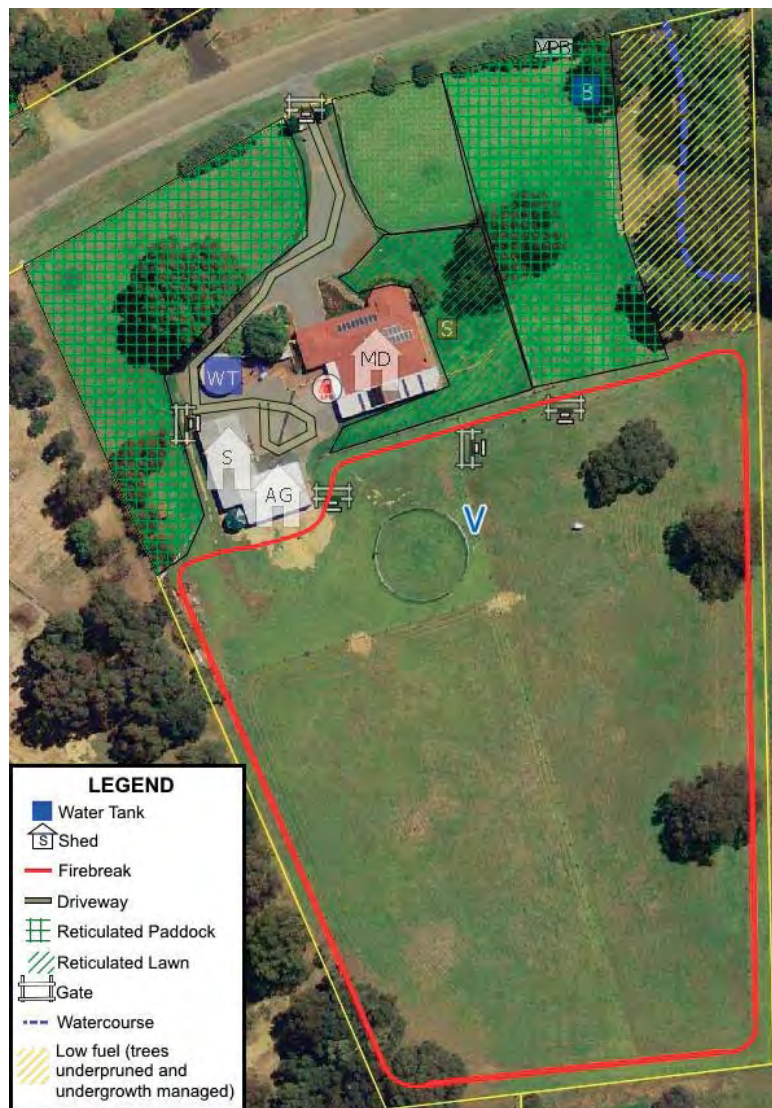
The authorising officer has the right to grant, refuse, alter or add any conditions to an application, where alterations or additions are applicable, failure to comply within the timescales provided by the authorised officer will result in the refusal of the application and prosecution as if a firebreak had not been installed in accordance with this Firebreak Notice.



Where refusal of an application takes place the owner has fourteen (14) days in which to conform to the normal requirements of the Councils firebreak notice.

Please note: You must have your variation in place and operational by the 15th November in the year you wish it to commence. It is your responsibility to demonstrate that the variation will be maintained from the 15th November through to the 31st May each year. Failure to demonstrate compliance and the ability to maintain the alternative solutions approved within the variation will automatically require total compliance with the firebreak order in its entirety.

Example plan of alternate firebreak variations:



Burning information

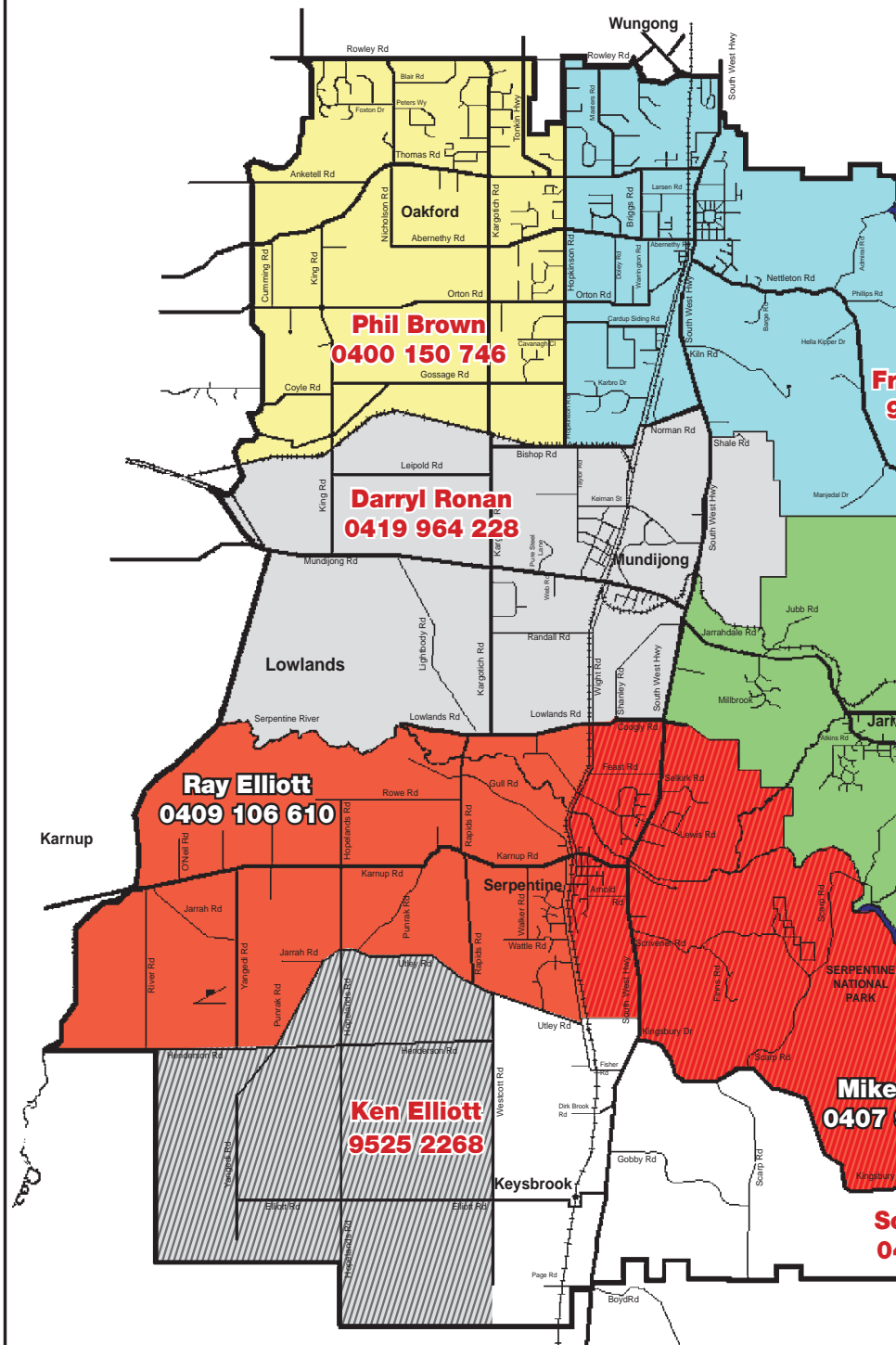
What can I burn?			
	1m by 1m Garden Refuse 6pm to 11pm	Wood and Solid Fuel Barbecue	Grass, Paddock, Bonfire, Bush
<p>Restricted Burning Period Permits Required 1 October to 30 November**</p>	<p>Permitted Unless fire danger is 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' See pages 18 to 21</p>	<p>Permitted Unless fire danger is 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' See pages 18 to 21</p>	<p>Permitted Unless fire danger is 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' See pages 18 to 21</p>
<p>All Burning and Fires Prohibited</p>			
<p>Prohibited Burning Period 1 December to 31 March**</p>	<p>Gas and Electric only</p>		<p>Prohibited</p>
<p>Restricted Burning Period Permits Required** 1 April to 31 May</p>	<p>Permitted Unless fire danger is 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' See pages 18 to 21</p>	<p>Permitted Unless fire danger is 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' See pages 18 to 21</p>	<p>Permits Required Unless fire danger is 'very high', 'severe', 'extreme' or 'catastrophic' See pages 18 to 21</p>

**N.B: Subject to seasonal changes. Please check with Council.

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Who to call for a permit



Volunteer Fire Control Officers

Frank Rankin 9525 1146

Areas: Byford, Darling Downs, Cardup and Karrakup

Phil Brown 0400 150 746

Areas: Oakford and north of railway line in Oldbury

Darryl Ronan 0419 964 228

Areas: Mundijong, Whitby and south of railway line in Oldbury and north of the Serpentine River and Lowlands Road in Mardella

Alan Cabbage 0427 776 890

Area: Jarrahdale

Ray Elliott 0409 106 610

Areas: Serpentine west of railway line, Hopeland and south of the Serpentine River and Lowlands Road in Mardella

Mike Muller 0407 992 893

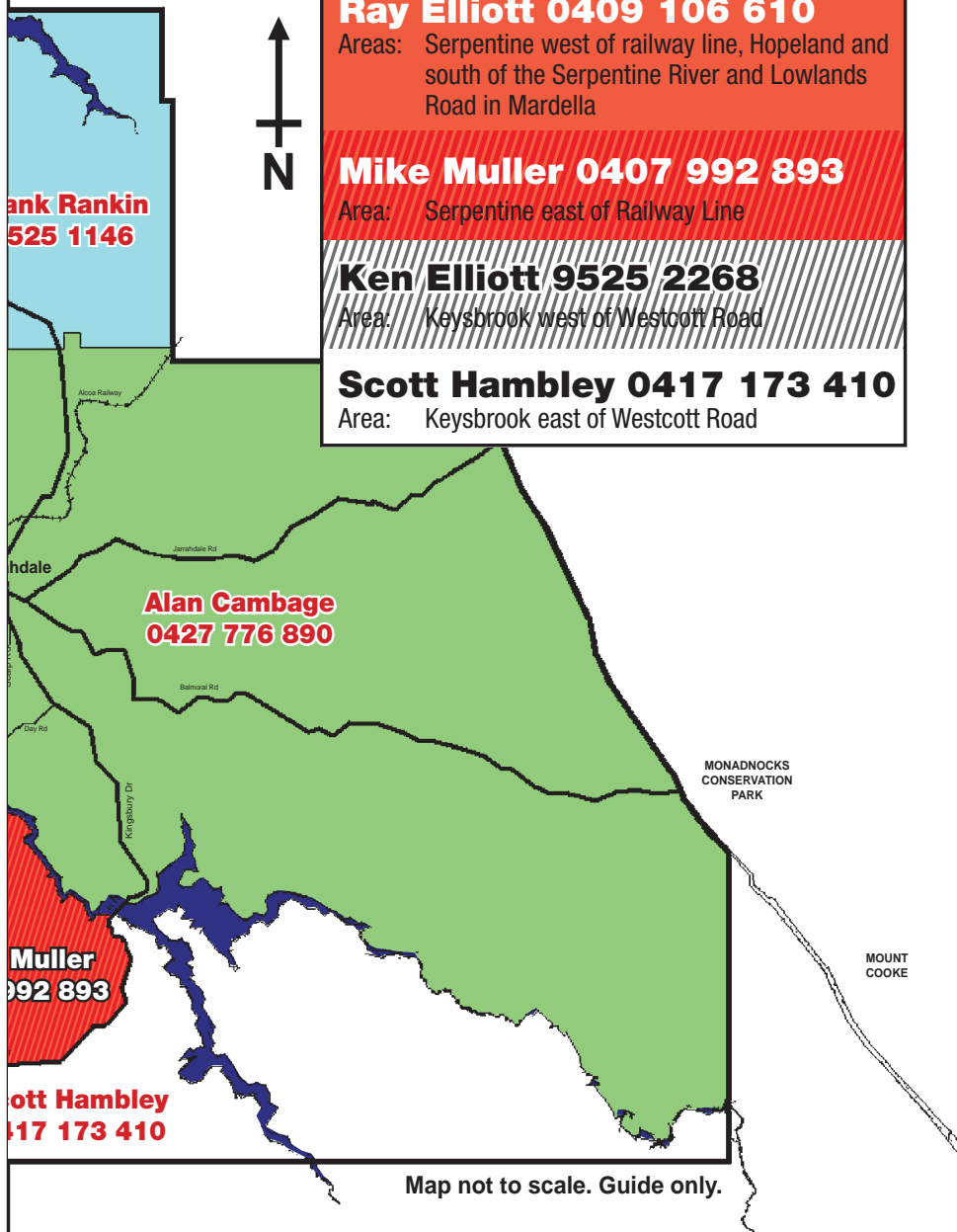
Area: Serpentine east of Railway Line

Ken Elliott 9525 2268

Area: Keysbrook west of Westcott Road

Scott Hambley 0417 173 410

Area: Keysbrook east of Westcott Road



**Frank Rankin
9525 1146**

**Alan Cabbage
0427 776 890**

**Muller
992 893**

**Scott Hambley
417 173 410**

Please Note: on any day where the Fire Danger Rating is ‘very high’, ‘severe’, ‘extreme’ or ‘catastrophic’ during the Restricted or Prohibited Burning Periods, NO garden refuse, wood, solid fuel barbecues, pizza ovens, spit roasts, hangis, incinerators or Webers are permitted to be used under any circumstance. Permits are automatically cancelled on these days. The Fire Danger Rating can be found by calling the weather information line 1196. Due to unseasonable weather conditions the Restricted and/or Prohibited Burning Periods may be extended or shortened. If in doubt or you cannot find out - call Council on 9526 1111 for further information.

What will I be fined if I don't comply?

Failure to produce permit to burn	\$500
Offences relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$3,000
Obstruction of an authorised officer	\$5,000
Disposal of burning cigarettes etc.	\$5,000
Failure of occupier to extinguish bush fire	\$10,000
Setting fire to the bush during prohibited burning time	\$250,000 and 14 years imprisonment

If Council's volunteer bush fire brigades attend a fire at any time of the year that is deemed to be

- Illegal or;
- not under control or;
- not adequately controlled;

the owner or occupier of the property where that fire is burning may be liable to penalties imposed under Council's Annual Schedule of Fees and Charges, in addition to any infringements or penalties imposed under the Bush Fires Act 1954 (as amended).

Fire permit application

All persons wishing to set fire to the bush during the Restricted Burning Times must first obtain a written permit from a Bush Fire Control Officer for their relevant area.

“**Bush**” is defined as: any vegetation, trees, bushes, plants, stubble, scrub and undergrowth of all kinds whatsoever whether alive or dead and whether standing or not standing and also a part of a tree, plant or undergrowth and whether severed there from or not so severed.

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 number?
- What is the address of the property for which the permit applies?
- What fire fighting equipment and resources will you have at the fire front and is it in good working order?
- What is the size of 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 plastics, tyres treated posts or woods in the piles or area to be burnt? If so, remove them to a safe place.

Validity of a permit

A permit is valid only for the day or days written on the permit. It is illegal for anyone who has been refused a permit or given a permit subject to special conditions to approach another Fire Control Officer for a permit concerning the same burn. Appeals can be lodged in writing to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer of the Local Authority against the refusal of the permit or the conditions.

The Bush Fires Act and Regulations require that notification of the intention to set fire to the bush be given at least 4 days or not more than 28 days prior to burning to:

- A Bush Fire Control Officer.
- All neighbours.
- A Forest officer if the fire is to be lit within 3km of the State Forest.
- On the day of the burn, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Communication Centre on 1800 198 140.

Notice can be verbal or written in such a way that the person to be notified is aware of the date and time that the burn will take place. In case where notice is given verbally, the period of notice may be determined by mutual agreement between all parties.



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Insert the following text:

"Please Note:

All hazard reduction burning over one acre in area which is being undertaken on behalf of a landowner for commercial gain has the following conditions:

- Written permission and a valid "permit to set fire to the bush" must be obtained from the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale at least one week prior to the burn
- A copy of the prescription, including a site plan, traffic and smoke management plan, written permission from the landowner and details of the burn must be submitted as part of the written application
- The Shire and its authorised officer/s reserve the right to either approve, refuse or request additional information in relation to any request to burn on a landowners behalf."

Note:

- At least three (3) able bodied persons and adequate fire suppression equipment or appliances must be in attendance at the fire until it is safe.
- The requirements for a fire to be “safe” is defined as all burning or smouldering debris to be completely extinguished for a distance of 30 metres within the perimeter of the burn area.
- The Fire Control Officer or Local Authority may endorse the permit to vary any conditions on the reverse of the permit.
- A fire may not be lit when the fire danger forecast for the area, issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, is very high, severe, extreme or catastrophic.
- The fire must be monitored to make sure smoke is not impacting on neighbours or causing a traffic hazard; if this is found to be the case, all fire must be extinguished as soon as possible.
- Local Government bans the lighting of fires on Sundays or Public Holidays except for brigades or Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- In all cases, the conditions written on the permit must be rigidly observed.
- If, in the opinion of a Fire Control Officer, the fire is considered to be not adequately controlled or is uncontrolled, you may be required to extinguish the fire or Council’s Bush Fire Brigade(s) will extinguish the fire.
- Failure to comply with the directions of a Fire Control Officer or obstructing a Fire Control Officer are offences under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and carry penalties of \$2000 and \$5000 respectively.

Insurance before you burn

Please ensure you have appropriate insurance in place to cover you, your property and your public liability responsibilities before you begin to burn.

Environmental considerations

Does your property have specific environmental restrictions such as:

- threatened ecological communities
- environmentally sensitive areas
- noted as a bush forever site
- areas of native vegetation or specific areas of revegetation which may be prohibited from burning under legislation such as the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*
- previous development/subdivision approval conditions.

If the answer to this question is yes, or you are not sure information is available by:

- accessing the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's website
- contacting Councils office on 9526 1111

It is highly recommended that weed control be undertaken after burning. Contact SJ Landcare centre on 9526 0012 for further information.

Remember

It is the permit holder's responsibility to ensure that the fire remains under control. **In the event of any fire escaping beyond the boundaries of the area, the holder of the permit shall dial "000" immediately.** Notification must be made to the bushfire control officer or authorised officer and a report in full, on the circumstances causing the escape of the fire must be given. A form may be supplied by the bushfire control officer or authorised officer for completion. Should a fire escape, a permit holder could be held responsible to damages caused to others.

Penalties

The Bush Fires Act specifies penalties for breaches of these conditions. If a brigade has to attend your uncontrolled burn for suppression activities you could be liable for fines and/or costs.

Advice

Further information can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer in the first instance or from Council on 9526 1111.



Garden refuse

Burning of garden refuse is permitted during the restricted burning period as long as residents comply with this firebreak notice. If in doubt, check with your local Fire Control Officer or the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

Burning on any day with a fire danger of 'Very High', 'Severe', 'Extreme', or 'Catastrophic' is not permitted, and holds a penalty of \$3000.

As a courtesy, you must notify all residents who adjoin the site of the garden burn at least 72 hours prior to the burn. Where practicable, other residents who might be inconvenienced by the pile burn should also be notified. This allows residents with respiratory conditions to make alternative arrangements prior to the burning of garden refuse. The following considerations apply to all garden refuse burning:

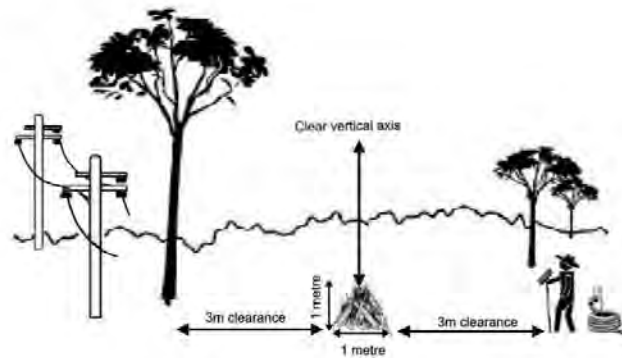
- Material that is to be burnt must only be vegetation from the locality, not household or building material such as plastics, wooden pallets, old cupboards or cardboard boxes
- A single pile should not be greater than one metre in length or width, and must not be greater than one metre high
- Three metres must be cleared around the pile from its edge in all directions
- Before lighting the pile, ensure that you have suitable tools handy (rakes and shovels) to conduct the burn and control any possible spot fires.
- Ensure you burn a pile well clear of trees, power lines, fences and buildings
- Ensure that there is a sufficient water supply to extinguish the burn and that you have a hose with appropriate water pressure that can reach around the pile.
- The fire cannot be lit before 6pm at night, additional vegetation may be added to a maximum of 1m in width and height until 11pm and the fire must be fully extinguished by midnight on the same night
- Accelerants (such as petrol) must never be used in the pile
- Only one pile may be burnt at a time. If you wish to burn multiple piles at once you will require a permit from your local Fire Control Officer

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- The pile must not exceed one cubic metre in size
- Only garden refuse (vegetation) may be burnt. This means no household or building materials, plastics, pallets or cardboard may be burnt.
- Garden refuse being burnt must be from the property on which the burn is occurring. You may not burn garden refuse from other properties.
- At least one person must be in attendance during the entire duration of the burn
- Three (3) metres must be cleared from the edge of the pile in all directions
- Only one pile may be burnt at a time. If you wish to burn more than one pile at a time you will need a valid permit from a your local Fire Control Officer.
- All adjoining residents must be notified at least 72 hours prior to the burn
- The fire cannot be lit before 6pm at night, additional vegetation may be added to a maximum of 1m in width and height until 11pm and the fire must be fully extinguished by midnight on the same night
- Accelerants must not be used in the pile

RIGHT



Pile is the correct size and clearance. Burn pile clear of trees, fences, buildings and power lines

WRONG



More than one pile being burnt, piles are too big and are being burnt under trees.

YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO COME HOME TO THIS WOULD YOU?



Can you imagine returning from work to find all your possessions gone, all the valuables, jewellery, treasured mementos from children and family, all your tools, machinery and vehicles burnt beyond recognition? Could your family cope with being homeless? What about your pets and livestock? What if your family was injured or worse?

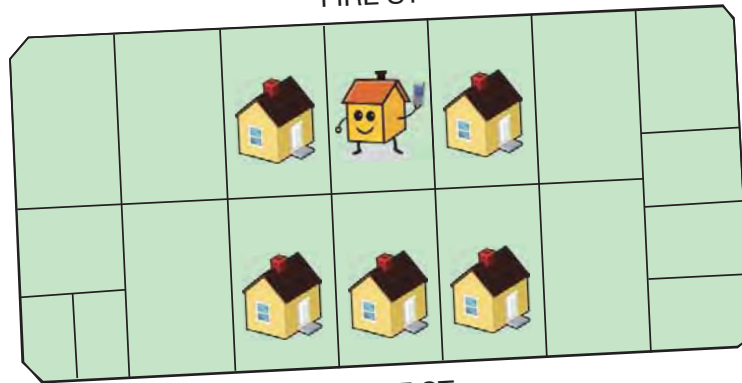
SO TAKE ACTION NOW

- **Know your neighbours, share information and practice your fire plan!**
- **Follow the Hazard Reduction Program Diary**
- **Have a bush fire action plan**
- **Have an evacuation plan, a contingency plan and know where you will go in an emergency**
- **Stay safe**

“Be a mate to eight”



FIRE ST



SMOKE ST

→ Contact details of your neighbours

Name	H Phone	W Phone	M Phone
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

In the case of emergency keep these numbers handy so that you can call and notify your mate.



Remember, report all fires to

000

**The simple rule is - if it's
your property, it's your hazard
and your responsibility.**

Are you being a part of your community?

Join your local community Volunteer Bushfire Brigade or State Emergency Service, there are a lot of support roles besides active physical roles behind the scenes that also need your support.

**Make a difference!
Call 9526 1111**



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