
SHIRE OF SHARK BAY

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FOR ALL FIRES RING 000

DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED	BURNING PROHIBITED	BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED
<i>1 OCTOBER EACH YEAR TO 14 DECEMBER EACH YEAR</i>	<i>15 DECEMBER EACH YEAR TO 31 MARCH EACH YEAR</i>	<i>1 APRIL EACH YEAR TO 30 APRIL EACH YEAR</i>
INCLUSIVE	INCLUSIVE	INCLUSIVE

THE ABOVE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO VARIATION

BUSH FIRE NOTICE AND REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND
IN THE SHIRE OF SHARK BAY

In accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954-81, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order. This order is made to advise individual land owners that it is their responsibility for fire prevention.

THE PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THIS NOTICE IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000, AND NOTWITHSTANDING PROSECUTION, COUNCIL MAY ENTER UPON THE LAND AND CARRY OUT REQUIRED WORKS AT THE OWNER'S/ OCCUPIER'S EXPENSE.

An inspection of firebreaks and hazard removal will be carried out
in Rural and Urban areas
on or after 1 November each year.

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FIRE BREAK NOTICE 2017/18

FIRE BREAKS

**Must be installed before 1 November
and maintained clear of inflammable material
up to and including 30 April**

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 - SHIRE OF SHARK BAY

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF SHARK BAY FIRE BREAK NOTICE

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the **BUSH FIRES ACT 1954**, owners or occupiers of land in the Shire of Shark Bay are hereby required to carry out firebreak work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with provisions of this order.

"FIREBREAK" means ground from which all flammable material has been removed and on which no flammable material is permitted during the firebreak period.

"FLAMMABLE MATERIAL" defined for the purpose of this notice to include bush (as defined in the Bush Fires Act), boxes, cartons, paper and the like flammable materials, rubbish and also any combustible matter but does not include green standing trees, or growing bushes or plants in gardens or lawn.

Owners or occupiers of land in the Shire of Shark Bay are required to have firebreaks constructed prior to the firebreak period which is **FROM 1 NOVEMBER TO 30 APRIL INCLUSIVE**.

Persons who fail to comply with requirements of this order may be issued with an Infringement Notice or prosecuted and face a fine of up to \$5,000. Additionally the Shire may carry out the required work at cost to the owner or occupier.

If for any reason it is considered impracticable to comply with the provisions of this order, you may make a **WRITTEN** application for a variation of the order which must reach the Shire not later than **1 November**. Approval to any such variation will only be granted where the Bush Fire Control Officer for the area has first signified his approval to the variation by his signature on the written application. If the application is not approved by the **SHIRE COUNCIL** you shall comply with the requirements of this notice.

1 TOWNSITE LAND - In respect of land owned or occupied by you in the Townsite of Denham

- (a) Where the area of land is 2,024 square metres or less, remove all flammable material on the land from the whole of the land.
- (b) Where the area of land exceeds 2,024 square metres, construct firebreaks at least 2 metres wide immediately inside all external boundaries of the land and also immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land.
- (c) In respect of any land owned or occupied by you, which there is situated any containers/installation used for the storage of flammable liquid or gas fuel, you shall clear the land of all flammable material.

2 RURAL LAND - Other than Townsite land

- (a) A firebreak shall be constructed not less than 2 metres in width immediately inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the property or properties owned or occupied by you.
- (b) Where buildings are situated on the property, additional firebreaks not less than 2 metres in width must be provided within 20 metres of the perimeter of such buildings in such a manner as to completely encircle the building.

SPECIAL ORDERS - SECTION 33

The requirements of this order are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties but the district generally. In addition to the requirements of this order, the Shire Council may issue separate special orders on owners or occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary.

Protect Your Home and Property

BURNING PERMITS

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REQUIRED
1 OCTOBER
TO
30 APRIL
INCLUSIVE**

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained from the Shark Bay Shire Office, Town Fire Brigade Captain and Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. See telephone numbers below. When applying for a permit you will be required to provide house and lot numbers and street/road of the property for which the permit is to apply.

WHEN TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits are required -

- 1 For burning bush and grass at any time between 1 October and 30 April inclusive.

WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

HINTS FOR BURNING

- 1 Do not light fires on a hot windy day.
- 2 Do not try to burn more than you can control.
- 3 INFORM YOUR NEIGHBOURS.
- 4 Make sure smoke and sparks will not affect neighbours washing or open windows.
- 5 Do not burn wet or green garden clippings, tyres, plastics and chemicals as they are likely to cause dense, acrid smoke and cause inconvenience to neighbours.
- 6 Do not burn bottles, aerosol cans, etc as they are likely to explode.
- 7 Cut or rake long grass around trees, buildings and fences before burning.
- 8 Burn against the wind.
- 9 On sloping block, burn from the top down.
- 10 Have a hose or spray pack to dampen down fierce fires.

BURNING IS PROHIBITED ON VERY HIGH OR EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAYS.

ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

Further advice on how to protect your home, and when and how to burn off, is available from your Shire Council or your local Town Fire Brigade or Bush Fire

Control Officer. If you have any questions contact them. The safety of the whole community is at stake.

VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE AND TOWN BRIGADES

These Brigades will welcome people who are prepared to join in and assist in fire prevention and fire fighting. Ring your local area Fire Control Officer for the Bush Fire Brigade or 9948 1329/9948 1272 for the Town Brigade and say you would like to join. Induction training is available for all new volunteers.

PLEASE NOTE

Extra care is to be taken when burning off due to the heavy growth this year.

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PENALTIES

Major offences may result in court action with fines ranging from \$5,000

THE BIGGEST PENALTY OF ALL

Standing in the wreckage of your home or your neighbour's home knowing the smouldering mess is your fault because YOU did not take the proper precautions.

DENHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

Captain

Steve Copeland

Emergencies Only 000

BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Chief Fire Control Officer

Paul Anderson

9948 1218

Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer

Brian Galvin

9948 1218

PASTORAL STATIONS AND/OR FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Tony Loechte & Larissa Lauder	Hamelin Pool Station	9942 5914
Harold Crawford	Nerren Nerren Station	9962 9592
Harold Crawford	Meadow Station	9962 9592
Ron Reid	Tamala Station	9948 3994
Sam Fenny	Yalardy Station	9942 5902
Shirley Birch	Taliska Station	9942 5902
Sam Fenny	Carbla Station	9942 5915
Tony Millar	Carrarang Station	9948 3997
Geoff & Daphne Brockman	Coburn Station	9942 5913
Mungullah Community Aboriginal Corp.	Gilroyd Station	
Shauna Johns	Nanga Station	9948 3992
Sam Fenny	Woodleigh Station	9942 5915
Kieran Wardle	Dirk Hartog Island	9948 1211
Phil Scully	Faure Island	9380 9633
Steven Nicholson	DPAW Estate	9948 2226