

# ALL PROPERTIES ARE TO BE FIRE

**SAFE BY 15 NOVEMBER 2023** 

If you do not meet your responsibilities as outlined in this brochure, you may be fined a minimum of \$250 and be required to meet the cost of the Shire's efforts to ensure compliance with this Notice. Ultimately you could be liable for a maximum penalty of **\$5,000** plus costs.

## ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

Further advice on how to protect your home, when and how to burn, is available from Ranger Services or your local Fire Control Officer. If you have any questions, please contact them.

## BARBEQUES

Solid fuel barbecues are prohibited when the fire danger rating is high or above and/or when a Total Fire Ban has been declared. Gas or electric barbecues are permitted for the purposes of cooking only.

**IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE  
CALL 000 FIRST**

YOU MUST HAVE A PERMIT FOR ALL FIRES INCLUDING INCINERATORS

## IMPORTANT DATES

### RESTRICTED PERIOD

#### PERMIT REQUIRED

02/11/2023 - 14/12/2023

### PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

#### TOTAL FIRE BAN

15/12/2023 - 14/03/2024

### RESTRICTED PERIOD

#### PERMIT REQUIRED

15/03/2024 - 26/04/2024

## BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

As a landowner you have a responsibility to manage your property to reduce the risk of fire

This brochure advises what actions you must take by 15 November 2023

## HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained from your local Bush Fire Control Officer or the Shire Ranger

**NOTE:** You will need to contact DFES on 08 9395 9210 prior to commencing a burn during permit season.

### FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Chief BCFO	Bob Jones	0419 041 139
Deputy Chief BCFO	Brant Lehman	0427 267 773
Boddington	Jared Green Daniel Carrotts Peter Clements	0402 337 167 0455 604 500 0427 381 730
Crossman	Jeremy Lobb Brad Hardie Charlie Roberts	0467 421 332 0427 841 035 0428 311 726
Marradong	Mark Roberts Damien Batt Adam Durack William Batt	0409 686 036 0429 110 911 0427 838 865 0427 988 705
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# Bush Fire Notice

2023-2024

Shire of  
**BODDINGTON**  
*Flowing with Natural Beauty*



# FIREBREAK NOTICE

## BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

As a landowner or occupier you are required under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to carry out fire prevention work on your property. Please read this notice carefully, If there are any points that are not fully understood, please contact the Shire of Boddington, on (08) 9883 4999. Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this Notice, to the satisfaction of the Shire or its duly authorised officers on or before **15 November 2023**. All land is to be maintained up to and including **26 April 2024**. All previous versions of this document are hereby cancelled. Properties subject to an approved Bushfire Management Plan must comply with the requirements of their Plan. Persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this notice may be issued with an infringement notice or prosecuted. Where the owner fails to comply with the requirements of the notice, the Shire may carry out the required work at cost to the owner/occupier. If it is considered for any reason to be impractical to clear Fire Access Tracks or remove flammable materials as required by this notice, or if natural features render Fire Access Tracks unnecessary, you may apply to the Shire in writing not later than **30 September 2023** for permission to provide Fire Access Tracks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by the Shire, you must comply with the requirements of this notice. FIRE ACCESS TRACKS are spaces that can provide vehicle and pedestrian access in the case of fire. They shall be maintained, cleared of flammable material for the purpose of fire control and in a trafficable condition. These areas shall be 2.5 metres wide as a minimum and have a 4.0 metre vertical clearance.

**Fire Access Tracks to be installed by November 15 2023. Compliance inspections will commence after this date.**



# RURAL LAND

A Fire Access Track not less than 2.5 metres wide and a 4.0 metre vertical clearance must be established along, inside and as close as practically possible to all external boundaries of each property (i.e. cleared/part cleared or uncleared land) and where the boundary is adjacent to or adjoins a used gazetted road. A Fire Access Track can deviate up to 250 metres around natural rock formations, deep gullies and the like, without submitting an exemption request.

In the interest of protection from soil erosion, Fire Access Tracks may be established on the land contours but only with prior approval of the Shire or its duly authorised officer. An area at least 20 metres wide cleared of all flammable material shall be established immediately around the perimeter of all homesteads, buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas.

## SMALL LOT HOLDERS OR HOBBY FARMS: 20 HECTARES OR LESS

A Fire Access Track not less than 2.5 metres wide and a 4.0 metre vertical clearance must be established along, inside and as close as practically possible to all external boundaries of each property (i.e. cleared/part cleared or uncleared land) and where the boundary is adjacent to or adjoins a used gazetted road. A Fire Access Track can deviate up to 250 metres around natural rock formations, deep gullies and the like, without submitting an exemption request.

All lot/property holders must provide for a Fire Access Track around the entire perimeter of their property. An area 20 metres wide cleared of all flammable material shall be established immediately around the perimeter of all homesteads, buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas. A 2.5 metre diameter low fuel area cleared of flammable material around all "green electrical domes" where underground power is provided to a lot.

## PRIVATE BUSH HOLDINGS /UNCLEARED LAND GREATER THAN 50 HECTARES

A Fire Access Track not less than 2.5 metres wide and a 4.0 metre vertical clearance must be established along, inside and as close as practically possible to all external boundaries of each property (i.e. cleared/part cleared or uncleared land) and where the boundary is adjacent to or adjoins a used gazetted road. A Fire Access Track can deviate up to 250 metres around natural rock formations, deep gullies and the like, without submitting an exemption request.

# TOWNSITES OF BODDINGTON AND RANFORD

All town lots under 10,000 square metres in area and all fuel depots within the Shire are required to be cleared of all debris and flammable material to a height not more than 50mm.

Lots 10,000 square metres and over are to have a minimum 2.5 metre wide and 4.0 metre vertical clearance Fire Access Track installed immediately inside all external boundaries. An area 20 metres wide cleared of all flammable material shall be established immediately around the perimeter of all buildings and fuel storage areas.

## INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE

The Shire forwards a copy of this Bush Fire Notice each year to all property owners. The Notice is also published in a local newspaper circulating within the district. Additional copies are obtainable at the Shire office.

The requirements of this Notice 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 Notice, the Shire may issue separate special orders on owners or occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary.

PENALTIES (AS PER BUSH FIRES ACT 1954)	
Failure to maintain 2.5 metre fire breaks or remove flammable material	\$250
Offence relating to lighting fire in open air	\$250
Burning during prohibited burning times	\$250
Failure of occupier to extinguish a fire	\$250
Refusal to state name and address or giving false name and address	\$100
Failure to produce a permit to burn	\$100

## WHO CAN INSTALL A FIRE ACCESS TRACK FOR YOU?

If you are unable to install a fire access track yourself on your property, there are local contractors who may provide a service to install firebreaks.