

KNOW YOUR FIRE RESPONSIBILITY



ALL PROPERTIES ARE TO BE FIRE SAFE BY 15 NOVEMBER 2022

HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

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

2022/2023 BUSH FIRE NOTICE

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 2022



The safety of the whole community is at stake.

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 Bush Fire Control Officer. If you have any questions, contact them.

BARBEQUES

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted at any time under certain conditions. Check before lighting up.

Solid fuel barbecues are prohibited on days that are forecast catastrophic, extreme, severe or very high danger.

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS		
Chief BFCO	William Batt	0427 988 705
Deputy Chief BFCO	Jesse Reid	0429 678 300
Boddington	Paul Patrick	0427 470 346
	Josh Potts	0428 838 025
	Steve Barratt	0437 156 010
Crossman	Brad Hardie	0427 841 035
	Jeremy Lobb	0467 421 332
	Charlie Roberts	0428 311 726
	Greg Day	0427 838 137
Marradong	Robert Jones	0419 041 139
	Marc Roberts	0428 838 032
	Damien Batt	0429 110 911
	Glenn Wilson	0407 655 830
	Brant Lehmann	0427 267 773
	Adam Durack	0427 838 865
Quindanning	Kingsley Foster	0417 897 823
	Brad Morgan	0427 857 058
	Wayne Littleton	0488 220 213
	Aaron Foster	0437 445 871
Shire of Boddington	Josh Potts	0428 838 025

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Permit conditions include but not limited to:

- Neighbours must be notified at least 24 hours prior to burning;
- Cut or rake long grass around trees, buildings and fencing before burning; and
- Have water on site and a hose long enough to reach rear of fire.
- Burning, even with a permit, is prohibited on days that are forecast **catastrophic, extreme, severe or very high danger**.

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE
CALL 000 FIRST

AN EXPERT OFFICER HAS ALL THE LATEST CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

YOU MUST HAVE A PERMIT FOR ALL FIRES INCLUDING INCINERATORS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

RESTRICTED PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD	RESTRICTED PERIOD
PERMIT REQUIRED	TOTAL FIRE BAN	PERMIT REQUIRED
02/11/2022 - 14/12/2022	15/12/2022 - 14/03/2023	15/03/2023 - 26/04/2023

Burning restrictions apply
Please be aware of the dates

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, Phone (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 2022**.

All land is to be maintained up to and including **26 April 2023**. 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 **Friday, 30 September 2022** 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 2022.

Compliance inspections will commence after this date.

RURAL LANDS

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.

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 deviate up to 250 metres around natural rock formations, deep gullies and the like, without submitting an exemption request.

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 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, perimeter of all homesteads, buildings, haystacks and fuel storage areas.

A Building Protection Zone 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. A 2.5m diameter low fuel area cleared of flammable material around all "green electrical domes" where underground power is provided to a lot.

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 the district. Additional copies are obtainable at the Ranger's and Shire offices.

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.

Compliance Inspections will commence after 15 November 2022.

PENALTIES (AS PER BUSH FIRE ACT)	
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.