

Shire of Yilgarn

Bushfires Act 1954

Notice to all Owners & Occupiers of Land within the Shire of Yilgarn

Requirements to Clear Firebreaks

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33(1) of the Bush Fires Act you are hereby required to plough, cultivate, scarify, burn or other-wise clear firebreaks on all land owned or occupied by you by 1 November 2023 and thereafter to keep these firebreaks clear of all flammable material until 31 March 2024. Firebreaks are required in locations and to the specifications detailed below.

LAND WITHIN TOWNSITES

- (a) On land not exceeding 2023 square metres in area, all flammable material shall be removed.
- (b) On land exceeding 2023 square metres in area, a firebreak 3 metres wide shall be constructed inside and immediately adjoining all external boundaries.
- (c) Firebreaks 3 metres wide shall be constructed immediately surrounding all buildings.
- (d) Haystacks must not be located more than 20 metres to an external boundary. They shall be surrounded by a 10 metre wide firebreak situated between 10 and 20 metres distance from stack.
- (e) Stored fuel, oil and flammable materials shall be protected from fire as prescribed in the Explosives and Dangerous Goods Act 1961 and the Flammable Liquids Regulations 1967.

RURAL LAND

- (a) Firebreaks 3 metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside and adjoining all property boundaries.
- (b) Firebreaks 3 metres wide shall be constructed immediately surrounding all buildings.
- (c) Firebreaks 3 metres wide shall be constructed between 10 and 20 metres distance from and surrounding all haystacks.
- (d) Stored fuel, oil and flammable materials shall be protected from fire as prescribed in the Explosives and Dangerous Goods Act 1961 and the Flammable Liquids Regulations 1967 and which include that a firebreak 6 metres wide will be provided immediately surrounding storage areas.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DURING HARVEST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

- (a) A minimum of 600 litres of water to be kept onsite at all times during harvest or related activities; and
- (b) By the 2024/2025 summer fire season, all minimum water requirements are to be carried by a motorised vehicle **OR** a trailer that is connected to a motorised vehicle at all times and is able to be deployed immediately

GENERAL

If for any reason it is considered by the owner or occupier of land that it is impractical to comply with the requirements of this notice, a request may be made to Council to approve alternative fire protection measures. Such application shall be accompanied by a sketch or drawing of the proposed variations and should be lodged at the Council offices no later than 31 October 2023.

Where approval of a proposed variation is not granted by Council you shall comply with the requirements of this notice. The penalty for non-compliance with this notice is a maximum of \$5,000 and notwithstanding prosecution; Council may enter on the land and carry out the requisite works at the owner / occupiers expense.

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

Restricted Burning Period: 19 September 2023 to 31 October 2023 and 16 February 2024 to 31 March 2024

(Note: Permits to burn during this period are required. Permits must be obtained from your nearest Bush Fire Control Officer)

Prohibited Burning Period: 1 November 2023 to 15 February 2024

(Note: Permits to burn stubble from the previous seasons crop will not be issued until 1 March 2024)

By order of the Council

Nic Warren

Chief Executive Officer