

**Notice to all landowners and occupiers
within the Shire of Kojonup**

Pursuant to section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954



2022/2023 FIRE BREAK ORDER

By order of the Shire of Kojonup Council 17 May 2022
Grant Thompson, Chief Executive Officer

BUSH FIRE BAN PHONE LINE: 9831 0145
EMERGENCY SMS LIST: SHIRE 9831 2400
BUSH FIRE EMERGENCY: 9831 1580 / 000

**Please Note: The Shire of Kojonup is now part of
the Stirlings West Fire Weather District**

PROHIBITED BURNING TIME

5 November – 14 February

Permits may be issued between 5 Nov – 15 Dec for protective burning only. Between 13 Dec – 14 Feb no fires may be lit without the express permission of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. The Shire Council has authority to extend this date and you should consult with your local Fire Control Officer or ring the hotline on 9831 0145.

RESTRICTED BURNING TIME

1 October – 4 November & 15 February – 13 April

Permits are required for all fires lit during these Restricted Burning times and must be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer who will explain the conditions under which fires may be lit.

Permits will not be issued for town site burning between 15 Feb – 13 Apr. Please note restricted burning times may be extended by the CBFCO, you should consult with your local Fire Control Officer or ring the hotline on 9831 0145.

NON-RESTRICTED BURNING TIME

14 April – 30 September

Landholders must still take necessary precautions to keep their fires under control and on their own properties.

SPRAYING REMINDER

Chemical spraying of firebreaks on land within a gazetted townsite is to be completed to the Shire's satisfaction by the 15 September.

FIREBREAK INSPECTION WARNING

2 November – All firebreaks and fire hazard reduction measures to be completed on land within the gazetted townsite.

4 November – Council will conduct its annual firebreak inspection of all land within the gazetted townsite.

12 December – All protective burning and firebreak precautions to be completed on land outside the gazetted townsite.

13 December – Council will commence its aerial inspection process of all land outside the gazetted townsite.

IMPORTANT DATES

BURNING RULES

1. Patrolling of all fires is the responsibility of the landowner or occupier for as long as the fire poses a risk. These include clearing fires as well as protective burning.
2. All adjoining landowners must be notified on the morning of the intended burn whether clearing grass or protective burning is carried out.
3. No fire to be lit before 1300 hours (1pm). As from the 1st April, lighting times may be at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.
4. For all grass, stubble and chaff fires, no trees or heaps of logs are to be burning within 40 metres of the outside of the perimeter break.
5. All stubble/grass burns conducted within the restricted burning period must have a 2.4-metre-wide perimeter break cleared of all flammable material.
6. All other conditions on a WRITTEN PERMIT to burn must be complied with.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE MAY LEAD TO PROSECUTION.

The above rules are to be observed in all cases unless your Fire Control Officer gives special approval to any alternative provisions.

TO REPORT A FIRE

Contact Either Zulu or Fire Control Officer in the first instance or dial 9831 1580 / 000.

Provide the following information:

- Your name and contact number
- Fire location (information such as landmarks, road names, your location and the direction of smoke and estimated distance is helpful in establishing fire location)
- If it is a private property, supply the property owners name if known
- Provide details of site access if known

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

VHF Channel 41
UHF Channel 11
Channel 234 or 229

Mid Band Channel
Upon arrival at firesite
WAERN

Do you require a Permit to Burn?

If so, the person who takes out the permit is solely responsible for all conditions agreed to on the permit.

Any damage or injuries that are caused due to negligence, are the permit holder's responsibility and may result in penalties being lodged.

There have been too many fires caused by permit burns in the Great Southern. Please take care and ensure all burns are monitored until they are extinguished.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BURNING RULES

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fire Act 1954, you are hereby required to have firebreaks clear of all inflammable material, in the position, of the width, and for the period as specified.

1. Urban Land (Land within a gazetted townsite)

During the period from the 2nd November to 31st May inclusive, you shall have the following firebreaks:

- On all land, regardless of size or how the land is zoned, a Building Protection Zone (BPZ) of 20 meters surrounding all buildings must be established. A BPZ is a reduced fuel load zone. Living standing trees, remnant vegetation, maintained gardens and lawns are exempt from a BPZ.
- On all land that is 4,000 square meters or less, all remaining flammable material to be reduced to a height of less than 50mm.
- On all land in excess of 4,000 square meters, clear a 3.0 m wide firebreak immediately inside all external boundaries of the land and maintain all flammable material to a height of less than 150mm.
- Woodpiles are permitted on any land providing a 3.0 m wide firebreak is installed and maintained immediately surrounding the woodpile.
- Where chemical spraying is the method chosen as the means by which firebreaks are constructed, this is to be completed to the Shire's satisfaction by 15th September. Firebreaks must be maintained throughout the dates of this notice. If not, the Shire will do the work at the landowners' expense.
- The Chief Executive Officer may instigate a Fire Notice on any property with specifications listed to reduce any potential hazard as he deems applicable.

2. Rural Land (land outside a gazetted townsite)

Homesteads, Buildings, Haystacks, Bulk Fuel, Drums and Liquid Petroleum.

During the period from 14th December to the 31st May inclusive you shall have firebreaks at least 20metres wide, if provided by burning, cultivating or spraying, or 60 metres wide if provided by being closely grazed or mowed to the satisfaction of the Shire. The firebreaks are to be in such positions as are necessary to completely surround the perimeter of any homestead building (excluding isolated non-flammable buildings), fuel installation (including drums), haystacks (but only haystacks within 60 metres of any building) or group of such structures or installations. In each case, the outer 2.4 metres of the firebreak area must be totally free of any inflammable material and where mowing is the method used; all residue of the mowing process must be removed from the area.

3. Plantation/Tree Farmland

Plantation/Tree Farms – An area exceeding three hectares planted for commercial purposes

- Firebreaks shall be 15 metres wide on the boundaries of all plantations, tree farms, or such other locations as may be agreed to by the Council.
- Firebreaks shall be constructed around plantation compartments of approximately 50 hectares.
- A 50 metre perimeter firebreak around all buildings and fuel storage areas, cleared of all flammable material is required.



Non-Compliant Firebreak



Compliant Firebreak



Compliant BPZ

URBAN / RURAL / PLANTATION LAND

Firebreak – (3 meter requirements) – a firebreak is defined as an area three meters wide cleared of all flammable materials by ways of ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing the earth.

Planting Compartment – An individual area of approx 50 hectares surrounded by firebreaks cleared of all flammable material ten metres wide and five metres vertically. Internal firebreaks must be maintained in a trafficable condition and if needed trees on both sides of the firebreak are to be progressively pruned to allow unrestricted access to maintenance and fire fighting equipment to maintain an effective width of firebreak.

Powerlines

If a main power line failure occurs when a Movement of Vehicle Ban is in operation, report to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Western Power has a minimum requirement of ten metres clearance either side of the outside power pole. Generally, the clearance distanced from the powerline should be no less than the expected mature height of the trees planted in the outside row. However, in all instances where power lines are crossing land where it is proposed that plantations be planted, the owner should consult with Western Power, 131351 for advice.

Boundary Firebreaks

Boundary firebreaks are not compulsory within the Shire of Kojonup Rural Area.

Exemptions

If it is considered impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks on the land as required by this notice you may apply to Council or its duly authorized officer no later than 60 days prior to the date by which firebreaks are required as per this notice for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If Council or its duly authorized offices does not grant permission, you shall comply with the requirements of this notice.

Firebreak Inspection

In following the method adopted by Council to inspect the firebreaks required in this notice, it is not necessary for Council to notify you or give you any prior warning that legal action may proceed for failing to comply with the requirements of this notice.

Penalties: An infringement of \$250. A Penalty of up to \$5,000. A person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not to pay the cost of performing the work directed in this notice if it is not carried out by the required date.

As per the Bush Fires Act 1954,

- Occupier of land to extinguish bush fire occurring on own land
 - Where a bush fire is burning on any land —
 - at any time in any year during the restricted burning times; or
 - during the prohibited burning times,

and the bush fire is not part of the burning operations being carried on upon the land in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the occupier of the land shall forthwith, upon becoming aware of the bush fire, whether he has lit or caused the same to be lit or not, take all possible measures at his own expense to extinguish the fire.

(1B) Where he requires assistance for the purpose he shall if practicable, without leaving the fire unattended, inform or cause to be informed the nearest available bush fire control officer, or bush fire brigade officer, of the existence and locality of the fire.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a fire lit before the commencement of a period of prohibited burning times relating to the district where the fire is situated, and which is still burning at the commencement of those prohibited burning times, is to be regarded as being a bush fire which is not part of the burning operation being carried on upon the land in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Penalties: An infringement of \$250. A Penalty of up to \$10,000.

Harvesting

It is compulsory that an engine powered pumping unit and not less than 600 litres of water must be in attendance during grain harvesting operations. Trained units must have the towing vehicle attached at all times. The fire fighting unit must be located in or immediately adjacent to the paddock being harvested at all times.

Penalties: An infringement of \$250. A Penalty of up to \$5,000.

Swathers, Balers and Track Chainers

These are subject to the same conditions as Harvesting i.e. an engine powered pumping unit and not less than 600 litres of water be in attendance during operations from 1st Dec onwards (excluding canola swathing).

Oxyacetylene, Arc Welders, Friction Cutting Equipment etc.

These are subject to the same conditions; whilst used in the open; as swathers and balers and in addition, the work site must be adequately cleared of flammable material before the use of the above equipment

DEFINITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

| FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS AND BRIGADES 2022/2023 | | | | |
|--|------------|-----|-----------|--------------|
| BRIGADE | | | PHONE | MOBILE |
| BOILUP | | | | |
| Bevan Bignell | Bravo 1 | FCO | ----- | 0427 625 312 |
| Ben Johnston | Bravo 2 | LT | ----- | 0429 328 082 |
| BOSCABEL | | | | |
| Glen Woodhams | Boscabel 1 | FCO | 9832 8074 | 0427 328 005 |
| Craig Ivey | Boscabel 2 | LT | ----- | 0428 720 065 |
| Kim Bellotti | Boscabel 3 | LT | ----- | 0437 331 001 |
| John Benn | Boscabel 4 | LT | ----- | 0409 116 950 |
| CHANGERUP | | | | |
| Paul Norrish | Charlie 1 | FCO | 9832 1017 | 0428 919 609 |
| Maurice Shilcock | Charlie 2 | LT | 9833 1280 | 0438 911 045 |
| Murray Magini | Charlie 3 | LT | 9863 1191 | 0429 198 701 |
| CTP | | | | |
| Daniel Ladyman | CTP 1 | FCO | ----- | 0429 001 981 |
| Owen Bignell | CTP 2 | LT | ----- | 0429 311 383 |
| Peter Kowald | CTP 3 | LT | ----- | 0427 095 720 |
| Andrew Bushell | CTP 4 | LT | ----- | 0409 111 691 |
| JINGALUP | | | | |
| Will Owen | Jingalup 1 | FCO | ----- | 0429 098 032 |
| Joe Young | Jingalup 2 | LT | ----- | 0427 336 253 |
| Tom Mathwin | Jingalup 3 | LT | ----- | 0429 892 299 |
| KOJONUP | | | | |
| Gavin Norrish | Keelo 1 | FCO | ----- | 0429 311 467 |
| James Eyres | Keelo 2 | LT | ----- | 0429 883 348 |
| Graham McIlree | Keelo 3 | LT | 9831 0570 | 0427 384 429 |
| "To be advised" | Tango 1 | TWN | | |
| LUMEAH | | | | |
| Sam Jackson | Leema 1 | FCO | ----- | 0409 696 559 |
| James Heggaton | Leema 2 | LT | ----- | 0419 711 203 |
| Justin Brown | Leema 3 | LT | ----- | 0447 429 994 |
| MOBRUP | | | | |
| Digby Stretch | Mobrup 1 | FCO | ----- | 0428 540 521 |
| Warren Parker | Mobrup 2 | Lt | ----- | 0427 337 552 |
| David Nunn | Mobrup 3 | LT | ----- | 0400 924 559 |
| MURADUP | | | | |
| Ben Blewett | Mike 1 | FCO | ----- | 0427 250 226 |
| Nathan Leitch | Mike 2 | LT | ----- | 0427 112 608 |
| Bob Francis | Mike 3 | TWN | 9832 1054 | 0418 940 644 |
| ORCHID VALLEY | | | | |
| Daniel Simpson | OV 1 | FCO | ----- | 0427 525 345 |
| Colin Ednie-Brown | OV 2 | LT | 9832 3071 | 0429 323 071 |
| Tony Davis | OV 3 | LT | ----- | 0427 321 891 |
| QUALEUP | | | | |
| Clayton Simcock | Qualeup 1 | FCO | | 0429 724 246 |
| Shannon Binns | Qualeup 2 | LT | 9833 2236 | 0428 173 990 |
| David Forrester | Qualeup 3 | LT | 9832 3070 | 0427 323 070 |
| Ben Webb | Qualeup 4 | LT | 9832 3025 | 0427 987 273 |
| RYANS BROOK | | | | |
| Stuart Tohl | Romeo 1 | FCO | 9834 2225 | 0447 342 225 |
| Jonson Clifton | Romeo 2 | LT | ----- | 0427 342 210 |
| Mitchell Blakers | Romeo 3 | LT | | 0458 033 066 |
| SECRETARY | | | | |
| Denise Berryman | Mike 4 | Sec | 9832 1041 | 9832 1041 |

BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS

| ZULU CONTACTS | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---|
| Name | Position | Call Sign | Contact Details |
| Tony Fisher | Chief FCO | Zulu 1 | Mb 0428 311 504 |
| Roger House | Deputy FCO | Zulu 2 | Ph 9832 1031 Mb 0428 148 545 |
| Ross Fryer-Smith | Senior FCO | Zulu 3 | Mb 0429 342 202 |
| Nick Trethowan | Senior FCO | Zulu 4 | Mb: 0429 341 035 |
| SECRETARY | | | |
| Denise Berryman | Secretary | Mike 4 | Ph 9832 1041 Fax 9832 1041 mberryman@bordnet.com.au |
| SHIRE CONTACT DETAILS | | | |
| Shire Office | | | 9831 2400 |
| Works Depot Office | | | 9831 2900 |
| After Hours Emergency Contact | | | 0427 989 187 |
| Regulatory Manager – Robert Jehu | | | 0448 313 235 |
| Works Manager – Craig McVee | | | 0427 427 854 |
| CESM - Kevin Bransby | | | 0499 899 189 |
| Harvest / Movement ban phone line | | | 9831 0145 |
| EMERGENCY CONTACTS | | | |
| Ambulance | | | 000 |
| Hospital | | | 9831 2222 |
| Police | | | 9831 2555 or 000 |
| Kojonup Fire & Rescue Service | | | 000 |
| Bush Fire Emergency | | | 000 |
| RADIO COMMUNICATIONS | | | |
| VHF Channel 41 | | Mid Band Channel | |
| UHF Channel 11 | | Upon arrival at firesite | |
| Channel 234 or 229 | | WAERN | |

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