

## FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

POSITION	OFFICER	BUSH FIRE RADIO CALL SIGN	VHF	UHF	TELEPHONE
Chief Fire Control Officer	BEN ROBINSON	WEST ARTHUR BASE WEST ARTHUR 1			9862 6113 0438 626 033
Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer	GRAEME PEIRCE	WEST ARTHUR 2			0419 765 196
Fire Weather Officer	ADRIAN SOUTH	CORDERING 1 (+BASE)			0428 935 000
Deputy Fire Weather Officer	ROBERT JEFFERIES	DURANILLIN 1 (+BASE)	30		9862 9056 0427 629 003

BRIGADE NAME	FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	BUSH FIRE RADIO CALL SIGN	VHF	UHF	TELEPHONE
Arthur River	BEN ROBINSON	WEST ARTHUR 1			9862 6113 0438 626 033
	ANDREW PUTLAND	BOKAL 2			9862 9030 0428 629 030
	BRAD WOOLDRIDGE	ARTHUR RIVER 4			0427 626 059
	NEIL MORRELL	KYLIE 1 (+BASE)			0429 629 066
	ALAN MANUEL	ARTHUR RIVER 1			0427 626 002
	PAUL SAUNDERS	ARTHUR RIVER 3			0429 998 344
A/River Truck		ARTHUR RIVER FIRE TRUCK			
Darkan	DUNCAN SOUTH	DARKAN 1			9736 1147 0427 361 147
	PETER LUBCKE	BOOLADING 1	28		9736 1169
	PETER LUTZ	DARKAN 3	11		9736 1534 0427 197 435
	TREVOR BUNCE	HILLMAN 1	39		9736 1140
	JAMES CAMPBELL	DARKAN 2			0427 864 277
Darkan Truck		DARKAN FIRE TRUCK			
Duranillin	ADRIAN SOUTH	CORDERING 1 (+BASE)			0428 935 000
	MATTHEW TELFER	CAPERCUP 1			0477 888 070
	KIM HALES	SANDALWOOD 1	13	9767 2043	0427 802 793
	JAMIE PARK	LIGHTWOODS 2	38	9863 1092	0429 631 092
	ROBERT JEFFERIES	DURANILLIN 1 (+BASE)	30	9862 9056	0427 629 003
	GRAEME PEIRCE	WEST ARTHUR 2			0419 765 196
	GARY ABBOTT	DURANILLIN 4			0429 631 012
	BEN MURPHY	CAPERCUP 2			0439 585 549
	Duranillin Truck		DURA FIRE TRUCK		
Shire Office		SHIRE OFFICE			9736 2222

**FIRE WEATHER COMMITTEE:** Ben Robinson, Robert Jefferies, James Campbell, Adrian South, Duncan South, John Pascoe, Paul Saunders

UHF CHANNEL 5 to be used for communication during fire control for those who do not have access to VHF

**West Australian Emergency Radio Network (WAERN) High Band- Channel 171**

**Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions- Parks and Wildlife Service:**

Collie: 9735 1988, Narrogin: 9881 9200, Katanning: 98211296

## SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR



### BUSH FIRE NOTICE

## 2021/2022

**IN THE EVENT OF AN UNCONTROLLED FIRE CALL 000**

**CONTACT SHIRE OFFICE TO REGISTER FOR NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENT BANS BY SMS**

#### RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

PERMIT REQUIRED

30/09/2021 to 31/10/2021

#### PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

01/11/2021 to 21/02/2022

#### RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

PERMIT REQUIRED

22/02/2022-15/04/2022

**CAMPING AND COOKING FIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PROHIBITED BURNING TIME.**

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## BUSHFIRES ACT 1954

### Shire of West Arthur Fire Break Notice

Notice to all owners or occupiers of land in the Shire of West Arthur.

Pursuant to 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.

The work must be carried out by 30 September 2021, or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier, and be kept and maintained until 15 April 2022.

The penalty for non-compliance with this notice is a maximum fine of \$5,000 and, notwithstanding prosecution, the Shire may enter upon the land and carry out required works at the owners/occupiers expense.

The Shire regularly conducts property inspections to ensure compliance. Persons who fail to commence the requirements of this Notice will be issued with infringements in accordance with the Bushfires Act or Orders to rectify. Inspections commence in November of each year.

If for any reason it is considered impracticable to comply with the requirements of this order, you may make written application to the Shire Chief Executive Officer no later than 14 November for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative position or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on your land. The application must be countersigned by the Fire Control Officer for your local area. No applications, whether verbal or written, will be considered after this date.

#### TOWNSITES

All town lots where the area of the land is less than 2023 square metres (½ acre), is used for the storage of flammable liquids, or zoned for a hotel are required to be cleared of all debris and flammable materials.

All town lots where the area of the land is greater than 2023 square metres (½ acre) shall have the flammable material maintained to a height of no more than 100mm and where undeveloped land abuts developed land a firebreak not less than 2.5 metres wide is required.

#### RURAL PROPERTIES

A firebreak or a combination of firebreaks or closely grazed land is required to completely surround any rural homestead, buildings, haystacks, stacks of fodder, bulk fuel, drums and liquid petroleum. This may be

- a firebreak not less than 10 metres wide constructed immediately surrounding; if provided by cultivation, spraying or burning; or
- a firebreak at least 30 metres wide completely surrounding if provided by closely grazed land; with the outer 2.5 metres cultivated or completely free of flammable material as required under the definition of firebreak.

Where land abuts the Darkan and Duranillin townsites a firebreak is required.

Firebreaks constructed on road verges do not constitute legal firebreaks under the Bush Fires Act.

Property owners/occupiers of land over 40 hectares must have a fully operational mobile fire unit with a minimum capacity of 400litres. Slip on units are to be bolted or chained securely to the tray of the vehicle.

Properties are to comply with the provisions of any approved bushfire management plan.

#### DEFINITIONS

**FIREBREAK:** A minimum of 2.5 metres wide, to bare mineral earth, with a vertical clearance of 4 metres.

**HAYSTACKS:** Means a collection of hay including fodder rolls or large bales placed or stacked together within 200 metres of any homesteads, buildings or fuel installations.

**PLANTATIONS:** A plantation is defined as an area exceeding 3ha within a town site, or an area exceeding 20ha within a rural area, of trees planted for commercial purposes.

#### HARVESTING OPERATIONS

A harvesting, swathing, baling or forestry machine may not be operated in any crop or timber cell during the PBT or RBT unless it is equipped with a fire extinguisher (minimum 7.5 litres). A fully operational mobile firefighting unit with a tank of 400 litre minimum capacity is to be located in or adjacent to any paddock/cell where harvesting, swathing, baling or slashing of stubble is being undertaken.

The operation of harvesting machines and the movement of grain equipment in paddocks on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day is prohibited.

From time to time weather conditions may result in the issue of a Harvest Ban which could include the ban of movement of vehicles in paddocks. Bans will generally be advertised on local radio. It is the responsibility of persons harvesting to be aware if bans are in place. Ignorance to the existence of a ban will not avoid prosecution.

#### PLANTATIONS

The *Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection* provide the minimum standards and a consistent approach to fire management. In addition, the Shire requests that no heaps be lit after 31 August and that the Shire is notified prior to any plantation burning.

#### STUMP GRINDING

A fully operational mobile firefighting unit with a tank of 400 litres minimum capacity to be located in the same cell of the plantation at all times during stump grinding. Any ignition from stump grinding is to be reported to an FCO. Person to remain on site for at least 1 hour after finishing stump grinding in the RBT and PBT.

#### RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURING TIMES

**Prohibited Burning Time (PBT):** The 'prohibited burning' time that applies within the Shire is 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 (inclusive)

**Restricted Burning Times (RBT):** The 'restricted burning' times are 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 (inclusive) and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (inclusive).

These dates may be subject to variation according to seasonal conditions. Any changes will be advertised.

#### PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES – PERMITS

Only a limited amount of burning during this period may be carried out under special permit conditions. Please refer to your Fire Control Officer or the Shire Office.

#### RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES - PERMITS

No person shall set fire to timber or pasture during this period, unless they comply with the following conditions:

1. Obtain the necessary permit from either a Fire Control Officer or CEO of the Local Authority and complies with all conditions.
2. Notified their intention to burn the bush to: - all neighbours, West Arthur Base or Shire Office, a Forest Officer (if the fire will be within 10km of State Forest) and all "Notifiable authorities". The period of notice required under this section shall be not more than 28 days, or less than 4 days, except where the notice is given verbally, in which case the minimum period of the notice may be determined by mutual agreement.
3. No fire shall be lit on a day a "catastrophic", "extreme", "severe" or "very high" fire danger forecast has been issued for the district.
4. Fire to be lit after 12pm (midday).

Burning without a permit will lead to prosecution, fines up to \$10,000 applicable.

#### NO LIGHTING OF FIRES ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**No fires are to be lit on Easter Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday or Public Holidays.**

#### STUBBLE PADDOCK BURNING

A firebreak is to surround the paddock prior to burning stubble.

#### BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE AND RUBBISH:

Permits are required during RBT and PBT.

Garden refuse and rubbish may be burnt as follows:

1. Any time day or night in a properly constructed incinerator designed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material provided it is situated not less than 2 metres from any building or fence and an area of 2 metres surrounding the incinerator is clear of all flammable material.
2. On the ground between the hours of 6.00pm and 11.00pm of the same day, and completely extinguished not later than midnight on that day. An area of 5 metres must be cleared all around the site during the whole time the fire is burning. The user must extinguish the fire by the application of water or earth.
3. The fire shall not be lit on a day on which a "catastrophic", "extreme", "severe", or "very high" fire danger forecast has been issued for the district.