

2023-2024 FIRE BREAK NOTICE

**Restricted burning period is operational in the Shire of Murchison from
15 October 2023 to 30 April 2024**

HAZARD REDUCTION WORK – Bush Fires Act 1954

As a measure to assist in the control of bushfires or prevent the spread of a bush fire, all owners or occupiers of land within the Shire of Murchison are required to install and maintain firebreaks.

Pastoral/Rural Areas

Three-metre-wide trafficable firebreaks are required to be installed on the land and to be clear of all flammable material. All buildings require a minimum twenty metre clearance of all flammable material and graded/ploughed/hoed or chemical applied firebreaks should be installed at the outer edge of that clearance.

Fuel Dumps (Fuel Storage)

On all land where fuel storage areas are located and where fuel dumps, whether containing fuel or not are stored, clear and maintain an additional firebreak at least four metres wide around any drum, ramp or stack of drums.

Advice Is Available

Advice on how to protect your home and family from fire, and when and how to burn off, is available from the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CEO) or Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM).

Barbecues & Incinerators

Gas and electrical barbecues are permitted to be used at any time. Solid fuel barbecues, incinerators and campfires are prohibited on days of HIGH or above Fire Danger and during the PROHIBITED burning period.

Burning Off

Burning is prohibited on days of HIGH or ABOVE Fire Danger. Permits are required during the PROHIBITED burning period. A permit can be gained from the Shire Office. A permit is invalid on days of HIGH or ABOVE.

FIRE DANGER

Information on Fire Danger Ratings is available at www.emergency.wa.gov.au

The ABC radio also issues information and alerts for your area.

BUSH FIRE CONTROL CONTACT DETAILS

Please note, that under the Bush Fires Act 1954, it is the land owner's responsibility in the first instance to take all possible measures to extinguish a bush fire on your property.

If these measures prove in vain and you require assistance, contact your nearest Bush Fire Control Officer or the Shire Office.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Bill Boehm 9963 7999 (business hours)
9963 7977 (after hours)
0428 637 998

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (north)

Quentin Fowler 9963 7972

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (south)Tom

Foulkes-Taylor 9963 7019

Community Emergency Services Manager

Rick Ryan 0438 277 582

Captain Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Stuart Broad 9963 7310

Thank you for helping to keep the coming bush fire season event free.

**Bill Boehm
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Murchison**