

2026-2027 FIRE BREAK NOTICE

**Restricted burning period is operational in the Shire of Murchison from
1 October 2026 to 30 April 2027**

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 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 landowner'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 on 9963 7999

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Brigade Captain

William Herold 9963 7999 (business hours)
 9963 7970 (after hours)
 0428 645 362

Community Emergency Services Manager

Bushfire Control Officer

Brigade Secretary

Rick Ryan 0438 277 582

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Bushfire Control Officer (South)

Tom Foulkes-Taylor 9963 7019
 0448 351 920

Fire Control Officer (North)

Quentin Fowler 9963 7972

Fire Control Officer (East)

Andrew Whitmarsh 0428 275 115

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

Bill Boehm

**Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Murchison**