

Economic

- (18) There are no known significant economic implications relating to the report or officer recommendation.

Social

- (19) There are no known significant social considerations relating to the report or officer recommendation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- (20) A risk assessment has been undertaken per the Council's Risk Management Policy, and no risks have been identified in relation to the officer recommendation or the report.

5.58pm – Second Public Question Time

The Shire President stated that the second public question time would commence and called for questions from members of the public. No questions were received.

Cr Wiggins declared an impartiality interest on the basis that his wife wrote the report.

10.7 FIREBREAK AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT NOTICE

File Reference	FIRE.1
Applicant	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Officer Interest	Nil
Date	1 July 2026
Author	Renee Wiggins, Manager Community Services
Authorising Officer	David King, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	10.7a – 2025/2026 Firebreak and Property Management Notice 10.7b – 2026/2027 Draft Firebreak and Property Management Notice

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- (1) This report recommends minor changes to the Firebreak and Property Management Notice (FMN) for 2026/2027.
- (2) The recommended changes seek to improve clarity and consistency whilst also ensuring meeting legislative requirements.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

- (3) Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 10.7
MOVED: CR HOCKEY	SECONDED: CR WIGGINS
That Council ENDORSE the 2026/2027 Firebreak and Property Management Notice as per Attachment 10.7b.	
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS	
MOVED: CR WIGGINS	SECONDED: CR HOCKEY
That Standing Orders be suspended to allow free discussion on Item 10.7.	
CARRIED: 6/2	Res: 120726
TOTAL VOTES FOR: 6 Cr Devenport, Cr Gibson, Cr Hockey, Cr Sleeman, Cr Wiggins and Cr Youel.	
TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 2 Cr Lewis and Cr Campbell	
RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS	
MOVED: CR WIGGINS	SECONDED: CR YOUEL
That Standing Orders be resumed.	
CARRIED: 8/0	Res: 130726
TOTAL VOTES FOR: 9 Cr Campbell, Cr Wiggins, Cr Youel, Cr Gibson, Cr Devenport, Cr Sleeman, Cr Hockey and Cr Lewis.	
TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 0	
AMENDMENT	
MOVED: CR DEVENPORT	SECONDED: CR YOUEL
That after the words "Attachment 10.7b" add the words, "subject to the following change:	
Replace the Camp and Cooking Fires section by removing the prohibition notice issued under the Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 25 (1a) and replace with general information on the conditions stipulated in the Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 25 (1)(a)".	
LOST: 3/5	Res: 140726
TOTAL VOTES FOR: 3 Cr Devenport, Cr Sleeman and Cr Youel.	
TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 5 Cr Campbell, Cr Gibson, Cr Lewis, Cr Wiggins and Cr Hockey	
AMENDMENT	
MOVED: CR DEVENPORT	SECONDED: YOUEL

That after the words "Attachment 10.7b" add the words, "subject to the following change:

Amend the Camp and Cooking Fires section by expressly excluding purpose built, BBQ's, pizza oven and smokers from the prohibition issued under the Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 25 (1a)".

CARRIED: 5/3

Res: 150726

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 5

Cr Devenport, Cr Sleeman, Cr Youel, Cr Wiggins and Cr Hockey.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 3

Cr Campbell, Cr Gibson, Cr Lewis.

AMENDMENT

MOVED: CR LEWIS

SECONDED: CR WIGGINS

Replace the word "ENDORSE" with the words "SUPPORT in principle"; and
Add a Part 2 that reads, "REQUEST the Chief Executive Office to consult on the proposed changes through a Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting and provide a subsequent report back the earliest possible Council meeting with a recommendation on the proposed changes."

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND TIED: 4/4

Res: 160726

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 4

Cr Wiggins, Cr Campbell, Cr Gibson and Cr Lewis.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 4

Cr Devenport, Cr Sleeman, Cr Youel and Cr Hockey.

THE SHIRE PRESIDENT USED HIS CASTING VOTE AND VOTED FOR THE AMENDMENT WHICH WAS CARRIED: 5/4

AMENDED MOTION

That Council:

1. SUPPORT in principle the 2026/2027 Firebreak and Property Management Notice as per Attachment 10.7b, subject to the following change:
 - a. Amend the Camp and Cooking Fires section by expressly excluding purpose built, BBQ's, pizza oven and smokers from the prohibition issued under the Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 25 (1a).
2. REQUEST the Chief Executive Office to consult on the proposed changes through a Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting and provide a subsequent report back the earliest possible Council meeting with a recommendation on the proposed changes.

THE AMENDED MOTION BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WHICH WAS PUT AND CARRIED: 6/2

Res: 170726

TOTAL VOTES FOR: 6

Cr Wiggins, Cr Gibson, Cr Devenport, Cr Hockey and Cr Sleeman.

TOTAL VOTES AGAINST: 2

Cr Campbell and Cr Lewis.

Reasons for change

To provide information and consultation prior to making a decision on the potential changes regarding cooking fires.

LOCATION

- (4) The FMN applies across the Shire of Denmark municipality.

BACKGROUND

Firebreak and Property Management Notice Structure

- (5) The Firebreak and Property Management Notice is the Shire's annual notice to owners and occupiers of land within the municipality. The property preparedness, firebreak, low fuel boundary, access, hazard management, inspection and enforcement requirements are primarily issued under section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. The notice has evolved over time into its current form which provide clear guidance on what is required by residents and visitors across the Shire.
- (6) The Notice is deliberately presented in coloured sections so that landowners can quickly identify which legal obligation applies to them and what action is required.
- (7) The burning period section (coloured red) relates to Sections 17 and 18 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Primarily, it deals with the prohibited and restricted burning times. It also provides information on how to obtain permits during the restricted burning times.
- (8) The property requirement section (coloured orange) relates to Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. This provides the necessary information to owners and occupiers on the maintenance requirements of private property.
- (9) The camp and cooking fire section (coloured blue) relates to Section 25 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. This deals with when a camping or cooking fire may be lit in the open air and what precautions must be observed.

Camping and Cooking Fires

- (10) In July 2025, Council considered the 2025/2026 Fire Management Notice and resolved to repeal Policy P050102 – Camping and Cooking Fires because the policy no longer reflected the approach adopted through the annual Notice. The Council report identified that submissions on camping and cooking fires had produced differing views, but that there was broad consensus that fire pits and campfires should generally be prohibited during the prohibited burning period.
- (11) The change was made to improve legal clarity, community understanding and enforceability. The report noted that there are no provisions in the Bush Fires Act

1954 that allow a local government to create broad, blanket exemptions for particular types of cooking fires, such as pizza ovens, smokers or similar outdoor fire appliances. Where a fire in the open air is proposed during a period in which it is otherwise prohibited, the available mechanism is a property-specific approval or permit process rather than a general exemption in a policy.

- (12) The proposed 2026/2027 FMN continues this approach by clearly separating the camp and cooking fire requirements as a distinct section of the Notice under section 25 of the Bush Fires Act 1954. This provides a clearer basis for communicating that outdoor fires are not permitted during the prohibited burning period, while also distinguishing those requirements from the property preparedness obligations made under section 33 and the restricted and prohibited burning periods set under sections 17 and 18.

Compliance with the Property Management Requirements

- (13) Historically, compliance with the Firebreak and Property Management Notice has been lower than required to adequately manage bushfire risk across the municipality. While education has always been an important part of the Shire's approach, experience has shown that education alone has not been sufficient to achieve consistent property preparedness across all land types, particularly where properties are vacant, absentee-owned or not actively managed.
- (14) In response, the Shire has progressively strengthened its compliance model over the past two fire seasons by increasing both education and enforcement activity. The approach is intended to support willing landowners to understand and meet their obligations, while also ensuring that non-compliance is addressed where it creates unacceptable risk for neighbouring properties, emergency responders and the broader community. This includes continued use of the Book a Ranger program, Bushfire Ready engagement, clearer public information, consistent inspections and enforcement action where required.
- (15) This approach is beginning to show measurable improvement. For the 2025/2026 fire season, the Shire achieved approximately 86% compliance, compared with approximately 83% in 2024/2025. Over the same period, Book a Ranger visits increased by 37%, indicating stronger community engagement with the Notice and its requirements.
- (16) Notably, approximately 60% of infringements issued during the 2025/2026 season were to absentee owners, compared with approximately 50% in 2024/2025, reinforcing the importance of targeted communication and compliance activity for landowners who may not be regularly present at their properties.

DISCUSSION / OFFICER COMMENTS

- (17) No major changes are proposed for in the 2026/27 FMN. However, following an annual review informed by feedback from the Bushfire Operation Group and Compliance Officers the following minor changes have been proposed and incorporated into the Draft FMN in attachment 10.7b.

Change	Reason
Page 1 remove unrestricted reference and dates	The term Unrestricted may give the false impression that there are no restrictions, however there are restrictions at any time of the year when the Fire Danger is high or above
Page 1 wording change from 'no burning' to 'no outdoor fires.....' Page 2 removed second reference to No burning...	The term burning could be confused as just burn offs and clarification was recommended to include all outdoor fires. Already on page 1.
Page 2 Highlighted the recommendation to register your burn at all times of the year	Feedback suggested highlighting the recommendation to register burns at all times of the year. The more we can encourage community to register their burns will help to reduce alarm and false call outs.
Page 3 change from 'all residents' to 'all properties' and including 'vacant land'	Feedback suggested that some landowners weren't aware that the Notice applied to ALL land types and all owners of property not just residents (absentee ownership, Government Agencies etc.)
Page 4 add 'Additional responsibilities 3' to the list of what all properties must have	The 'Additional responsibilities' section has previously existed but adding "Any Additional Responsibilities 3' provides a simple quick reference check of what each property needs to have, 1, 2a OR 2b & 3. Helps to avoid 'Additional responsibilities' being forgotten on the following page.
Page 5 Outbuildings/Sheds, wording of overhanging branches to align with APZ definition. - Removal of the requirement to clear gutters and roofs on Outbuildings/Sheds that are outside the APZ Clarity of wording around specific hazards	Wording to be consistent. Outbuildings/Sheds outside the APZ require a 3m low fuel boundary and Fuel and Chemical Storage etc. typically found in sheds which have strict requirements already in place. Removing the need for gutters and roofs to be clear helps owners to achieve compliance whilst still mitigating fire danger. Sheds that are not habitable are not as critical as habitable buildings and owners focusing their efforts on habitable buildings is a better use of their efforts. Reducing the requirements aims to allow better effort in areas that are more critical. Specific hazard wording clarified to ensure emerging technology hazards are included.

Page 6 Large trees (larger than 5m tall) now changed to 'Overhanging Trees', APZ Definitions and Requirements. Addition of wording "This includes (but is not limited to) outbuildings, sheds and any built structure within that zone, and must meet all of the following requirements:"	Some tree, less than 5m, still overhang an asset and are deemed non-compliant unless there is a 3m vertical clearance. It was discussed with the Brigade Leadership Group and officers and decided to clarify that outbuildings, sheds and other structures, not just habitable buildings, within the APZ should be maintained to the same standard as habitable and that needed to be clarified in the Notice.
Page 7 Flammable Material definition now excludes milled timber	Milled timber can now be stored under unenclosed decking or house structure.
Page 8 QR code included	This code will take community to before and after photos and examples of Vehicular Access, Trafficable and Property Access and Boundary Maintenance.
Page 9 Changes to 'should' and 'must' where relevant. Removed, • "Is on a permanent residence and is not temporary or holiday accommodation"	'Must' is included where legislation clearly defines it, 'should' replaces where we are encouraging people to be safer. Temporary and holiday accommodation restrictions are managed under different legislation and follow different processes which cannot be defined by the Bush Fire Act or this notice, so we have removed the reference. There are no powers to specify property types such as, permanent residence and therefore this should be removed.
Page 10 Remove FCO contact details	It is inappropriate for FCOs to have their private contact details listed. Technology improvements now include a generic brigade email for each FCO to utilise. This will be available online and we will now refer community to that page to seek out a permit for their area.
All pages The addition of page numbers	This will assist community queries over the phone. When community members receive an infringement and seek to understand what was non-compliant it is helpful to have a page reference to talk it through easily.

CONSULTATION AND EXTERNAL ADVICE

- (18) Officers sought feedback from the Brigade Operational Group (BOG) who provided comments.
- (19) All feedback received was compiled and reviewed by the Brigade Leadership Group and officers during a workshop to consider the proposed changes. The group agreed on the amendments, and a draft FMN was subsequently provided to the BOG for any further comment with no additional requests for changes.
- (20) The 2026/2027 Notices will be distributed with the annual rates notice as well as meeting the various provisions of the Bush Fires Act. It is also advertised annually in the Government Gazette.

STATUTORY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**Bush Fire Act 1954**

- (21) The FNM is issued under the relevant sections of the Bush Fire Act 1954

STRATEGIC / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan**

- (22) The FMN supports the Shire of Denmark Bushfire Risk Management Plan by operating as a key annual property-level bushfire risk control. The BRMP identifies bushfire risk across the municipality and provides a framework for current bushfire controls, asset identification and risk assessment, risk treatment, cascading risk, communication, monitoring and review. The FMN gives practical effect to this framework by setting annual requirements for asset protection zones, low fuel boundaries, firebreaks, vehicular access, management of flammable material, hazard-specific treatments, and landowner preparedness.
- (23) The proposed changes also support the BRMP's emphasis on practical risk treatment and continuous improvement. Clearer wording, improved references, page numbering, examples, and targeted information for owners and occupiers assist community understanding and support consistent inspection and enforcement activity. This is particularly important given the Shire's experience that education alone has not historically achieved the level of compliance required to manage bushfire risk effectively.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS**Environmental**

- (24) The FMN seeks to strike a balance between protecting the natural environment and mitigating bushfire risks.

Economic

- (25) There are no known significant economic implications relating to the report or officer recommendation.

Social

- (26) There are no known significant social considerations relating to the report or officer recommendation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- (27) The principal risk is that, if the Firebreak and Property Management Notice is not endorsed, clearly communicated and consistently administered, property-level preparedness across the Shire may reduce, weakening one of the key annual controls that supports the Shire's Bushfire Risk Management Plan. Endorsement of the 2026/2027 FMN supports the BRMP by providing clear, enforceable requirements for asset protection zones, low fuel boundaries, firebreaks, access, flammable material management and hazard-specific treatments. The FMN is considered an effective and proportionate control because it combines clearer landowner obligations with education, inspections and enforcement, and recent compliance improvements indicate that this balanced approach is improving community preparedness.

Cr Sleeman declared a financial interest on the basis that he owns a business in the town centre.

Cr Devenport declared a financial interest on the basis that he is a business owner in Denmark.

Cr Youel declared a financial interest on the basis that he owns and runs a business in the business precinct where potential future works are planned.

7.13pm – Cr Lewis, Cr Devenport, Cr Youel and Cr Sleeman left the room.

10.8 TOWN CENTRE CONNECTIVITY AND STREETScape WORKING GROUP

File Reference	File
Applicant	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Officer Interest	Nil
Date	15 July 2026
Author	David King, Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	David King, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	10.8 – Draft Terms of Reference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- (1) Council is asked to consider the establishment and membership structure of the proposed Town Centre Connectivity and Streetscape Working Group (the Working Group).
- (2) The draft Terms of Reference have been prepared to establish the Working Group as advisory only and not a committee established under section 5.8 of the Local Government Act 1995. Therefore, the Working Group has no delegated authority, and cannot make decisions on behalf of Council.



2026 - 2027

Burning Periods

Section 17 & 18 Bush Fires Act 1954

Firebreak and Property Management Notice

Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954

**To owners and occupiers of land within
the Shire of Denmark**

**THIS IS YOUR FIRST
AND FINAL NOTICE**

Camp and Cooking Fires

Section 25(1a) Bush Fires Act 1954

Other Information

TO REPORT A FIRE CALL 000

Attachment 9.1c

Burning Periods 26/27

Section 17 & 18 Bush Fires Act 1954

Restricted - 1 Nov 2026 - 15 Dec 2026

Section 18

PERMIT REQUIRED

PROHIBITED - 16 Dec 2026 - 15 Mar 2027

Section 17

Restricted - 16 Mar 2027 - 30 Apr 2027

Section 18

PERMIT REQUIRED



Throughout the year, no outdoor fires are allowed at any time when the Daily Fire Danger Rating is HIGH or above.



It is your responsibility to be aware of the **Daily Fire Danger Rating** and any **Total Fire Bans** which are published online at www.emergency.wa.gov.au



Daily Fire Danger Ratings, Total Fire Bans and **Vehicle Movement Bans** can also be found online at www.denmark.wa.gov.au



At any time, Restricted and Prohibited Burning Period dates may change. **It is your responsibility to be aware of these changes.**

Failure to comply with this notice may result in a penalty of up to \$5000.

Permits to Burn

During the Restricted Burning Period you require a Permit to Burn if you would like to carry out a burn on your property.

To obtain a permit, you must contact your local Fire Control Officer at least 3 days prior to the time you wish to burn to complete the necessary paperwork and get the necessary approval.

If your permit is granted, you must adhere to the conditions listed on the permit.

No permits will be issued for properties under 2000m².

Remember: Fire Control Officers are volunteers, so please be respectful of their time.

See 'Other Information' for Fire Control Officer contact details.



You should always register your burn with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), at all times of the year.

This prevents firefighters from being called out if smoke is reported.

Contact DFES on (08) 9395 9209.

For other relevant information, including FAQs, go to **denmark.wa.gov.au/fire**

Firebreak and Property Management Notice

Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954

Maintenance Period

1 Dec 2026 - 30 Apr 2027

Your property must be maintained for this entire period

Compliance Inspections Commence

1 Dec 2026

All properties, including vacant land, are required to comply with this notice.

If the requirements of this notice are not completed to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer, **an on the spot fine of \$250 will be issued.**

An Authorised Officer is legally able to enter your property without warning or permission to conduct compliance inspections.

This document lists **your legal responsibilities** to address bushfire hazards at your property. It is your responsibility to ensure you understand what is required and act accordingly.

For more help understanding your responsibilities please visit
denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Your Property Must Have...

All requirements of category

1

PLUS

All requirements of category

2a

OR

2b

AND

Any Additional Responsibilities

3

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- **Asset Protection Zone**
- **Vehicular Access**

Properties **less than 5000m²**
(1.23 acres) must have:

2a

- **Slashed, mowed or trimmed grass /groundcover**, not exceeding 100mm, and,
- **Managed flammable material.**

Properties **over 5000m²** **(1.23 acres)** must have:

2b

- **Firebreak (Low Fuel Boundary Access or LFBA)** An additional LFBA is required to break up bushland areas exceeding 40 hectares.
- **Grassland and groundcover** maintained to 100mm unless justified to the satisfaction of an Authorised Officer to be within an actively managed agricultural pursuit.

Additional Responsibilities

Strategic Fire Access Routes must meet approved Town Planning Scheme provisions or the requirements of an adopted Subdivision Guide plan. If such a route is located on your property, maintenance is your responsibility.

Outbuildings/Sheds outside of the Asset Protection Zone require a Low Fuel Boundary extending 3m from the outermost point of the structure and no overhanging branches unless there is 3m-high vertical clearance.

Haystacks, Wood, or Stockpiled Flammable Material require a 3m-wide Low Fuel Boundary.

Plantations must be maintained in accordance with the Plantation Fire Protection guidelines developed by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

Specific Hazards A 3m-wide Low Fuel Boundary is required for infrastructure including, but not limited to water tanks, power, telecommunications and solar.

Fuel and Chemical Storage requires a 10m-wide Low Fuel Boundary.

Compliance Inspections occur from **1 December 2026 to 30 April 2027** and properties may be inspected more than once during this time.

Shire of Denmark contractors may enter your property to carry out any works required by this notice at your expense.

Definitions

APZ Definition and Requirements

Asset Protection Zone (APZ): The 20m zone immediately surrounding any habitable building measured from any external wall, supporting post or column.

This includes (but is not limited to) outbuildings, sheds, and any built structure within that zone, and must meet all of the following requirements:

- **All Flammable Matter** (including leaf litter and firewood) shall be removed from all walls, roofs, gutters and from under unenclosed decking or house structure.
- **Managed Vegetation** such as leaf litter and fallen dead vegetation should not have a depth of more than 5cm. Dead plants (all or part) should be removed
- **Overhanging Trees** shall have no branches overhanging any built asset unless there is 3m vertical clearance.
- **Lawns/Grass** maintained to less than 100mm

Flammable Material: Accumulated fuel such as dry grass, leaf litter, twigs, branches, rubbish, dead trees, firewood, stored fuels, that can be easily ignited or is likely to catch fire and burn.

Flammable Material also includes any other thing deemed by an Authorised Officer to be likely to catch fire but excludes living trees, growing bushes, plants in gardens and/or lawns under cultivation and milled timber.

Low Fuel Boundary: A maintained area directly around a structure or hazard that has been cleared of all combustible material likely to fuel a fire.

Vehicular Access: Overall 6m wide with trafficable surface 4m wide, and 4.5m minimum vertical clearance. Includes driveways longer than 50m which must allow for the safe travel of emergency vehicles and include a turn-around area.

Trafficable: An unimpeded route (may be ploughed, cultivated, mulched, sprayed or otherwise clear) accessible to four-wheel drive fire vehicles.

Clearing Native Vegetation

Clearing activities that are outside of the minimum requirements outlined in this notice may require a clearing permit.

Penalties apply for unauthorised clearing.

Refer to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Department of Planning, Land and Heritage and Environmental Protection Agency for more information.

Property Access and Boundary Maintenance (firebreaks/LFBA): A trafficable portion of land cleared of all trees, shrubs, grass, and other combustible material, providing a 'fuel-free' area as close as practical to the internal perimeter of the property, meeting the definition of Vehicular Access. A LFBA must not terminate, lead to a dead-end, have tight bends or be without safe egress routes.



For more information **scan the QR code**, or go to denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Additional Requirements

In addition to this notice, any property subject to an approved Bushfire Attack Level assessment and/or Bushfire Management Plan must also adhere to the conditions of those documents.

Variations

Applications for a variation must be received before **1 December 2026**.

A variation is not an exemption.

It is an application to employ other methods of preparedness to land that you own and/or occupy.

You can check your eligibility for a variation, at denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

Camp and Cooking Fires

Section 25 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

Prohibited Burning Period

Outdoor fires are **not permitted anywhere** in the Shire of Denmark during the **Prohibited Burning Period**.

This includes:

Solid fuel barbeques (e.g. weber)

Fire pits

Outdoor pizza ovens

Camp and cooking fires

Restricted Burning Period

For camping or cooking, outdoor fires are **not permitted** during the **Restricted Burning Period**, unless all of the following criteria are met:

- Fire Danger Rating is moderate or below.
- You should have the means to extinguish the fire and remain with the fire at all times.
- There must be a 3m radius clear of combustible material and it should be contained within one of the following:
 - A purpose-built structure of brick or rocks and mortar,
 - A purpose-built steel container recognisable as a properly constructed barbecue, or,
 - A fire pit with a maximum diameter of 1m and minimum depth of 30cm.

Other Information

Book a Ranger until 1 December

Request an appointment with our Rangers to talk through the notice and/or variations at your property.

Visit denmark.wa.gov.au/book-a-ranger

Bushfire Ready

Follow or join your local Bushfire Ready group for helpful tips and assistance. Visit yourdenmark.wa.gov.au/be-bush-fire-ready.

Local Fire Control Officers

Fire Control Officers (FCOs) can grant permits to burn. To contact your local FCO, visit denmark.wa.gov.au/brigades

To report a fire, call 000

You are responsible for your own safety

Emergency alerts and other important information are available at the following sources:

www.emergency.wa.gov.au
ABC Great Southern local radio
www.denmark.wa.gov.au/fire

You can subscribe to receive SMS Alerts from the Shire of Denmark at www.denmark.wa.gov.au/subscribe

**For more information please contact
the Shire of Denmark**



(08) 9848 0300



info@denmark.wa.gov.au



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Section 25 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

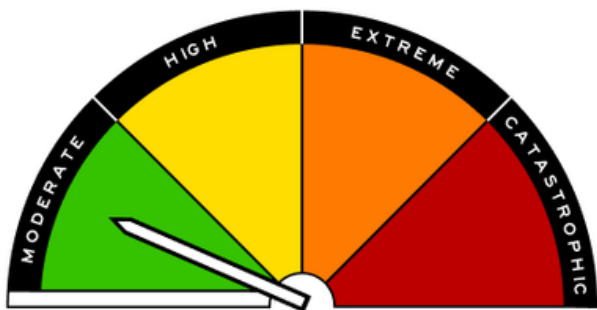
Prohibited Burning Period

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This includes camp and cooking fires*.

***Solid fuel barbeques and smokers** (e.g. weber) and **outdoor pizza ovens** are **not permitted** during the **Prohibited Burning Period**, unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The daily **Fire Danger Rating** is moderate or below.



- You should have the means to extinguish the fire and remain with the fire at all times.
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