

# Shire of Denmark

## Fire Management

### Notice 2018/19



For All Fire  
Emergencies  
**Dial 000**

To all owners and/or occupiers of land in the Shire of Denmark

### FIRST & FINAL NOTICE

PURSUANT to the powers contained in Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you are hereby required **on or before 1st December 2018 to implement, and then continuously maintain until 30th April 2019** the requirements relevant to your property as specified in this Notice.

**YOU own the property.....YOU own the risk!**  
**Penalties apply for non-compliance.**

### DATES TO REMEMBER.....

*NB: these dates may vary to accommodate unseasonal conditions.  
Notification of any variation will be made via Public Notice; website, Facebook.*

				CAMP/COOKING FIRES						
PREPARE			COMPLIANCE							
NO PERMIT REQUIRED		RESTRICTED		PROHIBITED			RESTRICTED		NO PERMIT REQUIRED	
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Jul Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May Jun	

- **Prohibited Burning Time (PBT)**; 16th December to Last Day of February.
- **Restricted Burning Time (RBT)**; 1st November to 15th December—1st March to 30th April. Permits are required.
- A Permit is required to burn **any** area of **Standing Bush** from 1st October to 15th December & 1st March to 30th April. ('Standing Bush' is a term for all types of forest, woodland and scrub areas. It is defined to include "trees, bushes, plants, stubble, scrub, and undergrowth of all kind whatsoever whether alive or dead" in these areas.)
- All fire risk mitigation measures, as per this Notice, are to be implemented and maintained from 1st December to 30th April.
- Prepare your property as described in the requirements overleaf.
- No permit required; you may light an open fire but you must have the means to extinguish, contain and control the fire within the boundaries of the property.
- Camping & cooking fires are prohibited throughout the Shire of Denmark from 16th December to the last day of February, **except** in designated locations. *See over.*

#### PERMITS TO BURN THE BUSH\*

**\*Free of charge\***

- Permits can only be obtained from your Local Fire Control Officer (FCO).
- The Permit Holder must give notice to ALL immediate neighbours prior to burning.
- No permits will be issued during the Prohibited Burning Time.
- Permit holders MUST comply with ALL conditions on the permit as set out by the FCO.
- When the Fire Danger Rating is '**VERY HIGH or above**', the permit is **NOT** valid. No fire to be lit.



Fire Danger signs located at;

- Opposite Denmark Cemetery
- Denmark Visitor Centre
- Cnr Campbell/Ocean Beach Rds
- Peaceful Bay
- Nornalup
- Bow Bridge

Denmark (Stirling Coast); Shire of Denmark  
website [www.denmark.wa.gov.au](http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au)

#### \* Definitions & Explanatory Notes

forming part of this Notice can be found on the Shire website [www.denmark.wa.gov.au](http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au) or available from the Shire office.



Bushfire Ready is a community-based bushfire preparedness program. To register your interest for your neighbourhood, please contact the Shire of Denmark Community Emergency Services Manager on 9848 0300 or [enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au)

**FIRE MITIGATION & PREPAREDNESS IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

**REQUIREMENT 1—Lots zoned Residential, Industrial, Commercial & Professional Office size 2500m<sup>2</sup> or less.**

Reduce fire fuel from the whole of the land such that the fire fuel is maintained to a maximum of 2 tonnes per hectare or 5 tonnes per hectare for predominantly Karri treed areas. Isolated trees and managed shrubs may generally be retained.

**REQUIREMENT 2a - Lots zoned Residential, Industrial & Commercial size greater than 2500m<sup>2</sup>.**

Establish and maintain an **Asset Protection Zone\*** around all habitable buildings.

Remainder of land – grassed areas to be maintained to a maximum height of 100mm. Fire fuel in bush areas is to be maintained to a maximum of 8t/ha, or 15t/ha for predominantly Karri bush areas.

Vehicular access/egress to dwelling to be constructed to allow emergency and other vehicles to move through easily and safely at all times. Minimum standard 6m horizontal clearance with 4m trafficable surface and 4.5m vertical clearance, incorporating a suitable turn around area for a 3.4 fire appliance.

**REQUIREMENT 2b - Lot size over 0.5ha—** In addition to the provision of Requirement 2a, establish and maintain a Low Fuel Boundary Access (see below) with a 4m trafficable surface and 4.5m vertical clearance.

**NOTE** – Where any conditions listed in Requirements 2a or 2b are physically impractical on a Lot, the Shire may approve an **Urban Fire Management Plan\*** or **Variation\*** in place of the standard Requirement 2a or 2b requirements.

**REQUIREMENT 3 — Land zoned Special Rural, Special Residential, Landscape Protection, Tourist or Rural Multiple Occupancy**

In addition to any specific fire related provisions that may relate as per Town Planning Scheme or Bushfire Management Plan for your property, which can be obtained from the Shire, you are required to **Comply with Requirement 2a or 2b** as applicable.

**REQUIREMENT 4 – Rural Land**

Establish and maintain an **Asset Protection Zone\*** around all habitable buildings. See explanatory notes re. Other Buildings.

Vehicular access/egress is to be constructed as per **Requirement 2a**

Establish and maintain a Low Fuel Boundary Access with a 4m trafficable surface and 4.5m vertical clearance, or obtain Shire approval for a **Variation\***

Open Pasture/grassed areas are to be generally maintained to a maximum height of 100mm, or livestock grazing occurs on the land and ‘commercial stocking rates’ are observed. Actively managed pastures, forming part of an agricultural pursuit, may exceed a 100mm height if approved by a Shire Ranger. See Explanatory Notes for details.

Where a bush area on a property exceeds 40ha, the bush area is to be compartmentalised with Low Fuel Access into areas not greater than 40ha. This Access must have a 6m width, 4m trafficable surface and 4.5m vertical clearance.

Through Bush; slashed to a maximum height of 100mm, passing places should be installed every 100m and should be 20m long and 6m wide. Turn-around areas (10m radius), suitable for heavy Duty Fire Appliances should be installed every 500m.

**REQUIREMENT 5 – Specific Hazards; Haystacks, Fuel Storage Areas, Power & Telecommunication Infrastructure**

Establish and maintain a Low Fuel Zone (parkland cleared) 4m wide, encircling **haystacks and fuel storage areas.**

Establish and maintain a Low Fuel Zone (parkland cleared) 1m wide, around **Power Infrastructure** e.g. poles and Underground Power Domes.

For **Telecommunications/Radio Infrastructure** contact/consult the Shire.

**REQUIREMENT 6 – Plantations, any area in which trees have been planted for commercial purposes.**

The Shire of Denmark has adopted the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection developed by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services. All plantations are to be managed as per the [Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection](#).

**REQUIREMENT 7— Strategic Fire Access Route (SFAR)**

Where a Strategic Fire Access Route is located on your property, you will be required to install and maintain it, to the satisfaction of the Shire, between 1st December and 30th April. It must not be obstructed by buildings, fences or additional tree planting and so on. Unlocked gates are to be provided on property boundaries where the SFAR crosses.

**LOW FUEL BOUNDARY ACCESS ‘Firebreak’ CONSTRUCTION**

May be constructed by ploughing, grading, raking, burning, chemical spraying or any other method to achieve required standard.

**Required Standard within Shire of Denmark;**

**On Pasture;** slashed to a maximum height of 100mm, as close as practically possible to the boundary.

**Through Bush;** slashed to a maximum height of 100mm, as close as practically possible to the boundary. Passing places should be installed every 100m and should be 20m long and 6m wide.

Turn-around areas (10m radius), suitable for Heavy Duty Fire Appliances should be installed every 500m.

**CAMPING & COOKING FIRES\***

Designated locations where open camping & cooking fires are permitted during the **Prohibited Burning Time**, **EXCEPT** when the **Fire Danger Rating** indicates ‘**VERY HIGH**’ or **above** are;

Private Land Riverbend Caravan Park: 40 Riverbend Lane Denmark, Ayr Sailean: 21 Tindale Rd Bow Bridge Boat Harbour, Chalets: 171 Boat Harbour Rd Parryville

Public Land Parry Beach Caravan Park (Shire), Parry Beach Angling Club Hut (Shire), Peaceful Bay Caravan Park (Shire)

Care is to be taken when burning near Denmark River and Quickup Dam drinking water catchment areas  
— see Explanatory Notes for further information.

## Shire of Denmark — Fire Control Officers

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Ross McDougall	9840 9583	0428 788 008
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Leslie (Lez) Baines	9840 9847	0408 956 133
Fire Weather Officer	Adrian Kranendonk	9848 1340	
Community Emergency Services Manager	Scott Medhurst	9848 0300	0428 913 937
Senior Ranger	Charmaine Shelley	9848 0300	0488 909 650
Ranger	David Lonie	9848 0300	0429 482 244

Brigade FCOs, (number refers to the map below):

1.	Hazelvale VBFB	Alex Williams	0417 188 843
2.	Tingledale VBFB	Brian Vigus	9840 8053
3.	Nornalup VBFB	Shire of Denmark	9848 0300
4.	Peaceful Bay VBFB	Ivars Sulcs	0428 343 021
5.	Mehniup VBFB	Dan Willans	0402 653 330
6.	Kordabup VBFB	Craig Lilley	0417 746 848
7.	Owingup VBFB	Bryce Edwards	0427 711 408
8.	Somerset Hill VBFB	Callum Baxter	0409 446 993
9.	Parryville VBFB	Kevin Hard	9840 9336
10.	Harewood VBFB	Mike Hills	0417 097 199
11.	Carmarthen VBFB	Craig Hughes	0407 223 297
12.	William Bay VBFB	Simon Coppock	0488 971 145
13.	Mt Lindesay VBFB	Murray Brooker	0429 094 136
14.	Scotsdale VBFB	Sid Marshall	9899 4316
15.	Shadforth VBFB	Carl Wesley	0417 911 087
16.	Denmark East VBFB	Bronnie Wallace	0450 683 778
17.	Ocean Beach VBFB	Joe Baker	9848 3238

Bush Fire Control Officers authorised within the prescribed Denmark Fire & Rescue Service Area Only

18.	Town	Don Atkinson	9848 0328(w)	0427 481 651(a/h)
		Lee Shelley		0416 476 933

