



MINUTES
FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS' MEETING
17 April 2019

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next Meeting of the Committee.

Signed:
(CEO)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Murray', is written over the signature line.

Date **29 April 2019**

These minutes were confirmed at the Audit Committee Meeting held on

Signed:
(Presiding Person at the meeting at which minutes were confirmed)

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FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS' MEETING MINUTES

17 APRIL 2019

1. OFFICIAL OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member, President Ballard, declared the meeting open at 4:05 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Members Present

Mr Leigh Ballard – Shire President (Presiding Member)

CBFCO

Richard Chadwick

DCBFCO

Alastair McDougall

FCO's

Cr Nathan Walker

Russell Ashley

John Eckersley

Vern Gibson

Barry Hardie

Brenton Hardie

Mark Hoysted

Stuart Moyses

Pip Porter

Kieran Quartermaine

Murray Saunders

Tim Shepherd

Bill Warren

Staff

Mr Dale Stewart – Chief Executive Officer

Mr Azhar Awang – Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services

Mr Guy Maley – Senior Ranger

Mr Noel White – Ranger

Mrs Wendy Russell – Executive Support Officer (minutes)

Apologies

Paul Blechynden– DFES (Acting District Officer)

Daryl Kilpatrick

Bernie Rhodes

Jon Rick

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Walker Seconded: Stuart Moyses

That the minutes of the Fire Control Officers' Meeting held on 7 August 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

5. MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DECISIONS

5.1. REPORT FROM DFES ON THE 2019/20 FIRE SEASON

Attachment 1 – DFES Report – Narrogin Fire Control Officers Meeting

Mr Paul Blechynden, the Acting DFES District Officer – Narrogin provided the attached report for as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Cr Walker commented that during FCO training they were advised that DFES could take over an incident if requested. He requested clarification on at what stage and the type of incident that can be passed on to DFES.

Action: EMDRS to clarify the situation with DFES

5.2. INFORMATION FROM DFES ON THE OPERATIONAL FLEET PROJECT

Attachment 2 – DFES Operational Fleet Project flyer

The Brigades note the information provided.

5.3. ADVICE TO RESIDENTS RE BUSHFIRE ALERT SYSTEM

Following the fires north of town in December 2018 the Shire received several suggestions from residents (phone calls and Facebook) that we should have used the Bush Fire Alert System given its proximity and view so close to town.

The following advice was received from Simon Vogel, DFES District Officer – Narrogin regarding how the system works

“The Incident Controller authorises all warnings for incidents.”

Once at the fire, and the Incident Controller wants an Advice warning issued they ring COMCEN on 1800 198140 and request that an Advice level warning be issued, as part of that procedure the Incident Controller must give such information such as the fire location, direction of travel and the boundaries for the Advice (e.g. locality).

If sufficient information is not provided by the Incident Controller then he will be contacted directly for further information.

No matter what the level of warning required the Incident Controller will have to give all the information required to someone at some stage so a warning can be issued.

The Incident Controller should be accessible at all times for other things such as advising Police on road closures and who can access the fire ground.

I need to add that although DFES staff are based in Narrogin there is no guarantee that they will be available to assist Narrogin Shire due to the DFES Region having to assist 16 other Shires.

DFES and P&W issue the following bushfire warnings:

- **Advice** A fire has started but there is no known danger, this is general information to keep you informed and up to date with developments.
- **Watch and Act** here is a possible threat to lives and homes. Conditions are changing, you need to leave the area or prepare to actively defend your home to protect you and your family.
- **Emergency Warning** You are in danger as your area will be impacted by fire. You need to take immediate action to survive. Listen carefully as you will be advised whether you can leave the area or if you must shelter where you are as the fire burns through your area. An emergency warning may be supported with a siren sound called the Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS). These factors should be reviewed on a regular basis as they may change at any time and without notice.
- **All Clear** The danger has passed and the fire is under control, but you need to remain vigilant in case the situation changes. It may still not be safe to return home.

Discussion:

There was some discussion about the location of mobile standpipes. It was suggested that neighbours be advised of the location of mobile standpipes so that they can be accessed if the person who has the standpipe is unavailable to assist.

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION AND MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved: Bill Warren Seconded: Kieran Quartermaine

That where a fire is likely to be very visible to residents of the townsites of Highbury or Narrogin, that the Incident Controller ring COMCEN on 1800 198140 and request that an Advice level warning be issued.

CARRIED

Ockley	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Tim Shepherd Alastair McDougall
Shire of Narrogin Fire Control Officers		
Senior Ranger	Guy Maley	
Ranger	Noel White	
Weather Committee		Alternative member
Mark Hoysted		Keiran Quartermaine
Pip Porter		Stuart Moyses
Murray Saunders		John Eckersly
Barry Hardie		Brenton Hardie
Richard Chadwick		Vern Gibson
Nathan Walker		Daryl Kilpatrick
Alastair McDougall		Tim Shepherd
Dual Fire Control Officers		
Cuballing		Richard Chadwick Barry Hardie Tim Shepherd
Wagin		Nathan Walker Stuart Moyses Murray Saunders
West Arthur		Murray Saunders
Wickepin		Alastair McDougall Tim Shepherd
Williams		Barry Hardie Brenton Hardie
CARRIED		

Discussion:

There are still issues with some of the radios not working properly at the moment and that there should be a radio check in August to verify that radios are working to allow time for them to be serviced/repared prior to the fire season.

The weather committee requested that some hand held weather meters and also some McArthur fire-danger meters be purchased for the weather committee.

Action: Guy to arrange for the radios currently not working to be checked and fixed.
Guy to liaise with weather committee on their requirements.
Wendy to remind/arrange radio check in early August.

- b) Water carting for stock and domestic purposes provided it is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit, or alternatively, the water carting vehicle acts as the mobile fire fighting unit and meets minimum specifications.*
- c) All necessary travel to and from and within piggeries, sheep or cattle feed lots, provided this is undertaken with a mobile fire fighting unit in attendance.*
- d) All necessary carting of livestock, provided that such a vehicle is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit.*
- e) Activities which received specific exemptions from Council or the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.*

It is suggested that the following points be added:

- Checking of stock and water for stock, provided it is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit, or alternatively, the water carting vehicle acts as the mobile fire fighting unit and meets minimum specifications.
- Essential service providers checking for telecommunications, power or utility water services, provided they are accompanied by a mobile firefighting unit.

OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Control Officers Meeting recommend to Council:

1. That the Fire Control Order for 2019/20 be updated to include the following points under section 1.4 Harvest bans and other Bans - permitted activities:
 - Checking of stock and water for stock, provided it is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit, or alternatively, the water carting vehicle acts as the mobile fire fighting unit and meets minimum specifications.
 - Essential service provider checking for telecommunications, power or utility water services, provided they are accompanied by a mobile firefighting unit.
2. The Executive Manager Development and Regulatory Services present the amended Fire Control Order to Council for endorsement.

MEETING RESOLUTION

Moved: Stuart Moyses

Seconded: Cr Nathan Walker

The Fire Control Officers Meeting recommend to Council:

That the Fire Control Order for 2019/20 Section 1.4 Harvest bans and other Bans - permitted activities - be updated to remove item a) and to include the following points:

- Checking of stock and water for stock, provided it is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit, or alternatively, the water carting vehicle acts as the mobile fire fighting unit and meets minimum specifications.
- Essential service provider checking for telecommunications, power or utility water services, provided they are accompanied by a mobile firefighting unit.

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

- President Ballard noted that we had received a letter of thanks for Noel for his efforts in fixing a standpipe.
- Richard commented that he had attended the DOAC meeting and that he was disappointed that there were only two CEO's present.
- Richard asked about Anika's role, he was advised that she is employed by DFES and that her role is volunteer management support so she is available to assist the brigades. Anika can be contacted on (08)6832 3110 or anika.keeling@dfes.wa.gov.au
- All of the Shires' standpipes will be locked from 30 June 2019 as instructed by Water Corp. All FCO's will have a key to the lock, in the event of a fire and if no key the lock may be cut.

Shire to be advised when a standpipe is used to ensure that it is securely locked again after the incident.
- Alastair McDougall inquired if permits were going to be available on line. DFES have been trialling on line forms.

Action: Guy to follow up with DFES

- The updated fire maps will be available and provided to all FCO's prior to the commencement of the 2019/20 fire season.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:21 pm

DFES Report – Narrogin Fire Control Officers Meeting 17 April 2019

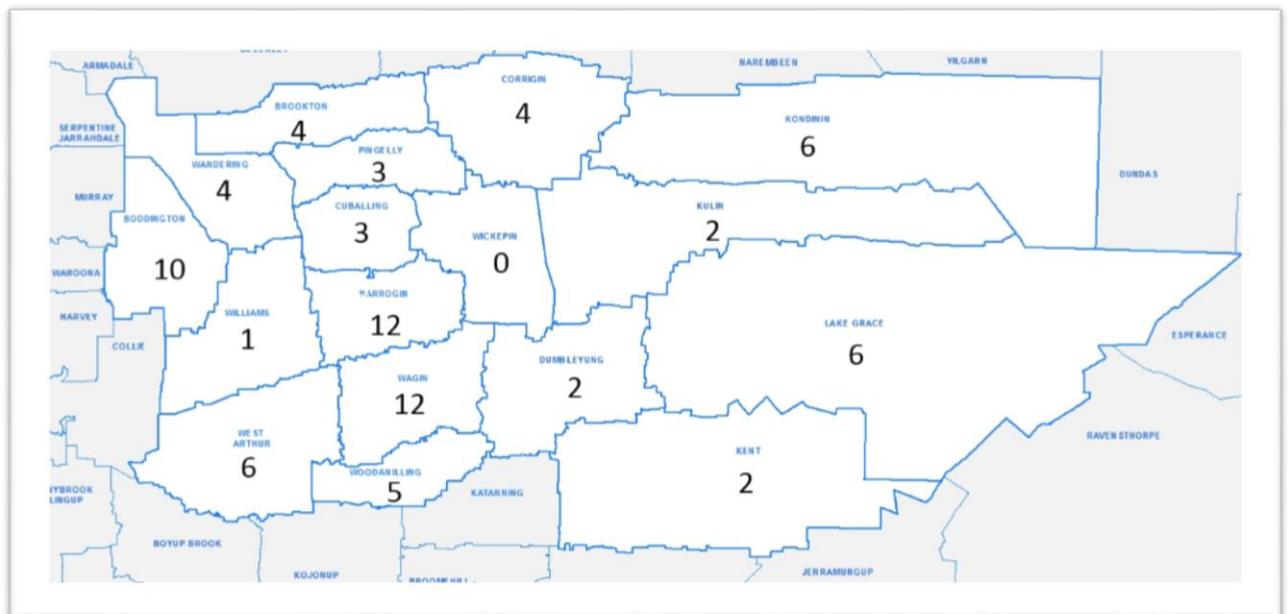
The 2018/19 fire season has been relatively quiet across most of the Upper Great Southern Region, noting that some shires have been very busy at times dealing with multiple lightning fires.

The region remains very dry for this time of year with the Bureau of Meteorology's soil dryness data indicating that for this time of year some areas are the driest they have been for the last five years.

Volunteers, Parks and Wildlife Service and DFES personnel have attended a number of fires outside this region including Bremer Bay, Goldfields, Esperance and Balladonia, thank you to all involved.

This season saw more requests for DFES personnel to work with Bushfire Brigades at fires, this has been greatly appreciated by the DFES personnel who look forward to opportunities to assist when requested. Please note that the DFES Regional Duty Coordinator is available 24/7 on 1800 865 103 to provide assistance in terms of discussing DFES meeting machinery costs, arranging spot forecasts and sending DFES personnel to assist. DFES personnel can assist the shire / FCOs with a range of work including road closures, community warnings, and support for the FCO in charge.

DFES records of bushfire (tree, grass, scrub fire) incidents - 1 July 2018 to 4 April 2019



Please let me know if you need to check your records against the information below.

Volunteer Management Support Officer

Anika Keeling has joined the DFES Narrogin Office as the Volunteer Management Support Officer (VMSO). Her role is to assist the brigades with administration, memberships, reports, eAcademy, Fuel Cards, recruitment and retention. Currently Anika is working closely with DFES Area and District Officers to update brigade membership lists and training for the volunteers. New volunteer paperwork can be easily processed by Anika instead of being sent to Albany.

Anika can be contacted on (08)6832 3110 or anika.keeling@dfes.wa.gov.au

Upcoming Training

Bush Fire Firefighting	17 & 18 May 2019	Boddington
Advanced Bush Fire Firefighting	21 & 22 June 2019	Boddington
Sector Commander	27 & 28 July	Boddington
Advanced Bush Fire Firefighting	30 August 2019	Pingelly
Ground Controller	10 September 2019	Narrogin
Fire Control Officer	3 September 2019	To be confirmed
Fire Weather Course	Aug. or Sept. (proposed) To be confirmed – Wagin?	

The fire weather course is a one-day course delivered by two ex-Bureau of Meteorology forecasters, subject to interest the plan is to run up to two of these courses per year at different locations across the Upper Great Southern Region.

Please let me know if you would like to arrange training to suit your needs and / or pre-bushfire season get-togethers closer to the start of the 2019/20 bushfire season.

SMS messages Severe Weather Warnings

SMS have been used this season to forward Bureau of Meteorology weather warnings to key people in each shire, typically Shire CEO, Chief and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers and FCOs. The intent is to provide links to the Weather Warning page in the first SMS of the day so that people can keep up to date rather than send out the (sometimes numerous) changes as warnings are cancelled and reimposed. Your feedback is always welcome on these initiatives.

Bushfire Season updates

The DFES Narrogin Office is keen to receive information from CBFCOs on how their season is looking. The plan is to include this feedback together with Bureau of Meteorology and DFES data in two simple email reports; a pre-season and late season. An example of a late season report will be emailed out in the next week for your information and feedback.

Albany bushfires May 2018

A review into these fires has been completed, one of the recommendations is to provide shires with support to understand and exercise their options to control burning during severe weather events.

The two options available to shires are:

1. Managing the restricted burning season and / or
2. issuing a Section 46 notice for all landowners / occupiers not to burn or to control existing burns.

Prohibited and restricted burning times (please refer to the Act for more detailed information) *Section 17 & 18 Bush Fires Act 1954:*

A local government can in respect to Prohibited Burning Times and Restricted Burning Times:

- shorten (by no more than 14 days)
- extend (unlimited duration)
- suspend (by no more than 14 days)
- reimpose (unlimited)

To shorten, extend, suspend or reimpose, a Local Government needs to:

- Discuss with Parks and Wildlife
- Provide at least 2 days' notice
- Publish the notice of the change (newspaper, radio, place notices in prominent positions)
- Advise neighbouring shires
- Advise DFES & any other government agencies that have been asked to be notified.

Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 46

FCOs and Local Governments have the power under *Section 46 of the Bush Fires Act 1954* to direct people (across a shire) not to light a fire or to take all reasonable steps to contain / extinguish a fire that has already been lit. This direction can be used at any time (i.e. does not need to be during the prohibited or restricted burning times)

One example of a Section 46 SMS message is:

“Due to forecasted strong winds / elevated fire danger ratings the shire of XXXX makes the following direction in accordance with Section 46 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

1. No new fires are to be lit until further notice.
2. All reasonable steps are taken to extinguish fires that are currently burning or to prevent these fires from spreading.

These directions are necessary to manage the bushfire risk within our shire; penalties may apply if this direction is not complied with.”

Operational Fleet Project

Delivering a Fit for Purpose Fleet Together



Attachment 2

UPDATE | February 2019

What has been happening?

- First Project Advisory Team (PAT) Chair briefing session held late January - PAT chairs for Urban Pumper, HAZMAT Structural Rescue, Bulk Water Carrier and 2.4 Broadacre Tanker were taken through how PATs work, their responsibilities and their project stream activities. A second session will be held early in February for remaining project streams. PATs will be finalised by the end of February 2019.
- Following the second OFP Reference Group meeting late January, we now have acceptance of the CAPA and General Rescue Utility concepts.
- New project team members – Welcome to Uchit Luktuke and Skye Pichler.

What is next?

- OFP Roadshow to kick off in February – our Project Director will be travelling around the state providing updates and briefings to various services.
- Second PAT Chairs Briefing session 7th February 2019.
- Number of PATs will be kicking off over the next two months to support development of First of Types, concept design and evaluations.

Project Overview Presentation now available

Share the word with your Brigade/Group/Unit (BGU) – complete with speaking notes
For your copy - visit the [DFES intranet](#) or the [Volunteer Portal](#) (scroll to bottom of page).

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHT

3.4 Urban Tanker PAT User Trial Outcomes

In December 2018 volunteers from Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS), Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services (VFES) and Bush Fire Service (BFS) from across the state gathered to participate in a hands on trial of the first new series 3.4 Urban Tankers off the production line.

Working with end users in the build program provided them the opportunity to point out things not necessarily noticeable to the supplier. Following valuable feedback, a number of immediate changes will address challenges with radio microphone locations, suction inlet valve interference with rear recovery, safer removal of standpipe and bar mounting and inclusion of a wheel brace extension bar.

Four 3.4 Urban Tankers are being delivered to Halls Creek, Wyndham, Brookton and Toodyay. New to Service trials will now commence once handed over to the brigades.



3.4 UT PAT Video - [Click here for highlights](#)

“Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the user trial...it gives me confidence when someone asks ‘Why?’ instead of saying ‘That’s just how it is.’”

Andrew Waters, BFS, Pink Lake, Esperance



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For further details or feedback on this update, please contact the project team OperationalFleetProject@dfes.wa.gov.au or visit us at the [DFES Intranet](#) or the [Volunteer Portal](#).

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Operational Fleet Project

Delivering a Fit for Purpose Fleet Together



How to Get Involved...Register your interest to become a member of a PAT

There are many ways to become involved in the Operational Fleet Project:

- Register your interest of be a member of a PAT. Please note that membership is limited and we may not be able to accommodate all requests.
- Contact a PAT member for the latest updates and to provide feedback. Names are listed in Volunteer Portal and Intranet.
- Be part of 'New to Service' trials if your brigade/group/unit (BGU) is receiving a new appliance. Over a 3 month period following delivery end users will be conducting evaluations. Outcomes captured will be considered as part of our continuous improvement model.
- Share the word – share our user friendly project overview presentation with your service. Click links below or email us directly to receive a copy.
- Email your feedback or questions to the project OperationalFleetProject@dfes.wa.gov.au.
- For more information on how to get involved, PAT member names & project presentation click here for [DFES Intranet](#) or click here for [Volunteer Portal](#).

What's next for our priority fleet?

- Ultra Light Tanker: Working with Procurement to finalise the tender evaluation. PAT members being finalised. More specific details to follow.
- Light Tanker: Working with Procurement to finalise the tender evaluation. PAT members being finalised. More specific details to follow.
- 2.4 Broadacre Tanker: Contract awarded to GH Varley Pty Ltd. Initial contract meeting to be held.
- 3.4 Urban Tanker: Most recommendations from PAT User Trial have been accepted and applied to production. Delivery to BGUs in progress.
- 4.4 Broadacre Tanker: Tender evaluation activities have commenced. Volunteers are involved with this process.
- Road Crash Rescue Tender: Currently with Procurement to finalise tender evaluation. PAT members being finalised. More specific details to follow.
- General Rescue Utility & CAPA: Concept Design received endorsement by Project Reference Group, functional requirements for both vehicles have commenced, prior to tender.
- Flood Rescue Boat: Tender has been issued, awaiting responses from the market. Tenders close on 19th February 2019.
- Country & Urban Pumpers: Initial contract meeting has been held with Paull Group JV, with first orders being placed shortly.
- Bulk Water Carrier & HAZMAT Structural Rescue: Currently in build. PAT members are being finalised to participate in user evaluations.



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For full status update on all Fleet Project Streams
click here for [DFES Intranet](#) or click here for
[Volunteer Portal](#).



Fire Control Officer appointments 2018/19

Position		Name
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer		Richard Chadwick
Deputy CBFCO / Base Radio Operator		Alastair McDougall
Bush Fire Brigade	Brigade Rank	Fire Control Officers
Boundain	Captain	Mark Hoysted
Highbury East	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Pip Porter Bernie Rhodes
Highbury South	Captain 1st Lieutenant 2nd Lieutenant	Stuart Moyses Bill Warren Murray Saunders
Highbury West	Captain 1st Lieutenant	John Eckersley Russell Ashley
Minigin	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Barry Hardie Brenton Hardie
Narrogin Central	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Richard Chadwick Dave Hayes
Narrogin South	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Vern Gibson Jon Rick
Narrogin Valley	Captain	Keiran Quartermaine
Nomans Lake	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Nathan Walker Daryl Kilpatrick
Ockley	Captain 1st Lieutenant	Tim Shepherd Alastair McDougall
Weather Committee		
Highbury East	Pip Porter	
Highbury South	Murray Saunders	
Minigin	Barry Hardie	
Narrogin Central	Richard Chadwick	
Nomans Lake	Nathan Walker	
Ockley	Alastair McDougall	
Dual Fire Control Officers		
Shire	Fire Control Officers	
Cuballing	Richard Chadwick Barry Hardie	
Wagin	Nathan Walker Stuart Moyses	
West Arthur	Murray Saunders	
Wickepin	Alastair McDougall	
Williams	Barry Hardie Brenton Hardie	

Shire	Area km	Brigades	Area/brigade	FCOs	WAERN Radios	Status of CBFCO	Area of bans	Ban implemented by	Plan for succession CBFCO
Narrogin	1618	10	162	22	25 / 4 hh	Volunteer	Whole shire	CBFCO with committee	None
Wagin	1946	7	278	12	20 / 4 hh	Volunteer	Whole shire	CBFCO alone	2 deputies to succeed
West Arthur	2834	3	944	18	28 / 4 hh	Volunteer	Whole shire	CBFCO with committee	Chief organises
Cuballing	1195	2	598	11	24 / 2 hh	Works manager	Whole shire	CBFCO with committee	None
Dumbleyung	2540	4	635	20	Approx 24	Volunteer	Whole shire	CBFCO with committee	Deputy to take over
Williams	2306	6	384	11	32 2 / hh	CEO is CBFCO	Whole shire	CBFCO with committee	None

First and Final Notice

Pursuant to the *Bush Fires Act 1954 section 33*, owners or occupiers of land situated within the Shire of Narrogin are required by law to comply with the prescribed Fire Control Order here within.

1. Land Zoned General Agriculture, Rural Smallholding & Rural Residential

1.1. Firebreaks

(a) at least 2.5 metres wide shall be maintained inside and within 20 metres of the boundary of all land; and surrounding such other positions as is necessary to divide land in excess of 400 hectares into area not exceeding 400 hectares, each completely surrounded by a firebreak.

(b) at least 6 metres wide shall completely encircle all buildings and haystacks.

(c) fuel tanks, whether containing fuel or not, shall have the ground surface cleared to a distance of 6 metres from and encircling the tank/s of all flammable material.

1.2. Fire Fighting Equipment – Where the land owners total land holding is 100 hectares or greater a readily mobile operational fire fighting unit containing a minimum of 400 litres of water on standby and available for inspection is required during the period 1 November and 1 May, inclusive.

1.3. Harvesting – A person shall not undertake or allow harvesting during the Prohibited Burning period unless –

(a) one hand held water filled fire extinguisher with a minimum capacity of 7.5 litres is filled in a readily accessible position on the machine, and

(b) a readily mobile fire fighting unit of a minimum of 400 litre capacity powered by an engine driven pump is in attendance in or adjacent to the entrance of the paddock being harvested.

1.4. Harvest bans and other bans – permitted activities

(a) Loading and offloading of grain, fertiliser and feed is only permitted on sites, which are clear of all flammable material save live standing trees to a radius of at least 50 metres with an internal vehicle access. A mobile fire fighting unit shall be in attendance at all times.

(b) Water carting for stock and domestic purposes provided it is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit, or alternatively, the water carting vehicle acts as the mobile fire fighting unit and meets minimum specifications.

(c) All necessary travel to and from and within piggeries, sheep or cattle feed lots, provided this is undertaken with a mobile fire fighting unit in attendance.

(d) All necessary carting of livestock, provided that such a vehicle is accompanied by a mobile fire fighting unit.

(e) Activities which received specific exemptions from Council or the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

1.5. Public Holidays

(a) A harvest ban and a ban on the movement of all vehicles and machinery and the operation of internal combustion engines is imposed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day each year.

(b) All other activities or operations may only be undertaken during a ban on the movement of all vehicles and machinery and a ban on the operation of internal combustion engines after approval has been granted by Council. Approval has to be sought on an individual basis, and is subject to specified conditions. It should be noted that approval may not be granted.

2. All Other Land, Including Residential, Rural Townsite, Service Commercial, And Industrial

(a) Where the area of land is 4,000 m² in area or less – all flammable material on the land shall be reduced to a height of less than 10 centimetres.

(b) Where the area of land exceeds 4,000 m² in area –

(i) firebreaks shall be maintained at least 2.5 metres wide immediately inside all external boundaries of the land and surrounding all buildings situated on the land; and

(ii) flammable material on the remainder of the land shall be reduced to a height of less than 10 centimetres.

(c) A special control zone or other land not elsewhere specified in this Notice, shall comply with the higher level measures required by adjoining land unless varied under clause 5.2.

3. Open Air Fires

(a) Open air fires are permitted during the Restricted Burning period, subject to compliance with the provisions relating to Restricted Burning periods and Shire of Narrogin Local Laws.

(b) Open air fires are not permitted at all during the Prohibited Burning period (including garden refuse).

(c) No open air fires in the open air are permitted on any day when the fire danger rating is "Very High" or above.

4. Properties With Fire Management Plans

All properties with approved fire management plans shall comply with the plan and or this notice whichever is the greater.

5. General

5.1. If the requirements of this Notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act. A permit to burn is required during the Restricted Burning periods from an Authorised Officer.

5.2. If it is considered to be impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to remove flammable material from the land or any other provisions required by this notice you may apply to the Council or its duly Authorised Officer not later than 1 October, for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to manage fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by the Council or a duly authorised person, you shall comply with the requirements of this notice.

5.3. Penalties apply to persons who fail to comply with the requirements of this Notice.

5.4. A person who fails to comply with the notice is also liable, whether prosecuted or not to pay the cost of performing the work directed in this notice if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this notice.

DEFINITIONS

Authorised Officer: An officer appointed as a Shire of Narrogin Fire Control Officer.

Ban On The Movement Of All Vehicles: includes machinery and the operation of internal combustion engines within the Shire or a part of the Shire and during a time as specified in a Notice or broadcast with the exception of the movement of vehicles and machinery on constructed gazetted roads, internal vehicle access and yards;

Firebreak: means a strip of land cleared to the specified width by ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing;

Flammable Material: includes bush (as defined in the Bushfires Act), timber, boxes, cartons, paper and like flammable materials, rubbish and also any combustible matter, but does not include green standing trees, or growing bushes and plants in gardens, or lawns;

Harvest Ban: applies on the operation of all grain harvesting machines including swathing, baling or slashing machines within the Shire or part of the Shire and during a time, as specified in a notice or broadcast;

Harvesting: includes grain harvesting, swathing, baling or slashing of stubble or hay in any crop;

Internal Vehicle Access: is defined as a trafficable surface, free of all flammable material, a minimum width of four metres, and with overhanging vegetation pruned back so as not to come into contact with parts of a vehicle;

Mobile Fire Fighting Unit: is defined as having a minimum water carrying capacity of four hundred (400) litres, fitted with a hose and pump capable of delivering water through an adjustable nozzle in the spray and jet configurations;

Yard: is defined as an area, greater than four metres wide, with a constructed, trafficable surface, free of all flammable material save live standing trees;

DEFINITIONS

Prohibited Burning: This period is normally from 1 November of each year until and including 1 March of the following year. This time may be amended, subject to prevailing seasonal conditions.

Restricted Burning Time: This period normally extends from 1 March until and including 1 May and from 1 October until and including 30 October of any year. This time may be amended, subject to the prevailing seasonal conditions.

Unrestricted Burning Time: The time period each year where it is lawful to set fire to the bush at any time, in areas zoned rural under the Shire of Narrogin Town Planning Scheme. This period normally extends from 1 May until and including 30 September. This time may be amended, subject to the prevailing seasonal conditions.

Firebreak Time: The time each year where fire hazard reduction works must be maintained as specified in this Fire Control Order. This period is from 1 November each year until and including 1 May of the following year.

Fire Control Enquiries

Phone: 08 9890 0900, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm
email: ranger@narrogin.wa.gov.au

General Enquiries

Shire of Narrogin
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