

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION AND FIREBREAK NOTICE 2023-2024



FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED TO ALL RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE SHIRE OF MORAWA

This Notice is issued under **Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954**. Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice can result in a \$5000 fine.

**FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION
WORKS AND FIREBREAKS
MUST BE COMPLETED BY
15 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND
MAINTAINED UNTIL 15
MARCH 2024**

BURNING PERIOD DATES	FROM	TO
Restricted Burning Period	1 OCTOBER 2023	14 OCTOBER 2024
Prohibited Burning Period	15 OCTOBER 2023	29 FEBRUARY 2024
Restricted Burning Period	1 MARCH 2023	15 MARCH 2024

For more information visit the link

WWW.MORAWA.WA.GOV.AU



Guidelines for Fire Reduction and Firebreaks

Townsites

Properties within the townsites of Morawa, Gutha, Canna, Koolanooka, Merkanooka, and Pintharuka are required to comply with the following:

Where the area of land is less than 3,000m², the property must be cleared, mowed or slashed to a **maximum** height of 7.5cm of all flammable material.

Where the area of land is 3,000m², or more, a firebreak must be provided not less than 3m in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of properties.

All flammable material must be cleared 3m in distance from all buildings or haystacks situated on the land.

Barbeques and Incinerators

Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are **Prohibited** on days of **High Fire Danger** rating or above. Gas and electric barbeques are permitted at all times.

Fuel Storage Sites

All grass and similar flammable material are to be cleared from such places where fuel or fuel storage containers are stored/located.

Rural Land

Firebreaks must be provided not less than 3m in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied; where this is not practicable the firebreaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within, such boundaries.

All flammable material must be removed from an area of 3m in width immediately surrounding a farm building, and unattended fuel operator motor site.

Firebreaks must be at least 3m in width completely surrounding and not more than 20m from the perimeter of any building, group of building or haystacks.

Tree plantations

Plantations larger than 3 hectares, are to construct a 10m wide mineral earth firebreak with a vertical clearance of 4m high, clear of all inflammable material immediately surrounding the plantation.

Plantations larger than 10 hectares are to comply with the guidelines for plantation Fire Protection by DFES and the code of Practice for Timber Plantation in Western Australia.

PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS.

Failing to comply with this notice can result in significant fines and penalties. The person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work as required in this notice, if not carried out by 15 September 2023.

**Total Fire Bans issued by DFES
are listed on the
www.emergency.wa.gov.au website**

**Report any suspected non-compliance
to admin@morawa.wa.gov.au**

Harvesting operations

A separate fire fighting appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, churning, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The firefighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and hose. The farm firefighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting or working area.

A Harvesting and Movement Ban and Use of Internal Combustion Engines (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Behaviour Index (FBI) rating of Forty (40) or above at the weather stations of two (2) Bush Fire Control Officers.

This Order allows for provision of firebreaks in situations other than immediately with property boundaries subject to approval. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and appointed Fire Control Officers have been authorised to act for Council in this matter.

Harvest and Movements Bans

Harvest and movement Bans will be advertised on the Shire of Morawa's Website. Visit www.morawa.wa.gov.au for more information.

Mobile numbers registered on the Shire of Morawa's Harvest and Movement Ban text messaging services will also be sent a text.

It is your responsibility to check whether a Harvest and Movement Ban has been imposed, please call the Shire Office on (08)9971 1204.

To add or remove your mobile number from the Shire of Morawa's Harvest and Movement Ban text message service, please contact the Shire on (08)9971 1204 or admin@morawa.wa.gov.au

Harvesting operations are **not** permitted on **Christmas, Boxing Day or New Years Day.**

All Bush Fire Brigades operate on UHF 11

Morawa Bush Fire Control Officers

*Permit Issuing officers

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Richard Sasse*

08 9972 3018

0427 723 018

Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services(VFES)

Troy Speedy

0499 901 466

Canna/Gutha Brigade

Wayne Kowald FCO*

0429 615 271

Garry Collins FCO*

0428 722 027

Geoff Scottt

0488 211 804

Morawa West Brigade

Darren Yewers(Capt.)

0427 981 364

Koolanooka Brigade

Glen Tapscott(Capt.)

0427 715 048

Pintharuka Brigade

Gary North

0427 717 020

Community Emergency Services Manager(CESM)

Rick Ryan*

08 9956 6018

0438 277 582

VOLUNTEERS ATTENDING A FIRE IN THEIR OWN VEHICLE.
**Need to immediately report to the Fire Control Officer in charge
for safety and insurance purposes.**

**Fire Control officers are not obliged to issue permits and permits cannot be
issued over the phone. Should a Fire Control Officer refuse to issue a permit,
It is a breach of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to request a permit from another Fire
Control Officer.**

**For more information about the Fire Prevention, Visit the DFES
website : www.dfes.wa.gov.au**

**Failure to comply with Total Fire Bans or Harvest and Movement bans
can result in significant fines and/or criminal conviction. It is your
responsibility to be aware of any Total Fire Bans or Harvest and
Movement Bans.**



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