

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The installation of firebreaks is only one element of the fire prevention picture. Firebreaks are required to be installed and maintained from 1 November until 14 April each and every year. In some cases, *firebreaks may have to be reinstalled several times in one year.*

It is the property owner, not the contractor, who is responsible for the standard and quality of the firebreaks installation and maintenance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON FIREBREAKS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SHIRE OF BROOKTON ON 9642 1106.

PERMIT TO BURN APPLICATION

Before you call a Fire Control Officer, ensure you have the following information:

- Who will be the three able bodied persons in attendance at all times whilst the fire is alight including contact phone number?
- What is the address of the property for which the permit applies?
- What fire fighting equipment and resources will you have at the fire front and is it in good working order?
- What is the size of the burn to take place?
- Are there firebreaks installed and can a fire unit get access to the area?
- What material are you burning? Is it dry? Is there any plastics, tyres treated posts or wood in the piles or area to be burnt? If so, remove them to a safe place.
- Ensure you give a minimum 96 hours notice to the Fire Control Officer first; and
- Ensure you notify neighbours 96 hours prior to commencing your burn.

(Subject to Seasonal Changes)

Restricted Burning Period—19 September to 31 October

Prohibited Burning Period—1 November to 28 February

Restricted Burning Period—1 March to 14 April

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS 2015—2016

(to obtain a Permit to Burn)

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Control Officer			

Deputy Chief Bush	Travis Eva	Ph: 9642 6076	0428 421 642
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FCO

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	Les Eyre	Ph: 9642 2384	0418 946 910

	Ashley Hobbs	9642 1379	0429 421 379
	Murray Hall	Ph: 9642 1367	0428 421 367

	Neville Messenger		0417 180 830
	Blair Montague	Ph:9642 1125	0428 929 421

East Brigade	Bevan Walters	Ph: 9642 6061	0427 426 061
	Darrell Turner	Ph: 9642 6014	0429 426 014

	Dennis Wilkinson	Ph: 9642 6022	0428 426 022
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West Brigade	Ross Evans	Ph: 9642 4020	0418 935 927
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2015-2016

Firebreak Notice Bush Fires Act 1954

Shire of Brookton

Notice to all Owners and or Occupiers of Land in the Shire of Brookton



PURSUANT to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 (as amended) you are hereby required **on or before the 1st day of November 2015** to construct firebreaks in accordance with the following, and thereafter to maintain firebreaks **up to and including the 14th day of April 2016**, in such positions/dimensions and specifications as required by this Order or approved in writing by Council or its authorized officer.

Land Category		Firebreaks – what is required to comply with the law
Townsite Land All land within the Brookton Townsite.	1.1 All townsite properties equal to or less than 2,023 m ² in size are required to be hazard reduced by:	Reduction of the vegetation hazard to a maximum height of 75mm.
	1.2 All townsite properties over 2,023 m ² in size are required to be hazard reduced by:	a. Construction and maintenance of a 3 metre wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 3 metres of the boundary; and b. Reduction of the vegetation hazard to a maximum height of 75mm. c. Firebreak must be constructed on and contained within the property: footpaths and roads or road verges will not be accepted as firebreaks.
Rural Land Is all land outside the Brookton Townsite.	2.1 All rural properties equal to or less than 100 hectares in size are required to be hazard reduced by:	a. Construction and maintenance of a 3 metre wide bare mineral earth unobstructed firebreak within 30 metres of the boundary of the property; or b. Provision on the property of an operational independent mobile water filled fire fighting unit with a water capacity of not less than 450 litres to be at the ready throughout the restricted and prohibited burning period; and c. Construction of a 5 metre wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15 metres of and surrounding all buildings, sheds, fuel storage including drums and flammable chemicals, silos and fodder stacks as well as hay stacks within a shed or within 400 metres from any infrastructure.
	2.2 All rural properties over 100 hectares in size are required to be hazard reduced by:	a. Construction of a 5 metre wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15 metres of and surrounding all buildings, sheds, fuel storage including drums and flammable chemicals, silos and fodder stacks as well as hay stacks within a shed or within 400 metres from any infrastructure; and b. Provision on the property of an operational independent mobile water filled fire fighting unit with a water capacity of not less than 450 litres to be at the ready throughout the restricted and prohibited burning period. Trailer type units must be attached to a towing vehicle and slip-on units must be attached to the tray of the vehicle in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Note: Hay and straw stacks in open paddocks awaiting pickup and removal are not required to be surrounded by a firebreak.
Plantations	Meaning any other area of planted trees, other than a windbreak, within gazetted townsites exceeding 3 hectares and elsewhere exceeding 10 hectares.	3.1 Boundary firebreaks: a 15 metre boundary firebreak is required on all boundaries of plantations and along public roads. This firebreak must have a minimum trafficable surface of 5 metres and a minimum vertical clearance of 4 metres. The remaining 10 metres must be maintained in a low fuel condition, i.e: closely mowed, grazed or sprayed. 3.2 Compartment firebreaks: internal firebreaks between compartments of up to 30 hectares must be a minimum of 6 metres wide and for compartments over 30 hectares a minimum of 10 metres wide. In all cases, a 5 metre trafficable surface and a minimum 4 metre vertical clearance should be maintained to allow access by fire fighting appliances. 3.3 Fire fighting water supplies: must be designed and constructed to enable heavy duty fire fighting equipment to access the water supply in accordance with the DFES Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2001 or as revised. A copy of these Guidelines is available from the shire office upon request. 3.4 Fire fighting equipment must be provided by the plantation owner to the minimum standards recommended in the DFES Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2001 or as revised. 3.5 Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 do not apply to established plantations which have received planning approval and have an approved fire management plan as part of that planning approval. Owners and managers of such plantations must comply with the conditions of their fire management plan.

PLEASE NOTE

On a day where the Fire Danger is very high or higher (e.g: extreme) during the restricted burning times, NO webers, wood or solid fuel barbecues are permitted to be used under any circumstances. Permits are automatically cancelled on these days. Due to unseasonable weather condition these days may be extended or shortened. You must check the local newspaper for details or call the Shire Administration Office on 9642 1106 for further information. The Fire Danger Rating can be found by calling the weather information line 1196



Compliant Firebreak



Non Compliant Firebreak