

DATES TO REMEMBER

Due to unseasonal weather conditions, these dates may be extended or shortened. You must check with the Shire of Brookton for further details.

RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES 19 th September to 14 th November NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT Contact your local Fire Control Officer
PROHIBITED BURNING 15 th November to 28 th February NO BURNING FIRES
RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES 1 st March to 14 th April NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT Contact your local Fire Control Officer
BURN WITH CARE 15 th April to 18 th September

Note: Fire Danger Rating for a particular day can overrule permits

BURNING PERMITS can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer. Please remember the Fire Control Officer are Volunteers. You are responsible for the fire!

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD, do not contract a Fire Control Officer on the day you intend to burn and expect a permit, as it may not be granted. You must give notice to your neighbours and the Shire once the permit is granted.

FIREBREAKS must be completed by before the 1st November and maintain full compliance until the 15th April for each and every year.

COMMUNICATIONS OF FIRE BAN

All bans will be communicated via the Shires SMS system, Harvest and Ban Hotline (phone 9487 8128) or on the ABC local radio. If you are a farmer or contractor and would like to receive notification by

SMS on Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban please phone the Shire office on 9642 1106.

BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS		
FOR ALL EMERGENCIES		000
SHIRE OF BROOKTON		08 9642 1106
HARVEST BAN HOTLINE		08 9487 8128
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - Murray Hall		0428 421 367
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - Travis Eva		0428 421 642
Shire Ranger		0459 678 154
CENTRAL BRIGADE	Troy Bassett	0488 190 870
	Andrew Pike	0428 421 072
	Les Eyre	0418 964 910
	Ashley Hobbs	0429 421 379
	William Wilkinson	0429 426 022
	Neville Messenger	0417 180 830
EAST BRIGADE	Blair Montague	0428 929 421
	Bevan Walters	0427 426 061
	Darrell Turner	0429 426 014
WEST BRIGADE	Dennis Wilkinson	0428 426 022
	Tim Evans	0439 424 010
	Ross Evans	0418 935 927
	Len Simmons	0409 301 022
	Mark Whittington	0417 954 061
Jamie Blight	042 8584 256	

Please ensure the following information is available when calling a Fire Control Officer:

- Name & contact details of three (3) able bodied persons who will be attending at all times.
- The address permit is to apply too.
- Firefighting equipment and resources to be present at the fire front.
- Size of burn to take place (area).
- Confirm that all firebreaks are installed and a fire unit can access the area.



FIRE CONTROL NOTICE/ORDER 2018/2019

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED TO ALL SHIRE OF BROOKTON RATE PAYERS AND RESIDENTS

Landowners have legal responsibilities to prepare their properties to reduce the risk of the outbreak and spread of fires.

This Order sets out the actions that you must take to prepare your property for the fire season. As a measure for preventing the outbreak of a bush fire, or preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire which may occur, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire's district are required before the **1st November** in each year to clear firebreaks or to take measures in accordance with this years Order up to and including the **14th April** in the following year.

This Order is issued under Section 33(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954. Failure to comply may result in \$5000.00 penalty.

HARVEST BAN HOTLINE 08 9487 8128
TO REGISTER FOR SMS ALERTS 08 9642 1106

TOWNSITE LAND

Is all land within the Brookton Townsite.

All townsite properties **equal to or less than 2,023 m² in size** are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- A. Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75mm. All slashed material is to be removed.
- All townsite properties **over 2,023 m² in size** are required to be fire hazard reduced by:
- A. Construction and maintenance of a 3.0m wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 3.0m of the property boundaries (footpaths and roads or road verges are not be accepted as firebreaks).
 - B. Reduction of the vegetation fire hazard to a maximum height of 75mm including the removal of slashed material, unless an exemption is granted by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and VFRS Captain.

RURAL LAND

Is all land outside the Brookton Townsite.

All rural properties **equal to or less than 100 hectares in size** are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- A. Construction and maintenance of a 3m wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 30m of the property boundaries.
- B. Any activity that may start a fire on the property requires 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.
- C. Construction of a 5m wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15m of and surrounding all buildings, sheds, fuel storage areas (includes drums and flammable chemicals, silos and fodder stacks, as well as hay stacks within a shed or within 400m from any infrastructure), and operational generators and stationary motors.

All rural properties and aggregated land within the Shire of Brookton over 100 hectares in size are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- A. Construction of a 5m wide bare mineral earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15m of and surrounding all buildings, sheds, fuel storage areas (includes drums and flammable chemicals, silos and fodder stacks, as well as hay stacks within a shed or

within 400m from any infrastructure), and operational generators and stationary motors, excluding seed cleaners deemed part of harvest operations.

- 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*. Any activity that may start a fire must be accompanied by trailer type fire fighting unit attached to a towing vehicle, or slip-on fire fighting unit attached to the tray of the vehicle in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Note:

- Hay and straw stacks in open paddock areas awaiting pickup and removal are not required to be surrounded by a firebreak.
- During any period when harvesting operations are being conducted an operational independent mobile fire fighting unit must be located in the same paddock, or within 50m of the paddock and be kept full of water at all times. The responsibility to supply the fire fighting unit is that of the landholder.
- Harvesting operations includes the use of augers and seed cleaning units.

PLANTATIONS

Is an area of planted trees, other than a windbreak, within gazetted townsites exceeding 3 hectares and outside of a townsite exceeding 10 hectares.

- A. Boundary firebreaks: a 15.0m clear area is required on all boundaries of plantations and along public roads. This clear area must have a minimum trafficable surface of 5.0m of clear bare mineral earth and a minimum vertical clearance of 4.0m. The remaining 10m must be maintained in a low fuel condition, i.e. closely mowed, grazed or sprayed.
- B. Compartment firebreaks: internal firebreaks between compartments of up to 30 hectares must be a minimum of 6.0m wide and for compartments over 30 hectares a minimum of 10m wide. In all cases a 5.0m trafficable surface and a minimum 4.0m vertical clearance must be maintained to allow access by fire fighting appliances.
- C. 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 2011 or as revised.

- D. Fire fighting equipment must be provided by the plantation owner to the minimum standards recommended in the DFES Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011 or as revised.
- E. Paragraphs **A** to **D** 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.

HARVESTING MACHINES & HEADERS – REGULATIONS 38

Pursuant to regulations 38 of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, a person shall not operate harvesting machinery or header in any crop during the prohibited burning times or restricted burning times set out, unless a fire extinguisher is carried on the machine.

SLASHER AND ROTARY MOWER BAN

A ban applies to the use of slasher and rotary mowers from 1st December to 28th February during the hours of 6:00am to 6:00pm and from 6:00pm the day before a total Fire Ban, unless the use is:

- A. On a property within a townsite (any size) that has an accessible reticulated water supply; or
- B. On a property outside the townsite, where the area being slashed or mowed is irrigated or reticulated, and is less than 1 hectare in area.



**Compliant
Firebreak**



**Non-
Compliant
Firebreak due**