

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 <i>19th September to 14th November</i> NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT Contact your local Fire Control Officer
PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD <i>15th November to 28th February</i> All burning and fires are prohibited during this time
RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES <i>1st March to 14th April</i> NO BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT Contact your local Fire Control Officer
BURN WITH CARE <i>15th April to 18th September</i> Subject to weather conditions

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 Officers are volunteers.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD do not contact 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 before the 1st November and maintain compliance until the 15th April for each and every year.

COMMUNICATIONS OF FIRE BAN – All bans will be communicated via the Shire's 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 Bans please phone the Shire office on 9642 1106 with your name, organisation and mobile phone number.

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 946 910
	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	0428 584 256	

Please ensure you have the following information before calling a Fire Control Officer.

- Name & contact details of no less than three (3) able bodied persons who will be attending the fire at all times.
- The address the permit is to apply to.
- Firefighting equipment and resources to be present at the fire front.
- Size of burn to take place (area).
- Confirm that firebreaks are installed & a fire unit can access the area.



FIRE CONTROL INFORMATION 2021/2022

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

This Order sets out the measures that you must take to prepare your property for the fire season.

They are aimed at preventing the outbreak of a bush fire or preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire.

All owners and occupiers of land within the Shire's district are required to, before 1st of November in each year, clear fire breaks and take measures in accordance with this order up to and including the 14th of April the following year.

This Order constitutes the Shire of Brookton Fire Control Information Notice and is issued under Section 33(1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Failure to comply may result in a \$5,000.00 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 2,023m² 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 2,023m²** in size are required to be fire hazard reduced by:

- A. Construction and maintenance of a 3m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 3.0m of the property boundaries (footpaths and roads or road verges are not to 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 3.0m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 30.0m of the boundary of the property.
- B. Any activity that may start a fire on the property requires an operational independent mobile water filled firefighting 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 5.0m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15.0m 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 400.0m from any infrastructure including 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 5.0m wide minimum bare earth unobstructed trafficable firebreak within 15.0m 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 400.0m from any infrastructure including operational generators and stationary motors. Excluding seed cleaners as they are deemed part of the harvest operations.

- B. Provision on the property of an operational independent mobile water filled firefighting 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 a trailer type unit that must be attached to a towing vehicle and/or a slip-on unit that must be 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 firefighting unit must be located in the same paddock, or within 50.0m of the paddock and be kept full of water at all times. The responsibility to supply the firefighting unit is that of the landowner.
- Harvesting operations includes the use of augers and seed cleaning units, other than when used in a silo compound where surrounded by more than 15 metres cleared area.

PLANTATIONS: *Is an area of planted trees, other than a windbreak, within the 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 minimum of clear bare earth and a minimum vertical clearance of 4.0m. The remaining 10m must be maintained in a low fuel condition, ie. 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 10.0m wide. In all cases a 5.0m trafficable surface and a minimum 4.0m vertical clearance should be maintained to allow access by firefighting appliances.
- C. Firefighting water supplies: must be designed and constructed to enable heavy duty firefighting equipment to access the water supply in accordance with DFES

Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011 or as revised. A copy of these Guidelines is available from the Shire Administration office upon request.

- D. Firefighting 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 the 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 in 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 on the day before an extreme or above fire danger rating is forecast from Bureau of Meteorology, unless the use is:

- A. On a property within a townsite, of any size that is reticulated or;
- B. On a property outside the townsite, with the area being slashed or mowed is irrigated or reticulated and is less than 1 hectare.



Compliant Firebreak



Non compliant firebreak due to regrowth

LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS
It is the landowner's responsibility, NOT a contractor, to ensure your property complies with the annual Fire Break Notice.