

# BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 AS AMENDED

As a landowner or occupier you are required under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to carry out fire prevention work on your property. Please read this notice carefully - if there are any points that are not fully understood, please contact either the Northampton or Kalbarri offices.

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### PROPERTIES WILL BE INSPECTED TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH COUNCIL'S REQUIREMENTS

Council forwards a copy of the Firebreak Notice with Rate Assessments each year. The Notice is also published in a local newspaper circulating in the district. Additional copies are obtainable at the Shire of Northampton. The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum standard of fire prevention work required to protect not only individual properties, but the district generally. In addition to the requirements of this Notice, Council may issue separate special orders on owners or occupiers if hazard removal is considered necessary.

#### RESIDENTIAL (LOTS UNDER 0.2ha)

Must be cleared of all flammable materials  
(ploughed/hoed/burnt/cleared)

#### (LOTS OVER 0.2ha)

Graded/ploughed/hoed or Chemical applied firebreak  
at a width of at least 3.0 metres

**15 OCTOBER 2022**  
& maintained clear  
up to and including  
**14 FEBRUARY 2023**

#### RESIDENTIAL – KALBARRI & HORROCKS (LOTS UNDER 0.2ha)

Must be cleared of all flammable material or be mowed/slashed/  
mulched. Pushed up heaps for burning is not permitted

#### (LOTS OVER 0.2ha)

Graded/ploughed/hoed cleared firebreak  
At a width of at least 3.0 metres

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#### RURAL AREAS

Graded/ploughed/hoed or chemical applied firebreaks  
installed within 20 metres inside and along the whole of  
external boundaries – All buildings must have a  
minimum of 20 metre clearance of all flammable material

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A LAND HOLDER IN THE SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 as amended, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you in accordance with the provisions of this order.

This work must be carried out by **15th OCTOBER 2022** or within **14 DAYS** of becoming the owner or occupier, should this be after that date and kept maintained throughout the summer months until **14th FEBRUARY 2023**.

THE PURPOSE OF FIREBREAKS IS TO STOP FIRE SPREADING, TO ALLOW ENTRY FOR FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE A BREAK FROM WHICH BACK BURNING CAN TAKE PLACE TO CONTROL A FIRE. PROVIDE PROTECTION AND AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS. PERSONS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS NOTICE MAY BE ISSUED WITH AN INFRINGEMENT NOTICE OR PROSECUTED. WHERE THE OWNER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUISITIONS OF THE NOTICE, COUNCIL OR ITS DULY AUTHORISED OFFICERS WILL CARRY OUT THE REQUIRED WORK AT THE COST OF THE OWNER OR OCCUPIER.

In addition, you may be required to carry out further works, which may be deemed necessary and specified by way of a separate written notice forwarded to the address shown on the Shire of Northampton rate records for that land.

If it is considered for any reason impractical to clear firebreaks as required by this Notice, or if natural features render firebreaks unnecessary, you may apply in writing to the Shire of Northampton no later than **15 October 2022**.

PLEASE NOTE FIREBREAKS MUST BE A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) METRES IN WIDTH, FOR LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF NORTHAMPTON.

#### FUEL DEPOTS

In respect of land owned and/or occupied by you on which is situated any container normally used to contain liquid or gas fuel, including the land on which any ramp or supports are constructed, you shall have the land clear of all flammable material.

# 2022/2023



# FIRST AND FINAL FIREBREAKS NOTICE



**PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THIS NOTICE TO PROTECT YOUR LAND AND RESIDENCE FROM FIRE**

# WHEN AND HOW TO BURN

## ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

Further advice on how to protect your home, when and how to burn is available from the Shire Office or your local Bush Fire Brigade. If you have any questions, please contact them.

*The safety of our whole community is at stake*

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER  
IN CASE OF FIRE  
RING 000**

## PENALTIES

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Failure to maintain a firebreak As per firebreak order.	250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air.	250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning time.	250
Failure of occupier to extinguish a bush fire.	250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating false name and abode.	100
Failure to produce permit to burn	100

## FIREBREAK INSPECTIONS

Extensive on ground firebreak inspections are carried out each year.

FIRE BREAKS MUST BE INSTALLED BY 15 OCTOBER

# PERMITS AND PENALTIES

## PERMIT ISSUING OFFICERS

Rob McKenzie	CBFCO / Captain Isseka	0458 341 200
Scott Bridgeman	DCBFCO / Sandy Gully / Alma	0400 342 014
Len Simmons	DCBFCO / Lieutenant Kalbarri	0417 902 321
Greg Teakle	Captain Northampton VFRS	0428 341 384
Stan Sutherland	Lieutenant Kalbarri VFRS	0418 917 751
Rick Davey	Kabarri Ranger	0429 341 203
Lindsay Rowe	Captain Horrocks 9934 3008	0428 343 008
Greg Poett	Captain Pt Gregory / Yallabatharra	0429 451 408
Matt Johnson	Captain Ogilvie BFB	0438 950 616
Kyle Carson	Captain Ajana / Binnu BFB	0409 366 350
Damian Harris	Deputy Captain Ajana / Binnu	428 471 470
Glenn Reynolds	Lieutenant Ajana / Binnu BFB	0429 361 039
Jerome Drew	Admin Officer Ajana / Binnu BFB	0419 849 437
Garry Keefe	CEO Northampton Shire	9934 1202
Grant Middleton	DCEO Northampton Shire	9934 1202

## HOW TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Burning permits can be obtained during work hours from the Shire Offices or after hours from your local Permit Issuing Officer if you live in other areas of the Shire. When applying for a permit you will need to provide the Lot or Location Number and Street or Road Name of the property for which the permit is to apply.

## WHEN TO OBTAIN PERMITS

Permits are required for burning of bush and grass at any time between 1 September to 14 October and 15 February to 7 April. All **RESIDENTIAL, SEMI RURAL AND GENERAL FARMING** require a permit at ALL times during the restricted burning period.

**ALL MATERIAL TO BE BURNED MUST BE FREE OF ALL ANIMAL MANURE, PLASTICS, TYRES, CHEMICAL CONTAINERS AND GREEN WASTE**

## FIRE DANGER

NO BURNING of any type is permitted, including incinerators, on days of **VERY HIGH** or **ABOVE**.

## BARBEQUES & INCINERATORS & CAMPERS

Gas and electric barbeques are permitted at any time in approved locations. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are **PROHIBITED ON VERY HIGH, EXTREME OR CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER DAYS AND FROM 15 OCTOBER THROUGH TO 14 FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR.**

## APPROVED INCINERATOR

The incinerator is to be constructed of steel, brick or a combination of both these materials. Every incinerator shall be constructed or covered to prevent the emission of sparks or burning material.

## HINTS FOR BURNING

- Don't light a fire on a hot or windy day.
- Don't try to burn more than you can control.
- Neighbours must be advised.
- Make sure smoke and sparks will not affect neighbours washing or open windows.
- Cut or rake long grass around trees, buildings and fences before burning.
- Burn against the wind.
- Ensure adequate water is on site to dampen down the fire.

## CONTRACTORS

### NORTHAMPTON (NR)

Peter Millington (NR & K)  
Telephone: 0429 341 306

Simon Drage (NR)  
Mobile: 0429 341 159

Brad Byrne Midwest Tree Services (NR & K)  
Mobile: 0400 348 358

### KALBARRI (K)

Theo Scheffer (K)  
Telephone: 9937 2999  
Mobile: 0417 942 016

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

RESTRICTED PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING	RESTRICTED PERIOD
<b>PERMIT REQUIRED</b>		<b>PERMIT REQUIRED</b>
<b>1/9/2022 – 14/10/2022</b>	<b>15 OCTOBER TO 14 FEBRUARY</b>	<b>15/2/2023 – 7/4/2023</b>

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