



SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE **BUSHFIRE SAFETY**

Practical information about burning periods, fire bans, campfire safety, property preparation and emergency contacts.



Be prepared for bushfire season

Living in the Shire of Ravensthorpe means living with the risk of bushfire.

This booklet brings together important information to help you prepare your property, understand your responsibilities and know what to do during bushfire season.

It includes information about the Shire's Restricted and Prohibited burning periods, Firebreak Notice, Total Fire Bans, Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, bushfire warnings and where to find reliable information during an emergency.

Keep it somewhere handy and take some time to prepare before bushfire season begins.

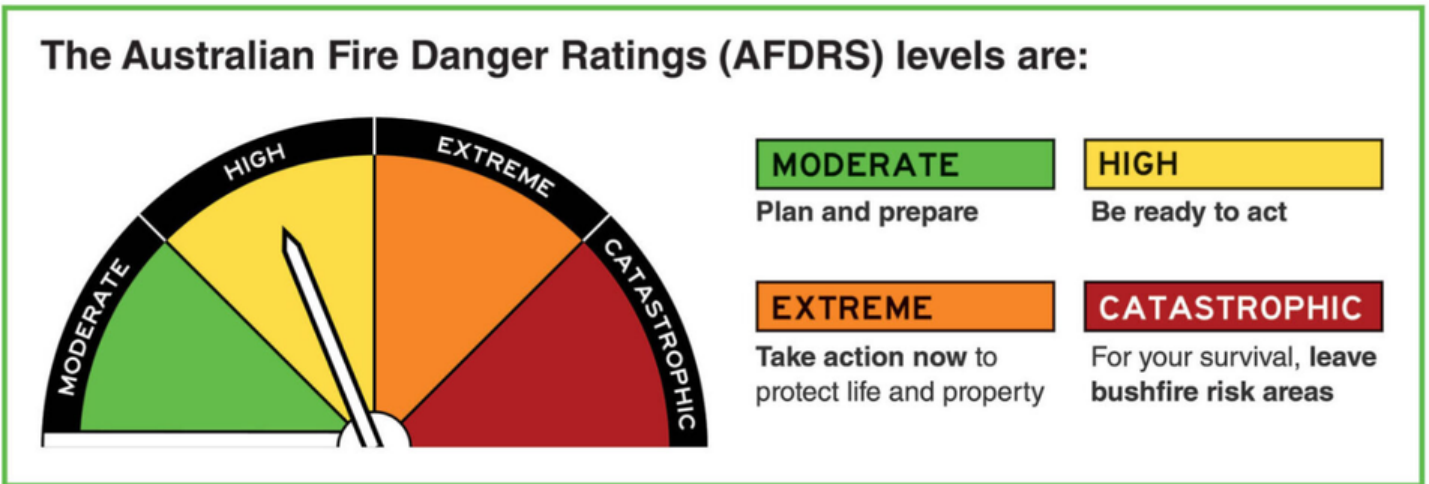
Bushfire safety is a shared responsibility. We all have a role to play in reducing bushfire risk and keeping our community safe.

Preparing early can make a big difference. Simple actions around your home and property can reduce bushfire risk and help protect you, your family, your neighbours and our wider community.

Bushfire conditions and restrictions can change quickly. Use this booklet as a guide, but always check current restrictions, bans and emergency warnings before lighting a fire or carrying out activities that could cause a fire.



Fire Danger Ratings



The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) tells you how dangerous a fire could be if one started.

The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions and the greater the potential impact of a bushfire.

Always check the Fire Danger Rating for your area and for any areas you are travelling to or through.

Check current Fire Danger Ratings for Western Australia via the Emergency WA website or app and the DFES Facebook page.

Total Fire Bans

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared on days when fires will be very difficult to control and are most likely to threaten lives and property.

Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods are separate from Total Fire Bans and apply during periods of increased bushfire risk.

Burning periods and restrictions can differ between local governments, so always check the current restrictions for the area you are in or travelling to.

Check the Emergency WA website or app and the DFES Facebook page to find out if a Total Fire Ban has been declared in your area.

Or call the Total Fire Ban Information Line on 1800 709 355.

During a Total Fire Ban, all open air fire activity is prohibited, including campfires, cookers and ovens that use solid fuels such as wood or charcoal.

Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban (HVMB) may be declared when hot, dry or windy conditions make harvesting and using vehicles or machinery off road a high fire risk.

When a HVMB is in place:

- harvesting is not allowed
- vehicles, machinery and equipment must not be used off road, including in paddocks, bushland and areas with stubble or long grass.

This includes motorbikes, quad bikes, excavators, chainsaws, ride-on mowers and generators.

Exceptions apply for urgent work by essential services.

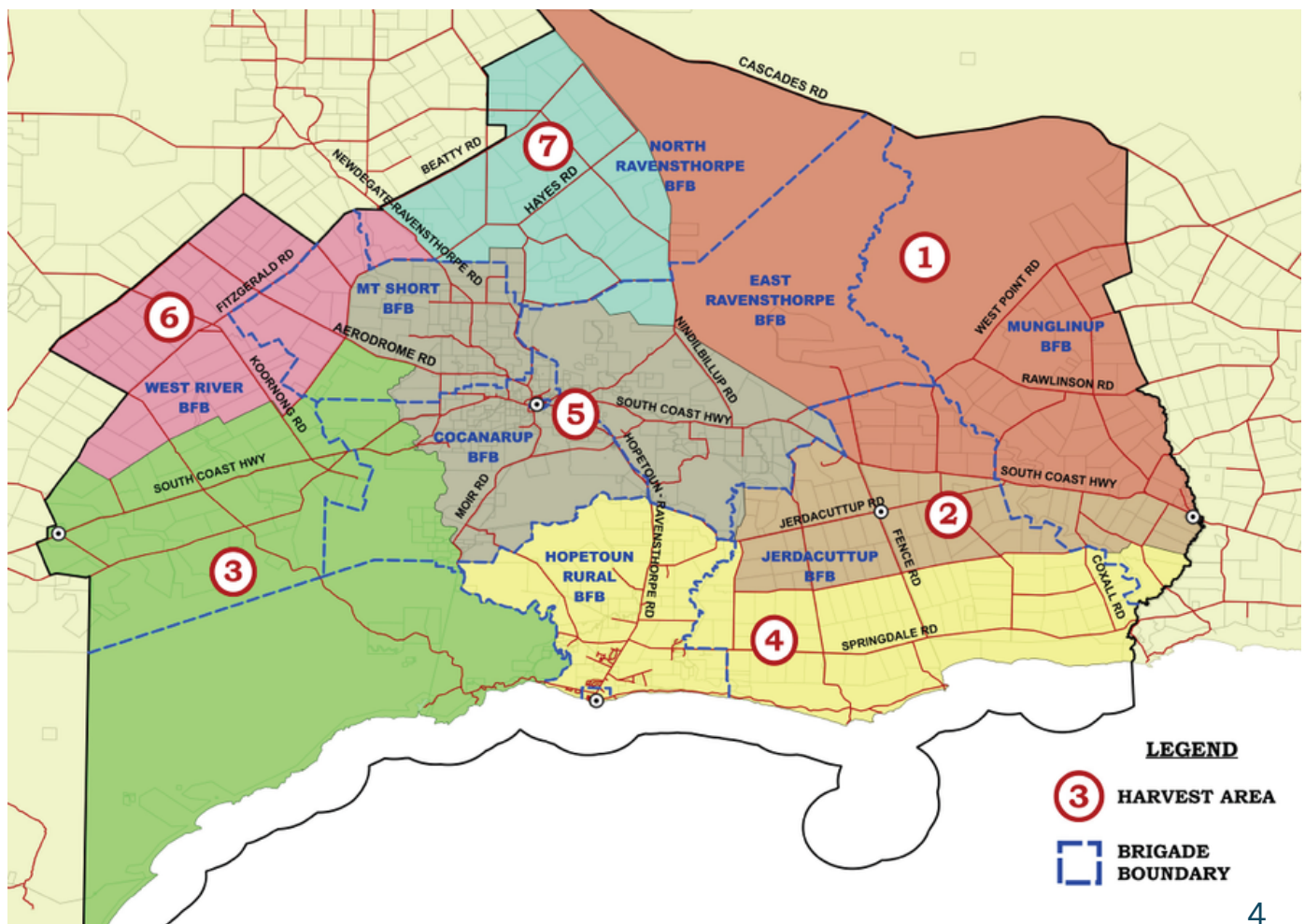
What vehicle movement is permitted?

You can still use vehicles on roads, driveways, yards and cleared areas around homes, farms and businesses.

Vehicles can also be used when necessary to protect people or livestock from immediate danger. Always take reasonable precautions to prevent a fire.

Zones for Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

The Shire is divided into zones so local conditions can be considered and a ban declared only in the areas where the fire risk requires it.



Restricted and prohibited burning periods

Burning periods differ between rural land and residential, rural residential, rural smallholding and special use land.

Check the table that applies to your property.

Rural

Period	
31 March to 19 September	Unrestricted burning
20 September to 31 October	Restricted burning - permit required
1 November to 31 January	Prohibited burning
1 February to 30 March	Restricted burning - permit required

Residential, rural residential, rural smallholding and special use land

Period	
1 February to 31 October	Restricted burning - permit required
1 November to 31 January	Prohibited burning

**Burning periods may be changed or extended depending on seasonal conditions.
Check the Shire website and official communication channels for current information.**

Burning

Burning is prohibited on Labour Day, the entire Easter long weekend (from Good Friday - Easter Monday), Anzac Day and the King's Birthday public holiday.

Burning is also prohibited on Sundays, except between 1 March and 31 October.

A permit from a Fire Control Officer is required to burn during the Restricted Burning Period.

Burning requirements

During the Restricted Burning Period, you must:

- obtain a written permit from an authorised Shire of Ravensthorpe Fire Control Officer
- comply with all conditions listed on your fire permit
- register your burn with DFES Communications Centre on 1800 198 140, using the nearest road intersection as the location of the planned burn
- notify the Shire on 08 9839 0000 or shire@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au before burning.

A fire permit is automatically invalid when the forecast Fire Behaviour Index (FBI) is High or above (24+). Check the FBI for your area at bom.gov.au before burning.

A Fire Control Officer may stop any activity or operation they consider hazardous or likely to start a fire.

Failure to comply with the conditions of a fire permit may result in penalties under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*.

Camping and cooking fires

During the Restricted Burning Period, a Permit to Burn is required for camping and cooking fires outside the designated locations below.

During the Prohibited Burning Period, camping and cooking fires are only permitted at these locations:

- Starvation Bay camping area
- Mason Bay camping area
- Hopetoun Beachside Caravan Park



At these locations, fires must be contained in a fire drum, fire ring, portable fire stove, concrete ring, barbecue or other approved containment vessel.

Fires directly on the ground are not permitted during the Restricted or Prohibited Burning Periods.

From 30 April to 19 September, camping and cooking fires in the open air are permitted without a permit to burn.

All camping and cooking fires must be extinguished, or must not be lit, when a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is declared for Harvest Zone 4.

If a Total Fire Ban is declared, it is illegal to light, maintain or use a fire in the open air, or carry out any activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire.

Before you light a fire

Check that campfires are permitted. If a Total Fire Ban or local fire restrictions are in place, do not light a campfire.

Check the Fire Danger Rating for the area. During the Restricted Burning Period, you cannot light an outdoor fire for camping or cooking when the Fire Danger Rating is High, Extreme or Catastrophic.

Check the conditions around you. Do not light a campfire in dry, hot or windy conditions.

Build and manage your campfire safely

- Keep your fire only as large as necessary for cooking or keeping warm.
- Keep the fire at least three metres from tents, camping equipment, gas cylinders, fuel cans and other flammable items.
- Never use flammable liquids to start or maintain a fire.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby.
- Never leave children or pets unsupervised near a fire.
- Do not put aerosol cans, glass or unopened food tins in the fire.

Putting your fire out

Completely extinguish your fire with water before leaving the campsite, even for a short time.

Do not bury the fire with soil. A buried fire can remain hot for many hours.

Always extinguish your fire before going to sleep.

Call Triple Zero (000) to report a fire.



Your property and the Firebreak Notice

Each year the Shire of Ravensthorpe issues a Firebreak Notice outlining bushfire risk reduction requirements for properties across the Shire.

Requirements vary depending on your property and may include maintaining firebreaks, managing vegetation and maintaining an Asset Protection Zone around buildings.

Property owners and occupiers must meet the requirements that apply to their property by the specified dates.

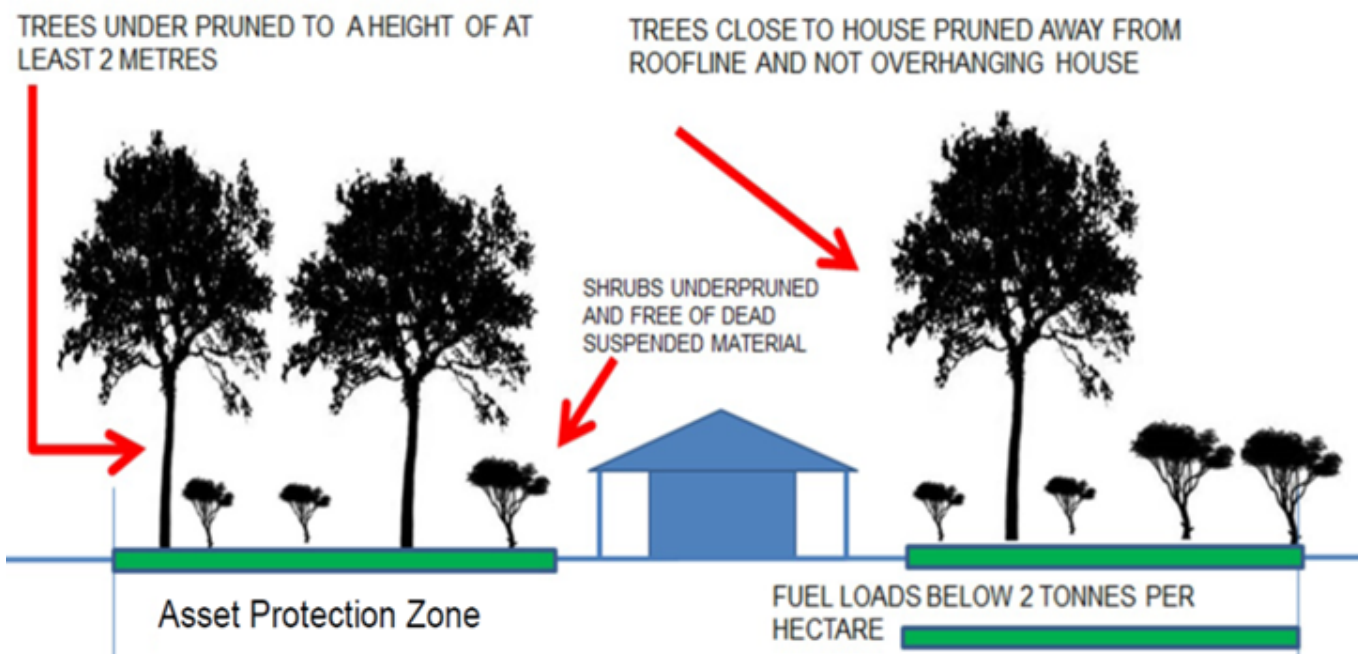
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Or visit the Shire website: www.ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au



Asset Protection Zones



An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is a low-fuel area around a building that helps protect it from bushfire.

Your APZ must extend at least 20 metres around buildings, within your property boundary. On sloping land, an additional 10 metres is required for every 10 degrees of slope.

Within the APZ:

- keep grass below 100 mm
- keep trees over 5 metres tall at least 6 metres from buildings, with canopies 5 metres apart
- remove branches that touch or overhang buildings and prune lower branches to 2 metres
- keep shrubs 3 metres from buildings and away from beneath trees
- keep ground covers 2 metres from buildings and remove dead vegetation
- store firewood away from buildings in piles no higher than 1 metre
- use non-combustible materials for fences and sheds.

Variations

If you cannot meet the requirements of the Firebreak Notice on your property, you can apply to the Shire for a variation.

A variation may allow you to put firebreaks in a different location, use other measures to reduce bushfire risk, or vary the requirements of an Asset Protection Zone.

Applications must be made in writing to the Shire before 1 October each year.

Contact us

Shire of Ravensthorpe
PO Box 43
Ravensthorpe WA 6346

Phone: 08 9839 0000

Email: shire@ravensthorpe.wa.gov.au

Travelling during bushfire season



If you are travelling during bushfire season, check conditions and warnings before you leave and be prepared to change your plans if there is a bushfire in the area.

Carry an emergency kit with drinking water, a first aid kit, woollen blankets, sturdy shoes, protective cotton or woollen clothing, a battery-powered radio and a printed map.

During an emergency, stay up to date through Emergency WA and ABC Local Radio.

For life-threatening emergencies or to report a fire, call 000.

For bushfire information, call the DFES information line on 13 33 37.

2026/27 FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS CONTACT DETAILS

NAME	POSITION	CONTACT#	RADIO CALL SIGN
CBFCO/DCBFCO			
Malcom Grant	CBFCO	0499 351 155	Ravey Chief/ Golf Romeo 2
Gavin Gibson	DCBFCO - East	0427 751 062	Mungy 1
Rian Duncan	DCBFCO - West	0428 324 400	West River 4
Reece Laycock	DCBFCO - Central	0438 838 007	North Ravey 1
COCANARUP BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Luke Webster	FCO	0427 381 454	Cocanarup 1
Gary Webster	FCO/Captain	0427 381 114	Cocanarup 2
Keith Rowe	FCO	0428 381 231	Cocanarup 3
Tom Farrell Barnes	FCO	0428 121 190	Cocanarup 4
EAST RAVENSTHORPE BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Andy Daw	FCO/Captain	0429 396 031	East Ravey 1
Devon Burton	FCO	0408 114 117	East Ravey 2
Rod Daw	FCO	0429 396 010	Golf Romeo 1
HOPETOUN RURAL BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Stott Redman	FCO/Captain	0429 351 475	Hopetoun Rural 1
Courtney Foulds	FCO	0423 819 270	Hopetoun Rural 2
Sam Foulds	FCO	0409 858 828	Hopetoun Rural 3
Andrew Venning	Permit Officer	0427 383 552	
Stefan Greyling	Permit Officer	0499 169 149	
JERDACUTTUP BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
James Mollet	FCO/Captain	0429 396 035	Jerdy Base/Jerdy 3
Paul Bell	FCO	0429 075 118	SE Jerdy Base/Jerdy 1
Matthew Bell	FCO	0419 933 113	Jerdy 2
Max Mollet	FCO	0429 035 396	Jerdy 3
James Bennett	FCO	0484 054 400	Jerdy 4
MT SHORT BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Peter Belli	FCO/Captain	0427 381 122	Mt Short 1
Richard Norrish	FCO	0427 507 561	Mt Short 2
MUNGLINUP BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Gavin Gibson (DUAL FCO - ESPERANCE)	DCBFCO	0427 751 062	Mungy Base/Mungy 1
Bernard Fetherstonhaugh (DUAL FCO - ESPERANCE)	FCO/Captain	0427 751 089	Mungy 2
Sam Fetherstonhaugh	FCO	0427 751 054	Mungy 3
Brody Wickstein	FCO	0417 714 543	Mungy 4
Keiren Barrett (DUAL FCO - ESPERANCE)	FCO	0427 449 677	Mungy 5
NORTH RAVENSTHORPE BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Reece Laycock (DUAL FCO - LAKE GRACE)	DCBFCO/Captain	0438 838 007	Nth Ravey 1
Andrew Chambers	FCO	0429 380 084	Nth Ravey 2
Kye Chambers	FCO	0427 380 084	Nth Ravey 3
Chad Tuckett (DUAL FCO - LAKE GRACE)	FCO	0429 109 591	Nth Ravey 4

WEST RIVER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE			
Rian Duncan (DUAL FCO - JERRAMUNGUP)	DCBFCO	0428 324 400	West River Base/West River 4
Peter Kuiper (DUAL FCO - JERRAMUNGUP)	FCO/Captain	0428 357 043	West River 1
Brett Kershaw (DUAL FCO - JERRAMUNGUP)	FCO/Secretary	0427 356 053	West River 2
Nathan Mudie	FCO	0429 304 462	West River 3
Joel Ebert	FCO	0488 904 554	West River 5
Nick Turner	FCO	0427 800 227	West River 6
Dion Wisewould	FCO	0407 440 470	West River 7
SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE			
	CESM	0438 498 221	Ravey CESM
Lisa-Marie Dreyer	Ranger	0438 815 629	Shire Ranger 1
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Steve Petersen	District Officer Esp	0427 002 718	Fire Services 9



For more information

For the latest bushfire safety information, local requirements and important updates, visit the Shire of Ravensthorpe website.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



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