



Shire of Boyup Brook  
**EMERGENCY INFORMATION  
& BUSHFIRE CONTROL  
2024 / 2025**

**KNOW YOUR BUSHFIRE RESPONSIBILITY  
PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE  
COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY**

**If in doubt, contact the Shire of Boyup Brook  
or your local brigade**

**REPORT ALL EMERGENCIES AND FIRES TO  
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RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD	RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD
09 OCTOBER TO 20 NOVEMBER	21 NOVEMBER TO 28 FEBRUARY	01 MARCH TO 30 APRIL
<b>Compliance with the Fire Hazard Reduction &amp; Firebreak Notice 2024-2025</b>		
30 NOVEMBER 2024		
<b>25 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban declared for Shire of Boyup Brook.		

**Note –**

- Restricted Burning Times and Prohibited Burning Times may be varied due to seasonal changes. Variations will be advertised in a local newspaper and on the Shire's website. It is the responsibility of owners and occupiers of land to ensure they are aware of any variations.*
- The Department of Fire and Emergency Services may declare a Total Fire Ban. Such a declaration overrides any other authority. Total Fire Bans are advertised on the Department's website and broadcast on ABC radio. Information can also be obtained on the Department's Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355.*

**DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER**

## RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES

Burning without a permit is prohibited during any restricted burning time. To obtain a permit an application must be made to the relevant Brigade Fire Control Officer (see contact list). Unless permitted by the Chief Bush Fire Officer, permits for hazard reduction of bush will not be issued before 1 April.

A permit holder must -

- (a) no more than 28 days nor less than 4 days prior to commencing the burn, give notice of the intention to burn –
  - (i) to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (on 08 9395 9209);
  - (ii) if the land is to be burned within 3km of a State forest or timber reserve, to the nearest Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Office (Kirup 9731 6232 or Manjimup 9771 7988); and
  - (iii) to the owner or occupier of any adjoining land;
- (b) comply with all conditions on the permit;
- (c) ensure he or she is aware of their obligations and responsibilities under section 18 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and regulation 15B of the Bush Fire Regulations 1954 (as detailed on the reverse of the permit) during any restricted burning times.

## PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

PROHIBITED BURNING TIME – means strictly no fires or open flames on your property. All burning, including garden refuse is prohibited during this period. If you see someone burning during the Prohibited Period, please call 000. Prohibited Burning period dates may be varied due to climate or weather conditions

## HARVEST & VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

The Shire may declare a *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban* (HVMB) at any time during a Restricted or Prohibited burning time. **Christmas Day** in each year is automatically a day on which a HVMB is in force in Boyup Brook.

It is prohibited to use any vehicle with a combustion engine '**off road**' during any period for which a HVMB has been declared.

This includes any form of fuelled motor device such as, but not limited to –

- Aircraft (which, except in an emergency, can only take-off or land on a cleared roadway)
- Ride-on lawn mowers
- Motorbikes, quad bikes and buggies
- Model aeroplanes and model cars.

'**Off road**' means anywhere (including a paddock or area of bush or forest) other than a road or track cleared of all vegetation to a minimum width of 3.0m.

To receive notification of HVMB's declared by the Shire, email the [shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@boyupbrook.wa.gov.au), or call the office 9765 1200 to have your mobile number placed on the text notification list. You can also stay informed via ABC radio, shire website ([www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au](http://www.boyupbrook.wa.gov.au)) and social media.

## RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES & PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

## TOTAL FIRE BANS

A Total Fire Ban (TFB) is declared by DFES on days when fires are most likely to threaten lives and property. This is because of predicted extreme fire weather or when there are already widespread fires and firefighting resources are stretched. Occasionally TFBs may be declared outside of a fire season (such as in May or June) due to other factors such as higher temperatures and expected strong winds preceding a storm front.

On a Total Fire Ban Day, it is illegal to light an open-air fire or conduct any activity that could start a fire. You can find the full list of prohibited activities below. Some of these activities are prescribed in the Bush Fires Regulations 1954 meaning they can be carried out during a TFB, providing you comply with the conditions listed there.

Businesses, public authorities or industries may be given an exemption for activities not prescribed in the Regulations, as long as conditions are met to ensure the activity does not start a fire.

You could receive an infringement of \$1,000 by police, local government or DFES for breaching a Total Fire Ban. Upon conviction, you could receive a fine of \$25,000 and/or be jailed for 12 months. If you see someone acting in a manner that breaches a TFB, contact the relevant local government authority directly. If the behaviour is related to arson, report this to police immediately, if it is an emergency, i.e. has caused a fire, call 000.

Prohibited activities during a TFB are:

- Using any barbecue, smoker or cooker that requires solid or liquid fuel such as methylated spirits, kerosene, wood, briquettes, wood pellets or charcoal in an area that is not fully enclosed.
- Lighting of a campfire, bonfire or carry out an activity that causes or is likely to cause a fire.
- Burning off vegetation on your property, including within a fire-pit or something similar.
- Outdoor use of a welder or power operated abrasive cutting discs of any kind. This includes grinding, soldering, gas cutting and all other forms of 'hot works'
- Using vehicles for off-road use, such as in a paddock or any land which contains vegetation (alive or dead).
- Using an incinerator
- Hot Air ballooning
- Using above ground explosives
- Using a bee keeping smoker
- Using sparklers or fireworks.

### FIREBREAKS

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Under section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act*, you are required to carry out the fire prevention work specified on any land within the Shire that is owned or occupied by you.

The work must be carried out by 30 November, unless approved otherwise, and maintained throughout the summer months until 1 April.

If an owner or occupier fails to comply with these requirements, he or she may be issued with an infringement notice (penalty \$250) or prosecuted, and the Shire may carry out the required work at the cost of the owner or occupier.

If it is impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks, or to take measures in accordance with these requirements, you may apply to the Shire in writing before 1 October, for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations, or to take alternative measures to prevent the outbreak or spread of a bush fire. If permission is not granted in writing by the Shire, you must comply with these requirements.

### CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

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Where a building is under construction on any land between 9 October and 1 May, the land must be cleared of all inflammable matter within a 15m radius of the construction site. The Chief Fire Control Officer and relevant Fire Control Officer will be notified by Shire staff of all building permits granted.

### ELECTRIC FENCES

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During Total Fire Bans and on days of extreme fire danger, it is common practice to switch off electric fences. Electric fences can cause fires when sparks jump from one wire to another in the presence of dry vegetation. To prevent this from occurring, ensure your electric fences are free of wire and vegetation. Electric fences should meet the appropriate Australian Standard and be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

## FIREBREAKS

## CLOVER HARVESTING

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Clover harvesting may continue during a harvest and total movement ban provided –

1. any fire hazard in the area being harvested has previously been removed;
2. no combustion engine is less than 20m from the firebreak;
3. no vehicle enters or leaves a paddock except on a cleared roadway; and
4. a permit has been issued by the Chief Bushfire Control Officer.

**Note:** A holder of a clover burning permit must notify his or her base station (see contact list) on the day of the burn, unless the fire is to be lit after 6.00pm.

## HARVEST MACHINES, HEADERS, MOWERS, SLASHER, STUMP GRINDERS OR SIMILAR

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It is prohibited to operate any harvesting machine, header, mower, slasher, stump grinder or similar in any crop during the restricted or prohibited burning times unless –

- (a) a working fire extinguisher is carried on the machine; and
- (b) a working mobile fire fighting unit is –
  - (i) in the paddock being harvested, or adjacent to the entrance of that paddock.
  - (ii) filled at all times with at least 450L of water.
  - (iii) equipped with an efficiently operating pump.
  - (iv) self-propelled or always attached to a suitable towing vehicle.

## WELDING APPARATUS AND ANGLE GRINDERS

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It is prohibited to operate any kind of **welding apparatus** or **power operated abrasive cutting disk** in the open-air during Restricted or Prohibited Burning Times unless –

- (a) The location where the welding or abrasive cutting taking place is surrounded by a firebreak which is at least 5m wide.
- (b) At least one appropriate fire extinguisher is located and accessible at the place where the welding or cutting operation is carried out.

## **STUMP GRINDERS**

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It is prohibited to operate a stump grinder without written consent (permit) from the Chief Bushfire Control Officer during the restricted and prohibited burning times.

## **BLUE GUM TRASH HEAPS**

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A permit will be required for burning of tree plantation waste at any time throughout the year. Permits will only be issued by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and burning of blue gum trash heaps to be completed by 31st of August annually. All trash heaps are required to be pushed out and levelled by the 30th of October of that year.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ROADSIDE BURNING**

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A permit is required to carry out any burning on a roadside at any time of the year. Further requirements may apply e.g. Traffic management.

### **PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

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It is recommended that all members of the public and Fire Fighters wear adequate protective clothing when fighting or attending to fires. Safety boots, long cotton or woollen loose trousers, long-sleeved cotton or woollen shirt, leather gloves, wide-brim cotton hat and safety glasses are the minimum recommended requirements.

### **INCINERATORS**

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Any incinerator used to burn rubbish must be properly constructed. An incinerator should be designed and constructed to prevent the escape of sparks or burning material and should be situated 2.0m or more away from any building or fence. An open drum with or without a lid is not an appropriate incinerator.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**



## SHIRE AND BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS

### EMERGENCY CALL 000

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<b>Boyup Brook Shire</b>	<b>9765 1200</b>
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<b>Boyup Brook Police</b>	<b>9762 1666</b>
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<b>Manager (Shire Depot)</b>	<b>0419 777 033</b>
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<b>Shire Ranger</b>	<b>0438 797 150</b>
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### FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

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#### BOYUP BROOK X-RAY TEAM

<b>CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER</b>	<b>Ben Thompson</b>	<b>0427 673 072</b>
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<b>1ST DEPUTY</b>	<b>Tristan Mead</b>	<b>0497 671 340</b>
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<b>2ND DEPUTY</b>	<b>Brad Skraha</b>	<b>0428 673 058</b>
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<b>COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER</b>	<b>David Fortune</b>	<b>0428 672 061</b>
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<b>FIRE WEATHER OFFICER</b>	<b>Wayde Robertson</b>	<b>0427 673 090</b>
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<b>DEPUTY FIRE WEATHER OFFICER</b>	<b>David Nield</b>	<b>0427 664 623</b>
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<b>BOYUP BROOK VOLUNTEER FIRE &amp; RESCUE SERVICE</b>	<b>CAPTAIN Clinton Wawilow</b>	<b>0427 091 540</b>
	<b>DEPUTY FCO Ross Parker</b>	<b>0427 989 647</b>
<b>BENJINUP BFB</b>	<b>Rob Imrie Clint Westphal</b>	<b>0428 899 049 0427 661 097</b>
<b>CHOWERUP BFB</b>	<b>Glenn Mead Luke Harding</b>	<b>0428 135 553 0488 750 001</b>
<b>DINNINUP BFB</b>	<b>Tristan Mead Wayne White</b>	<b>0497 671 340 0429 671 215</b>
<b>EAST BOYUP BROOK BFB</b>	<b>John Ritson Ken Holland</b>	<b>0427 033 010 0428 991 773</b>
<b>GIBBS ROAD BFB</b>	<b>Ron Bingham Paul Goerling</b>	<b>0429 900 058 0428 676 730</b>
<b>KENNINUP BFB</b>	<b>Geoff Dalton Nick Bagshaw</b>	<b>0427 527 772 0428 993 909</b>
<b>KULIKUP BFB</b>	<b>Brad Fairbrass Anthony Marsh</b>	<b>0428 673 054 0428 642 668</b>
<b>MAYANUP BFB</b>	<b>Ben Creek Mat Francke</b>	<b>0428 158 138 0429 109 691</b>

## **BRIGADE & SHIRE CONTACTS**

<b>McALINDEN BFB</b>	<b>Kieran Power</b>	<b>0488 433 221</b>
	<b>Glenn Kirk</b>	<b>0408 318 788</b>

<b>MICKALARUP/ DWALGANUP BFB</b>	<b>Clint Graham</b>	<b>0477 198 331</b>
	<b>Jamie Forbes</b>	<b>0457 903 024</b>

<b>NOLLAJUP BFB</b>	<b>Marcus Gifford</b>	<b>0428 644 040</b>
	<b>Rob Introvigne</b>	<b>0427 644 082</b>

<b>SCOTTS BROOK BFB</b>	<b>Charles Caldwell</b>	<b>0418 913 531</b>
	<b>Dylan Roney</b>	<b>0400 620 351</b>

<b>TONEBRIDGE BFB</b>	<b>Matt Della-Gola</b>	<b>0427 767 177</b>
	<b>David Turner</b>	<b>0475 603 881</b>

<b>TWEED BFB</b>	<b>David Muir</b>	<b>0428 653 041</b>
	<b>Scott Nix</b>	<b>0428 553 017</b>

<b>WEST BOYUP BROOK BFB</b>	<b>Brian Cailles</b>	<b>0408 151 800</b>
	<b>Peter Jennings</b>	<b>0427 445 530</b>

## CHANNEL LIST

<b>SHIRE</b>	<b>WAERN</b>	<b>VHF</b>	<b>UHF</b>
BOYUP BROOK Chowerup Repeater	119 346	30	11
BRIDGETOWN	197	34	
COLLIE	157	35	
CRANBROOK		45W	9
DONNYBROOK	106	37	
KOJONUP Chowerup Repeater	234 229	41	11
MANJIMUP	251 292	75 44	
WEST ARTHUR	171	76	5
BOYUP BROOK FIRE & RESCUE	355	99	

# EMERGENCY INFORMATION & PHONE CONTACTS



## Latest information:

In an Emergency it is important that you get your information from the most reliable and up to date source. Using the online sources below will be the best way to stay informed.

The **Emergency WA** website outlines the latest warnings and incidents.

The **Bureau of Meteorology** outlines the latest weather warnings.

If you need to report an issue or emergency:

**Emergency** **000**  
Life threatening emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

**Police assistance** **131 444**  
Non-emergency situations requiring Police attendance

**Crimestoppers WA** **1800 333 000**  
Anonymously report criminal activity, suspicious behaviour

**Emergency warnings will be played on ABC radio at regular intervals until the emergency is over.**

Storm Safety (SES) 132 500

Fire Safety (DFES) 133 337

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) 1300 659 210

Western Power 131 351

Water Corporation 131 375

Main Roads WA 138 138

**Working together for a safe community.**

If you need an interpreter, please call TIS National on 131 450.

# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Emergencies can happen at any time, often without warning.

For advice on how you can prepare visit the Shire's website.



## PETS IN AN EMERGENCY

As pets are reliant on owners for their safety in an emergency, it is essential that you plan ahead. Prepare for the safety and welfare of your pets and livestock well before an emergency event affects your property. If you have livestock allow yourself plenty of time to relocate them. Emergencies such as fire or flood can cause significant disruption. Plan for alternative escape routes and leave early to avoid unnecessary risks.

## MY EMERGENCY BACK-UP TEAM

My Doctor – Medical Practitioner	N:	P:
My Family Contact	N:	P:
My Neighbour 1:	N:	P:
My Neighbour 2:	N:	P:
Who would help me evacuate:	N:	P:
Who would help me with my pets:	N:	P:

## OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO ME

	N:	P:
	N:	P:
	N:	P:
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## EMERGENCY CONTACTS