



## Bush Fires

Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year. The single biggest killer is indecision. To survive a bushfire you must be prepared to make your own decisions. Contact Ranger Services for a copy of the “5 Minute Fire Chat”.



### **PERMITS TO BURN CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING RANGERS**

Phone: 9941 0000 / 0408 942 945  
Email: [shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

#### Shire of Carnarvon

3 Francis Street  
PO Box 459  
CARNARVON WA 6701  
[www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au](http://www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au)  
Ph: 9941 0000



## Contacts

### **FIRE or EMERGENCY 000**

[emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)

Gascoyne River Volunteer Bush Fire  
Brigade Captain: 0457 419 950  
Volunteer Fire & Rescue: 9941 1013  
Hospital: 9941 0555  
Ambulance Sub Centre: 9938 0900  
SES: 132 500 / 9941 2121  
Police: 131 444

DFES information line: 13 33 37  
CESM Matthew Holland: 0448 081 637  
Email: [holland.m@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:holland.m@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

Shire Office: 9941 0000  
Ranger Coordinator: 0408 942 945

### **Rubbish Tip**

The Browns Range Waste Management Facility is approximately 7km south east of the Carnarvon townsite and is on the Speedway Road.

Monday to Friday 7am - 4pm  
Saturday & Sunday 8am - 2pm

**Closed all public holidays**



## Shire of Carnarvon

### **FIREBREAK NOTICE**

Bush Fires Act 1954

#### **NOTICE TO ALL LAND OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS IN THE SHIRE OF CARNARVON**

As a measure to assist in the control of bush fires or prevent the spread or extension of a bush fire, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Carnarvon are required before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in each year, or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier of land if after that date, to clear firebreaks and maintain those firebreaks and measures in accordance with this notice up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the following year.

Such firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods: Ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, raking, burning, chemical spraying or other approved method.

Depending on where your land is located, section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954 requires that on or before 1st November each year, a land owner or pastoral lease holder undertakes and maintains fire hazard reduction work on their property until 30th April the following year as follows;

## TOWN SITE LAND

(Refers to all land within the town of Carnarvon & Coral Bay)

(a) Where the land is 2,000 square metres or less, all dry flammable materials must be removed.

(b) Where the land is greater than 2,000 square metres, trafficable firebreaks not less than 3 metres wide and pruned of any obstructions up to 4m high, immediately inside or within 2 meters of the external boundaries of the land. A low fuel buffer zone of 20 meters around all buildings, shall be clear of all flammable material to no higher than 50mm.

## RURAL & PASTORAL LAND

(Refers to all land outside the town site)

Trafficable firebreaks are required not less than 3 metres wide and pruned of any obstructions up to 4m high, immediately inside or within 2 meters of the external boundaries of the land.

A low fuel buffer zone of 20 meters around all buildings, shall be clear of all flammable material to no higher than 50mm is required.

## RUBBISH SITES

(For all rubbish sites for pastoral stations, town sites and community use) Trafficable firebreaks are to be installed no less than 3 metres wide and within 2 metres of the perimeter of the rubbish site.

## FUEL DUMPS & DEPOTS

(For all fuel dump or depots within the Shire of Carnarvon)

All flammable materials must be removed within 5 metres of any fuel drums (irrespective whether the drums contain fuel or not) or any ramps.

## ANY CLEARING WORKS

All clearing works must be performed to the satisfaction of a duly authorised Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Carnarvon.

The requirements of this Notice are the minimum standard of protection required. The Shire of Carnarvon reserves the right to place further conditions upon individual land owners/occupiers as may be necessary to reduce fire risk.

## ALTERNATE STYLE FIREBREAK

If it is considered impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to remove flammable material from the land as required by this notice, you may apply in writing to the Shire of Carnarvon no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> October for permission to provide firebreaks in an alternative positions or take alternative action to abate fire hazards on land.

## FIRE DANGER RATING

No fire of any kind may be lit on a day when the forecast Fire Danger Rating for the district is **Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic**.

There are 3 signs along North West Coastal Highway which are updated each day.

The fire danger rating is supplied daily by the Bureau of Meteorology. ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)).



## RESTRICTED & PROHIBITED BURNING PERIODS

Restricted Burning Period for Carnarvon is from the **1 November to 30 April each year**.

During this period;

- a permit is required to burn
- burning is prohibited on any day when the Fire Danger Rating reaches Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic
- Burning is prohibited when a Total Fire Ban has been declared.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of \$5000 or a modified penalty of \$250 per day. Any person failing to comply with this notice may also be liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of the Shire of Carnarvon obtaining contractors to perform any fire hazard reduction works on your property (owner or occupier).

(Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954)

## PENALTIES

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| Burning during prohibited times                | <b>\$250</b> |
| Failure to produce a permit to burn            | <b>\$250</b> |
| Failure to prepare a fire break                | <b>\$250</b> |
| Burning when fire danger is Very High or above | <b>\$250</b> |