SHIRE OF

MANJIMUP



24 July 2024

Minutes

Bush Fire Advisory Committee

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Shire of Manjimup
Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting 24 July 2024

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Manjimup Emergency Services Collocation Building, located at 46 Bath Street Manjimup on Wednesday 24 July 2024.

1. Declaration of Opening the Meeting

The Chairman, Cr Cliff Winfield, declared the meeting open 6.58pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance / Apologies

2.1 Attendance

Members – Voting

Cr Cliff Winfield	Shire of Manjimup – Councillor (Chair)
Todd Ridley	Shire of Manjimup - Community Emergency Services Officer
Remo Pessotto	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Eric Beckett	Coastal Zone (Northcliffe)
Keith Scott	Pemberton West Zone (Springfield)
Thomas Muir	Manjimup East Zone (Perup, Dunreath & Mordalup)
Bradley Wren	Manjimup West Zone (Yanmah & Glenoran)
Frank Shaw	Manjimup North West Zone (Ringbarkers)
Josh Kanny	Manjimup Central East Zone (Balbarrup, Dingup & Diamond)
Peter Parker	Manjimup South West Zone (Seven Day Road)
Adrian Wayne	Manjimup South East Zone (proxy)

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Members Non Voting & Invited Guests

Nicole Favero	Shire of Manjimup – Ranger & Emergency Services
Stephen Burch	Senior Ranger (CESM Proxy)
Colin Griffiths	Coastal Zone (proxy)
Jeff Bennett	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Chris Sousa	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Dani Becket	Northcliffe Bush Fire Brigade (guest)

2.2 Apologies

Bill Rice	Manjimup South East Zone (Quinninup, Quinninup Town, Upper Warren & Smithbrook)
Stephen Mills	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Shane Otway	Pemberton North Zone (Pemberton Rural)
Cr Donelle Buegge	Shire President - Councillor (proxy)

3. **Declaration of Financial Interest – Nil**

4. **Review of BFAC Terms of Reference & Membership & Contact Details**

   Membership and contact list was reviewed by all in attendance.

5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 17 April 2024.**

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2024/05

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 17 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record."
Moved: Bradley Wren, DCBFCO
Seconded: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO

CARRIED: 11/0

6. **Council's Response to Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 17 April 2024.**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Eiby SECONDED: Cr Miolin

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That Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 17 April 2024 as shown in Attachment: 9.16.2(1).

ADOPTED BY EN BLOC RESOLUTION: 8/0

7. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- **Northcliffe Radio request for second Radio for LT** – As this is used as control vehicle with two people, so they didn't have to scan channel asked for another installation. DFES advised that there would be no chance for another allocation. There is a possibility of LGs being able to purchase high band radios but this could be a long way off still.
- **Dingup – Di Rose Captain asked for Balbarrup list of radios** – CESM phoned the Captain and discussed the allocations and how they work and she was happy with this.
- **UHF should be in Communications Plan** - Dingup Josh Kanny had queried if this should be included and CESM advised that it is already in the Plan.

7.1 Action List

Action & Meeting Date	Action	Update	Status	Person Responsible
25/05/2016	**Northcliffe Shed** Construct a new facility for brigade	• Shire of Manjimup successful in obtaining grant. DFES proposal to co-locate 2015. • Brigade met to discuss, in favour of co-location. DFES submitted proposal, awaiting response. Council approved DFES proposal. • $30,000 in proposed Council budget for site works, budget adopted 10th August 2017. • DFES Funding available December 2017 • Construct building in the 2017 / 2018 year, once DFES funding is available. Shire of Manjimup and DFES signed funding agreement July 2018. BFB shed side construction underway. • Work currently ceased, waiting on paperwork from builder, then should recommence. • Purchase Orders have been issued and approved and the issue with builder now resolved. Funding arrangements with DFES resolved as well with a top up to complete the rebuild of Fire and Rescue station to become the Co-Location building. Northcliffe BFB building hoping to get to pretty quickly. Building to commence soon December 2019. • June 2020, 90% completion of the Bushfire Brigade shed. Stage two construction underway. • 90% of stage two complete. Shire to meet with BFB and FRS to discuss final completion of works. • Met with BFB and FRS on the completion of works, Builder to be back on site to complete the list of works required from 6 December 2021. **22/03/23:** Backup Water Pump and double headed hydrant to be installed, hoses and taps requested, getting plumber is issue and an effective pump to back up. Charging plug and bump stops to be installed. **12/07/23:** Electrician engaged for charging plugs. Double hydrant received awaiting availability from plumber. **17/04/24:** Ongoing. Eric Beckett Coastal Zone advised vehicle battery chargers still sitting on chairs, charger cables still running on floor, twin hydrant, electric refill pump and pump shed not completed. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Electrician reviewed power tripping, no fault found. If it happens again, leave it as is and we will get them back. He is sending a quote through for chargers when he returns (this is operational). Plumbers quote for the installation of the hydrant and pump accepted and a PO has been issued. This will be a few weeks for pump to arrive, once done the shed build will be complete.	In progress	Todd Ridley

29/08/2018	**Link all Radio Repeaters** Channels 251, 292, 142, 293 and 252 be linked together	• T Ridley wrote to DFES in October • LSW ROAC moved motion for State to respond (28th March 2019). • Survey received from DFES re the Mid Band Network July 2019. • Survey completed by BFAC and returned to LSW DFES. Karri Valley Blackspot issue. • Awaiting a response from DFES and Karri Valley Blackspot issue. • 252, 293 and 142 digital links installed. Trial system throughout the fire season. • Report for Meeting. Write to DFES regarding issues with trial period. **07/12/22:** Correspondence sent to DFES on the 3 November 2021. Still no response. **22/03/23:** Awaiting response from DFES, Todd to lodge ICT request for every fault. **12/07/23:** Still no response from DFES. Shire administration to write to DFES. **17/04/24:** Shire administration emailed DFES, no reply. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Discussion held on this item as they feel no value as tweaked enough to be happy and believe nothing else will change. Just be mindful if this fails during an incident could be a major issue. All agreed to complete and remove item.	Completed	Todd Ridley
23/03 **22/03/2023**	**Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Local Laws**	**22/03/23:** Recommendation that Council accept and proceed with the legal requirements of the Local government Act 1995 in implementation. **BFAC DECISION 2023/04** **12/07/23:** Presented at Council meeting ……..**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 29098**, Advised Ministers and went to advertising as per agenda item, now waiting on Ministers comments and then it goes to Joint Standing Committee. **17/04/24:** Joint Standing Committee commented and amendments were required in regard to Appointment of Members. Draft being submitted to Council at meeting 11 April 2024. **24/07/24:** Went to Council for Consideration of Submissions and Final Adoption of Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Amendment Local law 2024 and has now gone to be Gazetted and then will go back to State. Ongoing.	In progress	Todd Ridley
23/04 **22/03/2023**	**Brigade/Shire owned Slip On Units**	**22/03/23:** In Item 10.3 BFAC recommendation for CESM to inspect all Brigade/Shire owned slip on units and report to BFAC in July. **BFAC DECISION 2023/05** **12/07/23:** Commenced work, designed new *Form 5.3.24 Appliance – Brigade Owned Slip-ons and Fast Fill Trailers – Report* and currently still compiling these together with photos for report which will present at next BFAC meeting. **17/04/24:** Work in progress. **24/07/24:** Slowly building a list. Ongoing.	In progress	Todd Ridley

23/06 **12/07/2023**	**Pemberton North Zone – FCO succession plan**	**12/07/23:** CESM to arrange a meeting with Brigade and Chief's to discuss and work out a succession plan regarding FCO's for Pemberton North Zone **17/04/24:** Work in progress. **24/07/24:** Discussion on two of the FCOs and if they are continuing, CBFCO advised that at this stage he thinks they will, but this still needs to be addressed. Ongoing.	In progress	Todd Ridley
23/09 **12/07/2023**	**Crewing of Appliances**	**12/07/23:** **1.** That Shire administration, on behalf of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee, write to all Bush Fire Brigades with ESL appliances and request they provide the following information: a. The number of trained members with the appropriate class of Drivers Licence; and b. If their Brigade has the means to crew their allocated appliance outside of the Brigade area but within Shire Boundaries. **2.** That Shire Administration report back to BFAC on the findings of that request and supply the Chief's with a list of trained members with truck drivers licences. **17/04/24:** Only received lists from Northcliffe, Mordalup, Walpole and Springfield. May need to go back to the Brigades, nothing further raised at meeting. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Request for Brigades to bring this up at AGMs for action. Ongoing.	In progress	Todd Ridley
23/11 **12/07/2023**	**Contingency Plan for Chief & Deputy CBFCO's**	**12/07/23:** Shire Administration to add this to FCO & Captain Meeting as an Agenda Item to address if there is a contingency plan for the Chief's or if there is a need to reintroduce Senior FCO or Chief in Training for succession planning. **17/04/24:** This was part of the FCO and Captains Meeting presentation that was held in October 2023 with no clear direction received from members. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Discussion with some options of looking at a second Deputy but the Act doesn't allow for two, could look at ranking FCOs with a Senior FCO who could learn and assist with skeds and at incidents. ***ACTION: CESM to prepare a recommendation on this for next BFAC Meeting.***	Ongoing	Todd Ridley
24/01 **17/04/2024**	**Get Well Card to CESM**	**17/04/24:** Chair requested Admin send a Get Well card to Todd Ridley from BFAC Members. **24/07/24:** Card delivered to Todd at home from all members of BFAC. Very much appreciated by Todd.	Completed	Nicole Favero

24/02 **17/04/2024**	**Northcliffe 4.4 Engine Light Issue**	**17/04/24:** Chair requested Admin to follow up on the Northcliffe 4.4 engine light issue and report back to Brigade. **24/07/24:** Admin investigated and found that this was reported September 2023 and actioned at service in November last year at which time the Fault was provided to Mechanic and requested he investigate. This was done and he reset the code, which he has done many times and advised it is because the vehicle battery isolator is being turned off too soon after vehicle is switched off as the isolator is to remain on for 30 seconds after engine shutdown and it wasn't happening (he has also advised Brigade of this). Admin booked the appliance in at Milentis in Manjimup in May to further investigate this issue, they also reset the code and serviced aircon (advising same info regarding isolator switch). Brigade were asked if any further issues but they advised they haven't looked at it since it returned. Completed.	Completed	Nicole Favero

8. Correspondence – *(copies can be available on request)*

8.1 Incoming

- 21.05.24 DFES - Australian Warning System: A message from the FES Commissioner.

8.2 Outgoing

- 27.06.24 Shire of Manjimup to BFAC Members & Brigades – Unconfirmed Minutes from Meeting held 17 April 2024.
- 10.07.24 Shire of Manjimup to BFAC Members – BFAC Meeting - 24 July 2024 - Agenda & General Business Item Reports.

9. Members Reports

9.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Remo Pessotto

Report was tabled, see Item 9.1 Attachment

Brad Wren DCBFCO, commented that they were very disappointed that there was 'No Response' at all from the Chief's own local bush fire brigade when the recent fire happened at the CBFCOs property, which resulted in the loss of his son's house and contents. Not sure if this is due to it being a structure fire, but regardless, this is our fire and we should have been first on scene to assist until VFRS arrive and then with water if needed. Deputy ended up taking the Yanmah truck out to assist. Very disappointing.

9.2 CESM and Training Coordinator – Todd Ridley

Report was tabled, see Item 9.2 Attachment

Discussion followed on regarding some fire water tanks being empty when we went to use them, with this water possibly being taken by locals who are low, leaving us at risk when fighting fires eg the recent house fire on Junction Rd the Perup tank was empty. Concerns raised if this is being used to top up rain water tanks for drinking as would not be suitable, so would need to look at placing warning signs on tanks to dissuade people from taking it.

9.3 Department Fire and Emergency Services – Chris Sousa

Report was tabled, see Item 9.3 Attachment

9.4 DBCA Parks and Wildlife Services – Jeffrey Bennett

Report was tabled, see Item 9.4 Attachment

9.5 Zone Delegate Reports

9.5.1. Manjimup West Zone - Brad Wren

- Still attending a few incidents.
- As DBFCO, he has concerns regarding no support from brigades who have appliances but are not utilising their equipment. If this continues, they may need to look at reallocation to a brigade where it will be used.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.2. Manjimup Central East Zone – Josh Kanny

- Nothing really to report and has not received anything from Balbarrup or Diamond brigades either.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.3. Manjimup South East Zone - Adrian Wayne

- They had a recent approved roadside and private property burn with karri on Smith Brook Road where a hollowbutt tree caught alight. Due to the height, they needed assistance from the Shire and DBCA to be able to put this out, so thank you very much for their help.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.4. Manjimup North West Zone - Frank Shaw

- Looking at doing burnover training soon.
- Ringbarker truck has been getting used for training courses which is good.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.5. Coastal Zone – Eric Beckett

- FCO concerns held due to Rod Parke retiring this year which will leave them with only two FCO and they haven't got anyone else with enough experience to step up and are worried if the Shire appoint someone will they make sure they have enough training and experience?
- Rod Parkes – As he is also retiring from the Brigade after 35 years, would there be anything planned by the Shire?

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Todd Ridley CESM, responded that the BFB Structure is for <u>one</u> FCO per brigade but may choose to have more and their brigade probably has additional due to merges. The Shire doesn't choose the FCO, they are nominated and put forward by the brigade, so if they have concerns don't vote them in. The Shire does confirm they have appropriate training prior to being appointed by Council. Regarding Rod Parke, we have not been officially notified that he is resigning from the brigade completely but once we have been, we can certainly look at something.

9.5.6. Pemberton West Zone – Keith Scott

- All good, brigade responded when called.
- Springfield 2.4 has had the emergency lights replaced and working good.
- AGM date is still to be decided.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.7. Manjimup South West Zone – Peter Parker

- No permits written out at all this season.
- Recently attended Remote Area training course, very good.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.8. Pemberton North Zone – Shane Otway
Apologies for meeting, nil to Report.

9.5.9. Manjimup East Zone – Thomas Muir

- Concerns regarding the number of pine plantations going in.
- Do these companies actually have enough appliances to respond if there is a fire and if so, how close would they be located?
- If there is a fire it would be run under the Shire as it is private property and therefore fall to brigades for response.
- As these properties sell locals leave the area, the brigades then lose valuable members with no one to take their place.
- The Shire needs to have very strict regulations on plantations when they receive the planning applications.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Todd Ridley CESM, responded FPC plantation developments on private property are run under the State Government activity as "public works" and is not subject to planning approval.

Josh Kanny, Manjimup Central East, advised that many of these plantations are having the requirement of a tank on site.

Chris Sousa DFES, advised that Boyup Brook have been very fierce with Plantation companies, but the initial response will always be a local.

Brad Wren DCBFCO, advised there was a lot of discussion regarding this at last ROAC meeting with concerns for brigades and regarding FPC extending their fleet.

Jeff Bennett DBCA, this would be a good question for the Chief's to raise with Greg Hodgkins or Brad Barton at the next ROAC meeting.

9.5.10. Walpole Zone – Vacant – No Report

10. General Business

10.1 Shire of Manjimup Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2024-2025

Todd Ridley CESM, provided an overview of the *Shire of Manjimup Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice for 2024-2025*, which has had no changes to previous year. Discussions followed clarifying sections and concerns raised regarding many firebreaks not being compliant and Rangers not always available to police. CESM advised that all FCO's have the same power as a Ranger to enter a property and direct them to comply with the Notice.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2024/06

"That Council endorse the *Shire of Manjimup Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2024-2025*."
Moved: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO
Seconded: Tom Muir, Manjimup East Zone
CARRIED:11/0

10.2 Bush Fire Brigade Amalgamation – Yanmah with Glenoran BFB

Due to the FCO at the time moving away with no appropriately trained replacement and the Brigade also struggling to fill the Captain's position leaving them unable to function properly as a Brigade, at the Glenoran BFB AGM held in September 2023 they moved the following motion, *"Glenoran BFB approach Yanmah BFB and request a merger of the two brigades. Should the merge proceed any monies held by Glenoran BFB be transferred to Yanmah BFB". All in Favour.*

This was then raised at the Yanmah BFB AGM where they discussed and agreed that due to Glenoran's small number of trained but experienced volunteer firefighters, it would be of mutual benefit to members of both brigades to merge so they then moved the following motion, *"For the Glenoran BFB to merge with the Yanmah BFB with the name of the brigade to remain as Yanmah BFB". All in Favour.*

As Yanmah and Glenoran have already been working well together it was agreed that Administration add to Task List and proceed to advertising.

Add to Action List: "That Administration proceed to advertising for the Amalgamation of Yanmah and Glenoran Bush Fire Brigades, with the name to be Yanmah Bush Fire Brigade."

10.3 Bush Fire Brigade AGMs to be held by 30 September 2024

Todd Ridley CESM, gave a reminder for all Brigades to plan and hold their AGMs prior to the end of September so that the Shire can complete the appointments of FCO's which is a one year period that needs endorsement by Council prior to documents being printed and so we can also update all relevant emergency services documents with contact details prior to the commencement of the coming season. Please ensure that you advise us of dates, so the Chiefs are able to attend.

10.4 General Matters from Members without Notice - Nil

11. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be 9 October 2024

12. Declaration of Close of Meeting

Chairperson Cr Cliff Winfield closed the meeting at 8.33pm.

Remo Pessotto - CBFCO

Report for BFAC Meeting held on 24 July 2024

No of Fires

- The 2023-2024 fire season for the Manjimup Shire has been full on for Brigade members dealing with 66 fires until up to the end of June 2024.

  These consisted of Power Poles fires caused by trees and branches falling over powerlines, Lighting strikes, deliberately lit fires, combustion reignitions from early spring burns, farm tractors, vehicles fires, structural fires ,assisting VFRS and helping and assisting DCBA and neighbouring shires.

  Our brigade members have achieved great success this season in quickly containing these fires, which is a credit to all involved, thank you.

- We have also already had our first two fires for the 2024-2025 season, one was unfortunately a structure fire which was on my own property resulting in the loss of my son's house and the other was a rubbish fire burning in Pemberton. Thank you to all those who attended.

Regulation Burning Times – Period we are in - NA

No of Permits Issued - NA

Weather Conditions

- With only small amounts of rain to date, the Shire is well behind from this time last year with areas that should have been wet and undriveable, you can drive a vehicle not leaving a mark on the ground.

  It will be interesting to see what the weather condition is going to be for the next four months up to November, if we don't get the heavy rains to build up the soil moisture it could give a lot of grief for next year season.

Brigade Business / Issues

- Brigades are currently preparing for their AGMs.

Brigade Deployments

- Manjimup Shire has deployed appliances and volunteer crew throughout the season to help out other shires.

Vehicle Maintenance / Issues

- Servicing of Appliances will be commencing in coming months.

Communications

- Since the old house on our property burnt down, unfortunately all our communication systems went with it so DFES has generously set up a Starlink dish and a Cell-fi system at Wilgarrup on my location and since then area communication has greatly improved and even though at times there is still a drop out while communicating on the phone, I have to say it is much better and clearer. Thanks to DFES for the trial use, much appreciated.

General Business - Nil

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting
Community Emergency Services Manager Report
24 July 2024

General Matters

Thank you for all the well wishes I have received from the brigade network over the last three months and a big thank you to Nicole Favero for jumping in whilst I was recovering.

Also, confirming that I definitely received the 'Get Well' card that was issued from the Committee, thank you very much!

Sheds Maintenance

- General reminder to all brigades to check their sheds over winter, there has been some water damage found.
- All water tanks checked.
- General mowing and weed maintenance, waiting on weather to spray some areas around sheds.

Appliance Maintenance

- The Northcliffe 4.4 was having engine light and air conditioning issues which has now been rectified (more details in BFAC action list).
- AVLs have been upgraded on all the appliances that needed.
- Will start servicing September.

New Appliances

- We had the capabilities in Council budget to purchase a second-hand appliance directly from Parks and Wildlife. This appliance has replaced the Diamond 1.4 that is also used for our mitigation burns. The new appliance meets the current standards for crew protection so it can be deployed to fires like the other 16 appliances in the fleet.
- Four new fast fill trailers have been built and will be delivered to Dingup, Perup, Smith Brook and Quinninup Rural shortly. Please be mindful of all our fast fill trailers in the Shire and think about deploying them early when there is a fire.

Fuel Cards

There seems to be an issue with the BP fuel cards on appliances. A couple of the appliances this year seemed not to use any fuel and as a result BP cancels those cards that haven't been used in 12 months without notification.

2024 Regional Telecommunications Review Survey

The 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review Survey is open for another 7 days and we urge you to complete this and have your say. We will email out the link after tonight's meeting.

Training

Training Calendar has now been set with dates sent out to all Brigades to circulate among their members. We have run a Bushfire Safety Awareness course on the 11 & 12 July and a Firefighting Skills course on the 18 & 19 July, with small numbers.

There are another two Bushfire Safety Awareness courses to be held on the 24 & 25 August and 19 & 20 September together with another two Firefighting Skills courses to be held on the 31 August & 1 September and the 26 & 27 September.

The weekend course at this point in time has only had one person apply, we will remind the network again shortly however if numbers don't improve, we will need to cancel those courses.

I'm currently looking at dates to run a Fire Control Officers course and we are looking at what other training courses our trainers and myself may be able to deliver.

Mitigation Activity Fund (Grant) Bush Fire Mitigation

There are 51 treatment areas that have been approved this year with six of these treatments being burns. The other treatments are for firebreak upgrades, mulching, slashing and chemical works.

The total allocated this year through the State Government fund grant was $170,300.

Emergency Services Levy

2023/2024 ESL Operational Budget and Capital

The 2023/2024 Operational Budget final expenditure is as shown in the table below:

2023/2024 LGGS ESL OPERATIONAL BUDGET & EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN			
Activity ESL Items	**Actual YTD**	**Budgets**	**Balance**
Clothing and Accessories	$ 63,819.71	**$ 45,000.00**	-$ 18,819.71
Insurance	$ 113,243.44	**$ 106,240.00**	-$ 7,003.44
Maintenance Land and Buildings	$ 27,521.27	**$ 15,000.00**	-$ 12,521.27
Maintenance Plant and Equipment	$ 3,356.37	**$ 10,000.00**	$ 6,643.63
Maintenance Vehicles/Trailers/Boats	$ 47,366.71	**$ 45,000.00**	-$ 2,366.71
Other Goods and Services	$ 10,865.97	**$ 13,790.00**	$ 2,924.03
Purchase Plant and Equip $1,500 to $5,000	$ 3,854.55	**$ 3,855.00**	$ 0.45
Purchase Plant and Equip <$1,200	$ 8,534.36	**$ 12,000.00**	$ 3,465.64
Utilities, Rates and Taxes	$ 8,643.03	**$ 12,000.00**	$ 3,356.97
2023/2024 TOTALS	**$ 287,205.41**	**$ 262,885.00**	**-$ 24,320.41**

- The 2023/2024 Small Capital items of four trailers have been purchased and are now fitted out as fast fill trailers.
- Yanmah Bush Fire Brigade Shed works to enclose the through way, that was funded through ESL as a Line 9 Item that the Brigade applied for, has now been completed.

2024/2025 ESL Operational Budget and Capital

The 2024/25 Operational Budget was submitted on 31 March 2024 and we have just received the following allocations for BFB Operating Grant Assessment for 2024/2025:

Total Line Items 1 – 8		$272,500
Line Item 9 – Plant & Equipment >= $1,500 to $5,000 (Items requested & not listed were not approved)		
Northcliffe/Windy Harbour BFB - CCTV Cameras	$2,852	
Quinninup Town BFB - CCTV cameras	$2,852	
Shire - ASUS Vivobook Notebook 17.3" 16GB Ram	$1,635	
Ringbarkers BFB - Enclose existing verandah for storage room	$4,860	
Total Line Item 9 – Plant & Equipment >= $1,500 to $5,000		$12,199
Total Gross Approved 2024/25 Operational Grant		$284,699

As you can see, we were lucky to receive approvals for all four Line Item 9 small capital requests that our Brigade's applied for, which is fantastic news.

Unfortunately, we were not as lucky with our 2024/25 BFB Capital Grant new acquisition requests, although we did receive approval of the Walpole 2.4 Broadacre replacement, details as below:

Approved Capital Grants

Brigade	Description	Amount
Walpole BFB	2.4 Broadacre - Single Cab (In Principle)	$492,900

Capital Grants Not Funded

Brigade	Description	Reason
Diamond BFB	2.4 Broadacre - Single Cab	Committee took into consideration the ongoing issues with supply and funding availability. As such additional fleet requests were not considered.
Dunreath BFB	2.4 Broadacre - Single Cab	Committee took into consideration the ongoing issues with supply and funding availability. As such additional fleet requests were not considered.

Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

DFES
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Shire of Manjimup BFAC
DFES Report – July 2024

The fire season over the 2023-24 year was extended, commencing earlier than usual and finishing late May 2024. The lack of rainfall played a significant role in the fire season duration, and water deficiencies saw an escalation of resources dispatched early to ensure fires did not escalate beyond local control. As a result, there were only two Level 2 fires in the Lower South West last fire season, being in Nannup and Northcliffe.

The current and predicted rainfall deficiency for the south west of WA has DFES undertaking preparatory measures relating to the dead landscape vegetation from last year's dry conditions and the lack of available water for incident response. It is expected that the bush fire season will commence early this year and has to the potential to be challenging given the landscape.

Community Preparedness
DFES Lower South West Region has been developing the use of virtual reality for residents to understand being in the impact zone of a fire to help them determine if they prepared to stay and defend their property during a fire or if they should leave in the event of a fire. Sessions have been run in the Shire of Manjimup to assist with the development and evaluation. Our appreciation to those who have assisted with this project.

Firewise Garden Launch – On the 5th June the Bush Fire Centre of Excellence launched the WA Firewise booklet. The LSW Region will be supporting a number of Firewise Garden workshops in July / August using these session to also support communities with their fire plans. Anyone is welcome to participate. The dates set for Manjimup Shire are:

- Manjimup
  - Friday 26 July 1730hrs at Manjimup Heritage Park
- Pemberton
  - Friday 9 August 1730hrs at Pemberton Rural BFB Fire Station
- Northcliffe
  - Sunday 11 August 1030hrs at Northcliffe Fire Station
- Walpole
  - Friday 16 August 1500hrs (tbc) at Walpole VFRS station

Sessions likely to run for about an hour or so and provide an opportunity to chat with community members about bushfire preparedness generally.

Australian Warning System

The new Australian Warning System (AWS) has gone live, adopting national consistency for bush fires, heat waves, cyclone, storm and flood warnings.

The AWS will see the same terminology and warning colours applied across these hazards to ensure greater understanding by the public. The All Clear and Take Care

warning levels will no longer be used under AWS and are replaced with an Advice – Threat Is Reduced. This warning will advise the community that no further updates will be issued for that event.



Advice	An incident is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.
Watch and Act	There is a possible threat to lives and homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.
Emergency Warning	There is a threat to lives and homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

Importantly, the new system provides those affected by the incident with one or more action statement(s) which are listed below. Incident Controllers approving community warnings will need to choose an action statement that best reflects the risk to the area.

Community Action Required	Warning Level
• Prepare now • Stay informed • Monitor conditions • Avoid smoke	Advice
• Prepare to leave/evacuate • Leave/evacuate now (if you are not prepared) • Monitor conditions as they are changing • Be aware of ember attack • Not safe to return	Watch and Act
• Leave/evacuate (immediately, by am/pm/hazard timing) • Take shelter now • Too late/dangerous to leave	Emergency Warning
• Stay informed/threat is reduced • Avoid the area • Return with caution • Avoid smoke	Advice

Warning headlines are now simplified, providing the hazard, warning level, action statement and location – giving impacted communities a clearer understanding of what they need to do.

Chris Sousa
District Officer Nelson
0447 362 006

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Warren Region

Update for Manjimup BFAC meeting Wednesday 24 July 2024

Prescribed Burning

Since our last meeting in March there was very little prescribed burning in Warren Region. Due to an extended dry season prescribed burning in autumn did not commence until 15th May which is quite late for us. We experienced large areas of drought death in areas associated with shallow soils. A conservative approach to prescribed burning was undertaken due to these conditions.

The burns that we did achieve were areas of very open jarrah, heath and coastal heathland as other areas were too moist to achieve a successful result. Donnelly District burnt 650 hectares from 8 ignitions and Frankland burnt 1,452 hectares from 5 ignitions. Total of 2,100 hectares for autumn. Overall total for spring and autumn was 24,714 hectares. Attached is a map showing prescribed burns completed for 23/24.

Prescribed burn planning for the 2024/25 burn season has been completed. Attached are maps of the one- and three-year burn option program.

Bushfire

In Warren region DBCA attended 44 fires totalling 28,865 hectares. The major ones were Tattenham Road near Northcliffe and Middle Road north of Walpole that were Level 2 incidents. Support from outside DBCA resources, contractors, DFES and LGA's were very much appreciated during these events.

Government Announcement – April 2024

The Government announced more than $30 million boost for regional bushfire management over the next 4 years.

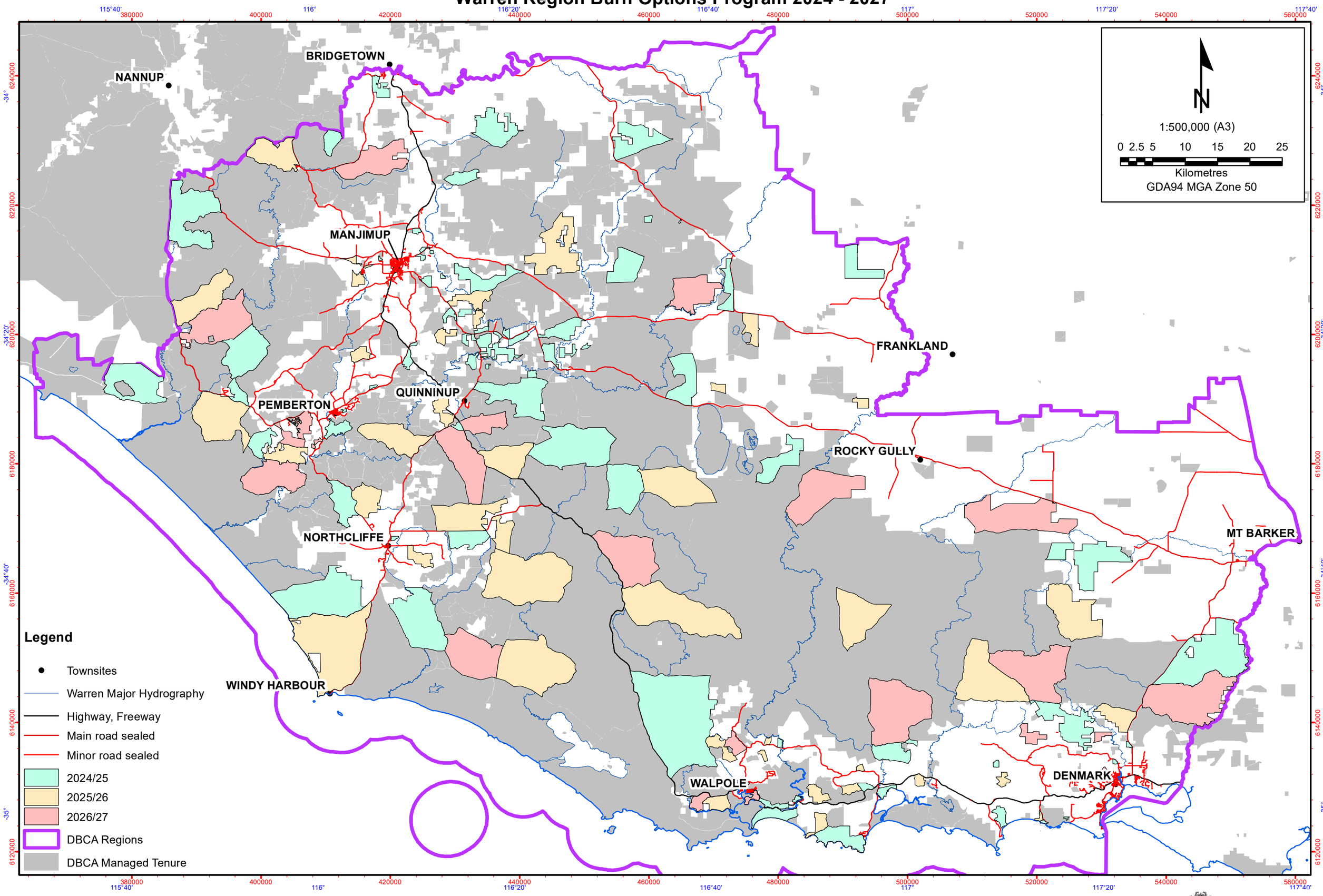
- 34 additional bushfire management personnel (24 Conservation Employees, 10 staff). 4 AWU and 1 officer in Donnelly district and 1 officer in Frankland District.
- Funding for Albany based firefighting bulldozer and prime mover.
- Funding for 1 front end loader.
- Funding for 8 new trucks.

Stakeholder Meetings

Recently we have met with conservation stakeholders such as Denmark Environment Committee (DEC), Fire and Biodiversity WA (FABWA), William Bay and Walpole Nornalup National Park Associations and Friends of Mersea to inform them of our prescribed burning program.

Jeff Bennett
Regional Leader Fire Management
Warren Region
Manjimup

Warren Region Burn Options Program 2024 - 2027



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Grid shown at 20000 metre intervals

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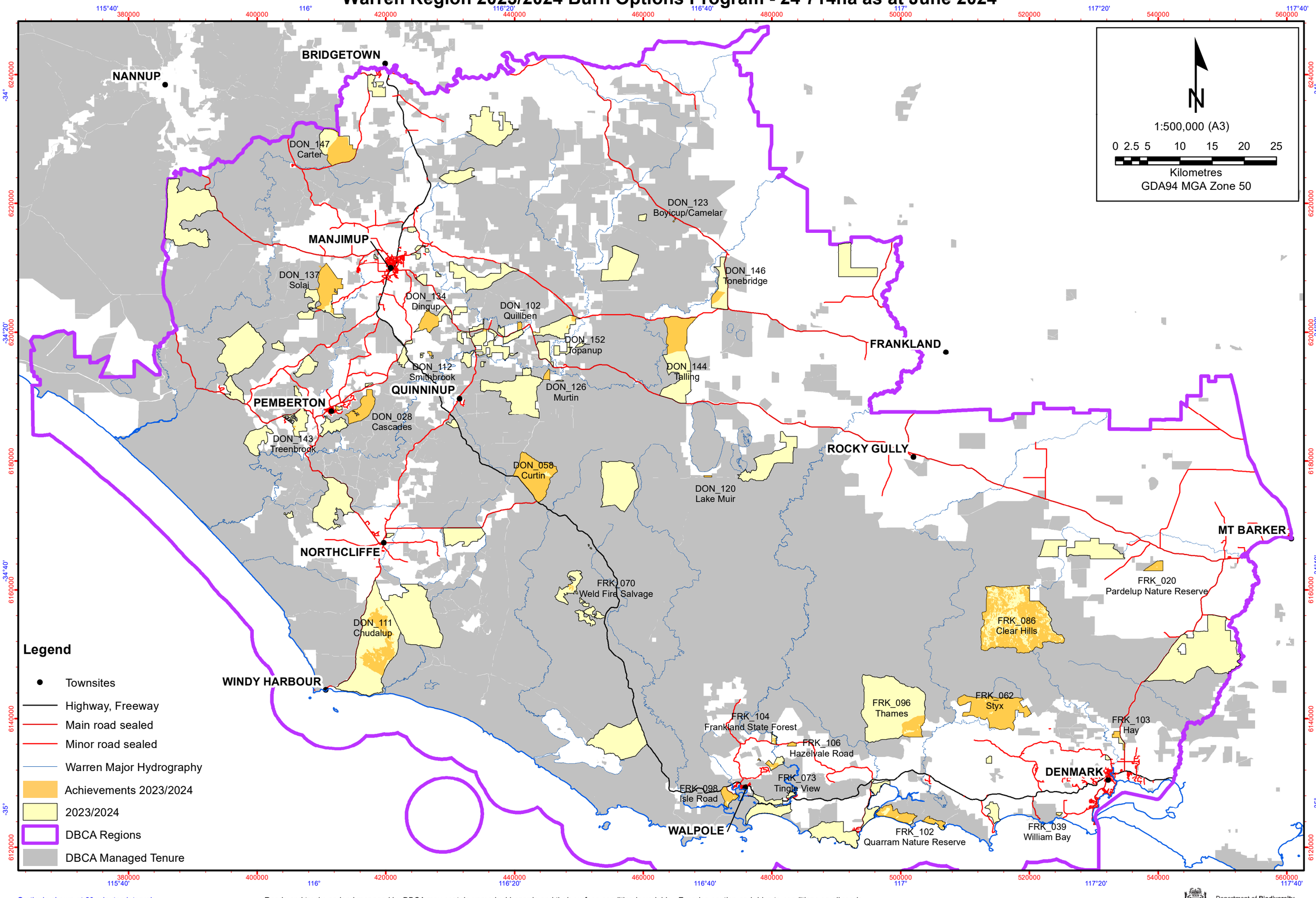
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Warren Region 2023/2024 Burn Options Program - 24 714ha as at June 2024



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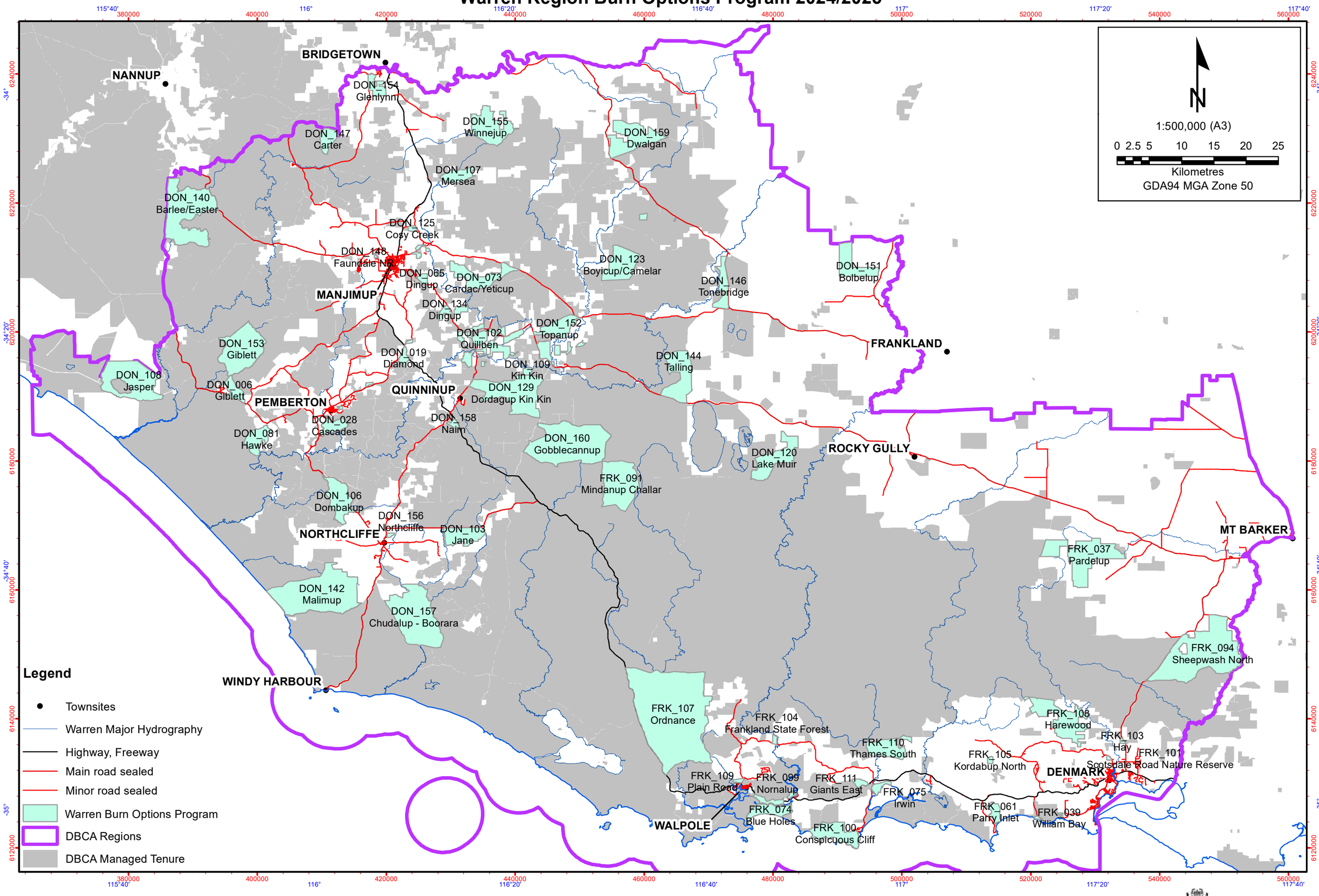
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DEFINITIONS

BUSH LAND: Land other than pastured or grassed land including plantations of less than (8) hectares.

EXTERNAL BOUNDARY: Means the external perimeter boundary of contiguous land contained within the same ownership, irrespective of whether it contains one or more allotments.

FIRE BREAK: Means a trafficable portion of land being the prescribed width and height, clear of all flammable and combustible material, litter and forest fuels.

FLAMMABLE MATERIAL: Means accumulated fuel (living or dead) such as leaf litter, twigs, bark, dead trees and grass over the height of 100mm and anything deemed by an Authorised Officer to be capable of combustion. Flammable Material excludes cultivated plants located in gardens, fruit or vegetables plants, live standing trees or approved structures.

FOREST FUEL: Is any combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation, in clusters or aggregated with other combustible materials. It includes but is not limited to vegetation both on the ground and suspended, leaves, sticks, fallen branches, twigs and bracken. This definition excludes live standing trees.

FIRE SEASON: Means the period of time set out as the *Restricted and Prohibited Burning Season* and any variation. When applying '*Fire Season*' to the summary of requirements for your property the start dates are (*Zone 8 - 11 December 2024* & *Zone 6 - 18 December 2024*).

GRASSED LAND: Land used for the purpose of grazing or cropping.

LITTER: Means leaves, small sticks, twigs and branches immediately above the soil surface.

LIVE STANDING TREE: Means perennial plant having a permanent woody, self-supporting main stem or trunk, usually growing to considerable height and usually developing branches at some distance from the ground. Live standing trees exhibit a distinct crown of foliage with a stem diameter at breast height of at least 100mm. A live standing tree will continue to have sap movement along the cambium layer (layer of living cells) located under the bark.

PLANTATIONS: Land upon which any pine or eucalypt species of tree is planted on an area exceeding (8) hectares.

PLANTATION BOUNDARY: Shall mean contiguous parcels of land under separate ownership, lease or any form of contractual or financial arrangements whatsoever.

TOWN SITE LAND: All land located within the gazetted townsite boundaries of Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole, and Settlements of Jardee, Palgarup, Quinninup, Nyamup, Windy Harbour and Deanmill.

TRAFFICABLE: Means a portion of land free from overhanging trees, limbs or vegetation or any other natural or man made object to a vertical height of (5) metres, traversable by a large fire fighting appliance.

PARK LAND CLEARING: Means the removal of forest fuels whilst leaving live standing trees and predominate vegetation so as to maintain a reasonable forest fuel load at the required standard or below.

ZONED LAND: Means all land described in the *Shire of Manjimup Local Planning Scheme No 4*.

REGULATED BURNING TIMES

THESE DATES ARE INCLUSIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED (NO BURNING / NO OPEN FIRES)	RESTRICTED
ZONE 8 MANJIMUP / PEMBERTON / QUINNINUP		
9 NOV 2024 TO 21 DEC 2024	22 DEC 2024 TO 14 MAR 2025	15 MAR 2025 TO 26 APR 2025
ZONE 6 NORTHCLIFFE / WALPOLE		
19 NOV 2024 TO 31 DEC 2024	1 JAN 2025 TO 28 FEB 2025	1 MAR 2025 TO 12 APR 2025

Prohibited Burning Time

- *No Burning is permitted.*

Restricted Burning Time

- *Burning can only be carried out with a Permit from your Fire Control Officer.*

For further information on fire control and the new Fire Danger Rating System refer to:

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au
www.dbca.wa.gov.au
www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Application to Vary

- *If considered impractical for any reason to comply with this Notice, you must apply to the Shire for an 'Application to Vary' no later than the 1 December 2024.*

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
MANJIMUP - PEMBERTON - NORTHCLIFFE - WALPOLE

Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2024 / 2025

Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954



The requirements of this notice must be in place by:		
ZONE 8	Manjimup Pemberton Quinninup	11 December 2024
ZONE 6	Northcliffe Walpole	18 December 2024

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

RANGERS WILL BE INSPECTING PROPERTIES, PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE $5,000

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL	000
SHIRE OF MANJIMUP	9771 7777
FIRE DUTY OFFICER A/HOURS	0427 913 252
CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	
Remo Pessotto	0427 270 714
DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	
Brad Wren	0427 959 431

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Brigade	Fire Control Officer	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup	Gary Ryan	9771 2955
Diamond	Rob Thorn Mick Terrigno	0409 815 977 9771 1703 0419 864 687 9771 1637
Dingup	Josh Kanny	0429 881 528
Dunreath	Tom Muir	0418 831 296
Glenoran	Brad Wren Todd Ridley	0427 959 431 9771 7777
Manjimup / Pemberton	Shire Rangers	9771 7777
Mordalup	Mark Muir	0427 691 001 9769 1001
Northcliffe Townsite	Paul Owens	0427 667 199
Northcliffe	Rod Parkes Peter Russell Len Dickson	~~0400 783 100~~ 9776 7148 9776 7071
Pemberton Rural	*Browns Road:* Mark Roche *Eastbrook:* Dennis Barnsby *Pemberton North:* Hugh Jackson	0427 761 510 9776 1114 0417 761 557
Perup	Eric Ipsen	0427 831 237
Quinninup	Maurice Humphrey	0419 138 685
Quinninup Town	Mick Eastwood	0438 731 960
Ringbarkers	*Ringbarkers:* Paul Tempra *Linfarne:* Frank Shaw	0417 095 899 9771 1311 0473 371 185
Seven Day Rd / Appadene	Tom Winfield Peter Parker	0417 964 463 0427 761 285
Smith Brook	Bill Rice	0427 057 243 9772 3543
Springfield	Nigel Pitts Keith Jackson	0400 422 334 9776 1206
Upper Warren	John Mottram	0417 993 536 9773 1179
Walpole	Glen Burton Richard Williams	0447 822 897 0429 442 252
Yanmah	Brad Wren	0427 959 431

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SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS *(WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE ON YOUR PROPERTY)*

Land Category (where you are unsure of your Land Category please contact the Shire of Manjimup)	The Sections you are required to have in place.								
Land within a Townsite Boundary and land zoned Caravan Park	A								I
Karri Lakes Estate Quinninup		B	C		E				I
Land used for Timber Plantations		B				F			I
Land zoned Rural, Reserves, Rural Small Holdings, General and Priority Agriculture		B	C				G		I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Bush Land Protection, Rural Conservation, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use ***(Bush Land Properties only)***		B	C	D	E				I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use ***(Grassed or Pasture only)***		B						H	I

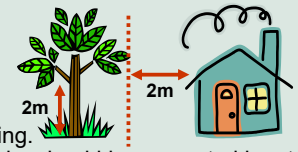
SECTION A

Remove all *flammable material* from the whole of the property OR all *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm **throughout the fire season**.

SECTION B

Building Protection Zone - Where a dwelling exists on your property you are required to have a Building Protection Zone for minimum of (20) metres measured from any external wall of a dwelling. ***Subject to the required clearing permit being obtained***, a property owner may extend the Building Protection Zone to a maximum of (40) metres.

For all outbuildings on your property you need only to comply with Clause 1 in this Section.



1. Remove all flammable material within (20) metres of any dwelling or outbuilding.
2. Tree trunks to be free of branches to a height of (2) metres.
3. No trees are to over hang the dwelling.
4. No tall shrub over (1) metre in height or live standing tree is to be located within (2) metres from any part of a dwelling.
5. Shrubs are not to be located under trees, are not to be planted in clumps greater than 5m^2 in area, clumps of shrubs should be separated by at least (5) metres.
6. The Shire of Manjimup permits the clearing of live standing trees in the Building Protection Zone ***subject to the land owner obtaining a clearing permit*** from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Please contact the Shire of Manjimup for assistance.

SECTION C

Fuel Hazard Reduction Bush lands - Forest fuel in your bush land must not exceed the following parameters for your property. (Sampling and fuel calculation should be as approved by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services procedures)

- **Karri:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Jarrah / Marri:** 8 tonnes per hectare = 800 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Mixed Forest:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.

Acceptable methods of fuel hazard reduction include Hand Clearing, Mechanical Clearing, Park Land Clearing, Fuel Hazard Reduction Burning.

SECTION D

Where Bush Land exists on your property

A *trafficable firebreak* clear of all *flammable material* and not less than (3) metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside the external boundary of all land and be **maintained throughout the fire season.** Turn around areas designed to accommodate a 3.4 fire fighting appliance (as pictured) must be constructed every 500 metres.









SECTION E

Where *strategic firebreaks* are located on your land, they must be maintained in accordance with this notice or approved subdivision plans, whichever requirement is greater.

SECTION F

1. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* of not less than (15) metres wide around and inside the boundaries of all plantations established after 2009 (existing plantations established in 2009 or earlier require a firebreak of (10) metres wide).
2. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* not less than (6) metres wide within the plantation so as to divide the plantation into compartments not exceeding (30) hectares each.
3. Maintain all *firebreaks* in a *trafficable* condition. Trees on both sides of the firebreaks are to be pruned to a minimum height of (5) metres to allow for unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles so as to maintain an effective firebreak width.
4. Where dwellings exist within (100) metres of a Plantation, no Plantation trees shall be planted within (50) metres of any existing or proposed dwelling. A further (50) metres of plantation should be pruned and have ground fuels reduced so as to provide a minimum of a (100) metre low fuel zone area immediately surrounding any dwelling.

SECTION G

1. **Abutting a Residential Zone** - Where rural land, whether bushland or pastured, abuts a residential zone boundary a (3) metre firebreak shall be constructed along the common boundary of the residential zone.
2. **Bushland** - Where bushland exceeds more than (1) hectare and abuts a boundary, a trafficable firebreak of not less than (3) metres must be constructed along the boundary and within (15) metres of that boundary.
3. **Grain Crops** - Shall have a (3) metre firebreak around the perimeter of the crop, this firebreak is to remain in place unit the crop is harvested. During harvesting of the crop you must have an operational fire fighting unit full of water (not less than 600 litres) located within the paddock being harvested.
4. **Fuel Storage / Hay Sheds** - Shall have constructed a (6) metre firebreak immediately adjacent to any fuel storage and or hay sheds.

SECTION H

1. **Fuel Hazard Reduction** - All *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm and **maintained throughout the fire season.**
2. **Dwelling / Outbuilding** - Where a dwelling or outbuilding exists on your property you need to remove all *flammable material* within (20) metres from any external walls of that building.

SECTION I

Where a *Fire Management Plan* exists for a Subdivision or a property, the requirements of the plan needs to be in place.

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