

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

Minutes

Bush Fire Advisory Committee

4 June 2026

Notice of Meeting

Please be advised that a meeting of the Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, 4 June 2026 commencing at 7.00pm.

Manjimup Emergency Services Collocation Building
46 Bath Street
Manjimup WA 6258

If you are unable to attend, please advise Nicole Favero, Emergency Services Officer:

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Benjamin (Ben) Rose
Chief Executive Officer

18 May 2026

Important Matters for the Attention of Meeting Attendees:

- To ensure the proceedings are accurately recorded, this meeting may be electronically recorded in accordance with clause 6.16 of the *Shire of Manjimup's Standing Orders Local Law 2013*; and
- Any recommendations in this meeting are unable to be acted upon until such time as the recommendations are endorsed by Council, with the exception of recommendations that are of an administrative nature.

Function of Committee

Pursuant to *Section 67 of the Bush Fires Act 1954* the of the Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Advisory Committee is a committee of Council and reports on strategic matters of fire control and management of the bush fire network. The Bush Fire Advisory Committee is to represent Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades within the Municipality and to make recommendations to Council on the following:

1. Annual bushfire budget and relevant financial matters.
2. General management and communication within the Bushfire organisation.
3. Planning, setting standards and works program for fire prevention within the Shire.
4. Formation, rationalisation or winding up of any Bush Fire Brigades within the Shire.
5. Standards of equipment that should be provided and maintained under Brigade control.
6. Distribution of firefighting equipment and funding between Brigades.
7. Coordination of training to ensure Brigades can work together efficiently.
8. Review of Council's Fire Protection Strategy.
9. Any other matter relating to bushfire control.
10. The committee will establish working groups as necessary.

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Shire of Manjimup
Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting 4 June 2026

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Manjimup Emergency Services Collocation Building, located at 46 Bath Street Manjimup on 4 June 2026.

1. Declaration of Opening the Meeting

The Chairman, Shire President Donelle Buegge, declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

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. Announcements by Presiding Member

Nil

3. Attendance / Apologies & Review Membership and Contact Details

3.1 Attendance

Members - Voting

Cr Donelle Buegge	Shire of Manjimup – Shire President (Chair)
Remo Pessotto	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Peter Hill	Coastal Zone (Northcliffe)
Keith Scott	Pemberton West Zone (Springfield)
Shane Otway	Pemberton North Zone (Pemberton Rural)
Thomas Muir	Manjimup East Zone (Perup, Dunreath & Mordalup)
Bradley Wren	Manjimup West Zone (Yanmah & Glenoran)
Frank Shaw	Manjimup North West Zone (Ringbarkers)
Robert Thorn	Manjimup Central East Zone (proxy)
Peter Parker	Manjimup South West Zone (Seven Day Road)
Bill Rice	Manjimup South East Zone (Quinninup, Quinninup Town, Upper Warren & Smithbrook)

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Members Non Voting & Invited Guests

Nicole Favero	Shire of Manjimup – Emergency Services Officer (proxy)
Renee Kestel	Shire of Manjimup – Ranger (Guest)
John McKenzie	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Chris Sousa	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Alison Raper	Forest Products Commission (Guest)

3.2 Apologies

Richard Williams	Walpole Zone (Walpole)
Stephen Burch	Senior Ranger (CESM Proxy)
Josh Kanny	Manjimup Central East Zone (Balbarrup, Dingup & Diamond)
Todd Ridley	Shire of Manjimup - Community Emergency Services Officer
Cr Jenny Willcox	Shire of Manjimup - Councillor (proxy)

3.3 Review of BFAC Terms of Reference & Membership & Contact Details

The membership and contact information list was distributed for review.

4. Declaration of Financial Interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held 24 February 2026.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2026/08

"That the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held 24 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Moved: **Remo Pessotto, CBFCO**
Seconded: **Brad Wren, DCBFCO**

CARRIED: 11/0

6. Council's Response to Minutes of the General Meeting held 24 February 2026.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Shire President Buegge SECONDED: Cr Tempra

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That Council:

1. **Receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting held Tuesday 24 February 2026 as shown in Attachment 9.16.1 (1).**
2. **Instruct the Shire of Manjimup Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services requesting that the Shire of Manjimup be issued its own Fire Weather District removing the Shire of Nannup, and to name that Fire Weather District "Southern Forest".**
3. **Instruct the Shire of Manjimup Chief Executive Officer to request that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services undertake a review of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to allow for the creation of Sub-Fire Weather Districts.**
4. **Release the Manjimup Emergency Services Co-Location Facility under a Management Order to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).**
5. **Instruct the Shire of Manjimup Chief Executive Officer to facilitate the Shire of Manjimup and the Bush Fire Brigade network to exit the facility, including the Bush Fire Brigade bay.**
6. **Instruct the Shire of Manjimup Chief Executive Officer to investigate options for an appropriate facility to house Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade equipment and emergency services operations, including consideration of a training/meeting room with capacity to manage Level 1 and Level 2 incidents, then prepare a report to Council outlining the findings and recommendations for a facility prior to the 2026/2027 Shire of Manjimup Budget Review.**
7. **Endorse the draft Shire of Manjimup Bushfire Mitigation Plan 2026-2030 as shown in Attachment 9.16.1 (2).**

CARRIED: 7/0

For: Shire President Buegge, Cr Bettink, Cr Burns, Cr De Campo, Cr Miolin, Cr Tempra, Cr Willcox.

Against: Nil.

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7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Action List

Action & Meeting Date	Action	Update	Status	Person Responsible
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. **30/10/24:** The list is gradually being completed. Ongoing **16/07/25:** Ongoing. **24/02/26:** Ongoing **04/06/26:** 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. **30/10/24:** CESM requested BFAC Members to give more thought to this and also see what the new Act says when it comes out. Ongoing **16/07/25:** Ongoing **24/02/26:** Discuss at both the Thank a Volunteer Event and next FCO & Captains Meeting. **04/06/26:** Just waiting for the event to be held and will raise it at that time.	In Progress	Todd Ridley

25/Task3 **16/07/2025**	**Ringbarkers BFB – Removal of Back Wall and Add Bars to Window**	**16.07.25:** That Shire Administration remove the back internal wall in Ringbarkers BFB Shed and look at placing bars on window. **24/02/26:** This went out to quote last week, in progress. **04/06/26:** Waiting on inspection by contractor	In Progress	Todd Ridley
25/06 **16/07/2025**	**Appeal LGGS Decision to Not Fund Additional Appliances**	**16.07.25:** That Shire Administration appeal the Local Government Grant Scheme 2025-2026 Capital Grants decision to not fund a 2.4 Broadacre for the Dunreath BFB or Diamond BFB. **24/02/26:** The Shire lodged appeal and there was a pre-appeal teams meeting held between CEO, Director, CESM and DFES Finance lead. Now awaiting appeal information from DFES. Chris Sousa DFES, advised there was no contact to LWS DFES for comment from the Appeals committee but they meet in March/April so may be waiting til this time. Ongoing. **04/06/26:** Nothing yet received. Chris Sousa advised a Determination has been made and the Shire should receive the outcome in coming weeks.	In Progress	Todd Ridley
25/Task5 **16/07/2025**	**Amalgamation of Upper Warren, Quinninup & Quinninup Town**	**16.07.25:** That Shire Administration and Chief's to pursue the request for amalgamation between Upper Warren, Quinninup & Quinninup Town BFB's. **24/02/26:** CBFCO's discussed with Quinninup Town and they were reluctant to amalgamate, no resolution yet, look at inviting Brigades to BFAC Meeting to discuss. It was decided to call a meeting with these Brigades, CESM and Chief's. Ongoing. ***ACTION: "That Shire Administration to send invite to Quinninup Town, Quinninup Rural and Upper Warren to meet with Chief's and CESM to discuss the best action regarding Amalgamation of Brigades."*** **04/06/26:** This is still to be actioned, Chiefs will arrange with CESM and Brigades.	In Progress	Todd Ridley & Chiefs
25/Task6 **16/07/2025**	**Meeting with Plantation Companies**	**16.07.25:** That Shire Administration invite Plantation representatives to BFAC Meeting, to discuss their Fire Strategy Plans. **24/02/26:** Awaiting appointment of FPC's Fire Coordinator, who has now been appointed. Look at inviting Alison Raper, combined group FIFWA to next BFAC Meeting. ***ACTION: "That Shire Administration to invite FPC and FIFWA representatives to next BFAC Meeting, to discuss their Fire Strategy Plans for Plantations.".*** **04/06/26:** Invite sent to FPC and they are attending this meeting.	Completed	Todd Ridley

26/Task1	**Thank a Volunteer Event**	**24.02.26:** Commence planning the Thank a Volunteer Event **04/06/26:** Emailed out to Brigades requested feedback and ideas, received a couple of responses and ideas ie show and tell. Members would like to see this combined with FCO & Captains meeting, further discussion in General Business Item 10.2.	In Progress	Todd Ridley

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

8.1 Incoming

28.05.26	FPC to SoM – Acceptance to Meeting Invite, Report & QR codes

8.2 Outgoing

28.04.26	SoM to BFAC Members – Unconfirmed Minutes 24 February 2026
18.05.26	SoM to BFAC Members – Meeting 4 June 2026 Agenda, Previous Minutes and Reports
18.05.26	SoM to FPC – Invite to BFAC Meeting 4 June 2026

9. Members Reports

9.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Remo Pessotto

Report was tabled, see Item 9.1 Attachment

9.2 CESM and Training Coordinator – Nicole Favero (proxy)

Report was tabled, see Item 9.2 Attachment

9.3 Department Fire and Emergency Services – Chris Sousa

Report was tabled, see Item 9.3 Attachment

9.4 DBCA Parks and Wildlife Services – John McKenzie

Report was tabled, see Item 9.4 Attachment

9.5 Zone Delegate Reports

9.5.1. Manjimup West Zone - Brad Wren

- Very mild fire season.
- Reminder to ensure everyone follows the procedures with call outs, crew appliances correctly and if our fire, we are to sign off not other agency if other involvement.
- Thank you to all our volunteers for their work this season, well done.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.2. Manjimup Central East Zone – Rob Thorn (proxy)

- Nothing from Balbarrup or Dingup brigades.
- Diamond has been busy and provided an overview on the incidents they attended.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.3. Manjimup South East Zone - Bill Rice

- Very quiet season, they recently held their general meeting.
- Assisted Diamond at Channybearup fire.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.4. Manjimup North West Zone - Frank Shaw

- Very quiet season apart from a Drone fire that was quite interesting and they were also very lucky with the Rob Kuzich fire that it didn't jump and head to Woodgate Retreat.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.5. Coastal Zone – Peter Hill

- Quietest season in 20 years with only two fires, one at beginning and one at the end of the season, thanks to all who attended.
- Tried to arrange a Training but didn't eventuate as couldn't get the numbers.
- FCO training is required as they may be down to zero FCO's this season with Len retiring and unsure regarding Peter Russell.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.6. Pemberton West Zone – Keith Scott

- Very quiet season.
- Query regarding the Celfi and if there has been a decision of where they will be placed.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Nicole Favero advised that they are still in the process of evaluating the best options of Celfi placement.

9.5.7. Manjimup South West Zone – Peter Parker

- Very quiet season.
- A few farmers are complaining regarding the Shire pushing up debris against fences.
- Their magnetic Prohibited sign has gone missing.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.8. Pemberton North Zone – Shane Otway

Report was tabled, see Item 9.5.8 Attachment

9.5.9. Manjimup East Zone – Thomas Muir

- Attended the Mordalup house fire, interesting incident as they stored all their butane camping gear in the house of which there were a large number all exploding, there was also a lot of undisclosed explosions under the floor.
- Happy the brigade had real fire training when doing recent burn.
- Brigade very enthusiastic about the volunteer event.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.10. Walpole Zone – Richard Williams
Nil Report - apologies for meeting.

10. General Business

10.1 Shire of Manjimup Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2026-2027

Document was tabled, see Item 10.1 Attachment

Nicole Favero provided an overview of the Notice advising there were no changes other than set up and the addition of the QR codes that link to the Shire of Manjimup website. FCO names and contact details will be updated following AGMs.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2026/09

"That Council accept the *Shire of Manjimup Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2026-2027*."
Moved: Tom Muir, Manjimup East Zone
Seconded: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO

CARRIED: 11/0

10.2 FCO and Captains Meeting 2026

Discussion followed on and all agreed to incorporate this together with the Thank a Volunteer Event and members all agreed.

Event to be held at the Pemberton Golf Club first weekend of October and have various appliances and other equipment on show, Guest speakers, possible medals dependant on timeline and also requested everyone wears name tags.

An invite is to be sent out to brigades and then they will be responsible for supplying the number of attendees from their own brigade for catering purposes.

Add to Action List: Place information on 26/Task1 Thank a Volunteer Event

10.3 Forest Products Commission – Alison Raper

Report was tabled, see Item 10.3 Attachment

Discussion followed with members raising some further questions on ages of Pine Plantation in the areas, if the new appliances is additional or only replacement, if FPC has any of their own machines, were FPC aligned with the FIFWA group, how often their plantation maps are reviewed, brigades would not want any farm response units near plantations only properly equipped ESL appliances with curtains and that that the Shire and Chiefs would like to set up a meeting with FPC to further discuss fire strategy.

Alison Raper FPC responded that the plantations range from 0-30yrs throughout the area with the oldest 30yr ones being in the Blackwood Valley. The new appliances are for replacement so there will still be only three trucks with one based in Manjimup together with a couple of Light Tankers. They are involved with the plantation growers agreement that is between owners to assist each other. Their plantation maps are reviewed annually and also wanted to note that they have no powers under the Bush Fire Act as they are only a supporting agency not a controlling agency and would be very happy to meet up with Shire and the Chiefs to discuss fire strategy.

The Chair thanked Alison for her attendance at the meeting.

10.4 General Matters from Members without Notice - Nil

11. Next Meeting

Date	Venue
4 November 2026	TBA

12. Declaration of Close of Meeting

Chairperson Shire President Donelle Buegge closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Remo Pessotto - CBFCO

Report for BFAC Meeting held on 4 June 2026

No of Fires

- Since our last BFAC meeting held in February, we have had a further 17 fire incidents .

Regulation Burning Times – Period we are in

- The Restricted Period for both Zone 6 and Zone 8 have both ended and we are now in open period.

No of Permits Issued

- A total of 189 Permits to Burn were issued during the 2025/2026 restricted periods, with the majority of the permits being for burning green waste on small blocks.

Weather Conditions

- We have finally started to get some decent rainfall in the area with the recent storms.

Brigade Business / Issues

- AGMs – These are now due and both Brad and myself hope to be able to attend meetings where we can.
- ESL Line 9 Items – Please make sure you discuss and minute these in your AGMs so that the Shire can apply during the process next year.
- The Shire are organising and will be conducting Training, dates once confirmed will be emailed out to Brigades, so please make sure you let your members know so that they can enrol.

Brigade Deployments

- Nil

Vehicle Maintenance / Issues

- Nil

Communications

- Mobile phone coverage is still an ongoing issue throughout the Shire of Manjimup, however the Shire is in the process of purchasing some Cel-fi units using the Election Funding Commitment grant to upgrade some appliances and sheds.

General Business

- Still in pursuit of another appliance for the Dunreath/Perup areas.
- We would like to thank all Brigade members involved in any incidents and helping out throughout this season your work and and assistance is very much appreciated by the Shire and the Chiefs.

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Community Emergency Services Manager Report
4 June 2026

General Matters

Sheds Maintenance

- Gutter cleaning and maintenance has now commenced on all sheds.
- Fire Extinguishers servicing and electrical testing and tagging is also underway.

High Season Appliance
This was collected this week from the Shire Depot.

Training

Training Calendar is now in the planning stage with dates as follows:

Bushfire Safety Awareness	21-22 July 2026 (mid-week)
Firefighting Skills	22-23 July 2026 (mid-week)
And	
Bushfire Safety Awareness	08-09 August 2026 (weekend)
Firefighting Skills	22-23 August 2026 (weekend)

All members that have requested training will be contacted when we have locked in the dates. An email will also be sent out to FCO, Captains and secretaries so it can be circulated to all members.

There will also be a FCO training with date TBA.

Brigade AGMs

Please start planning your AGMs so that they can be completed prior to the end of September to ensure that the Shire can complete what is required prior to the coming season.

Electoral Commitments

The Celfi's have now been purchased and received at the Shire, the next step is installation once decided on placements.

Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

DFES
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Shire of Manjimup BFAC Report – June 2026
DFES Lower South West Region

Operations

- The bush fire season remained mild for the 2025-26 fire season with no significant fires occurring in the LSW Region. There were 181 bush fires within the LSW for 2025-26 compared to 281 in 2024-25.
- DFES thanks the assistance of the Bush Fire Brigades who have been working in partnership with the local VFRS at incidents.
- A reminder to recognise those hazards that can impact your health and wellbeing before attempting to extinguish incidents that pose minimal risk to public safety.

Community Preparedness

- The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is introducing AusAlert, a new telephone warning system for emergencies.

  AusAlert uses cell broadcast technology to send location-based alerts to mobile devices during emergencies. It is designed to work even when networks are congested and does not require sign-up.

  In Western Australia, the Emergency WA website and app will remain the primary source of official emergency information. Our current telephone warning system, Emergency Alert, will remain operational for the 2026-27 high threat period.
  On Monday 27 July 2026 at 12.00pm (WST), a test alert will be sent to all mobile devices in Australia. This includes most smartphones, smartwatches and tablets.

Mitigation

- Planned burn carried out in Pemberton townsite in May 2026. Many thanks to the Shire and Volunteers who assisted.

- The Bush Fire Risk Management Officer position is still currently vacant but expected to be filled within the next couple of months.

Chris Sousa
District Officer Nelson
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Department of **Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions**

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Warren Region
Update for Manjimup BFAC meeting Thursday 04th June 2026

Prescribed Burning

Achievements

Approx 40,000 ha for the Region

Autumn burning

Late opportunities allowed some good edging of burns that can now be considered in Spring.

DON_152 Topanup – Extend thanks to the brigades that assisted with this burn (Dunreath).

New burn options plans now in draft. Northcliffe townsite burn remains on the program. A copy of the burn program will be made available once approved.

Bushfire

No notable bushfires to date in the Region. Large contingent assisted with bushfires in other regions.

Rosters now stood down and principle point of contact in place for afterhours for any issue or emergency requiring DBCA involvement – 0437 692 518.

Ben Farquhar,

Regional Leader Fire Management,

DBCA Warren Region.

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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 2026* & *Zone 6 - 18 December 2026*).

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 2026 to 21 Dec 2026	22 Dec 2026 to 14 Mar 2027	15 Mar 2027 to 26 Apr 2027
ZONE 6 NORTHCLIFFE / WALPOLE	19 Nov 2026 to 31 Dec 2026	1 Jan 2027 to 28 Feb 2027	1 Mar 2027 to 12 Apr 2027

Prohibited Burning Times:
No burning per permitted.

Restricted Burning Times:
Burning can only be carried out with a Permit from your Fire Control Officer.

Application to Vary:
*If considered impractical for any reason to comply with this Notice, you **must** apply to the Shire of an 'Application to Vary' no later than the 1 December 2026.*



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER SHIRE



FIREBREAK & FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION NOTICE 2026 / 2027

Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

PROTECT PROPERTY | PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY | REDUCE BUSHFIRE RISK

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

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

The requirements of this notice must be in place by:

ZONE 8 - 11 DECEMBER 2026

ZONE 6 - 18 DECEMBER 2026

SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN

Check Fire Danger | Correct Equipment | Notify Neighbours | Stay with your fire | Extinguish Completely

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Brigade	Name	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup	Gary Ryan	0408 941 236
Diamond	Rob Thorn	0409 815 977
	Mick Terrigno	0419 864 687 9771 1637
Dingup	Josh Kanny	0429 881 528
Dunreath	Tom Muir	0418 831 296
Manjimup / Pemberton	Shire Rangers	9771 7777
Mordalup	Mark Muir	0427 691 001 9769 1001
Northcliffe Townsite	Paul Owens	0427 667 199
Northcliffe	Peter Russell	9776 7148
	Tom Dickson	9776 7071
Pemberton Rural	Mark Roche	0427 761 510
Perup	Kent Muir	0438 724 282
Quinninup	Maurice Humphrey	0419 138 685
Quinninup Town	Mick Eastwood	0438 731 960
Ringbarkers	Paul Tempra	0417 095 899 9771 1311
	Frank Shaw	0473 371 185
Seven Day Rd / Appadene	Tom Winfield	0417 964 463
	Peter Parker	0427 761 285
Smith Brook	Bill Rice	0427 057 243 ~~9772 3543~~
Springfield	Nigel Pitts	0400 422 334
	Keith Jackson	9776 1206
Upper Warren	John Mottram	0417 993 536 9773 1179
Walpole	Glen Burton	0447 822 897
	Richard Williams	0429 442 252
Yanmah	Brad Wren	0427 959 431

NOTE: FCO NAMES & CONTACT INFORMATION STILL TO BE UPDATED

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 000

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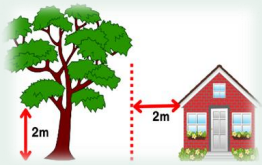
SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS (*WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE ON YOUR PROPERTY*)

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 a 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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Manjimup BFAC – June 2026

Forest Products Commission Report

Introduction

Hello, my name is Alison Raper, I recently stepped into the role of FPC Manager of Fire Protection, taking over from Greg Hodgson in February. Some of you will know me from my role with DBCA in fire management working with Jeff Bennett and the team for 18years.

Chris Schiller has also joined the team based out of Harvey. He will be supporting several components of Bryce's former role, including FPC fire appliance and equipment management, burn prescriptions, and plantation fire management plans. This also covers the maintenance and installation of plantation water sources (tanks and dams) across FPC's plantation estate.

FPC Plantation Fires

To date we have not had any significant plantation fires this summer, however we have supported 21 bushfire incidents with FPC staff and appliances to date.

FPC fire duty officer contact remains the same **9725 5288** should FCO's need to contact them for assistance.

FPC Fire Duty officers receive the same automatic alerts (Via DFES COMCEN) for any fires 000 reported within 5km of an FPC plantation asset and has access to both DFES and DBCA fire platforms for monitoring fires and resources in attendance.

Burning

FPC staff have been liaising with relevant FCO's where required to burn post-harvest heaped debris and slash. FPC's autumn burn program consists of 22 prescribed burns, 3 of which occur within the Manjimup Shire.

Mordalup debris heaps burning has been completed. Slash treatment at Northcliffe 2 was also undertaken; however, additional burning will be required following the pushing up of windrows. The Manjimup Nursery site also has debris heaps that require burning this winter.

Just outside of the shire on Unicup Road, ongoing treatment within Chariup 1 is required (sharefarm exit) and Unicup 7 ex-share farm slash burn is yet to be completed.

FPC Fire Roster and Capability

The FPC's internal fire roster ceased as of the 28th May.

FPC had 42 staff available for fire operations this season, 6 based out of the Manjimup FPC office.

An addition 6 new FPC staff are to be trained in DBCA Fire Fighter Crew Member this winter in readiness to participate on the truck roster for 2026/2027.

6 FPC staff recently participated in DFES-delivered Crew Leader and Crew Protection training in Nannup.

Appliances

FPC own three Ex-DBCA Heavy Duties, one located in Manjimup, one in Nannup and the other based out at Mcalinden (North of Boyup Brook).

I am currently working on a heavy fleet replacement program, purchase of ex-DBCA fire trucks, focussing on a new truck this financial year and a proposal for two the following financial year. The FPC Nannup truck is the first to be replaced on the schedule.

Plantation Establishment

FPC Plantations softwood establishment program winter 2026 within the Manjimup LGA.

Name	Shire	Ha
Mordalup 2	Manjimup	151
Mordalup 3	Manjimup	20
Mordalup 4	Manjimup	64
Northcliffe 2	Manjimup	98

Fire Operations Maps

FPC are maintaining individual Fire Operations maps for each plantation, accessible online on the FPC external website or by using the attached QR Code Page. (*maps will be upgraded each year as required)*

www.wa.gov.au/organisation/forest-products-commission/fpc-fire-management#fire-management-maps

FPC has QR codes on gate signs to access the maps with digital devices where there is adequate phone coverage. (See attachment for all Shire QR Codes)



Standard FPC Plantation ID Sign

FPC Fire Management Maps

AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER

BODDINGTON

BOYUP BROOK

BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES

BUSSELTON

COLLIE

CRANBROOK

DARDANUP

DONNYBROOK-BALINGUP

HARVEY

MANJIMUP

MUNDARING

MURRAY

NANNUP

WANDERING

WAROONA

WEST ARTHUR

WILLIAMS