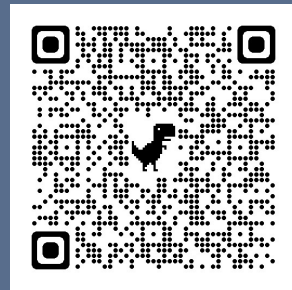


## WHO CAN I CONTACT TO UNDERTAKE THESE WORKS FOR ME?

If you don't live locally or are unable to undertake the works yourself, there may be local businesses and contractors who can undertake the works for you.

A current list of local businesses and their contact numbers can be found on the Shire's online directory.



## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T COMPLY WITH THIS NOTICE?

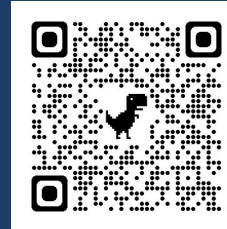
The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is \$250 (\$1000 being the maximum penalty if the matter goes to court). It should also be noted that if you fail to comply with this notice, Council may, in accordance with Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, carry out the requirements of this notice at your expense.

## WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

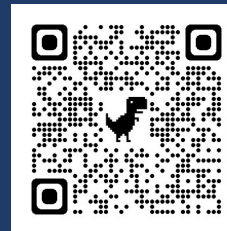
Meekatharra Burning Periods  
<https://www.meekashire.wa.gov.au/services/emergency-management/bush-fire-information.aspx>



Current Fire Danger Ratings  
[emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au)



More detailed fire control information  
[dfes.wa.gov.au](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)



**In case of fire/emergency:**  
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Shire of Meekatharra  
75 Main Street  
Meekatharra WA 6642  
08 9980 0600  
[cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au](mailto:cso@meekashire.wa.gov.au)



## Firebreak and Hazard Reduction Notice

Bush Fires Act 1954  
Section 33





As a measure to assist in the control of fire, or to prevent the spread or escalation of a bush fire which may occur, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Meekatharra local government area are required by 31 October each year to clear firebreaks or take measures in accordance with this notice and maintain those firebreaks and measures in accordance with this notice up to and including 30 April each year.

## KEY DATES

- 15 September – Deadline for applying (in writing) for variation on firebreaks.
- 31 October – All fire prevention measures must be completed and then maintained until 30 April (or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier, should this be after that date).
- 1 November – Fire prevention work inspections carried out by Shire officers begin. Infringements for non-compliance will be issued from this date.
- 30 April – End of fire prevention maintenance period.

**All land owners and residents** must ensure:

- The roofs and walls of all buildings are free of flammable materials which can catch fire and burn
- Trees and shrubs close to buildings and structures are pruned
- Flammable materials are not stored within three (3) metres of a structure or fence line.

*'Flammable material' includes any mineral, vegetable, substance, object, thing or matter that may, or is likely to, catch fire and burn. It does not include green standing trees, growing bushes, and plants in gardens and/or lawns – unless deemed otherwise by the Shire.*

### **Town based land owners and occupiers**

Blocks less than 2000 square metres: slash/mow all grass to a height of no more than fifty (50) millimetres and remove all flammable vegetation.

Blocks greater than 2000 square metres: install a continuous five (5) metre wide firebreak around all structures on the property and within two (2) metres inside all external boundaries of the land.

### **Rural land owners and occupiers**

All structures and buildings must have a minimum of five (5) metres clearance of all flammable material.

## HOW DO I INSTALL A FIREBREAK?

The following preferred methods can be used to install firebreaks:

**Mowing/Slashing:** Vegetation must be cut to ground level ensuring stubble and grasses are no more than 50 millimetres from soil level. All debris must be removed from the firebreak. The best option is to slash or mow the entire block and remove all debris.

**Ploughing/Cultivating:** Apply mechanical or manual methods to ensure no combustible material remain within the firebreak area.

**Alternative Action:** If the owner or occupier considers installing a firebreak or removing flammable material to be impractical, they must seek written permission from the Shire before 15 September each year to take alternate action.

