



Bush Fires Act 1954
Shire of Wickepin
Annual Firebreak Notice 2013/2014

Action is required by owners and/or occupiers of all land in the Shire of Wickepin. Please read this notice carefully. Any queries should be directed to the Shire of Wickepin Administration Centre of Local Shire Bush Fire Control Officer.

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, owners and occupiers of property within the Shire of Wickepin are hereby required on or before 1 October 2013 and thereafter to 28 April 2014 to plough, scarify or otherwise provide and maintain firebreaks clear of all inflammable material at least 2.5 metres wide as follows:

Rural Land

Inside the boundary of all land held by each owner or occupier, their firebreaks need not follow the perimeter of any paddock but will be acceptable following land contours in an endeavour to overcome water erosion;
To subdivide each holding into lots of no greater than 200 hectares; and
To surround the homestead, out buildings and fuel storages on any such land.

Townsite Land

All lots within the townsites of Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering are required to be cleared and maintained free of all debris or inflammable material. Failure to comply with these requirements renders the owner or occupier liable to a penalty not more than \$400.

Clearing of Fence Lines

When clearing for new fence lines, landholders are asked to consider locating the fence three (3) metres inside their boundary to avoid any clearing on road reserves. Old fences should first be removed. If landholders wish to place their fence on the boundary, they may clear no more than one (1) metre beyond their boundary. This may be varied in special circumstances at the discretion of the CEO and Manager Works & Services. Any timber removed from the road reserve is to be pushed onto the owner's property.

Fencing of Road Reserves

Council encourages farmers to fence off road reserves running through their properties to protect trees on these reserves and to allow new growth of vegetation.

Burning on Roadsides

Should property owners wish to carry out burning of the road reserve adjacent to their property, it is necessary to obtain council approval prior to any burning taking place.

Burning Periods

Restricted Burning – 1 October 2013 to 13 November 2014;
Prohibited Burning – 14 November 2013 to 7 February 2014;
Restricted Burning – 8 February 2013 to 28 April 2014

Harvest and Fire Ban 2013/2014 Season

Harvesting is banned on Christmas Day and New Year's Day
Lighting of fires are banned on Good Friday and Easter Sunday