



2017/2018 FIREBREAK ORDER

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

Notice to all owners and/or occupiers of land in the Shire of Mount Magnet

Pursuant to the powers contained in section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all owners and occupiers of land are required on or before 1 October, to clear firebreaks and remove inflammable material from the land owned or occupied by you as specified hereunder and to have the land and firebreaks clear of all inflammable material from 1 October up to and including the 30 April of the following year.

Inflammable materials defined for the purpose of this order to include bush (as defined in the Bush Fire Act), boxes, cartons, paper and like flammable materials, rubbish and also combustible matter, but does not include green standing trees or growing bushes or plants in gardens or lawns.

Land Outside of Mount Magnet Townsite

Firebreaks must be cleared at least three metres in width, completely surrounding and not more than twenty metres from the perimeter of any building or group of buildings. All flammable material must also be removed from an area three metres in width immediately surrounding the buildings. This includes pastoral homesteads, sheds and any other infrastructure associated with pastoral activities. This notice also applies to mining owners of pastoral properties.

Fuel Dumps (Fuel Storage)

On all land where fuel drum ramps are located and where fuel dumps, whether containing fuel or not are stored, clear and maintain an additional firebreak at least four metres wide around any drum, ramp or stack of drums.

Land in Mount Magnet Townsite

All owners and/or occupiers of all townsite land within the district shall, prior to the commencement of the firebreak period or within 14 days of becoming the owner/occupier should this occur within the firebreak period, establish and thereafter maintain during the firebreak period-

On land less than 1,020m² in area - be completely cleared of all inflammable material;

On land more than 1,020m² in area, hazard reduced by either:

- mowing or slashing to a height not greater than 150mm
- or comply with the requirements for land outside Mount Magnet townsite;

Camping and Cooking Fires

A fire may be lit for the purposes of camping and cooking, provided such a fire is no closer than three (3) metres to a log or stump, and an area three (3) metres wide surrounding the fire is left completely free of all bush and other flammable material. It must not be left at any time and completely extinguished before the user leaves it. The lighting of a fire on a day of "extreme" or "very high" fire danger is prohibited unless the approval of the Council in writing is received. If in any doubt of the legality of lighting a camp or cooking fire, check with the Mount Magnet Shire Office.

General Provisions

If it is considered for any reason to be impractical to clear firebreaks or remove inflammable material as required by this notice, you may apply to the Council or its duly authorised officer not later than 1 October for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or take alternative action to remove or abate any fire hazard. If permission is not granted by this Council or its duly authorised officer you shall comply with the requirements of this notice. The penalty for non-compliance with this notice is a maximum of \$5,000 and notwithstanding prosecution; the Shire of Mount Magnet may enter on the land and carry out the requisite works at the owner/occupiers expense. Where townsite owners/occupiers are themselves unable to provide firebreaks, or fail to clear firebreaks as required by this notice, the work may be carried out by the Shire of Mount Magnet and the cost of the work will be a debt due from the owner or occupier of the land. If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning shall comply with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

Burning Periods

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| • Restricted period
Permit required | 1 October 2017 - 14 December 2017 |
| • Prohibited period
No open fires | 15 December 2017 - 31 March 2018 |
| • Restricted period
Permit required | 1 April 2018 - 30 April 2018 |
| • No Permit required | 1 May 2018 - 30 September 2018 |

Firebreaks must be maintained for the period 1 October 2017 to 30 April 2018.

By Order of the Council