

## **FUEL LOAD NOTICE 2020/21**

### ***Bush Fires Act 1954***

#### **Notice to all owners and/or occupiers of land situated within the Town of Bassendean**

As a measure to assist in the control of bush fires, or preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire which may occur, notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Town of Bassendean that pursuant to the powers conferred in section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, works in accordance with the requisitions of this notice must be carried out before 1 November in each year, or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier of land if after that date. All work specified in this notice is to be maintained up to, and including, 31 March in the following year.

#### **All land**

- Cleared to the satisfaction of Council or it's duly authorised officer, of all flammable material from the ***whole of the land, except*** living trees, shrubs and plants under cultivation and lawns
- Maintain all dry grass on the land to a height no greater than 10cm
- Wood piles and flammable material stored a safe distance from buildings

#### **Application to vary the above requirements**

If it is considered impractical for any reason to implement any of the requirements of this notice, you may apply in writing to the Town of Bassendean by no later than 15 October each year for permission to implement alternative measures. If permission is not granted in writing, by the Town of Bassendean, you must comply with the requirements of this notice.

#### **Additional Works**

In addition to the requirements of this Notice, you may be required to carry out further works that are considered necessary by an Authorised Officer and specified by way of a separate written notice, with reasonable time allowed to undertake the works as required.

#### **Additional Information**

The Town has prohibited all burning of garden material, for all properties within the district, as per the notice published in the Government Gazette.

#### **Penalty for Failure to Comply**

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of not more than \$5000.

#### **Additional Costs to Owner / Occupier**

A person, who has failed to undertake the works as required by this notice, whether prosecuted or not is liable to pay the costs of performing the works as directed by an Authorised officer.

In accordance with Section 38 of the Bush Fires Act, the following officers have been Appointed Bush Fire Control Officers:

Peta Mabbs (Chief), Sharna Merritt (Deputy) Mark Bettridge (FCO), Carol Grazier (FCO), Damian Stephen (FCO), Edy Srblin (FCO) and Andrea Smith (FCO).

By order of the Council

Peta Mabbs  
Chief Executive Officer