

## FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

### Bindi Bindi (UHF 11)

Toby Ellis (Capt.)	9654 3013	0417 990 504
Les Crane	9654 3060	0427 889 390

### Coomberdale (UHF 11)

Brad Tonkin (Capt.)	9651 8011	0427 518 011
David McLean	9651 8012	0427 518 013

### Koojan (UHF 11)

Terry Murray (Capt.)	9651 6032	0427 330 515
Jaden Cocking	9651 6013	0409 516 013
Glen Vanzetti	9651 1856	0407 446 265

### Miling (UHF 11)

Brendan Pratt (Capt.)		0427 541 086
Tom Sayers	9654 9026	0428 549 074
Mark Harrington	9654 1001	

### Moora (UHF 11)

Neil Martin	9651 1342	0427 888 712
Ranger	9651 0000	0408 511409

### Watheroo (UHF 11)

Brad Millstead (Capt.)	9651 7142	0429 008 750
Len Mitchell	9651 7087	0429 373 247



## PERMITS AND PENALTIES

### Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Brendan Pratt		0427 541 086
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### Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Derek Stewart	9654 9026	0428 549 074
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### Fire Weather Officer

Hugh Bryan (Bindi Bindi)	9654 2007	0427 542 007
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### Deputy Fire Weather Officers

Les Crane (Bindi Bindi)	9654 3060	0427 899 390
Derek Stewart (Miling)	9654 9026	0428 549 074

### Community Emergency Services Manager

Vicki Booth	965 10060	0409 137 645
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### PENALTIES

Failure to maintain a firebreak as per firebreak order	\$250
Offence relating to lighting a fire in the open air	\$250
Setting fire to bush during prohibited burning period	\$250
Failure of Occupier to extinguish a bushfire	\$250
Refusal to state name and abode or stating a false name and abode	\$100

Fire Control Officers are not obliged to issue permits. Permits cannot be issued over the phone and should a Fire Control Officer refuse to issue a permit, it is a breach of the Bush Fires Act 1954 to request a permit from another Fire Control Officer.



## FIRE BREAK & FUEL REDUCTION NOTICE 2013/2014

*Prohibited Burning Period*

**1st November to 21st February**

**STRICTLY NO FIRES**

*Restricted Burning Period*

**19th September to 31st October**

**22nd February to 29th March**

**PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**



**FIRST AND FINAL** notice is hereby served to all residents and ratepayers.

*Failure to install and maintain firebreaks in accordance with this notice may result in a \$5,000 fine.*

# Harvesting Operations

1. No harvesting operations are permitted on **Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day**. A separate fire fighting fire appliance is required to be present in any paddock being harvested, churning, raking stubble, straw baling and associated allied activities during restricted and prohibited periods. The fire fighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and hose. The farm fire fighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the harvesting or working area.
2. A Harvesting and Movement Ban (except for the watering and movement of stock) will be imposed when the actual weather conditions reach a Fire Danger rating of forty two (42) on the maximum wind speed at the weather stations of two (2) bush fire brigades. All such bans are at the discretion of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or a duly appointed person.

## HARVEST BAN INFORMATION LINE 94785677

If a ban has been imposed, all persons registered will be sent a text message advising of details. All bans will still be broadcast on radio;

ABC Statewide AM

Radio West 864 AM

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Moora Volunteer Fire & Rescue	000
Moora Ambulance	000
Moora Hospital	9651 0222
Moora Police	9651 1106

**Note– Attention of landowners is drawn to the fact that this order allows for provision of firebreaks in situations other than immediately with property boundaries subject to approval. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and appointed Fire Control Officers have been authorised to act for Council in this matter.**

# BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Moora that you are required on or before 31st October 2013 to plough, scarify, cultivate or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain clear of all flammable material up to and including 29th March 2014 as per requirements in relation to Section 33 of the above.

*Any owner or occupier of land who fails to comply with the requirements of this notice is guilty of an offence under Section 33 (3) of the Bushfire Act 1954.*

On or before 31st October 2013 all town lots within the townsites of Bindi Bindi, Coomberdale, Miling, Moora and Watheroo are required to be treated as follows;

**TOWNSITES Land 2032m<sup>2</sup> (half an acre) or less.** Do not require fire breaks, but are required to follow **General Fire Hazard Reduction. (e.g. slashed/mowed).**

**TOWNSITES Land is 2,032m<sup>2</sup> (half an acre) or more** A firebreak must be provided not less than 2.7 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied and all flammable material must be cleared 2.7m distance from all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land and maintained free of such material until the 29th March 2014.

**RURAL LAND** Firebreaks must be provided not less than 2.7 metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied: where this is not practicable the firebreaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within, such boundaries.

**FUEL PUMPS (FUEL DEPOTS)** On or before the 31st October all grass and similar material is to be cleared from such places where drum ramps are located and where drums, empty or full, are stored and such areas to be maintained cleared of grass and similar flammable material until 29th March 2014.

**FARM BUILDINGS AND UNATTENDED ELECTRIC MOTORS AND HAY STACKS** Fire breaks at least 2.7 metres in width completely surrounding and not more than 20 metres from the perimeter of any building, group of buildings or haystacks, All flammable material must be removed from an area 2.7 metres in width immediately surrounding the building. All flammable material must be removed from an area 2.7 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended electric motor site.

**UNATTENDED FUEL OPERATED MOTORS** All flammable material must be removed from an area 2.7 metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated motor whether the motor is intended to be used or not.

**BARBEQUES AND INCINERATORS** Gas and electric barbeques are permitted any time. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are PROHIBITED on days of VERY HIGH or above. Residents of the townsites throughout the shire are reminded that the burning of waste material should be in approved type incinerator. Open drums are not acceptable.

**GENERAL FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION-** All property owners are required to reduce fire hazards on their property prior to the summer season, by maintaining grassed areas as far as reasonably practicable, to 50mm in height over the entire area, by slashing, mowing, application of chemical or stock. Hazard Reduction orders will be issued where landowners have failed to reduce fire hazards.

**PENALTY – the penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$400 and a person in default is also liable , whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or Occupier by the date required by this notice.**

