

BUSHFIRE POLICIES - INDEX

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Date Adopted:	

Policy No:	1
Date Last Reviewed:	

Legal (Parent):
1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
No

Delegation No.

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	1. EXPENDITURE LIMIT
Objective:	Registered Bush Fire Control Officers in charge of combating a bush fire may commit up to \$500 on any initial action considered necessary to control that fire without first seeking authorisation of the Shire President or Chief Executive Officer.

Policy Type:	Bushfire
Date Adopted:	

Policy No:	2
Date Last Reviewed:	

Legal (Parent):
1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
No

Delegation No.

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	2. SUSPENSION OF PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
Objective:	The Shire President in consultation with the Chief Fire Control Officer is authorised to amend or suspend the prohibited burning period in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Policy Type:	Bushfire
Date Adopted:	

Policy No:	3
Date Last Reviewed:	

Legal (Parent):
1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
No

Delegation No.

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Title:	3. USE OF COUNCIL EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR BUSHFIRE CONTROL
Objective:	That all Council equipment and machinery be available for usage in controlling bushfires within or bordering the Wagin district. Equipment and machinery to be utilised only by regular operators of such equipment or machinery. Application of this policy to be at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

Policy Type:	Bushfire
Date Adopted:	

Policy No:	4
Date Last Reviewed:	

Legal (Parent):
1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
No

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Title:	4. HARVEST BANS – AUTHORISED OFFICERS
Objective:	The Fire Weather Officer, Chief Fire Control Officer, Chief Executive Officer or Deputy Chief Executive Officer are authorised to notify the media of harvest bans following a request by the Fire Weather Officer or Chief Fire Control Officer.

Policy Type:	Bushfire
Date Adopted:	

Policy No:	5
Date Last Reviewed:	April 1997 Minute #7899

Legal (Parent):
1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
Yes/No

Delegation No.

ADOPTED POLICY	
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Title:	5. FIRE CONTROL OFFICER TRAINING
Objective:	That Council adopt as policy that newly appointed Fire Control Officers are required to complete a Fire Control Officers course within 12 months of appointment and that existing Fire Control Officers also be encouraged to attend a Fire Control Officers Course.

Policy Type:	Bushfire
Date Adopted:	

Policy No:	6
Date Last Reviewed:	April 1977, Minute #7900

Legal (Parent):
1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
Yes

Delegation No.10. Bushfire Policies 2 Suspended Prohibited Burning Period, 3 Use of Council Equipment, 6 Issuing Infringements

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	6. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INFRINGEMENTS
Objective:	That Council adopt as policy that the Chief Fire Control Officer in addition to the Chief Executive Officer, be authorised to issue infringement notices under the Bush Fires Act.

Policy Type:	Bushfire
Date Adopted:	19 June 2018 Resolution # 3762

Policy No:	7
Date Last Reviewed:	

Legal (Parent): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Act 1995 (As Amended) Section 6.10. Office of Bushfire Management (OBRM) - Guidelines for Preparing a Bushfire Risk Management Plan

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
No

Delegation No.

ADOPTED POLICY	
Title:	7. BUSHFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN
Objective:	To only allow owners of property within the Shire of Wagin to view their bushfire risk rating as stated in the Bushfire Risk Management Plan

Background:

Under the *State Hazard Plan for Fire (formerly Westplan Fire)* an integrated Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRM Plan) is to be developed for local government areas with significant bushfire risk. This BRM Plan has been prepared for the Shire of Wagin in accordance with the requirements of *State Hazard Plan for Fire* and the *Guidelines for Preparing a Bushfire Risk Management Plan*.

The risk management processes used to develop this BRM Plan are aligned to the key principles of *AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk management – Principles and guidelines (AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009)*, as described in the Second Edition of the *National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines (NERAG 2015)*. This approach is consistent with the policies of the State Emergency Management Committee.

This BRM Plan is a strategic document that identifies assets at risk from bushfire and their priority for treatment. The resulting ‘Treatment Schedule’ sets out a broad program of coordinated multi-agency treatments to address risks identified in the BRM Plan. Government agencies and other land managers responsible for implementing treatments participate in developing the BRM Plan to ensure treatment strategies are collaborative and efficient, regardless of land tenure. Treatments will be guided by risk priority, not land tenure, and will not be limited to local government managed lands.

Assets, risk assessments and treatment data is stored and maintained in an electronic database

– the Bushfire Risk Management System (BRMS). Shire personnel will have access to the Shire’s data and are able to produce reports including the *Asset Risk Register* and *Treatment Schedule* as well as detailed maps.

This BRM Plan consists of:

- Bushfire Risk Management Plan
- Communications Strategy (*Attachment 1*)
- Local Government Wide Controls & Multi Agency Work Plan (*Attachment 3*)
- Asset Risk Register (*refer to Section 4.3.4*)
- Treatment Schedule (to be completed within 6 months of endorsement of the BRM Plan)

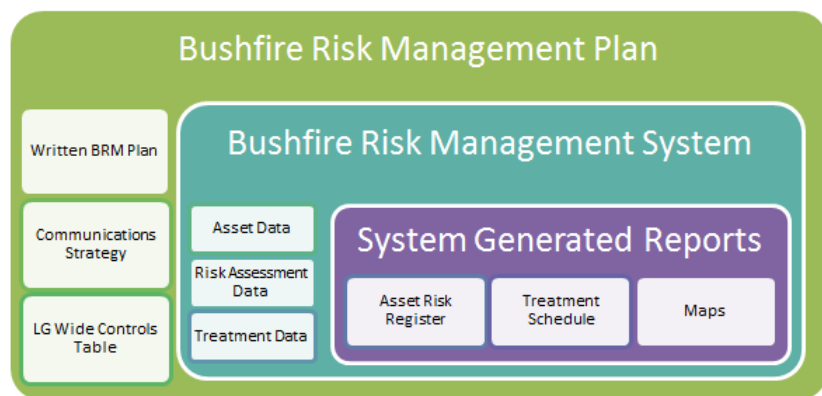


Figure 1 – Components of the Bushfire Risk Management Plan²

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1. Local Government Act 1995

Legal (Subsidiary):

Delegation of Authority Applicable
No

Delegation No.

ADOPTED POLICY

Title:	8. BUSHFIRES COMMUNICATION POLICY
Objective:	This Policy is designed to Validate the use of Digital Text based communication for Emergency Management. It is designed to obtain maximum value of this communication for the majority of Wagin Residents.
Policy Statement:	<p>Policy Statement</p> <p>The Shire of Wagin Endorses the use of Digital Text messaging platforms as an appropriate form of communication in times of Emergency.</p> <p>Rules of use:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Management of the platforms will be held by the endorsed FCO's and Shire CEO or his delegate 2. Text messaging is accepted as a legitimate form of communication of Harvest and Movement of Vehicle Bans, Total Fire Bans and similar. 3. Use of the WhatsApp Chat "Wagin Fire Emergency" is to be limited to the discovery, locating, and management of fire and similar emergencies. 4. Chatter is specifically unwelcome 5. Users of this system will be deemed to have accepted these rules. 6. Managers of the platforms have the right to remove members who disrupt the platform. 7. Persons removed from the Platform will be written to and advised the platform rules, they will then have the opportunity to rejoin.