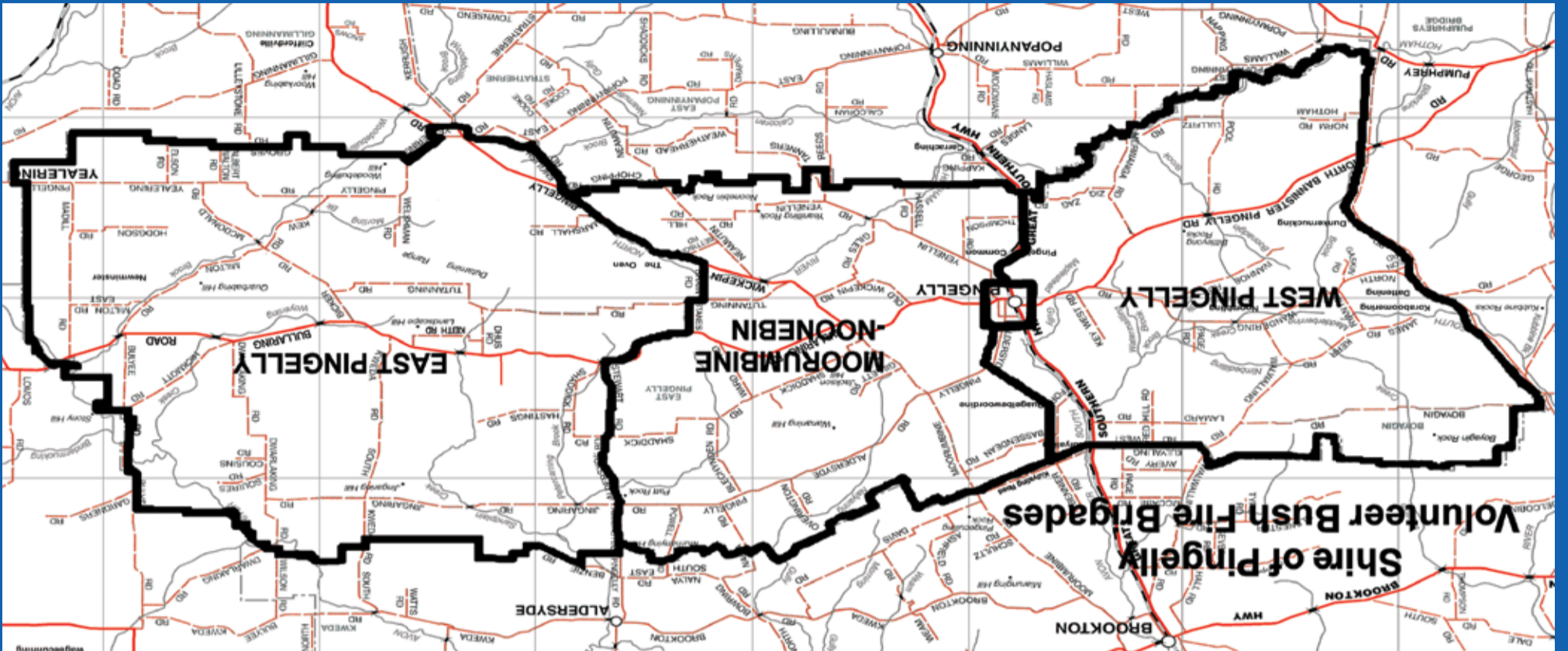


Stubble Burning 2014 North of Pingelly on (Route 120) Gt Southern Highway



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**Dual Fire Control Officers**

The following Fire Control Officers from neighbouring local governments have been appointed as dual Fire Control Officer in the Shire of Pingelly. Dual Fire Control Officers are appointed to address the liability issue where the Officer is responsible for the control of a wildfire which crosses the Shire boundary.

Shire	Name	Phone	Mobile
Brookton	Bevan Walters	9642 6061	0427 426 061
	Murray Hall	9642 1367	0428 421 367
	Dennis Wilkinson	9642 6022	0428 426 022
Corrigin	Greg Evans	9065 7021	0429 657 021
	Wes Baker	9065 8034	0427 658 034
Cuballing	Graeme Dent	9883 6060	0427 836 061
	Peter Monk	9887 7016	0429 887 725
Wandering	Richard Bostock	9887 7004	0428 280 068
	Roger Butler	9888 4065	0427 884 065
Wickepin	Colin Coxon	9888 7095	0428 887 095
	Steve Rose	9888 4050	0429 884 050

**VHF Radio Call Signs**

Pingelly 2 Andrew Pauley	Pingelly 9 Jeff Edwards
Pingelly 3 Adam Watts	Pingelly 10 Anthony Turton
Pingelly 4 Victor Lee	Pingelly 11 Alan Parsons
Pingelly 5 Rob Kirk	Pingelly 12 Andrew Marshall
Pingelly 6 Rod Shaddick	Pingelly 3.4 Town Brigade Tender
Pingelly 8 Malcolm Cunningham	

**VHF Radio Channels**

Shire of Pingelly	37/274
Shire of Brookton	41/108/123
Shire of Cuballing	92/275
Shire of Wandering	33/339
Shire of Wickepin	40/273

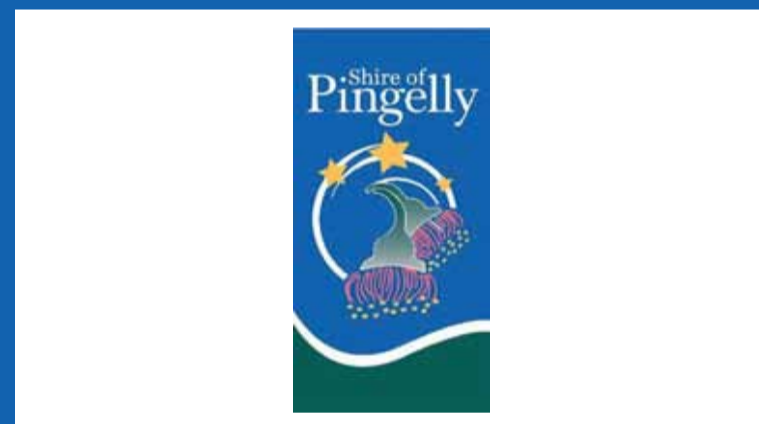
**Fire Control Officers**

Chief Fire Control Officer  
Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer  
Training Officer  
Pingelly Fire & Rescue Service  
Shire of Pingelly - Shire Base

Rodney Shaddick  
Robert Kirk  
Shire of Pingelly  
Damien Spencer  
Sheryl Squiers  
Barry Gibbs



Brigade	Name	Phone	Mobile
East Pingelly	Jeff Edwards	9642 7044	0429 427 044
	Victor Lee	9887 9023	
	Andrew Marshall	9887 9050	0428 879 050
Moorumbine -	Rodney Shaddick	9887 1328	0427 871 328
Noonebin	Andrew Pauley	9887 1476	0408 871 476
West Pingelly	Malcolm Cunningham	9887 1029	0448 871 159
	Alan Parsons	9887 7066	0428 301 741
	Anthony Turton	9887 7142	0428 876 042
	Adam Watts	9887 6023	0419 949 223
Town	Damien Spencer		0407 725 834
	Peter Narducci	9887 1297 (H)	0417 953 386
Shire	Sheryl Squiers	9887 1066 (W)	
	Barry Gibbs		0427 852 426
	Russell Dyer		0429 887 106



**SHIRE OF PINGELLY**  
**2015 / 2016**

- Fire Control Order
- Fire Control Officers
- Burning Permits
- Radio Operators

**All reports of fires need to be made directly to the 000 telephone emergency line in the first instance.**

When reporting a fire speak slowly, give the location of the fire and any other relevant details to the operator.

Once reported on the emergency hotline, consider alerting local fire fighters, and neighbours. The hotline will alert the Staff at the Shire Office (or emergency response staff if out of hours)

**Information Hotline**  
Emergency Channel UHF 5  
For current information on Fire and Harvest/Vehicle Movement Bans, a telephone hotline has been created.  
The line provides a recorded message on the current situation. Please call: 9887 1265.  
SMS is also used to disburse fire information.  
To register for the SMS, please call the Staff at the Shire Office.

# Shire of Pingelly Fire Control Order 2015/16

## BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

Pursuant to the powers contained in section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Pingelly are hereby required to take, provide and/or maintain fire control measures during the firebreak period as follows:

**“Excluded Area”** means an area of rural land not exceeding 30ha, where it is physically impossible to install firebreaks, or where in the owner’s or occupier’s opinion, the installation of firebreaks would be detrimental to the conservation of remnant or natural vegetation or the establishment of re-afforested areas.

**“Farming Land”** means all land within the Shire of Pingelly zoned ‘Farming’ under the Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

**“Firebreak Period”** means the time between 1 November and 15 April in the following year.

**“Firebreak”** means ground from which all flammable material has been removed and on which no flammable material is permitted during the firebreak period.

**“Flammable Material”** means bush (as defined by the Bush Fires Act 1954), timber boxes, cartons, paper and the like flammable materials, rubbish and any combustible matter, but does not include buildings, standing trees or growing bushes or plants in gardens or lawns.

**“Rural Residential Land”** means all land within the Shire of Pingelly zoned ‘Rural Residential’ under the Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

**“Townsite Land”** means all land within the townsite of Pingelly not zoned as ‘Rural Residential’ under the Local Planning Scheme No. 3.

**“Very High Fire Danger”** means on days forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology. On days forecast as Very High Fire Danger or above, permits are to be automatically suspended.

### Farming Land

On farming land other than excluded areas, the owner or occupier shall:-

- a) Clear firebreaks not less than 3m wide:
  - i. inside all external boundaries of the land,
  - ii. within 15m of the perimeter of all buildings and remove all flammable material from within the 3m of all such buildings, and
  - iii. so as to divide the land into areas not exceeding 400ha.
- b) remove all flammable material for a continuous distance of 5m immediately surrounding every haystack, hayshed, stationary pump or engine, and

- c) remove all flammable material for a continuous distance of 15m or to the external boundary of the land whichever is nearer, from around fuel depots.

**Note:** Landowners may use a single firebreak on a neighbour’s common fenced boundary as long as both parties agree in writing and a copy of the agreement is delivered to the Shire of Pingelly.

All excluded areas remain the owner’s or occupier’s responsibility and any variation as permitted by the Order does not render null and void any duty otherwise required by law.

### Townsite Land

On townsite land, where a property or adjoining properties having the same ownership or control and are used as a single holding, the owner or occupier, shall:-

- a) where holding is under 2000m<sup>2</sup> clear by burning, all flammable material likely to be conducive to the outbreak, spread or extensions of a fire from the whole of the land, or
- b) have all flammable material likely to be conducive to the outbreak, spread or extension of fire removed, and the grass maintained to a height not greater than 10cm.
- c) where the holding is over 2000m<sup>2</sup> comply with the requirements of farming land.

### Rural Residential Land

On rural residential land, where a property or adjoining properties having the same ownership or control and are used as a single holding, the owner or occupier shall comply with the requirements of:

- a) farming land where the holding exceeds 10ha in area, or
- b) townsite land, where the holding does not exceed 2000m<sup>2</sup> in area.
- c) where the holding is 2,000m<sup>2</sup> to 10ha in area:
  - i. clear by burning, all flammable material likely to be conducive to the outbreak, spread or extensions of a fire from the whole of the land, or
  - ii. have all flammable material likely to be conducive to the outbreak, spread or extension of fire removed, and the grass maintained to a height not greater than 10cm; or
  - iii. comply with the requirements for farming land.

### Use of Mowers & Whipper Snippers/Slashers During The Prohibited Burning Period

- a) not to be used during Harvest Bans, Vehicle Movement Bans or Total Fire Bans on any area
- b) not to be used between 6.00am to 6.00pm from 1 November and during the rest of the prohibited burning period unless on a reticulated area. (This means the grass is “green” and non-combustible).

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

19 September to 31 October and 15 February to 29 March (inclusive)

**Note:** 1. Permits may be issued for a duration of up to 1 week.

2. Hours of burning may be imposed as a condition of the permit.
3. At least 3 people must be in attendance for the duration of the burn.
4. A condition of all Permits is that immediately before dropping the match the Permit holder is re-quired to ring and advise the staff at the Shire Office (to prevent false emergencies).

- The Restricted or Prohibited Burning Times may be shortened, extended or suspended if seasonal conditions warrant such a variation.

- Variations to these periods may only be effected for a period of up to fourteen days.

- Variations to the Restricted/Prohibited Burning Times will be notified to the Bush Fires Board, DEC, adjourning local governments and published in a newspaper circulating in the district.

- Fire Control Officers issuing burning permits may impose any additional requirements or directions on a permit further to those shown on the reverse of the permit form e.g. burning not to commence before a certain time, fire fighting equipment/units to be on hand etc.

- Burning permits are automatically cancelled if the fire danger rating for the Shire is “Very High”, “Severe”, “Extreme” or “Catastrophic”. Fire Control Officers may also cancel permits if prevailing conditions are considered by them to be too dangerous for burning to be commenced.

- It is an offence to obtain a burning permit from an Officer if a request for such a permit has already been denied by another Officer.

- Burning permits will not be issued for a Sunday, nor any public holiday.

- Permit holders must notify adjoining owners or occupiers of land and the Shire of Pingelly on the day upon which they propose to burn. Such notice may be communicated verbally.

- Requests for permission to burn Shire of Pingelly controlled reserves and road reserve/verges must be directed to the Chief Executive Officer who has delegated authority to deny or approve applications. Approvals may be given with such conditions as the Chief Executive Officer may apply.

**No charge is made for the issue of a burning permit.**

- c) vegetation that is not green and flammable and that can be reticulated, can be slashed between 6.00am and 6.00pm must be well watered prior to mowing, whipper snipping or slashing (that is within the hour of watering) so that there is no chance of “sparking” and must remain damp during the operation.

- d) the area in an orchard that is not watered between rows if the trees are reticulated by drippers is not considered to be reticulated.

- e) as an added precaution have a “watcher” on hand with a hose.

- f) the use of disk or slashing type machines for agricultural purposes during the Prohibited Burning Period is to be by specific permit from the Chief Bushfire Control Officer or the Deputy CBFCO.

### Control of Operations Likely to Cause a Fire

Property owners should take care to prevent bush fires. The operation of welding equipment and angle grinders are activities likely to create a fire danger when used in the open air. A person shall provide at least one fire extinguisher at the place where welding or cutting operations are carried out and surround this place with a firebreak which is at least five (5) metres wide.

For updates on Hot Works, Harvest and Movement of Machinery Bans please ring the information line on 9887 1265 (recorded message) or register with the SMS warning system with the Shire to receive a text when a ban is implemented.

### Firebreaks on Road Reserves

Firebreaks are not permitted on a road reserve.

### Fire Fighting Units

During any period when harvesting operations are being conducted there shall be provided in the same paddock or within close proximity of that paddock, an operational independent mobile fire fighting unit having an engine driven pump and a water capacity of not less than 450 litres; the tank of the unit shall be kept full of water at all times during harvesting, and the responsibility to supply the unit is that of the landholder. Harvesting operations include the use of mobile augers and seed cleaning units.

Fire fighting trailers for fire suppression are regarded as out dated and dangerous—both to their operators and to other fire fighters on a fire ground. Their use at wild fires is not encouraged.

### Clover Harvesting

Harvesting bans include the harvesting of clover.

### Boyagin Rock Picnic Area

No wood fires are permitted in the Boyagin Rock Picnic Area (Reserve No. 29413) between 1 October each year and 30 April following.

### Volunteer Fire Fighters

When attending a wild fire you must report to the Fire Control Officer in charge at the fire ground.

Appropriate protective clothing must be worn when attending the fire ground.

Volunteers on the fire ground must be at least 16 years of age. Whilst there is no maximum age, volunteers are urged to consider their own safety and the safety of others.

### Bush Fires Act Infringements & Penalties

Fire is regarded as a serious risk by the State Government and appropriate penalties are in place to encourage everyone to take care.

- Failing to install firebreaks or other measures - \$250
- Offences relating to lighting of fires in open air - \$250
- Setting fire to clover without a permit - \$250
- Operating a harvesting machine or header when prohibited - \$500

**Note:** Your insurance cover may be null and void if a fire is caused by your machinery being used during a vehicle movement and harvest ban.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine not exceeding \$250.00 and a person in default is also liable whether prosecuted or not to pay the costs of performing the work directed in this notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required by this notice.

### Bush Fire Brigade Secretaries

Want to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter, or just learn a little more about fire control in your area? Why not contact your local Brigade:

BRIGADE	NAME	PHONE
East Pingelly	Geoff Poultney	9887 9048
Moorumbine-Noonebin	Lindsay Johns	9887 0895
West Pingelly	Mark Sewell	0419 939 056
Town	Peter Narducci	9887 1297

### General

If it is considered impracticable to clear firebreaks or remove flammable material from the land as required, application may be made in writing to the Council or its duly authorised officer for permission to put in place alternative fire hazard reduction measures. If permission is not granted, the requirements of this Order shall be complied with.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine not exceeding \$250 and a person in default is also liable whether prosecuted or not to pay the costs of performing the work directed in this notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required by this notice.

As a separate note, the following additional detail was added restricting the use of disk or slashing type machine during the Prohibited Burning Period to by permit:

The use of disk or slashing type machines for agricultural purposes during the Prohibited Burning Period is to be by specific permit from the Chief Bushfire Control Officer or the Deputy CBFCO.

By Order of Council.

### Restricted/Prohibited Burning Times

#### PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 November to 14 February (inclusive)

**Note:** 1. Permits may only be issued on a daily basis.

2. Permits are only issued for the purpose of protective burning (around houses, sheds etc.)
3. Permits are valid between the hours of 4pm and mid-night. Hours of burning may be shortened as a condition of the permits, e.g. usual practice for town is burning between 6pm and 11pm only.
4. Permits will only be issued up to 11pm on 14 December during this period.
5. At least 3 people must be in attendance for the duration of the burn.