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Broomehill  
Tambellup  
*looking forward*

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2025 / 2026 Fire Break Notice



## HOW TO REPORT A FIRE



When reporting a fire, ensure you provide the following information:

- Your name and contact number
- Fire location, (information such as landmarks, road names, your location and the direction of smoke and estimated distance is helpful in establishing the fire's location)
- If it is private property, the name of the property owner if known; and
- Provide details of site access if known.

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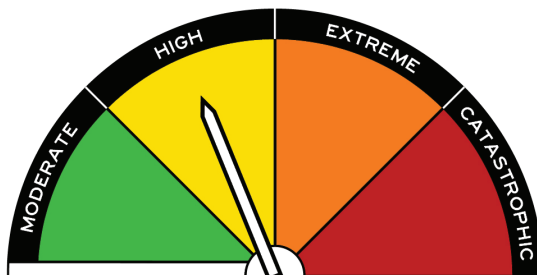


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## FIRE DANGER RATINGS

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) levels are:



<b>MODERATE</b> Plan and prepare	<b>HIGH</b> Be ready to act
<b>EXTREME</b> Take action now to protect life and property	<b>CATASTROPHIC</b> For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

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# PART 1 - FIRE BREAK NOTICE AND BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

## FIRE BREAK NOTICE 2025 - 2026

Notice is hereby given to all owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Broomehill -Tambellup that pursuant to the powers conferred in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with the requirements of this Notice.

As a landowner or occupier, you have a responsibility to manage your property to reduce the risk of bush fire. This notice informs you of what actions you must take to manage your property and the dates when those actions must be adhered to.

### 1.1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Burning Periods for the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Restricted Burning Period	<b>1 October 2025 – 31 October 2025</b>
Prohibited Burning Period	<b>1 November 2025 – 1 March 2026</b>
Restricted Burning Period	<b>2 March 2026 – 15 April 2026</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Restricted and Prohibited Burning Period dates are subject to change due to variable weather conditions.

Burning is prohibited on days where the Fire Danger Rating is 'High' or above unless authorised by a Fire Weather Officer.

Burning is Prohibited during the Easter period comprising 3 – 6 April 2026 inclusive.

Harvesting and the carting of grain are banned on Christmas day, and a harvest-only ban is imposed on Boxing Day throughout the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup.

A Total Fire Ban may be declared at any time. If declared, a person must not light any fire or undertake any activity that may cause a fire.

### 1.2. FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

All Fire Hazard Reduction measures outlined in this notice are to be completed by 31 October 2025 and maintained until 15 April 2026.

#### Urban Land

##### All urban land, regardless of size or how the land is zoned

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) of 20 metres surrounding all buildings must be established. An APZ is a reduced fuel load zone; and requires the removal of flammable material by means of ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing.

Living standing trees, remnant vegetation, maintained gardens and lawns are exempt from an APZ.

##### All urban land 4,000m<sup>2</sup> or less

All flammable material is to be reduced to a height of less than 50mm by means of ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing.

##### All urban land exceeding 4,000m<sup>2</sup>

Clear a 2.5m wide firebreak by means of ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing immediately inside all external boundaries of the land.

Maintain all remaining flammable material on the land to a height of less than 150mm.

**Urban land firebreak/hazard reduction work is to be completed by 31 October 2025, and maintained until 15 April 2026.**

#### Rural Land

##### All Rural Land

An Asset Protection Zone (APZ) of 20m surrounding all homesteads, buildings, sheds, haystacks, standalone power systems and flammable fuel storage must be established. An APZ is a reduced fuel load zone; and requires the removal of flammable material by means of ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing.

Living standing trees, remnant vegetation, maintained gardens and lawns are exempt from an APZ.

##### Plantation/Tree Farms

Install firebreaks 15m wide on the boundaries of all plantations and tree farms by means of ploughing, cultivating, scarifying, burning or otherwise clearing.

Firebreaks shall be constructed around plantation compartments of approximately 30ha. Copies of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) publication 'Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011' may be obtained from the Shire Office.

##### Wind Turbines

Firebreak requirements for all wind turbines in the Shire shall be in accordance with the individual Bush Fire Management Plan, as approved at the time of development approval, unless expressly amended by the Council.

##### Standalone Power Systems

All standalone power systems (including private units) require a 2.5m wide firebreak immediately outside the compound. This is to reduce fire impacting the site as well as limiting fire spread from the site to adjacent areas.

**Rural land firebreak/hazard reduction work is to be completed by 31 October 2025 and maintained until 15 April 2026.**

## 1.3. FIRE BREAK NOTICE INFORMATION

### Infringements

The Shire will be inspecting properties for compliance from 31 October 2025.

Failing to comply with this Notice may result in a \$250 fine being issued, with a maximum prosecution penalty amount of \$5,000. A person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the costs of performing the work directed by this Notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required.

### Variations to this Notice

If you consider it to be impractical to meet the requirements of this Notice, you may apply and seek approval from the Shire in writing no later than 1 October 2025. Please contact the Shire on 9825 3555, via email, [mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au) or via our website, [www.shirebt.wa.gov.au](http://www.shirebt.wa.gov.au) for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land.

### Special Work Orders

The Shire retains the ability to issue Special Work Orders pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, to individual landowners should additional works be necessary for a potential fire hazard that may exist on a property.

### Bushfire Management Plan

All properties that are subject to a Bush Fire Management Plan because of a subdivision or development approval or an approved treatment plan, must comply with the requirements of such plans in their entirety.

## 1.4. HAZARD REDUCTION GUIDELINES

### Preparing your property

Preparing for fire is essential to living in our fire prone landscape. Having a plan is the primary step to ensuring the survivability of your property and the welfare of you and your family, including pets and livestock.

Ensure that all firebreaks (if this is a requirement for your property) are maintained and totally clear of all flammable material either living or dead, and are maintained in this state for the entire compliance period. Cleared hardstand areas and areas maintained in a green state may be considered acceptable as a firebreak.

The images below are examples of compliant and non-compliant firebreaks. Please contact the Shire on 9825 3555, via email, [mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au) or via our website, [www.shirebt.wa.gov.au](http://www.shirebt.wa.gov.au) for further advice.

### Compliant ✓



**This firebreak is compliant. It is fully clear of flammable material and a slow burning fire can't travel across it.**

### Non-compliant ✗



**This firebreak is not compliant. It has regrowth of weeds and grasses and is not fully clear of flammable material. A slow burning fire would be able to cross this break and continue burning on the other side.**

## 1.5. BURNING PERMITS

**Permits to burn are required during the Restricted Burning Periods and must be obtained from your Brigade Fire Control Officer.**

If you want to burn grass, paddocks and bush during the Restricted Burning Period, you will need a permit to burn.

Burning permits are only valid for the day/s written on the permit. If you have been refused a permit, you can't reapply for the same burn. Should you wish to appeal a refusal, please contact the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer as listed under the Brigade Contacts in this Notice.

**The permit holder must strictly adhere to the following conditions and any other special conditions imposed by the Fire Control Officer:**

- Contact the owner and/or occupier of adjoining land.
- Contact the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) on 9881 9200, if the land is situated within 3 km of State Forest Land, National Parks, Nature Reserve or other DBCA lands.
- Period of notice to neighbours prior to burning cannot be more than 28 days or less than four days, although lesser notice may be determined by the mutual agreement of all neighbours.
- Ensure you check the Fire Behaviour Index rating by visiting [www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger-ratings](http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger-ratings)

**Note: The lighting of all fires; whether they are in or out of the restricted burning period, is the sole responsibility of the person lighting the fire and due caution should be observed, including considering adverse weather conditions. Non-compliance with the above may lead to prosecution.**

**Permits will not be issued for burning of logs/stumps/timber heaps during the period 1 October – 31 October 2025.**

## 1.6. DEFINITIONS

**Firebreak** – A strip of land which has been cleared of all flammable material such as wood, leaves, and grass that is likely to be ignited and capable of burning. It must be trafficable, meaning it must be accessible by a fire appliance.

**Flammable Fuel Storage** – Includes all petroleum-based liquids, Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, any other combustible liquid or gaseous fuel.

**Flammable Material** – Accumulated fuel such as leaf litter, twigs, bark, grass over 5cm high, timber boxes, cartons, paper and any combustible material, capable of carrying a running fire but excludes living standing trees and shrubs.

**Hay Stack** – Haystack means any collection of hay including fodder rolls placed or stacked together that exceeds 100m<sup>3</sup> in size (e.g. 5m x 5m x 4m) whether in a shed, other structure or open air.

**Plantation** – Any area exceeding 3ha planted for commercial gain. Including pine, eucalypt or other commercial value trees, excluding orchards and vineyards.

**Rural Land** – Means all land not located within the boundaries of a townsite as shown on the Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No. 1 and Shire of Tambellup Town Planning Scheme No. 2.

**Urban Land** – Means all land located within the boundaries of a townsite as shown on the Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No. 1 and Shire of Tambellup Town Planning Scheme No. 2. <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/shire-of-broomehill-tambellup-planning-information>

## 1.7. HARVEST AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT BANS

A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban (HVMB), once declared by the Shire, prohibits all harvesting operations and all vehicle movements on a property (except prevention of an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock, and only if all reasonable precautions have been taken).

HVMBs remain in place until lifted (revoked) by the Shire.

You can find out if a HVMB has been declared on the Shire's Facebook page, by tuning into ABC Radio (630AM or 558AM) or subscribe to the Shire's SMS notification system by contacting us on 9825 3555, via email, [mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au) or via our website, [www.shirebt.wa.gov.au](http://www.shirebt.wa.gov.au).

## 1.8. TOTAL FIRE BANS

Total Fire Bans (TFBs) are declared by DFES on days of extreme weather or when widespread fires are seriously stretching firefighting resources.

TFBs are generally declared the evening before they take effect. When a TFB is declared it prohibits the lighting of any fires in the open air and any other activities that may start a fire. The ban includes all open-air fires for cooking or camping. It also includes incinerators, welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting (unless exempt).

For more information about TFBs, including exemptions, visit:

[dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans](http://dfes.wa.gov.au/totalfirebans)

## 1.9. BUSHFIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

	Mobile	Call Sign
<b>Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>		
Michael Altus	0488 211 229	BT1
<b>Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer</b>		
Rhys Brown	0428 993 309	BT2
<b>Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer</b>		
Josh Holmes	0427 253 523	BT3
<b>Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)</b>	0417 071 567	Central Great Southern CESM
<b>Shire of Broomehill - Tambellup</b>	9825 3555	
<b>Shire Ranger (Infringements/enquiries)</b>	9825 3503	
<b>Shire Emergency Contact Manager of Works</b>	0418 955 642	

	Call Sign	Mobile
<b>BROOMEHILL EAST</b>		
<b>Captain/FCO</b> Nick Bowman	BH EAST 1	0407 967 998
1st Lt Buddy Holzknicht	BH EAST 2	0427 241 312
2nd Lt James Dewar	BH EAST 3	0439 935 963
3rd Lt Tom Kempin	BH EAST 4	0427 790 798
Luke Simpson	BH EAST 5	0427 251 257
Scott Anderson	BH EAST 6	0452 226 320
Craig Dewar	BH EAST 7	0429 100 239
Secretary Nick Bowman		0407 967 998

	Call Sign	Mobile
<b>BROOMEHILL WEST</b>		
<b>Captain/FCO</b> Rohan Thorn	BH WEST 1	0439 341 039
1st Lt Brant Dennis	BH WEST 2	0409 086 093
2nd Lt Ben Adam	BH WEST 3	0415 433 865
3rd Lt Ed Anderson	BH WEST 4	0428 221 591
Brendan Boyle	BH WEST 5	0428 241 084
Secretary Andrew Woithe		0428 241 232

	Call Sign	Mobile
<b>BROOMEHILL CENTRAL</b>		
<b>Captain/FCO</b> Jonathan Webster	CENTRAL 1	0429 441 246
1st Lt Brian Conning		0437 236 997
2nd Lt David Dilley		0429 518 415
3rd Lt Julian Wills		0428 651 065
Secretary Lynn Dilley		0427 241 123

	Call Sign	Mobile
<b>TAMBELLUP EAST</b>		
<b>Captain/FCO</b> Carl Letter	TA EAST 1	0427 282 053
1st Lt Jared White	TA EAST 2	0448 336 468
2nd Lt Neil Letter	TA EAST 3	0447 258 230
3rd Lt Dennis Bowman	TA EAST 4	0428 912 861
Leon Squibb	TA EAST 5	0427 528 112
Rowan Sprigg	TA EAST 6	0427 258 212
James Clarkson	TA EAST 7	0448 638 289
Chris Rumble	TA EAST 8	0428 368 205
Secretary Josh Patterson		0458 258 141

	Call Sign	Mobile
<b>TAMBELLUP WEST</b>		
<b>Captain/FCO</b> Martin Deely	TA WEST 1	0400 826 027
1st Lt Jarrod Thorn	TA WEST 2	0428 906 310
2nd Lt Kyal Wellstead	TA WEST 3	0428 210 029
3rd Lt Jedd Herbert	TA WEST 4	0427 865 008
Nick Lockyer	TA WEST 5	0429 104 129
John Cristinelli	TA WEST 6	0428 916 833
Derek Sadler	TA WEST 7	0439 521 127
Lockie Bradshaw	TA WEST 8	0487 492 146
Secretary Jedd Herbert		0427 865 008

	Call Sign	Mobile
<b>TAMBELLUP VFES</b>		
<b>Captain</b> Craig Beacham		0428 251 380
1st Lt/FCO Mandy Plant	TA 1	0418 777 903
2nd Lt Laurie Hull	TA 2	0428 251 177
3rd Lt Phillip Hams	TA 3	0427 251 133
Secretary Pam Hull		0427 501 966

## 1.10. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

### AGENCY CONTACTS

SERVICE	Contact
Emergency – Fire, Police, Ambulance	000
Katanning Hospital	9821 6222
Albany Health Campus	9892 2222
Police - reporting crime or incident	13 14 44
Water Corporation	13 13 75
Western Power (emergency only)	13 13 51
DFES Emergency Information Line	13 33 37

### RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Tambellup	VHF Channel 322
Broomehill	VHF Channel 231
Upon arrival at fire site	UHF Channel 5

### STAY INFORMED

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**Follow** DFES on Facebook

**Subscribe** to the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup SMS Service: Stay up to date with local emergency alerts, including Total Fire Bans and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, by receiving text messages to your mobile device. To subscribe to the Shire's SMS service please contact us on 9825 3555, via email, [mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au) or via our website, [www.shirebt.wa.gov.au](http://www.shirebt.wa.gov.au)

## 1.11. STANDPIPES

The Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup maintains standpipes for public access, for agricultural and household use. Fees apply for the sale of water from the standpipes. A swipe card is required to access the standpipes and these can be purchased on application at the Shire administration offices.

### Locations of standpipes are as follows:

- Corner Broomehill-Kojonup Road and Cemetery Road, Broomehill (potable water)
- Greenhills Road North, Broomehill (potable water)
- Broomehill Town Dam tank (stock water)
- Crawford Street, Tambellup (potable water)
- Tambellup West Road, Tambellup (stock water)
- Tambellup Works Depot tank, Donald St Tambellup (potable water)

## PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### 2.1. HARVESTING, SWATHING, BALING OF STUBBLE, TRACK RAKING, STUBBLE CRUNCHING, SLASHING

A minimum of 400 litres of water in an engine-powered firefighting unit must be in attendance at all times during grain harvesting operations. Trailer units must have the towing vehicle attached at all times. Prescribed firefighting units must be situated in, or adjacent to, the paddock being harvested at all times.

Swathers and balers are subject to the same conditions as harvesting during operations from 31 October 2025, except it is not compulsory to have a firefighting unit in attendance during the swathing of canola.

Track/rock chaining requires a permit from your FCO during the Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods.

A prescribed firefighting unit carrying a minimum of 400L, or a reticulated water source connected to a hose must be in attendance when the following activities are being carried out:

- Track raking
- Stubble crunching
- Slashing of blocks (during Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods)

### 2.2. VEHICLE AND MACHINERY MOVEMENT BANS - DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply on the ban of vehicle and machinery movement and the operation of internal combustion engines under Regulations 38A and 38B of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*.

#### **Laneway/Roadway (non-gazetted)**

A laneway/roadway is defined as having a trafficable surface, free of all flammable material, a minimum of 6m wide. Overhanging vegetation must be pruned back so as to not come into contact with parts of a vehicle.

#### **Prescribed Fire Fighting Unit**

A mobile unit having a minimum water carrying capacity of 400L, fitted with a minimum of 6m of 19mm diameter firefighting hose and pump capable of delivering water through an adjustable nozzle in spray and jet configurations.

#### **Harvest Ban**

A ban on the operation of all grain harvesting machines within a Shire or part of a Shire and during a time, as specified in a notice or broadcast (Regulation 38A).

#### **Vehicle Movement Ban**

A ban on the movement of all vehicles and machinery and the operation of internal combustion engines within a Shire or part of a Shire and during a time as specified in a notice or broadcast (Regulation 38A & 38B) with the exception of the movement of vehicles and machinery on gazetted roads, laneways and yards. The following activities are permitted, provided these comply with specified conditions:

- **Loading and offloading of grain, fertiliser and feed** is only permitted on registered On and Off Loading sites which are approved and registered by the Shire on an annual basis, and which are clear of all flammable material save live standing trees to a radius of at least 20m from the outer edge of storage facility. A prescribed firefighting unit shall be in attendance at all times while the site is in use during the ban period. (Please note that an owner or occupier of a site may appeal to the CBFCO in cases where approval was not granted or granted subject to additional conditions).

The issue of a permit to load and offload grain, fertiliser and feed from a registered site does not absolve the owner / occupier of the site from liability for damages incurred as a result of fire emanating from the site or caused as a result of activities on the site. *See application on last page of this Notice.*

- **Water carting for stock and domestic purpose** provided it is accompanied by a prescribed firefighting unit, or alternatively, the water carting vehicle is a prescribed firefighting unit. 400L of water must be retained on the vehicle at all times.
- **All necessary travel to and from and within piggeries, sheep or cattle feed lots**, provided this is undertaken in a prescribed firefighting unit.
- **All necessary carting of livestock** provided that such a vehicle is accompanied by a prescribed mobile firefighting unit.
- **Activities which receive specific exemptions from the Shire or the CBFCO.**

### 2.3. PROTECTIVE BURNING DURING THE PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

Section 23 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*

Only protective burning can be carried out during the prohibited burning period and under the following conditions:

- a. No burning permitted after 30 November 2025.
- b. All burning must be carried out between the hours of 6.00pm and midnight of the same day.
- c. All conditions of Restricted Burning must be complied with.
- d. A permit to burn must be obtained.

#### **Burning to protect a dwelling, house, other building or a stack of produce**

Two ploughed firebreaks at least 2.5m wide and not more than 100m from the property to be protected must be constructed prior to burning.

#### **Burning road reserve and burning to protect pasture or crop**

In the case of burning carried out on the road reserve (only after written authorisation from the Shire's Chief Executive Officer (CEO)), the bush will be burnt between the constructed portion of the road and an established fire break on the adjoining land. In the case of burning being carried out on the private grassland, the bush shall be burnt between the firebreaks that are not more than 200m apart and each of which is not less than 2.5m in width.

### 2.4. BURNING TO COLLECT CLOVER BURR

Section 24 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and Regulation 18 to 22B of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*

Burning to collect clover burr must be undertaken with a special permit issued by the CBFCO or Shire's CEO. A Brigade FCO does not have the power to issue this type of permit.

## 2.5. BURNING OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DISEASED PLANTS

Section 26 and 26A of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and Regulation 26 to 36A of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*

You are requested to contact the CBFCO, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (DCBFCO) or the Shire's CEO. A Brigade FCO does not have the power to issue this type of permit. A fire extinguisher must be carried at all times.

## 2.6. OXYACETYLENE, ARC WELDERS, ANGLE GRINDERS & OTHER POWER EQUIPMENT

Operation of oxyacetylene, arc welders, angle grinders and other power equipment during Restricted Burning Periods require the work site to be adequately cleared of flammable material prior to the use of the above mentioned equipment. An appropriate fire extinguisher must be present on site during works.

## 2.7. HINTS AND TIPS FOR BURNING

### When and how to burn garden refuse

From 1 November to 1 March inclusive, small heaps (up to one cubic metre of garden refuse) may be burnt on the ground between 6.00pm and 11.00pm, BUT ONLY AFTER a 5 metre wide firebreak has been cleared around the fire. At least one able bodied person must be in attendance at all times.

The fire must be completely extinguished by midnight on the same day. Garden refuse cannot be burnt if the fire danger rating is High or above.

Composting of garden refuse is a preferred option to burning and is a more environmentally friendly alternative.

### Barbeques and incinerators

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time. **Solid fuel barbecues and incinerators are prohibited on days of catastrophic, extreme or high fire danger. Always check with the FCO first.**

### Hints for burning

- Advise the permit issuing officer when you intend to burn.
- Do not light fires on a hot windy day. Check the fire danger forecast.
- Do not try to burn more than you can control.
- Inform your neighbours.
- Make sure sparks and smoke will not affect neighbours' washing, open windows or roadways.
- Do not burn wet or green garden clippings, tyres, plastics and chemicals as they are likely to cause dense, acrid smoke.
- Do not burn bottles or aerosol cans as they are likely to explode.
- Cut or rake long grass around trees, buildings and fences before burning.
- Burn against the wind.
- On sloping blocks burn from the top down.
- Have a hose or spray pack to dampen down fierce fires.

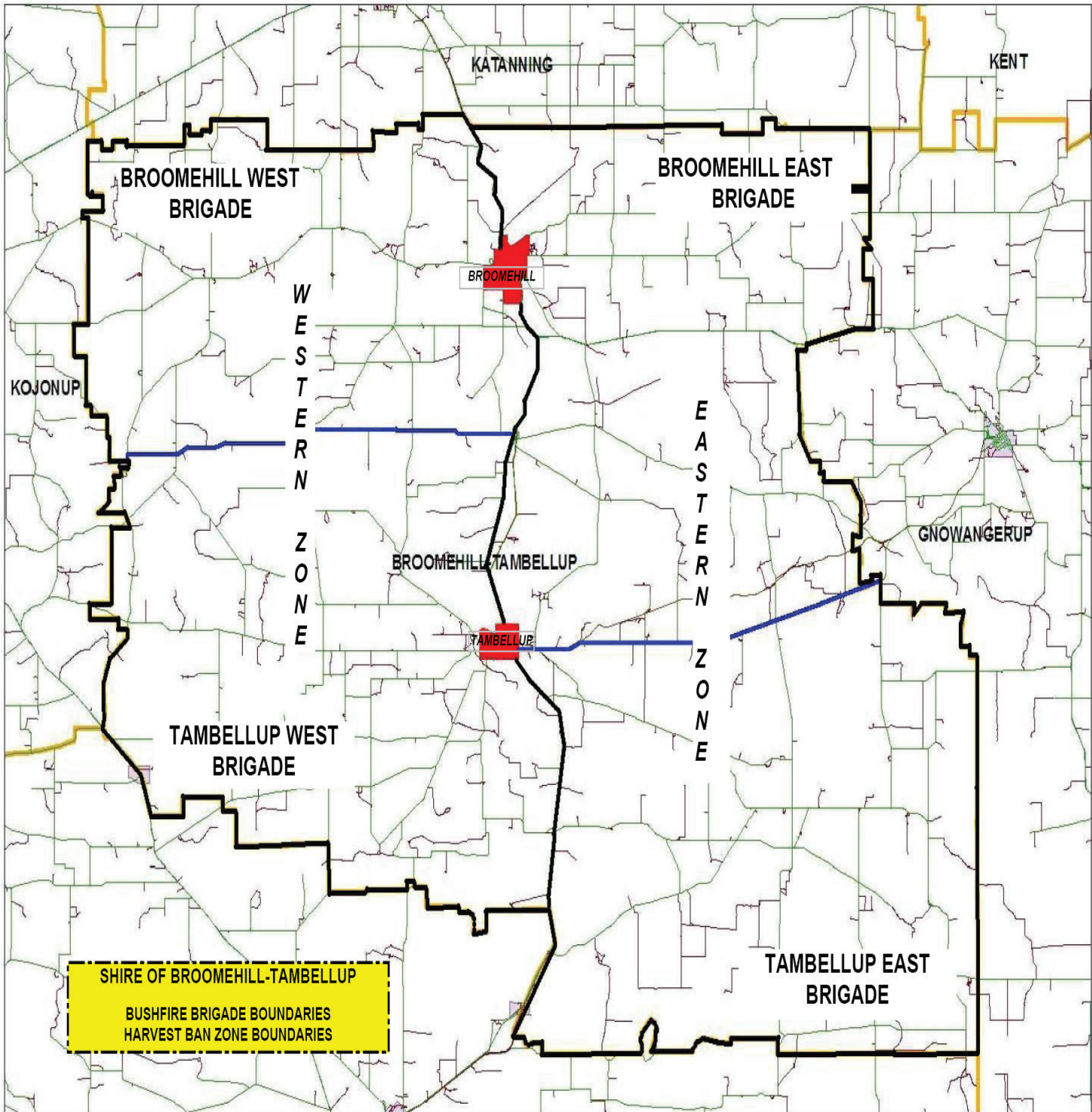
### Advice is available from your local Brigade

All Brigades welcome people who are prepared to join and assist in fire prevention and firefighting. Induction and basic firefighting skills training is provided for all new volunteers. Further information can be obtained by contacting your local Brigade FCO, Bush Fire Brigade Secretary or the Shire on 9825 3555, via email, [mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@shirebt.wa.gov.au) or via our website, [www.shirebt.wa.gov.au](http://www.shirebt.wa.gov.au)

## 2.8. HARVEST BAN ZONES AND BRIGADE BOUNDARY MAP

The Shire has been split into two zones for the purpose of imposing harvest bans and mopping up operations. The zones will be known as the Eastern Zone and the Western Zone. Any harvest ban imposed on a specific zone will also include both townsites by default. The boundary between the two zones will be the Great Southern Highway. Please refer to the Bushfire Brigade Boundary Map on the next page for more information.









**TO THE RESIDENT**

