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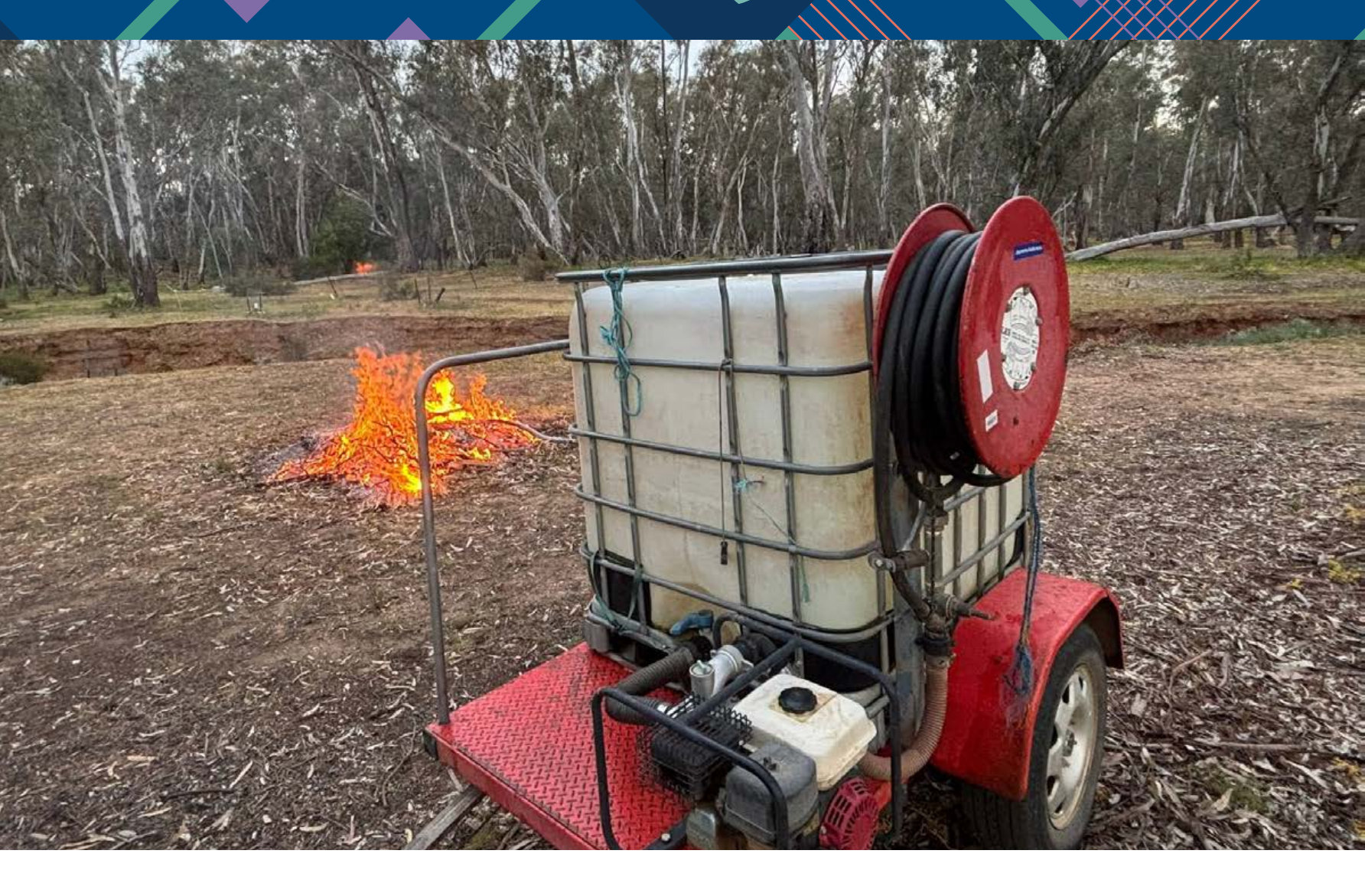
Safe Hills

Community Safety and Emergency Services



Restricted burning period now in place

From 1 October, Shire of Mundaring has entered the Restricted Burning Period, which means a Permit to Burn is now required for most burning activities.

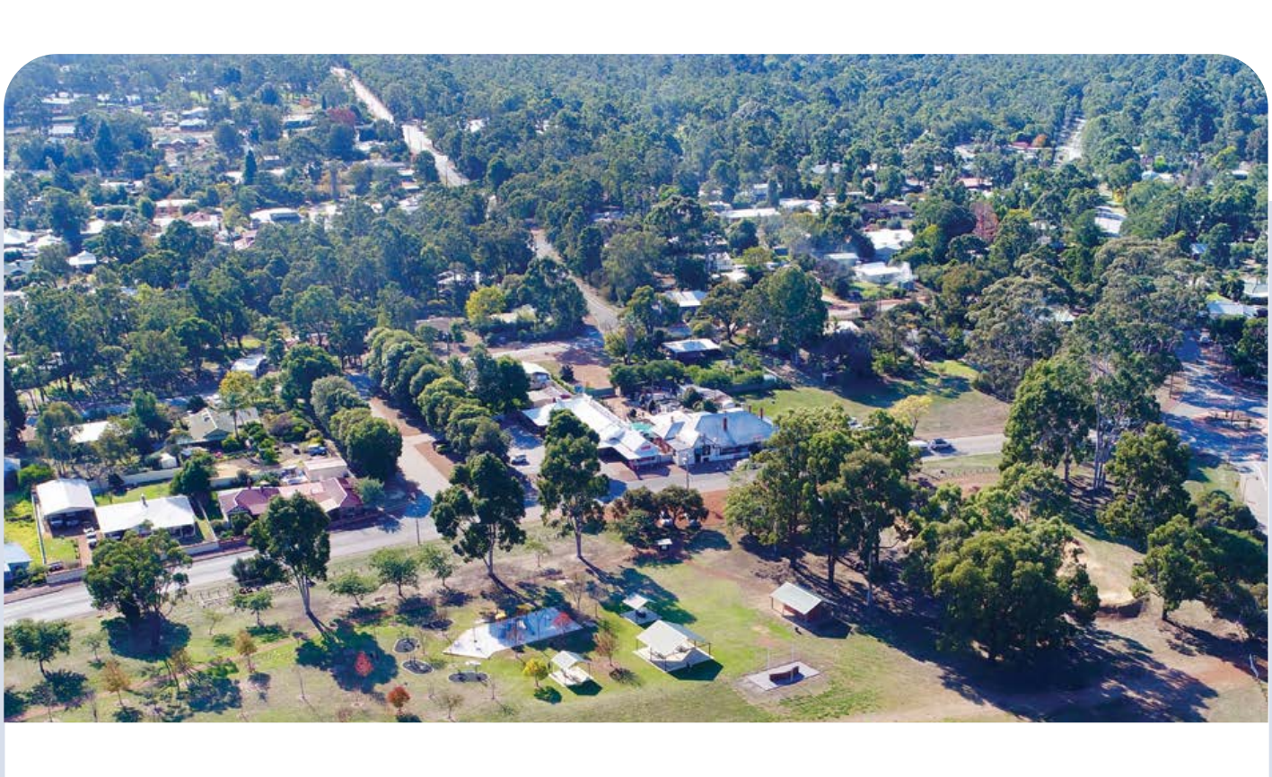
Some small garden refuse burns are permitted without a permit between 6pm and 11pm, provided they meet specific conditions, including being no larger than one square metre, having an adequate water supply available and being supervised by an able-bodied adult at all times.

Residents planning to burn are encouraged to check the current restrictions and conditions before lighting any fire. Permits are available online or from your local brigade on Saturday mornings.

Check the rules before you burn

Reminders

Get ready for 1 November



With summer approaching, now is the time to make sure your property meets the Shire's Firebreak and Fuel Load Notice requirements. All required firebreak and fuel management measures must be in place by 1 November and maintained through to 31 March. These requirements help reduce bushfire risk, improve emergency access and provide safer conditions for firefighters and emergency responders. Requirements can vary depending on your property, so residents and property owners are encouraged to check the current Notice and make sure any required work is completed before the compliance period begins.

Unsure what you need to do? Get onsite advice from a member of the Emergency Management Team by calling 9290 6696 to make an appointment.

Don't fur-get! Pet registrations are due for renewal from 1 November. The annual registration period runs from 1 November to 31 October. Dogs over three months old must be microchipped and registered, while cats over six months old must be sterilised, microchipped and registered. Keeping your details up to date helps ensure your pet meets registration requirements, and registrations can be completed online through the Cat and Dog Registration page.

View registration page

Wooroloo Bush Fire Brigade celebrates 85 years

The Wooroloo Bush Fire Brigade is celebrating an incredible 85 years of service to the community, and everyone is invited to join the celebrations!

On Saturday 14 November, the Brigade will mark the milestone with a community party featuring live music, a sausage sizzle and special guests.

Captain Katina Sweeney said the anniversary was a chance to celebrate the many volunteers who have contributed to the Brigade and the community over the past 85 years.

"This milestone is really about recognising the generations of volunteers who have given their time to protect and support our community. We'd love to see the community come along, celebrate with us and help mark 85 years of the Brigade."

Come along and help celebrate 85 years of volunteering, community spirit and service in Wooroloo.

More info

Exciting New Firewise Seedling Program

Shire of Mundaring is excited to announce a new small-scale program open to all Shire of Mundaring residents who own or live on town centre and residential-zoned properties; the Firewise Seedlings Program. Eligible applicants of this new program qualify for the chance to receive one pack of preselected low growing, firewise native plants, with a broad spectrum of flowering times that promote a diverse pollinator population, suitable for residential and urban landscapes. Plant packs may contain up to twenty plants and be comprised of up to four different and carefully selected species. Plant species and quantities may vary.

The Expression of Interest period for 2027 runs from 12 PM Monday 5 October 2026 to 4 PM Friday 6 November 2026. Successful applicants will be determined through a chance-based selection process, all eligible applicants have an equal chance of being selected. Only one submission can be made per property. Please note that rural zoned properties, schools and community groups are not eligible to receive seedlings from this program but are eligible via the Seedlings for Landcare program.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by email after applications close. The results of the random selection are final.

Visit the Firewise Seedlings Program webpage to learn more about this program and fill out an online Expression of Interest. Hard copy forms are also available at the Shire Administration Building, Shire libraries and the Mundaring Visitor Centre.

Apply now

Darlington Bushfire Ready celebrates 30th Anniversary

Darlington Bushfire Ready is celebrating an incredible milestone this year, marking 30 years of neighbours working together to help build a safer, better-prepared community.

The Bushfire Ready program is a community-led initiative that helps residents build their knowledge and capacity to prepare for bushfire. At a street level, neighbours can share information, prepare their properties, develop Bushfire Survival Plans and support each other before and during the higher-risk summer months. Darlington has become a strong local example of this approach, with 44 active Bushfire Ready streets recorded last year.

Colin James, who helped establish Bushfire Ready in Darlington, has spent more than four decades volunteering in emergency management and community safety after joining the Darlington Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade in 1980.

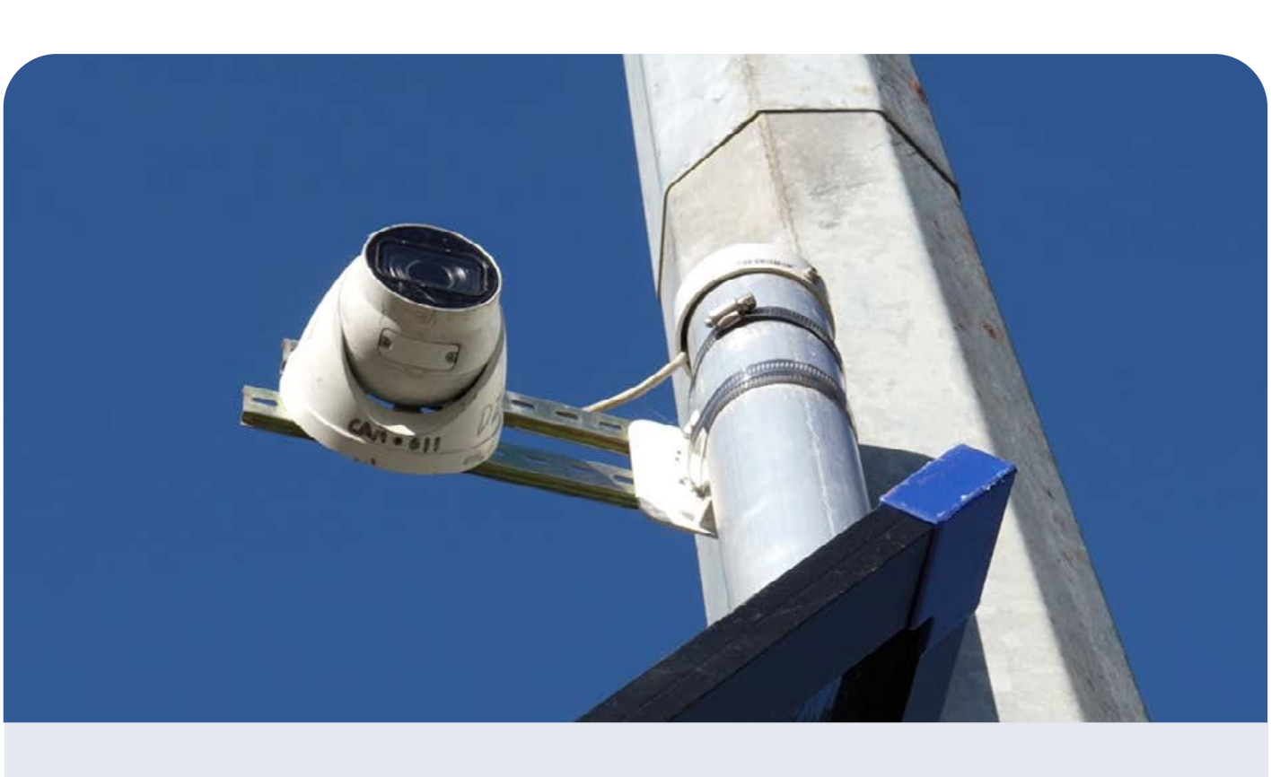
"Darlington is a high-risk metropolitan area, regarding bushfires. It's very important that we have that facility available to minimise risk and make sure everyone is prepared the best they can," said Colin.

Thirty years on, the anniversary is not only an opportunity to celebrate the volunteers and residents who have made Darlington Bushfire Ready a success, but also to encourage more neighbourhoods across the Shire to connect and prepare.

"It's very important to know what you need to if a fire day does arrive."

Interested in getting involved with local emergency preparedness? Drop into your local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade station or connect with your local Bushfire Ready coordinator to learn more about community initiatives in your area.

Watch the anniversary video



New camera helping improve intersection safety

A new near miss camera is being installed at the Great Eastern Highway and Stoneville Road intersection to help improve road safety and better understand how motorists use this busy location.

Delivered in partnership with the WA Road Safety Commission, the camera will collect information on traffic movements, vehicle speeds and near miss incidents. The data will help identify potential safety risks and inform future decisions about improvements at the intersection and along this section of Great Eastern Highway.

Importantly, the camera is not an enforcement device and will not issue infringements or detect speeding offences. Instead, it will provide valuable evidence to support road safety planning before serious incidents occur.

The Shire will continue working with the WA Road Safety Commission and other stakeholders to improve safety at key intersections across the Hills.

Read more

Historic fire truck given a new lease on life

A piece of Shire of Mundaring firefighting history is being brought back to life, with one of the State's original fire trucks, affectionately known as the Blitz, donated by the Shire for restoration.

The historic vehicle has been restored to its original condition at the WA Tractor Museum, in collaboration with the WA Fire Truck Museum in Bridgetown, helping to preserve an important piece of Western Australia's firefighting heritage.

The vehicle is now on display at the Tractor Museum of WA at Whiteman Park where it can be viewed by the many visitors who attend the museum each year.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Fleur Dawson

For Fleur Dawson, volunteering with the Darling Range Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is an opportunity to serve the community, learn new skills and connect with a great group of people.

Fleur joined the Brigade 12 months ago and has already been recognised with the JJ Allen Encouragement Award at the Brigade's recent trophy dinner.

Unlike the firefighters you might see on the fireground, Fleur and her fellow Darling Range Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members provide vital support and communications for the Incident Management Team and firefighters. Working from the Brigade's Incident Control Vehicle, they keep records of personnel and vehicles, manage and document radio communications, track vehicles on the fireground, monitor changing weather conditions and support fire mapping.

In just her first year, Fleur has built an impressive range of skills.

"I have learnt about bushfire behaviour, strategies for fighting a bushfire, radio use and proper radio protocols, fire mapping, first aid and keeping track of fire vehicles during an incident," Fleur said. "The learning is ongoing."

But for Fleur, one of the biggest rewards is the people.

"The best part is being involved in the local community and working with a great bunch of volunteers with a wide variety of skills and talents."

Her advice to anyone thinking about volunteering with their local bush fire brigade is simple: "Give it a go!"

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