

# Safe Hills

Community Safety and Emergency Services



## Summer safety: Fire, heat and community care

### Don't get summer fatigue:

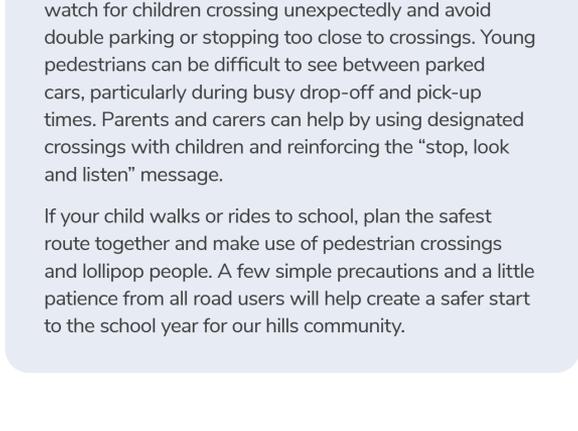
- February and March still bring high bushfire risk. Late summer and early Autumn fires are common, so it's important not to switch off.
- Make sure your emergency plan is up-to-date by using the Emergency WA app or DFES Bushfire Preparation Toolkit.
- Encourage your family, friends and neighbours to keep checking Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire alerts through Emergency WA, and to stay prepared.

### Stay connected:

- Share local safety messages and look out for those who may need extra support. The more connected we are, the safer we stay during high-risk periods.
- Reach out to older adults, isolated neighbours and anyone who might need help during a bushfire or heatwave.
- DFES have just launched a new People at Higher Risk page. It's designed to support people who may face extra challenges during emergencies including older adults and people with disabilities.

For local advice and resources, visit Engage Mundaring or call 9290 6696 for a free personalised property inspection.

[Discover more advice and resources](#)



## School's back: Start the term safely

As the school term is now underway, our roads, paths and village centres have become busier with students, families, buses and cyclists all on the move. Taking a little extra care at this time of year helps keep everyone safe as routines return and traffic increases around schools.

Drivers are reminded to slow down in school zones, watch for children crossing unexpectedly and avoid double parking or stopping too close to crossings. Young pedestrians can be difficult to see between parked cars, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Parents and carers can help by using designated crossings with children and reinforcing the "stop, look and listen" message.

If your child walks or rides to school, plan the safest route together and make use of pedestrian crossings and lollipop people. A few simple precautions and a little patience from all road users will help create a safer start to the school year for our hills community.



## Emergency Preparedness Survey: Results are in

After the recent Boya Quarry Fire in January, we asked residents to share what worked well for them, and where the Shire might be able to improve local readiness information.

One key reminder highlighted in responses is that when a fire starts closer to homes, people may first become aware through what they can see, smell or hear, long before any official warning arrives. That's why having a plan in place ahead of time and being aware of your surroundings matters.

Encouragingly, 44% of respondents reported having an emergency plan, reflecting the strong Bushfire Ready culture in our community. Even better, most people said they responded using a plan with some improvisation. Every incident is different, so it's important to have a plan, and be ready to adapt as circumstances change.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. This feedback will help inform community engagement resources to better support residents.



## Reminder about burning periods

Until 31 March 2026 (unless extended), we are in a PROHIBITED burning period. All burning, including garden refuse, is prohibited during this period. If you see someone burning during the Prohibited Period, please phone Triple Zero (000). Burning period dates may be varied due to climate or weather conditions. Variations will be posted on the Shire's Facebook page, website and SMS alerts.

From 1 April 2026 (unless the Prohibited Period is extended), we will then enter the RESTRICTED burning period. During this time, one pile of garden refuse, up to 1 square metre in size, may be burnt between 6pm and 11pm without a permit, but only if all of the following conditions are met:

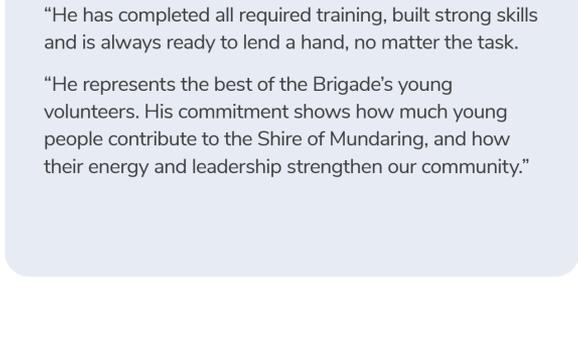
- Only one pile may be burnt at a time,
- The fire must be completely extinguished by midnight. This means no heat, smoke, steam, or white ash should remain,
- An adequate water supply must be available and capable of reaching the pile and beyond, in case the fire escapes,
- An able-bodied adult must be present at all times while the fire is burning.

### Burning is not allowed if:

- The Fire Danger Rating is High or above, or
- The wind speed exceeds 15 km/h.

Any burning outside of these conditions requires a permit to burn.

[Learn more](#)



## Answer the call: Volunteer with your local Bush Fire Brigade

Shire of Mundaring's Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades are looking for community members ready to step forward and make a difference. There's a role for everyone — on the frontline, behind the scenes, or providing vital administrative and support help. Whether you're interested in operational firefighting, logistics, communications, or brigade support, your time and skills can help protect our hills communities.

Volunteering starts close to home. Brigades are locally based and not all roles are available at every station, so the first step is to connect with your nearest Brigade. The recruitment process includes a station visit, induction, and nationally recognised training in bushfire safety and firefighting skills, with required clearances covered by the Shire. If you live nearby and want to be part of a committed, community-focused team, now is the time to get involved.

Learn more about the roles, time commitments and how to apply in our Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade recruitment pack.

[Find out more](#)



## Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Will

Will has been a proud part of the Stoneville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade since he was 15. He qualified as a firefighter a year later and has been showing up for his community ever since.

Will was recently recognised for his contribution and commitment at the Shire of Mundaring 2026 Citizen Awards, being crowned Young Citizen of the Year.

President of the Stoneville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Greg Jones described Will as a respectful, reliable and great person to work with.

"Will gives his time generously," he said.

"He has completed all required training, built strong skills and is always ready to lend a hand, no matter the task.

"He represents the best of the Brigade's young volunteers. His commitment shows how much young people contribute to the Shire of Mundaring, and how their energy and leadership strengthen our community."

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