

Infrastructure Policy 12

Bushfire Risk



AMRShire Infrastructure Policy

This policy was adopted by Council to set governing principles in place that align the strategic direction of the organisation with community values and aspirations.

Objectives

To provide a standard and consistent framework for the management of bushfire risk across all land tenures and vegetation types in the Shire in order to save lives, minimise risks to assets and protect natural and cultural heritage values.

Policy

1. The Shire shall prepare and implement appropriate Bushfire Risk Management Plans for all assets and lands owned, or vested in, or under the care, control or management of the Shire as well as privately owned assets and land.
2. The Shire shall ensure that appropriate bushfire risk management is in place for privately owned land through appropriate inspection, notification and enforcement.
3. The Shire shall provide emergency access to all assets and lands owned, or vested in, or under the care, control or management of the Shire where possible and/or within resources available.
4. Reserve management shall be based on the identified Bushfire Risk Management Plan for each reserve.
5. The Shire shall remove fuel loads in the form of fallen trees in extreme fire risk areas from the road reserve of sealed roads under its control.
6. The Shire shall not remove fallen trees from previous years unless identified as high fire risk by an authorised officer of the Shire.
7. The Shire shall remove native vegetation on Shire owned and/or managed reserves to reduce bushfire risk to adjoining properties as identified in a Bushfire Risk Management Plan
8. The Shire shall undertake burning of verges only if identified in a Bushfire Risk Management Plan
9. The Shire shall engage with the community to improve its and their understanding of bushfire prevention and management.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

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