



WA Rangers Association 2024 Pre-Conference Program WARA, DFES, WALGA & McLeods

**28 August 2024
Mandoon Estate, Caversham**



**Date: Wednesday 28 August 2024 Time: 1pm-4pm
Cost: Free for WARA Members \$50 for Non-Members
Venue: Mandoon Estate, Caversham 10 Harris Road, Caversham WA**

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13:00 - 13:05	WARA President's Welcome	Rosalyn Edwards President
13:05 – 13:35	<p>Guidance Note – Section 33 Fire-Break Notice</p> <p>Guidance for Local Government,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforceable Activities Under Section 33 • Include Accurate Definitions and terminology. • Use unambiguous Language. • Terminology, definitions - inflammable material, asset protection zones, fuel hazards • Dimension of the firebreak • Specific requirement or action to prevent the potential outbreak. Spread or extension of a bushfire • Bush fire management plans, Planning and Development Act • Other Bush Fire Information clearly separate from Sec 33 Notice • Firebreak notice variations, • Compliance • Suggested Wording for Firebreak Notice 	<p>DFES Glen Daniel Director Office of Bushfire Risk Management - Rural Fire Division</p> <p>Collaboration with</p> <p>WALGA Lia Roberts Policy Officer Emergencies</p> <p>& Simone Ruane Policy Officer Emergencies</p>
13:35 –14:02	<p>Appendix 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Framework • Contractors <p>Appendix 2 Other relevant sections of the Bush Fires Act 1954 with notification requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s.17 Prohibited Burning Time • s.18 Restricted Burning Time • s.24G Local Government Restrict Burning of Garden refuse • s.25(1a) Prohibit camping and cooking fires in the open air during the prohibited burning times • s.27(3) Prohibit operation of a tractor or harvester that is not equipped with a fire extinguisher • s.38 appointing Fire Control Officers Giving Notice Local Newspaper • s.38(8) & (10) Weather officers - Giving notice Local Newspaper, Commissioner in the gazetting information • r.38B Operation powered by internal combustion engine on land in the district may constitute a fire hazard – wireless broadcast or r.38C Sunday or public holiday LG may declare during PBT/TBT 	<p>Department of Fire & Emergency Service Tanya Ramponi Regulations and Compliance Branch</p>
14:00 –14:20	<p>Total Fire Ban and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Band</p> <p>Total Fire Bans (TFB) and Vehicle Harvest Movement Bans (VHMB), Regulations changes, public authorities, businesses exemptions and giving notice requirements</p>	<p>Department of Fire & Emergency Service DFES Tanya Ramponi Regulations and Compliance Branch</p>

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14:20 – 14:30	<p>Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on emergency websites and warnings, • latest updates to the fire danger rating system (FDR), • Fire Behaviour Index and Emergency WA website. 	<p>DFES Jackson Parker Director Bushfire Technical Services AFDRS</p>
14:30 – 14:45	<p>Afternoon Tea Networking Session</p>	
14:45 – 15:00	<p>WA Local Government Association (WALGA)</p>	<p>WALGA Lia Roberts & Simone Ruane Policy Officers Emergencies</p>
15:00 – 15:20	<p>Legal discussion Bush fire Act Legislation & Authorisation Section 33 Fire-Break Notice</p>	<p>Peter Gillett McLeods Barristers & Solicitors</p>
15:20 – 16:00	<p>Panel Discussion and Questions from Rangers Bush Fire Compliance</p> <p>Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) Regulations and Compliance Branch</p> <p>Office of Bushfire Risk Management,</p> <p>McLeods Barristers & Solicitors</p> <p>WA Local Government Association (WALGA)</p>	<p>DFES Tanya Ramponi</p> <p>DFES Glen Daniel</p> <p>Legal Peter Gillett</p> <p>WALGA Lia Roberts & Simone Ruane</p>
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WARA will host a consultation discussion panels on the workshops content. To ensure a productive and engaging session, we would like to invite you to submit any questions or topics you would like addressed during the panel.

Submit By: August 28, 2024

Submission Method: Please reply to this email with your questions or send them to admin@warangers.asn.au
Your input will guide the discussion and ensure that we cover the topics that matter most to you. We aim to address as many questions as possible during the Q&A segment of the panel

Department of Fire and Emergency Services DFES

Tanya Ramponi
Manager Regulation and Compliance
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Tanya is a manager within the Regulation and Compliance division of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). With 14 years of experience at DFES, she oversees a team responsible for direct brigade alarm false fire alarm management, exemptions under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, compliance and enforcement of the Act, and legislative review and implementation. Tanya's focus is on promoting voluntary compliance, delivering targeted education programs, and assisting stakeholders to understand and fulfill their regulatory obligations, while also leveraging enforcement measures when necessary to ensure community safety and prevent harm.



Monica Stevens
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Monica is a legislation officer in the Legal, Policy, Compliance and Built Environment branch. The team provides internal legal advice and guidance on the application and interpretation of the emergency services legislation, as well as assisting with DFES policies, memorandums of understanding, and court proceeding support for personnel. Monica has been with DFES since 2019, and leverages knowledge of the emergency services Acts to work across all areas of legislation and policy.



Presentation Information: *Bush Fires Act 1954* - Total Fire Ban Legislation and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans

This informative session will cover key details on total fire ban legislation, as well as harvest and vehicle movement bans, including enforcement under the *Bush Fires Act*. Our presenters, Tanya and Monica, will provide guidance on the local government's role in compliance and enforcement, as well as an overview of compliance across the state.

Topics to be covered include:

- Total fire ban legislation and requirements
- Harvest and vehicle movement bans
- Enforcement under the Bushfires Act
- Local government's role in compliance and enforcement
- Statewide compliance overview
- Restricted and prohibited burning time rules
- Bush Fire Control Officer appointments
- Fire Weather Officers

Attendees can expect to gain a comprehensive understanding of the legislative framework, the responsibilities of various stakeholders, and the current compliance landscape surrounding these critical fire safety measures.

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