



SHIRE OF YORK

INFORMATION BOOKLET
2015/16

MISSION STATEMENT

"Building on Our History to Create Our Future"

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SHIRE CONTACTS

Telephone	9641 2233
Fax	9641 2202
Email	records@york.wa.gov.au
Website	www.york.wa.gov.au
Postal Address	PO Box 22, York WA 6302
Street Address	1 Joaquina Street, York WA 6302
Telephone - Works	9641 1219 or 0429 602 583
Telephone - Ranger	9641 2489 or 0417 181 349
Telephone - Community Emergency Services Manager	0427 057 719

OPENING HOURS

Shire Office – 9641 2233

Open - Monday – Friday - 8.30am to 4.30pm

Library – 9641 2233

Open - Monday – Friday - 8.30am to 4.30pm

Licensing – 9641 2233

Open - Monday – Friday - 8.30am to 4.00pm

Information Services – 9641 1301

Open - Wednesday – Friday – 10.00am to 4.00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 9.30am to 3.30pm

Residency Museum – 9641 1751

Brook Street, York

Open – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Weekends & Public Holidays – 11.00am to 3.30pm

Free entry for Shire of York Residents

Swimming Pool – 9641 1410

Georgiana Street, York

Open from 1 November to 31 March each year

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 6.30am to 9.00am; 7 days/week – 1.00pm to 6.30pm

Recreation & Convention Centre – 9641 0600

Forrest Oval, Forrest Street (entry via Barker Street)

Bar Open Times:	Wednesday -	12 noon – 6.00pm
	Thursday -	2.00pm – 6.00pm
	Friday -	2.00pm to Close
	Saturday -	12 noon – 6.00pm
	Sunday -	12 noon to Close
Dining Open Times:	Friday -	6.00pm – 9.00pm
	Sunday -	5.30pm – 8.00pm

COMMISSIONER –

James Best – 6th January, 2015 to 7th July, 2015

YOUR COUNCILLORS –

Shire President – Cr Matthew Reid
Mobile: 0427 411 044
Retiring: October 2017

Deputy Shire President- Cr Denese Smythe
Mobile: 0419 924 676
Retiring: October 2015

Councillor - Cr Pat Hooper
Mobile: 0417 935 998
Retiring: October 2015

Councillor - Cr David Wallace
Mobile: 0427 902 987
Retiring: October 2017

SENIOR STAFF

Acting Chief Executive Officer - Graeme Simpson

Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Tyhscha Cochrane

Manager – Health & Building Services - TBC

Manager of Planning Services - TBC

Manager Works & Services - Allan Rourke

RATES INFORMATION - YOUR PROPERTY

How Rates Are Calculated

The Shire of York uses two types of values for rating purposes Unimproved Values (UV) and Gross Rental Values (GRV).

UV'S are used for land within the York Shire rural boundary. UV'S are calculated on the value of the land, not the improvements. These properties are valued **each financial year** by the Landgate Valuation Services, UV Section.

GRV'S are used within the Gross Rental Value boundaries, which take in the York Townsite and small blocks on either sides of the Quairading Road, Great Southern Highway out to Gwambygne and up to Cut Hill Road. The values of these properties will increase and decrease depending on building improvements and/or demolitions.

Interim Rates

Interim Rates are raised on a property on a pro rata basis when there has been a change to that property, e.g. improvements, demolitions, subdivision or amalgamation etc.

The interim rate notice is generated and increases or reduces the original rate levied for the financial year. If there is any credit from the original assessment this will be transferred to the interim rate charge on the new assessment or refunded to the original owner.

Interim rate charges are given 35 days for payment from the original date of issue. Penalty interest applies after the payment date has elapsed.

Objections To Valuations

Rates must be paid in full before an objection is lodged

Objection to the value placed on the land/improvements on your property can be lodged in writing within 60 days from the date of issue of the original rate notice to Landgate Valuation Services, PO Box 2222, Midland, WA 6936. The rates account must be paid in full

before any objection can be lodged. Valuation Services will advise the Shire of York if there is a valuation increase or decrease on the property due to the objection. If the valuation has decreased a credit or refund will apply to the property, if the valuation is increased the new value will be applied and an interim rate notice will be sent out to the Ratepayer.

If the new value given by the Valuation Services comes in lower than the minimum rate set at budget time by the Shire of York there will be no refund or interim rate notice issued to the Ratepayer.

Pensioners & Seniors

Applications for a pensioners rebate or seniors rebate on Council land rates are to be made through the Water Corporation. This can be done online or by telephone on 1300 659 951.

If your cards (as listed below) are current and you are the owner of property and it is your primary place of residence as at 1st July each year you will be entitled to a rebate on your Rates and Emergency Services Levy through the Shire of York from the Office of State Revenue:

- Pensioner Concession Card (50% maximum rebate)
- Commonwealth Senior Health Card and a Senior Card (50% maximum rebate)
- Senior Card only (25% maximum rebate)

If Pensioners are not able to pay their Rates or Emergency Services levy for the financial year, these charges may be deferred against the property (conditions apply). Seniors Card holders cannot defer rates. **All other services must be paid in full each financial year, by the first due date as shown on the front of the rates notice.**

Payment Of Rates

After Council adopts the Annual Budget, rates are raised for the financial year which is from 1 July through to 30 June of the following year.

Once rates have been raised the options for payment are to pay the account in full or by four instalments.

The date for payment for both payment in full or payment by instalments will be 35 days from the date of issue of the original rate notice.

If the Instalment Payment Plan is in place, a Rate Instalment Notice will be issued not less than 28 days before each instalment is due. Once the due date has lapsed for payment interest at the rate of 11% per annum will apply to all outstanding balances.

Payment Options

- At the Shire Office by Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS (cheque, savings or credit accounts)
- By Internet Transfer Direct Deposit to Shire bank account (Refer payment options on bottom of Rate Notice). These must be transferred not less than 4 days before the due date.
- By post with a Cheque or Money Order. Please allow at least one week for postage time.
- By phone by Credit Card on 08 9641 2233

Overdue Rates

Rates/Services charges are the responsibility of the **current owner** of a property.

When a property is sold or the land transferred, the person selling or transferring the land, the Settlement Agents or the new owner is responsible for advising the Shire of York of the sale or transfer of the land. This also applies to change of postal address or change of Title Deed details due to marriage, separation or death.

The Shire of York must be advised of any changes that may affect the property or the postal address for serving of the rate notices.

Overdue balances will accrue penalty interest at the rate of 11% per annum.

If no contact is made from the owner regarding payment of the rate/service charges after the final date for payment has elapsed, all outstanding debts will be forwarded to the Shire of York's debt collection agency, where legal proceedings will commence. All costs incurred will be passed onto the ratepayer.

Payment plans can be arranged with the Rates Officer in person at the Shire of York counter or by telephone on 9641 2233. These must be arranged prior to the first due date of the rate payment. These payment plans will be confirmed in writing. If the payment plan is not adhered to and no advice given to the Shire of York the account will be sent to debt collectors where legal proceedings will commence for the outstanding debt and all costs incurred will be passed onto the ratepayer.

If Rates/Services are in arrears for **three years** Council has the authority to **sell** the land for non-payment of rates under Section 6.64 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Rates Officer

For any questions on rates, valuations, pension rebates or payment plans due to financial hardship, please contact Council's Rates Officer on 9641 2233. ***(Please do not wait until Rates are due before requesting a payment plan.)***

PLANNING

Town planning coordinates land use and development by balancing economic, social and environment issues. Planning policies, schemes and other statutory processes guide decisions that shape and focus on quality of life for the community.

The Planning framework is governed by the Shire of York Local Planning Strategy while the local planning legislation is contained in the Shire of York Town Planning Scheme No.2.

The Local Planning Strategy is currently under review and will guide the development of a new Town Planning Scheme.

Planning approval is generally required prior to the use of land or commencement of development. In most cases a change of use also requires planning approval. A Building Permit is also required for construction works.

If your property is heritage listed or within a heritage precinct, then most works require planning approval and a building permit. Council's Planning staff can assist landowners and developers through the application process.

Before commencing any development on land within the Shire, landowners and applicants are advised to contact the Shire's Planning Department on 9641 2233 to arrange for an appointment to discuss their proposal. The Planning Department staff will be happy to assist landowners to determine whether formal applications are required and how they can guide the applicant through the process.

BUILDING CONTROL

The implementation of the new *Building Act 2011* in April 2012 brings with it some important changes as indicated below.

Private Certification

Builders can choose to engage local government or a private certifier to confirm the building complies with building standards.

Time Limits for Permit Authority to Grant Approvals

If your application has prior certification, for example a signed Certificate of Design Compliance and any other required approvals, then the permit authority (Shire of York) has 10 business days to approve or reject the application. This kind of application is called a certified application. If the Shire of York is being asked to confirm compliance with the BCA for Class 1 and Class 10 then the time limit is 25 business days. This kind of application is called an uncertified application.

Need to Organise All Information Before Applying For a Permit

All prior approvals (Planning, Health, Heritage, Water Corporation, etc) need to be obtained BEFORE a certified application is made for a permit. If the application is not complete the Shire of York can reject the application. Each application form has a guide and a checklist to help you fill in the form correctly.

If a Permit is not Issued Within the Required Time-Frame what are the Consequences to the Permit Authority and the Applicant?

If a permit authority has not made a decision within the required time-frame, the application is deemed refused and the permit authority must refund the application fee and the Building Services Levy to the applicant.

However, if the reason the permit authority has not made a decision within the time-frame due is that information was not supplied by the applicant on request for further information under Section 18 of the Act (the time cannot be more than 21 days), the permit authority can retain the application fee.

Builders Are Required to Provide a Notice of Completion Or a Notice of Cessation

When a builder has finished the building work covered by the building permit, he/she must submit a Notice of Completion to the Permit Authority within 7 days. This is not connected to practical completion under a contract but both can be on the same day. If a builder is unable to complete a project, a Notice of Cessation must be provided to the permit authority within 7 days. All plans, specifications and evidence of tests/inspections up to that point must accompany the Notice.

Work Affecting Other Land

The new Act deals with work affecting other land.

The key point to work affecting other land is that the owner, or the builder on behalf of the owner must get the consent from the owner of adjoining land before doing anything that may affect the land (or that might affect the neighbour). If there is a likelihood that the building work may require access to a neighbours land, or if there may be a need to remove a fence or any other structure, owners should be advised and their consent obtained as soon as possible. If consent cannot be obtained, a court order can be applied for. A standard form to request consent is available from the Building Commission website – www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au.

Disabled Access and Facilities

Class 2 to 9 buildings are required to be constructed so that dignified access to the principal pedestrian entrance and property boundary is achieved.

Further information may be obtained from Councils Building Department.

HEALTH

Environmental, community and public health programmes are undertaken by the Council's Environmental Health Officer. Some of the areas dealt with by Council staff include assessment of food premises, effluent disposal, waste disposal, environmental protection and safety. Food Handling courses are available free on the Council's website at www.york.wa.gov.au.

PARKING

Members of the public are not permitted to park in marked Disabled Bays unless a current valid ACROD sticker is displayed on the vehicle.

The Ranger will continue to monitor School parking. Please be reminded not to park in the (kiss and drive) area adjacent to the School, also there is no parking on the verge along Trews Road.

All parking signage is to be adhered to.

Council's Ranger carries out routine inspections to ensure compliance. Infringements are issued for non-compliance.



THE NEW CAT LAWS AND YOU

What is the Cat Act 2011?

As well as encouraging responsible pet ownership, WA's new cat laws aim to reduce the number of unwanted cats in our community.

Microchipping and registration also assists with returning lost cats to their loving families.

What Do I Need To Do?

From 1 November 2013, all cats that have reached six months of age have to be microchipped, sterilised and registered with the York Shire. Failure to ensure that your cat is microchipped, sterilised and registered may result in infringements totalling \$600.

Your cat will need to wear a collar and registration tag so it can be easily identified and returned to you, if lost.

Cats that are impounded by Rangers will only be returned to their owner once microchipping, sterilisation, registration and an impound fee of \$105 is paid.

What About Cat Breeders?

If you wish to breed cats, even just one litter from your own cat, you need to apply to the Shire for a permit. Restrictions can be placed on the area designated for cat breeding e.g. cages. A seller must microchip and sterilise all cats before they are sold. If the cat is too young to be sterilised, the seller must issue a prepaid sterilisation voucher to the new owner.

How Many Cats Can I Have?

The Shire of York Health Local Laws 2000 state a person shall not, without an exemption in writing from the Council, keep more than 2 cats over the age of 3 months on premises on any land within the District.



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP - YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Who is Responsible for a Dog?

Apart from the owner of the dog, a responsible person includes the occupier of any premises where the dog is ordinarily kept or permitted to live, or a person who for the time being has the dog in their possession or control.

Dog Control

If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, either within a fenced area on your property or on a leash when in public.

Owners of dogs that are impounded by Rangers will have to pay a \$105 impound fee plus a sustenance fee prior to the dogs release and may also be infringed.

As the owner you can be given an on-the-spot fine of \$200 for not having your dog on a leash or for allowing it to roam. If the matter goes to court the penalty could be as high as \$1,000.

Dog Exercise Area

The Shire of York has an exercise area on the corner of Henrietta & Forrest Streets. Your dog must be under effective control at all times including exercising in designated areas.

Dogs are absolutely prohibited on Forrest Oval and Hockey Fields. An on-the-spot fine of \$200 will be incurred.

Barking Dogs

Dog owners are responsible for ensuring that their dog is not a public nuisance by excessive barking. Owners will be issued abatement notices, non-compliance with this incurs an on the spot fine. If taken to court, the fine could be up to \$2,000. Please consider the impact of your dog's behaviour on your neighbours.

Removal Of Dog Excreta (Droppings)

Dog excreta are a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. The Shire of York has local laws that require the person in charge of a dog in a public place to remove their dog's excreta and adequately dispose of it. There are penalties for not doing so. Penalty of \$200 applies.

Any plastic bag may be used to pick up dog excreta. Bags are available at Avon Park, Centennial Park, Peace Park and the Dog Park.

Dog excreta in the garden should also be removed daily to reduce fly and health related problems.

Dog Attacks

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not there at the time. The only exemption is where the dog was provoked to attack.

A dog attack includes a dog aggressively rushing at or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury.

Protection of Livestock

A person who owns or is lawfully in charge of an animal or bird may lawfully shoot or otherwise destroy a dog which he finds attacking that animal or bird if there is no other way of stopping the attack and provided that notice is given to a police officer as soon as practicable thereafter. The owner or occupier of any enclosed paddock, field, yard or other place in which livestock are confined may lawfully shoot or otherwise destroy any dog found therein, whether the owner of the dog is or is not known, if that dog is not accompanied by some person.

Penalties apply of up to \$20,000 for a dog attack (dangerous dogs) and \$10,000 or 12 months jail (or both) for inciting a dog to attack.

Local Governments may seek a court order for a dog to be destroyed if it has attacked and caused injury or damage.

The dog's owner is also liable for any injury or damage resulting from a dog attack. A person who has been attacked may take private legal action for any injury or damage.

Dangerous Dogs

Thousands of dog attacks are reported in Perth and country areas every year. Some result in horrific injuries and trauma.

If your dog displays aggressive behaviour, it is important you address it quickly with appropriate training.

There are three types of Dangerous Dogs – Restricted Breed, Security and Declared – each requires different restrictions.

Local governments may declare a dog “dangerous” if it attacks, shows a tendency to attack, threatens or chases people, animals or vehicles.

Once a dog is declared dangerous, it will have to be muzzled at all times in a public place. Wear a special collar, be confined to all times unless on a lead and display a special sign.

Local governments may also impose further restrictions, such as requiring that the dog be kept on a leash when in dog exercise areas or that it be excluded from specific areas.

An owner who fails to comply with a declaration order on their dog may be fined up to \$10,000.

Owners can appeal to the relevant local government or to the State Administrative Appeals Tribunal if they believe that such an order is unfair.

A dangerous dog declaration will only be removed by the local government if it is satisfied that the dog is safe (i.e. by passing an obedience training course). The muzzle requirement and any other restrictions will then be lifted. For all offences on-the-spot fines are doubled when the offence involves a declared dangerous dog.

People And Animals Have Rights

Everyone is entitled to walk in the neighbourhood without being harassed or attacked by uncontrolled and often quite frightening dogs.

Even if your dog is well behaved, it can be frightening to other people if it is roaming unattended.

Although you may think your dog is unlikely to attack a person, roaming dogs often approach and sometimes attack other dogs. Responsible pet owners and their dogs are often targets of these attacks.

Dog Registration

A dog owner is legally required to register their dog with the local government if it is more than three months old. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October the following year. It is an offence not to register your dog and you can be given a \$200 on-the-spot fine. First time registrations in Western Australia require dogs to be microchipped. All dogs are to be microchipped by 2015.

It costs \$10 per year to register a sterilised dog and \$30 to register an unsterilised dog. A 50% concession applies for each new registration made after 31 May in any year. A discount also applies if you register your dog for three years.

Pensioners receive a 50% concession of these fees.

The Shire also requires notification within 28 days of change of address, ownership, death or sterilisation of your dog.

Shire Rangers conduct random checks on property owners/occupiers to ensure that their dogs are registered.

Microchipping of Dogs

Since November 2013 the owner of a dog has been required to ensure that it is microchipped if the dog has reached 3 months of age and the dog was not previously registered in Western Australia or any other state or territory so that its registration was in

effect on 31 October 2013.

On or after 1 November 2015, the owner of any dog that has reached 3 months of age must ensure that the dog is microchipped.

The Dog Act addresses the control and registration of dogs; the ownership and keeping of dogs; and the obligations and rights of people, both as dog owners and non-dog owners.

Requirements & Limitations on the Keeping of Dogs

Local Laws – Dogs - 3.1 - Dogs to be confined

- (1) An occupier of premises within a townsite on which a dog is kept must -
 - (a) cause a portion of the premises on which the dog is kept to be fenced in a manner capable of confining the dog;
 - (b) ensure the fence used to confine the dog and every gate or door in the fence is of a type, height and construction which having regard to the breed, age, size and physical condition of the dog is capable of preventing the dog at all times from passing over, under or through it;
 - (c) ensure that every gate or door in the fence is kept closed at all times when the dog is on the premises and is fitted with a proper latch or other means of fastening it;
 - (d) ensure that every gate or door in the fence or wall is fitted with-
 - A proper latch attached to the gate or door on the side of the fence or wall where the dog is normally kept;
 - an efficient self closing mechanism; and
 - a latch or other means which allows the gate to be locked;
 - (e) maintain the fence and all gates and doors in the fence in good order and condition, and
 - (f) where no part of the premises consists of open space, yard or garden or there is no open space or garden or yard of which the occupier has exclusive use or occupation, ensure that other means exist on the premises (other than the tethering of the dog) for effectively confining the dog within the premises.
- (2) Where an occupier fails to comply with subclause (1), he or she commits an offence.

Penalty: Where the dog kept is a dangerous dog, \$2,000; otherwise \$1,000.

Local Laws – Dogs - 3.2 - Limitation on the number of dogs

- (1) This clause does not apply to premises which have been –
 - (a) licensed under Part 4 as an approved kennel establishment; or
 - (b) granted an exemption under section 26(3) of the Act.

- (2) The limit on the number of dogs which may be kept on any premises is, for the purpose of section 26(4) of the Act –
 - (a) 2 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated within a townsite; or

 - (b) 4 dogs over the age of 3 months and the young of those dogs under that age if the premises are situated outside a townsite.

WASTE & RECYCLING INFORMATION

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Domestic Rubbish & Recycling Service

The Shire of York through its contractor Avon Waste provides a weekly household rubbish collection and a recycling collection twice a month (every first and third week). The Shire is committed to reducing the waste it sends to landfill.

Residents are commended for their efforts in reducing household waste by the utilisation of Council's recycling services.

Waste Transfer Station

The Shire of York Waste Transfer Station is located on the east side of Spencer Brook Road just past the Race Course.

The Transfer Station is available to residents for domestic waste drop off, green waste and recyclables such as glass, plastic, steel etc.

When dropping off green waste please ensure it is free from building materials, steel and other contaminants.

Asbestos, tyres and hazardous waste are not accepted at the Transfer Station.

Operating Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat	12noon—3pm
Sun	11am—5pm

Travelling to the Transfer Station

On-the-spot fines of \$200 apply to unsecured loads, please ensure that all loads are secure before commencing your trip.

Bulk Kerbside Pick Up

The Shire of York has a twice yearly bulk kerbside pickup service in May and November, check out the attached calendar for collection dates.

Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

The E-waste recycling program resulted in over 4,897kg of E-waste being diverted from landfill. The following lists some of the items that are able to be recycled.

- computer monitors/hard
- drives/keyboards/printers, etc
- televisions
- DVD/VHS players
- stereos
- microwaves
- computer game consoles

This program was funded with the assistance of the State Waste Authority and was a regional program that had been introduced across the SEAVROC group of Councils. It now operates in a limited fashion due to a reduction in funding. It is hoped to be able to continue the E-Waste recycling scheme when the National TV and Computers Product Stewardship Scheme is introduced in WA.

Skip Bins

Residents of York, within the York town boundary, are entitled to one free skip bin per financial year. These bins can be booked by phoning the Shire of York's Technical Services Officer on 9641 2233.

A limited bulk rubbish collection service is available to residents in outlying townsites.

Mobile Muster

A collection point for old mobile phones and chargers is located in the Shire Office and at the Transfer Station.

Drum Muster

The Drum Muster program is available to users of agricultural chemicals within the Shire of York. Council holds collection days in **March** and **September** each year.

If you have empty chemical drums that you wish to dispose of please contact the Shire's Technical Service Officer to arrange a booking. Drums need to be triple rinsed and pierced so no liquid is contained. For further information please visit www.drummuster.com.au.

Useful Waste Websites

www.avonwaste.com.au

www.livinggreener.gov.au

www.wastenet.net.au

www.environment.gov.au

www.csiro.au

Rubbish & Recycling Collection Calendar

July 2015							August 2015						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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September 2015							October 2015						
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November 2015							December 2015						
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January 2016							February 2016						
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March 2016							April 2016						
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May 2016							June 2016						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

Kerbside Bulk Pick Up Commences

Townsite - East

Townsite - West

Rubbish Only

Townsite - East

Townsite - West & Rural

Rubbish & Recycling Collection

Townsite - East

Townsite - West & Rural

BUSHFIRES INFORMATION

TO REPORT ALL FIRES PLEASE CALL '000'

Information contained in this brochure is provided to inform landowners of their responsibilities in regards to fire safety and details of contacts in the event of a fire situation

Important Fire Dates

Restricted Burning Permits Required

(Unless period has been extended)

All Areas – 15th October – 30th November

All Areas – 1st March – 14th April

Prohibited Burning Periods (Unless period has been extended)

Commences – 1st December

Ceases - 28th February

All burning, including garden refuse, is prohibited during this period.

Extreme Fire Danger Warning

No Burning is permitted on days of **Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger**.

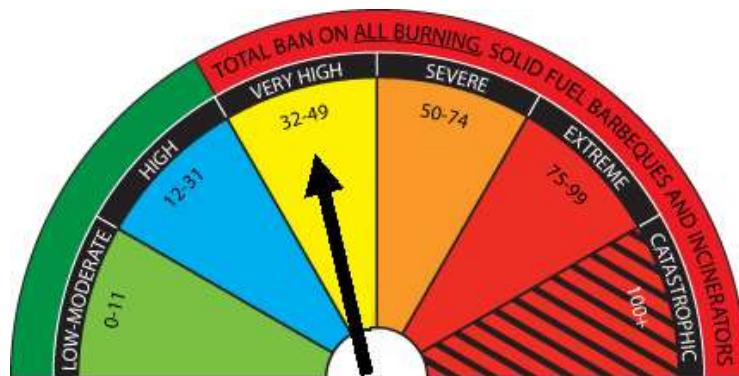
Extensions to Restricted Burning Times may be approved each year and are advertised in the local newspaper.

Harvest Bans & Vehicle Movement Bans are broadcast daily on 6AM – Radio West, ABC Local Radio and York FM and the Shire of York website – www.york.wa.gov.au or telephone 9641 2819.

Shire Of York Fire Weather Hotline – Tel: 9641 2819

The Fire Weather Hotline is a pre-recorded message giving daily weather forecasts and information regarding Harvest Bans, Vehicle Movement Bans and DFES Total Fire Bans.

Fire Danger Warnings



No Burning is permitted on days of **Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger** during the *restricted* burning period.

No Burning of any type is permitted in *prohibited* burning periods.

Permits & Penalties - How To Obtain Permits

Burning permits can be obtained from the Community Emergency Services Manager or Council Rangers if you live in the town or from your local Bushfire Control Officer if you live in other areas of the Shire.

A list of Bushfire Control Officers is contained in this brochure.



Garden Refuse & Rubbish

In the Shire of York the burning of garden refuse is prohibited during the Restricted Burning Period unless a permit to burn has been obtained from your Local Fire Control Officer.

No Burning is to be conducted in the Prohibited Burning Period

Hints for Burning

1. Don't light a fire on a hot or windy day.
2. Don't try to burn more than you can control.
3. Inform your neighbours. Please ensure this is undertaken.
4. Make sure smoke and sparks will not affect neighbour's washing or open windows.
5. Cut or rake long grass around trees, buildings and fences before burning.
6. Burn against the wind.
7. On a sloping block, burn from top down.
8. Have a hose or spray pack to dampen down fierce fires.

Under the Health Local Laws a property owner or occupier shall not cause or permit the escape of smoke from the premises in such quantity or of such nature to cause or be a nuisance.

Don't Fuel Fires

1. Don't have thick vegetation right up to the walls of your home. Clear all flammable material from around houses, sheds, fences and store firewood, timber, petrol and kerosene well away from the house.
2. Don't have flammable trees such as conifers near buildings.
3. Clear all dead leaves out of gutters regularly.
4. Remove dead trees and branches.
5. Don't have overhanging branches which, when burning, could drop on your roof.
6. Remove rubbish regularly.
7. Rake up leaves, twigs and dead material regularly.
8. Burn off dry grass and vegetation at the approved times and in the approved manner.

Barbeques & Incinerators

Gas and electric barbecues are permitted at any time. Solid fuel barbecues and incinerators are **prohibited** on days of **Very High, Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger**.

Contacts

Shire Telephone Numbers

Shire Office (working hours)	Tel: 9641 2233 Fax 9641 2202
Shire Depot (working hours)	Tel: 9641 1219 Fax 9641 2995
Shire Ranger (working hours)	Tel: 9641 2489

Emergency Numbers

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO)

Terry Davies 0429 411 449

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers (DCBFCO)

Wayne Collins 0417 099 589
Jeremy Marwick 0428 411 024
Warwick McGregor 0429 932 025
Glen Davies 0488 198 877

Community Emergency Services Manager

Justin Corrigan 0427 057 719

Community Ranger

John Goward 0417 181 349

Chief Executive Officer

Graeme Simpson 0427 412 202

Bush Fire Control Officers

BURGES SIDING BRIGADE

Stephen Chipper - Captain	0427 086 586	9641 1438
Andrew Boulton	0418 908 867	9641 1413
Glen Davies (DCBFCO)	0488 198 877	9641 1029

GREENHILLS BRIGADE

Jeremy Marwick - Captain (DCBFCO)	0428 411 024	9641 4071
Charles Boyle	0409 882 498	9641 4021
Paul Jenkinson	0439 927 209	9641 4063
Graham Penny		9641 6067
David Jenkinson	0428 176 924	9641 4090
Simon Penny	0417 990 616	9641 6068
Gary Sargeant	0408 906 520	9641 7030

MALEBELLING BRIGADE

Bruce Gentle - Captain	0417 987 054	9641 1030
Wayne Collins (DCBFCO)	0417 099 589	9641 7010
Tim Springbett	0428 417 018	
Peter Boyle	0429 882 496	9641 1186
Chris Joyce	0417 178 782	9641 7011
Peter Humphrey		9641 1414
Eddie Humphrey	0429 412 341	9641 2341

TALBOT BROOK BRIGADE

Terry Davies (CBFCO)	0429 411 449	9641 1449
Laurie Fairclough	0427 431 014	

York Volunteer Emergency Services (Bushfire & SES)

Warrick McGregor – OIC	0429 932 025	9641 1698
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Firebreaks

A firebreak means a strip of land that has been cleared of all bushes, grasses and any other object or thing or flammable material leaving clear bare mineral earth 2.1 metres wide. This includes the trimming back of all overhanging trees, bushes, shrubs and any other object or thing over the firebreak area.



Non-Compliant Firebreak



Compliant Firebreak

On or before 25th October each year you MUST take firebreak precautions and these must be maintained up to and including 14th April of the following year.

(A \$250 Penalty Applies)

The purpose is to stop fires from spreading, to allow entry for fire fighting vehicles and to provide a break from which a control line can be lit.

If a firebreak is impractical along the boundary of a property for environmental or other reasons a resident may apply to the Shire of York by 1st September to obtain permission for firebreaks in alternate positions or of a different nature.

If a property within the town site is occupied and neatly landscaped to the extent that it does not present a fire hazard a resident may apply to the Shire of York for an exemption of the firebreak order.

The Shire Ranger will inspect all properties in relation to applications for variations or exemptions to firebreaks to determine the validity of the applications.

If a Notice of exemption is issued by the Shire it may include conditions for the landowner to follow regarding the exemption.

Fire Break & Hazard Reduction Guide

Land Within a Townsite - Up to 1,020m²

Must be hazard reduced and cleared of all flammable material.

Land Within a Townsite - 1,020m²— 4,000m²

Must have a firebreak 2.1m wide and be slashed and hazard reduced to ensure inflammable material is less than 150mm high.

Land Within a Townsite - Over 4,000m²

2.1m fire break around perimeter of property, all building, fuel, haystacks and drums.

Rural Land - Up to 300ha

2.1m firebreak around perimeter of property, all buildings, fuel, haystacks and drums and to be hazard reduced.

Rural Land - Over 300ha

2.1m firebreak around every 300ha block and all building, fuel, haystacks and drums.



Non-Compliant Hazard Reduction



Compliant Hazard Reduction

Firebreak Contractors

Please refer to the York Business Directory for information on Firebreak Contractors.

Contract Burning

(Firebreaks need to be installed before burning is carried out)

York Volunteer Fire & Rescue
York Volunteer Emergency Services

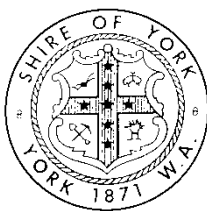
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FIREBREAK MANAGEMENT



Do you need advice on planning and installing your firebreaks?

TIMEFRAME	FIREBREAK TYPE		HAZARD REDUCTION
	TILLAGE	CHEMICAL	
Opening rains + 4 weeks		Spray with Glyphosate (Roundup) + Atrazine with 1% Ammonia Sulphate.	Spray with Glyphosate (Roundup) + Atrazine with 1% Ammonia Sulphate.
First week of August	Plough / Scarify / Rotary Hoe firebreaks.	Check for weed type. Re-spray if needed.	Plough / Scarify / Rotary Hoe property.
End of August	Crash graze by introducing stock to control weed growth on property.	Check for weed type. Re-spray if needed.	Crash graze by introducing stock to control weed growth on property.
Mid September	Re-work the firebreaks.	Spray areas of re-vegetation.	Re – work Plough / Scarify / Rotary Hoe property if required.
25th OCTOBER	All firebreaks must be completed, no extensions given.	All firebreaks must be completed, no extensions given.	All hazard reduction must be completed, no extensions given.
15 th October	Restricted burning period (permits are required) – unless period has been extended.		
1 st December	Prohibited burning period begins (no burning at all) – unless period has been extended.		



SHIRE OF YORK

GROUP SMS MESSAGING

The Shire of York offers a SMS Messaging service to the community to provide information relating to Fires, Fire Bans, Harvest/Movement Bans and Severe Weather Warnings.

If you would like to receive the Group SMS Messaging please call the Community Emergency Services Manager on 0427 057 719. This is a free service.

FIRE BAN WEATHER HOTLINE

9641 2819

For all your information on:

- Total Vehicle Movement Bans
- Fire Weather Forecast in Prohibited Burning Periods
- Fire Weather Forecast in Restricted Burning Periods

Should you require any further information please call your local
Fire Control Officer or the
Community Emergency Services Manager on 0427 057 719