

STRATEGIC OUTCOME SUPPORTED: 2 - A safe and healthy community.

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. To provide guidance on the manner in which The Shire of Donnybrook will consider applications for permission to conduct a fireworks event to minimise fire risks.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This policy applies to all fireworks events held within the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. **Prohibited Burning Times** means 15 December to 14 March, subject to change.
- 3.2. **Restricted Burning Times** means 1 November to 14 December and 15 March to 26 April, subject to change.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- 4.1. Written approval by the Chief Executive Officer is required to conduct fireworks events at any time.
- 4.2. No approvals will be granted during the Prohibited Burning Times for a fireworks display.
- 4.3. During the bush fire restricted burning times a Permit may be granted subject to the following:
 - a. Fire risk levels including weather and fuel loads;
 - b. Availability of firefighting personnel and equipment;
 - c. Consultation with the Captain of the Donnybrook Fire & Rescue Service and the Donnybrook Chief Fire Control Officer;
 - d. Consideration of any other issue as deemed necessary by the Shire Chief Executive Officer (ie. location, nature of event etc).
- 4.4. Any approval issued by the Chief Executive Officer for a fireworks event are to include the following conditions:
 - a. Compliance with the 'Safe Use of Outdoor Fireworks in Western Australia' Code of Practice, produced by the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources Safety;
 - b. Provision of suitable portable fire extinguishers at the fireworks firing point;
 - c. Provision of additional adequate firefighting equipment and personnel in accordance with any such Permit for the fireworks event

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granted by the Department of Mines & Petroleum Resources Safety, or as directed by the local fire emergency services agency;

- d. Details of the above arrangements must be notified to the Shire in writing prior to the event.
- e. The authorised fireworks operator must contact the Department of Fire & Emergency Services Communications Centre ten minutes prior to firing time.
- f. If an Extreme Weather Warning has been issued by the Bureau of Meteorology prior to or during the time of firing the display must be cancelled.

5. DELEGATION AND AUTHORISATION

- 5.1. Delegation 3.1.5 Control of Operations Likely to Create Bush Fire Danger
- 5.2. In the event of a change to the Prohibited Burning Times that impacts on a pre-approved fireworks event application, the Chief Executive Officer in liaison with the Captain of the Donnybrook Fire & Rescue Service and the Donnybrook Chief Fire Control Officer is authorised to permit the fireworks event to proceed subject to any conditions deemed necessary.

6. LEGISLATION

- 6.1. *Bush Fire Regulations 1954*
- 6.2. *Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004*
- 6.3. *Dangerous Goods Safety (Explosives) Regulations 2007*

7. POLICY VERSION

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