



Fire Safety Plan

Shack Owners Wedge Island

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The purpose of this notice is to give shack owners and users recommendations to improve fire safety for shacks and areas surrounding shacks, and to inform you of what to do in case of fire.

All of the scrub (mostly known as Kerosene Bush.) throughout the Wedge Town Site is extremely flammable and volatile, even though it is green.

Our shacks and contents are generally also extremely flammable and volatile.

General Recommendations

- Absolutely **"No Open Fires"** at any time of the year in the Wedge Reserve.
- Maintain adequate fire breaks around your shack and associated structures.
 - DPAW will allow a 2 metre fuel reduction zone around each shack where vegetation is kept at a low level, but still helps to combat erosion.
 - However, the Dandaragan Shire and the Bush Fires Act directive is a minimum of 3 metres, with fuel reduction of a further 5 metres. The DFES web site further recommends a 20 metre circle of safety around homes and sheds. This issue is also currently being debated in Parliament, so expect changes soon.
- Keep the area surrounding your shack free of litter, long grasses, debris, building materials, and any other flammable materials. This not only reduces the fire hazard but also allows access for fire fighters and vehicles.
- It is recommended that firewood for inside cooking and heating be stored in an enclosed shed.

- Ensure that fuel, gas and other flammable liquids are stored in a safe place with lids and taps turned off tightly.
 - Storage of flammable materials is recommended in a shed or similar, away from the walls, and away from the main shack and with its own fire break. The DPaW Licence includes a section on 'Hazard Management' (section 9(b)) which refers to storage of flammables, and section 9(d) which discusses compliance with the implementation of the Strategen Fire Management Plan for Wedge (see References).
- Never leave your shack unattended with a stove cooking, a fire burning, nor any candles, gas or fuel flame lights burning.
- Watch your children carefully. Always know where they are and what they are up to.
 - Playing with matches etc. and for general safety and evacuation purposes.
- It is recommended that each shack has adequate and maintained fire extinguishers, fire blankets, and smoke alarms.
 - Refer to sections 4 (d) & (e) 'General Conditions' of the DPaW Licence for these requirements.
- It is also recommended that each shack has its own fire water pump with adequate water storage capacity.
- Keep shovels, rakes and wet bags or towels available for mopping up fires.

Evacuation in the event of large scrub fire

- The Wedge Evacuation Assembly area is the "Point" near the Island, unless directed otherwise by DFES.
- Do not attempt to fight these large fires unless you are directed to assist and you are a competent fire fighter.
- Remain at the point assembly area until directed otherwise by the Incident Controller.

If you have time.

- Raise the alarm.
- Lock your windows and doors.
- Turn off all appliances, gas, and fuels.
- Take all vehicles and boats to the beach.
- Ensure all of your family and friends staying at your shack are accounted for.
- Advise Fire Fighters or Incident Controllers of anyone missing.

Small local fires

- Raise the alarm.
 - See emergency contacts below.
 - Extinguish the fire using extinguishers, fire pumps, and/or WIPA firefighting equipment if able to do so. See below.

WIPA and privately owned Fire Fighting Equipment

- Shack 284 - 4WD and 1,000 litre firefighting unit located at Noddy's shack. (Noddy will control this vehicle)
- Shack 284 – 2,000 litre fire water dump tanks also located at Noddy's shack.
- Shack 343 – 4WD and 1,000 litre firefighting unit located at Kiwi's shack. (Kiwi will control this vehicle)
- Shack 343 – 1 x 1,000 litre fire water dump tank also located at Kiwi's shack.
- Ice shed – 2 x trailered 1,000 litre firefighting units.
- Shack 61 – 1 x trailered 1,000 litre firefighting unit at Lex Smith's shack in snake alley.
- Shack 61 – 1,000 litre fire water dump tank also located at Lex's shack
- Shack 195 – 1 x trailered 1,000 litre firefighting unit at Chris Harris's shack, next door to Murray Knowles, north end on main track, identifiable by bright yellow water tank just north of huge Norfolk Island pine at Simo's shack.
- Shack 195 – 5,000 litre fire water dump tank also located at Chris's shack.
- Adjacent to Shack 354 – 10,000 litre tank for DFES/DPaW use only.

Emergency Contacts

In every instance of large scrub fires or where a shack fire has got out of control, ring Department of Fire and Emergency Services on:

“” 000 “”

- **DFES**
 - **Fire & life threatening emergencies “000”**
 - SES emergency assistance 132 500
 - Emergency information 13 33 37
- **Dandaragan Shire Emergency Calls only**
 - Community Emergency Services Officer - Matt Dadd
 - 0428 114 221
 - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - Richard Allen
 - 0448 038 486
- **DPAW**
 - **Perth Office State wide fire emergency numbers**
 - 9219 8000 & 9219 9000
 - **Jurien Bay Office**
 - Phone (08) 9688 6000
 - Brad Rushforth 0429 600 670
 - **Cervantes Office**
 - 9652 7043
 - Dave Henke 0427 424 735
- **WIPA (Emergency Only)**
 - Colin White “Noddy” Shack 284
 - 0438 322 229
 - Mark Hedwig “Kiwi” Shack 343
 - 0439 989 339
 - Greg Simpson “Simo” Shack 219
 - 0417 982 893

Reference

Strategen Environmental Consultants, Fire Management Plan - Wedge Reserve No. 43283, Jan 2014