

## SHIRE OF WILLIAMS BRIGADE CONTACT DETAILS 2021 – 2022

Position	Name	Phone	Mobile	Radio Call
CEO / Chief BFC Officer:	Geoff McKeown	9885 1005	0429 900 005	Williams Shire Base
Deputy CBFC Officer:	David Carter	9885 1220	0418 959 620	Glenfield 1
Bushfire Radio Base:	Natalie Major	9885 1021	0429 851 021	Williams Bushfire Base
Shire of Williams Works Supervisor:	Tony Kett	9885 1005	0419 941 829	Williams 1
Harvest Ban Information		9885 1588		

Brigade	Position	Brigade Officer	Phone	Mobile	Radio Call
Boraning	Captain / FCO	George Lavender	9885 7040	0428 857 010	Boraning 2
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt	Des Lavender	9885 1060	0418 851 064	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	Hal Klug	9885 7026	0428 857 026	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt	Rodney Petchell	9885 7010	0427 192 845	Boraning 1
	4 <sup>th</sup> Lt	Warren Cowcher	9885 7011	0427 821 992	Boraning 4
RMB 506 Williams	Secretary	Andrew Chitty	9885 1110	0427 998 492	

Congelin C/O Post Office Williams	FCO	Andrew Rintoul	9884 5255	0447 945 255	Congelin 1
	Captain / FCO	Phil Martin	9885 1043	0488 653 523	Congelin 2
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt	David Martin	9885 1267	0407 992 485	Congelin 3
	Secretary	Will Fowler	9884 5113	0429 994 140	

Glenfield C/O Post Office Williams	Captain / FCO	Nick Panizza		0437 517 400	Glenfield 3
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt	Stephen Atwell		0427 154 928	Glenfield 8
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	Ross Major	9885 1021	0428 851 021	Glenfield 2
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt	Rob Darcy	9885 1274	0429 851 272	Glenfield 6
	4 <sup>th</sup> Lt	Lewis Schulz		0458 343 400	Glenfield 1
	5 <sup>th</sup> Lt	Matthew Gillett		0427 682 230	Glenfield 2
		Geoff Pearson	9885 1064	0417 982 095	Glenfield 5
		Frank Bowman	9885 1247	0407 472 712	Glenfield 7
		Peter Paterson	9885 1130	0419 932 537	Glenfield 9
	Secretary	Steven Ford	9885 1602	0429 449 001	

Narrakine C/O Post Office Williams	Captain / FCO	Ashley Chadwick	9885 6161	0427 443 335	Narrakine 3
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt	Shaun Counsel	9885 7017	0424 503 981	Narrakine 1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	John Macnamara	9885 6023	0419 851 685	Narrakine 6
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt	Matt Carne	9885 1023	0439 851 053	Narrakine 7
	4 <sup>th</sup> Lt	Ian Wilkie	9885 6056	0429 701 102	Narrakine 8
	5 <sup>th</sup> Lt	Simon Harding	9885 6047	0427 856 047	Narrakine 2
		Dylan Liddelow	9885 1138	0448 971 048	Narrakine 4
	Secretary	Kerry Carne	9885 1023	0403 000 841	Narrakine Base

Tarwonga PO Box 62 Williams	Captain / FCO	Justin Duff		0428 851 409	Tarwonga 1
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt	Colin Gillett	9885 8084	0437 858 084	Tarwonga 2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	Bill Piesse	9885 8015	0428 858 015	Tarwonga 4
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt/ Secretary	Cliff Hall	9885 8013	0427 107 457	Tarwonga 3

West Culbin PO Box 43 Williams	Captain / FCO	Wayne Duffield	9736 1132	0427 361 132	Culbin 4
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt	Richard Higham	9885 7003	0400 857 003	Culbin 1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	Robert Rose		0427 352 000	Culbin 3
	Secretary	Anthony Higham	9885 8013	0427 107 457	Culbin 2

Williams Volunteer Fire & Rescue PO Box 132 Williams	Captain / FCO	Lester Fawcett		0418 851 327	
	Secretary	Carolyn Banks		0488 083 922	
	Lieutenant	Ian Bell		0428 383 141	
	Apps Officer	Brian Cuba		0455 486 164	

## Shire of Williams Annual Community Fire Newsletter 2021/22



### PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE

In a bushfire, every 5 minutes counts. Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year. The single biggest killer is **indecision**.

To survive a bushfire you must be prepared to make your own decisions. Fighting a fire can quickly turn into a very dangerous, life threatening situation. There is a very good chance you will be on your own as firefighters may be too busy fighting fires elsewhere to help defend your property, and it is highly likely that the water and electricity to your property may be shut off. The heat will be intense. *Think about it: is your life, or the lives of your family worth risking?*

**Fire is frightening**; it roars as loud as a jet engine and the smoke plunges day into night. If you are unsure about your decision to stay and defend, then you must **BE SAFE and LEAVE EARLY**.

Having the Fire Chat is a great first step to protecting your family.

For more information, visit the DFES website:  
[www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

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### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

23 September to 31 October inclusive

**PERMITS REQUIRED**

### BURNING PROHIBITED

1 November to 14 February inclusive

**NO BURNING AND NO FIRES**

### RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD

15 February to 29 March inclusive

**PERMITS REQUIRED**

**5 MINUTE  
FIRE  
CHAT**



**1 WHEN** will you know to leave?



**2 WHERE** will you go?



**3 WHICH** way will you go?





## PLANNED BURNING

*Best time April - October*

If you own or manage land in Western Australia it is your responsibility to reduce the risk of bushfire impacting it.

One of the most effective ways you can reduce fuel loads and the risk of bushfire is planned burning.

This is deliberately burning an area under appropriate environmental conditions to reduce fuel loads (the vegetation and dead plant material that can burn in a fire). Planned burns are undertaken under mild and stable weather conditions so that the fire burns slowly and is controllable with low flame heights.

When a bushfire enters an area of reduced fuel, the rate of bushfire spread slows and the intensity at which it burns is reduced. This means property owners and firefighters have a better chance of containing the fire and it is less likely to cause damage to property.

It is important to note however that you are responsible for any fire you light and, if it escapes, you may be liable for the damages it causes.

The best time to do a planned burn is:

- The weather is cool
- The wind is light to gentle, less than 20km/h
- There is enough moisture in the vegetation.

It is very important to look at the weather forecast for the next several days to ensure that the mild conditions continue after the day of the burn.

Please refer to the DFES website for more information on SMART burning:

[www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)



## COMMUNICATIONS DURING FIRE EMERGENCY

The Shire have the following communication procedures in place:

**What's App** – This is an emergency app that will have 1-2 members from each farm that will respond to fires. This is used to relay important fire messages amongst key personnel. This membership is strictly monitored by the Shire/Brigade.

**SMS** – This is a text message service that will go to any persons that requests to go on the emergency SMS listing – this will advise people of Harvest Bans and other emergency information.

**FACEBOOK** – During an emergency the community will be updated with general information through the Shire of Williams Facebook page.

**It is of utmost importance to please leave all public communications (including Social Media) to the Shire in cases of emergency. The Shire will have the correct up to date information and will forward it as necessary. External advice from community members can sometimes be confusing and lead to volunteers receiving incorrect information.**



## Vehicle Identification Stickers

If you are attending a fire as a volunteer, please ensure that your vehicle has a current vehicle identification sticker. If there is no visible sticker on your vehicle, you will not be permitted to go through a road closure.



To obtain a current VIS sticker, please visit the Shire Office.



## ENVIRONMENTS AT RISK



Grass fires can start easily and spread quickly. If you live in an area where houses or urban areas are near grassland, you're at risk.

Fires can spread quickly over large areas like paddocks. If you live on a farm or near paddocks, you're at risk



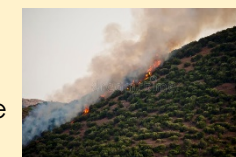
If you live in an area surrounded by or near forest or bushland, you're at high risk.

Fires need fuel to burn. As the weather warms up, vegetation around your property naturally dries out and increases your bushfire risk. If you have long grass, forest and woodland-floor litter and flammable scrub nearby, you're in a high risk area.



Being able to leave the area is crucial if there is a fire. If your area has a single road, a long dead-end road or roads that are easily blocked by falling trees, you are more at risk.

If you live on or near steep hills, you live in a high-risk area. The steeper the slope, the faster a fire will burn up it.



**If you live with any of these high-risk factors, you'll need to prepare your home, property and family in case of a bushfire. It is important that you and your family decide and agree on what you will do if a bushfire threatens your home. Take 5 minutes now to start your bushfire plan with your household and neighbours.**



## ATTENDING FIRES

**REGISTER:** It is in the interest of all residents to be registered members of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade covering the area in which they live or where they own land.

Membership of a Brigade is the safest way to ensure cover under the Shire's Volunteer Insurance Policy which covers personal injury and damage to equipment resulting from fighting bushfires under the control of a Fire Control Officer. Please contact your local brigade Captain (contact details on back) or the Shire for more information.

**UHF CHANNEL:** When attending fires, it is of utmost importance to be using the **UHF CHANNEL 5** for all communication on the fire. Please DO NOT use the farm channel.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** If you attend a fire as a volunteer firefighter, you should wear the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by the Shire and fully enclosed work boots (not supplied). Remember it is important to stay hydrated, so take a water bottle with you. If you require PPE (goggles, jacket or pants) please contact the Shire.

It is also very important when you arrive at a fire that you let whoever is in charge of the fire know that you are at the fire (for insurance purposes).

## Protective clothing

