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8 October 2025

«Owner_Name»
«Postal_Address1»
«Postal_Address2»

Dear «Owner_Name»,

MECHANICAL MITIGATION WORKS, BUNNING ROAD VERGES

Further to our general advice regarding upcoming bushfire mitigation works across the Shire, we are pleased to confirm that forestry mulching along the Bunning Road verges (between Quail Street and Alison Street) is scheduled to begin in early November 2025 and is expected to take approximately fourteen business days to complete.

There will be a requirement for traffic management to be in place and we will work with contractors to ensure that the method of least inconvenience is selected.

The objective of these works is to reduce, and make manageable, roadside vegetation to a standard that will enable safer access and egress for both residents and emergency services in the event of a fire or evacuation along this main arterial route. An added benefit will be improved sightlines in some places.

Where these works are directly adjacent to a property's fence a one metre buffer will be left to minimise the potential of damage to fencing and to retain a portion of any existing screening.



Shire of Mundaring Bushfire Mitigation

To stay updated on bushfire mitigation works across the Shire, visit our interactive Engage Mundaring platform at <https://engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au/bushfire-mitigation-works>. You can also scan the QR code (left) to follow the project and receive automatic updates.

Kind regards,

FIRE PROTECTION OFFICERS

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Verges – a shared responsibility

Verges are a shared streetscape resource utilised for crossovers, resident access, pedestrians, service utilities (see below) and links to nature.

Shire of Mundaring has around 1,300km of verges and does not have the capacity to manage the fuel loads within all of them. Landowners are therefore encouraged to include their verges as part of the fire hazard management plans for their property.

Road Reserves

Road reserve verges (Crown land) accommodate all essential services. Undertaking excavation works in the road reserve can damage these services and result in temporary loss of services to others. Such damage is expensive to repair, with costs being borne by the person/s responsible.

As such the Shire does not support or encourage property owners to do such works within the road reserve.

Fuel Load Reduction in Verges

A written permit from the Shire is required for works on the verge, this includes burning or clearing.

It is an offence to clear, damage or burn native vegetation (trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses or groundcovers) on the verge without Shire approval. There may also be a requirement for a permit from the State or Commonwealth Government.

Call the Shire's Fire Hazard Inspection Officers on 9290 6696 for advice and/or a free site visit.

Online: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/safety-rangers/bush-fires-and-fire-management/public-land-and-verges-fire-management.aspx

Public Land Managed by Local Government

Shire Fire Protection Officers undertake a year-round program of bushfire mitigation inspections and works across all Shire reserves.

The works are prioritised and carried out on a risk management basis, with priority given to reserves where a fire risk to the surrounding community may exist. These hazards are managed by a combination of methods including firebreak maintenance and construction, invasive weed management (by chemical and mechanical means), and hazard reduction burns.

Fire Protection Officers also work closely with Friends groups and the Shire's Environmental Services team to ensure that reserves are managed in both a safe and environmentally sustainable manner.

Call the Shire's Fire Protection Officers on 9290 6696 for more information.

Online: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/safety-rangers/bush-fires-and-fire-management/public-land-and-verges-fire-management.aspx



Public Land Managed by State Government

A large portion of public lands within the Shire are managed by State Government authorities, over which the Shire has no control.

For queries related to these lands, please contact the relevant responsible authority or the Shire's Bushfire Risk Management Officer on 9290 6676.

Other Verge Related Information

Verge Maintenance and Improvements

- Call: Infrastructure Services on 9290 6716.
- Online: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/plan-build/street-and-infrastructure-management/verge-maintenance.aspx

Verge Trees

- Call: Infrastructure Services on 9290 6716.
- Online: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/plan-build/street-and-infrastructure-management/verge-trees-and-bush.aspx

Verge Weed Spraying

- Call: Infrastructure Services on 9290 6716.

Bush Verge Protection and Management

- Call: Environmental Team on 9290 6651.
- Online: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/native-plants-and-animals/bush-verge-protection-and-management.aspx

Weed Identification and Control

- Call: Environmental Team on 9290 6651.
- Online: www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/your-home-garden/weed-identification-and-control.aspx

Other Tips for Managing Bush Verges

- Revegetate bare areas with local native species (contact the Shire for advice first to ensure road safety and sightlines are maintained).
- Use appropriate fuel reduction measures, but avoid too-frequent burning as this will favour weeds over the native plants and increase future fuel loads.
- Avoid spreading or introducing soil that could contain dieback.
- Minimise any activities that could degrade bush verges such as storing materials, frequent burning, and parking or driving on native vegetation.
- Call: Environmental Team on 9290 6651.
- Online: <https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/native-plants-and-animals.aspx>

This information is correct at the time of collation (24/08/23) from the Shire's website.

