

BUSH FIRE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2009-10

The Shire of Dumbleyung in conjunction with FESA representatives and local Fire Control Officers have confirmed a communications plan for all fire fighters attending incidents within the Shire of Dumbleyung effective immediately.

When attending any fire within the Shire of Dumbleyung, all brigades and fire units are required to turn to the **UHF CHANNEL ALLOCATED TO THAT PARTICULAR AREA**. For example, if there was a fire around the northern part of Lake Dumbleyung, all units would use “**Nippering Channel 15**” for communications. This is irrespective of the property owners’ private UHF channel. This should be left clear for domestic communications.

In the event of the designated site channel becoming congested and overloaded, due to the incident getting bigger, please revert back to your OWN brigade channel (see below) for instructions and information from your Brigade’s FCO, as you will then be required to continue fire fighting in your Brigade group. Each Brigade has been allocated the UHF radio channel as follows:

**Nippering
Dongolocking
Moulyinning
Kukerin**

**Channel 15
Channel 25
Channel 30
Channel 35**

These instructions are critically important for anyone and everyone attending a fire **within** the Shire of Dumbleyung. Communication between units and brigades has been streamlined in this way for safety and effectiveness on the day. This information should be kept in a prominent and easily accessible location during the coming summer. It is imperative you know which **Shire Bush Fire Brigade area you are located in** and who your **Fire Control Officers are** in case of an emergency or for obtaining permits to burn etc.

It is recognised that the majority of fires attended to during the course of summer will be quickly contained and managed using only the specific local area communications channel. The next part of the communications plan is set in place for those larger incidents that require communication and management of greater numbers of people and fire fighting units or for those occasions where you and your Brigade may be at an incident outside our own Shire boundary.

Please contact your nearest FCO for further information or clarification as you may require. A complete list of FCO’s in the Shire of Dumbleyung appears over the page.

You are also reminded of the **Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods** as follows:

Restricted Burning Period – permit required from FCO

19 September to 31 October

1 February to 31 March

Prohibited Burning Period – protective burning allowed, permit required from FCO

1 November to 31 January

Burning is also prohibited on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

There is a total harvest ban on Christmas Day and New Year Day.

Stubble burning, subject to normal permit, allowed on Sundays after 15 March until the end of restricted burning period.

Other information is included in the bush fire brochure delivered to households with the rate notices.

Regards

**Jamie Dare
Chief Fire Control Officer**

SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG FIRE CONTROL OFFICER'S

TITLE	NAME	CALL SIGN	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	MOBILE NUMBER
CEO	Henry Van Der Ende	Yankee Tango	9863 4012	9863 4146	0429 634 012
CFCO CFWO	Jamie Dare	Dumbleyung 2	9822 7023	9822 7020	0428 227 023
DCFCO DFWO	Ken Smith	Dumbleyung 3	9863 7240	9863 7224	0427 637 240
	Dongolocking Brigade				
DCFCO DFWO	Ken Smith	Dumbleyung 3	9863 7240	9863 7224	0427 637 240
FCO FWO	Ken Wright	Dumbleyung 4	9863 4197	9863 4194	0427 634 197
RO	Phil Bairstow	Dumbleyung 10	9863 4116	9863 4110	0427 776 188
	Moulyinning Brigade				
FCO FWO	Todd Edwards	Kukerin 5	9864 1029	9864 1040	0427 641 039
FCO FWO	Gordon Davidson	Dumbleyung 6	9864 1055	9864 1055	0428 986 410
RO	Andrew Lee	Dumbleyung 7	9864 2034	9862 3148	0428 634 135
FCO	Tom Pearce	Kukerin 11	9864 1060	9864 1038	0428 175 013
	Kukerin Brigade				
	Kukerin Fire Truck	Kukerin 1			
FCO	Darren Smith	Kukerin 2	9864 1042	9864 1049	0429 641 049
FCO	Norm Matthews	Kukerin 3	9864 6014	9864 6023	0429 646 014
	Kukerin Elders	Kukerin 4	9864 6010	9864 6100	
FCO	Grant Lukins	Kukerin 6	9864 6039	9864 6035	0428 646 039
RO	Ross Ditchburn	Kukerin 7	9864 7892	9864 7919	0428 647 892
FCO FWO	Mark Pearce	Kukerin 8	9864 9065	9864 9078	0428 959106
FCO FWO	Howard Joyce	Kukerin 9	9864 7912	9864 7912	0428 647 912
FCO	Troy Leo	Kukerin 10	9864 6029	9864 6001	0427 646001
	Nippering Brigade				
FCO	Dale Lloyd	Dumbleyung 8	9863 4063	9863 4129	0428 634 063
FCO	Trevor Dawson	Dumbleyung 11	9822 7024	9822 7024	0427 103 228
CFCO FWO	Jamie Dare	Dumbleyung 2	9822 7023	9822 7020	0428 227 023
FCO	Don O'Donnell	Dumbleyung 5	9823 5045	9823 5055	0427 235 045
FCO	Chris Ramm	Dumbleyung 9	9864 2014	9864 2014	0428 642 014