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Inspections for fire hazards continue in Strathbogie Shire

Council will continue to conduct property inspections for fire hazards across the Strathbogie Shire throughout the remainder of the fire danger period, including following up issued notices.

Municipal Emergency Manager Ken Ross said preventative fire measures are an all year requirement that need special attention during the declared fire danger period.

“Landowners and residents have the responsibility to ensure their land is as safe as possible,” Ken explained.

“Properties that have already received a Fire Prevention Notice during this declared fire danger period and have failed to comply with the requirements of the notice will receive a \$1585.70 fine.”

Properties within townships or less than 2.6Ha must remove all flammable rubbish from their yards and ensure grass and weeds are kept cut to a height of no more than 100mm.

Properties greater than 2.6Ha must slash around all buildings to a minimum distance of 20 metres.

Property boundaries must be slashed to a width of 6 metres. When neighbouring dwellings and assets are nearby this must be increased to 20 metres.

In support of the Country Fire Authority of Victoria and under the legislative requirements of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, Council has been actively involved in their role to reduce fire hazards within and abutting urban areas.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your obligations, please do not hesitate to contact Council Offices on 1800 065 993.

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