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“EARLY FIRE DANGER PERIOD FOR STRATHBOGIE SHIRE”

The 2017-2018 Fire Danger Period will officially begin on Monday, 20 November in the Strathbogie Shire.

Fire Prevention Notices will be issued to 377 properties identified as potential fire hazards within the Shire.

Administrative costs associated with the notices may also be incurred for property owners, with fines of over \$1500 to be issued if they do not comply.

It comes after fire inspections have been conducted since August, undertaken by Council’s Fire Prevention Officer.

To help minimise fire risk, properties within townships should remove all flammable rubbish from their yards and make sure the grass is kept cut and rural properties are strongly encouraged to slash their boundaries.

Strathbogie Shire recognises it has a large population of residents over 65 and Council is able to help the more vulnerable residents who may struggle with checking and replacing smoke alarm batteries.

Please contact Council if you or a family member or friend needs support with this.

In addition to this, each year local fire brigades issue new batteries to all residents in their area.

All enquiries regarding this can be made to the Strathbogie Shire Fire Prevention Officer Ken Ross, who is available on 1800 065 993.

For more information, go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au.

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