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Fire Prevention a high priority for Council

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.

To date, in excess of 200 Fire Prevention Notices and 62 fines have been issued for properties in the Strathbogie Shire.

Fire Prevention Notices and fines will continue to be issued throughout the declared Fire Danger Period.

If you have any questions regarding an infringement, this must be provided in writing to Council by emailing info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au before the payment date outlined on the infringement.

Council's Municipal Emergency Manager, Ken Ross said these notices protect the community from risks associated with fires.

"Property owners have an obligation to maintain their property to minimise fire hazards," Ken said.

"Failure to comply with Fire Prevention Notices throughout the Fire Danger Period will result in a \$1585.70 fine," he explained.

Further inspections, including follow up on issued notices are currently in progress.

If you haven't already, Council urges you to ensure your bushfire plan is up to date and fire risks are minimised.

For further information on preparing for fires, you can visit CFA's website at <http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>.

To receive information about fire events in your region, download the VicEmergency app on your mobile or device, which is also available on the CFA website.

You can also contact your nearest CFA District Headquarters for fire information and advice:

District 22 Headquarters

Address: 195-205 Numurkah Road Shepparton, Victoria 3630

Postal: PO Box 932 Shepparton, Victoria 3630

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