



Meelup Fire January 2022

How Do I Keep Informed?

Fire can happen suddenly and change quickly, so don't rely on receiving a warning. It's your responsibility to stay informed and alert. Be flexible - get emergency information from multiple sources and never rely on any one source of information.

Take these steps to help you keep informed about bushfires and emergencies near you:

GET CONNECTED

Connected communities are safer communities!

- Monitor Bushfire Warnings as shown on local signs and in the media
- Talk to your local Eagle Bay or City of Busselton Brigades about how to prepare for a bushfire
- Keep in contact with neighbours, friends and family, especially during high fire-risk days

STAY ALERT

If you can see or smell a bushfire - that's your warning! Your surroundings could be the best source of information. If you live in, or near bush, you need to stay alert. If there are signs of a bushfire you could be in danger. Act immediately to keep you and your family safe and follow your bushfire plan.

MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE COMPANY HAS YOUR UP TO DATE DETAILS

A telephone warning might be sent to your mobile phone, or landline in extreme circumstances. This warning system (Emergency Alert) uses the address held by your phone company and the location of your mobile phone.. Keep your address details up to date with your phone company to give yourself the best chance of receiving a warning if one is issued.

Two useful Apps showing Bushfire Information and Alerts:

Bushfire.io
Alert2Me

MONITOR OFFICIAL WARNINGS

Sign up ahead of the season to get notified of bushfire warnings on social media or via apps. During an emergency monitor what's happening.

You can find bushfire alerts and warnings at:



Emergency WA
emergency.wa.gov.au



DFES Public Information
13 DFES (13 3337)



DFES Facebook
facebook.com/dfeswa



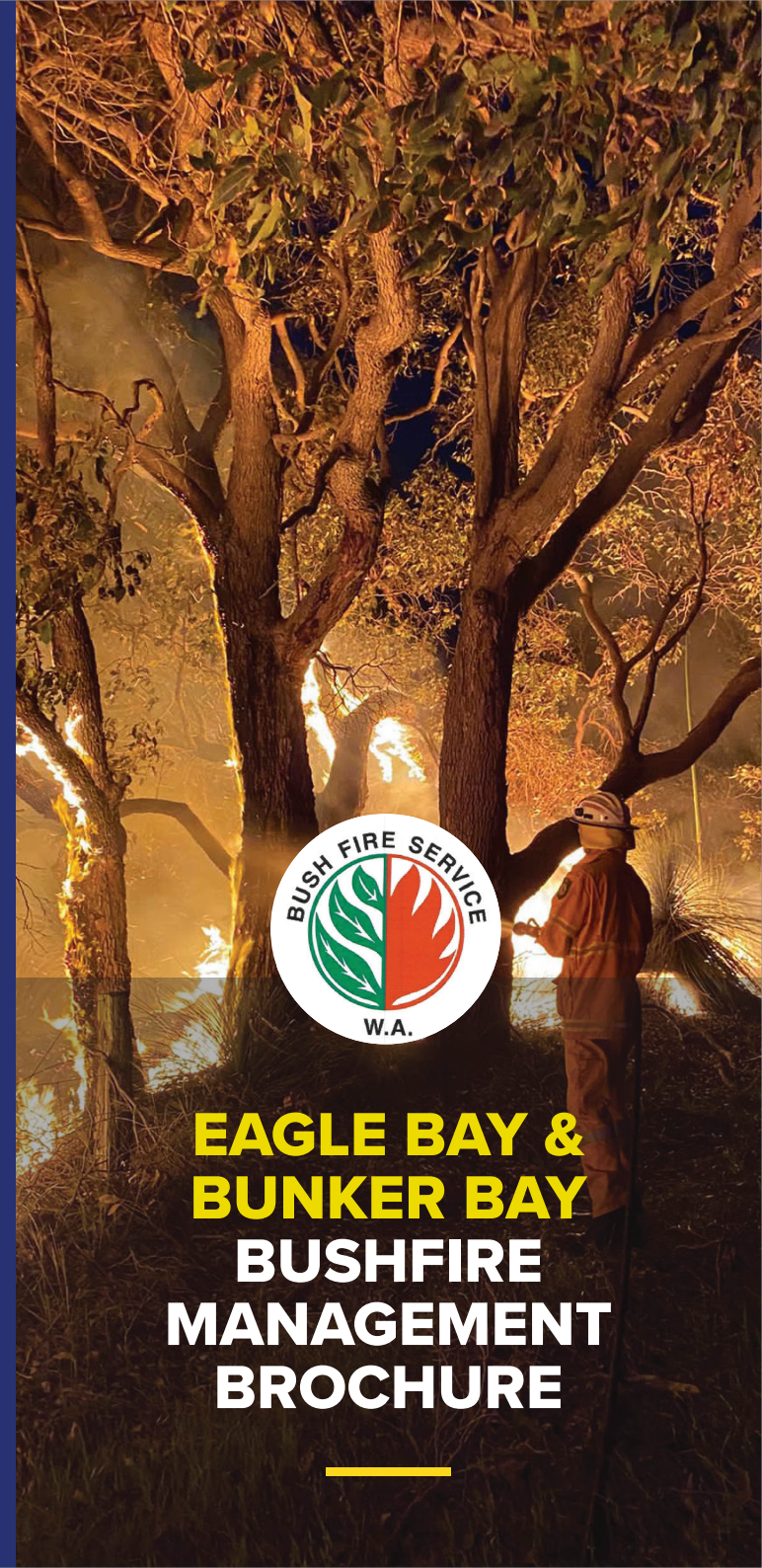
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EAGLE BAY & BUNKER BAY BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT BROCHURE

Why Eagle Bay is at Risk of Bushfire

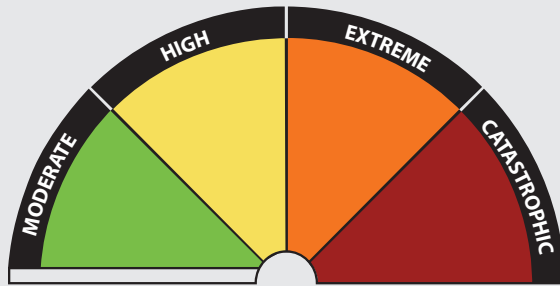
Fire Authorities have assessed Eagle Bay and Bunker Bay as being potentially prone to extreme bushfire risk. In January 2022, the area was threatened by a major bushfire, the Meelup Bushfire, resulting in the evacuation of residents and visitors from both Bays. This Brochure contains important information, including a map, to allow you to make a Bushfire Plan and allow you to make informed decisions about what to do in a bushfire, whether you are a resident or a visitor to the area. Your planning and preparations can save lives in a bushfire.

Please use this brochure to help you and your family to prepare.

Fire Hazard Rating



Sign is on Cape Naturaliste Road



MODERATE

PLAN & PREPARE.

Most fires can be controlled. Stay up to date and be alert for fires in your area.

HIGH

BE READY TO ACT.

Fires can be dangerous. Decide what you will do if a fire starts. Leave bushfire risk areas if necessary.

EXTREME

TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROTECT YOUR LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Put your bushfire plan into action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, plan to leave early.

CATASTROPHIC

FOR YOUR SURVIVAL, LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREAS.

These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire. If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions.

When there is minimal risk, Fire Danger Ratings will be set to 'No Rating'. On these days you still need to remain alert and abide by local seasonal laws and regulations.

Monitor conditions and [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) for ratings and bushfire warnings. If a fire starts near you, take action immediately to protect your life. Do not wait for a warning.



What You Need To Think About!

Make a Bushfire Plan

- **Make a Plan:** talk with your family and neighbours about what you will do if threatened by a bushfire
- **Fire Hazard/Danger Ratings:** know what they mean and use them as a trigger to stay or leave. Where would you go?
- **Safe Place:** be aware of the location of the Community Hall and how to get there in an emergency
- **Protect the Vulnerable:** consider how best to protect and evacuate elderly, children and animals
- **Tell Someone:** notify family and friends of your planned actions
- **Stay Informed:** know frequency of radio stations to tune into. Know how to access the "WA Emergency" website on the internet and source of emergency information on social media
- **Survival Kit:** make sure your kit is up to date and accessible and all the family and guests know where it is located

Remember..

- Lighting of camping/cooking fires is prohibited on public land, including the beach
- Lighting of fire pits, chimineas, BBQ fires or any open fire on private land is prohibited if Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic or during Prohibited Burning Times
- The prohibited burning period usually runs from 1st December to 31st March, but may be extended if regional fire risk remains high)
- **The January 2022 Meelup Park Bushfire was started by a small campfire on the beach.**



Activate Your Bushfire Survival Plan Early

- Remember bushfires can happen when least expected - plan and prepare
- Last minute decision may cost you and family your lives
- You may not receive an official warning of an approaching bushfire
- Do not expect a fire truck at your property
- Your survival and safety depends on the decisions you make
- Tell someone what you are planning to do



What's in Your Survival Kit?

Have a kit already prepared and kept in an accessible place.

- Protective clothing (natural fibres, long sleeves)
- Woolen blanket
- Water and medications
- Mobile phone and charger
- Battery radio with spare battery
- Cash and cards
- Important documents
- Torch and batteries



What Can You Do?

- Regularly check for fire warnings, especially when Fire Hazard Ratings are High or above
- Monitor all media / social media for warnings and information
- Check your Bushfire Plan and refresh your decision points - stay or leave
- Refresh your knowledge of evacuation routes and possible safe places
- Check your survival kit and get in right clothes
- Regularly observe weather and wind direction in relation to possible bushfire - where will it come from and how fast?
- Follow the directions of police and Emergency Services Personnel
- Listen for alarms in Eagle Bay

In Eagle Bay & Bunker Bay



The map shows evacuation routes from Eagle Bay and Bunker Bay. The best option for you will depend on the fire location and wind direction. There are three evacuation routes out of Eagle Bay and one for Bunker Bay, all leading to Cape Naturaliste Road.

1. Eagle Bay Road past Eagle Bay Brewery (primary route).
2. Eagle Bay Meelup Road along coast and through Meelup Park
3. Kestrel Street, Annmaria Rise, through gates to Emergency Access gravel road
4. Bunker Bay Road to Cape Naturaliste Road

Eagle Bay Fire Station Alarm

- Eagle Bay Fire Station has an emergency alarm that can be heard around Eagle Bay
- The alarm is tested on the first Thursday of the month at 5pm.
- If you hear an intermittent alarm, it means we have an emergency - pay attention to any warnings, be prepared to act
- A continuous alarm means evacuate immediately. Follow directions or Emergency Services Personnel
- If you can't evacuate Eagle Bay, the Community Hall may be used as a Muster Point. It's located off Fern Road behind the Fire Station. It has backup power, water, first aid and kitchen facilities. Bring your survival kit to the hall