



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

MEDIA RELEASE

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Fire Prevention Works Doubled Since Last Year

A total of 54 properties in the District Council of Grant are were issued with a Section 105F Notice this year, which is over double compared to last year.

Council assists to reduce the risks associated with bush/grass fires on behalf of the community through issuing Section 105F Notices under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*. Council's Fire Protection Officers/Community Rangers issue the Section 105F Notices which require owners to undertake necessary fire prevention works within 28 days to protect life and property from the threat of a fire.

Chief Executive Officer Darryl Whicker reminds ratepayers that if you have received a Section 105F Notice then your property is deemed to be a fire hazard.

"Council's Fire Prevention Officers issue Section 105F Notices to ratepayers whose properties pose a fire risk, such as overgrown vegetation or other flammable materials like large woodpiles close to buildings. If you are issued with a Notice then you are required to comply with the instructions so that together we can keep our communities safe"

According to Director of Environmental Services Leith McEvoy, the issued Section 105F Notices have now expired and Councils Fire Prevention Officers/Community Rangers are checking properties to confirm the required work has been complete.

"No expiations have been issued by Council to date and Council has been contacted by a number of property owners advising they have carried out the required works or are in the process of doing so which is a great outcome for the community"

"If you are unable to carry out the required works please contact Council to discuss your situation as soon as possible. If works are not completed then that is a failure to comply under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* and Council will appoint a contractor to complete the works and the associated cost will be the responsibility of the owner".

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Councils Fire Prevention Officers/Community Rangers regularly engage with the community and members of the public in relation to general fire prevention matters. Residents are encouraged to maintain their properties at all times to ensure they do not pose a fire risk at any time.

Please contact Council if you would like to discuss your notice or report a fire hazard on 8721 0444.



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