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MEDIA RELEASE



MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARED FOR BUSHFIRE DANGER SEASON

Southern Mallee District Council is urging landowners to begin preparing now for the coming bushfire danger season.

Respectable winter and spring rainfall has led to a high vegetation load across the district which, if left unchecked, creates a fire hazard.

Landowners have a responsibility to manage vegetation to prevent the outbreak or spread of fire on their property, and to protect their own buildings and infrastructure from fire ahead of the fire danger season, which begins in the district on 15 November 2022 and runs until 15 April 2023.

Fire can spread rapidly if given the opportunity and given the significant rains we have received this year there is an abundance of fuel available, so please ensure that you have prepared your properties suitably, we have all seen what devastation bushfires can wreak on rural communities.

Council staff have already begun their annual fire prevention property inspections and have some concerns with the level of vegetation they are seeing that still requires attention. We must continue to be vigilant and maintain our properties in a fire ready state.

As previously mentioned above Landowners have an obligation to manage their properties to reduce the fire risk and we encourage our community to take an active role now to prepare our district to ensure that we survive this summer.

Council's fire prevention officers will continue to inspect properties in coming weeks & months. Landowners are also reminded that failure to comply with orders to clean up their properties may face fines.

For more information on fire prevention visit www.southernmallee.sa.gov.au/council-services/fire-protection.

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