Bushfire Risk Assessment and Treatment Plan 2026

Margaret River Primary School

Address:	91-97 Forrest Road, Margaret River WA 6285		
Local Government Area:	Augusta Margaret River	**Education Region:**	South West
Field Assessment Date:	19-Aug-2026	**Report Date:**	25-Sept-2026
DFES Assessor:	Sarah van Bommel Ph: 0476 882 677		
Risk Rating:	**LOW**		

Supporting Notes:

- Margaret River Primary School is on the Bushfire Zone Register (BZR). This treatment plan has been prepared to assist Department of Education (DoE) and the school with managing bushfire risk.
- Site visit was attended by the Principal and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Bushfire Risk Management Liaison Officer.
- Generally, the school grounds are well maintained. DFES advised that there must be at least 1 metre clearance from the buildings for any future planting within the 20m asset protection zone.
- Once the treatment plan is implemented, the School is responsible to maintain the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) on the school site in perpetuity as depicted in Figure 1 - Map of the school Asset Protection Zone (APZ) / Hazard Separation Zone (HSZ) .
- Discussed Safer Building Location configurations included demountable buildings moving into the library with students in the other brick buildings either staying in their classrooms or also moving into the library. The Kindy classrooms should combine into the Pre-Primary rooms for ease of management.

The intent of the proposed treatments identified in this plan is to reduce the risk to life and property in the event of a bushfire.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

1 Environmental and Heritage Sensitivities

1.1 Environmental Sensitivities

Environmental Sensitivities checked (DoE): YES ☐ NO ☐	
Comments:	
Reviewed by: Dept of Education	**Date:**

1.2 Heritage Sensitivities

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inquiry System checked: YES ☐ NO ☒	
Comments: ACHIS check not required due to nature of recommended items.	
Reviewed by: A. Lefroy ACH reviewed for completeness, nil results found. DoE Infrastructure Operations – Strategic Assets	**Date:** 29/09/2026

2 Compliance and Responsibilities

The following table identifies the responsibilities of each stakeholder in regards to the implementation and compliance of treatment strategies.

Table 1 - Implementation and compliance responsibilities

Stakeholder	Responsibility
School	**Asset Protection Zone** To maintain a low fuel state in the Asset Protection Zone (for area within the school site) in perpetuity as depicted by Map 3.1. **Stand-alone Bushfire Plan** To prepare, review and submit a Standalone Bushfire Plan annually via SharePoint system. **Prescribed Burning** If prescribed burning is conducted, advise DoE of hectares burnt when completed. **Mechanical Works** Where routine maintenance is required, report through DoE channels.
Department of Education	**Asset Protection Zone** To maintain information on the Ikon web page for Bushfire Preparedness. **Prescribed Burning** To maintain information on the Ikon web page for Bushfire Preparedness. **Building Construction** When applicable, comply with State Planning Policy 3.7, Local Government Firebreak Regulations or AS3959 when building or constructing in Bushfire Prone Areas. **Stand-alone Bushfire Plan** To monitor school compliance in relation to their annual Standalone Plan Bushfire requirements prior to the next Bushfire Season.
Local Government	**Prescribed Burning** To conduct the burn when the lead agency
Department of Fire and Emergency Services	**Prescribed Burning** To conduct the burn when the lead agency

3 Asset Protection Zone and Hazard Separation Zone



Figure 1 - Map of the school Asset Protection Zone (APZ) / Hazard Separation Zone (HSZ)

4 Treatment Items

4.1 Preparedness and Construction (Contractor)

4.1.1 Preparedness and Construction Treatments (Contractor)

The following treatments outlined in Table 2 aim to:

- Improve access arrangements to assist firefighting operations; and
- Improve the survivability of the building.

The final column is to be signed by the school principal once the work is completed. Contractor invoices can only be processed once signatures are received.

Table 2 - List of preparedness and construction treatments

Map ref no.	Treatment Strategy	Treatment works required	Contractor Quote	Date completed	Principal Signature
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4.2 Vegetation Management (Contractor)

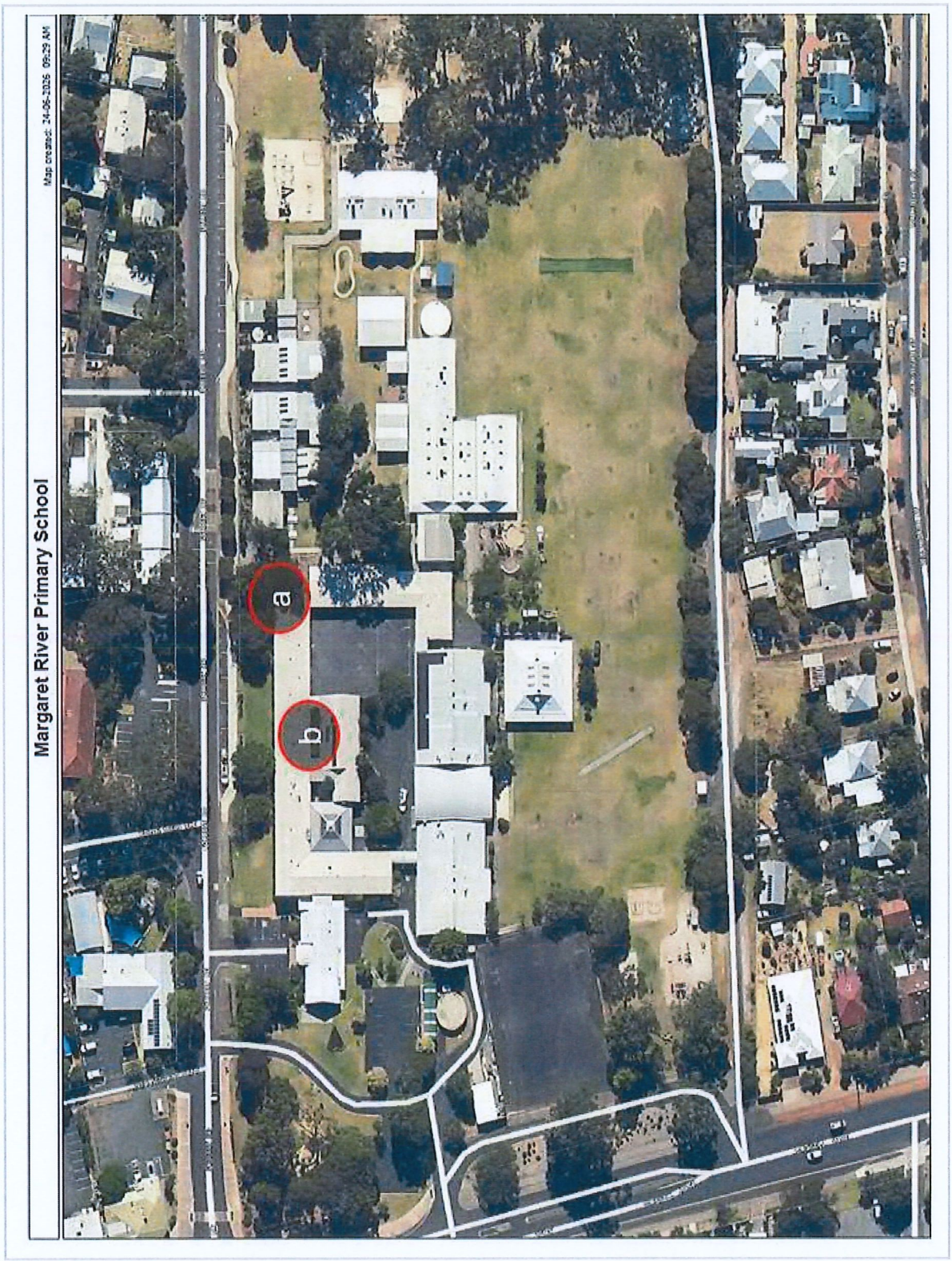


Figure 2 - Map of vegetation management treatments (contractor)

4.2.1 Vegetation Management Treatments (Contractor)

The following Vegetation Management Treatments outlined in Table 3 are to be implemented by the responsible representatives. Please refer to Figure 2 for the locations of vegetation management treatments.

For any vegetation management treatments:

- Tree pruning works are to be completed to Australian Standard 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees.
- All green waste is to be removed from site, unless a written statement confirming otherwise is provided.
- Where the treatment plan includes tree removal, this item shall also include stump removal / grinding.

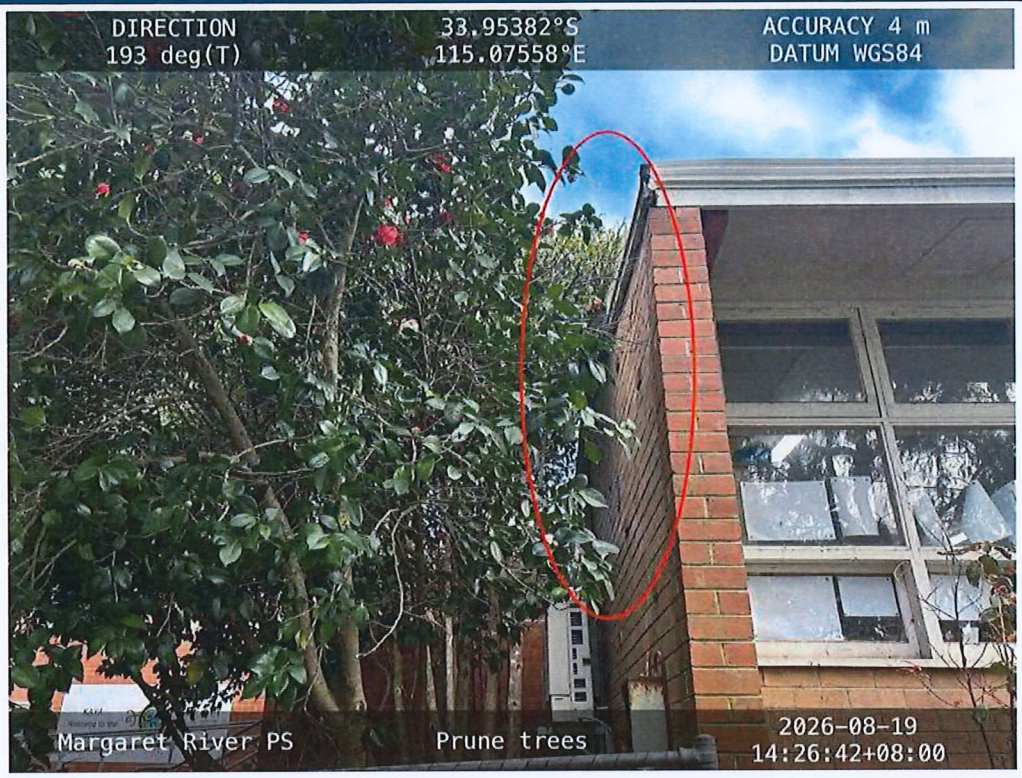
Where AS 4373-2007 cannot be met, please contact Glenys Sorensen – Buildings and Contracts Department of Housing and Works for further advice - **Phone: 08 6551 1440**

Email: Glenys.Sorensen@dohw.wa.gov.au

Table 3 - List of contractor managed vegetation management treatments

Map ref no.	Treatment Strategy	Treatment works required	Date completed	Signature
a-b	Asset Protection Zone	Prune trees to provide a minimum 1m clearance from any wall, window or roof (3m if possible) and remove any overhang over buildings where possible.		

Treatment # a Prune trees



Treatment # b Prune trees



4.3 School Managed

4.3.1 School Managed Treatments

The following Treatments outlined in Table 4 are to be implemented by the responsible representatives.

For any vegetation management treatments:

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Table 4 - List of school managed treatments

Map ref no.	Treatment Strategy	Treatment works required	Date completed	Principal Signature
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

5 School Principal Approval

This section is to be signed by the school principal and returned as a FULL colour copy of the report to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services schools.bushfire@dfes.wa.gov.au before any work commences.

Your signature indicates that you:

- have reviewed the proposed treatments.
- agree for the Department of Education to proceed with sourcing contractors for 4.1.1 & 4.2.1
- will undertake any school managed items as outlined in 4.3.1.

Principal - Margaret River Primary School	***Approved*** **Date:** 13/10/26.
Comments:	

Note:
When works identified in this report are completed it is the responsibility of the school to monitor and maintain.

Before the commencement of any treatments stated in this report, contractors are to consult with the Principal and School administration are to be notified.

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