

# Greater Rustenburg Fire Protection Association

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To whom it may concern:

Mr SM Spottiswoode, Company/Trust Representative of Hamerkop Mountain Trust situated on Portion 115 Kromrivier 347JQ, District Rustenburg, is a fully paid up member of the Greater Rustenburg Fire Protection Association.

In terms of the *National Veld and Forest Fire Act, No. 101 of 1998*, every owner (as defined by the NVFFA) on whose land a veldfire may start or burn or from whose land it may spread, has duties and responsibilities under the *National Veld and Forest Fire Act* to:

- prepare and maintain firebreaks
- be ready for fire fighting
- take actions to fight fires

The official fire season begins in this area on the 1 July each year. The GRFPA encourages every member to prepare fire breaks between April and 30<sup>th</sup> June, after which date, special permission has to be obtained to prepare fire breaks.

Equipment needed for the preparation of fire breaks and for the fighting of fires can include the following:

Slashes, brushcutters, rakes, fire hoes, backpack sprayers, backpack leaf blowers, fire beaters, protective clothing, water pumps, hoses, skid units (water pumps and hoses),

In terms Annexure D Sect B.2 (page 35) of Regulation No R. 480 issued in terms of Section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 published in the Government Gazette, 29 April 2020 No 43258, Fire Prevention is listed as an essential service.

We request that members of the Greater Rustenburg Fire Protection Association (GRFPA) be permitted to purchase and repair essential equipment for the purpose of fire prevention and suppression and to transport such equipment to the applicable farm portions.

Queries can be directed to any of the Executive listed below.

Thank you,

**Ruth Dawson**  
**(Secretary/Treasurer) GRFPA**

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**Executive Members: Fire Protection Officer:** Mr ME Ramothwala (Head of Emergency & Disaster Management Rustenburg Local Municipality) (014 590 3814/3813/3444/3232)

**Chairperson:** Debbie Snyman (083 308 0543) **Vice Chairperson:** Hermann Behrens (083 577 9377)

**Secretary:** Ruth Dawson (083 655 0651)

*The GRFPA is registered in terms of Section 4(2) of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act, No. 101 of 1998. Registration number: 1521/01 of 27/10/2005*

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