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Fire safety boosted at Laura

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Preparations for bushfire season are well underway, after Cook Shire's Fire Management Group coordinated a hazard reduction burn at Laura on Saturday as part of Operation Cool Burn 2019.

Cook Shire Council Disaster Management Officer Tim Wilkin said perfect weather aided the burn, which was carried out on Saturday by the Laura Rural Fire Brigade, with assistance from the Marton Rural Fire Brigade. "The team burnt from Deighton Road on the northern end of town, past the airstrip to the southern end of town, minimising the future threat of wildfire from the east this season," Mr Wilkin said.

The Cook Shire Fire Management Group comprises stakeholders from across the shire, including Cook Shire Council, government departments, Aboriginal corporations, ranger groups, land trusts and property owners. Mr Wilkin said the burn was a credit to all involved, especially Laura Ranger Ted Lee.

For more information contact Council's Disaster Management Officer via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444, or visit the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services rural fire website at www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au for more information on fire preparation and your local fire warden contact details.

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