



BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Committee Brief

To advise the Local Government regarding all matters relating to the preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires, the planning of the layout of fire-breaks in the district, prosecutions for breaches of the Bush Fires Act 1954, the formation of bush fire brigades and the grouping thereof under group brigade officers and the ensuring of cooperation and coordination of bush fire brigades in their efforts and activities.

General Meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Held at Shire Chambers Mount Barker WA 6324
7:30pm Thursday 4 June 2020

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Oldfield, Cr L Handasyde, (Resolution No 203/19), CBFCO Mr Norm Handasyde, Mr John Rodgers, Mr Craig Moore, Ms Heather Wearmouth, Mr Scott Smith, Mr Iain Mackie, Mr Robert Wright, Mr Chris Norton, Mr Dean Trotter, Ms Kathleen Thomas, Mr Wayne Matthews, Mr Murray Wills, Mr Graeme Pyle, Mr Nathan Hunt, Mr J Stasev, Mr Mark Wallace, and Mr R Randall. (Resolution 79/19)

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 Membership: Voting rights Quorum (8)

Cr Jon Oldfield	Council Representative
Mr Norm Handasyde	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Iain Mackie	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Bryce Skinner	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Mark Wallace	Chief Fire Weather Officer
Mr Roger Randall	Base Radio (6TN Base)
Mr John Rodgers	Delegate Denbarker Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Craig Moore	Delegate Forest Hill Bush Fire Brigade
Ms Heather Wearmouth	Delegate Kendenup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Scott Smith	Delegate Kojaneerup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Robert Wright	Delegate Narpyn Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Chris Norton	Delegate Narrikup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Dean Trotter	Delegate Perillup Bush Fire Brigade
Ms Kathleen Thomas	Delegate Porongurup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Wayne Matthews	Delegate Porongurup South Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Murray Wills	Delegate Rocky Gully Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Graeme Pyle	Delegate South Stirlings Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Nathan Hunt	Delegate Woogenellup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Jason Stasev	Delegate Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

Proxies: Voting rights only in the absence of the Delegate

Cr Len Handasyde	Proxy Council Representative
Mr Bryce Skinner	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Brent Wearmouth	Proxy Deputy Fire Weather Officer
Ms Val Randall	Proxy Base Radio (6TN Base)
Mr Simon Grylls	Proxy Denbarker Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Johan Theron	Proxy Forest Hill Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Maurice Draper	Proxy Kendenup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Ashton Hood	Proxy Kojaneerup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Greg Sounness	Proxy Middle Ward Bush Fire Brigade or
Mr Paul Spink	Proxy Middle Ward Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Kevin Purnell	Proxy Narpyn Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Des Graham	Proxy Narrikup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Stuart Irwin	Proxy Perillup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Gerald (Gez) Versluis	Proxy Porongurup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Jim Baily	Proxy Porongurup South Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Ian Higgins	Proxy Rocky Gully Bush Fire Brigade
Mr John Howard	Proxy South Stirlings Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Stephen Adams	Proxy Woogenellup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Trevor West	Proxy Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

No voting committee

Cr Karen Woltering	Deputy for Council Representatives
Mr David Lynch	Executive Manager Works and Services
Ms Jacqui Burcham	Base Radio (6TN Base)
Mr Mike Barnes	Executive Officer/Community Emergency Services Manager
Mr Ron Caudwell	Base Radio (6TN Base)

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

7:30pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Bold denotes voting rights at the meeting

Present

Cr Jon Oldfield

Cr Len Handasyde

Cr Karen Woltering

Mr Norm Handasyde

Mr Mark Wallace

Mr Brent Wearmouth

Mr John Rodgers

Mr Craig Moore

Ms Heather Wearmouth

Mr Gerald Versluis

Mr Jim Baily

Mr Iain Mackie

Mr Robert Wright

Mr Chris Norton

Mr Murray Wills

Mr Graeme Pyle

Mr Mark Adams

Mr Jason Stasev

Mr David Lynch

Mr Mike Barnes

Council Representative

Council Representative

Deputy Council Representative

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO)

Chief Fire Weather Officer (FWO)

Proxy Deputy Fire Weather Officer

Delegate Denbarker Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Forest Hill Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Kendenup

Proxy Porongurup Bush Fire Brigade

Proxy Porongurup South Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Middle Ward Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Narpyn Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Narrikup Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Rocky Gully Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate South Stirlings Bush Fire Brigade

Woogenellup Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Executive Manager Works and Services (EMWS)

Executive Officer/Community Emergency Services

Manager (CESM)

Visitors

Mr Wes Bailye

Ms Deb Pyle

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

South Stirlings Bush Fire Brigade

Apologies

Mr Bryce Skinner

Mr Roger Randall

Ms Val Randall

Mr Ron Caudwell

Ms Jacqui Burcham

Mr Simon Grylls

Mr Johan Theron

Mr Maurice Draper

Mr Scott Smith

Mr Ashton Hood

Mr Greg Sounness

Mr Paul Spink

Mr Kevin Purnell

Mr Des Graham

Mr Dean Trotter

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Base Radio (6TN Base)

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Proxy Narrikup Bush Fire Brigade

Delegate Perillup Bush Fire Brigade

Mr Stuart Irwin	Proxy Perillup Bush Fire Brigade
Ms Kathleen Thomas	Delegate Porongurup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Wayne Matthews	Delegate Porongurup South Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Ian Higgins	Proxy Rocky Gully Bush Fire Brigade
Mr John Howard	Proxy South Stirlings Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Nathan Hunt	Delegate Woogenellup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Stephen Adams	Proxy Woogenellup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Trevor West	Proxy Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service
Mr Ron Caudwell	Base Radio (6TN Base)
Ms Jacqui Burcham	Base Radio (6TN Base)
Mr Vince Hilder	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Albany)
Mr Nikki Rouse	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Walpole)
Ms Mel Haymont	Bushfire Risk Planning for the Shire of Plantagenet, Albany and Denmark
Mr Mal Parker	PF Olsen (Tree Plantation)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mr L Handasyde, Seconded Mr N Handasyde;

That the Minutes of the General Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2019 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1955 Part 5 Division 6 - Disclosure of financial interests and gifts

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

See Action Sheet

6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

6.1 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

LEMIC - Since the last BFAC meeting there have been two ordinary meetings of the Local Emergency Management Committee and six special COVID 19 meetings.

LGGS - DFES have offered \$140,980 for next year's budget, a countered offer of \$280,541 with capital expenditure over and above for a 12,000 litre bulk water tanker for the financial year 2020/2021. The amount for this coming year of \$155,000 has been agreed too. This is an increase of 9.17%.

The 12,000 litre bulk water tanker, if approved will be housed and operated by the Narpyn Bush Fire Brigade and will also be a regional asset in strike teams and task forces. This will be a great unit to assist in any incident here in Plantagenet or major incident with one of our neighbouring shires.

GRANTS – Funding is being looked at for water tanks at the Karri Oaks and Woogenellup aircraft landing sites. This will move forward upon approval from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) that they will use the sites for water bomber activities during an incident. If this goes ahead then the

Strategic Water Tanks (STW) will also be available for use by brigade appliances and private units at a fire if the water bombers are not utilised.

PPC/PPE – there is extra funding that will be used to purchase some of the remaining requests from brigade members and should be here by the end of June. There is very little stock in my office. Personal protective clothing and equipment should be worn at all incidents.

TRAINING – Since September the training courses completed are as follows;

- Plantation Firefighting x 2
- Fire Control Officer
- Burn over training and refresher
- Introduction to fire fighting x 2
- Bush fire fighting
- AIIMS Awareness x 2
- Ground Controller

Training was suspended from March and some courses cancelled but has resumed from June with restrictions.

Future courses;

- Ground Controller x 3
- Mental Health First Aid
- Machine Supervision x 2
- On road driving
- Plantation Fire Fighting x 2
- Sector commander
- Leadership Fundamentals
- Fire control officer
- Off road driving
- Water Bomber refilling

INCIDENTS

There have been 66 primary and secondary call outs so far this year, including the Stirling Range National Park.

It is really important that ComCen is made aware of any and all incidents that you attend and that the Officer in Charge completes an Incident Report including the members that attended.

Whats App has been very useful for incidents. One non-fire related incident that comes to mind was a child missing on a farm out east. The message went out via a Whats App and had a very good turn out and a good result after an hour or so of searching.

Not submitting an Incident Report could result in you not being insured if a claim is made later down the track as there will be no record of the callout. This will also affect the Local Government Grants Scheme if you want to apply for new resources etc.

VEHICLES

All Appliances have been serviced with only a couple of problems outstanding.

Forest Hill will be due a new appliance this year and is currently on the wait list to be built.

AVL

Don't forget to test these - it is for your safety. This will not take long if you are on station, pull out the vehicle and push the AVL button 4 times in 4 seconds, it will then flash green and red while testing and then go solid green once complete.

RADIOS

Albany Communications have serviced all of the radios and completed the movements.

If anyone is having issues please report it ASAP, same goes if your radio is damaged or gets broken during the off season please report so that a service call can be lodged to get it fixed.

CONTACTS

The directory will be out once all the appointments have been confirmed. Please check the details are correct so that they can be printed.

Mike Barnes - CESM

6.2 CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

This season to date there have been 66 call outs.

Thank you to all that were able to turn out.

Regional Operational Advisory Committee (ROAC) will be using a collaborative approach to the Request for Resourcing (R2R) applications from local governments within the Great Southern area.

Incident reports have been completed and sent through to the Shire. This is an important task that needs to be completed as soon as possible after the response to the incident and thank you to all who complete these forms.

I encourage everyone to start to use Whats App for incident communications.

The Bush Fire Local Law 2020 will need to go to a Chief and Deputies meeting then to a BFAC meeting for further updates.

A discussion on the Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) and Unmanaged Reserves (UMR) outside of the gazetted town sites, particularly in the Porongurup area, has been had with the Department of Biodiversity Conservations and Attractions (DBCA) for them to undertake the reduction of fire fuels.

There will be a workshop in October this year prior to the fire season.

Norm Handasyde – CBFCO would like to thank all of the deputy chiefs, fire control officers, the fire weather officers, base radio operators, brigade captains and volunteers for their hard work, commitment and dedication to this volunteer organisation.

6.3 FIRE WEATHER OFFICER REPORT

As I near the end of my second year as Chief Fire Weather Officer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all brigade fire weather officers for their time and effort. All their valuable data and advice makes the decision on implementing harvest and vehicle movement ban possible and accurate. I would like to encourage any of the brigades who currently don't have a fire weather officer, to explore the possibility of nominating someone for the position

The Shire's geographical area is so vast and the weather conditions vary significantly from east to west. Any extra weather information is valuable in implementing and removing the harvest and vehicle movement bans.

I remember one particularly difficult day this season where the weather conditions were very challenging.

A stationary trough caused very strong north-east winds to the east of the Albany Highway which included parts of the Narpyn and Middle Ward brigades. Whilst a harvest and vehicle movement ban was in place for the eastern zone, in hindsight, the parts of the two brigades west of the Albany highway should have been included. While the weather conditions to the west of these brigade areas remained quite mild and there was no cause for concern.

I would also like to make a special mention of my Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officer, Brent Wearmouth, for filling in for me whilst I was unavailable. Being a volunteer position it is difficult to be present all of the time and having a capable deputy makes a huge difference.

By the end of the main fire season, there had been six harvest and vehicle movement bans imposed. There were three in December and three in March, of which only two started midmorning and the rest starting around 2pm.

The trending weather conditions seemed to be quite mild in the mornings before deteriorating rapidly in the afternoons. This resulted in the need for future bans to be implemented more often, but for shorter periods of time.

With a drier finish to the season and prolonged spell to any decent rainfall, the potential for serious fires to occur was a very real possibility

Mark Wallace - CFWO

6.4 BASE RADIO OPERATOR REPORT

Note: This report does not cover the day to day minor challenges or achievements.

Thank you to:

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Norm Handasyde for his assistance and support over the 2019/20 period.
- Deputy Base Operators Ron Caudwell and Jacqui Burcham for their input, assistance and support over the 2019/20 period.
- Val Randall for holding the fort while I was working in Central Queensland.
- Mike Barnes for his assistance over the 2019/2020 season.
- To all those participating in the skeds.

Year 2019/20

To spread the load and allow all the base operators some air time, Mr Ron Caudwell suggested we operate on a roster. See below. This will be continued next year.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursda	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Roger	Roger	Ron	Ron	Ron	Jacqui	Roger	Roger
Roger	Ron	Ron	Ron	Ron	Jacqui	Valerie	Valerie

When a deputy base radio operator is on duty they will use the call sign “6TN Base” as opposed to “6TN Deputy Base”. This saves some confusion and time when making or receiving calls.

When calling us when not on duty use the following call signs. Valerie and Roger Randall are “Forest Hill 12”, Jacqui Burcham “Kendenup 10” and Ron Caudwell “Porongurup 9”.

Anyone calling 6TN Base should allow 20 seconds or so before recalling. This will give us time to get to the radio if not on hand.

Throughout the year (including during the off season) we continue to monitor the radio, take notes and provide assistance where possible when there is a fire. We do this until the last person has left the fire ground and/or the last fire truck is either stood down on site or is back in the shed.

There are currently 71 names (71 names 18/19) on the sked listing, we generally call 67 (63, 18/19) of these on a daily basis.

If you are going away for more than a day or two for any reason, please let 6TN Base know (text or phone). Continually not answering the sked call may inadvertently let unsavoury individuals know that you are away. We will skip you for the period you are away.

There are still some gaps relating to recording the names of individuals attending fires i.e. who is on the fire ground, when they arrived and when they departed. This information should be communicated by Text SMS messages or on the phone directly to 6TN Base. This is better than announcing the names over the radio for obvious security reasons.

Identifying the Incident Controller can sometimes be an issue. We try to keep meticulous notes on fire incidents throughout the year and are sometimes left wondering who is in charge. Hopefully this will further improve this coming year 20/21.

Fire appliances mostly continue to be reporting their departure from their shed and when departing the fire ground and again when arriving back at their sheds. This was great, thanks. We don't like calling Fire Captains late at night to confirm their trucks are back in the shed!

Year 2020/21

I would like to nominate myself for the position of Base Radio operator for Year 20/21 Currently I will be working in QLD through to mid-December. Val Randall (if nominated) will deputise in my absence until my return.

I suggest we advertise in the Plantagenet News for expressions of interest for VBFB base radio operators. This is to see what hidden talent is around. Eventually we will need replacements and being able to train them over a period of time is important.

Roger Randall

DFES ID 174693

Plantagenet Shire Base Radio Operator 2019/2020

6.5 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (DFES) REPORT

This has been a challenging year with a long fire season followed by the COVID 19 pandemic and then the loss of a fellow colleague and friend District Officer Robert Lake.

Prescription burns happening in Denmark have had protesters turning up disrupting operations. Please be mindful when planning burns here in Plantagenet.

Incident reports are very important for funding and resourcing your brigades in the coming years.

When planning burns make sure you document everything, including decisions made and why. This will ensure you have a good plan for the burn and constantly monitor the conditions during and immediately after the burn.

Thank you to the new CESM Mike Barnes for making my job so much easier.

DFES are keen to upgrade brigade sheds like Woogenellup and Rocky Gully. I would like to see some meetings going forward towards the progression to update these facilities.

Question

When will prescriptions be issued for the Porongurup UCL/UMR?

Answer

Legislation states the all UCL/UMR areas outside of the gazetted town sites are the responsibility of the Department of Conservation, Biodiversity and Attractions (DBCA).

Statement

Woogenellup bush fire brigade was approached with updating the fire shed; this money could be better spent within the region.

Response

Woogenellup bush fire shed does need replacing to bring it up to the minimum standard for volunteers. Some more consultation with the Woogenellup Brigade needs to be organised for the next local government grant scheme budget submission.

Question

What plans are in place with DFES for any protesters that arrive at prescription burns?

Answer

This is a new thing just started with the DBCA burns in Denmark. There were no protesters at a recent burn in Hopetoun. Our legal department is looking into this to provide some guidance for future burns

6.6 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, BIODIVERSITY AND ATTRACTIONS REPORT

Apology

6.7 PLANTATION COMPANY REPORT

Apology

7 GENERAL BUSINESS**7.1 REGIONAL OPERATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ROAC)**

April meeting was postponed until September 2020. There is one issue to go to ROAC. See action sheet '000 Prank Calls'

7.1 KARRIOAK AND WOGENELLUP AIR STRIP

The inception of a Rapid Response Unit (RRU) to attend either site will save on infrastructure and is a good step forward.

Council has received support from DBCA from both districts of Franklin and Albany as well as support from DFES Albany. All of this together with the councils support has been sent to Mark Gilbert of DBCA Perth aviation branch on the 22 of April and again on the 12 May. We await his response.

A new trailer for the RRU is in the budget and with a surplus 3 inch pump this will be very effective.

Question

What about upgrades and maintenance for the Karrioak air strip?

Answer

This will have to be through grant moneys as Council cannot spend rate payers funds on private land.

7.2 ANNUAL BUSH FIRE MITIGATION NOTICE 2020-2021

Attachment One

A discussion was had over some minor adjustments for ease of reading and clarity these were as follows;

Front Page - Change of date and Change of picture.

Page 2 - Change of background from red to orange and add Community Emergency Services Manager in the last text box

Page 3 - Centre titles, paragraph three change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres, paragraph six change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres and centre pictures and wording.

Page 4 - Centre titles, paragraph three change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres and paragraph four change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres.

Page 5 - Centre titles, paragraph two change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres and paragraph two the wording ABANDONED BUILDING changed to red.

Page 6 - Centre titles, paragraph three change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres, paragraph four change height of minimum clearance 3 metres to 4 metres.

Page 7 - Centre titles.

Page 8 - Centre titles.

Page 9 - Spacing within text boxes

Page 10 - Line spacing between dot points.

Page 11 - Centre titles.

Page 13 - Centre titles, removal of the words Bush Fire Brigades in relation to Fire Control Officer, removal of Brigade in relation to Fire Control Officers, addition - 'a section 46 notice of the Bush Fire Act is imposed by the Shire of Plantagenet', removal - 'the Chief Fire Weather Officer cancels all permits.' and removal - 'and a Brigade Fire Control Officer (during the Restricted Burning Time).'

Page 14 - Update of Brigade Captains and Secretaries removing landline numbers.

Page 15 - Update of Brigade Captains and Secretaries removing landline numbers.

Discussion for page 12 was not accepted. This was to align the compliance date of the Fire Mitigation Notice with the start of the restricted period; for the eastern zone 3 October and the western zone 2 November.

Instead of the start of the prohibited period; currently eastern zone 15 November and the western zone 15 December

This would ensure that mitigation measures for asset protections zones etc. have been installed prior to any permits being issued and would also increase time frame for the rangers to inspect properties and reinspection of non-compliance properties well before the summer.

7.3 STRATEGIC FIRE BREAKS

No issues with the current strategic fire breaks.

7.3 BUSHFIRE RISK PLANNING

The Bushfire Resilience in the Great Southern, (BRIGS) Program is still in progress, the COVID 19 has delayed the community consultation. The community consultation has been rescheduled for Kendenup on Tuesday 4 August and Mount Barker Hill on Thursday 6 August 2020

7.4 PERMITS

Reminder to write the permit holders phone number and map references of the area to be burnt on the permit.

7.5 000 PRANK CALLS – CBFCO

Calls are being received by the DFES communications centre for bush fire brigades to attend legitimate hazard reduction burns. These calls are being made with mobiles that have had their sim card removed. Consequentially the callers' information is not being sent as it would if the sim card was still in the phone.

This was raised at the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meeting recently and Mr N Handasyde will raise this issue at the Regional Operations Advisory Committee (ROAC) meeting in September this year and with the Bush Fire Association.

Action

Mr N Handasyde to raise the issue of prank calls at the ROAC meeting in September 2020.

Action

Mr N Handasyde to raise the issue of prank calls with the Bush Fire Association president Dave Gossage.

7.6 FCO ID CARDS

Photos required of all FCOs for ID cards.

Once all of the Fire Control Officers (FCOs) have been approved by Council, a head and shoulders photo will need to be sent through to the CESM.

Action

All FCOs to send through a recent head and shoulders photo of themselves with a plain background. With details of their name, volunteer number and brigade area appointed.

7.7 OTHER

7.7.1 Diesel Particulate Diffusers (DPD) on fire appliances

Some fire appliances in Albany have had difficulties with the DPD causing the appliance to go into limp mode and sometimes not shut off for a period of time.

Action

Mr M Barnes to provide to FCOs and Captains the standing operating procedure (SOP) 3.5.2, use of diesel particulate diffusers and frequently asked questions.

Attachment Two - Standing Operating Procedure 3.5.2 also available on the Volunteer Hub.

Attachment Three - Frequently Asked Questions also available on the Volunteer Hub.

7.7.2 Total Fire Bans (TFBs)

The fire control officers need clarification around how total fire bans are put into place. Recently a TFB was imposed on the Shire of Plantagenet with a Fire Danger Index (FDI) of less than 30 and in the open season.

Action

Request to DFES on clarification how total fire bans are put into place.

Attachment Four - Directive 3.5 Bushfire – Standard Administrative Procedure (SAP) 3.5.A – Total Fire Bans (TFB) also available on the Volunteer Hub

7.7.3 Bolganup Dam

Questions

Is the Bolganup Dam likely to be decommissioned?

Can this be retained for use in firefighting?

Answer

Bolganup Dam will be decommissioned in lieu of a reticulated supply. The Dam will remain, but all of the infrastructure will be removed.

Action

Mr M Barnes - Write to the Water Corporation requesting their intention towards Bolganup Dams future use for firefighting purposes

8 NEXT MEETING

8.1 GENERAL MEETING/ WORKSHOP

7.00pm Wednesday 30 September 2020 Frost Oval.

9 MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

10 ACTION SHEET

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting 4 June 2020

Item No.	Date	Subject	By Whom	Action	Date Complete	Initial
7.5	4 June 2020	000 Prank Calls Calls are being received by the DFES communications centre for bush fire brigades to attend legitimate hazard reduction burns. These calls are being made with mobiles that have had their sim card removed. Consequentially the callers' information is not being sent as it would if the sim card was still in the phone	Mr N Handasyde	To be taken to the next ROAC meeting		
7.5	4 June 2020	000 Prank Calls	Mr N Handasyde	To be discussed with the Bushfire Association – Dave Gossage		
7.6	4 June 2020	FCO ID Photos	All FCOs	To send through a recent head and shoulders photo of themselves with a plain background with details of their name, volunteer ID number and brigade area appointed		
7.7.1	4 June 2020	Diesel Particulate Diffusers Some fire appliances in Albany have had difficulties with the DPD causing the appliance to go into limp mode and sometimes not shut off for a period of time.	Mr M Barnes	To provide FCOs and Captains the Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) 3.5.2, Use of diesel particulate diffusers and frequently asked questions Attachment Two - 3.5.2, use of diesel particulate diffusers. Also available on the volunteer hub Attachment Three frequently asked questions. Also available on the Volunteer Hub	19 June 2020	MB
7.7.2	4 June 2020	Total Fire Bans	Mr M Barnes	Clarity around how total fire bans are put into place Attachment Four - Directive 3.5 Bushfire – Standard Administrative Procedure (SAP) 3.5.A – Total Fire Bans (TFB) also available on the volunteer hub	19 June 2020	MB
7.7.3	4 June 2020	Bolganup Dam Decommissioning Bolganup Dam will be decommissioned in lieu of a reticulated supply. The Dam will remain but all of the infrastructure will be removed	Mr M Barnes/Mr D Lynch	Write to the Water Corporation requesting their intention towards of Bolganup Dams future use for firefighting purposes		

11 ATTACHMENT LIST

Attachment One

Annual Fire Mitigation Notice

Attachment Two

Standing Operating Procedure 3.5.2 Use of diesel particulate diffusers

Attachment Three

Use of diesel particulate diffusers frequently asked questions

Attachment Four

Directive 3.5 Bushfire – Standard Administrative Procedure (SAP) 3.5.A – Total Fire Bans (TFB)