



BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

BUSH FIRES ACT (1954) SECTION 67

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.

Annual General Meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Held in the Council Chambers, Lowood Road Mount Barker WA 6324
at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3 May 2023

Gary Clark
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Oldfield, Cr K Woltering, Cr L Handasyde, (Resolution No 172/21), Mr N Handasyde, Mr I Mackie, Mr B Skinner, Mr R Caudwell, Mrs J Burcham, Mrs B Barnes (Resolution No 111/21), Mr T Griffiths, Mr C Moore, Ms H Wearmouth, Mr P Spink, Mr R Wright, Mr C Norton, Mr D Trotter, Mr G Versluis, Mr W Matthews, Mr M Wills, Mr G Pyle, Mr N Hunt, Mr R Drage, Mr D Lynch, Mr M Barnes, Mr J Rutter (Resolution 075/22)

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Presiding Member: Cr J Oldfield

Deputy Presiding Member: Cr L Handasyde

Membership: Quorum (8)

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|----------------|--|
| Cr J Oldfield | Council Representative |
| Cr K Woltering | Council Representative |
| Cr L Handasyde | Council Representative |
| Mr D Lynch | Executive Manager Works and Services |
| Mr M Barnes | Community Emergency Services Manager |
| Mr J Rutter | Shire Ranger |
| Mr N Handasyde | Chief Bush Fire Control Officer |
| Mr I Mackie | Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer No 1 – West |
| Mr B Skinner | Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer No 2 – East |
| Mr L Handasyde | Chief Fire Weather Officer |
| Mr G Pyle | Deputy Fire Weather Officer |
| Mrs M Skinner | Base Radio Operator |
| Mrs J Burcham | Deputy Base Radio Operator |
| Mr Caudwell | Deputy Base Radio Operator |
| Mrs B Barnes | Deputy Base Radio Operator |
| Mr T Griffiths | Denbarker BFB |
| Mr C Moore | Forest Hill BFB |
| Ms H Wearmouth | Kendenup BFB |
| Mr P Spink | Middle Ward BFB |
| Mr R Wright | Narpyn BFB |
| Mr C Norton | Narrakup BFB |
| Mr D Trotter | Perillup BFB |
| Mr G Versluis | Porongurup BFB |
| Mr W Matthews | South Porongurup BFB |
| Mr M Wills | Rocky Gully BFB |
| Mr G Pyle | South Stirlings BFB |
| Mr N Hunt | Woogenellup BFB |
| Mr R Drage | Mount Barker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service |

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

7.11pm Cr Woltering declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESAttendance

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Cr K Woltering | Council Representative |
| Cr L Handasyde | Council Representative |
| Mr D Lynch | Executive Manager Works and Services |
| Mr M Barnes | Community Emergency Services Manager |
| Mr N Handasyde | Chief Bush Fire Control Officer |
| Mr I Mackie | Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 1 - West |
| Mr B Skinner | Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 2 - East |
| Mrs M Skinner | Base Radio Operator |
| Mrs J Burcham | Deputy Base Radio Operator |
| Mr T Griffiths | Denbarker BFB |
| Mr C Moore | Forest Hill BFB |
| Mr W Matthews | South Porongurup BFB |
| Mr G Pyle | South Stirlings BFB |
| Mr N Hunt | Woogenellup BFB |
| Mr C Williams | Narpyn BFB |
| Mr G Forbes | Narrakup BFB |
| Mr R Drage | Mount Barker Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service |

Apologies

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Cr J Oldfield | Council Representative |
| Mr A Hood | Kojaneerup BFB |
| Mr C Norton | Narrakup BFB |
| Mr G Versluis | Porongurup BFB |
| Mr P Spink | Middle Ward BFB |
| Mr M Wills | Rocky Gully BFB |
| Mr J Rutter | Shire Ranger |
| Mr D Jones | Department of Fire and Emergency Services |
| Ms N Rouse | Department of Biodiversity Conservation Land Attractions |

Visitors

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Mr M Newman | Kendenup BFB |
| Mr B Furber | Kendenup BFB |
| Mr M Anning | PF Olsen |
| Mr M Parker | PF Olsen |
| Mr D Prior | Department of Fire & Emergency Services |

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Part 5, Division 6, Local Government Act 1995

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Mr N Handasyde, Seconded Mr W Matthews;

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on 5 May 2022 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations are called for the following positions.

| Position | 2022/2023 | Nominee for 2023/2024 | Nominator | Seconder |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Chief Bush Fire Control Officer | Norm Handasyde | Norm Handasyde | David Lynch | Graeme Pyle |
| Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Iain Mackie | Iain Mackie | Norm Handasyde | Bryce Skinner |
| Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Bryce Skinner | Bryce Skinner | Graeme Pyle | Iain Mackie |
| Base Radio Operator | Mietta Skinner | Mietta Skinner | Iain Mackie | Wayne Matthews |
| Deputy Base Operator | Ron Caudwell | Ron Caudwell | Mietta Skinner | Norm Handasyde |
| | Jacqui Burcham | Jacqui Burcham | Mietta Skinner | Norm Handasyde |
| | Rebecca Barnes | Position not required for 2023/24 | | |
| | | | | |
| Chief Fire Weather Officer | Len Handasyde | Len Handasyde | Glen Forbes | Wayne Matthews |
| Deputy Fire Weather Officer | Graeme Pyle | Graeme Pyle | Norm Handasyde | Bryce Skinner |

5.1 FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS

| Position | Delegate 2022/2023 | Nominee 2023/2024 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Denbarker Fire Weather Officer | Norm Handasyde | Norm Handasyde |
| Forest Hill Fire Weather Officer | Brad Maclean | Brad Maclean |
| Kendenup Fire Weather Officer | Brent Wearmouth | Brent Wearmouth |
| Kojaneerup Fire Weather Officer | Nil | Nil |
| Middle Ward Fire Weather Officer | Greg Sounness | Greg Sounness |
| Narpyr Fire Weather Officer | Mark Wallace | Mark Wallace |
| Narrikup Fire Weather Officer | Chris Norton | Chris Norton |
| Perillup Fire Weather Officer | Kieran Allison | Kieran Allison |
| Porongurup Fire Weather Officer | Warren Thomas | Alan Wise 1 |
| | | Alan Kennedy 2 |
| Porongurup South Fire Weather Officer | Nil | Nil |
| Rocky Gully Fire Weather Officer | Murray Wills | Murray Wills |
| South Stirlings Fire Weather Officer | Brent Counsel | Brent Counsel |

| Position | Delegate 2022/2023 | Nominee 2023/2024 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Woogenellup Fire Weather Officer | Nathan Hunt | Nathan Hunt |
| Town Fire & Rescue Fire Weather Officer | Nil | Nil |
| Shire of Plantagenet | David Lynch | David Lynch |
| | Mike Barnes | Mike Barnes |
| | Jason Rutter | Jason Rutter |

5.2 FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Recommendations to BFAC from the Brigades respective AGMs.

| Position | FCO 2022/2023 | FCO Nominee 2023/2024 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Denbarker | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Tony Griffiths | Tony Griffiths |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Brad Lynch | Brad Lynch |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Warren Drage | Warren Drage |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Neville Lindberg | Neville Lindberg |
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | John Rodgers | John Rodgers |
| Fire Control Officer No. 6 | Norm Handasyde | Norm Handasyde |
| Forest Hill | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Craig Moore | Craig Moore |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Len Handasyde | Len Handasyde |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Murray McLean | Murray McLean |
| Kendenup | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Heather Wearmouth | Stephen Beech |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Stephen Beech | Ken Frost |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Ken Frost | Philip Webb |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Philip Webb | Robert Baines |
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | Robert Baines | Ben Furber |
| Fire Control Officer No. 6 | | Mathew Newham |
| Middle Ward | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Paul Spink | Paul Spink |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Kim Stothard | Kim Stothard |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Iain Mackie | Iain Mackie |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Greg Sounness | Greg Sounness |

| Position | FCO 2022/2023 | FCO Nominee 2023/2024 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | Andrew Mackie | Andrew Mackie |
| Narpyn | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Robert Wright | Robert Wright |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Michael Cave | Michael Cave |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Mark Wallace | Mark Wallace |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Owen Sounness | Owen Sounness |
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | | |
| Narrikup | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Chris Norton | Chris Norton |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Glen Forbes | Glen Forbes |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Graeme Frusher | Graeme Frusher |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Warren Forbes | Robert Smith |
| Perillup | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Dean Trotter | Dean Trotter |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Thomas Riggall | Thomas Riggall |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Robin Ditchburn | Robin Ditchburn |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Kieran Allison | Kieran Allison |
| Porongurup | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Brad Cluett | Brad Cluett |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Gerald Versluis | Daniel Cobain |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Daniel Cobain | Gerald Versluis |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Warren Thomas | Tony Ward |
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | | Alan Wise |
| Porongurup South | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Wayne Mathews | Wayne Mathews |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Allan Rees | Allan Rees |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Richard Stan-Bishop | Richard Stan-Bishop |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Greg Dorrell | Greg Dorrell |
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | Jamie Stan-Bishop | Jamie Stan-Bishop |
| Rocky Gully | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Murray Wills | Murray Wills |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Ian Higgins | Ian Higgins |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Hamish Cameron | Hamish Cameron |

| Position | FCO 2022/2023 | FCO Nominee 2023/2024 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Woogenellup | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Nathan Hunt | Nathan Hunt |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Bryce Skinner | Bryce Skinner |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Stephen Adams | Stephen Adams |
| Fire Control Officer No. 4 | Mark Adams | Mark Adams |
| Fire Control Officer No. 5 | Kyle Pieper | Kyle Pieper |
| South Stirlings | | |
| Dual Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Graeme Pyle | Graeme Pyle |
| Dual Fire Control Officer No. 2 | John Howard | Reece Curwen |
| Dual Fire Control Officer No.3 | Reece Curwen | John Howard |
| Kojaneerup | | |
| Dual Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Ashton Hood | Ashton Hood |
| Dual Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Scott Smith | Scott Smith |
| Shire of Plantagenet | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | David Lynch | David Lynch |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Mike Barnes | Mike Barnes |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Steve Player | Jason Rutter |
| Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue | | |
| Fire Control Officer No. 1 | Andrew Buchanan | Ray Drage |
| Fire Control Officer No. 2 | Jamie Rutter | Kevin Bransby |
| Fire Control Officer No. 3 | Nil | Dan Dale |

5.3 BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

| | DELEGATE | PROXY |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| Denbarker | Tony Griffiths | Brad Lynch |
| Forest Hill | Craig Moore | Kieran Wilkinson |
| Kendenup | Matthew Newham | Ben Furber |
| Kojaneerup | Nil | Nil |
| Middle Ward | Paul Spink | Greg Sounness |
| Narpyn | Robert Wright | Craig Williams |
| Narrikup | Chris Norton | Glen Forbes |
| Perillup | Dean Trotter | Michael Workman |
| Porongurup | Daniel Cobain | Gerald Versluis |

| | DELEGATE | PROXY |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| South Porongurup | Wayne Matthews | Allan Rees |
| Rocky Gully | Murray Wills | Hamish Cameron |
| South Stirlings | Graeme Pyle | Reece Curwen |
| Woogenellup | Nathen Hunt | Nathan Crosby |
| Mt Barker VFRS | Ray Drage | Kevin Bransby |
| Shire of Plantagenet | David Lynch | |
| Shire of Plantagenet | Mike Barnes | |
| Shire of Plantagenet | Jason Rutter | |

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be a recommendation by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee to the Council that

1. All previous appointments for the positions of Bush Fire Control Officers, designated Bush Fire Service positions and Bush Fire Advisory Committee members for the Shire of Plantagenet be cancelled on 30 June 2023.
2. The above be appointed as Bush Fire Control Officers, designated Bush Fire Service positions and Bush Fire Advisory Committee members within the designated Bush Fire Brigade areas for 2023/2024, taking effect from 1 July 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr L Handasyde, Seconded Mr N Handasyde;

That it be a recommendation by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee to the Council that:

1. **All previous appointments for the positions of Bush Fire Control Officers, designated Bush Fire Service positions and Bush Fire Advisory Committee members for the Shire of Plantagenet be cancelled on 30 June 2023.**
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CARRIED

6 NEXT MEETING

Date to be decided.

7 MEETING CLOSURE

7.24pm Cr Woltering declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date