

Shire of Esperance

BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2020

MINUTES

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ATTACHMENTS

Please be advised that in order to save printing and paper costs, all attachments referenced in this paper are available in the original Agenda document for this meeting.

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SHIRE OF ESPERANCE

MINUTES

BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON 24 June 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 8.45pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members

Cr B Parker	Shire of Esperance
Mr A Stewart	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr G Egan	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr W Carmody	Senior Fire Control Officer – West Zone
Mr K Scott	Senior Fire Control Officer – West Coast Zone
Mr R Graham	Senior Fire Control Officer – North Zone
Mr L Mickel	Senior Fire Control Officer – East Zone
Mr T Carmody	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – West Zone
Mr P Lubberda	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – West Coast Zone
Mr P Longmire	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – East Zone
Mr R Chambers	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – Urban Rural Zone
Mr S Lloyd	Coomalbidgup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr D Vandenberghe	Scaddan Bush Fire Brigade
Mr B Halford	Gibson Bush Fire Brigade
Mr L Palmer	Quarry Rd Bush Fire Brigade
Mr C Scott	Six Mile Hill Bush Fire Brigade

Ex Officio/Observers

Mrs K Naylor	Community Emergency Services Coordinator
Mrs E Austen	Acting Manager Community Support
Mr M Scott	Coomalbidgup Bush Fire Brigade

Guests

Mr D Turnbull	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Mr S Petersen	Department of Fire & Emergency
Mr W Green	Department of Fire & Emergency

3. APOLOGIES & NOTIFICATION OF GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr P Rowe	Senior Fire Control Officer – Urban Rural Zone
Mr S Fowler	Senior Fire Control Officer – East Coast Zone
Mr C Hallam	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – North Zone
Mr A Perks	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – East Coast Zone
Mr D Curnow	Scaddan Bush Fire Brigade
Mrs M Ammon	Shire of Esperance

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5. DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, INSPECTIONS, PETITIONS

Nil

6. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

6.1 Declarations of Financial Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60a

6.2 Declarations of Proximity Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60b

6.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests – Admin Regulations Section 34c

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Mr R Graham

Seconded: Mr A Stewart

BFA0620-211

That the Minutes of the previous Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held Tuesday 24th September 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8. MATTERS REQUIRING A DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE

MOTION

Moved: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr K Scott

BFA0620-212

RECOMMENDATION

BFAC requests Council expedite the formation of the Shire Bush Fire Risk Management Plan to enable the Shire to apply for the next round of funding through the Mitigation Activity Fund.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr R Graham

BFA0620-213

RECOMMENDATION

BFAC requests Council write to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Great Southern Superintendent to investigate linking the Peak Charles Radio Tower into the Esperance Shire WAERN Network. And to investigate installing a DFES link on the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions radio network located on Mt Ragged.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Mr A Stewart
Seconded: Mr D Vandenberghe

BFA0620-214

RECOMMENDATION

BFAC requests Council writes to the Manager Esperance – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in regard to revising the total number of pilot flying hours required for DBCA personnel to fly on contracted aircraft. Currently the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions flying hours differ for personnel which causes operational and logistical issues during fire emergencies.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Mr A Stewart
Seconded: Mr G Egan

BFA0620-215

RECOMMENDATION

BFAC requests Council review the use of private water bombers by the Shire of Esperance during a fire emergency

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Mr A Stewart
Seconded: Mr K Scott

BFA0620-216

RECOMMENDATION

BFAC requests Council write to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Great Southern Superintendent and request an update on the Coronial Inquest Recommendations

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: Mr W Carmody
Seconded: Mr L Mickel

BFA0620-217

RECOMMENDATION

BFAC requests Council write to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Great Southern Superintendent offering our official condolences on the loss of District Officer Rob Lake.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS

9.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Mr A Stewart

9.2 DFES Area Officer – Mr S Peterson

9.3 DBCA Officer – Mr D Turnbull

9.4 Shire of Esperance Emergency Services – Mrs K Naylor

9.5 Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades – Mr K Scott

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

11.1 Election of Senior Fire Control Officers and Fire Weather officers

An election was held to appoint the following positions:

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Nominated: Mr W Carmody

Seconded: Mr R Graham

Elected: Mr A Stewart

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Nominated: Mr G Egan

Seconded: Mr W Carmody

Elected: Mr P Longmire

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr R Chambers

Elected: Mr W Carmody

8.2 Election of Senior Fire Control Officers cont.

Senior Fire Control Officers:

-West Zone

Nominated: Mr T Carmody

Seconded: Mr A Stewart

Elected: Mr W Carmody

-West Coast Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr P Luberda

Elected: Mr K Scott

-North Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr D Vandenberghe

Elected: Mr R Graham

-East Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr P Longmire

Elected: Mr L Mickel

-East Coast Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr L Mickel

Elected: Mr S Fowler (email verification)

- Urban Rural Zone

Nominated: Mr C Scott

Seconded: Mr P Luberda

Elected: Mr P Rowe (email verification)

Deputy to the Senior Fire Control Officers:

- West Zone

Nominated: Mr W Carmody

Seconded: Mr A Stewart

Elected: Mr T Carmody

- West Coast Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr D Vandenberghe

Elected: Mr P Luberda

- North Zone

Nominated: Mr R Graham

Seconded: Mr T Carmody

Elected: Mr C Hallam

- East Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr P Longmire

Elected: Mr G Egan

- East Coast Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr P Longmire

Elected: Mr A Perks (email verification)

- Urban Rural Zone

Nominated: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr G Egan

Elected: Mr R Chambers

Recognition of Mr Gavin Egan's service as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

12. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 10.50pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 1 September 2020 commencing at 7pm

These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on _____

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed.

Dated _____