

**Shire of Esperance**

**BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 30 MARCH 2021**

**MINUTES**

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### **ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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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 30 March 2021 COMMENCING AT 6PM**

#### **1. OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

#### **2. ATTENDANCE**

##### **Members**

Cr B Parker  
Mr I Mickel  
Mr A Stewart  
Mr W Carmody

Mr K Scott  
Mr R Graham  
Mr L Mickel  
Mr P Rowe  
Mr T Carmody  
Mr P Lubberda  
Mr P Longmire  
Mr A Perks  
Mr R Chambers  
Mr B King  
Mr N Ratcliffe  
Mr D Vandenberghe  
Mr D Mills  
Mr N Ruddenklau  
Mr D Curnow

Shire of Esperance  
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Chief Bush Fire Control Officer  
Senior Fire Control Officer – West Zone  
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer  
Senior Fire Control Officer – West Coast Zone  
Senior Fire Control Officer – North Zone  
Senior Fire Control Officer – East Zone  
Senior Fire Control Officer – Urban Rural Zone  
Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – West Zone  
Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – West Coast Zone  
Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – East Zone  
Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – East Coast Zone  
Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – Urban Rural Zone  
Mt Merivale Bush Fire Brigade  
Pink Lake Bush Fire Brigade  
Scaddan Bush Fire Brigade  
Gibson Bush Fire Brigade  
Condingup Bush Fire Brigade  
Scaddan Bush Fire Brigade

##### **Ex Officio**

Mrs K Naylor  
Mr M Ammon

Community Emergency Services Coordinator  
Manager Community Support

##### **Guests**

Mr A Espey  
Mr S Petersen

Bushfire Volunteer Association  
DFES

**3. APOLOGIES & NOTIFICATION OF GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr W Graham	Shire of Esperance (Deputy)
Mr G Egan	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr C Hallam	Deputy Senior Fire Control Officer – North Zone
Mr L Palmer	Quarry Rd Bush Fire Brigade
Mr C Scott	Six Mile Hill Bush Fire Brigade
Mr M Ietto	Southern Mallee Bush Fire Brigade
Mr J Allan	Salmom Gums Bush Fire Brigade
Mr S Rothnie	Esperance Emergency Support Unit
Mr S Fowler	Senior Fire Control Officer – East Coast Zone
Mr S Lloyd	Coomalbidgup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr C Govans	Gibson Bush Fire Brigade
Mr S Schlink	Howick Bush Fire Brigade
Mr M Rawlings	Munglinup Bush Fire Brigade
Mr A Reichstein	Neridup Bush Fire Brigade

**4. DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, INSPECTIONS, PETITIONS**

Nil

**5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

**5.1 Declarations of Financial Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60a**

Nil

**5.2 Declarations of Proximity Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60b**

Nil

**5.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests – Admin Regulations Section 34c**

Nil

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Mr A Stewart

Seconded: Mr L Mickel

BFA0321-097

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting of the 16 September 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**7. MATTERS REQUIRING A DETERMINATION OF COMMITTEE**

Nil

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Ash Stewart**

**8.2 DFES Area Officer – Stephen Peterson**

**8.3 DBCA Officer – Mick Rose**

**8.4 Shire of Esperance Emergency Services – Karen Naylor**

**8.5 Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades – Kingsley Scott**

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9.1 Water Bomber** – Scott Mackie Update – Gavin Egan

**9.2 State Fixed Wing Contract** – Gavin Egan

**9.3 Additional Water Strip** – Ash Stewart

**9.4 Prohibited/Restricted Burning Periods** – Gazetted Zone (Urban/Rural) Peter Rowe/Ash Stewart

**9.5 Monday Radio Sched** – Ash Stewart

**MOTION**

**Moved: Mr A Stewart**

**Seconded: Mr P Lubberda**

**BFA0321-098**

**Committee Resolution**

**BFAC requests Council writes to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Great Southern Region and request an update on the linking of the Peak Charles repeater and the progress of a repeater near Hatters Hill and on Mt Ragged.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**

**Moved: Mr A Stewart**

**Seconded: Mr P Rowe**

**BFA0321-099**

**Committee Resolution**

**That the BFAC requests Council to commence the process to review and gazette the prohibited burning period and restricted burning period, through the creation of two zones – Rural Zone and Urban Rural Zone;**

- **Prohibited burning times in each Year (all date inclusive) ;**
  - **Rural Zone – zone 2 – From the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in each year to the following 31<sup>st</sup> day of January**
  - **urban rural zone – zone 2 – From the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in each year to the following 31<sup>st</sup> day of January**
- **Restricted Burning Period in each Year (all dates inclusive);**
  - **Rural Zone - 19<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> March**
  - **Urban Rural Zone – 19<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**CARRIED**

**10. CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 14th September 2021, commencing at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

**These Minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Dated \_\_\_\_\_**