

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Jerramungup Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 in the Council Chambers, Jerramungup, commencing at 7:35pm.

1. OPENING

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Mr David Edwards declared the meeting open at 7.35pm.

2. PRESENT

Mr David Edwards	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Trevor Ross	Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer
Mr Alex Jones	Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer
Mr Brent Bailey	CEO - Shire of Jerramungup
Mrs Charmaine Solomon	DCEO - Shire of Jerramungup
Mr Ashley Peczka	CESO – Shire of Jerramungup
Ms Melanie Haymont	BRPC – Shire of Jerramungup
Mr John Tonkin	Area Officer DFES
Cr Bill Bailey	Councillor Representative
Mr Nathan Brown	FBG Representative
Mr Peter Masters	DPaW
Mr Steve Tomasini	Bremer Bay Brigade
Mr Rohan Murdoch	Boxwood Brigade
Mr Jason Griffiths	Boxwood Brigade
Mr Malcolm Turner	Needilup Brigade
Mr Mark Tapscott	Needilup Brigade
Mr Paul Hislop	Jerramungup Brigade
Mr Steve Wadsworth	Bremer Bay Brigade
Mr Kalan Bailey	Jacup Brigade

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Brad Bailey	Jacup Brigade
Mr Anthony Armstrong	Jerramungup VES
Cr Rex Parsons	Councillor representative
Mr Darrell Crowley	Gairdner Brigade

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Cr Bill Bailey / Seconded by Mr Trevor Ross.
Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mr Brent Bailey advised the brigades that the engell fridges are ready for pick up for Boxwood, Gairdner and Needilup fire trucks. Charmaine Solomon mentioned they were kindly supplied from the Association of Volunteer Bushfire Brigade grants, a picture is required of the engell and brigade members in front of the respected fire trucks.

Mr Ashley Peczka to contact DFES to ensure a hand held radio is allocated to each volunteer bushfire brigade truck.

Mr Ashley Peczka to obtain a training list from DFES and pass onto the brigades so they can target volunteers who will need to attend the upcoming Intro to Bushfire Fighting course.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received from Fitzgerald Biosphere Group re support by local farmers to open up the restricted burning period sooner. To be discussed in general business.

7. REPORTS

7.1 DPaW Report

Report attached to the minutes.

7.2 DFES Report

Report attached to the minutes.

7.3 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Report

Report attached to the minutes.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Mr David Edwards announced the vacancy for the CBFCO position and left the Chair.

Mr Brent Bailey took the Chair for the purposes of conducting the CBFCO election and called for nominations for the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

8.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Mr Malcolm Turner nominated Mr David Edwards

Mr David Edwards accepted.

There being no further nominations, Mr David Edwards was elected to the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for a one year term. Mr David Edwards assumed the Chair.

8.2 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers

Mr Rohan Murdoch nominated Mr Alex Jones who accepted.

Mr Paul Hislop nominated Mr Trevor Ross who accepted.

There being no further nominations, Mr Alex Jones and Mr Trevor Ross were declared elected to the positions of Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer.

8.3 Chief Fire Weather Officer

Mr Alex Jones nominated Mr David Edwards who accepted.

There being no further nominations, Mr David Edwards was declared elected to the position of Chief Fire Weather Officer.

8.4 Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officers

Mr Malcolm Turner nominated Mr Paul Hislop, who accepted.

There being no further nominations, Mr Paul Hislop was declared elected to the position of Deputy Chief Fire Weather Officer.

8.5 Brigade Fire Weather Officers

Jacup Bushfire Brigade – Mr Mick Lester

Needilup Bushfire Brigade – Mr Quentin Brown

Boxwood Bushfire Brigade – Mr Anthony Thomas

Gairdner Bushfire Brigade – Mr Damon Parker

8.6 Authorised Radio Broadcaster of Harvest Bans

Note: The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer assumes the responsibility of Chief Radio Officer.

Mr David Edwards was declared elected to the position of Authorised Radio Broadcaster of Harvest Bans.

8.7 Confirmation of Fire Control Officers for 2016/17 Season

Fire Control Officer List is attached to the following page

8.8 Dual Fire Control Officers

Jerramungup / Ravensthorpe	Mr Peter Wisewould
Jerramungup / Kent	Mr Quentin Brown
Jerramungup / Lake Grace	Mr Paul Hislop
Jerramungup / Gnowangerup	Mr Ray Trevaskis
Jerramungup / Albany	Mr Rohan Murdoch

Moved by: Mark Tapscott / Seconded by: Trevor Ross

**That the following appointments for the Shire of Jerramungup be
gazetted:**

Carried



SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP
2016/17 FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS RADIO & CONTACT DETIALS

NAME	POSITION	BRIGADE	CONTACT#	RADIO CALL SIGN
Dave Edwards	CBFCO	Jerramungup VFES	0429 100 007	Jerry Chief
Trevor Ross	DCBFCO	Jacup BFB	0427 355 023	Jacup 1
Alex Jones	DCBFCO	Gairdner BFB	0429 361 034	Gairdner 1
Rohan Murdoch	FCO/Capt.	Boxwood Hill BFB	0448 166 065	Boxwood 1
Anthony Thomas	FCO	Boxwood Hill BFB	0429 366 021	Boxwood 2
Phil Wishart	FCO	Boxwood Hill BFB	0429 366 012	Boxwood 3
Daniel Smart	FCO	Boxwood Hill BFB	0427 366 058	Boxwood 4
Steve Tomasini	FCO/Fire Capt.	Bremer Bay VFES	0427 374 340	Bremer 1
Wes Thomas	FCO/Deputy Capt.	Bremer Bay VFES	0429 374 065	Bremer 2
Stacey Francis	FCO	Bremer Bay VFES	0437 611 759	Bremer 3
Peter Buckenara	FCO	Bremer Bay VFES	0429 371 003	Bremer 4
John Iffla	O.I.C	Bremer Bay VFES	0427 374 298	Bremer 5
Alex Jones	FCO/Capt.	Gairdner BFB	0429 361 034	Gairdner 1
Damon Parker	FCO	Gairdner BFB	0418 935 241	Gairdner 2
Bruce Hill	FCO	Gairdner BFB	0427 371 025	Gairdner 3
Trevor Ross	FCO/Capt.	Jacup BFB	0427 355 023	Jacup 1
Michael Lester	FCO	Jacup BFB	0429 374 268	Jacup 2
Brad Bailey	FCO	Jacup BFB	0427 291 078	Jacup 3
Peter Wisewould	FCO	Jacup BFB	0427 356 086	Jacup 4
Martin Brooks	FCO	Jacup BFB	0418 755 635	Jacup 5
Anthony Armstrong	O.I.C/FCO/Capt.	Jerramungup VFES	0427 651 561	Jerry 1
Paul Hislop	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	0427 354 037	Jerry 2
Kim Parsons	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	0428 351 128	Jerry 3
Wayne Barrett	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	0427 351 187	Jerry 4
Mark Tapscott	FCO/Capt	Needilup BFB	0427 352 030	Needilup 1
Quentin Brown	FCO/FWO	Needilup BFB	0427 352 062	Needilup 2
Ray Trevaskis	FCO	Needilup BFB	0429 352 022	Needilup 3
Ronnie Pocock	FCO	Needilup BFB	0429 353 005	Needilup 4
Grantly Morton	Ranger (Jacup)	DPaW	0408 095 259	Fitzgerald 3
Ash Peczka	CESO	Jerramungup Shire	0438 498 221	Jerry CFM
Stephen Wadsworth	Shire Ranger	Jerramungup Shire	0429 351 022	Shire Ranger

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Revision of Prohibited, Restricted and Unrestricted Burning Period time frames. (See attachment 1)

- Submission received from Mr Alex Jones for burning to be allowed on Sunday's and Public Holidays.
- Correspondence received from Fitzgerald Biosphere Group re support by local farmers to open up the restricted burning period sooner.

Moved Mr Malcolm Turner / Seconded by Mr Trevor Ross

The Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee in reviewing the gazettal dates for the restricted and prohibited burning periods within the Shire of Jerramungup has resolved to seek approval from DFES to amend the dates as follows:

Restricted burning period: 1st October 2016 – 31st October 2016 and 6th February 2017 – 18th April 2017

Prohibited burning period: 1st November – 5th February 2017

Carried

Moved by Mr Alex Jones / Seconded by Mr Rohan Murdoch

That the Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee revoke the restriction for burning on Sundays during the restricted burning period.

Carried

9.2 Revision of the daily opening time for Burning Cereals (See attachment 2)

- A motion has been received from the Jacup BFB for the daily opening time for burning of cereals be brought forward from 1600hrs/4pm to 1500hrs/3pm.

Moved by Trevor Ross / Seconded by Kalan Bailey

The Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee receives the correspondence from the Jacup Brigade and table it for consideration when developing the permit restrictions for 2016/17 season.

Carried

Action: FCO's to meet and discuss prior to the restricted season commencing in February 2017 what restrictions will be placed on permits.

9.3 Extension to Restricted Burning Season for the Point Henry Peninsula (See attachment 3)

The local volunteer Bushfire Brigades in conjunction with the Shire of Jerramungup and Chief Bushfire Control Officer have met and discussed extensively the threat of fires escaping in the Point Henry Peninsula from controlled burns.

The Shire sought feedback from landowners on an extension to the restricted burning period in the Point Henry Peninsula. 14 submissions have been received and the majority were in favour of Option 2: (Submission count: 3x in favour of Option 1 - 11x in favour to Option 2)

Zone 5 - Option 2: *Preferred option supported by local volunteer unit

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
PBT	PBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	UBT	UBT	UBT	RBT	RBT	PBT	PBT

PBT - Prohibited Burning Time: 1st January – 1st March

RBT - Restricted Burning Time: 2nd March – 31st May

UBT - Unrestricted Burning Time: 1st June – 31st August (*no fire permits required*)

RBT - Restricted Burning Time: 1st September – 31th October

PBT - Prohibited Burning Time: 1st November – 31st December

Moved by: Mr Steve Wadsworth / Seconded by: Mr Steve Tomasini

That the Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee supports the following amendments to the Shire of Jerramungup fire break notice and recommends Council seek approval from DFES to;

- **Incorporate the proposed new fire boundary Zone 5 – Point Henry Peninsula as indicated by the attached map.**
- **Extend the restricted burning period in Zone 5 – Point Henry Peninsula to end on 31st May and commence again on 1st September each year.**

Carried

9.4 Changes to the Fire Permit Register

- Proposal from Mr David Edwards to allow all FCO's to register permits direct with the Shire instead of waiting to air permits over the Bushfire morning sked's.

Mr David Edwards would like to get together with FCO's prior to the restricted burning period to demonstrate Dropbox to FCO's, if FCO's are able to access Dropbox and enter in permit information than FCO's will be able to issue permits prior to the morning skeds.

Permits will still need to be announced during the skeds.

9.10pm Mr Peter Masters left the meeting.

9.5 Changes to DFES Training – Pathways (See attachment 4)

Mr Ashley Peczka discussed with the Committee the Volunteer Fire Fighting Pathway.

**Moved Cr Bailey / Seconded Mr Mark Tapscott
The Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee endorse
the proposed Bushfire Brigade – Training to profile
pathways.**

Carried

9.6 WAERN Service Provider

Mr Ashley Peczka was seeking the brigades preferences for service providers to conduct annual servicing requirements of WAERN Radios

Action: Mr Ashley Peczka and Mr David Edwards to raise concerns with the current provider on the quality of service provided whilst servicing WAERN radios in the past.

Action: Mr Ashley Peczka to organise servicing of radios in the last week of August 2016.

9.7 Brigade Fuel Cards

Mr Mark Tapscott queried how the fuel card for brigades is to be distributed.

Mr David Edwards advised that it is at the Captains discretion.

9.8 Attendance Fire Reports

Mr David Edwards attended a DOAC meeting and relayed back the importance of ensuring all attendance fire reports are attached to your fire reports we need to ensure that all volunteers are recorded when attending fires.

It is handy for attendance stats for awards/service medals, etc and it is vital especially when volunteers are diagnosed with a form of illness later in life that can be traced back to specific fire. If the volunteer is not listed as being in attendance, it puts the onus back onto the volunteer to prove them self being present at a specific fire.

9.9 Volunteer Training

Mr Ashley Peczka advised training courses will now be held in July, further information will be emailed out/advertised closer to the date. The courses are to be held in Jerramungup and Gairdner.

9.10 Needilup BFB – 4.4 Broadacre Truck

Mr Ashley Peczka advised the Needilup brigade they will be getting their 4.4 shortly.

Action: Mr Ashley Peczka to contact the brigade when the handover will occur.

9.11 Course Certificates

Mr Ashley Peczka handed out certificates to volunteers present.

The Jerramungup Bush Fire Advisory Committee wish to recognise and thank Mr Robert Edmondson for his 51 years of service to the Jerramungup Bush Fire Brigade and wish Rob and Christine all the best for their future endeavours.

10. CLOSURE

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.43pm.



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BIOSPHERE GROUP

6 April 2016

Bushfire Advisory Committee
C/O Charmaine Solomon
Deputy CEO
Shire of Jerramungup

Dear Committee Members

I am writing this submission to the Bushfire Advisory Committee on behalf of the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group (FBG) Board and its members. For those unaware, the FBG is a local grower group formed by growers to represent growers and FBG Members within the Shire of Jerramungup.

It has been brought to the attention of the board by large numbers of its grower members that the current window for burning is too restrictive in its time frame. Our members have expressed that they would like to see a discussion had about opening the restricted burning period sooner. The consensus of grower members is that the ability to burn earlier in the season would suit the changes in what most would consider best practice weed resistance management.

Our grower members feel that if earlier burning of stubble rows was managed with adequate guidelines it would offer no greater risk of the burning to escape than what there would be as the current rules stipulate.

It is the FBG's opinion that if it can help to facilitate this discussion to ensure it goes ahead in a consultative manner, or offer any assistance to the advisory committee we would be pleased to do so.

Yours sincerely

Jolene Daniel
Chairperson
Fitzgerald Biosphere Group

Nathan Brown
Vice Chairperson
Fitzgerald Biosphere Group



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CBFCO report for the 2016 BEFAC AGM

In some way I feel lucky for the fire season we have had but a little sombre for the residence of Esperance and Yarloop for the devastation they have had to endure. It irks me when we have to see this type destruction before authorities will act on such things like mitigation and yet they still want to blame someone else for their stuff up (apparently the farmers are to blame as they grow too good a crops in Esperance which created to much fuel load).

Well that's got my gripe off my chest so back to our local fire season. As I said I feel lucky our season was not like some others but believe me ours was the busiest we have had for a while. We have had 20 fires reported for 2015/16 fire season they comprise roughly of 5 escaped fires from controlled burns (permitted and not permitted), 2 lightning, 4 machinery fires and a couple of pole tops the others were of all different nature. So as you can see our season has been busy, for that reason I thank all volunteers for your efforts again this year. Special thanks to Alex and Trevor for your support again this year, it certainly makes my job easier when I have you guys to call on. Brent and Charmaine for your ongoing support to bushfires in our shire, when you start talking to other chiefs in other shire and you realise how lucky we are in Jerramungup with the support bushfires get. To Ash thanks mate, your sifting through the bullshit means me only dealing with the real issues which helps me get on with running my business and not dealing with crap.

I don't want to pre-empt some of the stuff we have to discuss later in this meeting, but please keep an open mind in our discussions and try to think forward of the current as our landscape is ever changing and once we set our firebreak notice its set for another year.

In finishing I would like to make a special thank you to Robert Edmondson for his 51 years of service to bushfires in the shire of Jerramungup. Robert and Chris recently departed the district and we will be forever in their debt and we wish them well with their future.



DFES COUNTRY OPERATIONS REPORT TO SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 27TH APRIL 2016.

Fellow Fire Fighters,

The following report has been compiled in order to draw Brigade members' attention to some issues which may be of interest.

TRAINING.

Volunteer Fire Fighter Training

DFES Great Southern has prepared its training calendar for 2016. I have pencilled in some training for your Shire in mid-July based upon advice received from Ashley Peczka. Should you require any additional training or specialised courses, please let Ashley or me know.

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY.

Miss Sarah Matthews our Community Engagement Officer has requested that I promote the following aspect of community safety with you:

Preparing an Emergency Kit

Having an emergency kit is an important step to prepare and protect your household for an emergency such as a bushfire or Storm.

Keep your Emergency Survival Kit in a storage container in a location that is easy to get to and the whole family knows about.

Things to include in your kit are:

- Portable battery-operated AM/FM radio
- Waterproof torch
- Spare batteries
- First aid kit with manual
- Candles with waterproof matches
- Woollen blankets
- Emergency contact numbers





And don't forget to prepare for your pets as well. Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag.
If you're leaving, take a leash, basket, medication, food and a familiar toy for your animal.
It will help reduce stress.

For more information:

- Visit the DFES website at www.dfes.wa.gov.au
- Contact DFES Community Engagement on 9395 9816
- Read the Bushfire [Emergency Kit Factsheet](#) attached.

OPERATIONS

Comprehensive Crew Protection Project

By now some Brigades will have had their trucks retrofitted with some elements of the Comprehensive Crew Protection Project. For example most trucks will have been fitted with radiant heat shields and fire blankets. In future appliances will be fitted with some additional facilities including: Water Deluge Systems and Draeger OXY3000 In Cab Air System. In order to give you an insight into what is being rolled out, I have attached the NUCOM guides for the Retrofitted Water Deluge System and Draeger OXY3000 In Cab Air system to this report.

When your appliance has any of these extra systems fitted training will be supplied so that you and your Brigade members know how to use them. It will probably also be a good idea to refresh people on their use prior to the next bush fire season.

A big **THANK YOU** to you all for your efforts during the past fire season.

Please stay safe.

Regards,

Tonks

JOHN TONKIN
AREA OFFICER – ALBANY WEST
GREAT SOUTHERN REGION
Att.



OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT RESOURCE

NUCOM – *Retrofitted Water Deluge System*





NUCOM	
N – Name	Retrofitted Water Deluge System *for appliances with greater than 1,500L water capacity
U – Use	Appliance protection spray system for cabin, deck and wheels, to be activated during a burnover.
C – Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reticulation system (consisting of an electro torque valve, spray filter and head system) - Cabin Crew Protection switch and Crew Spray LED panel - Cabin spray heads - Deck spray heads - Wheel spray heads - Pump panel spray heads - Spray system isolation valve - Spray filter flushing valve
O – Operation	<p>In the case of appliances with a live drive system, live drive will be disabled upon operation of the water deluge system and the Auxiliary Pump will automatically start and will run at 3 Bar.</p> <p>For appliances with an independent pump ensure the pump-set is running. Idle speed will be adjusted to run at 3 Bar.</p> <p>To activate water deluge, move the Cabin Crew Protection Switch to on.</p> <div data-bbox="614 1422 1236 1870" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>When turned to 'on' the Crew Protection switch will illuminate.</p>



While the water deluge system is functioning the "Crew Sprays Activated" LED will light up green. When the tank is exhausted the "Crew Sprays Activated" LED will turn off.



The Crew Protection switch will also activate the Automatic Vehicle Locator function, if fitted.


While active, All spray heads will produce a misting spray, creating a fog pattern enveloping cab, deck, pumps and wheels.



To turn off the water deluge system, return the switch to 'off'.

Notes: When the crew protection switch is activated the auxiliary pump set will not be able to be stopped from within the cab and in some cases throttle controls will not operate until the crew protection switch is disengaged.

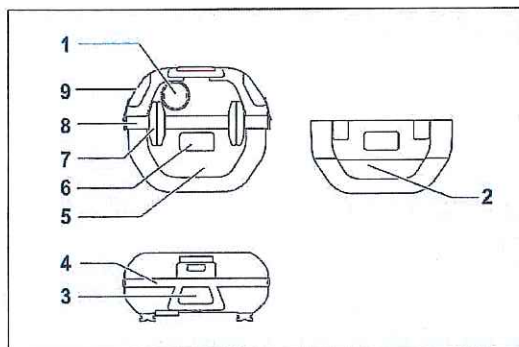


	<p>The retrofitted water deluge system runs off the primary tank. Crews must ensure a $\frac{1}{4}$ tank is available. The water deluge system will require 500L, for single cab and 700L, dual cab to provide 5 minutes of protection.</p>
M - Maintenance	<p>The water deluge system must be tested once per month and may be flushed using the drain valve.</p>  <p>All other maintenance is to be carried out by the regional service provider.</p> <p>Note: <i>The pump has been pre-set to 350kpa. No adjustment is to be made by crew.</i></p>
S - Safety	<p>Consider and constantly re-evaluate LACES throughout operations.</p>

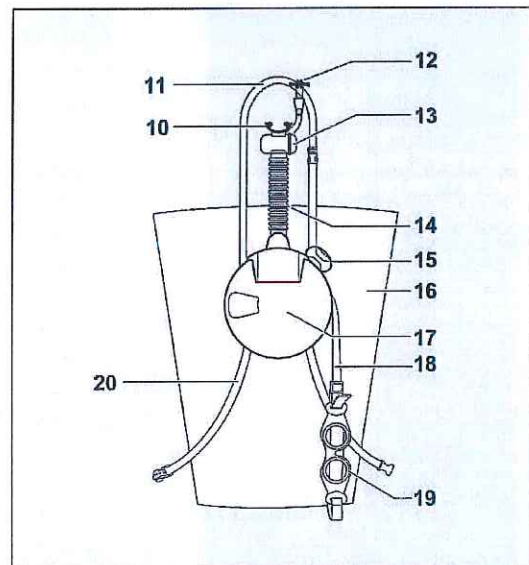


OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT RESOURCE

NUCOM – In-Cab Air Dräger OXY3000




- 1 Inspection window with moisture indicator and heat indicator (optional)
- 2 Abrasion protection (optional)
- 3 Opener with seal
- 4 Tightening straps
- 5 Bottom cover of casing
- 6 Labelling field
- 7 Belt loops for fastening the oxygen self-rescuer to the belt (not displayed: attachment for shoulder belt)
- 8 Support ring
- 9 Top cover of casing




- 10 Mouthpiece
- 11 Neck strap
- 12 Nose clip
- 13 Heat exchanger
- 14 Breathing hose
- 15 Starter (optional)
- 16 Breathing bag
- 17 KO₂ cartridge
- 18 Button loop
- 19 Goggles
- 20 Chest strap



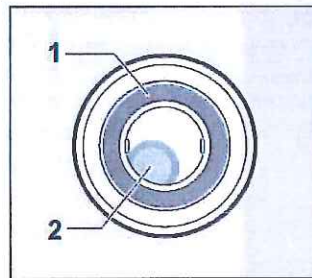
NUCOM	
N – Name	In-Cab Air Dräger OXY3000
U – Use	<p>To provide breathable air to personnel in a burnover. The Dräger OXY3000 is an oxygen self-rescuer. It is an emergency device intended for escape from areas with smoke, toxic gases or oxygen deficiency.</p> <p>OPEN IN AN OPERATIONAL EMERGENCY ONLY USE ONCE AND DISCARD – SEALED UNIT – NO SERVICEABLE PARTS</p>
C – Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dräger OXY3000 consists of a housing containing an oxygen self-rescuer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubberised solid black plastic top casing with inspection window and indicator Stainless steel lower casing Steel mounting bracket fixed to vehicle with Velcro retaining strap
O – Operation	<p>The Dräger OXY 3000 devices supply oxygen during an incident by chemical reaction. It provides the user with up to 30-minutes of breathable air.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start the In-Cab Air calmly – do not rush Behave calmly. Short, quick breaths use more oxygen! Always make sure the mouthpiece sits firmly between the teeth and lips and is tightly covered with your lips The air from the In-Cab Air Dräger OXY3000 is warm and dry. This shows that the In-Cab Air is functioning correctly. A possible strange taste is normal and harmless Do not damage or compress the breathing bag, otherwise vital oxygen is lost <p>The In-Cab Air units are located in their storage cases in positions appropriate to the appliance and must not be relocated. The In-Cab Air units are to be used in conjunction with all other PPC. Gloves: In-Cab Air is designed to be operated while wearing gloves; however, removing a glove to don the In-Cab Air is acceptable, the glove should be put back on after donning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the In-Cab Air from its storage case in the appliance Pull the opener upwards until the straps fall away Remove the upper part of the casing and discard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If required, either use the fully opened opener to lever the lid open, or, Bend the casing at the face seal. To do this, place the device flat on the floor. Push onto the edge of the upper and lower parts of the casing. Grip the loop of the yellow neck strap and use it to pull the In-Cab Air out of the casing. <p> Do not use the hose to pull the In-Cab Air out of the casing. Otherwise, the In-Cab Air could be damaged and may not</p>



	<p>supply enough breathing air</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold the In-Cab Air so that the breathing bag points away from the body• Remove your helmet, if required• Place the neck strap around your neck• Put your helmet on• Bring the mouthpiece up to your face<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ In doing so, the mouthpiece cap is removed from the mouthpiece. The starter pin is pulled out of the In-Cab Air• Place the mouthpiece in your mouth. In doing so, ensure that the breathing hose is not twisted. The rubber piece should sit between your teeth and lips• Cover the mouthpiece tightly with your lips• Press the nose clip open with one hand and place it on your nose. Your nose must be closed tightly• The unit will start generating oxygen within 1 -2 minutes. If necessary, use your hands to help unfold the breathing bag<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If the breathing bag does not fill, breathe out powerfully 2 or 3 times from the ambient air into the device• Hold the In-Cab Air under the KO₂ cartridge and pull on the end of the neck strap in order to pull the In-Cab Air upwards• Position the In-Cab Air in front of your chest.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The device must not be placed too high. However, it must also not pull on the mouthpiece <p>Goggles: Firefighter issue fire-rated goggles are an acceptable alternative to the goggles included in the In-Cab Air. Remove prescription glasses, if necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If necessary, release the goggles from the device and from the button strap and put them on• Put the chest strap around your body and close it• Tighten the chest strap <p> If you need to vomit, take the mouthpiece out of your mouth and close it with your thumb. Do not vomit into the In-Cab-Air. In order to ensure that no harmful air is inhaled from the environment, first inhale from the In-Cab-Air once the mouthpiece has been reinserted.</p>
M - Maintenance	<p>The following work steps must be performed every day. If one of the criteria listed is not met, the In-Cab Air must not be used. In the following cases, the In-Cab Air may be repaired by trained personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure that the inspection window is not damaged. A damaged inspection window must be replaced. <p>In the following cases, the In-Cab Air must be taken out of service or sent to Dräger for inspection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check that the In-Cab Air is intact.



- Check that the seal is undamaged. The seal must not have any stress whitening marks. Stress whitening marks are an indication that the seal is damaged.
- Check that the casing is closed.
- Check that the opening mechanism is locked and undamaged. The snap-fit must be engaged.
- Check that the support ring is tight against the bottom cover of the casing.
- Check that the seal is not damaged.
- Ensure that the casing does not have any tears or holes.
- Ensure that the bottom cover of the casing does not have any dents deeper than 2 mm.
- Check inspection window: If many yellow fragments, the same size or larger than grains of sugar, can be shaken in the inspection window area, the In-Cab Air must be decommissioned.
- An adhesive, thin yellow layer of particles is normal after years of carrying and does not affect the function.



- Check if the moisture indicator (1) is brown. If moisture has penetrated into the In-Cab Air, the moisture indicator changes from brown to turquoise.
- If the In-Cab Air is equipped with the optional heat indicator:
 - Check that the heat indicator (2) is light. The heat indicator's colour will turn dark if the device has been exposed to too much heat.



OPERATIONAL CIRCULAR 18/2012
File: 00479

FEBRUARY 2012

SHORTENING OF PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED BURN PERIODS

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O.I.C. is to read this circular to all station personnel and discuss. Then sign the appropriate box above to confirm that this has been completed	

Background

Sections 17 and 18 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* ('the Act') outline the legislative framework for the declaration and variation of the Prohibited Burning Times (PBT) and Restricted Burning Times (RBT).

Section 17(7) of the Act provides that a local government may, if conditions warrant, shorten, extend, suspend or reimpose a period of PBT. This provision is mirrored by section 18(5) of the Act for RBT.

Section 17(7B) provides that:

A variation of prohibited burning times shall not be made under subsection (7) if that variation would have the effect of shortening or suspending those prohibited times by, or for, more than 14 successive days.

Section 18(5B) of the Act contains a similar provision for RBT.

Current Situation

FESA Legal and Legislation area recently became aware that some local governments have been using the above provisions to vary their PBT with multiple consecutive 14 day blocks. In this regard it also came to light that an excerpt from page 35 of the Fire Control Officer manual relevantly provides that:

There is no limit on the number of times that a Local Government can extend or shorten the Prohibited Burning Times.

In order to clarify the above matter, FESA sought advice from the State Solicitor's Officer (SSO) regarding the interpretation of sections 17 and 18 of the Act.

SSO advise that sections 17(7B) and 18(5B) of the Act use the words '*would have the effect of*' in reference to shortening of the PBT or RBT. As such, what is important is not just the length of shortening, but the cumulative effect that shortening would have.

By way of example, a local government may do one variation for seven days, and a second variation for seven days. Such variations are within the terms of sections 17(7B) and 18(5B) as the combined effect is to only shorten the period by 14 days.

However an initial 14 day variation, followed by a second 14 day variation, rules the second variation invalid. This is because the combined effect is to shorten the period by 28 days, which is in contravention of sections 17(7B) and 18(5B).

In short, this means where a local government variation of PBT or RBT has a cumulative effect of shortening a period that exceeds 14 days it would be in contravention of sections 17(7B) or 18(5B) of the Act.

Pursuant to section 17(6) of the Act, the Authority may, by notice in the Gazette warrant, shorten, extend, suspend or reimpose a period of PBT. This provision is mirrored in section 18(4a) for RBT. There is no limit in either of these sections regarding the timeframe for any variation.

As such, if seasonal conditions are such that it is considered likely that the PBT or RBT times require shortening by more than 14 days; the local government should make application to the Authority (FESA) to publish such a variation in the Gazette.

Regional staff are to ensure that local governments in their respective region are aware of the SSO interpretation of the Act, and should a local government wish to make an application to the Authority to publish a variation in the gazette; the application is to be submitted through the Regional Director.

Regional Directors are to forward any such application together with their recommendation to the FESA CEO for consideration.

Amendments will be made to the Fire Control Officer manual to reflect the SSO advice.

LLOYD BAILEY AFSM
A/CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

Part III — Prevention of bush fires

[Division 1 deleted by No. 65 of 1977 s. 12.]

Division 2 — Prohibited burning times

17. Prohibited burning times may be declared by Minister

- (1) The Minister may, by declaration published in the *Gazette*, declare the times of the year during which it is unlawful to set fire to the bush within a zone of the State mentioned in the declaration and may, by subsequent declaration so published, vary that declaration or revoke that declaration either absolutely or for the purpose of substituting another declaration for the declaration so revoked.
- (2) Where by declaration made under subsection (1) prohibited burning times have been declared in respect of a zone of the State then, subject to such variations (if any) as are made under that subsection from time to time, those prohibited burning times shall have effect in respect of that zone in each year until that declaration is revoked.
- (3) A copy of the *Gazette* containing a declaration published under subsection (1) shall be received in all courts as evidence of the matters set out in the declaration.
- (4) Where the FES Commissioner considers that burning should be carried out on any land, the FES Commissioner may suspend the operation of a declaration made under subsection (1), so far as the declaration extends to that land, for such period as the FES Commissioner thinks fit and specifies and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed or as the FES Commissioner thinks fit and specifies.
- (5) The FES Commissioner may authorise a person employed in the Department to regulate, permit or define the class of burning that may be carried out, and the times when and conditions under which a fire may be lit, on the land referred to in subsection (4) during the period of suspension granted under that subsection.
- (6) In any year in which the FES Commissioner considers that seasonal conditions warrant a variation of the prohibited burning times in a zone of the State the FES Commissioner may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, vary the prohibited burning times in respect of that year in the zone or a part of the zone by —
 - (a) shortening, extending, suspending or reimposing a period of prohibited burning times; or
 - (b) imposing a further period of prohibited burning times.
- (7) Subject to subsection (7B), in any year in which a local government considers that seasonal conditions warrant a variation of the prohibited burning times in its district the local government may, after consultation with an authorised CALM Act officer if forest land is situated in the district, vary the prohibited burning times in respect of that year in the district or a part of the district by —
 - (a) shortening, extending, suspending or reimposing a period of prohibited burning times; or
 - (b) imposing a further period of prohibited burning times.

- (7B) A variation of prohibited burning times shall not be made under subsection (7) if that variation would have the effect of shortening or suspending those prohibited burning times by, or for, more than 14 successive days.
- (8) Where, under subsection (7), a local government makes a variation to the prohibited burning times in respect of its district or a part of its district the following provisions shall apply —
- (a) the local government —
 - (i) shall, by the quickest means available to it and not later than 2 days before the first day affected by the variation, give notice of the variation to any local government whose district adjoins that district;
 - (ii) shall, by the quickest means available to it, give particulars of the variation to the FES Commissioner and to any Government department or instrumentality which has land in that district under its care, control and management and which has requested the local government to notify it of all variations made from time to time by the local government under this section or section 18;
 - (iii) shall, as soon as is practicable publish particulars of the variation in that district;
 - (b) the Minister, on the recommendation of the FES Commissioner, may give notice in writing to the local government directing it —
 - (i) to rescind the variation; or
 - (ii) to modify the variation in such manner as is specified in the notice;
 - (c) on receipt of a notice given under paragraph (b) the local government shall forthwith —
 - (i) rescind or modify the variation as directed in the notice; and
 - (ii) publish in that district notice of the rescission or particulars of the modification, as the case may require.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8) —
- publish*** means to publish in a newspaper circulating in the district of the local government, to broadcast from a radio broadcasting station that gives radio broadcasting coverage to that district, to place notices in prominent positions in that district, or to publish by such other method as the FES Commissioner may specify in writing.
- (10) A local government may by resolution delegate to its mayor, or president, and its Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, jointly its powers and duties under subsections (7) and (8).
- (11) A local government may by resolution revoke a delegation it has given under subsection (10) and no delegation so given prevents the exercise and discharge by the local government of its powers and duties under subsections (7) and (8).
- (12) Subject to this Act a person who sets fire to the bush on land within a zone of the State during the prohibited burning times for that zone is guilty of an offence. Penalty: \$10 000 or 12 months' imprisonment or both.

[Section 17 inserted by No. 65 of 1977 s. 13; amended by No. 8 of 1987 s. 8; No. 14 of 1996 s. 4; No. 42 of 1998 s. 16; No. 38 of 2002 s. 21 and 40(1); No. 19 of 2010 s. 52(4); No. 22 of 2012 s. 51 and 69.]

Division 3 — Restricted burning times

18. Restricted burning times may be declared by FES Commissioner

- (1) Nothing contained in this section authorises the burning of bush during the prohibited burning times.
- (2) The FES Commissioner may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, declare the times of the year during which it is unlawful to set fire to the bush within a zone of the State mentioned in the notice except in accordance with a permit obtained under this section and with the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section, and may, by subsequent notice so published, vary that declaration or revoke that declaration either wholly or for the purpose of substituting another declaration for the declaration so revoked.
- (3) Where by declaration made under subsection (2) restricted burning times have been declared in respect of a zone of the State then, subject to such variations (if any) as are made under that subsection from time to time, those restricted burning times shall have effect in respect of that zone in each year until that declaration is revoked.
- (4) A copy of the *Gazette* containing a declaration published under subsection (2) shall be received in all courts as evidence of the matters set out in the declaration.
- (4a) In any year in which the FES Commissioner considers that seasonal conditions warrant a variation of the restricted burning times in a zone, or part of a zone, of the State the FES Commissioner may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, vary the restricted burning times in respect of that year in the zone or part of the zone by —
 - (a) shortening, extending, suspending or reimposing a period of restricted burning times; or
 - (b) imposing a further period of restricted burning times.
- (5) Subject to subsection (5B) in any year in which a local government considers that seasonal conditions so warrant the local government may, after consultation with an authorised CALM Act officer if forest land is situated in its district —
 - (a) vary the restricted burning times in respect of that year in the district or a part of the district by —
 - (i) shortening, extending, suspending or reimposing a period of restricted burning times; or
 - (ii) imposing a further period of restricted burning times;or
 - (b) vary the prescribed conditions by modifying or suspending all or any of those conditions.
- (5B) A variation shall not be made under subsection (5) if that variation would have the effect of —
 - (a) shortening the restricted burning times by; or

- (b) suspending the restricted burning times, or any prescribed condition, for, more than 14 successive days during a period that would, in the absence of the variation under subsection (5), be part of the restricted burning times for that zone in that year.
- (5C) The provisions of section 17(8), (9), (10) and (11), with the necessary adaptations and modifications, apply to and in relation to the variation of restricted burning times or prescribed conditions by a local government, as if those provisions were expressly incorporated in this section.
- (5D) In subsections (5) and (5C) —
prescribed condition includes the requirement of subsection (6)(a).
- (6) Subject to this Act a person shall not set fire to the bush on land within a zone of the State during the restricted burning times for that zone of the State unless —
- (a) he has obtained a permit in writing to burn the bush from a bush fire control officer of the local government in whose district the land upon which the bush proposed to be burnt is situated, or from the chief executive officer of the local government if a bush fire control officer is not available; and
 - (b) the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section are complied with in relation to the burning of the bush.
- (7) The person issuing a permit to burn under this section may, by endorsement on the permit —
- (a) incorporate therein any additional requirements and directions considered necessary by him relative to the burning; or
 - (b) modify or dispense with any of the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section in so far as those conditions are applicable to the burning.
- (8) The holder of a permit to burn under this section —
- (a) shall observe and carry out any requirement or direction incorporated therein pursuant to subsection (7)(a);
 - (b) shall, where any prescribed condition is modified pursuant to subsection (5) or subsection (7)(b), comply with that condition as so modified;
 - (c) need not comply with any prescribed condition that is suspended or dispensed with pursuant to subsection (5) or (7)(b).
- (9) A permit issued under this section may authorise the owner or occupier of land to burn the bush on a road reserve adjoining that land.
- (10A) Subject to the regulations a local government may by resolution declare that within its district bush may be burnt only on such dates and by such persons as are prescribed by a schedule of burning times adopted by the local government.
- (10B) A person desiring to set fire to bush within the district of the local government that has made a declaration under subsection (10A) shall, by such date as may be determined by the local government, apply to the local government for permission to set fire to the bush, and the local government shall allocate a day or days on which the burning may take place.

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- (10C) Any burning permitted under subsection (10B) shall be done only on the day or days and in the manner specified by the local government and subject to the conditions prescribed for the purposes of this section except that any prescribed period of notice may be varied by the local government in order to enable the schedule of burning times adopted by it to be given effect to.
- (11) Where a person starts a fire on land, if the fire escapes from the land or if the fire is in the opinion of a bush fire control officer or an officer of a bush fire brigade out of control on the land, the person shall be liable to pay to the local government on the request of and for recoup to its bush fire brigade, any expenses up to a maximum amount of \$10 000 incurred by it in preventing the extension of or extinguishing the fire, and such expenses may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (12) A person who commits a breach of this section other than subsection (11) is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: For a first offence \$4 500.

For a second or subsequent offence \$10 000.

[Section 18 inserted by No. 65 of 1977 s. 14; amended by No. 8 of 1987 s. 8; No. 14 of 1996 s. 4; No. 42 of 1998 s. 16; No. 38 of 2002 s. 22, 39 and 40(1); No. 19 of 2010 s. 52(4); No. 22 of 2012 s. 69.]

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ATTACHMENT 2

To whom it may concern.

I am writing on behalf of the Jacup bushfire brigade. At our recent AGM on the 11 th of April 2016 a motion was raised that the daily opening time for burning cereal rows be brought forward to 3 pm. This was unanimous through the brigade as the sea breeze has been making it difficult to get a successful burn. If this could be considered it would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Kalan Bailey

Secretary/treasurer Jacup bushfire brigade.

Ashley Peczka

From: Alex & Marni Jones <alexjones@reachnet.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 April 2016 6:07 PM
To: Ashley Peczka
Subject: BFAC agenda submission

Categories: BFAC

Hi Ashley. I wish to put forward a change to the shire burning terms to include Sunday and public holidays in the restricted burning season. The CBFCO would still be able to declare certain times of prohibited burning such as easter as necessary. Thanks.

Dear Landowner;

RE: FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON EXTENDING RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD WITHIN THE POINT HENRY PENINSULA

The local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades in conjunction with the Shire of Jerramungup have met and discussed extensively the threat of fires escaping in the Point Henry Peninsula from controlled burns. Point Henry is the highest bushfire risk area in the Shire with its unique topography, vegetation and landscape. Any out of control fire activity in this area has significant impacts on our local brigades and the community with the potential loss of life being the major concern for all agencies.

When reviewing the 2015/2016 fire season it was decided that investigation and consultation needs to be undertaken regarding an extension to the restricted burning period in Point Henry. To date the Shire has implemented a new fire zone (Zone 5-Point Henry Peninsula) which you will see on the attached map. The purpose of this new fire zone is to allow local volunteer fire fighters greater knowledge of who is burning in the Peninsula and to create a safer and more controlled environment for residents who utilise burning as a means of bushfire mitigation and preparedness.

We are now seeking your feedback on an extension to the restricted burning period in Point Henry. The restricted burning period requires landowners to obtain a permit from a Fire Control Officer which will set out a number of conditions under which a burn will be permitted. Attached to this letter is also a Mitigation Information Session Hand out from our recent workshop which contains a sample permit. The two proposals are provided below with the first indicating that permits would be required at all times outside the prohibited season and a second where permits would not be required during winter months. Given the prevalence of absentee landholders in Point Henry the current restriction on Sunday and public holiday burning within the restricted burning period is also being reviewed to provide landowners with wider opportunity to conduct mitigation on weekends.

Your feedback and comments are valued to inform our decision making process and are required by Friday 22nd April 2016. The Shire of Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting will be held on 27th April 2016 and the Committee may resolve to recommend that Council implement either proposal in preparation for the 2016/2017 fire season.

Zone 5 - Option 1:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
PBT	PBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	PBT	PBT

PBT - Prohibited Burning Time: 1st January – 1st March

RBT - Restricted Burning Time: 2nd March – 31th October

PBT - Prohibited Burning Time: 1st November – 31st December

Zone 5 - Option 2:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
PBT	PBT	RBT	RBT	RBT	UBT	UBT	UBT	RBT	RBT	PBT	PBT

PBT - Prohibited Burning Time: 1st January – 1st March

RBT - Restricted Burning Time: 2nd March – 31st May

UBT - Unrestricted Burning Time: 1st June – 31st August

RBT - Restricted Burning Time: 1st September – 31th October

PBT - Prohibited Burning Time: 1st November – 31st December

Legend:

	Prohibited Burning Time (No Fires)		Restricted Burning Time (Fire Permits required)		Unrestricted Burning Time (No Fire Permits required)
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If you would like to learn more in regards to Fire Permits or to clarify any further details please feel to contact the Shire or any of the Fire Control Officers listed below:

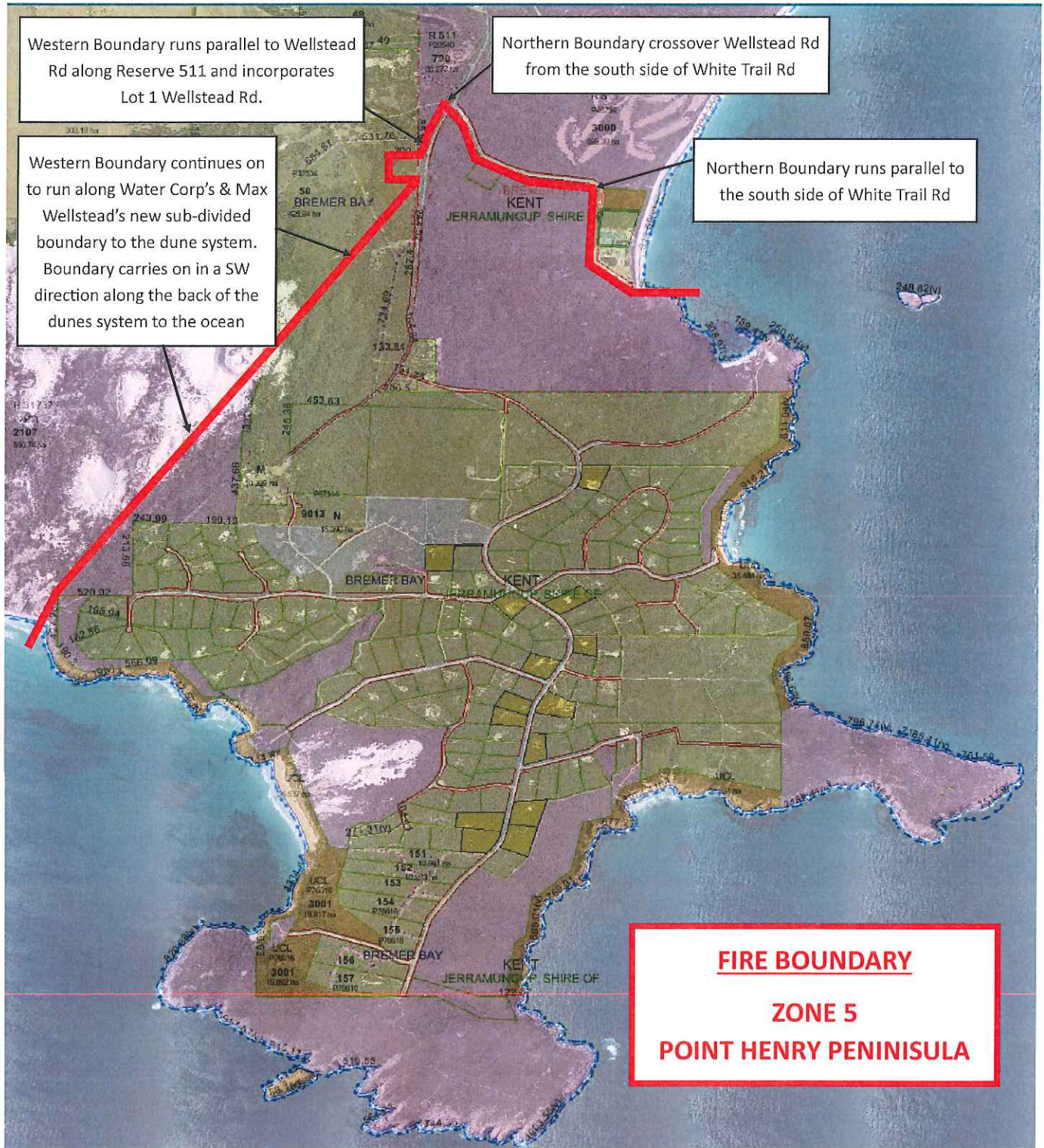
Name	Position	Contact Number
Dave Edwards	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	0429 100 007
John Iffla	Bremer Bay VFES OIC / Fire Control Officer	0427 374 298
Steve Tomasini	Bremer Bay VFES Fire Captain / Fire Control Officer	0427 374 340
Wes Thomas	Fire Control Officer	0429 374 065
Stacey Francis	Fire Control Officer	0437 611 759
Peter Buckenara	Fire Control Officer	0429 371 003
Stephen Wadsworth	Fire Control Officer / Shire Ranger	0429 351 022

A feedback form is enclosed or alternatively a separate written submission can be completed and returned to the Shire by Friday 22nd April 2016.



SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

PROPOSED NEW FIRE BOUNDARY ZONE 5 - POINT HENRY PENINISULA



				ATTACHMENT B: SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS – RESTRICTIONS ON POINT HENRY PENINSULA	
				Issues raised and Officer comment provided	
No.	Respondent	Contact Details	Summary of Comment		Officer Comment
1	Max Wellstead	Ph 983740402 M 0427374042	In Favour of Zone 5 Option 2 , as it allows people to do" protective burning in safe time of the year" Concerned about the availability of fire control officers during restricted period	2	
2	P&K Prescott	0423532563 0428919662	or Supportive of Option 2 . But would also support option 1 .	2	
3	Tim Lipscombe	0427089349	Prefers option 1 Concerned about the lack of escape routes from the point , would like to see a sealed rd from the end of Black rocks rd to Dillion bay , to provide access to the dune system for refuge	1	Looking at upgrading the track as part of the Point Henry adjustment to the strategic access and possibly creating a car park in the limestone area of low fuel
4	Barry Robinson	0419906232	Supports Zone 5 . prefer option 1 with March included in the Prohibited burning period. Would like to see a bigger focus on slashing , Mulching and burying rather than a winter burning program	1	
5	Michael Wright	0427191785	Supportive of option 2 . Would like to see Sunday and public holidays included in the permitting period . Enforce permits all year round if it is a dry winter	2	
6	Lawrie & Sue Schlueter	0438552240 Sloots52@westnet.com.au	Supportive of option 2	2	
7	Peter Hicks & Wendy Wilkins	yarrisprings@westnet.com.au	Support option 2	2	
8	Ken & Priscilla Broadbent	boondyup@bigpond.com 0428314195	Support Zone 5 , Option 2	2	
9	D Varris	0438962137	Supports option 2 with the removal of	2	I have phone trees for the respondents to the survey on point Henry , Maybe look

			<p>Sunday and public holiday restrictions</p> <p>Would like to see landholders have to inform neighbours and local VES of intentions to burn</p>		<p>at the possibility of making a point henry phone list to distribute to residents to contact neighbours if carrying out a burn. Need to ask permission to distribute contact details ?</p>
10	Bruce Lake	0419936527	<p>Supports Zone 5, Option 2</p> <p>Reinforces the importance of guidelines in place to ensure people do not burn on inappropriate days</p> <p>Would like to see landholders have to inform neighbours and local VES of intentions to burn</p>	2	
11	Will Pooley		<p>Supports Option 2 .</p> <p>Would like to see the decision to modify restricted burning period be reviewed annually .</p> <p>Would also like to see all road verges "cleared back to property boundaries</p> <p>Concerned about lack of clearing under powerlines</p>	2	<p>Second landowner to express concern over powerlines</p> <p>People seem to be under the impression it is the shires responsibility</p>
12	Terry Leseberg	08 97641261	<p>Supports option 2</p> <p>Unhappy about the clearing on their block from the ridgeway drive fire</p>	2	<p>Maybe affected landholders should be contacted after fires to talk through any issues and explain the context of any damage to property</p>
13	Peter Durham	pdpeterd@gmail.com	Preferred Option 1		
14					