

# SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

## BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Jerramungup Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 in the Council Chambers, Jerramungup, commencing at 7:34pm.

#### 1. **OPENING**

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Mr David Edwards declared the meeting open at 7.34pm.

#### 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
Mr Ashley Peczka	CESO – Shire of Jerramungup
Ms Melanie Haymont	BRPC – Shire of Jerramungup
Cr Bill Bailey	Councillor Representative
Mr Kim Parson	Jerramungup VFES
Mr Malcolm Turner	Needilup BFS
Mr Anthony Armstrong	Jerramungup VFES
Mr Vince Hilder	DPaW
Mr Paul Hislop	Jerramungup VFES
Mr Wes Thomas	Bremer Bay VFES
Mr Brendan Tapscott	Needilup BFS

#### 3. **APOLOGIES**

Mr Peter Masters	DPaW
Mr John Tonkin	Area Officer - DFES
Mr Steve Wadsworth	Bremer Bay VFES
Mr Rohan Murdoch	Boxwood Hill BFS
Mrs Charmaine Solomon	DCEO - Shire of Jerramungup
Mr Mark Tapscott	Needilup BFS
Mr John Iffla	Bremer Bay VFES

#### 4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Cr Bill Bailey / Seconded by Mr Trevor Ross.  
Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup>  
April 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of  
proceedings.**

**Carried**

#### 5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Volunteer ID Cards

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 DPaW Report

Mr Peter Master provided the report attached

Mr Vince Hilder also mentions;

- Gairdner Ranger (Deon Grantham) relocating to Stirlings for 6 months, unfortunately means no replacement during this period
- No UCL funding allocated
- Due to the weather there has been any autumn/winter burns, but have managed to do a couple burns around Albany
- Slasher work delayed due to weather

### 7.2 DFES Report

(report attached)

### 7.3 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Report

(report attached)

### 7.4 Community Emergency Services Officer Report

(report attached)

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 8.1 FCO Nominations – Mel Haymont and Bryan Hunter

The following nominations have been received for Fire Control Officers;

- Ms Melanie Haymont – Bremer Bay VFES (Nominated by Mr Steve Tomasini)
- Mr Bryan Hunter – Bremer Bay VFES (Nominated by Mr Steve Tomasini)

Due to the implementation of Fire Zone 5 – Pt Henry Peninsula the above nominees have been recommended to assist the current FCO group to write out permits to residents due to the longer RBT timeframes. Both nominees have completed Fire Control Officer's course this year as per the minimum requirements of being a FCO.

**Officer Recommendation:** Nominees being become Fire Control Officers of Zone 5 – Pt Henry Peninsula with restricted powers in being Permit Issuing FCO's only.

**Moved by Mr Wes Thomas / Seconded by Mr Trevor Ross.  
Endorse the appointment of the following members as Fire  
Control Officers with restricted powers of Permit Issuing Officers  
only.**

**Carried**

### **8.2 FCO Nomination – Mark Spinks**

Due to the changes in circumstances of Fire Control Officer Martin Brooks (Jacup 5) he is unable to continue in his role. Mr Mark Spinks has been nominated by the Jacup BFS to replace Mr Martin Brooks as Jacup 5 on the condition that he must complete a Fire Control Officers course next year.

**Moved by Mr Trevor Ross / Seconded by Mr Paul Hislop.  
Endorse the appointment of the Mark Spinks as a Fire Control  
Officer (Jacup 5).**

**Carried**

### **8.3 Jacup BFB Fire Shed Update**

Mr Brent Bailey advised it has been delayed by another 12 months, due to numerous factors and hoops shire is currently going through with land tenure, clearing, etc.

### **8.4 Fire Permit Register/Drop Box**

Mr Dave Edwards demonstrated dropbox to the committee, requesting that all FCO's to enter fire permits onto dropbox to allow for quicker activations.

### **8.5 Propose meeting date to discuss PBT/RBT**

Mr Dave Edwards advised dates will be considered next year.

### **8.6 Volunteer Fire Fighter Presumption Legislation**

Mr Ashley Peczka advised the group legislation has passed through both houses of government and is now with the governor general for final signing off where volunteers are now covered for any of the 12 common cancer's during the course of the volunteering life and brings all volunteers in line with career counterparts.

Previously volunteers when diagnosed with cancer as result of being a volunteer fire fighter had to prove to the state government which specific incident they attended too that caused them to develop one of the twelve common cancers. What is required now is all volunteers must be recorded in being in attendance against the incident report filled in by FCO's, brigade executives on the completion of the every incident so track history can be provided to prove that a particular volunteer has been attending incidents within the set timelines of the 12 common cancers to develop in.

## 8.7 Crown Land

Mr Ashley Peczka advised the committee that under Section 39 of the Bushfires Act Fire Control Officers are allowed to enter Crown Land in order to control and extinguish fire that may start on Crown Land. This includes National Parks and Natures Reserves managed by Department of Parks and Wildlife (PaW) til a PaW officer arrives on scene to take control of the incident.

## 8.8 Volunteer Training Compliance

Mr Ashley Peczka advises back at the April 2014 BFAC meeting this committee recommended minimum training standards of our volunteers (table below) which was adopted by council (August 2014) to be minimum training competency to attend a fire ground by the 2017/18 Bushfire Season.

Position	Induction	Introduction to Fire Fighting	Bush Fire Fighting	Fire Control Officer	AIIMS
Volunteer Brigade Members	✓	✓	✓		
Volunteer Brigade Members over 60 years of age					
Shire of Jerramungup Employees	✓	✓	✓		
Fire Control Officers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chief and Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Report attached (attachment 5) is the current state of play within the Shire. This report is based on training records retrieved from DFES and training records keep at the Shire, figures are based upon active fire fighters listed by brigade.

## 8.9 2017 Volunteer Fire Training Courses

To assist in gaining compliance to training records as mentioned within the previous agenda item, the following courses have been identified, to be held within the Shire of Jerramungup during the months of July and September.

COURSE	SUGGESTED DATE	LOCATION
Intro to FF / Bush Fire Fighting	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Gairdner Town Hall
Fire Control Officer	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Jerramungup CRC
AIIMS Awareness	Tuesday 8th August	Jerramungup CRC
Ground Controller	Tuesday 8th August	Jerramungup CRC

### **8.10 Crew Protection Enhancements**

Mr Ashley Peczka advises Jacup, Gairdner 4.4's and recently Boxwood Hill 2.4 are currently in Perth being retrofitted with deluge system, critical component lagging, in-cab air systems as per the Crew Protection enhancement program. Once trucks are returned there is a training package for all members to par take to know how to work the latest safety enhancements.

### **8.11 Fire Watch Pro**

Mr Ashley Peczka, demonstrated web based site called Fire Watch Pro. This websites picks up hotspots, location of lightning strikes, previous fire scares, greenness map.

It is free to register and a handy tool for FCO's to have – website address below

<http://firewatch-pro.landgate.wa.gov.au/home.php>

### **8.12 Vehicle ID Stickers**

Mr Ashley Peczka advised the committee, as part of a formal process in identifying vehicles to get past vehicle control points DFES has vehicle identifier stickers available for vehicles other than fire appliances. In the wake of the ferguson report DFES is starting to recommend to Local Government for these stickers to be put on private units, FCO vehicles and Shire equipment. Mr Ashley Peczka is securing stickers for Shire equipment and asked the committee if these should be placed onto FCO vehicles.

**Moved by Mr Anthony Armstrong / Seconded by Mr Wes Thomas.  
Endorse the placement of Vehicle Identifier Stickers for Fire Control Officers vehicles.**

**Carried**

### **8.13 Changes to DFES public information systems**

Mr Ashley Peczka advised the group DFES or State Government are about to launch a new website called 'EmergencyWA' which will link to the DFES computers to a map where when a 000 call received will provide a drop pin on the map providing details of the incident. This is all about making the community/public aware of situations close by.

DFES has also launched 2x apps for smart phones which are;

- DFES Bush Fire Aide Memoires
- DFES Radio Communications Voice Procedures

These are in hand to the Field Pocket Guides and are available to download from the smart phone 'apps store' at no charge.

Mr Peter Master advised of another app to assist in calculating Fire Danger Index (FDI) called CalcFDI

#### **8.14 Volunteer ID Cards**

Mr Ashley Peczka advised, as per one of the recommendations from the Ferguson report, DFES will be providing brigade members with ID cards prior to this summer season. A photo is required for the ID cards which can be done by volunteers going to the shire office or during training of the deluge system at the brigade.

**8.15** Mr Wes Thomas asked if a SMS reminder can be sent out to FCO's for BFAC meetings instead of relying on emails to remind FCO's

**8.16** Mr Alex Jones asked many dozers are within the Shire, Mr Dave Edwards advised for are a couple but mainly utilised Davie Campbells

**8.17** Mr Dave Edwards announced that this will be his last year as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

**8.18** Mr Ashley Peczka advised Mrs Carolyn Daniels has not renominated herself as secretary of the Needilup BFB. A letter of appreciation to be sent out, on behalf of BFAC; in recognition of the years of service as the Secretary of the Needilup Bush Fire Brigade.

### **9. CLOSURE**

Meeting closed @ 9:32pm