

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Jerramungup Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on Thursday 28th September 2017 in the Cameron Business Centre, Jerramungup, commenced at 3:00pm.

1. OPENING

Mr Dave Edwards opened the meeting 3:00pm

2. PRESENT

Mr David Edwards	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Trevor Ross	Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer
Ms Vivienne Gardiner	DFES Bushfire Risk Management Officer
Mr Rohan Murdoch	Boxwood Hill BFS
Mr Wes Thomas	Bremer Bay VFES
Mr Peter Masters	Parks & Wildlife Services
Mr Vince Hilder	Parks & Wildlife Services
Mr Ashley Peczka	CESO - Shire of Jerramungup
Ms Melanie Haymont	BRPC - Shire of Jerramungup
Mr Malcolm Turner	Needilup BFS
Mr Anthony Armstrong	Jerramungup VFES
Mrs Charmaine Solomon	DCEO - Shire of Jerramungup
Mr Michael Lester	Jacup BFS
Mr Mark Tapscott	Needilup BFS

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Brent Bailey	CEO - Shire of Jerramungup
Cr Bill Bailey	Councillor Representative
Mr Paul Hislop	Jerramungup VFES
Mr Kim Parson	Jerramungup VFES
Mr Brad Shelton	Gairdner BFS
Mr Ray Trevaskis	Needilup BFS
Mr Quinten Brown	Needilup BFS
Mr Peter Buckenara	Bremer Bay VFES
Mr Stuart Hocking	Boxwood Hill BFS
Mr Alex Jones	Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer
Mr Stacey Frances	Bremer Bay VFES
Mr Tim Wall	DFES Area Officer

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved by Mr Mark Tapscott / Seconded by Mr Trevor Ross.
Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held on 26th
April 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of
proceedings.**

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Mr Dave Edwards advised that Council has adopted the Camping & Cooking Fire policy for this year. All Fire Control Officer are asked to read policy for their knowledge.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 General Circular 95/2017 – CAD Replacement Project

6.2 General Circular 110/2017 – Fire Fighting Foam

6.3 General Circular 113/2017 – WA State Government budget impact on DFES

6.4 Operational Circular 41/2017 – Monthly AVL Testing

6.5 Operational Circular 65/2017 – Effects of Pyrocumulonimbus on Fire Behaviour and Management Info Note

6.6 Safety Circular 11/2017 – Use of a guide when reversing DFES vehicles

6.7 Safety Circular 13/2017 – Stand alone alternate energy systems

6.8 Hazard Note 38 – Southern Australia Seasonal Bushfire Outlook

6.9 Volunteer Support Legislation

7. REPORTS

7.1 DPaW Report

(report attached)

7.2 DFES Report

7.3 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Report

(report attached)

7.4 Community Emergency Services Officer Report

(report attached)

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Training Pathways Mr Dave Edwards have raised concerns in regards to the training pathway at recent DOAC meeting. We have volunteers wanting to do additional training, we were aligned to run an Advanced Bushfire Fire Fighting Course but found out if

we ran the course those attending would not been marked competent unless they followed the pathway process. Do we keep our training schedule the same or adjust to Pathways which will restrict volunteers in which way they can attend courses. The incoming of Rural Fire Service will not see any changes to this. If we remain the same there is more onerous put on the Shire in terms of record keeping instead DFES and volunteer's development will be restricted.

Shire will look into the legalities and insurances surrounding minimum training standards.

- 8.2** Melanie Haymont provided an update on the BRMP process where the program has been supported through the state budget. Now taking on BRPC role for the Shire of Denmark and maintaining programs within the Shire of Jerramungup and Ravensthorpe.
Spent time with Wadsy looking at refuge points around Point Henry as part of the driveway and turnaround requirements.
Looking at further Burn prescription plans
- 8.3** Vivienne Gardiner on behalf of Charlotte Powis (DFES Community Engagement Officer) presented new versions of the prepare-act-survival now called 'Fire Chat' for the group
- 8.4** Anthony Armstrong raised the issues of people riding on the back of vehicles on the fire ground. Mr Ashley Peczka advised riding on the back of vehicles is not permissible unless they are working in that area. Brigades are encourage to provide education to their members
- 8.5** Dave Edwards advised Water Bomber tank is soon to be moved from Bremer Bay airstrip to Jerramungup airstrip.
- 8.6** Dave Edwards advised Bushfire Morning Sked's to commence Monday 23rd October 2017. Sked's to continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings unless incoming weather condition requires additional days.
- 8.7** Mr David Edwards questioned whether we postponed Prohibited Burning Period due to recent rainfall figures. It was decided to leave dates as they stand to allow for flexibility to shorten PBT in 2018.

9. CLOSURE

Mr Dave Edwards closed the meeting 4:42pm