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Fire Management Services

- ❖ 0 bushfire was reported within the Jerramungup Shire, on Department of Parks and Wildlife Service managed estate, since the last meeting.
- ❖ Prescribed burns completed to date are, ALB_024 Point Ann.
- ❖ Summer bushfire FA roster for 2017_18 bushfire season, Duty roster will commence mid-October, until then the, normal principle point of contact roster, will continue, so the phone number for the Albany District office will have the option of speaking with an officer, 24/7 just follow the prompts.
- ❖ There are finally the funding to complete the fire breaks within the Peniup Reserve system, and the subsequent trans location of Dibblers into the area, with increase feral animal control measures.
- ❖ Water bombing equipment has been serviced and checked and will be returned to the various airports ASAP.
- ❖ Summer bushfire FAO roster is currently being finalised for the 2017_18 bushfire season.
- ❖ No burns are planned for the shire for spring, there may be some additional works completed within burns that were commenced in autumn.
- ❖ Earth Moving machinery and Protective Structures compliance are being worked through.
- ❖ Fire Fighting Foam, changes. USDA Phos-Check WD 881 is all we will now be using all other stocks will be appropriately disposed of.
- ❖ Pre fire-season briefings and fitness testing, for PWS staff and machine contractors were held in Albany on the 19TH of September.
- ❖ State Pre-Formed Team roster commences on November 23RD.

Other PWS, current operational works.

- ❖ As of the 1ST of July our Department has changed its name to the Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, as per State Government instructions and will amalgamate with Peth zoo, Rottnest Island Authority and Kings Park and Botanical Authority, to form the new department, as for us at this stage its business as normal. We will refer to ourselves as Parks and Wildlife Service.
- ❖ New Polaris Diesel Ranger, based at Ravensthorpe.
- ❖ Upgrade to signage Hamersley Drive
- ❖ The next round of aerial fox baiting will commence mid-October, and will cover the whole FRNP and Ravensthorpe range cells, and ground baiting is still ongoing with around 1,500 baits being laid each quarter by hand.
- ❖ Twertup Field Studies Centre is nearing completion with the official opening to occur on the 4TH of November.
- ❖ A standalone power station is due to be installed at the East Mount Barren Ranger Station within the next month.
- ❖ Progress continues with the relocation from Ravensthorpe to east Mt Barren site over the next 12 months.
- ❖ Some office upgrades will occur at Jacup, during the same period.

Staffing.

- ❖ Dan Biddulph has resigned from his position as Overseer, at Ravensthorpe, at this stage it is envisaged that his position will be advertised shortly, now the approval processes have been completed, and we will endeavor to fill the position prior to the upcoming fire season.

Yours sincerely.

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Thank you for everyone attending tonight and your ongoing support and well wishes to my partner for her road to recovery which at the moment is still a roller coaster road with a series of setbacks.

INCIDENTS:

From the 2016/17 season our brigades have been to a total of 9 x Primary and 14 x Support incidents within the Shire. Including stats from the VFES brigades brings total figures Shire wide to 19 x Primary and 22 x Support incidents;

BRIGADE	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
Boxwood Hill BFB	2	3
Bremer Bay VFES	5	3
Gairdner BFB	3	3
Jacup BFB	3	1
Jerramungup VFES	5	5
Needilup BFB	1	1
Shire of Jerramungup		6
TOTAL:	19	22

TRAINING:

A total of 5 courses are to be held in Ravensthorpe that works in with farming requirements
Fire Control Officer Course – Wednesday 26th July

- 3x Nomination received / 2x Attended

Ground Controller – Thursday 31/8/17

- 8x Nomination received / 8x Attended

AllIMS Awareness – Thursday 31/8/17

- 8x Nomination received / 8x Attended

Intro to Bushfire Fire Fighting – Friday 6th October @ Boxwood Hill

- Nominations are still open

Intro to Bushfire Fire Fighting – Monday 9th October @ Jerramungup

- Nominations are still open

In addition to above familiarisation of Fire Trucks retrofitted with the Comprehensive Crew Protection upgrades were carried out with all brigades.

Refresher training is to be had with Needilup.

This year DFES will be hosting Pre Season Forums at various locations within the Great Southern region for the first time providing information to get those attend thinking ahead prior to the season commences with various information and finishing with a simulated desktop scenario.

Thursday 28th September – Jerramungup CRC starting from 10am

Monday 9th October – Esperance Co-Location starting from 8:30am

SERVICING:

All vehicles have been serviced without any major problems.

Gairdner 4.4 is still having issues with their ¼ alarm which we are obtaining wiring diagrams of the system, to take to auto electricians.

All full face respirators were serviced at the same time when vehicles arrived for servicing. Brigades are to be reminded once respirators are utilised to notify myself for the necessary cleaning of mask can be carried out and that respirators are to be stored within their bags when not in use to prevent the face shield being scratched.

Can I please remind all brigades to take pride and look after the equipment they are issued with, as this gear is for your safety and needs to be maintained to work when you need it the most.

WAERN Radio's servicing are currently underway.

RURAL FIRE SERVICE/NEW FIRE COMMISSIONER:

As most are aware Mr Darren Klemm is now the new Fire Commissioner for the Department of Fire & Emergency Services taken over from Mr Wayne Gregson who has retired.

With the State Government announcing a Rural Fire Service to be created, due to the State's current fiscal position a service at this stage to be formed under Department of Fire & Emergency Services but still no details are yet to be received in regards to its make up or structure. It is expected details to be released very soon for a service to be implemented before the 2018/19 Bushfire season.

MITIGATION:

For the 2017 calendar year up \$27,000 has been spent on UCL/UMR areas within the various town sites in the Shire. Mel has continued with her work in creating/updating the various mitigation plans and now at the stage with burn prescription being issued for hazard reduction burns already carried out within Bremer Bay and Jerramungup, more planned for autumn next year.

FIRE REPORTS:

Just reminder for the season ahead that any turnout of fire appliance that doesn't come from 000 via Rod, they need to be logged with Comcen for an incident number to be created. This corresponds to the fire report required to be completed and fax to the Shire Office at the end of every incident. Incident stats and the types of callouts brigade attend to, goes towards future business case to ascertain more resourcing for the Shire via the Resource to Risk process.

Please be safe this coming bushfire season!

Kind Regards

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2016 BEFAC CBFCO Report

Welcome back for 2017/18 bushfire season, it only seems like yesterday we stopped doing bushfire skeds and here we are ready to crank up again. This summer will have its challenges as usual, with the recent rains this will mean our bushfire season is now delayed. But will probably mean more grass than we thought.

All our trucks have been fitted with their deluge systems and roll down protection. I would suggest a refresher for all brigades on the trucks before the season is a good idea so all can remember how it works. All the trucks have AVL now so that also needs to be activated so any new programming can be downloaded.

The shire permit register is ongoing, and I think you all have a grasp on it now so all should be good. As for Zone 5 I want you to tick the box for them to contact Coms before lighting.

A reminder of the shires RBP and PBP, Restricted period for Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4 now run from the 1st Oct – 31st Oct and then again 5th Feb – 20th April. So that makes Prohibited 1st Nov – 4th Feb. Zone 5 restricted period has already started and runs from the 1st September – 31st October and 5th February 31st May.

Not much else to say but thanks to Brent, Charmaine and Ash for all your support again and also the shire for approving the Campfire policy which is going to make our job and the rangers job a lot easier and we will discuss this later.

Well that's all I have for now everyone have a safe and hopefully uneventful fire season.

Regards David Edwards