



SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - JERRAMUNGUP BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Held at the Council Chambers
Jerramungup
Monday, 15 April 2024**

MINUTES

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Shire of Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING, ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Alex Jones, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, declared the meeting open at 7.05pm.

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Alex Jones	Gairdner BFB	Anthony Thomas	Boxwood Hill BFB
Craig Hall	Gairdner BFB	Stuart Hocking	Boxwood Hill BFB
Brad Shelton	Gairdner BFB	Peter Buckenara	Bremer Bay VFES
Cr Neil Foreman	Shire of Jerramungup	Anthony Armstrong	Jerramungup VFES
Martin Cuthbert, CEO	Shire of Jerramungup	Paul Hislop	Jerramungup VFES
Dan Biddulph, BRMC	Shire of Jerramungup	Wade Brown	Needilup BFB
Russell Palmer, CESM	Shire of Jerramungup	Ron Pocock	Needilup BFB
Michael Lester	Jacup BFB		

2.2 APOLOGIES

Stephen Petersen	DFES
Mark McQueen	DFES
Charmaine Solomon, DCEO	Shire of Jerramungup
Jye Duggan	Needilup BFB
Matt Prophet	DBCA

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held 24 April 2023.

That the Minutes of the Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Jerramungup on 24 April 2023 be CONFIRMED.

MOVED: Anthony Armstrong	SECONDED: Peter Buckenara
That the Minutes of the Jerramungup Bushfire Advisory Committee Annual General Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Jerramungup on 24 April 2023 be CONFIRMED.	
CARRIED	

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6.0 CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Attachment 6.0 a)

Martin Cuthbert acted as Returning Officer for items 7.1 to 7.6.

7.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 ELECTION OF CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded	Elect
Alex Jones	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓

7.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded	Elect
Paul Hislop	Anthony Armstrong	Craig Hall	✓
Anthony Thomas	Anthony Armstrong	Craig Hall	✓

7.3 ELECTION OF CHIEF FIRE WEATHER OFFICER

Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded	Elect
Alex Jones	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓

7.4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE WEATHER OFFICER

Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded	Elect
Paul Hislop	Anthony Armstrong	Wade Brown	✓
Anthony Thomas	Anthony Armstrong	Wade Brown	✓

7.5 CONFIRMATION OF ELECTED FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE DECISION

<p>MOVED: Anthony Armstrong SECONDED: Wade Brown That the Fire Control Officers as per the attached 2024/25 list be endorsed pending email confirmation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

**SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP
2024/25 FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS**

NAME	POSITION	BRIGADE	RADIO CALL SIGN
Stuart Hocking	FCO	Boxwood BFB	Boxwood 1
Jarrold King	FCO	Boxwood BFB	Boxwood 2
Michael Campbell	FCO	Boxwood BFB	Boxwood 3
Anthony Thomas	DCBFCO/DCFWO	Boxwood BFB	Boxwood 4
Peter Kinnear	(Permits only)	Boxwood BFB	
Brad Shelton	FCO/Captain	Gairdner BFB	Gairdner 1
Craig Hall	FCO	Gairdner BFB	Gairdner 2
Bruce Hill	FCO	Gairdner BFB	Gairdner 3
Daniel Smart	FCO	Gairdner BFB	Gairdner 4
Michael Lester	FCO/Captain	Jacup BFB	Jacup 1
Brad Bailey	FCO	Jacup BFB	Jacup 2
Trevor Ross	FCO	Jacup BFB	Jacup 3
Peter Wisewould	FCO	Jacup BFB	Jacup 4
James Lyall	FCO	Jacup BFB	Jacup 5
Wade Brown	FCO/Captain	Needilup BFB	Needilup 1
Jye Duggan	FCO	Needilup BFB	Needilup 2
Alex Baum	FCO	Needilup BFB	Needilup 3
Clint Pocock	FCO	Needilup BFB	Needilup 4
Peter Buckenara	FCO/LT	Bremer Bay VFES	Bremer Bay VFES 1
Terry Anderson	FCO	Bremer Bay VFES	Bremer Bay VFES 2
Stacey Francis	FCO	Bremer Bay VFES	Bremer Bay VFES 3
Ash Lester	FCO	Bremer Bay VFES	Bremer Bay VFES 4
Bryan Hunter	(Permits Only)	Bremer Bay VFES	
Anthony Armstrong	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	Jerramungup VFES 1
Paul Hislop	DCBFCO/DCFWO	Jerramungup VFES	Jerramungup VFES 2
Jeremy Wisewould	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	Jerramungup VFES 3
Paul Barrett	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	Jerramungup VFES 4
Trenton Parsons	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	Jerramungup VFES 5
Siwel Solomon	FCO	Jerramungup VFES	Jerramungup VFES 6
Dual FCO			
Peter Wisewould	FCO	Jerramungup/Ravensthorpe	Jacup 4
Paul Hislop	FCO	Jerramungup/Lake Grace	Jerramungup VFES 2
Alex Baum	FCO	Jerramungup/Gnowangerup	Needilup 3
Stuart Hocking	FCO	Jerramungup/Albany	Boxwood 1
Clint Pocock	FCO	Jerramungup/Kent	Needilup 4

7.6 ELECTION OF BRIGADE FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS

Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded	Elect
Stuart Hocking, Boxwood BFB	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓
Craig Hall, Gairdner BFB	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓
Brad Bailey, Jacup BFB	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓
Jye Duggan, Needilup BFB	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓
Wes Thomas, Bremer Bay VFES	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓
Paul Hislop, Jerramungup VFES	Anthony Armstrong	Peter Buckenara	✓

At the request of Alex Jones, Russell gave clarification regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Fire Weather Officers. Only one Gazetted Fire Weather Officer has any powers in any one Gazetted land zone. Brigade Fire Weather Officers are advisory to the Chief Fire Weather Officer. Alex Jones was elected to the position of Chief Fire Weather Officer at 7.3 above.

8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**8.1 Restricted and Prohibited Burning Dates 2024/2025:**

- The BFAC agreed that the following dates will apply for 2024/25 –
 - Zone 1, 2, 3 & 4 – Shire of Jerramungup
 - 1 October 2024 – 31 October 2024 – Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
 - 1 November 2024 – 7 February 2025 – Prohibited Burning
 - 8 February 2025 – 30 April 2025 – Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
 - Zone 5 – Bremer Bay/Pt Henry Peninsula
 - 1 September 2024 – 31 October 2024 – Restricted Burning Time, Permits required
 - 1 November 2024 – 4 April 2025 – Prohibited Burning
 - 5 April 2025 – 31 May 2025 – Restricted Burning Time, Permits required

9.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.28pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held

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Signed:

Presiding Person at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed

Date:

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CBFCO Report to BFAC – 15 April 2024

Good evening and welcome everyone. Since October last year we have had a reasonably quiet summer and autumn but it has been peppered with quite a few small incidents in the shire of Jerramungup ranging from simple paddock fires to complex running ones in difficult terrain or fires crossing roads creating dangerous situations for volunteers. All of which have been contained and extinguished with professionalism.

We had concurrent fires at Stream Beach and lightning strikes in the park. We have had crews attend Formby South Road and Ongerup in the Shire of Gnowangerup. Header fires at Ongerup, Jerramungup North, and South.

An Albany crew took the Gairdner truck to Esperance a day after the tragic death of a volunteer. A shocking loss- so I urge everyone to consider that safety is of the highest priority at any incident.

A hoax call at 10pm on Christmas night was not deemed funny by the half dozen or so people who went looking for a fire near Needilup.

A great part of volunteering is being able to help your neighbours and we had a large commitment to the Green Range fire with Bremer Bay, Boxwood and Gairdner crews attending. All other Brigades were on standby to cover areas that had crews and trucks away. This was very pleasing to see their willingness.

Fire bomber reloader training attracted 15 or so participants at both locations. Recently about 10 people completed the FCO course in Jerramungup and 8 followed on with the Ground Controller course-a great result as we have relied on too few to be able to perform this task.

I would like to congratulate Arms on receiving the Australia Day award in recognition of his efforts with the Jerramungup VFES.

We are pretty excited to have Dan Biddulph taking over as our new Mitigation Officer. It will be valuable having someone here who is hands on, with the aim of having our communities better protected and prepared.

To everyone-Thank you for your efforts to protect our Shire.

Alex Jones

CBFCO

Shire of Jerramungup