



FCO Reports tabled at meeting

**Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 6:00pm

S.Y.R.V.B.F.B. 2025-2026 SUMMARY

South Yunderup/Ravenswood Bush Fire Brigade had a busy season with plenty of positives.

We received 88 primary calls and were able to turn out a crew to all with only a few being a delayed response. These 88 calls do not include lots of long days and nights at Gull Rd or sending crews outside of the shire to Bunbury and Boddington or manning the 12.2 on occasion.

We have had a very positive increase in our membership with quite a few new members showing sustained interest and attendance to training and call outs. In the near future South Yunderup/Ravenswood will be launching another recruitment drive in preparation for the coming summer season.

We have achieved all our required training and completed some much-awaited courses like 4wd and ground controller course, I think the only course outstanding to have more members qualified in is machine supervision.

Through our new members we were able to secure some grant funding from Alcoa and other local businesses. These funds have been utilised in substantial upgrades and modifications to the fire boat and the command trailer. Without the grants these upgrades would not have been possible.

As far as hazard reduction is concerned, we conducted many burns this last season before and after summer, our outstanding burns are a few piles on Yunderup Island and Sutton St reserve in Pinjarra, the weather just didn't allow these to be done. These will be our priority for the spring burn period, we also submitted to John a list of areas that we feel need some attention, from fire breaks and access to burning bush that has 20+ yr fuel load.

Looking forward to a productive pre-season,

Many regards Lawrie Caffin South Yunderup/Ravenswood FCO.

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Over the past 12 months, West Murray has responded to approximately **84** incidents across our operational area. These incidents have included a variety of emergency responses. We sincerely thank all neighbouring Brigades and supporting agencies for their ongoing assistance and cooperation at incidents throughout the year. The willingness of Brigades to provide assistance continues to play a vital role in ensuring the safety of our communities and the effectiveness of our emergency response capabilities.

Throughout the permit burning seasons, West Murray has continued to undertake Hazard Reduction Burns across our area. These burns are an essential component of Bushfire Mitigation, helping to reduce fuel loads, minimise fire risk, and improve community safety. In addition, the Brigade has also assisted local owners by conducting Hazard Reduction Burns upon request where conditions and resources have permitted.

Planning has recently been completed for a significant Hazard Reduction Burn covering approximately 30 acres on a property adjacent to Pinjarra Road. Due to the size and complexity of the burn, it has been determined that the work will be undertaken in several staged sections to ensure it can be completed safely and effectively. Subject to suitable weather conditions and permit requirements, the first stage of this project is scheduled to commence next year.

West Murray remains committed to supporting our community through emergency response, bushfire preparedness and Bushfire Safety Education. We appreciate the continued support of our volunteers, neighbouring Brigades, landowners, and the Shire of Murray, whose contributions are essential to the successful delivery of these activities.

Thank you
Justin Crotty
WMVBFB Captain/FCO

FCO Report Dwellingup Bush Fire Brigade 31/3/26

The 2025/26 year has been very busy for the Dwellingup Brigade.

Numerous mitigation burns have been carried out in the Dwellingup area and around 30-40 permits have been written for property owners to carry out mitigation burns.

November/December and January were very busy months for the brigade with supporting numerous wildfires and incidents in the Murray region.

We assisted Parks and Wildlife for 8 days with the wildfire at Banksiadale being the biggest impact to Dwellingup.

I would like to thank all members of the brigade for their support over the past 12 months and thank those that assisted with all incidents, it's very much appreciated.

Call out to Jarron Vanelst deputy chief who is part of the Dwellingup Brigade, you have represented our brigade with distinction, and we are proud of the work and difference you have made in the community, your passion and leadership for Dwellingup and the shire is unmatched.

I would like to thank the shire and the Murray chief, firstly Mick Webster and then Nicole Stevens for their support, also want to thank the other deputy chiefs Brendan and Jussy.