



Appendices

**Bush Fire Advisory
Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 26 May 2021



Minutes

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Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 3 June 2020

**Bush Fire Advisory Committee – 3 June 2020
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Notice of Meeting

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held at the Bushfire Centre of Excellence, 1 Fimmel Lane, Pinjarra on Wednesday 3 June 2020 commencing at 6.30pm.

Important Notes

It should be noted that decisions of this Committee are only recommendations to and not decisions of Council. Committee recommendations should therefore not be acted on or otherwise relied upon until Council has formally considered and decided on the Committee recommendations.

1. ATTENDANCES

Members

Cr. A Rogers (Presiding Member)	Councillor, Shire of Murray
Mr. G Stevens	CESC, Shire of Murray
Mr. D McLarty	FCO, Coolup VBFB
Mr. B Armstrong (Video teleconference)	DBFCO and FCO, Dwellingup VBFB
Mr. P Thurkle	FCO, North Dandalup VBFB
Mr. J Camplin	Training Coordinator/FCO, South Yunderup/Ravenswood VBFB
Mr. R Wilson	CBFCO and FCO, West Murray VBFB
Mr. K Jones	FCO, Pinjarra VFRS

Ex-Officio

Mr. B Finlay	District Officer – Wellington, DFES
Mr. R Porter	Manager Ranger and Emergency Services, Shire of Murray
Mr. S Gunn	Fire Operations Officer – Perth Hills District, PWS

Guests

Mr. K Jones	Brigade Captain, Pinjarra VFRS
Mr. R Marlborough	Manager Governance, Shire of Murray
Mr. R Mills	Area Officer, DFES

2. ABSENT

Ex-Officio

Mr. S Hurd	Fire Operations Officer – Swan Coastal District, PWS
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Guests

Ms. D Walker	BRPC, Shire of Murray
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3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

3.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meetings – 15 May 2019

Recommendation/Committee Decision**BFAC20/001****Moved: R Wilson****That the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 May 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

Committee Recommendation BFAC20/001 was carried by the Council at the 25 June 2020 meeting as per resolution OCM20/101.

3.2 Confirmation of Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meetings – 10 June 2019

Recommendation/Committee Decision**BFAC20/002****Moved: D McLarty****That the minutes of the Special Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 June 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

Committee Recommendation BFAC20/002 was carried by the Council at the 25 June 2020 meeting as per resolution OCM20/101.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Election of Presiding Member

File Ref: 1804-10
 Previous Items: Nil
 Author and Title: Ron Porter, Manager Ranger and Emergency Services
 Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Appendix 1

Recommendation/Committee Decision

BFAC20/003

Moved: R Wilson

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council to endorse Cr. Ange Rogers as the Chairperson of the Shire of Murray Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) expiring in October 2021 to coincide with the Local Government Elections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

Committee Recommendation BFAC20/003 was carried by the Council at the 25 June 2020 meeting as per resolution OCM20/098.

In Brief

The Shire of Murray Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) is required to elect a Presiding Member.

Background

Council Committees elect their own Presiding Member from the relevant committee membership. A Presiding Member's term of appointment is until the next Council election or the incumbent resigns.

In 2012 the Bush Fire Advisory Committee formed the view that Fire Control Officers appointments only ran for one year and new Committee members should have the right to elect an alternative Presiding Member, therefore the term of the BFAC Chairperson was amended to reflect this position.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on Oct 2019 (OCM19/209) council endorsed the following;

That Council endorse Cr Ange Rogers as the Chairperson of the Shire of Murray Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) for a one-year term expiring in 16 October 2021 with Cr Stuart Kirkham proxy.

Report Detail

A written nomination as detailed at **Appendix 1** has been received from Cr Angela Rogers for the position of BFAC Chairperson.

Murray 2030 Strategic Community Plan

Focus Area	Places for People
Objective	Socially connected, safe and cohesive community
Strategy	Ensure the safety of our community.

Other Strategic Links

Nil

Statutory Environment

Section 67 *Bush Fires Act 1954*; and,
Shire of Murray Meeting Procedures Local Law 2012.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

There is no impact on the quality of life of the community.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

Not Applicable

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications and the level of risk is considered to be low if the recommendation is endorsed.

Risk Management Implications

Nil

Consultation

- *Bush Fires Act 1954*,
- Council Records; and,
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee minutes.

Resource Implications**Financial**

Nil

Workforce

Nil

Options

The Committee has the option of recommending to Council to:

1. Endorse the Presiding Member; or,
2. Reject the proposal.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Committee endorse a Chairperson expiring in October 2021 to coincide with the Local Government Elections.

5.2 Election of Officers for the 2019/2020 Fire Season

File Ref: 1809
 Previous Items: Nil
 Author and Title: Ron Porter, Manager Ranger and Emergency Services
 Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Appendix 2 and Appendix 3

Recommendation/Committee Decision

BFAC20/004

Moved: G Stevens

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council to appoint the following persons by delegated authority for the 2020/2021 Fire Season:

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer: Mr. Robert (Bluey) Wilson

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer: Mr. Benjamin (Ben) Armstrong

Fire Control Officers:

**Mr. Robert Wilson – West Murray VBFB
 Mr. Ben Armstrong – Dwellingup VBFB
 Mr. Douglas McLarty – Coolup VBFB
 Mr. Peter Thurkle – North Dandalup VBFB
 Mr. James (Jim) Camplin – South Yunderup / Ravenswood VBFB
 Mr. Kevin Jones – Pinjarra VFRS**

**Fire Control Officers:
 (Permit Issuing Only)**

**Mr. Chris Sattler – Coolup VBFB
 Mr. Lance Pitter – Coolup VBFB
 Mr. Dave Turner – Dwellingup VBFB
 Mr. Michael Webster – North Dandalup VBFB
 Mr. Brendan Webster – North Dandalup VBFB
 Ms. Lorraine Webster – North Dandalup VBFB
 Ms. Christine Thompson JP – West Murray VBFB
 Mr. Brian Bird – West Murray VBFB**

Fire Weather Officer: Mr. Jim Camplin

Deputy Fire Weather Officer: Community Emergency Services Coordinator

**Shire Training Coordinator/s: Mr. Jim Camplin
 Community Emergency Services Coordinator**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

Committee Recommendation BFAC20/004 was carried by the Council at the 25 June 2020 meeting as per resolution OCM20/099.

In Brief

For the Bush Fire Advisory Committee is to elect and recommend appointments required under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and other appointments as deemed necessary.

Background

Brigade Fire Control Officers appointments at brigade level are determined by each brigade at their respective Annual General Meetings (AGM) and this supports the Council BFAC membership structure.

Each year at the BFAC meeting, nominations are received for appointment to the following positions.

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/s
- Fire Control Officers (Bush Fire Permit issuing only)
- Fire Weather Officer
- Deputy Fire Weather Officer
- Shire Training Coordinator

With the introduction of delegated authority in recent years the endorsement of Fire Control Officers appointments by Council is no longer required as the Chief Executive Officer has the delegated authority under Section 48 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to appoint Fire Control Officers, inclusive of a Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers and Fire Weather Officers. The appointment of Fire Weather Officers requires additional DFES endorsement.

Report Detail

Accordingly, the proposal presented is for the Committee to support the appointment of the brigade nominated Fire Control Officers from the Coolup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Dwellingup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, North Dandalup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, South Yunderup/Ravenswood Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and West Murray Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade as Fire Control Officers in the district.

Attached at **Appendix 2** for information purposes are the Shire of Murray Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades AGM minutes that detail the appointments of Brigade Officers in each of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, including Fire Control Officers and Permit Issuing Officers.

Written nominations as detailed at **Appendix 3** have been received from Mr Robert Wilson for the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. Mr Benjamin Armstrong & Mr Peter Thurkle AFSM have provided a nomination for the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. Additionally, Mr James Camplin has forwarded a nomination for the Shire Training Coordinator and Fire Weather Officer positions.

The Committee is also required to identify a suitable member from the Pinjarra Fire and Rescue Services Brigade to be appointed as a Fire Control Officer and any other brigade representative to be appointed as Fire Control Officer/s for permit issuing only.

Shire Rangers, the Community Emergency Service Coordinator (CESC), the Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator (BRPC), Manager Ranger and Emergency Services (MRES) and the Manager Governance are appointed as Fire Control Officers and prosecutors, as required, under the provisions of the *Bush Fire Act 1954* at the time of their employment. There is no need to appoint or amend the appointments of these officers.

Murray 2030 Strategic Community Plan

Focus Area	Places for People
Objective	Socially connected, safe and cohesive community
Strategy	Ensure the safety of our community.

Other Strategic Links

Nil

Statutory Environment

Fire Control Officers, Fire Control Officers (Permit Issuing Only) & Chief & Deputy Chief Fire Control Officers.

Section 38 (1) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* ('Act') states that a local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of the Act, and of those officers shall subject to section 38A(2) appoint 2 as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject thereto may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it. The appointment of Fire Control Officers may be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under Section 48 of the Act.

A local government or a person delegated the authority shall cause notice of an appointment made under the provisions of subsection (1) to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district.

Fire Weather & Deputy Fire Weather Officers

Section 38 (6) (c) An approved local government may appoint to the office of fire weather officer such number of senior bush fire control officers as it thinks necessary. The appointment of Fire Weather officers may also be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer under Section 48 of the Act.

- (ca) Where more than one fire weather officer is appointed by a local government the local government shall define a part of its district in which each fire weather officer shall have the exclusive right to exercise the power conferred by paragraph (h).
- (cb) An approved local government may appoint one or more persons, as it thinks necessary, to be the deputy or deputies, as the case may be, of a fire weather officer appointed by the local government and where 2 or more deputies are so appointed they shall have seniority in the order determined by the local government.
- (cc) Where the office of a fire weather officer is vacant or whilst the occupant is absent or unable to act in the discharge of the duties of the office, any deputy appointed in respect of that office under paragraph (cb) is, subject to paragraph (cd), entitled to act in the discharge of the duties of that office.
- (cd) A deputy who is one of 2 or more deputies of a fire weather officer is not entitled to act in the discharge of the duties of the office of that fire weather officer if a deputy who has precedence over him in the order of seniority determined under paragraph (cb) is available and able to discharge those duties.
- (d) The local government shall give notice of an appointment made under paragraph (c) or (cb) to the Authority and cause notice of the appointment to be published at

least once in a newspaper circulating in its district and the Authority shall cause notice of the appointment to be published once in the *Government Gazette*.

- (h) A fire weather officer of an approved local government, or a deputy of that fire weather officer while acting in the place of that officer, may authorise a person who has received a permit under section 18(6)(a), to burn the bush in the district of the local government notwithstanding that for any day, or any period of a day, specified in the notice the fire danger forecast issued by the Bureau of Meteorology in Perth, in respect to the locality where the bush proposed to be burnt is situated, is “extreme” or “very high”, and upon the authority being given the person, if he has otherwise complied with the conditions prescribed for the purposes of section 18, may burn the bush.
- (i) This subsection does not authorise the burning of bush during the prohibited burning times.

Note: Fire Weather Officers must be appointed as Fire Control Officers pursuant to clause (6) (c).

Section 48 Delegation by local governments

- (1) A local government may, in writing, delegate to its chief executive officer the performance of any of its functions under this Act.
- (2) Performance by the chief executive officer of a local government of a function delegated under subsection (1) —
 - (a) is taken to be in accordance with the terms of a delegation under this section, unless the contrary is shown; and
 - (b) is to be treated as performance by the local government.
- (3) A delegation under this section does not include the power to sub-delegate.
- (4) Nothing in this section is to be read as limiting the ability of a local government to act through its council, members of staff or agents in the normal course of business.

The Shire Training Coordinator position is not an appointment specified within the Act. Council has traditionally recognised this position to assist the Shire in certain functions.

Sustainability & Risk Considerations

Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

There are no economic impacts on the community.

Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

The appointments support the community and there is no negative impact on the quality of life.

Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)

There is no negative impact on the natural or built environment.

Policy implications

There are no policy implications and the level of risk is considered to be low if the recommendation is endorsed. The proposed appointments under delegated authority are in accordance with the provisions of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Risk Management Implications

Nil

Consultation

- *Bush Fires Act 1954*,
- Council Records,
- Council Staff,
- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, and;
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee minutes.

Resource Implications

Financial

The cost of advertising the appointments is provided in the annual Shire of Murray budget.

Workforce

Nil

Options

The Committee has the option of recommending to Council to:

1. Endorse the Officer appointments; or,
2. Reject the proposal.

Conclusion

The Committee recommendations are to be used by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority to formally appoint persons in accordance with the provisions of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to the following positions;

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer;
- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer;
- Fire Control Officers;
- Fire Control Officers (Bush Fire Permit issuing only);
- Fire Weather Officer;
- Deputy Fire Weather Officer; and,
- Shire Training Coordinator/s.

5.3 2020/2021 Firebreak Notice

File Ref: 1804
Previous Items: Nil
Author and Title: Gavin Stevens, Community Emergency Services Coordinator
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Appendix 4, 5, 5A & 6

Recommendation/Committee Decision

BFAC20/005

Moved: K Jones

That Council accepts the following recommendation to;

- 1. adopt the Shire of Murray Firebreak Notice as amended, and detailed at Appendix 6; and,**
- 2. publish the Notice in the Government Gazette and a local newspaper that circulates within the district before 30 September 2020.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0

Committee Recommendation BFAC20/005 was carried by the Council at the 25 June 2020 meeting as per resolution OCM20/100.

In Brief

Amend the annual Firebreak Notice ('**Notice**') to provide clarity for enforcement by removing unattainable measures from within the notice.

Background

During 2019/2020 fire season it was identified by the Ranger and Emergency Services team the need to look at the notice for some areas of enforcement. A post fire season debrief around enforcement of the notice was conducted by the team on the 19 May 2020.

Report Detail

It was cited at the season debrief meeting that aspects particularly relating to Asset Protection Zones ('APZ') were difficult to enforce and open to interpretation or in some cases unachievable. It was noted that the APZ's were developed under the "*Planning for Bushfire Protection Guidelines*" with a 'greenfield' scenario in mind and not meant to apply retrospectively. While the notion of APZ's within the firebreak notice is a sound concept it was felt that it better fitted within the education and information environment than an enforcement environment. It was also seen as supporting the work of brigades in community education.

Further to that the clearing up of the definition of private driveways to just 'driveways' and remove the need for 17.5m turn arounds which often in special residential/rural are unachievable without the removal of established buildings and/or infrastructure.

Finally, a change of Scheme wording correctly reflects legislation has been applied. Change of Rates wording is where information is held in the Shire's digital record management system.

An initial table of summarized changes as detailed at **Appendix 4** was sent to Fire Control Officers on the 27 May 2020 feedback was then incorporated to the draft firebreak notice for consideration, as detailed at **Appendix 5**.

Murray 2030 Strategic Community Plan

Focus Area	Places for People
Objective	Socially connected, safe and cohesive community
Strategy	Ensure the safety of our community.

Other Strategic Links

Nil

Statutory Environment

Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* provides a local government the ability to make a Notice requiring all owners or occupiers of land within the district to take measures for preventing the outbreak of a bush fire, or for preventing the spread or extension of a bush fire which may occur.

Sustainability Implications

Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)

Nil

Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)

The proposed amendments to the Notice will make it easier for landowners to achieve compliance.

Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)

Nil

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications

Risk Management Implications

<i>Risk Level</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Moderate	The level of negative community feedback will be low if the community are adequately informed on the rationale of the proposed changes.

Consultation

- *Bush Fires Act 1954*
- Council Records
- Council Staff – enforcement officers
- Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- Fire Control Officers
- Other Local Government Firebreak Notices

Resource Implications

Financial

The cost of advertising the Notice is provided in the annual Ranger and Emergency Services budget.

Workforce

Nil

Options

The Committee has the option of:

1. Recommending to Council to endorse the recommendation.
2. Rejecting the proposal.

Conclusion

The proposals look to build on the existing Notice and ensure it stays contemporary and reflects current legislative requirements. It is recommended that the Committee endorse.

Discussions at the meeting

Concerns were raised about aspects of the proposed changes to the Notice. Discussion ensued about the BAL assessment process and the ongoing need for education of stakeholders. There was also argument on the need for some form of turnaround provision in the definition of 'driveway'.

Discussion progressed around the need for a measurement to make it an enforceable provision, examples such as; DBCA 6x6m turnaround from machine supervision, 17.5m or potentially using Special Works Orders to enforce the need for turnaround in instances where there wasn't one. It was agreed that a reference to a turnaround requirement should be included in the driveway definition.

Recommendation was agreed that amendments would be made relating to driveways to provide a specifiable, enforceable turnaround area and distribute it to the BFAC membership for consideration.

The changes to the definition of driveway within the Notice inclusive of a ten-metre turnaround provision and other minor amendments were subsequently distributed to the BFAC membership for consideration, as detailed at **Appendix 5A**, on Friday 5 June 2020. Feedback received was positive to the amendments made to the Notice.

6. REPORTS – EXTERNAL AGENCIES

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Report

A report was submitted as per Appendix 7.

6.2 Shire Training Coordinator Report

Nil due to COVID-19.

6.3 Community Emergency Services Coordinator Report

A report was submitted as per Appendix 8.

6.4 Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator Report

A report was submitted as per Appendix 9.

6.5 DFES Representative Report

A report was submitted as per Appendix 10.

6.6 DBCA Representative Report

Fire season just finished in the Perth Hills with 10-11 fires and some deployments out of the area. Between Spring Burning and the Autumn season DBCA have burnt approximately 4000 hectares near North Dandalup as well as 2500-3000 hectares out near Scarp Road. It has been a good outcome to the burning perspective. Has allowed some good areas of protection and strategic burns. Hoping for a quiet upcoming fire season.

6.7 Volunteer Brigade Reports

6.7.1 *Coolup VFB*

Busy start to the season however quiet in Coolup its self. The Brigade has been developing relationships with landowners during the burning seasons which is going really well with landowners being very understanding.

COVID-19 has reduced the gatherings and call outs have been limited. Everyone is staying engaged through other methods. The Cadets have been busy with their Duke of Edinburgh awards. One Cadet is almost at Gold, 4 Cadets are close to Silver and 1 Cadet is on Bronze.

Hopefully in the next month or so things will get to a semi normal arrangement with relaxed restrictions as of this Saturday. Thanks to Bluey and Ben for their work and to the supporting brigades.

6.7.2 *Dwellingup VFB*

Refer to Dwellingup VFB FCO report in the Dwellingup VFB AGM minutes as per Appendix 2.

6.7.3 *North Dandalup VFB*

A report was submitted as per Appendix 11.

6.7.4 *South Yunderup/Ravenswood VFB*

South Yunderup held an online/email AGM to elect Officers with all of last year's Officers re-elected with the exception of the Permit Issuing Officer – Jamie McBride who resigned during the year.

COVID-19 brought things to a halt, training outstanding but an update to the command trailer has been completed. The motor on the Fire Boat was updated earlier in the Year. The 2.4 has had some problems but has been repaired now.

Training has been quiet with COVID-19 and it looks like once restrictions are lifted a meeting will be held soon. Thanks to West Murray VBFB particularly Bluey for their help during the year helping with all crews.

Weekly call out list has been invaluable to make sure crews are able to crew the trucks. Thanks to South Yunderup/Ravenswood VBFB members for their input and to all of the other brigades for their help throughout the year. Let's hope it is a quiet year.

In regards to the matter that came up on the 22nd and 23rd of May which was the TFB declaration by DFES. We need to have a way to tell more people about the bans. Jim recommends expanding the Shire SMS or looking at the local radio stations. Discussion followed about different thoughts and ideas including communicating to DFES about how to notify and the media broadcasting focusing on the rain/ storm event. It was tough given the time of year. Brief discussion was had about s.46 and TFB's.

6.7.5 *West Murray VBFB*

A report was submitted as per Appendix 12.

7. **MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Nil.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

TBA.

9. **CLOSE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed the time being 8:15pm.

AGM Minutes

Coolup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

Date | time 19th April 2021 at 1831 | *Meeting called to order by* Doug McLarty

In Attendance

Trent Rogers, Ange Rogers, Kyle Druery, Justyn Bennett, Doug McLarty, Rosemary Pitter, Demi Druery, Mark Dilley, Peter Bostock, Stuart Kirkham, David Outhwaite, Sharon Chapman, Cliff Sheahan, Lisa Robb, Paul Robb, Ken Bennett, Tracey Bennett, Maurie Leach, Tom Bostock, Nadine Cole, Raimie Zilco, Nathan Menzies, Lance Pitter, Chris Sattler, Peta Sattler, Jay Freap, Ryan Bains, Paula Pownall, Casey Rose, Brenda Boaden & Gavin Stevens (Shire Rep).

Apologies'

Jake Bennett, Lynda Kirkham, Dave Vuletic, Shane Woolley, Errol Goodall, Ally Goodall, Nigel Leach, Ray Flatt, Adrian Chapman, Mackenzie Sattler, Rohan Pownall & Paul Harrison.

Approval of Minutes

The AGM Minutes were read from August 2020. Stuart Kirkham – Moved that they are true and correct. 2nd by Ange Rogers. All Voted, Carried.

Business Arising

No Business arising from last AGM Meeting minutes.

Correspondents In

Correspondents Out

N/A

Outgoing Officer Notes

FCO / Captain- Doug McLarty:

The year got off to a rough start with one of our own Harrison Kirkham passing away. This Brigade & community stuck together like glue. We should all be very proud of how we managed to still turn out to every incident after while managing to keep our heads high. Well done & Thank you. We know that Harry will be looking out for us.

We also had Maurie, Justyn, Shane & Roahn be sent on the longest deployment yet to Wooroloo & faced many hurdles whilst there. Thank you to them.

Thank you to Gavin Stevens for being the best CESM to date. He is always there when we have needed him.

Thank you to Stuart Kirkham for being a great Captain & all the hard work you have put in over the last few years.

Going forward we need to be very mindful of our attendance in our Brigade. If you are not seen to be participating in some form eg Training, Helping out & Meetings in 6 months we need to take you off the Books for insurance purposes. We have always been very lenient on this.

Thank you everyone.

Now I would like to give Stuart a chance to say a few words.

CAPTAIN- Stuart Kirkham:

Thank you to everyone for their support following the accident. I will take a bit of time out from Captaincy but still want to help where I can. I just need a bit of time. Thank you.

1st LIEUTENANT- Nigel Leach:

2nd LIEUTENANT- Trent Rogers:

Thanks to all the Office Bearers for your hard work. Thanks heaps to everyone that helps out.

3rd LIEUTENANT- Dave Vuletic:

4th LIEUTENANT- Justyn Bennett:

Thank you to everyone that turns up and helps out. Its greatly appreciated. Thank you.

TREASURER REPORT- Rosemary Pitter: Operating at-

Moved By: Rosemary Pitter, 2nd Stuart Kirkham, Voted, Carried.

TRAINING OFFICER- David Vuletic:

CADET LEADER- Peta Sattler:

Last year we had 13 Cadets & this year we already have 20. Our Cadets are always commended on their behavior anywhere we take them.

We have had a number that have achieved Bronze, Silver and or Gold Duke of Edinburgh.

They are building great Bonds.

STATION OFFICER- Ange Rogers:

Thank you to Paul and Lisa for cleaning the Station.

Gavin Stevens:

I enjoy coming to your meetings & to this Brigade. You have a great culture and it's a blessing to work along side you all. Well done.

There are a bunch of thankyou cards here from the kids in Perth that I thought you may like to read.

I declare all positions vacant.

New Business

All positions declared vacant.

Chairperson – Gavin Stevens (CESM)

All positions voted on with New Office Bares as Follows:

- FCO – Doug McLarty
- Fire Captain – Dave Vuletic
- Secretary – Ange Rogers
- Treasurer – Rosemary Pitter
- Lieutenants (in no particular order) Justyn Bennett, Mark Dilley, Stuart Kirkham & Trent Rogers.
- Training Offices – Justyn Bennett, 2nd Nigel Leach
- Equipment Officer – Mark Dilley & Stuart Kirkham
- Permit Officers – Doug McLarty, Chris Sattler & Stuart Kirkham
- Station Officer – Ange Rogers
- Cadet Leaders – Peta Sattler & Lynda Kirkham
- Radio Officers – Tracey Bennett & Ange Rogers

Meetings will remain the same on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (1900hrs)

Training will be at trainer's discretion or other times T.B.A. with a minimum of 4 per year.

General Business

Tracey Bennett -Fundraising, can we do some?

I Move a motion that the Brigade will put out Fundraising Cards.

Lisa Robb- Thank you to all the Office bearers.

Kyle Druery- Thanks to Tracey Bennett.

Peta Sattler- on the 30th May I'm going to do the Bushfire readiness facilitators course.

Trent Rogers- Even though Nigel isn't a Lieutenant any longer doesn't mean that he won't be a Senior Firefighter out on the fire ground.

Rosemary Pitter- I need the Office Bearers to take a copy of the minutes to Bendigo Bank and put their signature on the Account.

Gavin Stevens- I want to acknowledge Lance Pitter for his efforts over the years as an FCO, Thank you.

I have some Medals here I would like to present. Firstly to

Stuart Kirkham for 10years of service

Joel Cochrane for 10years of Service

Mark Dilley for 15years & 25years of Service.

Ange Rogers- Well done to Tom Bostock for being our first official Brigade Member to have graduated from cadets to the fire ground.

MEETING CLOSED: 1935hrs

Next Meeting

Monday 10th May 2021 @ 1900hrs

Minutes

Dwellingup Volunteer Fire Brigade AGM 2021

ATTENDEES: Emily Thompson, Renae Armstrong, Robert Hill, Jarren Vanelst, David Turner, Kim Birmingham, Kevin Tinker, Bradley Warr, Wendy Clitheroe, Derek Clitheroe, Ben Armstrong, Jaime Cocivera

APPOLOGIES: Colleen Warr, Craig Rubery, Anthony Cocivera

Captain Report – Attached

FCO – Report - Attached

Treasurer Report – Attached

Declare all positions vacant

Election of office bearers

Captain:

Nominated: David Turner - accepted

FCO:

Nominated: Benjamin Armstrong -accepted

1st Lieutenant:

Nominated: Craig Rubery - accepted

2nd Lieutenant:

Nominated: Anthony Cocivera - accepted

Maintenance Officer:

Nominated: Derek Clitheroe - accepted

Training Officer:

Nominated: Brad Warr - accepted

Secretary:

Nominated: Jaime Cocivera - accepted

Treasurer:

Nominated: Wendy Clitheroe -accepted

Station officer:

Nominated: Wendy Clitheroe/Derek Clitheroe - accepted

Welfare Catering: Colleen Warr - accepted

Cadet Officer: Brad Warr - accepted

1. GENERAL BUSINESS

To be done at next meeting

2. NEXT MEETING Tuesday 18th May 2021

3. CLOSE



North Dandalup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

28th April 2021

NDVBFB

Meeting Opened: 1906 hrs

1. Attendance:

Voting members: C Watts, T Doolan, R Evans, M Webster, R Gosatti, A Wright, S Fairfull, R Fairfull, M Boag, C Boag, G Chapman, L Webster, P Wilkinson, K Jensen, T Jensen, R McDonald, J Thurkle, P Thurkle, M Sach, B Webster

Non-Voting members:

Guests: R Wilson CBFCA

Apologies: J McInerney, G Wright, M Thurkle, B Heller, K Heller, E Heller, L Parker, N Parker, B McDonald, G Stevens SoM CESC

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th April 2019 were accepted as true and correct at the Brigade Meeting held on 13th May 2019 by M Thurkle & K Heller.

2.2 The 2020 Brigade AGM was not conducted due to COVID-19 restrictions with Office Bearer positions remaining in situ.

3. Reports

3.1 Captain's Report

First and foremost, I wish to thank our brigade officers for the past twelve months, your support and stepping in where required has been appreciated and most helpful to keep the Brigade functional.

To all our members I wish to express gratitude, we have a community continuing to significantly grow which the brigade will always protect and strive to make safe and additionally we have supported the rest of our shire brigades and broader communities with deployments.

2020/21 has seen a minor fire season but the brigade members are always at the ready, to combat any such threat or provide support where possible.

I urge all members as we go forward over the next twelve months to try to and commit to brigade activities, training and courses when available. Without your involvement activities and training cannot be conducted, and we as brigade members are unable to form a united front. This is extremely important to the longevity and future of our brigade.

Once again, thank you to our outgoing officers and everyone for being here. I look forward to working with the new officers elected and everyone at the brigade over 2021/22 season.

I would also like to make mention to Gavin Stevens and Bluey Wilson for their attendance and welcomed and thanked to chair the elections.

3.2 Auditor's Report

Motion: "That the Auditor's report for 2020/21 and 2019/20 financial years be received".

Moved: M Webster

Seconded: S Fairfull

Carried

4. Appointment of Auditor

Motion: "That the brigade appoints Mrs Deborah May to conduct the 2021/22 year Audit".

Moved: L Webster

Seconded: P Wilkinson

Carried

6. Election of Office Bearers

The following absentee votes were received: J McInerney, M Thurkle, K Heller, L Parker, N Parker, K Jensen (note member did not partake in voting on the night of AGM)

B Webster read the Shire of Murray Officer's Roles & Responsibilities to all present.

B Webster declared all positions vacant.

Mr Robert Wilson, CBFCA Shire of Murray took the chair to conduct the election of new Office Bearers.

Confirmed: _____ Date: _____

Office Bearers for 2021-22 are

Fire Control Officer	Peter Thurkle	Elected unopposed
Captain	Peter Thurkle	Elected by majority
Lieutenants	Jimmy McInerney Brad Heller Peter Wilkinson Kelly Jensen	All Elected by majority
Secretary	Tamara Jensen	Elected by majority
Treasurer	Lorraine Webster	Elected unopposed
Training Officer	Kelly Jensen	Elected unopposed
Equipment Officer	Amanda Wright	Elected unopposed

The following positions were appointed

Maintenance Officer	Chris Watts
Community Facilitator	Tamara Jensen

Motion: "CBFCO Robert Wilson to destroy AGM voting slips".

**Moved: L Webster
Seconded: R Fairfull
Carried**

Meeting handed to the Captain who requested B Webster to continue chairing.

7. Nomination of Brigade Member to Advisory Committee

Motion: "To nominate Peter Thurkle as the North Dandalup Bush Fire Control Officer to serve on the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) until the next Annual General Meeting".

**Moved: M Sach
Seconded: K Jensen
Carried**

8. Nomination of a Fire Permit Officer for the Shire of Murray Fire Break Notice

Motion: "To nominate Peter Thurkle and Lorraine Webster to serve as a Fire Permit Issuing Officer/s until the next Brigade Annual General Meeting".

**Moved: P Wilkinson
Seconded: R Fairfull
Carried**

9. Appointment of cheque signatories

Motion: "That the following financial arrangements are authorized:

- 1. Current cheque signatories (being FCO - Peter Thurkle, Captain - Peter Thurkle, Lieut - Peter Wilkinson and Treasurer - Lorraine Webster to be retained;**
- 2. On-line banking access be afforded to the nominated persons at dot point 1 with a transaction monetary limit of \$5,000 per day".**

**Moved: M Sach
Seconded: K Jensen
Carried**

10. General Business

Next Meeting: AGM TBA April 2022

Meeting Closed: 1950 hrs



South Yunderup / Ravenswood Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Annual General Meeting held on
Tuesday 20th April 2021 commencing at 7.00pm**

1. Official Opening

AGM Meeting opened by Dean McGuinness at 7.03pm

2. Record of Attendance/Apologies

Attendance record sheet distributed and apologies made.

Office Bearers

Captain	Dean McGuinness
FCO/Training Officer	Jim Camplin
1 st Lieutenant	Tim McBride
2 nd Lieutenant	Garry Brehaut
3 rd Lieutenant	Lawrie Caffin
4 th Lieutenant	Roger Camplin
Maintenance Officer	Gordon Newton
Radio 1	Pat Briggs
Radio 2	Ken Argent
Secretary	Sue Daley
Members	Reece Kramer, Che Reghenzani, Michael Spragg, Margaret McBride, Ian Todd, Dave Watts,

Voting Officiator

Bluey Wilson

Apologies

Treasurer	Nikki Young
Members	Brian Young, Holly Camplin, Brandon Worthington, Adam Wykstra, Brandon Milewicz-Caffin, Gerard Hutchinson, Mary Jankovic, Kerri McBride, Jamie McBride

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

Previous AGM minutes were done online due to Covid-19 and were not available to review.

Recommendation that the 2020 AGM minutes be confirmed and accepted.

Moved: Tim McBride
Seconded: Dave Watts
Result: CARRIED



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5. ANNUAL REPORTS

5.1 Captains Report

It's been a bit of up and down this year with big fires up in the north and not too much down our way.

This year we had really strange weather conditions which seem to change at the drop of a hat and Covid-19 restrictions didn't really help the situation either.

We are now in permit time with a burn kicking off last Sunday, this was a week late due to the approaching cyclone thanks to everyone that helped out on the day there is still a lot more to be completed so will let you know when it's all happening.

Thanks to everyone for their efforts over the year and thanks for helping out it makes my role and the Lieutenants roles a lot easier when a plan comes together.

Looking forward to working with you all again next year and having a safe year.

Your Captain
Dean McGuinness

Motion: Captain's Report for 2020/2021 season be accepted

Moved: Pat Briggs

Seconded: Marg McBride

Result: CARRIED

5.2 FCO/Training Officer Report

All the predictions for the fire season to be a bad one turned out to be exaggerated again luckily; because although there were a number of fires that the brigade has attended, they have not been all that big probably due to controlled burning and general public awareness. We continue to have to answer calls to car fires since the local criminals seem to feel it is necessary to destroy evidence.

The heavy rain we experienced last week has cooled the weather down but the ground is still fairly dry and until there are significant follow up rains, and some grass starts to grow, the danger of fires spreading is still a real one. The Restricted Burning Period (Permit Season,) commenced on time on 1st April and continues until 15th May however if there is no more significant rain to get grass growing it could well continue on for at least another couple of weeks beyond 15th May. Crews will still need to be available because the sunny weather we are enjoying at the moment has made the ground dry out again and somebody's controlled burn is going to get out of control for sure.

Permits are issued to restrict the way in which people carry out burning so that hopefully they will be able to keep their own fires under control. One of the stipulations is that they ring DFES comms centre so we don't keep getting called out to false alarms. Permit holders need to have the permit with them so they have to come to me to collect it. This produced a bit of a problem last year as we were supposedly in lockdown for Covid-19. I had to set up a sanitising station on my back veranda and keep social distancing, spraying the area with Glen 20 after each visit.

The Introduction to Fire Fighting and Bush Fire Fighting courses have been amalgamated into an 8-module course with a lot of the repetition taken out and other bits added. We have yet to conduct it in the Shire as a course but it will be conducted this winter in a manner yet to be determined.



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I would like to thank all our members for the time they have committed to answering fire calls and taking the time to help their community. In particular I would like to congratulate Dean on a job well done as Captain again, Tim for taking over while Dean was indisposed, and all the other office bearers for their input.

Jim Camplin
FCO / Training Officer

Motion: FCO/Training Officer's Report for 2020/2021 season be accepted

Moved: Garry Brehaut

Seconded: Che Reghenzani

Result: CARRIED

5.3 Treasurers Report

Motion: Treasurer's Report for April 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Gordon Newton

Seconded: Jim Camplin

Result: CARRIED



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5.4 Maintenance Report

- Pull fire boat out to run outboard motor & flush cooling system
- Wash light tanker & command trailer
- Secure drill press to steel cabinet
- Test all 3 AVL,s in 2.4, L/tanker & fire boat.
- Take high season 2.4 back to West Murray & pick up our 2.4 from Murray Engineering

Motion: Maintenance Report for April 2021 be accepted

Moved: Pat Briggs

Seconded: Roger Camplin

Result: CARRIED

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Position	Nomination	
FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	Jim Camplin	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Jim Camplin	Unopposed	
CAPTAIN	Dean McGuinness	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Dean McGuinness	Unopposed	
LIEUTENANT (1)	Tim McBride	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Tim McBride	Unopposed	
LIEUTENANT (2)	Garry Brehaut	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Garry Brehaut	Unopposed	
LIEUTENANT (3)	Lawrence Caffin	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Lawrie Caffin	Unopposed	
LIEUTENANT (4)	Adam Wykstra	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Adam Wykstra	Unopposed	
RADIO OPERATOR (ST 1)	Pat Briggs	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Pat Briggs	Unopposed	



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Position	Nomination	
RADIO OPERATOR (ST 2)	Ken Argent	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Ken Argent	Unopposed	

SECRETARY	Sue Daley	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Sue Daley	Unopposed	

TREASURER	Nikki Harrison	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Nikki Young	Unopposed	

PURCHASING OFFICER	Dean McGuinness	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Dean McGuinness	Unopposed	

MAINTENANCE OFFICER	Gordon Newton	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Gordon Newton	Unopposed	

TRAINING OFFICER	Jim Camplin	Accepted Nomination
Elected: Jim Camplin	Unopposed	

It is a requirement at the AGM to nominate the FCO to be the brigade representative on the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC).

Motion: Nominate Jim Camplin as brigade representative on BFAC

Moved: Unanimous

Result: Motion CARRIED

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers..!!



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7. AGM BUSINESS

7.1 Monies owed to Canal Shop for food supplied at burns 2020/2021

Moved: Trevor Delaporte
Second: Pat Briggs
Result: Motion CARRIED

Meeting closed at 7.38pm

Next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 @ 7pm



South Yunderup / Ravenswood Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Office Bearers for the 2021 / 2022 Fire Season.

Fire Control Officer	Jim Camplin
Training Officer	Jim Camplin
Captain	Dean McGuinness
Lieutenant (1)	Tim McBride
Lieutenant (2)	Gary Brehaut
Lieutenant (3)	Lawrie Caffin
Lieutenant (4)	Adam Wykstra
Treasurer	Nikki Young
Secretary	Sue Daley
Maintenance Officer	Gordon Newton
Purchasing Officer	Dean McGuinness
Radio Operator (1)	Pat Briggs
Radio Operator (2)	Ken Argent

WEST MURRAY VOL. BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

Annual General Meeting - Fire Station

Monday 12th April, 2021 @ 1800 hours

MINUTES

Opened: By A. / Capt. B. bird at 1802 hours and all welcomed

Present:

R. Thompson	D. Sutton	J. Bird
L. Barker	J. Anderson	A. Seaman
Z. Livingston	P. Plant	M. White
H. Hemmings	A. Sadler	A. Taylor
J. Waite	M. Donnelly	C. Slayford
M. Gavranich	K. Leeflang	L. Slayford
A. Lovelock	N. Bradshaw	I. Bennett
W. Donovan	R. Fiori	D. Elliott
T. Port	G. Kalbus	R. Kettle
J. Crotty	C. Fenton	B. Bird
R. Wilson	C. Thompson – Minute taker	

Apologies J. Rowley L. Giles J. Fenton

Apologies with proxy votes: T. Port doing voting for J. Fenton

C. Thompson voting for J. Rowley / L. Giles

Previous AGM minutes 6th April, 2020

Moved: G. Kalbus **second:** R. Kettle

That the minutes be received as a true and correct. **Carried**

Business Arising: Nil

Corres. In: E-mails to secretary re nominations (as per distribution)

Corres. Out: Forwarding of nominations to brigade members.

Previous 2020 AGM minutes

Agenda for 2021 AGM meeting

Moved: M. Gavranich **second:** D. Sutton

That inwards be received and outwards endorsed. **Carried**

Soft Drink Officer Declared elected: **Gary Kalbus**
Moved: L. Barker **Second:** R. Thompson
That all voting papers be destroyed. **Carried**

All elected members congratulated.

General Business:

1. BFAC **Moved:** M. White **Second:** A. Lovelock That the
Fire Control Officer represents the brigade on BFAC. **Carried**
2. Training days / times – as is – every 2nd Monday
3. Any catch -up training: Status quo remains
4. Cheque signatories - includes Public Fund a/c: **C. Thompson, B. Bird
and L. Slayford with electronic banking.** **Carried**
5. L. Slayford thanked K. Leeflang for doing the Treasurer's position this
past year.
6. Member's Awards and Officer's Awards – to be decided on after the
meeting.

Any other **AGM** business as deemed by the Chair. - Nil

With no further business the Chair closed at 1845 hours.

PLEASE NOTE: After the AGM there was a general discussion re the voting requirements for the year 2022/2023.

West Murray VFB Captains report 2020-2021

Welcome All,

I would like to thank you all for your support since taking over the position in October 2020. I take a lot of pride in being your Captain.

Special thanks to Gary Kalbus as he has been my eyes on the ground at fires due to me having 2 hand operations during this time and being unavailable to go to callouts. Gary and myself often catch up to discuss areas to improve. This is why at training you would have noticed a change to the delivery and topics as we evolve the training on your needs and skills.

Since my appointment as acting Captain we have reintroduced executive meetings, this is designed to allow all brigade members to bring up issues/ concerns they have to be discussed for feedback to be given to the members. The feedback I have received from the meeting has been positive. By having these meetings, the Lieutenant now play an important role to bring issues/ concerns from the members to the meeting.

During the last 12 months you members have been great in a number of areas.

- Training, attendance has been at the highest level for some time. Still have room to improve as a number of members still not attending training for several months. This effects crews when turning out as not sure of crew members experience and skills.
- Callouts, the West Murray brigade has been very active in attending all fire within the Murray shire with full crews in all vehicles. The new callout procedure has been the biggest complaint I have received for the Brigade as not all brigades are using it as agreed. This will need to be addressed before the next season. Reminder could you please send Chris a message when all vehicles back on station.
- We have also had 3 separate crews released for deployment with positive feedback being a credit to the members.
- Adapting to changes using the Bart system has been a credit to you all and special thanks to Matt Donnelly for persisting with setting up the system, this has not been easy.
- A positive sign that we are moving in the right direction is the number of members wanting to join the leadership group, for many years we lacked in this area. For those that have put your names forward this is great news for the brigade in the coming years. We just need to support you in building your skills to achieve your goals.

Looking forward to working and supporting you all over the next year.

Just Rember why you all joined a volunteer organisation.

To help the community, work in a team, have fun learning and using the skills gained.

Thanks Brian Bird

Acting West Murray VFB Captain.

From: chris.t1@bigpond.com on behalf of WMVBFB_Admin@murrayes.wa.gov.au
To: chris.t1@bigpond.com
Subject: FW: West Murray FCO's Report
Date: Sunday, 18 April 2021 12:06:43 PM

'afternoon all,
FYI – FCO's report for West Murray.
Chris.t


From: Robert Wilson <backburner61@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 April 2021 11:39 PM
To: Chris Thompson <chris.t1@bigpond.com>
Subject: West Murray FCO's Report

West Murray FCO's Report

Well it's been a very quiet time at West Murray in regards to fire call with only seventy recorded so far.
COVID 19 had a big effect on the brigade at the beginning of the year causing fewer people turning up for training but that was expected at all brigades.
This year we sent crews out on deployment to help with fires in other districts, to all those that made themselves available I thank you very much. Those deployments came with there own dramas such as crews waiting around for task forces to arrive, crews being advised of them going only to get a call from myself tens minutes later stated its been cancelled and crews staying in motels where people with minor COVID symptoms are staying. I'm pleased to advise that these issues have been addressed with DFES and in there words "it won't happen next year Bluey".
Things within the Shire and DFES are changing as they always do so please pay attention to what's happening with the brigades and with future deployments.
When you are going out to fire calls please be mindful of what you say to the person if they are burning off as the wrong thing said to a person makes it very hard for myself and the rangers to infringe them. If in doubt at the time give me a call as my phone is on 24/7. Could you also please ensure the incident report in the book and on the forms has the correct information on it. One reason for everything being done correctly is that when we infringe people we go by the ISRs reports, ie correct addresses.
Please ensure when voting you vote for the person that can do the job and not a friend.,

Thanks everyone for all your help.
Cheers Bluey

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Cheers Bluey Wilson
C.B.F.C.O Shire of Murray
 0417916468

From: [Robert Wilson](#)
To: [Emergency Services](#)
Subject: BFAC Nomination
Date: Tuesday, 18 May 2021 2:30:20 PM

Please accept this as my nomination for the position of Chief Bushfire Control Officer in the Shire of Murray for the next twelve months.

Cheers Bluey Wilson
C.B.F.C.O Shire of Murray
0417916468

Rob Marlborough

From: James Camplin <junglejim@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 23 May 2021 4:48 PM
To: Gavin Stevens - CESC
Cc: Rob Marlborough

Greetings

As this is the first formal notification I have received concerning the BFAC on 26th May I would like to formally nominate for the following positions;

Shire Training Coordinator
Fire Weather Officer

- Both positions I have held for a number of years.

Regards

James Camplin

4 September 2020

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WA

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BUSH FIRES ACT 1954*Shire of Murray***FIREBREAK NOTICE—BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE—
CAMP AND COOKING FIRES**

Notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Murray that Council pursuant to the powers conferred in Section 33(1), 25(1a) and 24G(2) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* approved the following requirements at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2020 to prevent the outbreak, spread or extension of a bush fire within the district and deal with other fire related preparedness and prevention matters.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, all owners and/or occupiers of land are required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with the requisitions of this Notice on or before 30 November each calendar year or within fourteen days of the date of becoming the owner or occupier of the land, should this be after 30 November. All work specified in this Notice is to be maintained up to and including 30 April the following calendar year.

Definitions

For the purpose of this Notice the following definitions apply—

Authorised Officer—an employee of the Shire of Murray appointed as a Bush Fire Control Officer.

Bushfire Management Plan—a plan that has been developed and approved by the Shire of Murray to reduce and mitigate fire hazards within a particular subdivision, lot or other area of land anywhere in the district.

Driveway—means the point of access (driveway) to a habitable building that is accessible for both conventional two wheel drive vehicles and firefighting appliances that is totally clear of all vegetation, trees, bushes, shrubs and other objects or things encroaching into the vertical axis of the driveway. If a driveway to a habitable building is longer than 50 metres in length from a public road, a clear turn around area with a 10 metre radius is to be provided.

Firebreak—an area of ground, of a prescribed width, constructed to a trafficable surface that is kept and maintained totally clear of all flammable material and includes the pruning and removal of any living or dead trees, scrub or any other material encroaching into the vertical axis of the firebreak area.

Fire Management Plan—the same as 'Bushfire Management Plan'.

Fuel Depot/Storage Area—an area of land, a building or structure where fuel (i.e. petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquid gas or any other fossil fuel) is kept in any container or other manner.

Flammable Material—any plant, tree, grass, vegetable, substance, object, thing or material (except living flora including live standing trees) that may or is likely to catch fire and burn or any other thing deemed by an Authorised Officer to be capable of combustion.

Habitable Building—a dwelling, work place, place of gathering or assembly and includes a building used for storage or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale in accordance with classes 1-9 of the Building Code of Australia.

The term habitable building includes attached and adjacent structures like garages, carports, verandahs or similar roofed structure(s) that are attached to, or within 6 metres of the dwelling or primary building.

Haystack—any collection of hay including fodder rolls placed or stacked together that exceeds 100 cubic metres in size (e.g. 5m x 5m x 4m), whether in a shed, other structure or in the open air.

Hills Landscape Protection Land—land zoned or defined in the Local Planning Scheme or Rate database as Hills Landscape Protection Land.

Plantations—any area of planted pines, eucalypt, hardwood or softwood trees exceeding 3 hectares in area.

Size—the size of an individual parcel or lot of land as recorded in the Shire of Murray property Rates Register or land database.

1 hectare = 10,000m² = 2.47 acres

1 acre = 4,046.86m² = 0.4046 hectare

Trafficable—to be able to travel from one point to another in a 4x4 fire appliance on a clear surface, unhindered without any obstruction that may endanger resources. A firebreak is not to terminate in a dead end without provision for egress to a safe place or a cleared turn around area of 17.5 metre radius.

Vertical Axis—a continuous vertical uninterrupted line at a right angle to the horizontal line of the firebreak to a minimum height of 4.5 metres from the ground.

Zoning—the land zoning description as recorded in the Shire of Murray property Rate database.

Fire Prevention Requirements**1. Rural Zoned Land—10 Hectares or Greater**

- a. A 3 metre wide firebreak is to be constructed and maintained as close as practicable, but within 50 metres of the boundaries of the land, where the land abuts all made roads or railway reserves, Crown land which is the responsibility of a State Agency, held in leasehold by a third party or otherwise unmanaged or a plantation.

- b. If the rural zoned land abuts or adjoins any other type of zoned land a 3 metre wide firebreak is to be constructed and maintained along that portion of the rural land that abuts the other zoned land and the firebreak/s are to be located immediately, where practical inside the boundary of the rural land where it abuts the above mentioned land.
- c. A 3 metre wide firebreak is to be constructed and maintained immediately surrounding all outbuildings, sheds, haystacks, groups of buildings and fuel depots/storage areas situated on the land.
- d. All flammable material within 20 metres of a habitable building is to be reduced and maintained to a height of less than 5 centimetres.
- e. A 3 metre wide driveway to be installed and maintained.

2. Special Rural, Special Residential, All Special Use, Farmlet, Hills Landscape Protection Land, Rural Townsite and Rural Zoned Land less than 10 Hectares

- a. Where the area of land in this zoning category is 10,000m² or less in size all flammable material on the entire property is to be reduced and maintained to a height of less than 5 centimetres.
- b. Where the area of land in this zoning category is between 10,001m² and 25,000m² in size all flammable material on the entire property is to be reduced and maintained to a height of less than 5 centimetres. Alternatively a firebreak is to be installed and maintained in accordance with clause 2(c).
- c. Where the area of land in this zoning category is 25,001m² or more in size, a 3 metre wide firebreak is to be installed and maintained immediately—
 - (i) inside all external boundaries of the land; and
 - (ii) around all outbuildings, sheds, haystacks, groups of buildings and fuel depots/storage areas situated on the land; and
 - (iii) all flammable material within 20 metres of a habitable building is to be reduced and maintained to a height of less than 5 centimetres.
- d. If land within this zoning category adjoins any of the land described in Clause 3, all flammable material shall be reduced and maintained to a height of less than 5 centimetres for a distance of 20 metres immediately inside the installed and maintained firebreak.
- e. All land within this zoning category, irrespective of size requires a 3 metre wide driveway to be installed and maintained.

Exception: Where there is green maintained and reticulated lawn, inclusive of any living trees, shrubs or plants immediately adjacent to an external boundary of any land within this zoning category, a firebreak is not required to be installed or maintained, immediately inside that particular land boundary.

3. Residential, Residential Development, Special Development, Industry and all Other Zoned Land Not Specified

- a. Where the area of land in this zoning category is 4,000m² or less, all flammable material on the entire property shall be reduced and maintained to a height of less than 5 centimetres.
- b. Where the area of land in this zoning category is more than 4,001m² in size, a 3 metre wide firebreak shall be installed and maintained immediately inside all external boundaries of the land and also immediately surrounding all buildings situated on the land.
- c. A 3 metre wide driveway to be installed and maintained.

4. Plantations

- a. 'Boundary Firebreaks'—all property boundaries must have a 15 metre firebreak installed. The outer 10 metres will be cleared of all flammable material while the inner 5 metres (i.e. that portion closest to the trees) may be kept in a reduced fuel state by slashing or grazing grass to a height of less than 5 centimetres. This includes the trimming back of all overhanging limbs, bushes, shrubs and any other object encroaching into the vertical axis above outer 10 metres of the firebreak area.
- b. 'Internal Firebreaks'—plantation area must be subdivided into areas not greater than 30 hectares, separated by 6 metre wide firebreaks. This includes the trimming back of all overhanging limbs, bushes, shrubs and any other object encroaching into the vertical axis of the firebreak area.
- c. 'Special Risks'—
 - (i) Public roads and railway reserves firebreaks 15 metres wide shall be maintained where the planted area adjoins public roads and railway reserves.
The specification will be as for 'boundary firebreaks' on planted areas
 - (ii) Firebreaks shall be provided along power lines where they pass through or lie adjacent to planted areas. The specification of the width and the height of clearing shall be in accordance with Western Power specifications
- d. Furthermore all plantations shall comply with requirements contained in the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) guidelines or standards for Plantation Fire Protection.

5. Storage of Cut or Stockpiled Timber Products

On all land in the district except land specified as industrial, non rateable or reserve land the owner or occupier of the land shall not keep or permit to be kept any cut, stockpiled or windrowed timber

products (manufactured or natural) unless the material is in piles of less than 15 metres long, 5 metres wide and 3 metres high. Every pile of cut, stockpiled or windrowed timber product larger than 12 cubic metres is to be completely surrounded by a 10 metre wide firebreak.

6. Variations

If it is considered to be impractical for any reason to clear firebreaks or establish other arrangements as required by this Notice, the owner and/or occupier of land in the district may apply for a variation by contacting the appropriate area Fire Control Officer prior to 14 November each calendar year to arrange an onsite inspection to discuss alternate methods of fire prevention. Variations may be approved by the Shire of Murray for a 1, 3 or 5 year period, subject to the owner and/or occupier of the land remaining the same. If a request to vary this Notice is not approved, the requirements of this Notice apply.

7. Bushfire Management Plans

Where a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) exists for a specified area or property as required by the Local Planning Scheme or subdivision approval or for an individual or group of properties, compliance with all requirements of the BMP are required in addition to any further requirements within this Notice.

8. Special Works Order

The requirements of this Notice are considered to be the minimum requirement for fire prevention work not only to protect individual properties but the district generally.

A separate Special Works Order may be issued to individual landowners pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to carry out further hazard removal and/or reduction work with respect to anything upon the land, where in the opinion of an Authorised Officer it is likely to be conducive to the outbreak and/or the extension of a bushfire.

9. Dates to Remember

Restricted Burning Time—1 October to 30 November each year (inclusive) and 1 April to 15 May each year (inclusive, and as varied pursuant to Section 18 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*).

Prohibited Burning Time—1 December to 31 March each year (inclusive, and as varied pursuant to Section 17 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*).

The above dates are subject to variation and any alterations will be published in a local newspaper circulating within the district.

10. Camp or Cooking Fires (s.25(1a) *Bush Fires Act 1954*)

The lighting of camp or cooking fires is prohibited on all land within the Shire of Murray during the Prohibited Burning Time. This prohibition does not apply to a gas appliance which does not consume solid fuel comprising of a fire, the flame of which is encapsulated by the appliance.

11. Burning of Garden Refuse and Rubbish (s.24G *Bush Fires Act 1954*)

The burning of garden refuse or rubbish is prohibited on all land under 4,000m² in size during the Limited Burning Time that would otherwise be permitted under Section 24F.

For the purposes of this Clause 'Limited Burning Time' means 1 October each calendar year through until 15 May the following calendar year (inclusive, and as varied pursuant to Sections 17 and 18 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*).

On land larger than 4,001m² the burning of garden waste and rubbish that would otherwise be permitted under Section 24F is prohibited absolutely during the Prohibited Burning Time.

The effect of this clause is that the burning of garden refuse or rubbish in an incinerator or on the ground on land that is 4,000m² or less in size is prohibited during the Limited Burning Time and the burning of garden refuse or rubbish in an incinerator or on the ground is prohibited on all land within the district during the Prohibited Burning Time.

In addition to the above restrictions, garden refuse burnt on the ground is burnt in accordance with this clause if—

- a. there is no flammable material (other than that being burnt) within 5 metres of the fire at any time while the fire is burning;
- b. the fire is lit between 6:00pm and 11:00pm and is completely extinguished before midnight on the same day;
- c. at least one person is present at the site of the fire at all times until it is completely extinguished;
- d. one pile (up to one cubic metre in size) can only be burnt at a time;
- e. when the fire is no longer required, the person ensures that the fire is completely extinguished by the application of water or earth; and,
- f. the person intending to light the fire must telephone the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Communications Centre (COMCEN) immediately prior to igniting, on 9395 9209 or 1800 198 140.

but excluding any time when there is in force a fire danger forecast issued for that part of the district by the Bureau of Meteorology in Perth of 'catastrophic', 'extreme', 'severe' or 'very high', or a Total Fire Ban (TFB), or any other prohibition is in effect under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

The *Shire of Murray Health Local Law 2018* further restricts and or prohibits burning of rubbish of refuse on land in the district.

12. Penalties

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine not exceeding \$5,000. A person in default is also liable whether prosecuted or not to pay the costs of performing the work directed by this Notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required by this Notice.

The notice previously published in the *Government Gazette* on 19 July 2016 (No. 129), LG501, pages 2963 to 2966 is hereby revoked.

LG502**BUSH FIRES ACT 1954***Shire of Waroona***FIREBREAK NOTICE—BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE—
CAMP AND COOKING FIRES**

Notice is hereby given to all owners and/or occupiers of land within the Shire of Waroona that the Council pursuant to the powers conferred in Section 33(1), 25(1a) and 24G(2) of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* approved the following requirements at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 June 2020 to prevent the outbreak or spread or extension of a bush fire within the district and deal with other fire related preparedness and prevention matters.

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, all owners and/or occupiers of land are required to carry out fire prevention work in accordance with the requisitions of this Notice on or before 30 November each calendar year or within fourteen days of the date of becoming the owner or occupier of the land, should this be after 30 November. All work specified in this Notice is to be maintained up to and including 30 April the following calendar year

Definitions

For the purpose of this Notice the following definitions apply—

“Authorised Officer” means a person authorised by the Shire of Waroona and appointed as a Bush Fire Control Officer.

“Bushfire Management Plan” means a plan that has been developed and approved by the Shire of Waroona to reduce and mitigate fire hazards within a particular subdivision, lot or other area of land anywhere in the district.

“Driveway” means the point of access (driveway) to a habitable building that is accessible for both conventional two wheel drive vehicles and firefighting appliances that is totally clear of all vegetation, trees, bushes, shrubs and other objects or things encroaching into the vertical clearance of the driveway. If a driveway to a habitable building is longer than 50 metres in length from a public road, a clear turn around area with a 10 metre radius is to be provided.

“Firebreak” means a strip of land that has been cleared of all trees, bushes, grasses and any other object or thing or flammable vegetation material to a trafficable surface leaving clear bare mineral earth. This includes the trimming back and removal of all overhanging trees, bushes, shrubs and any other object or thing over the vertical clearance of the fire break area. Firebreaks constructed on road verges do not constitute a legal firebreak.

“Fire Management Plan” has the same meaning as *“bushfire management plan”*.

“Fuel Depot/Storage Area” means an area of land, a building or structure where fuel (i.e. petrol, diesel, kerosene, liquid gas or any other fossil fuel) is kept in any container or other manner in commercial quantities.

“Flammable Material” means any plant, tree, grass, vegetable, substance, object, thing or material (except living flora including live standing trees) that may or is likely to catch fire and burn or any other item deemed by an authorised officer to be capable of combustion.

“Habitable Building” means a dwelling, work place, place of gathering or assembly and includes a building used for storage or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale in accordance with classes 1-9 of the Building Code of Australia.

The term habitable building includes attached and adjacent structures like garages, carports, verandahs or similar roofed structure(s) that are attached to, or within 6 metres of the dwelling or primary building.

“Outbuilding” means any structure, shed, building, storage facility or structure or alike built for any purpose outside of the definition of the “habitable structure” definition.

“Haystack” means any collection of hay including fodder rolls placed or stacked together that exceeds 100 cubic metres in size (e.g. 5m x 5m x 4m), whether in a shed, other structure or in the open air.

“Plantations” means any area of planted pines, eucalypt, hardwood or softwood trees exceeding 3 hectares in area.

“Shed” has the same meaning as outbuilding.

“Size” means a size of an individual parcel or lot of land as recorded in the Shire of Waroona property Rates Register or land database.

1 hectare = 10,000m² = 2.47 acres

1 acre = 4,046.86m² = 0.4046 hectare

From: [Robert Wilson](#)
To: [Chantelle Goff](#)
Subject: Chiefs Report 2020/21
Date: Wednesday, 26 May 2021 3:46:07 PM

Chiefs Report 2020/21

Well here we are again.

As far as the fire season went it was rather a quiet one in the shire which isn't a bad thing at times. We had the usual incidents that were an all brigade turn out but nothing that required out of area assistance. We assisted other shires with crews going to Red Gully and Wooroloo, spending up to five days away. To those crews that went away I thank you for commitment in helping others and to the crews that stayed behind and looked after this shire I thank you as well.

It's been good to see crews from different brigades working well with each other and getting in an helping with some of the top end stuff at fires. Keep up the good work everyone.

To all the cadets out there and I know there are quite a few of you in this shire keep up the great work. I haven't been able to get out and see you all yet but that doesn't mean I'm not following what you are doing (Facebook is a great tool). You young people are the future fire fighters and we all encourage you to do your best.

As you all are aware training has taken a new turn with the courses now coming out of the BFoC. I urge everyone to bear with us as we work through the delivery of these courses because it's a totally new ball game for all the trainers and assessor's.

All in all it's been a good year for us but if I had to pick one negative thing for the year it would be the amount of damage that has occurred on our fire trucks and the high season vehicles. We do expect a bit of damage over the year but not as much as we saw. When attending fires drivers are required to evaluate whether they need to be in there, and can the vehicle get in and out of that position safely. Bottom line is guys take a bit more care with the vehicle's at the end of the day you need them for your safe survival.

Thanks to the shire staff, Rob, Ron, Chantelle, Sam and all the rangers for your assistance over the year and you can guarantee I will be seeking it again this year.

To Robbie and the depot crews thanks heaps. To DFES staff south west thanks, thanks also to Brett for your assistance and dare I say it, it has definitely been one of our better years. Gavin as always thank you and I look forward to working with you in the future.

To my deputy of the last few years and friend Ben I thank you for all your work, I'm going to miss your sense of humour at calls and late night phone calls. I wish you and your family all the best for your future endeavours, take care mate.

And finally to all you wonderful fire fighters in the shire of Murray I take my hat of to you one and all, keep up the tremendous job your doing, stay safe and thanks.

Robert "Bluey" Wilson
CBFCO Shire of Murray

Cheers Bluey Wilson
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SHIRE TRAINING COORDINATOR

Report to BFAC 26th May 2021

Formal training conducted by the senior trainers, was curtailed for a period of time due to the Emergency Situation caused by Covid 19. The first round of Introduction to Fire Fighting and Bush Fire Fighting, formal courses for new prospective fire fighters, was interrupted for several months half way through completion and was not completed until restrictions were eased and formal training could recommence.

Two more rounds of the basic courses were held in quick succession to train the backlog of new members to the brigades. In total over 40 new members completed the courses.

Introduction to Fire Fighting and Bushfire Fighting have now been discontinued by DFES and replaced with an eight module course, which is designed to be conducted either continuously over a period of probably two weekends or module by module over several weeks. The modules vary in the length of time each takes to deliver ranging from 3 ½ hours to 85 minutes depending on the complexity of the module and the amount of practical learning involved.

We are yet to conduct the modular course within the Shire but that will occur now that the fire season has finished. There is also some Gap Training to be conducted to complete the gap between the new courses and the old, mainly involving the use of ropes and ladders and the Automated Vehicle Locators.

There are a number of trainers within the Shire that have completed the DFES Workplace Trainer course. The aim now is to get them involved with delivering the modules to ease the workload from the few who have conducted the bulk of the training in the past, bearing in mind that we will have to watch that quality of training does not slip.

All in all it will be an interesting year.

Jim Camplin
Shire Training Coordinator.

Community Emergency Services Co-ordinator Murray & Waroona BFAC Report

26th May 2021

Operationally it has been a less active season locally, below are some of the key tasks the CESC role has been involved with:

- All “High Season” Appliances have been returned and after our Autumn burn program has run our maintenance and repair work comes online for fire appliances
- Emergency Water Supplies through the state government grant for Preston Beach and Dwellingup are ready to go when building permits are approved and hopefully will see them completed by the end of June 2021.
- SES Crews have had deployments to Geraldton and surrounds for Tropical Cyclone Seroja & Odette.
- Training is under way for the year with Fire Control Officer and First Aid Courses amongst a few run locally. There are a range of other courses over May – Sept that will run on stations or at the Bushfire Centre of Excellence.
- Operations wise it has been relatively quiet in Murray and Waroona for this time of year with only a handful of significant incidents all of which stayed below Level 1 and while they had potential to escalate due to good work of crews remained minor.
- Enhanced Covid cleaning processes still in place and just before lockdown supplies were refreshed. The Shire have a good supply of masks for the brigades and supplies were distributed. We continue to monitor the health advice and respond to directions.
- During my secondment I put in the Local Government Grant Scheme for both shires. This included some building upgrades and increase in operating costs to cover respiratory protection and training of members. We will find the outcome of that application in the next 6-8 weeks
- Additional projects I have been working on are combined Murray Waroona Bushfire Brigade rules, SW Trainers Workshop 15 May, Online permit investigation, Digital content review (post some digital content training through Open Cities. Also included is meetings with Chief and Training Co-ordinator to look at roll out of new modules.
- 1st Feb till 12th April I was in another role thank you to Ron the Manager Ranger Emergency Services who took care of brigades across the shires. I would also like to thank Ron for all of his work bringing together the Murray Waroona LEMC, the CESM program and wish him well for his future endeavours at the City of Armadale.

Some key celebrations in the last 12 months include;

- The new West Murray 3.4U arriving
- Opening the new Waroona West BFB Station
- Finalising the IT and internet rollouts
- Running the first combined shires training planning team meeting and setting up a 2021 training calendar -
- Putting together and running both pre-season briefings
- LGGS Applications, Acquittals, Tank Grants and overspends approved
- Setting up the BFB Leadership Meeting structures; BLT → Ops Com → BFAC
- Booked Pre-season briefing (Ops Com group to run) & Awards function – 4th Sept 2021

Key current project; **Brigade Rules Document;**

- **Currently:** There are variety of documents housing in different locations in varying need of update or review. Throughout this whole process these documents *will stay in place and are current*. With the addition of many newer officers, a new CESC, resource sharing and age of current documents the need was acutely felt. To ensure a clear, comprehensive document it was decided to constructed an new one rather than updating outdated formats.
- **Aim:** The aim or purpose of this process is several fold;
 - Give our brigades the confidence and ‘peace of mind’ to do business while complying to WHS Legislation and other key documents

- To make our processes simple and clear to everyone by having 1 (one) single document containing all items needed.
- Remove confusion and allow for easy updates (currency).
- **Scope:** Wide ranging to include structures and processes for brigade operation, position descriptions of roles, grievance processes, BFAC and Leadership meeting processes, LGGS information, vehicle servicing, communication protocols, training standards and other items to make document comprehensive.
- **Timelines:** The process to achieve this is as below;
 - By end of Oct 2021 CESC is compile a draft and review with Managers
 - Next 3 months Ops Com group to review, edit, change
 - Early 2022 copies distributed to brigades and feedback processes established
 - April / May 2022 final copy sent out and placed on SharePoint for all to access.
 - Ops Com revisit document regularly to make updates

Finally with a less active operational season locally I would like to acknowledge everyone for their willingness and support to attend deployments and your patience while the CESC role was vacant. Thank you to Bluey, for all your assistance and dedication to your role as Chief. Thank you to the FCO's (Ben, Doug, Peter, Jim and Kevin) and also to the staff at both shires and the SW Regional Office. Thank you to Ron, Rob and Brett for your support as I have transitioned into the role. Finally I would like to thank Chantelle and Sam for their tireless work and follow up with orders and processes and for all their work in equipping brigades

Thank you,

Gavin Stevens

From: [Douglas McLarty](#)
To:
Cc:
Subject: Coolup Fire Control Officers Report - BFAC 26 May 2021
Date:

The year for our members got off to the most horrific start imaginable with the tragic passing of one of our junior members, Harrison Kirkham. To compound this our brigade was the first responders to the incident. Our members conducted themselves with absolute distinction and compassion. Harrison will be very sorely missed, but his cheeky likeable personality will never be forgotten. As a result of this incident membership and community welfare continues to be of paramount importance, the support and leadership displayed by Gavin and Bluey have been exceptional and I can't thank them enough for this.

Membership is strong and resolute and I believe we have turned out to every incident allocated to us. We also had members join a taskforce and go to Bullsbrook, the usual frustrations occurred, but they were very happy to help.

Cadet numbers are strong, with several cadets progressing through their Duke of Edinburgh award.

There have been several office bearer changes following our AGM. Stuart Kirkham has stepped aside from captain for while and we sincerely thank him for his efforts. He is replaced by David Vuletic. Our secretary has changed from Justyn Bennett to Ange Rogers. There has been movement amongst the lieutenants do please take the time to refresh yourselves with these. Lance Pltter has stepped down as a permit officer after 15 odd years, I thank him very much for what he has done, it's not an easy job.

Finally a huge thank you to Gavin for all that he does, he is by far the best CESM we've had where nothing is too hard.

Douglas McLarty
Coolup Fire Control Officer

From: [Ben Armstrong](#)
To: dwellinupbfbsecretary@gmail.com; [Chantelle Goff](#)
Subject: DWP BFCO Report and DCBFCO BFAC Report 2020/21 Fire Season
Date: Thursday, 29 April 2021 2:58:31 PM
Importance: High

Hi Renae and Chantelle , please see below points in relation to my report to be submitted as required

It's been yet again another trying fire season, COVID19 is adding extra pressure on us as a response team, thanks to all the crews for doing their part

Would like to thank Ron for his leadership and commitment to the Murray shire and wish him all the best with his new adventure

To all of our awesome volunteers, thanks for yet again doing your best on the fire ground in sometimes challenging conditions

- The brigade calendars were an awesome success and look forward to re-doing them again, thanks to those involved (might have to change it up)
- once again, the brigade managed to get in hazard reductions burns without any issues, this is an awesome result as it offers manageable land and protection to the greater community
- Tank grant achieved providing the brigade with more usable fire suppression water, the Shire is awaiting internal approval as of this meeting for works to proceed, thanks Renae and team for a great effort with this grant
- engagement with the new management at the Forrest heritage building in relation to hazard reduction opportunities to commence
- Hi season appliance once again was handy to have as the role of the DCBFCO
- Discussion with brigade in regards to internal development of officers and progression of members, we need to have progression and let others step up before we burn ourselves out
- Staff changes within the shire - as discussed
- DFES mitigation team engaging with brigade in relation to hazard reduction burns and with brigade involvement
- New document development and policy changes to come - As discussed

Thanks, and Kind regards

Ben Armstrong
Shire of Murray DCBFCO
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NORTH DANDALUP

VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Report 2021

First and foremost, Thanks to our brigade members for their support, diligence, and professionalism during this last twelve months.

Thank You all volunteers from Shire of Murray brigades for your service and attendance to emergency services incidents local and out of area response show commitment and dedication.

The year has had some ups and downs at brigade level, and I believe we must look forward to developing futures and succession planning.

- The brigade is aware of some damage to unit's, but all have been sustained during incident operations,
- A clear reminder is "Do you have to go there." All damage is in process of repair.
- The brigade has now been provided a Hydrant at the oval tank for purpose of unit refill and training, it has been observed that this hydrant best services Light Tankers and the heavy duties are better served at the pump station opposite the primary school.
- Training qualifications have been achieved by near all our members; I believe we have three still to do first of the new products which have been delivered to trainers the other weekend at Bushfire Centre of excellence.
- The brigade has been chasing and been applying for grants this year to achieve some aids for Community Awareness Officer, plus alterations or additions storage and useful equipment outside LGGS and have done well thanks must go to all members concerned job well done.
- Residents have been very compliant and discussed their prevention burning inclusive of roadside burning approvals.
- Our 20/21 burn program was delayed but we achieved some private requests extremely late in restricted season.
- Preventative burn planning has moved forward slowly but is progressing, we have four burns planned and will need assistance on most, will put requests to brigades around July /August.
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I would personally thank the shire's staff ,Rob, Ron, Gavin, Chantelle, Sam plus Rangers all, for their support and guidance over the last twelve months has been a long road for all concerned.

I would also like to thank Bluey for your assistance during this period.

Peter Thurkle A.F.S.M.
North Dandalup Bushfire Brigade
FCO/Captain 042 788 2201

SOUTH YUNDERUP RAVENSWOOD BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

FCO report to BFAC 26th May 2021

The Brigade has had an active year and attended a number of incidents ranging from small grass fires on the side of the road, quickly extinguished, to assisting other brigades at larger incidents. In addition we have conducted several burn offs including a series of burns on vacant blocks in the middle of South Yunderup. There are several controlled burns needed every year within the brigade area, not all of which can be completed in a timely manner due to weather or manpower restrictions. As with many brigades we have a large FIFO base and the different shifts don't always line up.

To assist with manning the brigade continues to make up an availability list of fire fighters every week which gives the officers and radio operators an idea of who is around for the week and who is away, saving valuable time looking for crews when there is an incident.

The fire boat had an easy time this year and only went out on training runs. However we know that that can change especially with the islands posing a constant threat. We were able to do minimal protective burning this spring so vegetation growth is becoming an issue on the islands again. The boat is maintained in good condition and ready to go at any time.

The Command Trailer has undergone a refurbishment over the last two seasons, and that was completed recently. The old flood lights were replaced with LED lights and the generator replaced with one with the capacity to power a small town. Bits have been added to the trailer itself in the form of slide out drawers and lockers to the extent that brakes had to be added as well to deal with the extra weight. It comes with a trained crew of auxiliary members who assemble it at an incident and pack it up afterwards. It has come a long way from the refreshment trailer it used to be.

The Brigade has a core of long serving members who stay around every year and sometimes even take on an officer role. Dean McGuinness has been captain for several years now and the McBrides are always there to back him. Having said that a number of newer members are increasingly taking on responsibility so we are gaining a strong base. I still don't have a permit issuing officer but there is hope there yet.

Jim Camplin

FCO South Yunderup Ravenswood BFB