



BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

29 MARCH 2023

**14 White Street
Brookton, WA 6306**

7.00	pm	COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING
8.00	pm	CLOSURE OF MEETING



NOTICE OF MEETING

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Dear Councillor, Resident or Ratepayer,

Notice is hereby given that the Bushfire Advisory Committee of the Brookton Shire Council will be held on Wednesday 29th March 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre commencing at 7:00 pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Sherry'.

Gary Sherry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
21 March 2023

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1.03.23 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ATTENDANCE

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People and pay respect to all Elders, past, present, and emerging. I wish to acknowledge and respect local people's continuing culture and the contribution they make to Country and its life.

2.03.23 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held in the Shire of Brookton Council Chambers, on 7th September 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

3.03.23 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

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5.03.23.02 STATUS TABLE

Item #	Date Initiated	Item Details	Assigned to	Comment	% Completed
1.	16 Mar 2021	Review water issues and possible placement of tanks in the district.	CESM	Long term project with more consultation with brigade members on placement of tanks, also different options and costings required. Extra Water tank approved to be constructed with the West Brookton Fire Shed and will be completed in the 2 year approved DFES cycle. Planning and land assessments will be commenced in 2nd quarter.	25%
2.	5 Oct 2021	Review Construct West Brookton Bushfire Brigade's 2 bay facility. To be constructed over a 2-year process. To be finalised by 30 June 2023.	CESM/West Brigade/Chief /Shire Officers	CESM to have site meeting and discuss with relevant parties. Work needs to be completed by Shire to progress to next stage Tender document being constructed to be sent out for tender. 50% deposit has been received. Sandie in talks with Local elder about Aboriginal site near by. Site clearing earthworks completed and shed location pegged. Site meeting this Wednesday with CEO and brigade to make sure everyone is happy with shed location.	10%
3.	5 Oct 2021	CESM and CEO to follow up on Policy and/or operating procedures	CESM/CEO	21.03.2021 – CEO has recently had a new delegation approved by Council “Delegation 1.50 – Amendment to Prohibited and Restricted Burning Periods – Bush Fires Act”. <i>See attachment below.</i>	10%
4.	30 Mar 2022	Garmin Mini Radios to be investigated (for ability to communicate outside of phone reception).	CESM		
5.	30 Mar 2022	Investigate requirements for providing lot/location numbers on Permit to Burn forms.	CEO/CESM		
6.	30 Mar 2022	Organise a meeting with David Cliff (Brookton Country Club), Murray Hall (CBFCO), Travis Eva (DCBFCO), and CESM to discuss mitigation works.	CESM	Meeting held. Plan arranged. Control burn has now been completed and further works to continue after the fire season.	40%

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7.	15 Jan 2023	Completion of 2023-2024 ESL Budget submission.	CESM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating submission for new BFB Shed out East Brookton - Increase in BFB PPE allocation. - Creating submission for Thermal image cameras to be installed in tenders. 	50%
8.	15 Jan 2023	Mitigation approved funding program	CESM		0%

6.03.23 GENERAL BUSINESS**6.03.23.01 APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS**

For the 2022/23 the Shire of Brookton made the following appointments.

Position	Appointment
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Murray Hall
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Travis Eva
FCO's – Central Brigade	Troy Bassett, Andrew Pike, Les Eyre, Ashley Hobbs, William Wilkinson, Neville Messenger, Blair Montague.
FCO's – East Brigade	Bevan Walters, Darrell Turner, Dennis Wilkinson
FCO's – West Brigade	Tim Evans, Ross Evans, Len Simmons, Mark Whittington, Jamie Blight.
FCO – Shire of Brookton	Jason Carrall

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the BFAC recommend that the Shire of Brookton make the following appointments for the 2023/24 fire season.

Position	Nominee(s)
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	
FCO's – Central Brigade	
FCO's – East Brigade	
FCO's – West Brigade	
FCO – Shire of Brookton	

Bushfire Operations Committee

Communique



Meeting date: Friday 7th October 2022

Location: Bushfire Centre of Excellence, 20 Dollyup Street, Nambelup

The BOC met for the third meeting of 2022 at the Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

CES ACT CONSULTATION

Update by DFES Project Manager Review of the Emergency Services Acts, Ms Lauren Townsend

The *Consolidated Emergency Services Act (CES Act)* discussion took place the day prior to the BOC meeting on Thursday 6 October 2022. The DFES Project Manager led the session, answering questions of members.

WOOROLOO IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Presentation by DFES Bushfire Centre of Excellence Bushfire Knowledge & Practice Manager, Mr Peter Galvin.

Bushfire Operations Committee received a presentation from the Wooroloo Implementation Coordination Group (WICG).

The WICG was formed following the release of the State Government's response to the [AFAC Independent Operational Review of the Management of the Wooroloo Fire of February 2021](#). The State Government commissioned the review into the bushfire, which destroyed 86 homes and burnt more than 10,000 hectares in the Perth Hills. Of the 13 Recommendations, the Government accepted 10, noted 2 and accepted 1 in-principle. The report also made 5 conclusions, of which, 1 was accepted and 4 were accepted in principle.

The WICG is led by Murray Carter, Executive Director, DFES Rural Fire Division, and oversees the progress of the Report recommendations. Each recommendation will be addressed by Government and is being treated as an individual project, and each project has been appointed a report lead. Several projects are already established and underway prior to the release of the report. The WICG will be supporting the overarching monitoring and reporting to ensure the intent is being met, drive progress and improve communications amongst stakeholders.

Four recommendations will report through the BOC - Recommendations 5, 6, 11 & 12.

AFTER ACTIONS REVIEW – SEVERE WEATHER EVENT

A joint After Actions Review (AAR) is being undertaken by DFES, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, and WALGA, in relation to the significant weather event resulting in four concurrent level 3 bushfires that affected the State during 3-6 February 2022. Unusual and extreme fire weather affected the broader southwest land division during this period, resulting in significant bushfire activity across several DFES regions. The response to these emergencies required significant state-wide coordination involving numerous emergency management partner agencies. This review will focus on the preparatory actions, coordinated response and transition to recovery relating to this operational period for the four concurrent Level 3 bushfires:

- Bayview Rise Bushfire in the Shire of Denmark commenced on Friday 4 February 2022
- Bridgetown Bushfire in the Shire Bridgetown/Greenbushes commenced on Saturday 5 February 2022
- Shackleton Complex Bushfire in Shires of Bruce Rock, Quairading and Corrigin commenced on Sunday 6 February 2022
- Narrogin East Bushfire in the Shire of Narrogin commenced on Sunday 6 February 2022

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Bushfire Operations Committee appointed member, Rob Lynn is the representative on the review team. The Committee met in August and reviewed over 900 observations and submissions that were received as part of the review from online forms from DFES internally and volunteers through Local Governments. A draft report will be reviewed by the Committee in the coming weeks.

CBFCO FORUM 2023 NEXT STEPS

Presentation by DFES Bushfire Centre of Excellence Engagement & Outreach Coordinator, Ms Loredana Manfredi.

Two online Chief Bush Fire Control Officer sessions were held in June 2022. Following these sessions, a survey was sent to attendees for feedback on the proposed Chief Bushfire Control Officer Forum for 2023. Results from the surveys provided suggestions on content which will shape the Forum.

Bushfire Operations Committee nominated members, Craig Stewart, Murray Dixon and proxy Rod Wallington will participate in the working group and assist with the planning to progress arrangements for the Forum

AFDRS IMPLEMENTATION

Presentation by DFES Australia Fire Danger Rating System Project Manager, Ms Rachael Parkes.

The Project Manager provided members an overview of the implementation of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System following its launch on 1 September 2022. Any queries can be sent to the AFDRS inbox – afdrs@dfes.wa.gov.au

LGIS – BUSHFIRE VOLUNTEER PROTECTION

Presentation by LGIS Portfolio Manager Liability and Property, Mr Udam Wickremaratne

The Portfolio Manager presented to the BOC on behalf of LGIS, providing an overview of protection available to Bushfire Volunteer through LGIS.

Topic covered by LGIS included:

- Personal Injury
- Personal Property
- Motor Vehicle
- Public Liability
- Statutory Liability

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8.03.23 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.00pm

- o Brookton - Fire Break Notice 2023/24 Season