



Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Agenda | 15th October 2024

I respectfully advise that the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting will be held in the Quairading Council Chambers, 10 Jennaberring Road, Quairading WA 6383 on Tuesday 15th of October 2024, commencing at 5.00 pm.

MEETING AGENDA ATTACHED

Marion Haeusler

Executive Officer
Shire of Quairading

Date: 7 October 2024



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SHIRE OF QUAIRADING

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 commencing at 5:00 pm.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Meeting and declared the Meeting open at _____ pm.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Fire Control Officers / Weather Monitors

Mr N Gelmi	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, FCO Wamenusking BFB
Mr T Mills	Fire Control Officer, Representative South Caroling BFB
Mr L Johnston	Fire Control Officer, Representative South Caroling BFB
Mr H Hughes	Fire Control Officer, Representative Wamenusking BFB
Mr M Davies	Fire Control Officer, Representative Balkuling/Doodenanning BFB
Mr B Willson	Fire Control Officer, Captain North Quairading BFB
Mr T Hadlow	Fire Control Officer, Representative North Quairading BFB
Mr A Duncan	Fire Control Officer, Captain Central BFB /VFRS Captain
Mr D Mastin	Brigade Lieutenant, Central BFB
Mr B Davies	Fire Control Officer, Central BFB, CESM
Ms S Zorzonek	VFRS Representative

2.2 Shire

Cr J Haythornthwaite	Shire President, Chair
Cr T Stacey	Deputy Shire President
Ms N Ness	Chief Executive Officer
Ms S Caporn	Executive Manager of Works and Services, Minute Taker

2.3 Invited Observers / Visitors/Agencies

Mr J Corrigan	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
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2.4 Apologies

Mr G Mills	Captain, Wamenusking BFB
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ITEM 3 DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 11th April 2024**RECOMMENDATION****MOVED****SECONDED**

That the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 11th of April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED**4.2 Business Arising**

ITEM 5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inward

April 2024 – “Thank You” from the Shire of Waroona (see attachment).

5.2 Outward

Nil

ITEM 6 CBFCO / DCBFCO / FCO / CESM REPORTS

6.1 CBFCO Report**6.2 DCBFCO Report**

Role vacant

6.3 FCO’s Reports**6.4 CESM Report**

6.5 Shire Report

6.6 Other Agency Reports

ITEM 7 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 Appointment of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED SECONDED

That the Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that _____ be appointed as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer until October 2025.

CARRIED

7.2 Appointment of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED SECONDED

That the Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that _____ be appointed as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer until October 2025.

CARRIED

7.3 Appointment of Fire Control Officers

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED SECONDED

That the Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the following persons, subject to their acceptance, be appointed Fire Control Officers for the Shire of Quairading until October 2025:

CARRIED

7.4 Appointment of Fire Weather Monitors

The Role of the Fire Weather Monitors is to keep an eye on current weather conditions at the request of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, or Deputy in the Chiefs absence in order to decide whether a harvest vehicle movement and hot works ban will be implemented at any given time on a day that is required should the weather conditions warrant it.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED

SECONDED

That the Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the following persons be appointed as Fire Weather Advisors until October 2025:

Town	_____
North West Area	_____
South West Area	_____
South East Area	_____
North East Area	_____
Advisor	_____

CARRIED

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION POINTS

8.1 Pre-Season Synopsis

8.2 Restricted Burning Period/Prohibited Burning Period (RBT/PBT)

The following dates have been made public to the community with the Shire's Fire Break Notice 2024/25:

Restricted Burning Period:

- 16th October 2024 – 31st October 2024

Prohibited Burning Period:

- 1st November 2024 – 28th February 2025

Restricted Burning Period:

- 28th February 2025 – 29th March 2025

8.3 General Business

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 9 April 2025 commencing at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers.

The 2025/26 Pre-Season Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 8 October 2025.

ITEM 10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at _____ pm.

15 April 2024

To the members of the Quairading Bush Fire Brigade,

Thank you!

On Wednesday the 3rd of April, our Chief bushfire control officer declared an All Clear for our recent Nanga Brook bushfire. This marked the culmination of a significant effort by many to help contain and control a bushfire that had the potential to impact many properties.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who came to help and the support we felt as a community was truly appreciated. As many of you know, in the last decade our community has dealt with the peril of bushfires and the anxiety that comes with facing the possibility of losing property, and the anguish of a life threatened from a bushfire.

Once again, we have been blessed with the generosity of time and endeavour from volunteers and emergency service personnel from all over Western Australia who took time from their own lives to assist in all facets of making our community safe again. To all the supporting agencies, your assistance has also not gone unnoticed.

I sincerely thank you from our community. We are indebted to you for the efforts you all displayed in helping us through this challenging period.

Yours faithfully



Mike Walmsley
Shire President