

Ordinary Council Meeting

Notice of Meeting | 31st October 2024

I respectfully advise that the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING will be held in the Council Chambers, 10 Jennaberring Road, Quairading, WA on 31st October 2024 commencing at 2.00pm

Public are able to attend this meeting.

Public questions may be submitted electronically to this meeting. Please click on the link for further information <https://www.quairading.wa.gov.au/documents/1150/public-question-time-form>

Alternatively, Questions may be asked in Person.

LATE ITEMS AGENDA ATTACHED



Natalie Ness
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 28 October 2024

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ITEM 9 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**9.1 Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting – 15 October 2024****Responsible Officer** Natalie Ness, Chief Executive Officer**Reporting Officer** Marion Haeusler, Executive Officer**Attachments****Voting Requirements** Simple Majority**Disclosure of Interest** Reporting Officer: Nil
Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee for its meeting on 15 October 2024.

The minutes for the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting were provided to Council under separate cover. The minutes can be found on Council's website: www.quairading.wa.gov.au.

9.1.1 Appointment of Chief Bush Fire Controll Officer**Responsible Officer** Natalie Ness, Chief Executive Officer**Reporting Officer** Marion Haeusler, Executive Officer**Attachments** Nil**Voting Requirements** Simple Majority**Disclosure of Interest** Reporting Officer: Nil
Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION*COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: BFAC 002-24/25*

That The Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that Nigel Gelmi be appointed as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer until October 2025.

IN BRIEF

Mr T Hadlow nominated Mr Nigel Gelmi as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Mr L Johnston seconded.

Mr N Gelmi accepted the nomination.

9.1.2 Appointment of Fire Control Officers

Responsible Officer	Natalie Ness, Chief Executive Officer
Reporting Officer	Marion Haeusler, Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Disclosure of Interest	Reporting Officer: Nil Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: BFAC 003-24/25

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:

Mr N Gelmi, Mr L Johnston, Mr M Davies, Mr M Peacock, Mr H Harris, Mr B Wilson, Mr T Hadlow, Mr G Mills, Mr T Mills, Mr G Hughes, Mr M Richards.

IN BRIEF

Mr B Wilson nominated all who had been appointed Fire Control Officers in the previous year and M Peacock and H Harris.

Mr Harris seconded the nominations.

All present nominees accepted.

9.1.3 Appointment of Fire Weather Monitors

Responsible Officer	Natalie Ness, Chief Executive Officer
Reporting Officer	Marion Haeusler, Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Disclosure of Interest	Reporting Officer: Nil Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: BFAC 004-24/25

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

Town	Sarah Caporn, CESM (when available)
North West Area	Mitch Davies
South West Area	Todd Mills
South East Area	Greg Hughes
North East Area	Ben Wilson
Advisor	Nigel Gelmi

IN BRIEF

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.

9.1.4 Restricted Burning Period/Prohibited Burning Period

Responsible Officer Natalie Ness, Chief Executive Officer

Reporting Officer Marion Haeusler, Executive Officer

Attachments Nil

Voting Requirements Simple Majority

Disclosure of Interest Reporting Officer: Nil
Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: BFAC 005-24/25

That the Bush Fire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the Prohibited Burning Period commence on 18th October 2024.

IN BRIEF

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

It was discussed that current weather and ground conditions in addition to high fuel load warrant a cautious approach to burning restrictions. The Committee agreed to modify the previously advertised restriction dates to the following:

Restricted Burning Period:

- 16th October 2024 – 17th October 2024

Prohibited Burning Period:

- 18th October 2024 – 28th February 2025

Restricted Burning Period:

- 28th February 2025 – 29th March 2025

Shire to circulate messages regarding Prohibited Burning Period for Easter and Anzac Day.