



# City of Busselton

*Geographe Bay*

## **Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda**

**09 March 2021**

City of Busselton, Kaloopup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
commencing at 7.30pm

## CITY OF BUSSELTON

AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
9 MARCH 2021

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**CITY OF BUSSELTON****MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 9 MARCH 2021**

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**NOTICE** is given that a meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee will be held at the City of Busselton, Kaloorup Meeting Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 commencing at 7:30pm.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.



**MIKE ARCHER**  
Chief Executive Officer, City of Busselton

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1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Attendance:**

Refer to attached list.

**Apologies:**

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Confirmation of minutes from meeting held 8 December 2020**

Moved:

Seconded:

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

- 5.1 Change of mobilisation procedure for City Brigades to reduce initial turnout time -  
Todd Johnson

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

7. **BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

8. **OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS**

Attachment 8.1 - Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Peter Thomas

**Officer Recommendation**

The committee receives the following reports and notes the comments therein:

- 1) Department of Fire and Emergency Services

9. **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

10. **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)**

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 8 June 2021 7:30pm at the City of Busselton (Kaloorup Meeting Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton).

12. **CLOSURE**

**Attachment 8.1 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Agency:** Department of Fire and Emergency Services

**Officer Representing:** Peter Thomas

**Matters to be discussed:**

- **DFES Regional Staff**

Tim Wall has returned to duty as Area Officer Leeuwin. Tim has been off battling illness for the last 2 years and it is great to have Tim back on deck in our Region. Tim originally was in our Region as the CESM of Busselton and since then has gained employment with DFES working out of both the Great Southern and South West Regions. Tim will be looking after the following Brigades Augusta VFRS, Witchcliffe VFRS, Wallcliffe VFRS and Margaret River VFRS along with working on the development of response plans to aged care facilities within the Capes District.

- **Training**

The new LSW Training calendar is now completed and is online. Please advise all brigade members to book through the DFES portal and any issues with this process go through CESM Adam Jasper or Donna Virgo DFES LSW Office 97716800.

- **The Bushfire Centre of Excellence**

Had the official opening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January - The building consists of an administration wing and a training wing linking off opposite sides of a central foyer to form a boomerang shape. Designed as a public entrance and education space, the foyer will feature an interpretive learning centre, library, shared meeting spaces and reception area. three large training rooms and a series of smaller training rooms with capacity to support training in virtual reality and bushfire management systems and software. Training is developed and delivered collaboratively with a range of stakeholders suited to the subject matter. This includes the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) who we are currently working with to review and refine courses in planned burning, Fireline construction, machine supervision and plantation fire suppression.

- **WAEMTC** WA Emergency Management Training Centre, or WAEMTC Project is undertaking detailed planning for a new training academy, specifically designed for the needs of both volunteer and career personnel. Detailed investigations of the location, facility and functional training design and colocation options are currently underway. Following the detailed planning, the project will develop a detailed business case for government, presenting the preferred location, facility and prop design, colocation partners, budget and transition plans.

Consultation has begun with volunteers, career personnel and other emergency management agencies and will continue throughout the planning phase. Consultation



is important for the project to understand the needs and functional requirements of all end-users to ensure a fit-for-purpose and realistic training facility is designed.

As the new facility will require different ways of working, the development of a Target Operating Model is also within scope and will be explored in parallel with the facility and functional training design investigations.

The project will also be looking to increase collaboration with other emergency management agencies who can use the facility for their operational training including the Australian Federal Police, WA Police, Department of Justice – Corrective Services, St John Ambulance and Australian Defence Force.

- **Emergency Services Radio Network (ESRN)**

The Government of Western Australian is investing more than \$60 million for part one of a multi-stage project to build a shared emergency services radio network (ESRN). This network will be utilised by DFES, West Australian Police Force, Department of Justice and Department of Health (St John Ambulance). It will comprise of a digital trunked radio network and will operate across the extended Metropolitan Area and Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Port Hedland and Karratha.

The ESRN business case comprises four parts (tranches) over eight years. Tranche 1 focuses on mitigating the immediate operational risks until such time as the ESRN is developed. Tranche one is expected to take 3 years to complete.

- **Bush Fire Awareness Campaign – My Bushfire Plan App**

DFES has developed an online bushfire preparedness platform that enables Western Australians to create robust bushfire plans. My Bushfire Plan is an intuitive online platform where the community can prepare, store, print, share and update their bushfire plan any time, from any device.