



City of Busselton

Geographe Bay

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda

15 June 2021

City of Busselton, Kaloopup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 15th June 2021
commencing at 6.00pm.

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AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON
15 JUNE 2021

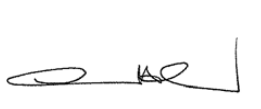
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CITY OF BUSSELTON**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 15 JUNE 2021**

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 15th June 2021 commencing at 6:00pm.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.



MIKE ARCHER
Chief Executive Officer, City of Busselton

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

2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Attendance:

Refer to attached list.

Apologies:

Mark Smith	Fire Control Officer, Sussex
Peter Stark	ICV
Peter Thomas	Department of Fire & Emergency Services

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Confirmation of minutes from meeting held 9 March 2021

Moved:

Seconded:

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Ed Hatherly

7. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

7.1 CoB Firebreak Notice changes - Mark Fisher

7.2 Tree plantings on CoB Reserves - Mark Fisher

8. OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS

Attachment 8.1 - CoB/Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Blake Moore

Attachment 8.2 - Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Peter Thomas

Officer Recommendation

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

- 1) CoB/Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- 2) 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 7 September 2021 6:00pm 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 15th June 2021

Agency: CoB/Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Blake Moore

Matters to be discussed:

Incidents

- TC Seroja

Mitigation

- Thank you to all again for a great effort with the Autumn mitigation. Key achievement of 64ha at Big Rock reserve and 18ha at Creekview is a credit to all with the small window we had.

Vehicles

- Annual servicing under way all vehicles now being cycled through

Brigade initial turnout area SMS

- Work has commenced to design all of the new mapping areas for CAD. New areas will be based on cadastre boundaries rather than centrelines of roads.

Capes Fire Station

- Nil progress at this time

Training

- Courses have had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Please encourage members to register on eAcademy for course they wish to attend

Operational Circulars

- As per the attached

Attachment 8.2 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting to be held on 15th June 2021

Agency: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Peter Thomas

Matters to be discussed:

- **DFES Regional Staff**

Andy Thompson is set to go on leave from the 28th of June, with a Station Officer Lee Freeman from the Bunbury Area to cover him.

- **Training**

Various courses are being conducted over the region including an Urban Search and Rescue course which is being offered to the VFRS for the first time. This will give skill sets to the VFRS to assist in searching for rubble piles after a building collapse. The plan will be to conduct more of the courses and qualify as many VFRS personal as we can across the 16 brigades in our Region.

- **TC Seroja**

TC Seroja impacted the Midwest Gascoyne region on the 11th of May, Kalbarri copped the brunt of the storm with many homes destroyed and severely damaged. The impact area of the cyclone was 1.6x the size of Tasmania. The support and response effort by volunteers and staff from across the state of Western Australia was amazing. Volunteers from SES, VFRS, BFB and VFES assisted in the incident. There was around 1500 request for assistance received and due to this large number of jobs help was received from eastern states crews. Both volunteers and career staff from Victoria, South Australia, NSW and Queensland flew into the state to help. These crews were also from the SES, Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue. The response to the devastation was a good example of how all services can come together from across the country to help.

- **National Volunteer Week**

17 – 23 of May is an opportunity to celebrate the important work volunteers do within the community. Without volunteers, our state could not function and I would like to personally thank all volunteers for the amazing work they do. Special mention needs to be made to those that give their time up to go outside of their location on task forces to help other communities. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that have assisted in mitigation activities across the region.

- **Nambeelup Tree Incident**

A serious safety incident occurred on 5 December 2019, when a Bush Fire Brigade (BFB) volunteer firefighter was struck by a falling limb that had broken away from a burnt out tree. The firefighter sustained significant injuries to his neck, back and shoulder and was hospitalised. The following recommendations were made following the investigation,

Procedural changes that will improve the management of tree hazards

> **Recommendation 1:** Consider including specific characteristics that indicate potential tree hazards and actions on managing tree hazards while maintaining personal safety in DFES SOP 3.5.12 - Tree Removal at Bushfires. Associated training courses should include both the changes to the SOP as well as training in dynamic risk assessments

> **Recommendation 2:** Consider the inclusion of a checklist within the IAP template for the identification and briefing of safety hazards at incidents

> **Recommendation 3:** Consider promoting the benefit of Safety Advisor awareness
- training for LG to allow enhanced situational awareness when a full IMT has not been established

> **Recommendation 4:** Consider the review of Sector Commander training package to emphasise communication of safety risks on the fire-ground and consider the promotion of the Operational Pre-Start Book

> **Recommendation 5:** Promote the importance of pre-season/refresher training on the use of AVL amongst local governments