



City of Busselton

Geographe Bay

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda

14 December 2022

City of Busselton, Kaloorup Room, 2 Southern Drive Busselton on Tuesday 13th December 2022
commencing at 6:30pm.

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AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON
13 DECEMBER 2022

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CITY OF BUSSELTON**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 13 DECEMBER 2022**

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 with the option of via Microsoft Teams video conference on Tuesday 13th December 2022 commencing at 6:30pm.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.



TONY NOTTLE
Chief Executive Officer, City of Busselton

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING, ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member noted this meeting is held on the lands of the Wadandi people and acknowledged them as the Traditional Owners, paying respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and Aboriginal Elders of the other communities who may be present.

2. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Welcome to our new Community Emergency Services Manager (Matt du Plessis) - Allan Guthrie

Attendance:

Refer to attached list.

Apologies:

Peter Thomas District Officer Capes, DFES

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Confirmation of minutes from meeting held 14 June 2022

Moved:

Seconded:

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6. PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Ed Hatherly
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7. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

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8. OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS

Attachment 8.1 - Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Andy Thompson

Officer Recommendation

- 1) Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Andy Thompson

9. MATTERS OF URGENCY

10. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 14 March 2023 6:30pm Kaloorup meeting room.

12. CLOSURE

Attachment 8.1 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting to be held on 13th December 2022

Agency: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Andy Thompson

Matters to be discussed:

- **DFES WAFES Conference**

The 11th annual WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Conference was held on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September 2022 at Crown Perth.

The conference provided an opportunity for volunteers and staff from across the State to come together to network and share ideas. A program of engaging content and experiences including tours, workshops, panel discussions and presentations will enhance the knowledge and skills of all who attended.

- **Training**

Regional training has been very busy catching up on courses missed during Covid.

DFES staff conducted a Bush Fire scenario at Nannup, testing the Nannup SES building as an ICC and allowing staff to brush up on skills prior to the summer season

Fire and Rescue volunteers have been focusing on techniques and training to upskill firefighters on dealing with fires in high rises.

Dunsborough and Busselton VFRS are trialling a new piece of equipment called a Fognail, this is a spear that can be inserted through tin roofs, walls, doors, roller doors and on cars to inject a high-pressure water mist to suppress fires. Training and handover of the equipment was conducted at the Vasse office. The Trial will run for 2 years and includes a total of 22 Career/Volunteer Fire & Rescue stations.



- **New Vasse Office**

DFES have acquired a new office in the Vasse light industrial area, 8a Commerce Road. The office has space for staff to work out of and allows for storage of DFES trailers and equipment.

- **Staff**

New Area Officer for Warren Blackwood Pat Dowling is set to start in December, this now means that DFES LSW office is back up to full strength.

- **Zone Response**

The Zone responses for the Capes and Blackwood areas are now online as of the 1st of December.

- **LAT/Aircraft**

The Large Air Tanker came online from the 1st of December at the Busselton Airport with the Rotary Aircraft starting from the 15th of December.

- **NEW Volunteer PPC**

We have just finished sizing up the Fire and Rescue volunteers for new PPC for structure Fires. The new gear will roll out in the near future for the volunteers. The gear is lighter and the colour has changed from bright yellow to a sandy colour.

- **Fleet**

Dunsborough BFB have received their new LT, training was conducted by AO Thompson on handover of the appliance.

The first lot of High Season vehicle have arrived in the region, with Wilyabrup 2.4 being utilised to cover maintenance in the shire of AMR and due to arrive at Wilyabrup mid-December.

Peter Thomas

District Officer Capes - LSW