



City of Busselton
Geographe Bay

**Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Agenda**

08 September 2020

City of Busselton, Kaloorup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 8th September 2020
commencing at 7.30pm

CITY OF BUSSELTON

**AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON
8 September 2020**

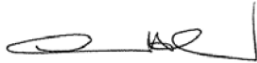
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CITY OF BUSSELTON**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 8 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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 8th September 2020 commencing at 7:30pm.

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:

Peter Thomas	DFES, District Officer Capes
Oscar Negus	Deputy Chief & Fire Control Officer, Hithergreen
Matt Muir	Fire Control Officer, Yallingup Rural
Ray Fokkema	Fire Control Officer, Metricup

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of minutes from meeting held 14 July 2020

Moved:

Seconded:

5. BUSINESS ARISING

- 5.1 Items eligible for ESL funding – Action, Allan Guthrie
Allan to take Oxyviva equipment request to ROAC.

- 5.2 Formal apology from the City of Busselton BFAC to Mal Ballard – Action, Allan Guthrie
Allan to issue Mal Ballard a written apology letter.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 City of Busselton Environmental Services - Kay Lehman

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 December 2020 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 8th September 2020

Agency: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Peter Thomas

Matters to be discussed:

- **DFES LSW Incidents**

Storm 24-25/May

This event was the most severe in the past two years, with forecast winds to 125km/h. Across the Lower-South West region we received more than 50 Requests for Assistance (RFAs, or call-outs) from Sunday afternoon through to Monday night. Approximately two-thirds of these were in the Busselton area (Yallingup to Capel); 10 in Augusta-Margaret River, and the remainder across the inland areas. The storm caused structural damage to two properties, with widespread minor damage, uprooting of trees, loss of power, and subsequent loss of telephone and communications networks.

Approximately 80 SES volunteers responded during the incident, with Donnybrook, Busselton and Margaret River SES units remaining in operation for over 24 hours. The most common call-outs were for trees on houses/vehicles and for roof damage.

Storm 28-29/June

This minor storm resulted in 22 Requests for Assistance (RFA) across the region; with most (14 RFAs) from the City of Busselton area. Widespread minor damage with roof damage, trees blocking access and minor flooding.

Land search 30 June

33 SES volunteers from across the SW and LSW regions supported WAPOL in searching for a missing person swept off rocks at Wyadup.

VFRS

As is common this time of year Brigades have had several Road Crash Rescue incidents across the region. There has also been an increase in structure fires which together with the colder weather and covid stay at home restrictions the likely reasons for this.

A new rescue vehicle was shown to the members at Busselton with volunteers from Margaret River and Dunsborough also attending. This vehicle is designed solely for Road Crash Rescue and will be rolled out to Manjimup and Donnybrook to replace their aging Rescue Trailer.

- **Training**

Training is starting to increase since the lifting of Covid restrictions. We have had an increase in members across the Manjimup District which has placed a demand on training for the VFRS.

Emphasis over the next month for staff is on upskilling VFRS in Breathing Apparatus procedures for large complex incidents. This will involve a number of dual brigade turnouts with a total of 7 different drills being conducted across our region.

An initiative in sending out training themes to volunteers with articles to read and videos to watch has also been implemented. This allowed volunteers stuck at home to still be involved in brigade training and maintain enthusiasm. As this was a great success we have rolled this on after the lifting of Covid restrictions

- **Pre-Season Training**

Plans are in place for both staff and volunteers in preparation for the upcoming season. This includes both local sessions for volunteers, a major exercise for Incident Management Personnel and a combined agency briefing which will include representative from DFES, DBCA and WAPOL.

- **NEW BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY RESOURCES**

There has been an update on some of the resources available for bushfire preparedness. These include updated,

- REVISED: AM I AT RISK FROM BUSHFIRE Factsheet
- NEW: AT RISK BE SAFE AND LEAVE EARLY Plan

A copy of these resources can be found on the DFES website. Hard copies of both resources can be ordered by filling out a Resource Order Request Form and emailing it to communitypreparedness@dfes.wa.gov.au A list of all current publications and resource order forms can be found on the Community Engagement Toolbox on both the DFES Intranet and Volunteer Hub.