



**City of Busselton**  
*Geographic Bay*

**Bush Fire Advisory Committee  
Agenda**

**25 June 2019**

City of Busselton, Kaloorup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019,  
commencing at 7.30pm

**CITY OF BUSSELTON**

**AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
25 JUNE 2019**

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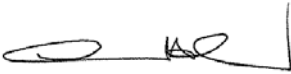
**CITY OF BUSSELTON**

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 25 JUNE 2019**

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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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 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**

See Attendance List.

Apologies:

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD 12 MARCH 2019

Moved:

Seconded:

**BUSINESS ARISING**

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

**6. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

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**7. OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS**

Attachment 7.1 - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Mark Moore

**Officer Recommendation**

- 1. The committee receives the following reports and notes the comments therein:
  - a) Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

**8. MATTERS OF URGENCY****9. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)****10. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 10 September 2019 at 7:30pm at the City of Busselton, Kaloorup Meeting Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton.

**11. CLOSURE**

**Attachment 7.1 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting to be held on 25 June 2019**

**Agency:** Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

**Officer Representing:** Mark Moore, Fire Operations Officer

**Matters to be discussed:** Agency report

**BUSHFIRE:**

The Blackwood District has responded to 87 bushfires this season. These bushfires have been a mixture of causes from natural occurrences, deliberate with malicious intent, deliberate and incident escalations.

The district has seen a big increase in arson attacks particularly in the Shire of Bridgetown – Greenbushes where around 17 fires have been lit over the past 12 months. During the W.A Day long weekend the district responded to 8 arson fires which resulted in a commitment until the pre frontal weather event of Thursday 6 June. It was surprising to see the fire behaviour of a couple of the deliberately lit fires given that we had entered winter, albeit a dry start. The illegal bushfire started on White Rd in Cundingup burnt very hot on sandy country.

The same pre frontal winds had an impact on pine debris burning resulting in bushfire declarations on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The department and FPC are again reviewing this practice.

**PRESCRIBED BURNING:**

The department achieved just over 11700 ha of prescribed burning across the Blackwood District during Autumn 2019.

BWD\_080 Chester Moonah 8600 ha. Brockman H'way and Milyeannup Coast Rd

BWD\_122 McCorkhill 2731 ha. Mowen Rd

BWD\_079 Upper Capel 100 ha. Vernon and Claymore Rds.

BWD\_111 Greenbushes 95 ha west side of town.

Mc Gregor Millbrook BWD\_102 330 ha on Vasse Hwy

**GENERAL:**

- The government has allocated further funding towards the enhanced prescribed burning program in the form of 5.5 million dollars per year for 4 years following the current allocation which expires in June 2019. This funding will provide DBCA districts with the capability to further develop a prescribed burning program which includes planning, operations, contractor engagement, burn boundary upgrades and meeting the requirements of the new Federal Biodiversity Conservation Act
- The Blackwood District has consolidated our 1 and 3 year burn plans. If there are any special areas that are considered high risk and that need to go onto the burn program please contact Ed Hatherley at the Blackwood District as soon as possible to discuss.

Mark Moore Fire Operations officer, Blackwood District Parks and Wildlife Service.