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MINUTES

BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11 APRIL 2023



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Ian McCabe
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GIFTS DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

The Gifts Register contains the disclosures of gifts that have been made by Elected Members, the Chief Executive Officer and Employees in their official capacity.

To adhere with the changes to gift disclosure regulations in the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019*, passed by Parliament on 27 June 2019, the Shire of Wagin provides gift disclosure information in the interests of accountability and transparency.

Elected Members and the Chief Executive Officer are required to disclose gifts which are valued over \$300 or are two or more gifts with a cumulative value over \$300 (where the gifts are received from the same donor in a 12 month period) within 10 days of receipt [Sections 5.87A and 5.87B *Local Government Act 1995*].

The Act and Regulations require the Chief Executive Officer to publish an up to date version of the Gifts Register on the Shire's website after a disclosure is made. To protect the privacy of individuals, the register published on the website does not include the address disclosed by an individual donor and will instead include the town or suburb.

1. Economic Development	2. Buildings and Infrastructure	3. Community Services and Social Environment	4. Town and Natural Environment	5. Council Leadership
1.1 Increase in the number and diversity of businesses in the town and district.	2.1 Improve road conditions on all Shire and State roads.	3.1 Keep the family-friendly country lifestyle, community spirit, safe community with low crime rate.	4.1 Upgrade main street appearance for the amenity of residents and encourage travellers and tourists to stop.	5.1 Support and provide incentives for more businesses and retail opportunities.
1.2 Support more job/ training opportunities, and entities especially for young people.	2.2 Monitor heavy vehicle movements through the townsite.	3.2 Retain the school and hospital and grow health, Doctor services, allied health and aged care services.	4.2 Improve town approach and entry statements.	5.2 Foster Communication with the community.
1.3 Increase tourism and promotion of town and heritage.	2.3 Improvement in condition and appearance of the main streets of the Town and improved signage.	3.3 Housing, Job and training especially for young people.	4.3 Maintain and improve natural environment and recreation areas	5.3 Plan services and activities based on sustainability, affordability and resources.
1.4 Facilitate Broadband and other associated electronic media infrastructure	2.4 Continue to upgrade Footpaths in town.	3.4 Progress the Wagin Community Recreational Hub	4.4 Improved waste management in town and Shire.	5.4 Encourage and acknowledge volunteering.
1.5 Explore affordable accommodation for workers.	2.5 Refine Infrastructure to support arts, culture, entertainment and library services.	3.5. Youth focus on services and recreation development including coordination of effort across the Shire/region.	4.5 Continue to increase the number of suitable trees within the townsite to enhance the tree canopy in particular the CBD	5.5 Be responsive to community aspirations and requirements within the capacity of council.
1.6 Aid retention and encourage more government services in Wagin.	2.6 Encourage greater care and restoration or preservation of heritage buildings.	3.6 Foster and support Woolorama and other events, cultural and other entertainment opportunities.		5.6 Council to have a sound strategy to the sustainability to the Shire
1.7 Support and Promote Wagin as a business opportunity.	2.7 Develop a safe fenced playground for children in a park environment	3.7 Support community activities with resources and facilities as required.		5.7 Investigate rebranding of the Shire.
1.8 Determine further waste management options.	2.8 Investigate planning and development of sporting facilities	3.8 Investigate to establish Wi-Fi Hotspots		5.8 Continue lobbying and advocacy for road infrastructure and freight networks and other strategic infrastructure for the benefit of the Shire
1.9 Maintain and improve the freight network in the Shire	2.9 Investigate future housing and expansion for tourist and other attractions.	3.9 Promote and Enhance the Wagin caravan and camping experience.	Shire of Wagin Strategic Community Plan - Key Results Areas	
	2.10 Optimise water harvesting and storage			



SHIRE OF WAGIN

Minutes for the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held in the Council Chambers, Wagin on Tuesday 11 April 2023 commencing at 7:40pm

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

Opened the meeting at 7.40 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Phil Blight	Chairperson
Ross Goldsmith	Brigade Captain - Piesseville
Carol Goldsmith	BFB Member
Cam Clifton	Brigade Captain – Badjarning
Lyn Lucas	BFB Member
Wade Brockway	Brigade Captain – Lime Lake
Xavier White	Chief Bushfire Control Officer
Anthony Rowell	Brigade Captain – Cancanning
Ty Cook	Brigade Captain – Town
Cam Forrest	BFB Member
Bryn Becker	BFB Member
Ian McDougall	Brigade Captain – Wedgecarrup
Phil Ward	BFB Member
Donna George	Acting DCEO
Ian McCabe	CEO

2.2 APOLOGIES

Simon Vogel	DFES
Chris Piesse	BFB Member
Steve Angwin	BFB Member

3. PUBLIC FORUM

4. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS

5.1 DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST – Local Government Act Section 5.60a

5.2 DISCLOSURE OF PROXIMITY INTEREST – Local Government Act Section 5.6



**5.3 DISCLOSURE OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST – Administration Regulation
Section 34c**

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**6.1 MINUTES FROM THE BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 17 MARCH 2022**

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved A Rowell

Seconded W Brockway

That the minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2022 and circulated to all Councillors and Committee Members, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried 13/0

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

7.1. DEPUTY BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

7.1.1 DEPUTY 1 – REPORT

7.1.2 DEPUTY 2 – REPORT

7.2. BRIGADE REPORTS

7.2.1 BADIARNING – C CLIFTON

7.2.2 BALLAYING – X WHITE

X White advised the development of a new Fire Mapper (phone) Application which is currently being trialled in the Shire of Wagin for BFB members to log into which is a live mapping system, members can add detail to on and around the fire ground (fire location, entry gates, water, farm roads etc). X White suggested members log in and have a look and advise if this is practical for future use or not.

7.2.3 CANCELLING – A ROWELL

7.2.4 LIME LAKE – W BROCKWAY

7.2.5 PIESSEVILLE – R GOLDSMITH



R Goldsmith has recently attended a ROAC meeting and information coming out of the Corrigin fire regarding asbestos has raised concerns specific to the removal cost after the asbestos building/waste has been affected by fire being much greater than the cost of removing when not affected by fire. The suggestion to members is to remove sooner if able, or to speak with insurers now regarding the liability of the building/waste asbestos site.

Pole top fire conversations are ongoing within the Bushfire Volunteer Association with members following up with various parties around the concern.

At the ROAC, the use of UHF radios on the fire ground was discussed with each shire being tasked to select an alternate channel as a second option when working with a Sector Commander, which our members would work off when attending a larger fire to reduce the overuse of channel five by numerous volunteers. R Goldsmith advised the channels needs to be below channel 40, and recommended the members select three channels which would suit to allow DFES to ensure fair coverage across the shires.

7.2.6 WEDGECARRUP – I MCDOUGALL

Ongoing issues with the roller door, Shire will facilitate replacement of door mechanism.

7.2.7 WAGIN/TOWN AND VFRS – T COOK

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved R Goldsmith

Seconded C Clifton

That the Weather Committee discuss and select an alternate channel for Wagin BFB members to use when attending a larger fire with other shires onsite and the Shire print stickers for use in fire vehicles identifying correct channel.

Carried 13/0

7.3. SHIRE OF WAGIN REPORT

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Chief Bushfire Control Officer, his right-hand woman, his deputies, the Fire Control Officers, Captains and all volunteers for their efforts and the fantastic job they did during the fire season.

We have had a number of pole top fires this year and would like to arrange some way of recording directly, your numbers against western power numbers.

Incident types at the time of reporting are recorded as follows:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Called off – no attendance | 2 (up 1 from last year) |
| • False alarm – system initiated | 2 (equal to last year) |
| • False call – good intent | 3 (5 down from last year) |
| • Fire – bushfire (Lge) | 9 (6 up from last year) |
| • Fire – bushfire (sml) | 3 (4 down from last year) |
| • Fire – other/rubbish/vehicle | 5 (2 down from last year) |
| • Fire – structure | Nil (2 last year) |
| • Rescue and Medical | 4 (1 down from last year) |
| • Road Crash and Rescue | 2 (2 down from last year) |

Ignition causes are reported as: equipment/ heat or friction/ reignition/ suspicious/unreported/ vehicle. More information is available on request.

Our supply of PPE is fully stocked at present, with volunteers being encouraged ensure their kit is in good condition.

Vehicle Stickers renewals are very slow in walking out the door, with Badjarning Brigade having the best uptake of stickers for the members.

Preseason training was picked up by a large number of younger brigade members, and a few of the older ones, ensuring we are all fully aware of the best practice and any relevant changes in process. Additional training will be arranged going forward as required by brigades, keeping in mind that trainer booking schedules fill up quickly and timing can be tight.

The new fire truck – a 4.4 Rural Tender for the Town FRS Brigade, has arrived and attended a number of incidents and is well favoured among the town brigade members. The old truck has gone out for tender.

Council and staff would like to thank all volunteers for being supportive of the required changes and assisting us in doing all we can to ensure all volunteers are safe, and able to turn up to fight fires.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved I McDougall

Seconded A Rowell

That the Committee accept the Shire of Wagin Report.

Carried 13/0



7.4. ESL GRANT APPLICATION 2023/2024

PROPONENT:	
OWNER:	
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Shire of Wagin
AUTHOR OF REPORT:	Acting DCEO
SENIOR OFFICER:	Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	5 April 2023
PREVIOUS REPORT(S):	March 2022
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
FILE REFERENCE:	
ATTACHMENTS:	2023/2024 ESL Application

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved R Goldsmith

Seconded C Goldsmith

That the Committee endorse the 2023/2024 ESL Operating and Capital grant application for the Wagin Bushfire Brigades.

Carried 13/0

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Committee to recommend endorse the 2023/2024 ESL operating and Capital grant for the Wagin Bushfire Brigades.

BACKGROUND/COMMENT

It is a requirement for the Shire to submit to DFES an application for ESL operating and Capital grant funding for the following financial year by the 31st of March each year.

ESL Grant 2023/2024

This year's ESL application submission is a straightforward acceptance of the funds offered initially from DFES.

Bushfire \$64,242 which is an increase of \$11,692 from 2022/23

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

FCO's and Shire Staff

STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Bush Fire Control for 2023/2024 Budget



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

Unconfirmed

**2023/24
LGGS
APPLICATION
FORMS
(EXCEL)**

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LGGS Grant Certification		FORM 1	
Pursuant to Section 36A for Emergency Services Levy purposes <i>Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998</i>			
Local Government Name: ...Shire of Wagin			
Local Government Address: ...2 Arthur Road, Wagin, WA, 6315.....			
			Post Code: 6315
Local Government CEO:Ian McCabe.....			
Alternate Local Government Contact			
Name: ...Donna George - Acting DCEO			
Telephone:98611177.....			
2023/24 CAPITAL AND OPERATING GRANT SUMMARY			
LGGS Grant Type	Forms	BFB	SES
CAPITAL		Please Circle	Please Circle
Appliances/Vehicles	Form 3a	YES	YES
Facilities	Form 3b	YES	YES
Equipment	Form 4	YES	YES
Buildings	Form 5	YES	YES
OPERATING		Please Circle	Please Circle
I accept DFES's Assessed Allocation (Items 1 - 8)	N/A	YES	YES
OR			
I Request an Alternate Allocation (Items 1 - 8)	Form 6	NO	NO
Purchase of Plant & Equipment (\$1,500 - \$5,000)	Form 7	NO	NO
In establishing this Capital/Operating Grant application, did you consult your:			
Please Tick: Bush Fire Brigade(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SES Unit(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FES Superintendent/District Manager <input type="checkbox"/>			
CAPITAL AND OPERATING GRANT BUDGET CERTIFICATION			
I hereby certify that the attached operating and capital requests are expected to be incurred in relation to the provision of fire and emergency services in accordance with the <i>Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998</i> for the financial year 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.			
 CEO Signature:			
Date: 03/03/2023			

This form must be completed and submitted with all other forms by 5.00pm 25 March 2022 to:
 Asset Planning & Services, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, PO Box P1174, Perth WA 6844
 or via email to lggs@dfes.wa.gov.au

Note: Asset Planning and Services Branch shall provide a copy of this completed form for the information of the DFES Regional Superintendent.

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BRIGADE/UNIT DETAILS

FORM 2

Local Government Name: ...Shire of Wagin.....

Financial Year: 2023/24 THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of Registered Brigades/Units		Profile of Brigade (See Appendix 1 for brigade classification)	No. Incidents Previous Financial Year 2021/22	No. of Registered Members ^(a)	No. of Buildings ^(b)
Bush Fire Brigades					
1	Wedgescarrup	BFB	5	55	1
2	Lime Lake	BFB	3	21	
3	Cancanning	BFB	2	50	
4	Piesseville	BFB	18	38	1
5	Badjanning	BFB	2	46	
6	Ballaying	BFB	3	27	
7	Wagin Town	BFB	22	22	
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18					
19					
20					
21					
22					
23					
TOTAL			55	259	2
State Emergency Service Units					
1					
2					
TOTAL				0	0

Notes:

- (a) Registered members are members of a brigade/unit as defined by the relevant legislation.
 - (b) Buildings mean brigade/unit premises for operational purposes that are either owned or controlled by the Local Government or brigade/unit.
- If insufficient space, please provide information in above format on a separate attachment.

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CAPITAL - EQUIPMENT

FORM 4

Local Government Name: Shire of Wagin

Please Tick: Bush Fire Brigade(s) SES Unit(s)

EQUIPMENT (>\$5,000) – EXISTING - REPLACEMENT

2023/24

Brigade/Unit	Description	Make	Model	Age	Priority	(\$'000)

EQUIPMENT (>\$5,000) – NEW ACQUISITIONS

2023/24

(For additional equipment item purchases only. Do not complete for replacement items)

Brigade/Unit	Description	Make	Model	Priority	(\$'000)

CAPITAL - BUILDINGS	FORM 5
Local Government Name:.... Shire of Wagin	
Please Tick Box: Bush Fire Brigade(s) <input type="checkbox"/> State Emergency Service Unit(s) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Brigade/Unit Name:.....	
<u>Complete one form for each building grant submission</u>	
<u>2023/24</u>	

Section	PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS. IF A NEW BUILDING, REFER TO APPENDIX V, FACILITY FOOTPRINT DESIGNS TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF BUILDING	Please circle or complete as appropriate
1	Is the application for an upgrade or extension to an existing building? <i>If YES please attach supporting details, including a fixed priced quote of the project (1 Page) and ignore Section 2</i>	YES / NO

2	Is this application for a new building? <i>If Yes please complete the following:</i>	YES / NO
(a)	Is land of a suitable size available now? Do not submit application unless suitable land is available. This is a precondition for a building grant.	YES / NO
(b)	Is this building to be a Collocated Facility or is there an opportunity to establish a Collocated Facility? <i>If YES please provide details on a separate attachment</i>	YES / NO
(c)	Does this building replace an existing building? <i>If YES approximately how old is the existing building?</i>	YES / NO Years
(d)	What size building is required? Bays are to be for housing LGGS funded appliances/ vehicles/boats trailers only. (Refer Facility Footprint Designs)	
	BFB 1 Appliance Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	BFB 2 Appliance Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	BFB 3 Appliance Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	BFB 4 Appliance Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	BFB 5 Appliance Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	BFB 6 Appliance Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	SES 2 Vehicle Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	SES 3 Vehicle Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	SES 4 Vehicle Bay Facility and Amenities	YES / NO
	SES 5 Vehicle Bay Facility and Separate Amenities	YES / NO
	Other Facility - (Full plans, quotes and details required to be submitted)	YES / NO
(e)	How many appliances/vehicles/trailers etc will be housed in the building?	
(f)	Does the land have separate title or appropriate management order?	YES / NO
(g)	Does the land have the correct zoning for this building project?	YES / NO
(h)	Is the land cleared of contaminants?	YES / NO
(i)	Are there any native title considerations?	YES / NO
(j)	Is the building project considered 'shovel ready'?	YES / NO
(k)	Are there ANY other funding sources contributing to this project? <i>If YES please provide full details on a separate attachment.</i>	YES / NO
(l)	Are the fixed price quotes attached?	YES / NO
(m)	Has your DFES Superintendent/District Manager been consulted regarding this project?	YES / NO

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OPERATING GRANT BUDGET ESTIMATE - ALTERNATE ALLOCATION
 (Line Items 1 - 8, 10)

FORM 6

ONLY TO BE COMPLETED IF THE DFES ASSESSED ALLOCATION IS NOT ACCEPTED

Local Government Name:

Please Tick Box: Bush Fire Brigade(s) State Emergency Service Unit(s)

(Complete one form for BFB in AGGREGATE and a separate form for SES in AGGREGATE.)

OPERATING GRANT BUDGET

Expenditure Items	2022/23 Projected (\$)	2023/24 Budget (\$)
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE		
1. Purchase of Plant & Equipment <\$1,500 per item		
2. Maintenance of Plant and Equipment		
3. Maintenance of Vehicles/Trailers/Boats		
4. Maintenance of Land and Buildings		
5. Clothing and Accessories ^(a)		
6. Utilities, Rates and Taxes		
7. Other Goods and Services		
8. Insurances		
NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE		
Total Line Items 1 - 8	\$0	\$0
9. Purchase of Plant and Equipment from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per item ^(b)		PLEASE COMPLETE ONLINE

All figures are to be GST EXCLUSIVE.

NOTES:

- (a) Not applicable for SES.
- (b) Items greater than \$5,000 are to be requested as a capital item.

As a separate attachment, please provide an explanation of any significant variations between years. DFES reserves the right to seek clarification or additional details supporting the information above.

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NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

FORM 7

The Form 7 is no longer available as part of the suite of LGGS Forms. All Form 7 requests are now to be submitted online via Smartsheet on the following links :

BFB: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a211709be0d047cca0ed89b3ad72702f>

SES: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/13f7bb64de0b400a937813c4e4604fdf>

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ANNUAL GRANTS ACQUITTAL

FORM 8

**Declaration pursuant to Section 36A for Emergency Services Levy purposes
Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998**

Local Government Name:.....Shire of Wagin.....

Local Government Contact:...Ian McCabe

Phone No: ...98611177...

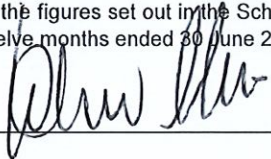
OPERATING GRANT

EXPENDITURE ITEM	BUSH FIRE BRIGADE		STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE	
	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Actual
RECURRENT:				
1. Purchase of Plant & Equipment <\$1,500 per item		4,401		15,204
2. Maintenance of Plant and Equipment		657		494
3. Maintenance of Vehicles/Trailers/Boats		4,352		3,964
4. Maintenance of Land and Buildings		292		213
5. Clothing and Accessories		23,197		
6. Utilities, Rates and Taxes		1,563		2,350
7. Other Goods and Services		2,356		4,766
8. Insurances		27,423		2,083
Sub Total Recurrent		\$64,242		\$29,074
NON-RECURRENT:				
9. Purchase of Plant and Equipment \$1,500 to \$5,000 per item				
Sub Total Non-Recurrent		\$0		\$0
Total Operating Budget/Actual	\$64,242	\$64,242	\$29,074	\$29,074
Variance Between Budget & Actual ^(a)		-\$0		\$0

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE DECLARATION

To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the figures set out in the Schedule above are true figures verifying the total operating and capital expenditure of the said organisation for the twelve months ended 30 June 2023.

CEO Signature: _____



Date: _____

13.3.23

All figures are to be GST EXCLUSIVE.

- (a) As a separate attachment, please provide an explanation of any significant variations.
- (b) Attach System Generated reports across each Line Item, costed copies of the maintenance records and insurance schedules for each appliance/vehicle.
- (c) Capital Grants of a physical nature should have been acquitted at the time of receipt of the asset on Form 9 and forwarded to DFES Asset Planning & Services.
- (d) Cash Capital Grants are acquitted at the time the grant is paid subject to the conditions of this Manual.

This form must be completed and submitted by 31 August 2023 to:

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or via email to lggs@dfes.wa.gov.au***

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ASSET MODIFICATION JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT FORM 10

Local Government: _____

Brigade/Unit: _____ Date: _____

Nature of Hazard

Can the hazard be eliminated/transferred? YES / NO

If No, state the remedial action required

Cost \$

Can remedial action wait for a new building or scheduled maintenance? YES / NO

State consequence of not taking remedial action

Name _____ Position _____ Signature _____

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DFES Region: UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN

Local Government Name: **WAGIN**

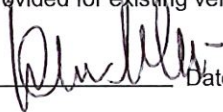
2023/24 Replacement Program

- We agree with the 2023/24 Replacement Program as provided by DFES.
- We do not agree with the 2023/24 Replacement Program. (Complete 2023/24 Alternate Program)

VEHICLES – EXISTING (*) VERIFY DETAILS BELOW FOR ACCURACY, AMEND ACCORDINLY, SIGN AND DATE BELOW						
* Unit	*Description	*Rego	*Year Commissioned	2023/24 Replacement Program (*)	Indicative Program 2024/25 to 2027/28 Description (*)	
Wagin	General Rescue Truck	W907	2017	2023/24 Replacement Program approved Dec 2022. Not applicable PLEASE COMPLETE REMAINDER OF THE FORM FOR ADDITIONAL FLEET REQUESTS AND ANY INDICATIVE PROGRAM (OUT-YEAR) ADJUSTMENTS		
Wagin	General Rescue Utility - Remote	Additional vehicle	GRU Remote Approved 21/22			

VEHICLES – NEW ACQUISITIONS – SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION REQUIRED (Business Case)				
<i>(For additional fleet purchases only. Do not complete for replacement vehicles)</i>				
Unit	Description	Make	Model	2023/24 Priority

I certify the information provided for existing vehicles is true and correct

CEO Signature:  Date: 13-3-23

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DFES Region: UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN

Local Government Name: **WAGIN**

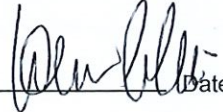
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*Brigade/Unit	*Description	*Rego	*Year Commissioned	2023/24 Replacement Program	Indicative Program 2024/25 to 2027/28 Description (*)
Piesseville	2.4 Rural	1EPA139	2015	2023/24 Replacement Program approved Dec 2022. Not applicable PLEASE COMPLETE REMAINDER OF THE FORM FOR ADDITIONAL FLEET REQUESTS AND ANY INDICATIVE PROGRAM (OUT-YEAR) ADJUSTMENTS	
South West - Wedgecarrup	2.4 Broadacre	1EHJ613	2013		
Wagin Town	4.4 Broadacre	1QCG295	2022		

VEHICLES – NEW ACQUISITIONS – SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION REQUIRED (R2R & Business Case) <i>(For additional fleet purchases only. Do not complete for replacement vehicles)</i>				
Brigade/Unit	Description	Make	Model	2023/24 Priority

I certify the information provided for existing vehicles is true and correct

CEO Signature:  Date: 13-3-23 **DO NOT CHANGE THE LAYOUT OF THIS FORM**



8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Presentation of information provided by S Vogel from DFES

DFES Report

Wagin BFAC 11 April 2023

Simon Vogel

2022/23 Fire Season

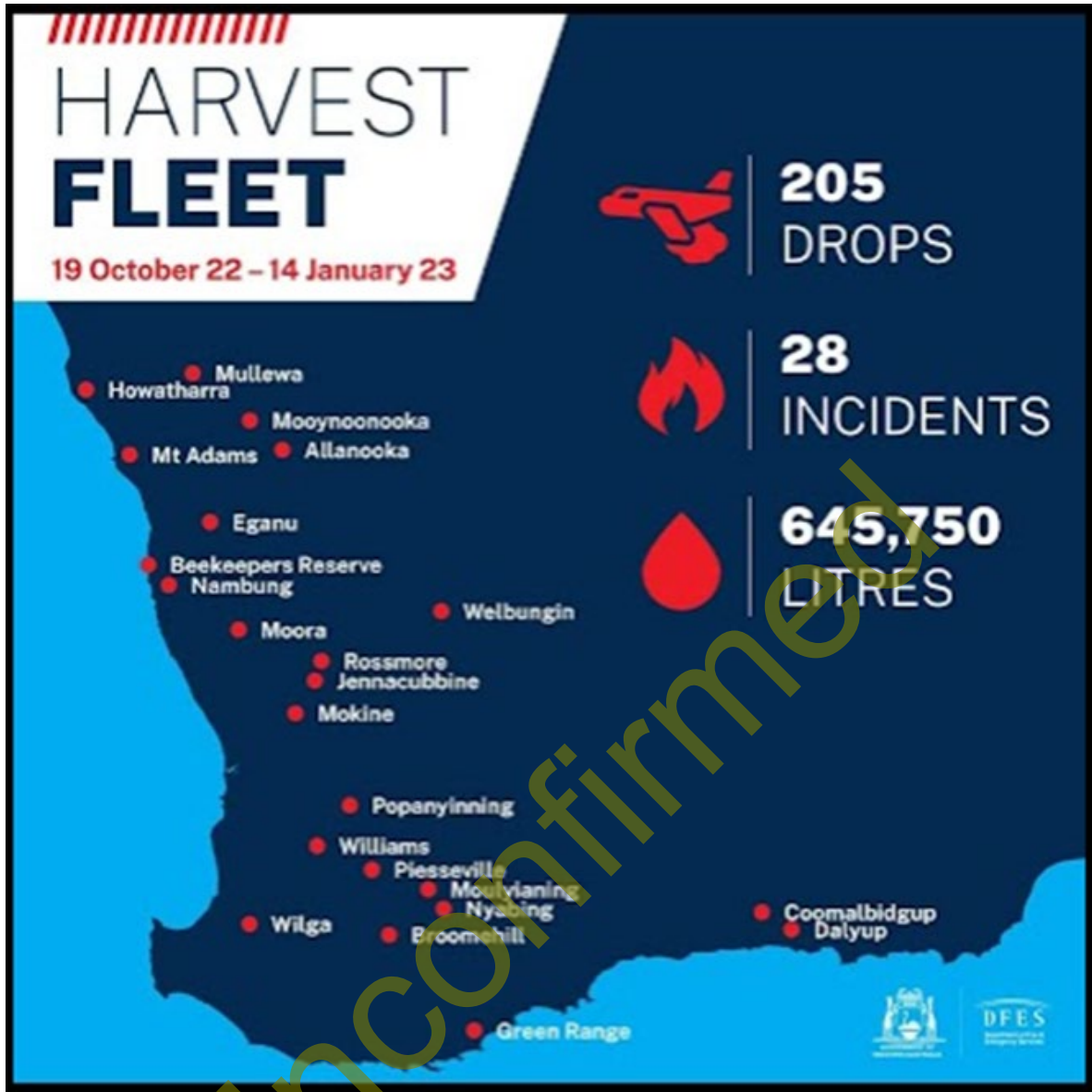
This season has been milder than some previous seasons, 141 bushfires reported since 1/7/2022 (175 in 2021/22 season) Woodanilling 6 fires reported since 1/7/2022.

Key points from this season:

- Two bushfire related fatalities in WA
- A higher number of header fires reported across the Upper Great Southern Region
- The grain harvest water bomber program saw water bombers start in the north (Geraldton) and follow the harvest south. Bombers were based in Narrogin (Nov – Dec) and were well used across the region.

Key points:

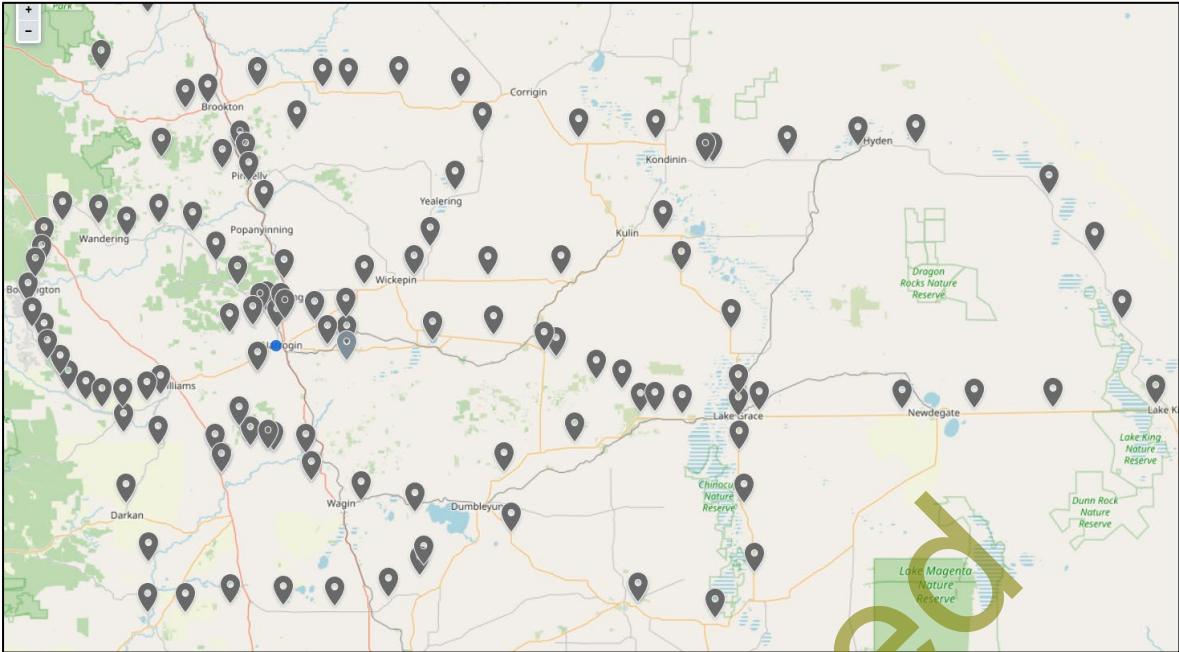
- water bombers can be requested during the season – important to know criteria
- Need to have trained Ground Controllers available
- Crews need to understand how to work with water bombers



Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) Grass fuel load assessments

A feature of the AFDRS is the ability to adjust information about fuel condition and quantity. During harvest the grass fuel load was set to 4.5t/ha which in some cases would have been less than the actual loads.

At this stage of the season there is less than 4.5t/h in many areas. Extensive assessments (over 130) across the 17 shires in the Upper Great Southern Region have been entered into the national system with the result that the grass fuel load has been reduced to 3.2t/h, which will lower the forecasted Fire Behaviour Index / Fire Danger Rating.



Thank you for all your efforts over summer.

- 8.2 R Goldsmith advised that numerous BFB's have raised concern over the method behind the new AFDRS. He put forward that the LG writes to WALGA to request consideration of a change in figures from 4.5 tonne to 3.4 tonne per hectare (as per the information provided in S Vogel's report).

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

Moved R Goldsmith

Seconded I McDougall

That the Shire of Wagin write to liaise with other local governments and WALGA to lobby for the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) to change (fire index of 40 and the fuel load go down from 4.5 tonne to 3.5 tonne to allow burning).

Carried 13/0

Suggested Action Items:

Item	Issue	Action	Responsible person	Complete
Go Cart Track	Mitigation required	Contact DBCA for review	Shire Staff	
Disc Plow	For fire break instal	Seek funding	Shire Staff	
Bojanning	Fire breaks	Review and reinstall	Shire staff	
WAERN radios	Insufficient for current FCO's	Seek costings and budget accordingly	Shire staff	



9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 9.06pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on 11 April 2023

Signed:

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Chairperson

Date:

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