



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11 APRIL 2023



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Ian McCabe
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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SHIRE OF WAGIN

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting of the Bushfire Advisory Committee held in the Council Chambers, Wagin on Tuesday 11 April 2023 commencing at 7:05pm

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Chairperson opened the meeting 7.05 pm.

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

2.1 ATTENDANCE

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

2.2 APOLOGIES

Simon Vogel	DFES
Chris Piesse	BFB Member
Steve Angwin	BFB Member

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS

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

Nil

5.2 DISCLOSURE OF PROXIMITY INTEREST – Local Government Act Section 5.6

Nil



5.3 DISCLOSURE OF IMPARTIALITY INTEREST – Administration Regulation Section 34c

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 MARCH 2022

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved R Goldsmith Seconded T Cook

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bushfire Advisory Committee 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. CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Well, here we are at the end of another fire season and once again we were faced with challenges such as header fires cause by faulty bearings in the Draper fronts. We experienced at least two which were definitely faulty bearings, one burnt out about 20 ha, the other burnt 20 standing crop and 5 ha bush. We were very fortunate that the air support was still based in Narrogin on the 16 December and they were able to assist us, the help from the surrounding shires was excellent as well and we thank everyone for their help. There was one lightning strike which was on the boundary of the Narrogin and Wagin Shires and in spite of so many people away on holiday it was well attended. This fire took a lot of watching due to it being in a bush block, luckily there was a pasture paddock to the west and we burnt a firebreak in the stubble to the north. The crews were occupied here for several days.

We had a call out to a fire along Arthur Road west of Wagin the cause of this is, according to Main Roads, under investigation although blind Freddy could see where it started however the Main Roads contractors deny this even though the Chief Bushfire Control Officer from West Arthur saw the people working in the culvert where the fire started. The contractors had a fire unit but had to be told by one of the volunteers to put water on the burning bits. Their unit was not in good condition more water came out of the pump than the hose, maybe if they thought to douse the flames early the fire would have been a lot smaller.

During this time the traffic controller stopped a truck which would have made it safely through before the fire escalated causing approximately \$80,000 damage to the truck, this same person parked one of their trucks across the road in the smoke and a volunteer subsequently ran into it, writing the ute off, fortunately no one was hurt. This same controller then tried to stop trucks at the top of the hill until advised to come back to the traffic lights. They need more education of how to handle unforeseen situations.

In more recent times we have assisted with the structural fire at Ballard's Hay plant, on the Thursday before Woolorama we had two lightning strikes both hit power poles. Fortunately,



there was a grading contractor nearby and he was able to grade a break around the area very quickly. On 16 March and early next morning we have had another two pole top fires that we are aware of. In one case it burnt through and dropped the transformer on the ground.

We in the Wagin Shire are very fortunate to have a bushfire liaison officer who has worked hard to source grants for us to purchase a tanker and possibly a tank to fill the tanker, we have farmers who have prime movers which can be hitched to the tanker, we are looking at one which can hold about 30,000 litres of waters as many famers who are into all crops do not have water in their dams so that makes our mobile standpipes unusable.

Due to the timing of Woolorama and the dryness of the country we have held back from issuing permits, but it will start soon, under these new rules the issuing of permits is becoming extremely confusing.

Both my wife and I would like to thank you all for your hard work and friendship through our journey in the world of bushfires. We wish you all the very best, keep up the good work. I am now standing down from the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer after 40 plus years. Time to hand over to the younger crew. Carol and I will still continue to be FCO's for now.

Good luck to you all.

Ross and Carol Goldsmith, Wagin.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved L Lucas Seconded W Brockway

That the Committee recommend that Council receive the Chief Bushfire Control Officer Annual Bushfire Report, with a formal Thank You to Ross and Carol for their many years of hard work.

Carried 13/0

7.2. ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS

7.2.1 CHAIRPERSON

P Blight, as declared by Council

7.2.2 CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

X White was nominated by C Goldsmith, there being no further nominations X White was declared as Chief Bushfire Control Officer

7.2.3 DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER 1

W Brockway was nominated by X White, there being no further nominations, W Brockway was declared as Deputy Chief bushfire Control Officer 1.

7.2.4 DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER 2

C Piesse was nominated by X White, there being no further nominations, C Piesse was declared as Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer 2.

7.2.5 FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

The following members were nominated as Fire Control Officers for 2023/24:

- S Angwin
- B Becker
- W Brockway
- C Clifton
- C Goldsmith
- R Goldsmith
- L Lucas
- I McDougall
- C Piesse
- B Robinson
- A Rowell
- T Storer
- G Thompson
- P Ward
- X White
- CEO – Shire of Wagin

7.2.6 SHIRE OFFICE – TOWN FIRE PERMITS

- Z Enright
- D George
- D Stephens

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved I McDougall

Seconded R Goldsmith

That the Committee recommend to Council that the following Fire Control Officer appointments be made subject to meeting the training requirements:

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

- S Angwin
- B Becker
- W Brockway
- C Clifton
- C Goldsmith
- R Goldsmith
- L Lucas
- I McDougall
- C Piesse
- B Robinson
- A Rowell
- T Storer
- G Thompson
- P Ward
- X White
- CEO – Shire of Wagin

SHIRE OFFICER – TOWN FIRE PERMITS

- Z Enright
- D George
- D Stephens



Carried 13/0

7.2.7 BRIGADE CAPTAINS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved R Goldsmith

Seconded L Lucas

That the Committee recommend to Council that the following Bushfire Brigade Captain appointments be made:

BADJARNING

C Clifton was declared elected as Captain for Badjarning Brigade

BALLAYING

X White was declared elected as Captain for Ballaying Brigade

CANCANNING

A Rowell was declared elected as Captain for Cancanning Brigade

LIME LAKE

W Brockway was declared elected as Captain for Lime Lake Brigade

PIESSEVILLE

R Goldsmith was declared elected as Captain for Piesseville Brigade

WEDGECARRUP

I McDougall was declared elected as Captain for Wedgecarrup Brigade

WAGIN TOWN

T Cook was declared elected as Captain for Wagin Town Brigade

Carried 13/0

7.2.8 CHIEF FIRE WEATHER OFFICER

This position will be delegated to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and in that officer's absence or unavailability, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 1 or Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 2 in order of seniority will act in that role.



7.2.9 FIRE WEATHER COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved C Goldsmith Seconded X White

That the Committee recommend to Council that the following Fire Weather Committee appointments be made:

FIRE WEATHER COMMITTEE

- R Goldsmith
- I McDougall
- C Piesse
- S Angwin
- W Brockway
- X White
- A Rowell

Carried 13/0

7.2.10 DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved R Goldsmith Seconded X White

That the Committee recommend to Council that the following Dual Fire Control Officer appointments be made:

DUMBLEYUNG

S Angwin
X White

NARROGIN

R Goldsmith
C Piesse

WOODANILLING

W Brockway
I McDougall

WILLIAMS

C Piesse

WEST ARTHUR

B Robinson

WICKEPIN

S Angwin

Carried 13/0



7.2.11 CLOVER BURINING PERMIT OFFICER

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – X White

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved R Goldsmith Seconded I McDougall

That the Committee recommend to Council that the following Clover Burning Permit Officer appointment be made:

CLOVER BURNING PERMIT OFFICER

X White – Chief Bushfire Control Officer

Carried 13/0

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 7.40pm

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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