



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

17 MARCH 2022



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Bill Atkinson
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 Thursday 17 March 2022 commencing at 7:02pm

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Chairperson opened the meeting 7:02pm.

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
Steve Angwin	BFB Member
Ty Cook	VFRS Captain
Aaron Kain	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Emily Edwards	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Donna George	Community Liaison Officer

2.2 APOLOGIES

Anthony Rowell	Brigade Captain - Cancanning
Xavier Rowell	Brigade Captain - Ballaying
Bryn Becker	BFB Member
Phil Ward	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 2021

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved L Lucas

Seconded C Goldsmith

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bushfire Advisory Committee held on 17 March 2021 and circulated to all Councillors and Committee Members, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried 9/0

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

7.1. CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Well, here we are at the end of another fire season. 2021/22 season started fairly slowly with only 2 fires reported in the Wagin Shire over the harvest period. The first was a header fire which the farmer was able to extinguish themselves. Then on the 29th of Dec a header fire at Tim Scott's. We sent several units to assist with the fire at Highbury on Mark Hoystead's property, although this put up a lot of smoke it only burnt about 15 hectares of crop, very thick stubble. 2021 ended very quietly.

Things went along fairly smoothly until 25th Jan 2022, we had a light drizzle which played havoc as the day warmed up and the wind picked up. Then came reports of at least 9 pole top fires that we are aware of, there may have been others. There is a problem with these power poles as most of the ones which caused fires to have been replaced in the last 5 years. It seems to be a problem with the insulator they are using, I will explain more later. These fires resulted in most of the shire having no power for at least 36 hours.

The next fire which was the result of power lines touching was on Peter Cumming's property and quickly spread to Murray Gell's property next door. This was in thick stubble and took some time to bring under control, there was a great response from everyone, and this season we have water in dams which once again proved the value of the mobile standpipes. The day after this fire came the Narrogin, Wickepin fire, which was a massive challenge to all who attended, this fire burnt approx. 18000 hectares with many stock losses, this saw a small group volunteer the help dispose of burnt and injured animals the next day as well as people helping with the mopping up. A massive THANK YOU to all who helped out there in any capacity.

On the 24th of Feb we had drizzle again resulting in 3 pole top fires, here we go again, at least we didn't have strong winds to battle. Once again, a great turn out. Thank you to all our volunteers. The most recent fire was at the Gilmac hay plant, the hay press caught fire. VFRS were first on scene with a good turnout, problems with water pressure.



We were saddened to learn of the death in November last year of the death of Peg Justins, for those who don't know, George and Peg were the ones who set up the Wagin Bushfire Radio Network and she supported and filled in for George whenever he went to a fire. Peg could always be relied on, and we have used her example as our model. Peg was 99 when she passed away.

Thank you one and all for your help and support, we now have many more firefighters who have experienced the large fires.

Ross and Carol Goldsmith – CBFCO Report 17th March 2022

Carol requested the Shire write a letter to the family of Peg and George Justins on the family's contribution to the local bushfire network. Peg Justins passed away recently.

Donna George to follow up on the details regarding when George started as a brigade member.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved C Clifton

Seconded S Angwin

That the Committee recommend that Council receive the Chief Bushfire Control Officer Annual Bushfire Report.

Carried 9/0

7.2. ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS

7.2.1 CHAIRPERSON

P Blight, as declared by Council

7.2.2 CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

L Lucas nominated R Goldsmith, there being no further nominations R Goldsmith was declared as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

7.2.3 DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER 1

C Goldsmith nominated X White, there being no further nominations X White was declared as Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer 1

7.2.4 DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER 2

T Cook nominated A Rowell, there being no further nominations A Rowell 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 2022/23:

- R Goldsmith
- I McDougall
- G Abbott
- W Brockway
- B Johnson (Bruce)



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

7.2.6 SHIRE OFFICE – TOWN FIRE PERMITS

- E Edwards
- D George
- D Stephens

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved L Lucas

Seconded W Brockway

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

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

- R Goldsmith
- I McDougall
- G Abbott
- W Brockway
- B Johnson (Bruce)
- C Goldsmith
- C Piesse
- A Rowell
- S Angwin
- G Thompson
- X White
- C Clifton
- B Robinson
- T Storer
- B Becker
- L Lucas
- P Ward
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SHIRE OFFICER – TOWN FIRE PERMITS

- E Edwards
- D George
- D Stephens

Carried 9/0



7.2.7 BRIGADE CAPTAINS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved L Lucas

Seconded W Brockway

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 Wedgescarrup Brigade

WAGIN TOWN

T Cook was declared elected as Captain for Wagin Town Brigade

Carried 9/0

7.2.8 CHIEF FIRE WEATHER OFFICER

This position will be delegated to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 1 or Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 2.

7.2.9 FIRE WEATHER COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved R Goldsmith

Seconded T Cook

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 9/0

7.2.10 DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved R Goldsmith

Seconded C Clifton

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

G Abbott
B Robinson

WICKEPIN

S Angwin

Carried 9/0

7.2.11 CLOVER BURINING PERMIT OFFICER

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – R Goldsmith

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil



9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 7.24pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on 17 March 2022

Signed:

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Chairperson

Date:

01/4/2023.
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