

**MINUTES OF THE WAGIN BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE SHIRE OF WAGIN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2020**



1. OPENING

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 7.04pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE:	Cr P J Blight	Chairperson
	Mr R Goldsmith	CBFCO
	Mrs C Goldsmith	
	Mr X White	
	Mr A Rowell	
	Cr L Lucas	
	Mr I Mcdougall	
	Mr T Hamersley	
	Mr C Clifton	
	Mr S Angwin	
	Mr P R Webster	CEO
	Mr B Roderick	DCEO
	Mrs D George	CLO

APOLOGIES

Mr G Abbott
Mr T Cook

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr T Hamersley

Seconded: Mr R Goldsmith

That the minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee AGM held on the 25th March 2019 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried 10/0

5. CBFCO ANNUAL BUSHFIRE REPORT

Annual Report 2019/2020 from Ross and Carol Goldsmith

Well what a year we have experienced. It has been one of the busiest fire seasons we have had in sometime. March and April saw several fires escape from burning off

stubble in our Shire and in the Narrogin Shire. Come early October we had a fire at Piesseville in the bush behind the Old Piesseville Pub, then about a week later the pig manure at the Jaloran Piggery site caught fire and with strong winds to fan it, away it went. Luckily, there was a Movement of Vehicle and Harvest Ban that day and volunteers turned up from all over the area.

Unigrain, also had several incidents with a truck catching fire in the chaff bay, then a contractor hit the power line causing a short which started a fire further down the line on the edge of town, then one of the loaders caught fire the FRS attended these fires. We have had a couple of fires started by headers and then about four or five from power poles a couple of those were pole top fires. We have also had about four or five lightning strikes that we are aware of, some may have been put out by the rain.

We have assisted West Arthur with a large fire they had, and Katanning, the Piesseville truck was at Katanning for four days and the Wedgecarrup truck was there for three days also, many others took their own private firefighting units and water trucks. Wagin has had volunteers who have attended fires out at Forestonia and were asked to send people to Norseman, but this didn't happen due to lack of accommodation. A big thank you to those people who have volunteered.

If we tallied up the cost and amount of man (person) hours involved, we would be astounded. A huge thank you to all our volunteers no matter what your contribution is, it all helps whether you are on the phones and radios or actually fighting fires, it would be a very different place without your efforts.

Wagin also had several people put up their hands to go over East to help with the huge fires over there. Well done. It is the efforts of our volunteers which makes us proud to call Wagin our home.

We had a big problem with the Piesseville truck when it came back from Forestonia a report will be in General Business.

Once again, my wife and I would like to say thank you to all the Fire Control Officers and their wives without your support things would be very different. Looking forward to a quieter year, all the best for the coming season.

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr I McDougall

Seconded: Ms L Lucas

That the CBFCO Annual Bushfire Report be received.

Carried 10/0

6. ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS

6.1 Chairperson

Cr Phillip Blight retained the position as Chairperson of the Bushfire Advisory Committee in his capacity as Shire President.

6.2 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Mr T Hamersley nominated Mr R Goldsmith, seconded by Ms L Lucas. There being no further nominations Mr R Goldsmith was declared elected as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

6.3 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer number 1

Mrs C Goldsmith nominated Mr X White, seconded by Mr C Clifton . There being no further nominations Mr X White was declared elected as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Number 1.

- Infrastructure maintenance
- Equipment maintenance
- ESL
- 2nd LEMC representative
- Radio servicing
- Radio training

Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer number 2

Mr T Hamersley nominated Mr A Rowell, seconded by Mr X White. There being no further nominations Mr A Rowell was declared elected as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Number 2.

- Trailer maintenance
- Trucks and standpipes
- Shire Liaison
- Training

6.4 Fire Control Officers

The following members were nominated as Fire Control Officers for 2020/2021:

Mr R Goldsmith
Mr I McDougall
Mr G Abbott
Mr W Brockway
Mr B Johnson
Mrs C Goldsmith
Mr C Piesse
Mr A Rowell
Mr S Angwin
Mr G Thompson
Mr X White
Mr C Clifton
Mr B Robinson
Mr T Storer
Mr P Webster

Shire Office – Town Fire Permits

Mr B Roderick

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Ms L Lucas

Seconded: Mr A Rowell

That the following Fire Control Officer appointments be made:

Fire Control Officers

Mr R Goldsmith
Mr I McDougall
Mr G Abbott
Mr W Brockway
Mr B Johnson
Mrs C Goldsmith
Mr C Piesse
Mr A Rowell
Mr S Angwin
Mr G Thompson
Mr X White
Mr C Clifton
Mr B Robinson
Mr T Storer
Mr P Webster

Shire Office – Town Fire Permits

Mr B Roderick

Carried 10/0

6.5 Captains for each Bush Fire Brigade

Nominated en bloc:

6.5.1 Badjarning

Mr C Clifton was declared elected as Captain for Badjarning
Brigade

6.5.2 Ballaying

Mr X White was declared elected as Captain for Ballaying Brigade

6.5.3 Cancanning

Mr A Rowell was declared elected as Captain for Cancanning
Brigade

6.5.4 Lime Lake

Mr W Brockway was declared elected as Captain for Lime Lake
Brigade

6.5.5 Piesseville

Mr R Goldsmith was declared elected as Captain for Piesseville
Brigade

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Ms L Lucas

Seconded: Mr T Hamersley

That the following appointments as Bush Fire Brigade Captains be made:

Badjarning

Mr C Clifton was declared elected as Captain for Badjarning Brigade

Ballaying

Mr X White was declared elected as Captain for Ballaying Brigade

Cancanning

Mr A Rowell was declared elected as Captain for Cancanning Brigade

Lime Lake

Mr W Brockway was declared elected as Captain for Lime Lake Brigade

Piesseville

Mr R Goldsmith was declared elected as Captain for Piesseville Brigade

Carried 10/0

6.5.6 Wedgecarrup

Mr I McDougall was declared elected as Captain for Wedgecarrup
Brigade

6.5.7 Wagin Town

Mr T Cook was declared elected as Captain for Wagin Town
Brigade

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr S Angwin

Seconded: T Hamersley

That the following appointments as Bush Fire Brigade Captains be made:

Wedgecarrup

Mr I McDougall was declared elected as Captain for Wedgecarrup Brigade

Wagin Town

Mr T Cook was declared elected as Captain for Wagin Town Brigade

Carried 10/0

6.6 Chief Fire Weather Officer

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

6.7 Fire Weather Committee

Mr R Goldsmith, Mr I McDougall, Mr C Piesse, Mr S Angwin, Mr W Brockway, Mr X White and Mr A Rowell

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr T Hamersley

Seconded: Mr A Rowell

That the following appointments for Fire Weather Committee be made:

Fire Weather Committee

Mr R Goldsmith, Mr I McDougall, C Piesse, Mr S Angwin, Mr W Brockway, Mr X White and Mr A Rowell

Carried 10/0

6.8 Appointment of Dual Fire Control Officers

Nomination en bloc.

Dumbleyung	Mr S Angwin Mr X White
Narrogin	Mr R Goldsmith Mr C Piesse
Woodanilling	Mr W Brockway Mr I Mcdougall
Williams	Mr C Piesse
West Arthur	Mr G Abbott Mr B Robinson
Wickepin	Mr S Angwin

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr R Goldsmith

Seconded: Ms L Lucas

That the following appointments as Dual Fire Control Officers be made:

Dumbleyung	Mr S Angwin Mr X White
Narrogin	Mr R Goldsmith Mr C Piesse
Woodanilling	Mr W Brockway

	Mr I McDougall
Williams	Mr C Piesse
West Arthur	Mr G Abbott Mr B Robinson
Wickepin	Mr S Angwin
Carried 10/0	

- 6.9 Clover Burning Permit Officer
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Mr R Goldsmith

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. CLOSURE

With no further business the chairperson thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.33pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on
17th March 2020

Signed:
Presiding Elected Member

Date: