



City of Busselton

Geographe Bay

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda

08 December 2020

City of Busselton, Kaloorup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 8th December 2020
commencing at 7.30pm

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**AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON
8 DECEMBER 2020**

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 8 DECEMBER 2020

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 Tuesday 8th December 2020 commencing at 7:30pm.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.



MIKE ARCHER
Chief Executive Officer, City of Busselton

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance:

Refer to attached list.

Apologies:

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of minutes from meeting held 8 September 2020

Moved:

Seconded:

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Issuing of tablets to brigades, Blake Moore

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

7. **BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

8. **OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS**

Attachment 8.1 - Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Peter Thomas

Attachment 8.2 - CoB/Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Blake Moore

Officer Recommendation

The committee receives the following reports and notes the comments therein:

- 1) Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- 2) City of Busselton/Department of Fire and Emergency Services

9. **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

10. **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)**

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 9 March 2021 7:30pm at the City of Busselton (Kaloorup Meeting Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton).

12. **CLOSURE**

Attachment 8.1 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting to be held on 8th December 2020

Agency: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Peter Thomas

Matters to be discussed:



Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services



City of Busselton BFAC Meeting

DFES LSW Region Report – 8th December 2020

- **Aerial Firefighting Fleet**

Bunbury Airport:

Available daily 0600-1800hrs

- 2 x Air Tractor 802 fixed wing (SEATs/BOMBERS)
- 1 x AS350 Squirrel Type 3 FIREBIRD helicopter (AAS, utility)
- 1 x GA8 Airvan BIRDDOG fixed wing (AAS, utility)

Busselton Airport:

Online from 15 December 2020, available daily 0900-1800hrs

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 HELITAKS

Manjimup Airfield:

Available daily 0600-1800hrs

- 2 x Air Tractor 802 fixed wing (SEATs/BOMBERS)
- 1 x Champion Scout BIRDDOG light fixed wing (AAS)

- **New Prescribed Burn Plan Templates**

All DFES staff and volunteers are now required to complete documentation for any burns they are undertaking.

The current basic prescription template along with supporting documentation has recently been reviewed. Several improvements were identified and have been incorporated into this new Burn Plan document package.

Where a full prescription is not required, the templates have been designed as a tool for all DFES staff engaged in prescribed burning activities to use. These templates ensure a range of considerations are addressed during the planning phase, enabling informed decision making. All volunteers engaged in prescribed burning activities are also encouraged to adopt these templates.

- **Capes and Blackwood Valley Zone Response**

Both the Capes and Blackwood Valley Zone responses are active from the 1st of December, this is the second year the Blackwood is running with great success last year. The response zones enable a multi-agency response to fires which has proved beneficial in combatting fires and protecting properties.

- **Combined Pre-Season Forum**

DFES, DBCA and WAPOL will be holding a combined bushfire Pre-Season Forum in December it will involve members from both the SW and LSW region participating in a day event to build capacity and networks in the lead up to the fire season.

- **Enhanced Rescue Capability for Schoolies**

This year we positioned a specialised rescue vehicle at Dunsborough Fire and Rescue station. This vehicle was crewed by 2 Career firefighters from Sunday the 22nd to Friday the 27th between the hours of 1200 to 2200. The idea was to support the local volunteers in response to Road Crash. Luckily the crews weren't required however the process worked well with great support from the local volunteers.

- **DFES COVID 19 Safe Operations Guidelines**

Attached to the report is a set of guidelines to follow during incidents, it is broken down into individual checklists for different sections/activities. The main one to be aware of for all crews is on the front cover "COVID-19 safety measures to be maintained at all times"

Peter Thomas

District Officer Capes - LSW

**Attachment 8.2 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC)
meeting to be held on 8th December 2020**

Agency: City of Busselton/Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Blake Moore

Matters to be reported:

Incidents

- Nil significant

Mitigation

- A massive thank you to all involved it was a huge 2 weeks to complete the biggest mitigation program the shire has ever run.
- Very successful results across all burns completed
- Now looking to lock in the autumn program

Vehicles

- Wilyabrup high season 2.4 has arrived

Capes Fire Station

- Nil progress at this time

Bart

- Roll out going well. Thank you to all for your efforts and patience

Defibs

- Have been placed on all appliances
- Defibs that were already on trucks have been removed to be serviced and reallocated

Training

- Upcoming courses
 - Bush Fire Firefighting Skills 12 & 13 September – Dunsborough Fire Station
 - Ground Controller 10 October – Cowaramup Fire Station
 - Bush Fire Safety Awareness 17 & 18 October – Ambergate Fire Station
 - Bush Fire Firefighting Skills 14 & 15 November – Witchcliffe Fire Station

Operational Circulars

- As per the attached

