



City of Busselton

Geographe Bay

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda

10 December 2019

City of Busselton, Kaloorup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 10th December 2019,
commencing at 7.30pm

CITY OF BUSSELTON

AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON
10 December 2019

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CITY OF BUSSELTON**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 10 DECEMBER 2019**

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 10th December 2019 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:

Apologies:

Colin Sanderson

Fire Control Officer, Eagle Bay

Matt Muir

Fire Control Officer, Yallingup Rural

Peter Thomas

DFES, District Officer Capes

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Confirmation of minutes from meeting held 10 September 2019

Moved:

Seconded:

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 **Overview on the brigade training kits - Peter Stark and Todd Johnson**

7. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

7.1 Nomination for Dunsborough Fire Control Officer Mal Ballard - Blake Moore

7.2 Requirements for notices regarding fire risks and regulations in Holiday Rental Houses (Air BnB etc.) – Mark Fisher

8. OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS

Attachment 8.1 - Department of Fire and Emergency Services – Peter Thomas and Andy Thompson

Officer Recommendation

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

- 1) 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 10 March 2020 at 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 10 December 2019

Agency: Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Peter Thomas and Andy Thompson

Matters to be discussed:



Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services



Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee

DFES LSW Region Report – 10th December 2019

- **DFES LSW Incidents & Arrangements**

9th & 10th October saw SES units from Margaret River, Busselton, Nannup & Bridgetown activated for a land search along the Blackwood River near Alexandra Bridge. The SES supported WAPOL in the successful location of a missing teenage boy who had become stranded in his canoe and walked off into the bush trying to get back to his camp site.

Winter resulted in no further significant storm events with local SES attending to isolated incidents around the region.

The Capes Zone response came into effect on the 1st of December, these arrangements have proved to be very successful over the past few years. Preparations are well underway in the lead up to the bushfire season. Events and forums bringing together agencies such as police, DFES, DBCA, Local government are planned to provide a coordinated response to the region over the summer period.

A new draft response arrangement is currently under development in the Blackwood catchment area that will see an enhanced response from local government, DFES & DBCA – including air craft support. An update to the DBCA & DFES response arrangements for the SW & LSW regions is also nearing completion for summer that will bolster the preparedness levels of these agencies over the 19/20 bushfire season. Both these arrangements are a result of the post incident analyses for the Lewana and Blackwood fires.

- **Country Aerial Firefighting Fleet 2019-2020**

Bunbury:

Are now active, 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 GAB Airvan *BIRDDOG* fixed wing (AAS, utility)

Busselton:

15 December 2019, available daily 0900-1800hrs

- 2 x Bell 214B Type 2 *HELITAKS*

Manjimup and Albany:

Are now active, available daily 0600-1800hrs

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

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- **Interstate Deployment**

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are requested from suitably qualified BFB personnel wishing to be considered for deployment (should the need arise) to intrastate, interstate and international emergencies. This EOI is for the period 15 October 2019 – 14 October 2020.

NSW/Queensland Deployments

Several deployments have now been sent with the possibility of more to come. The LSW region has played a significant role in supporting these deployments with volunteers from across the region giving up their time to assist. I would like to thank all of those who have put their hands up to assist.

- **High Season Fleet**

Wilyabrup have received a 2.4 with Sussex set to receive a LT towards the end of December.

- **Legislative Review of the Emergency Services Acts**

Cabinet has approved the consolidation of the three emergency services Acts into a single piece of legislation. The Fire Brigades Act 1942, Bush Fires Act 1954 and Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998 will be replaced by one Act which will provide a strong foundation for effective emergency services management for the future.

- **Passing of Norm Flynn (AFSM)**

Sadly Norm Flynn of the Busselton VFRS passed away on the 24th of November, Norm was a very influential member of the Busselton VFRS and community. Some of Norms achievements are listed below,

- Awarded AFSM 1998
- Awarded Queen's 20 year good conduct medal
- Life member of Busselton VFRS and VFRS Association/South West Zone
- 22 years as Captain of Busselton VFRS
- 62 years of Service

Norm continued to support the brigade by regularly attending, community events, training and meetings, he will be sadly missed by all.

Peter Thomas

District Officer Capes