

City of Busselton
Geographe Bay

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda

12 March 2019

City of Busselton, Kaloorup Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton on Tuesday 12th March 2019,
commencing at 7.30pm

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**AGENDA FOR THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON
12 MARCH 2019**

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA – 12 MARCH 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 12 March 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

See Attendance List.

Apologies:

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2018

Moved:

Seconded:

4.2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD 12 JANUARY 2019

Moved:

Seconded:

BUSINESS ARISING

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Update on Bushfire Risk Management Project, Andrew Hunt

6. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

6.1 Resignation of Yallingup Rural Fire Control Officer position, Chris Ayers

6.2 Brigade uniforms, Blake Moore

6.2.1 Bushfire fighting pant options

6.2.2 Senior Officer

6.2.3 Brigade T Shirts

7. OFFICER/DELEGATE REPORTS

Attachment 7.1 - City of Busselton/Department of Fire & Emergency Services, Blake Moore

Attachment 7.2 - Department of Fire & Emergency Services, Peter Thomas

Officer Recommendation

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

- a) City of Busselton/Department of Fire & Emergency Services
- b) Department of Fire & Emergency Services

8. MATTERS OF URGENCY

9. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY (OH&S)

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 11 JUNE 2019 at 7:30pm at the City of Busselton, Kaloopup Meeting Room, 2 Southern Drive, Busselton.

11. CLOSURE

**Attachment 7.1 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC)
meeting to be held on 12 March 2019**

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

Officer Representing: Blake Moore, Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM)

Matters to be reported:

Incidents since 21/06/2018 as at 06/03/2019

- 40
- 22 - Bush Fire
- 1 - Vehicle Fire
- 3 - Structure Fire
- 2 - DBA
- 7 - False Call – Good Intent
- 1 – Animal rescue

Training

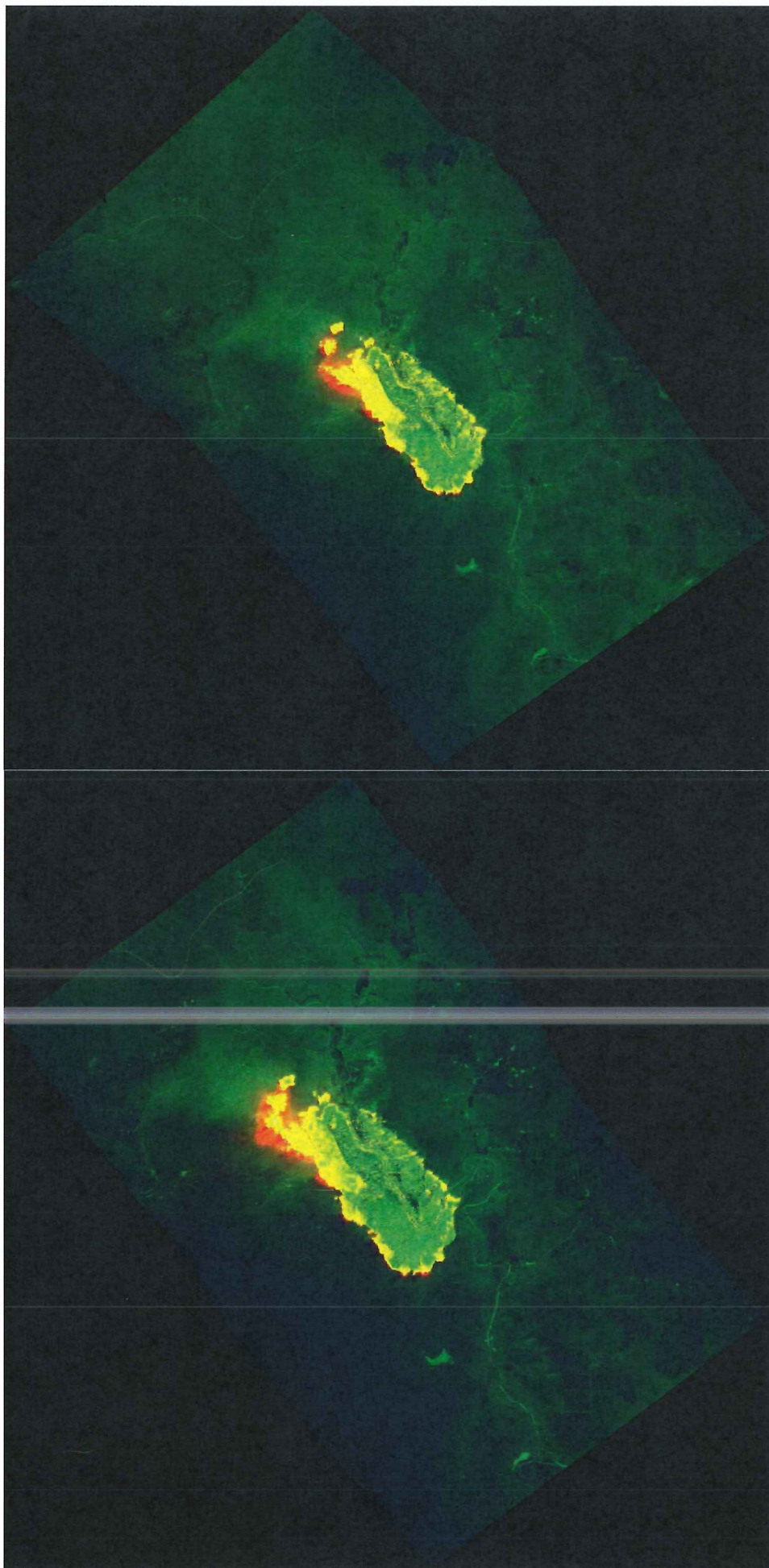
- Calendars are complete, please encourage new members to register

Fires

- While it has been an exceptionally quiet start, the last month has certainly made up for that. I would just like to take a moment to thank you all for your assistance in supporting all local and away fires.

Operational Circulars

- **General Circular 30/2019 - Bushfire Centre of Excellence Location Announced** – The Bushfire Centre of Excellence will be based in the Shire of Murray.
- **General Circular 07/2019 - MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS 2016 WAROONA / YARLOOP BUSHFIRE** – I would like to acknowledge the following people for receiving a Certificate of Distinction for the Yarloop fire:
 - Peter Dawson
 - Geoffrey Callow
 - Mark Pollard
 - Steven Carmicheal
 - Justin Smith
 - Mark Titchener
 - Stephen Carr
 - Kim Standish
- **Operational Circular 07/2019 - INTRODUCTION OF STRATEGIC AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE LINESCAN SERVICE** – DFES has procured a seasonal high altitude infrared linescan service.



Attachment 7.2 Report to the City of Busselton Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting to be held on 12 March 2019

Agency: Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Officer Representing: Peter Thomas, District Officer Capes

Matters to be discussed:



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DFES LSW Region Report – 12th March 2019

- **Online Volunteer Recruitment Tool**

Over the past nine months, the Strategic Volunteer and Youth Programs and Media and Corporate Communications teams have been working to establish a new public-facing website to assist emergency services volunteers with their recruitment efforts. The website will work like a 'jobs board', allowing brigades, groups and units to upload and advertise local volunteering roles.

Brigades, groups and units will be invited to use the website as an additional tool to support their current recruitment efforts.

This website will provide an additional tool for volunteers to use in their recruitment efforts, supporting the great work already being done by brigades, groups and units on Facebook, websites and other forums. Further support is provided by a range of resources which can be downloaded from the Volunteer Portal.

For more information, please contact Jen Pidgeon on 9395 9989, Manager Strategic Volunteer and Youth Programs on jennifer.pidgeon@dfes.wa.gov.au.

- **LSW STAFF MOVEMENTS**

I am pleased to announce that Phil Brandrett has been appointed as the Superintendent for the LSW region. This has now left a vacancy for the District Officer Manjimup role, currently Steve Ward is acting in the role.

Linda Ashton has been appointed in the role of Volunteer Management Support Officer (VMSO).

VMSO's will be liaising with Managers and Leaders to identify issues, gaps or deficiencies within their Brigade, Group or Unit (BGU), with the aim of being able to assist, guide or advise and cut down on some of the administration issues, where possible. Collaboration between individuals, teams, services and agencies remains as important as ever and enquiries should be processed through the BGU leadership to the respective DFES Manager who will work with the VMSO to identify solutions.

- **Line Scanner Online**

On January the 6th FIRESCAN 124, a Learjet 35 aeroplane with the linescanner fire mapping sensor arrived at its Perth base in time to commence its first 90-day contract with DFES.

FIRESCAN 124 will support DFES, the Department of Biodiversity & Conservation's Parks & Wildlife Service and other government agencies as required by mapping wide area emergencies such as landscape bushfires and floods.

Travelling at 700 km/h, FIRESCAN 124 can rapidly respond throughout WA.



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- **Incident Support**

On behalf of the Lower South West Region I would like to thank the Busselton Bush Fire Brigades for their support in the fires at Lewana and Esperance. In supporting these incidents it has allowed local crews to rest or focus clean up around their own properties impacted by the fire. The professionalism and work effort shown by the crews has been noted with comments coming from DFES and DBCA staff.

Peter Thomas

District Officer Capes