

# Bush Fire Advisory Committee

## MINUTES

*Section 67 of the Bush Fires Act 1954*

### 5 May 2020

Committee Brief:

*To provide advice to the local government on matters pertaining to obligations contained within the Bush Fires Act, organising, managing, resourcing and training volunteer bush fire brigades.*

#### BFAC Membership Composition

Council Representation Primary	Councillor Rayner Councillor Bell
Council Representation Deputy	Councillor Ruthven Councillor Chitty
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or his Deputy / Deputies	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer (DBFCO) 1 Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer (DBFCO) 2
Captain (or their representative) from Brigades	Bejoording                      Morangup Coondle-Nunile                Julimar Toodyay Central
Supporting Officers or representative	Toodyay Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chief Executive Officer Shire of Toodyay Community Emergency Services Manager Department of Parks & Wildlife Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES)

### Distribution

These minutes of meeting were approved for distribution on 7 May 2020.



Chileya Luangala  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Please Note:** These Minutes will remain "Unconfirmed" until the next Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting, where the Minutes will be tabled and confirmed subject to any amendments made by the Committee.

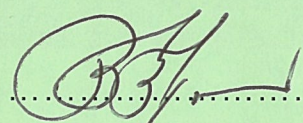
The "Confirmed" Minutes are then signed off by the Chairperson.

Attachments that formed part of the Agenda, in addition to those tabled at the Meeting are incorporated into a separate attachment to these Minutes.

### Confirmation

These minutes of meeting were confirmed at a meeting held on

..... 14<sup>TH</sup> August 2020 .....

Signed:  .....

*Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.*

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ATTACHMENT *with separate index follows Item 8*

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# Shire of Toodyay

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## MINUTES

5 MAY 2020

### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES

The meeting was declared open at 6.00pm by the Chairperson.

#### 1.1 Announcement of Visitors

Nil

#### 1.2 Record of Attendance and Apologies

##### Members

Cr B Rayner	Presiding Member/Council Member
Cr B Bell	Council Member
Mr R Koch	CESM/Deputy BFCO 2
Mr B Rigby	Bejoording Brigade Representative
Mr N Griggs	Coondle-Nunile Representative
Mr M McKeown	Toodyay Central BFB Representative
Mr R Hunter	Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer (DBFCO) 1
Mr C Stewart	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr P Hay	Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES)

##### Staff

Mr G Warburton RMO

##### Apologies

Mr M Pasotti	Department of Parks & Wildlife Representative
Mr I McGregor	Toodyay Volunteer Fire & Rescue Representative
Cr B Ruthven	Council Member

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 4 Feb 2020

##### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/BFAC RESOLUTION NO. 03/05/20**

**MOVED** R Hunter

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 Feb 2020 be confirmed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THE AGENDA**

**3.1 Review of the BFAC Status Report**

CESM Updated meeting that recommendation from last BFAC with regards to RMO becoming a member will go to Council in May.

**4. PRESENTATIONS OR EVENTS**

**4.1 Presentation of reports, people coming, topics, et cetera**

Nil

**4.2 Report on events that took place perhaps**

Nil

**5. REPORTS FROM SHIRE OFFICERS**

**5.1 Report(s) from CESM**

- Reminder Vodaphone Paging will soon cease.
- Working with RMO to progress current MAF works.
- Have been working on funding applications for:
  - LGGS - including 2 x Replacement Appliances, 1 x New appliances, 1 x replacement Station.
  - MAF - Next financial year application
  - DWER Community Water Supply Scheme Grant - enhancements to 3 x fire emergency water sites, plus establishment of one new site.
- Aiming to have Morangup BFB and Toodyay SES Back on station withing 2-3 weeks following upgrade to Morangup Colocation Centre.

**5.2 Report(s) from CEO**

Nil

**6. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

**6.1 Brigade Roundtable discussion and reporting**

**6.1.1 Morangup BFB**

- Have attended a number of callouts.
- looking forward to being back on station soon.

**6.1.2 Toodyay Central BFB**

- 14 callouts since last meeting including 6 stand-downs and out-of-Shire deployment.
- Looking at AGM in June 2020.
- Noticing issue with public calling fire stations or members directly rather than 000 for emergencies.

**6.1.3 Bejoording BFB**

- Good response
- Luxury of having more members turn up than required for callouts.

**6.1.4 Julimar BFB**

- Captain and 2 x Lieutenants to sand-down at AGM (no replacements yet identified)

**6.1.5 CBFCO**

- Thanks, brigades, for attendance at fires and good work alongside FRS
- Thanked CESM for behind the scenes work on securing funding and completing new station developments.

**6.1.6 DCBFCO**

- Spoke about frustration of Bush Fires Act lack of penalties. Discussion pertained to the following:
  - CESM noted that WAPOL can become involved using Section 444A of the Criminal Code - and discussions had occurred with WAPOL earlier in the day with respect to the incident prompting this discussion:
  - DO Avon - acknowledged the frustration of LGs in this respect. Only current option is to go Restricted Burning Period all year around, which would likely create more problems than it resolves. Act is currently being reviewed by government.
  - CBFCO - Has pushed this at the Bushfire Operations Committee (BOC) it is now a standing agenda item.

**6.1.7 DO AVON**

- Regional Training Resuming - CESM to email revised calendar.
- Crew Leader/Advanced Bushfire 6-7 of June 2020 being one of the earlier courses.

**7. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on 4 August 2020 commencing at 6.00pm.

**8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.39pm.

# Attachments to Minutes

Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Tues 5 May 2020

## INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THE AGENDA

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Review of Bush Fire Advisory Committee Status Report

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# BFAC STATUS REPORT

## Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Supporting Officers  
CESM / CEO



Recommendations to Council		
Meeting Date	Item and Detail in order of meeting	List the Recommendation here
04/02/2020	N/A – Came up with roundtable reporting	That Council consider the appointment of the RMO (G Warburton) as a member of the BFAC.

Questions taken on notice		
Meeting Date, Item No & Question No.	Questions in order of the meeting	INFORMATION Post meeting (with a view to providing further comment at a future meeting or via email)

Actions to be undertaken prior to the next meeting (or ongoing from a previous meeting)		
Meeting Date	Actions to be taken	With the aim of / further comment or information