



A Fortunate Place

Bush Fire Control Officer's Meeting

AGENDA

**Tuesday 28 July 2020
Council Chambers
Commencing at 7:00pm**

1. Attendance

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Roger Butler
Fire Control Officers	Tim Heffernan Keith Parnell Daniel White Dave Stacey Gordon McDougall Wes Astbury Jim Hamilton Trevor Leeson Nathan Astbury Steve Rose
Chief Executive Officer Department of Fire and Emergency Services	Mark J Hook Paul Dennison

Apologies

Manager of Works and Services	Gary Rasmussen
Officer in Charge Wickepin Police	Sergeant Phil Huggins
Acting Officer in Charge – Wickepin Police	Dorry Grzinmic
Fire Control Officers	Phil Russell

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 31 July 2019

Moved / Seconded

That the minutes of the Fire Control Officers meeting held 31 July 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried /

3. Business Arising From Minutes

4. Elections 2020/2021 Fire Season

4.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Moved / Seconded

That _____ be nominated as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Wickepin for the 2020/2021 bush fire season:

_____ accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chief Executive Officer Mark J Hook declared _____ elected to the position of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Wickepin for the 2020/2021 fire season.

Carried /

4.2 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Moved/ Seconded

That _____ be nominated as the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Wickepin for the 2020/2021 bush fire season:

_____ accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chairman declared _____ elected to the position of the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Wickepin for the 2020/2021 fire season.

Carried /

4.3 Fire Control Officers/Bush Fire Radio Operators/Fire Weather Officers

Moved / Seconded

That the following persons be appointed as Fire Control Officers/Bush Fire Radio Operators and Fire Weather Instrument Officers of the Shire of Wickepin for the 2020/2021 bush fire season:

Tim Heffernan
 Keith Parnell
 Phil Russell
 Daniel White
 Steve Rose
 Gordon McDougall
 Wes Astbury
 Jim Hamilton
 Nathan Astbury
 Trevor Leeson
 Dave Stacey
 Roger Butler

Carried /

4.4 Clover Burning Permits

Moved / Seconded

That the following persons be appointed as Clover Permit Issuing Officers for the 2020/2021 fire season:

Steve Rose
 Wes Astbury

Carried /

4.5 Dual Fire Control Officers from Wickepin

Moved / Seconded

That the following persons be appointed as Dual Fire Control Officers for the 2020/2021 fire season:

David Stacey	Shire of Corrigin
Trevor Leeson, Nathan Astbury and Phillip Russell	Shire of Narrogin
Steve Rose, Trevor Leeson & Roger Butler	Shire of Cuballing
Gordon McDougall & Wes Astbury	Shire of Dumbleyung
Nathan Astbury	Shire of Wagin
Roger Butler & Steve Rose	Shire of Pingelly
Wes Astbury & David Stacey	Shire of Kulin

Carried /

4.6 Dual Fire Control Officers from adjoining Shires

Moved / Seconded

That the following persons be appointed as Dual Fire Control Officers for the 2020/2021 fire season from adjoining Shires:

Shire of Pingelly	Rodney Leonard Shaddick Robert Alexander Kirk Victor Arthur Lee Andrew Augustin Marshall Sam MacNamara
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Shire of Wagin	Steve Angwin
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Shire of Corrigin	Craig Jespersen Greg Doyle
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Shire of Cuballing	Mike Burges
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Shire of Narrogin	Alistair McDougall Tim Shepherd
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Shire of Kulin	Clinton Mullan David Lewis
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Shire of Dumbleyung	Ken Wright
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Carried

4.7 Fire Break Notice 2020/2021

Moved / Seconded

That Council adopt the following 2020/2021 Fire Break Notice:

***Bush Fires Act 1954
Shire of Wickepin
Annual Firebreak Notice 2020/2021***

Action is required by owners and/or occupiers of all land in the Shire of Wickepin. Please read this notice carefully. Any queries should be directed to the Shire of Wickepin Administration Centre or Local Shire Bush Fire Control Officer.

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, owners and occupiers of property within the Shire of Wickepin are hereby required on or before 1 October 2020 and thereafter to 14 April 2021 to plough, scarify or otherwise provide and maintain firebreaks clear of all inflammable material at least 2.5 metres wide as follows:

Rural Land

Inside the boundary of all land held by each owner or occupier, their firebreaks need not follow the perimeter of any paddock but will be acceptable following land contours in an endeavour to overcome water erosion;

To subdivide each holding into lots of no greater than 200 hectares; and

To surround the homestead, out buildings and fuel storages on any such land.

That from the 15th October all Harvesting and Baling (including cutting and raking) operations, there shall be an operational mobile engine powered firefighting unit with a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water located in or immediately adjacent to the paddock being harvested and/or baled. The responsibility to supply the firefighting unit is that of the landowner/occupier.

Townsite Land

All lots within the townsites of Harrismith, Tincurrin, Toolibin, Wickepin and Yealering are required to be cleared and maintained free of all debris or inflammable material. Failure to comply with these requirements renders the owner or occupier liable to a penalty not more than \$400.

Clearing of Fence Lines

When clearing for new fence lines, you must have written approval from the Shire of Wickepin prior to commencement of clearing works. Landholders are asked to consider locating the fence three (3) metres inside their boundary to avoid any clearing on road reserves. Old fences should first be removed. If landholders wish to place their fence on the boundary, they may clear no more than one (1) metre beyond their boundary. This may be varied in special circumstances at the discretion of the CEO and Manager Works & Services. Any timber removed from the road reserve is to be pushed onto the owner's property.

Fencing of Road Reserves

Council encourages farmers to fence off road reserves running through their properties to protect trees on these reserves and to allow new growth of vegetation.

Burning on Roadsides

Should property owners wish to carry out burning of the road reserve adjacent to their property, it is necessary to obtain council approval prior to any burning taking place.

Burning Periods

Restricted Burning – 1 October 2020 to 13 November 2020

Prohibited Burning – 14 November 2020 to 7 February 2021

Restricted Burning – 8 February 2021 to 14 April 2021

Harvest and Fire Ban 2020/2021 Season

Harvesting is banned on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Lighting of fires is banned on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Carried

5. General Business

5.1 Chief Bushfire Control Officer Report

To be tabled.

5.2 General Discussion

The next Bush Fire Control Committee Meeting will be held on _____.

6. Closure

There being no further general business CBFCCO Roger Butler declared the meeting closed at _____ pm.