



Agenda

Bush Fire Control Officers Committee Meeting Tuesday 5 September 2023

Date	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Time	7.00pm
Location	Shire of Wickepin 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370
Distribution Date	Thursday 31 August 2023



Notice of Meeting

Please be informed the Bush Fire Control Officers Committee Meeting of the Shire of Wickepin will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 5 September 2023 at the Shire of Wickepin, 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nathan Cain'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Nathan' being larger and more prominent than the last name 'Cain'.

Nathan Cain
Chief Executive Officer
Thursday 31 August 2023

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1 Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at [time].

2 Attendance

2.1 Present

Members

T Leeson	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
L Lansdell	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
R Butler	Fire Control Officer
P Russell	Fire Control Officer
T Heffernan	Fire Control Officer
D White	Fire Control Officer
D Stacey	Fire Control Officer
G McDougall	Fire Control Officer
W Astbury	Fire Control Officer
J Hamilton	Fire Control Officer
N Astbury	Fire Control Officer
T Mullan	Fire Control Officer
T Russell	Fire Control Officer
C Sims	Fire Control Officer
M Langford	Wickepin Police
D Gaul	Wickepin Police
G Stevens	Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Employees

N Cain	Chief Executive Officer
G Hedditch	Manager Works and Services
M Martin	Executive Support Officer

3 Public Question Time

3.1 Responses to Previous Public Questions Taken On Notice

Nil

3.2 Public Question Time

Nil

4 Apologies and Leave of Absence

4.1 Apologies

Nil

4.2 Previously Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

4.3 Requests for Leave of Absence

[Requests for Leave of Absence]

5 Petitions, Memorials and Deputations

5.1 Petitions

Nil

5.2 Memorials

Nil

5.3 Deputations

Nil

6 Declarations of Members and Officers Interest

A member or officer who has an impartiality, proximity or financial interest in any matter to be discussed at this meeting must disclose the nature of the interest either in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest must not preside at the part of the meeting which deals with the matter, or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision-making process relative to the matter, unless the disclosing member is permitted to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The following declarations of interest have been disclosed –

Nil

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

7.1 Minutes of the Bush Fire Control Officers Meeting held on 21 March 2023.

Officer Recommendation

That the minutes of the Bush Fire Control Officers Meeting held on 21 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

8 Status Report

Where a resolution is formal, procedural or lost it has not been recorded (e.g. confirmation of minutes, meeting behind closed doors, lapsed, etc.).

Subject/Action	Officer	Progress	Status	Comment
Additional Fire Radios	CEO	That the Committee recommends to Council to purchase an additional two (2) base station fire radios and four (4) transferable vehicle radios to provide additional radio coverage for Bush Fire Control Officers, some of which are in light radio coverage areas.	✓	Funds allocated in the 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

If not noted, please insert numbers of items once attended to and return sheet to CEO.

○ = in progress ✓ = completed ✕ = superseded

9 Motions of Which Notice Has Been Given

Nil

10 Notices of Motions for the Following Meeting

Nil

11 Reports and Information

11.1 Gavin Stevens - Department of Fire and Emergency Services

To be tabled.

11.2 Chief Bush Fire Control Officers Report

Hi everyone, welcome to our preseason Bush Fire Control Officers meeting.

Thanks to all the FCO's for their continued support in fire control duties and the management of permits during the permit period this season. It was challenging having to implement the new fire danger rating system and educating some permit holders to understand when you could burn or not. The new system caused a big delay in the lighting of fires for crop management purposes, which resulted in a lot of hectares being burnt in a small time frame. We were fortunate to receive some good early season rainfall which helped reduced the fire risk during this period.

Noted Fires

- 25/01/2023
Angwin's Toolibin farm. Tractor and Boom spray fire - total loss. 20 ha burnt.
- 01/04/2023
Pole top fire Gillimanning. Simpson's farm pasture paddock small area burnt. 000 Called. Power lines were on the ground on the Wickepin North Road. Western Power attended 2 hours after the 000 call.
- 14/04/2023
Angwin's Yealering/Wickepin Road. SP Sprayer fire. 000 called. Road was closed and thanks to the Shire for their traffic management control during this time. There was an issue moving the Sprayer off the road with a dead engine and hydraulic brakes locking on. Had to wait for a machinery dealer to unlock the brakes.
- 01/05/2023
Angwin's. Truck fire. Wickepin-Harrismith and Toolibin North crossroads. 000 called.

Just to note that it is great to see 000 being called to register our fires. Keep up the good work. As I write this report the radio maintenance people are checking our Bushfire radios. If you have not had your radio checked, please let me or the shire know.

WA Kaolin annual inspection is due. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

12 Confidential Reports and Information

Nil

13 Urgent Business

Nil

14 Closure

The next Bush Fire Control Officers Committee meeting will be held in March 2024.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at [time].