



A Fortunate Place

Shire of Wickepin

Agenda

Bush Fire Control Officer's Meeting

Council Chambers, Wickepin

22 March 2022

**Agenda of a Bush Fire Control Officer's Meeting held in Council Chambers, Wickepin
Tuesday 22 March 2022, at 7.00pm**

The CBFCO declared the meeting open at pm.

1. Attendance

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Roger Butler
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Trevor Leeson
Fire Control Officers	Tim Heffernan Phil Russell Daniel White Dave Stacey Gordon McDougall Wes Astbury Jim Hamilton Trevor Leeson Nathan Astbury Luke Lansdell
Chief Executive Officer	Mark J Hook
Manager of Works	Gary Rasmussen
Department of Fire and Emergency Services	Grant Hansen
Wickepin Police	Darryl Gaull

Apologies

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 10 August 2021.

Moved / Seconded

That the minutes of the Fire Control Officer's meeting held 10 August 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried /

3. Business Arising From Minutes

4. Elections 2022/2023 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 2022/2023 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 2022/2023 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 2022/2023 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 2022/2023 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 2022/2023 bush fire season:

Tim Heffernan
Phil Russell
Daniel White
Gordon McDougall
Wes Astbury
Jim Hamilton
Nathan Astbury
Trevor Leeson
Dave Stacey
Roger Butler
Luke Lansdell

Carried /

4.4 Clover Burning Permits**Moved / Seconded**

That the following persons be appointed as Clover Permit Issuing Officers for the 2022/2023 fire season:

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 2022/2023 fire season:

David Stacey, Jim Hamilton	Shire of Corrigin
Trevor Leeson, Nathan Astbury & Phillip Russell	Shire of Narrogin
Trevor Leeson, Roger Butler & Luke Lansdell	Shire of Cuballing
Gordon McDougall & Wes Astbury	Shire of Dumbleyung
Nathan Astbury, Dan White	Shire of Wagin
Roger Butler & Jim Hamilton	Shire of Pingelly
Wes Astbury, David Stacey & Tim Heffernan	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 2022/2023 fire season from adjoining Shires:

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

Carried /

4.7 Fire Break Notice 2022/2023

Moved / Seconded

That Council adopt the following 2022/2023 Fire Break Notice:

Bush Fires Act 1954
Shire of Wickepin
Annual Firebreak Notice 2022/2023

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 2022 and thereafter to 14 April 2023 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 400 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 or units with a minimum combined capacity of 1200 litres of available water, located in or immediately adjacent to the paddock being harvested and/or baled. The minimum capacity of any single firefighting unit shall be 600 litres of available water. The responsibility to supply and operate 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 adjoining road reserves, 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 2022 to 13 November 2022

Prohibited Burning – 14 November 2022 to 7 February 2023

Restricted Burning – 8 February 2023 to 14 April 2023

Harvest and Fire Ban 2022/2023 Season

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

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

Carried 7/0

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 CBFCO declared the meeting closed at _____ pm.