



## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, ABEL STREET BOYUP BROOK ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022 AT 7.00pm

#### 1 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Cr Richard Walker - Shire President  
Dale Putland – Chief Executive Officer  
Donna Forsyth - Ranger  
Maria Lane – Executive Assistant

#### Fire Control Officers & Deputy Fire Control Officers, Secretary's and X-Ray Team

Tristan Mead	Ron Bingham
David Inglis	Jim Johnston
Glenn Mead	Jamie Forbes
Ben Creek	David Muir
Ben Thompson	Scott Wheatley
Brad Fairbrass	
Michael Giles	
Brad Skraha	
Brian Cailles	
Wayde Robertson	
Charles Caldwell	
Scott Nix	
Darren Chapman	
David Fortune	
John Ritson	
Marcus Gifford	
Nick Bagshaw	
Ron Tuckett	
Rob Imrie	
Wayne White	

#### Apologies

Kieren Power  
Matt Franke  
Hayden Bock  
Ross Parker  
Helen O'Connell  
Rob Introvigne  
Matt Della-Gola

## **2. ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER**

### *5.12. Presiding members and deputies, election of*

- (1) The members of a committee are to elect a presiding member from amongst themselves in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 1 as if the references in that Schedule —
  - (a) to “office” were references to “office of presiding member”;* and
  - (b) to “council” were references to “committee”;* and
  - (c) to “councillors” were references to “committee members”.**
- (2) The members of a committee may elect a deputy presiding member from amongst themselves but any such election is to be in accordance with Schedule 2.3, Division 2 as if the references in that Schedule —
  - (a) to “office” were references to “office of deputy presiding member”;* and
  - (b) to “council” were references to “committee”;* and
  - (c) to “councillors” were references to “committee members”;* and
  - (d) to “mayor or president” were references to “presiding member”.**

### **2.1 ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER**

The Committee called for nominations

Cr Richard Walker was declared elected Presiding Member

### **2.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER**

The Committee calls for nominations

Cr Helen O’Connell was declared elected Deputy Presiding Member

## **3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS/MEMBERS**

### **Chief Fire Control Officer**

Tristan Mead was declared elected Chief Fire Control Officer

### **1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer**

Ben Thompson was declared elected Deputy Chief Fire Control

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief Fire Control Officer**

Brad Skraha was declared elected Deputy Chief Fire Control

## **Communications Officer**

David Fortune was declared elected as Communications Officer

## **Fire Weather Officer**

Brad Fairbrass was declared elected as Fire Weather Officer

## **Deputy Fire Weather Officer**

Wayde Robertson was declared elected as Deputy Fire Weather Officer

## **Training Officer**

Donna Forsyth was declared elected as Training Officer

## **Fire Control Officers from each Brigade**

David Inglis and Rob Imrie were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Benjinup Brigade**.

Glenn Mead and Scott Wheatley were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Chowerup Brigade**.

Tristan Mead and Wayne White were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Dinninup Brigade**.

John Ritson and Ken Holland were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **East Boyup Brook Brigade**.

Ron Bingham and Michael Giles were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Gibbs Brigade**.

Brad Skraha and Nick Bagshaw were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Kenninup Brigade**.

Brad Fairbrass and Hayden Bock were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Kulikup Brigade**.

Ben Creek and Matt Franke were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Mayanup Brigade**.

David Fortune and Kieren Power were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers

from the **McAlinden Brigade**.

Darren Chapman and Jamie Forbes were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Mickalarup/Dwalganup Brigade**.

Marcus Gifford and Rob Introvigne were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Nollajup Brigade**.

Charles Caldwell and Wayde Robertson were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Scotts Brook Brigade**.

Ron Tuckett and Matt Della-Gola were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Tonebridge Brigade**.

David Muir and Scott Nix were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **Tweed Brigade**.

Brian Cailles and Ross Parker were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **West Boyup Brigade**.

Clint Wawilow and Gyula Bogar were declared elected as delegates/Fire Control Officers from the **DFES Town Brigade**.

#### **4 PRESENTATIONS**

##### **Donna Forsyth**

- ESL successful grant 2022/2023.
- 122 Fire blankets were issued to the Bush Fire Brigade.
- Vehicle Maintenance list was provided to the Bush Fire Brigade.
- SBB BFB Operations ESL tracking report 21/22 was provided to the Bush Fire Brigade.
- Training – Rural fire Awareness Course and Plantation course will be provided soon.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 5.1 Bush Fire Advisory Meeting – 2 June 2021

**MOVED: David Fortune**

**SECONDED: Tristan Mead**

**That the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory AGM held on the 2 June 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record.**

**CARRIED**

**22/5/47**

## 6 BUSINESS ARISING

### 6.1 Annual Firebreak Notice

A draft firebreak notice has been distributed to brigades. The Bush Fire Advisory Committee is requested to review amendments to the annual firebreak notice and endorse it for publication.

### 6.2 Brigade Contacts for 2022-23

A draft brigade contacts list has been distributed to brigades. The Bush Fire Advisory Committee is requested to review and advise administration of any changes that need to be made.

## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer 2021/2022 Report

Tristan Mead thanked all the team and Dale for their assistance at the Hester fire and Donna for providing the PPE to the Bush Fire Brigade.

New FCO's to put the whatsapp on their mobile phone, please see Donna for any further information.

### 7.2 Brigade 2022 AGM Minutes as tabled by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

#### 7.2.1 Brigade Meeting Minutes

**Was unable to receive the minutes as some of the Bush fire Brigades had not held their AGM.**

**That the AGM Minutes of the Kulikup, Chowerup, Dinninup, Gibbs Road, McAlinden, and Scotts Brook, Mickalurup and Chowerup Bush Fire Brigade be received.**

***(Attachment circulated)***

**8 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Chowerup Bush Fire Brigade**

**MOVED: Glenn Mead**

**SECONDED: Tristan Mead**

The Chowerup Bush Fire Brigade would like to move a motion to expedite the burning of former Waters and Rivers Bush especially Lot 13 Location 8553 (670 hectares) and Lot 6 location 8553. Lots 10 and 12, 8553 either side of lot 13 will be planted with pines next year (2023) and the bush should also be burnt before the pines are planted. The bush was last burnt in 2006. Lot 6, 8553 (64 hectares) north of lot 12 should be burnt before pines are planted. This area was last burnt in 1987. Lots 10 and 11 are owned by New Forest and managed by P F Olsen.

If necessary delay pine plantings until bush is burnt.

**CARRIED**

**Res 22/5/48**

***Response from David Fortune***

Liaise with Graham Blake from Department of Water & Environmental Regulations, Geoff Bennett from Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and the X-Ray team to meet in early June to discuss the burning of former Waters and Rivers.

**Gibbs Road Bushfire Brigade**

- As brigades, can we get better direction on what Volunteers can do in regard to plantation fires.
- Plantation fire training has been offered to the shire for free but apparently been knocked back – Yes or No?
- Better radio operation – Stress to all radio users that for correct communication they must press talk button then wait 2 seconds for repeater to open link then speak their call sign.

***Response***

You are not able to go into a plantation if you have not had any training. Training is on offer.

***Response***

The Shire has not been advised about Plantation fire training.

**10 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.38pm.