

SHIRE OF BROOME
BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 2.06pm.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance	Allen Grosse Brett Lappan Kevin Sanders Kevin White Ed Hatherley Lee Valance Scotty McCarron	Chairperson Senior Ranger, Deputy Chairperson 2 nd Deputy CBFCO, FBRVBFB DEC DEC FESA 12 Mile Representative
Apologies	Kent Williams	Manager Operations, Engineering
Absent:	Kevin Bullen	CBFSO

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Allan Grosse

Seconded: Kevin Sanders

That the Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2006 be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

4.1 Mapping (21 Mar06)

Maps have been supplied.

4.2 Tip Fire Management Plan (15Nov05)

Were awaiting FESA comments. In meantime, Shire put a plan to full Council on 6 July which was endorsed.

4.3 Fire Debrief – Draft Document (21Mar06)

Document including FESA standard steps to be followed up. Lee Valance to email FESA's standard operating procedures to Brett Lappan before the next meeting.

4.4 Info Sessions Coconut Well / 12 Mile

As fire season is here already, agreed to loan out the Fire Awareness DVD as reviewed by CBFCO, to residents with Kevin Sanders as the responsible member for its dissemination. Lee Valance to source enough copies from FESA and pass to Kevin ASAP.

4.5 Volunteers Shed at Shire Depot

Works now complete.

4.6 Slashing Program / Firebreaks

Completed.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Election of Deputy Chairperson**

Kevin White nominated Brett Lappan, seconded by Kevin Sanders. Brett Lappan declared Deputy Chairperson.

5.2 Preparedness of Emergency Response Agencies

Kevin White asked how well prepared are the Emergency Response Agencies to deal with fires that impact on areas like Willie Creek and Twelve Mile and stated there will be some severe fire events this dry season that will impact on these areas and campers who are located north along the coastal fringe.

As a representative committee, we don't have an emergency response plan which is needed to progress this for a combined FESA, CALM and Shire group effort. Acknowledged that illegal campers are in the area. Representatives to be nominated from these three groups to meet and produce a collaborative plan ASAP as LEMC and DEMC are not resourced to respond to such an incident collectively.

Kevin White to source an electronic copy of a document to work from. Ed Hatherley or Kevin White to take part, plus Lee Valance and Brett Lappan – Monday 21 Aug, Shire Office 10am.

5.3 ICS

Kevin White asked how well trained in the ICS roles are the personnel who would respond to an emergency and who may work with other fire management agencies?

Brett Lappan is trained in ICS. A current list needs to be put together – include in the 21 August meeting.

5.4 Correspondence Received

FESA – Radio Theft Warning received by Brett Lappan.

FESA – Circular – Civil & Military Aircraft Accident Procedures received by Brett Lappan.

5.5 CALM Fire Breaks

All complete.

5.6 2nd Light Tanker to Broome

FESA have arranged for the Broome Bush Fire Brigade to use this equipment this fire season.

5.7 Fire Tracking

Lee Valance raised the issue of the lack of procedures for recording and informing relevant authorities of the progress of fires identified in their area. Acknowledged it is a long term issue. However FESA and DEC use the services of FireFax for their areas of responsibility. For a fee, FireFax sends an email to the subscriber highlighting hotspots within their boundaries which may need monitoring. Currently DEC inform their immediate neighbours of fires occurring in their areas which may affect a neighbour.

Lee Valance to assist Brett Lappan in setting up FireFax for the Shire in the event that DEC and FESA areas or personnel are unavailable to monitor their areas.

6. REPORTS**6.1 Broome Regional Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade**

Brigade Captain's Report tabled.

7. DATE/TIME/LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting, Monday 11 September, 2pm in the Shire Committee Room.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3.20pm.



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W.A. Brigade Captains Report

Callouts since last BFAC meeting

Incident 50392 – 13th June – Callout via Perth Ops (000) reported by passing motorists, that a group of aborigines were setting fire to bush, on the Broome Hwy – BFB Captain responded, incident was 7klms out of town, a group had broken down and lit a small fire less than a half a meter in diameter, they had cleared the area around same, and were keeping warm, temperature at scene about 10 degrees, group were waiting for assistance to come and had a baby in the car.

Hazard reduction burns since last meeting

Permit 0077 – 17th June 06 – H & M Tracey – Coconut Well

Will be continuing some work on their property during the next couple of weeks. They have expressed concerns of the fuel loadings on the Shire verge of Lawrence Road.

The Brigade now have access to Toilets and Showers, huge thanks to the Shire and CBFCA for campaigning same. We also now have running water on site as well.

VHF Portables:

BFB Captain and Senior Ranger have had discussions in regards to purchasing two more VHF portables, for the CBFCA and Brigade Captain. Out of last years ESL budget. Time running out.

BFB Captain has been persuing the possible access to Grant monies, Lottery West and a couple of others to no avail. Due to Brigade coming under funding by the Shire / ESL. This makes us ineligible. Still looking at alternatives.

Brigade Mobile:

In the past the CDMA phone purchased by the BFB Captain, has been co sponsored by the Shire – i.e. \$60 recharge card reimbursed - is this to continue?

Primer Fast Attack Unit

The parts have been ordered for repair of same, BFB Captain has had discussions with Joe Roe, etc there is only one possible water source in the Brigade's area of responsibility, where this may work. Access to water would be more suited for extraction with submersible pumps into bores.

Still looking at scrapping one of the Slip-ons and making a portable pump / motor in frame that can be carried closer to a water source.

Prepare stay and defend or go early ~ develop a Plan

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Refurbishment of Parts on all three slip-ons

Why, is it that the three slip-on units have been fitted with new nozzles etc, which budget did this come out of? If it was the Brigade – equipment and maintenance seems to be an expense that the brigade does not need.

K.M. Sanders