SHIRE OF
MANJIMUP



30 October 2024

Minutes

Bush Fire Advisory Committee

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Shire of Manjimup
Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting 30 October 2024

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Manjimup Emergency Services Collocation Building, located at 46 Bath Street Manjimup on Wednesday 30 October 2024.

1. Declaration of Opening the Meeting

The Chairman, Cr Cliff Winfield, declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance / Apologies

2.1 Attendance

Members - Voting

Cr Cliff Winfield	Shire of Manjimup – Councillor (Chair)
Todd Ridley	Shire of Manjimup - Community Emergency Services Officer
Remo Pessotto	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Shane Otway	Pemberton North Zone (Pemberton Rural)
Thomas Muir	Manjimup East Zone (Perup, Dunreath & Mordalup)
Bradley Wren	Manjimup West Zone (Yanmah & Glenoran)
Frank Shaw	Manjimup North West Zone (Ringbarkers)
Robert Thorn	Manjimup Central East Zone (proxy)
Peter Parker	Manjimup South West Zone (Seven Day Road)
Bill Rice	Manjimup South East Zone (Quinninup, Quinninup Town, Upper Warren & Smithbrook)

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Members Non Voting & Invited Guests

Nicole Favero	Shire of Manjimup – Ranger & Emergency Services
Cr Donelle Buegge	Shire President - Councillor (proxy)
Stephen Burch	Senior Ranger (CESM Proxy)
Jeff Bennett	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Chris Sousa	Department of Fire & Emergency Services

2.2 Apologies

Keith Scott	Pemberton West Zone (Springfield)
Eric Beckett	Coastal Zone (Northcliffe)
Adrian Wayne	Manjimup South East Zone (proxy)
Colin Griffiths	Coastal Zone (proxy)
Josh Kanny	Manjimup Central East Zone (Balbarrup, Dingup & Diamond)
Stephen Mills	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions

Cr Donelle Buegge arrived at 7.10pm

3. Declaration of Financial Interest – Nil

4. Review of BFAC Terms of Reference & Membership & Contact Details

Nominations were received for the vacant Bush Fire Advisory Committee 2023-2025 Membership for Walpole Zone obtained from the Walpole BFB AGM Minutes being for, Anthony Thompson, Walpole Zone (Member) and Glen Burton, Walpole Zone (proxy).

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2024/07

"That Council confirm and accept the amendments to appointments of the *Bush Fire Advisory Committee 2023-2025 Terms of Reference* being, Anthony Thompson - Walpole Zone and Glen Burton – Walpole Zone proxy."
Moved: **Remo Pessotto, CBFCO**
Seconded: **Brad Wren, DCBFCO**

CARRIED: 10/0

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 24 July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2024/08

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 24 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record."
Moved: **Remo Pessotto, CBFCO**
Seconded: **Peter Parker, Manjimup South West Zone**

CARRIED: 10/0

6. Council's Response to Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 24 July 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Eiby **SECONDED: Cr Miolin**

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That Council receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting held Wednesday 24 July 2024 as shown in Attachment: 9.16.1(1).

ADOPTED BY EN BLOC RESOLUTION: 7/0

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Action List

Action & Meeting Date	Action	Update	Status	Person Responsible
25/05/2016	**Northcliffe Shed** Construct a new facility for brigade	• Shire of Manjimup successful in obtaining grant. DFES proposal to co-locate 2015. • Brigade met to discuss, in favour of co-location. DFES submitted proposal, awaiting response. Council approved DFES proposal. • $30,000 in proposed Council budget for site works, budget adopted 10th August 2017. • DFES Funding available December 2017 • Construct building in the 2017 / 2018 year, once DFES funding is available. Shire of Manjimup and DFES signed funding agreement July 2018. BFB shed side construction underway. • Work currently ceased, waiting on paperwork from builder, then should recommence. • Purchase Orders have been issued and approved and the issue with builder now resolved. Funding arrangements with DFES resolved as well with a top up to complete the rebuild of Fire and Rescue station to become the Co-Location building. • June 2020, 90% completion of the Bushfire Brigade shed. Stage two construction underway. • 90% of stage two complete. Shire to meet with BFB and FRS to discuss final completion of works. • Met with BFB and FRS on the completion of works, Builder to be back on site to complete the list of works required from 6 December 2021. **22/03/23:** Backup Water Pump and double headed hydrant to be installed, hoses and taps requested, getting plumber is issue and an effective pump to back up. Charging plug and bump stops to be installed. **12/07/23:** Electrician engaged for charging plugs. Double hydrant received awaiting availability from plumber. **17/04/24:** Ongoing. Eric Beckett Coastal Zone advised vehicle battery chargers still sitting on chairs, charger cables still running on floor, twin hydrant, electric refill pump and pump shed not completed. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Electrician reviewed power tripping, no fault found. If it happens again, leave it as is and we will get them back. He is sending a quote through for chargers when he returns (this is operational). Plumbers quote for the installation of the hydrant and pump accepted	Completed	Todd Ridley

		and a PO has been issued. This will be a few weeks for pump to arrive, once done the shed build will be complete. **30/10/24:** All works within the scope of DFES building design are now complete. No further action required and committee agreed can be removed from List.		
23/03 **22/03/2023**	**Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Local Laws**	**22/03/23:** Recommendation that Council accept and proceed with the legal requirements of the Local government Act 1995 in implementation. **BFAC DECISION 2023/04** **12/07/23:** Presented at Council meeting ……..**COUNCIL RESOLUTION 29098**, Advised Ministers and went to advertising as per agenda item, now waiting on Ministers comments and then it goes to Joint Standing Committee. **17/04/24:** Joint Standing Committee commented and amendments were required in regard to Appointment of Members. Draft being submitted to Council at meeting 11 April 2024. **24/07/24:** Went to Council for Consideration of Submissions and Final Adoption of Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Amendment Local law 2024 and has now gone to be Gazetted and then will go back to State. Ongoing. **30/10/24:** Local Laws Gazetted, waiting on a response/comment from Joint Standing Committee. Ongoing	In progress	Todd Ridley
23/04 **22/03/2023**	**Brigade/Shire owned Slip On Units**	**22/03/23:** In Item 10.3 BFAC recommendation for CESM to inspect all Brigade/Shire owned slip on units and report to BFAC in July. **BFAC DECISION 2023/05** **12/07/23:** Commenced work, designed new *Form 5.3.24 Appliance – Brigade Owned Slip-ons and Fast Fill Trailers – Report* and currently still compiling these together with photos for report which will present at next BFAC meeting. **17/04/24:** Work in progress. **24/07/24:** Slowly building a list. Ongoing. **30/10/24:** The list is gradually being completed. Ongoing	In progress	Todd Ridley
23/06 **12/07/2023**	**Pemberton North Zone – FCO succession plan**	**12/07/23:** CESM to arrange a meeting with Brigade and Chief's to discuss and work out a succession plan regarding FCO's for Pemberton North Zone **17/04/24:** Work in progress. **24/07/24:** Discussion on two of the FCOs and if they are continuing, CBFCO advised that at this stage he thinks they will, but this still needs to be addressed. Ongoing. **30/10/24:** FCO Dennis Barnsby has now retired and his area maintained by the current two FCO's. ACTION - Two FCOs in training Dusty & Kaley add to training list for FCO Course.	Completed	Todd Ridley

23/09 **12/07/2023**	**Crewing of Appliances**	**12/07/23:** **1.** That Shire administration, on behalf of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee, write to all Bush Fire Brigades with ESL appliances and request they provide the following information: a. The number of trained members with the appropriate class of Drivers Licence; and b. If their Brigade has the means to crew their allocated appliance outside of the Brigade area but within Shire Boundaries. **2.** That Shire Administration report back to BFAC on the findings of that request and supply the Chief's with a list of trained members with truck drivers licences. **17/04/24:** Only received lists from Northcliffe, Mordalup, Walpole and Springfield. May need to go back to the Brigades, nothing further raised at meeting. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Request for Brigades to bring this up at AGMs for action. Ongoing. **30/10/24:** CESM reviewed list received to date from Brigades. BFAC will revisit at next meeting. Ongoing	In progress	Todd Ridley
23/11 **12/07/2023**	**Contingency Plan for Chief & Deputy CBFCO's**	**12/07/23:** Shire Administration to add this to FCO & Captain Meeting as an Agenda Item to address if there is a contingency plan for the Chief's or if there is a need to reintroduce Senior FCO or Chief in Training for succession planning. **17/04/24:** This was part of the FCO and Captains Meeting presentation that was held in October 2023 with no clear direction received from members. Ongoing. **24/07/24:** Discussion with some options of looking at a second Deputy but the Act doesn't allow for two, could look at ranking FCOs with a Senior FCO who could learn and assist with skeds and at incidents. ***ACTION: CESM to prepare a recommendation on this for next BFAC Meeting.*** **30/10/24:** CESM requested BFAC Members to give more thought to this and also see what the new Act says when it comes out. Ongoing	In Progress	Todd Ridley
24/03 **24/07/2024**	**Amalgamation of Yanmah & Glenoran BFBs**	**24/07/24:** Shire Administration to proceed with advertising for the Amalgamation of Yanmah and Glenoran Bush Fire Brigades, with the name to remain as Yanmah Bush Fire Brigade. **30/10/24:** Advertising completed on 21 August with no submissions received. Discussed in General Business for Report and Recommendation where it was voted and accepted with Recommendation going to Council to accept amalgamation.	In Progress	Todd Ridley

8. Correspondence – *(copies can be available on request)*

8.1 Incoming

- 11.10.24 Mordalup BFB Mark Muir to Admin – regarding Mordalup Bridge closure and Brigade more aligned with Cranbrook Shire.

The above was discussed at the meeting with members requesting Administration respond regarding the query of the Brigade being more aligned with Cranbrook Shire and that this can't legally happen in the current Bush Fires Act.

Add to Action List: "That Shire Administration write to Mordalup BFBs FCO Mark Muir with a response to his query of the Brigade being more aligned with Cranbrook Shire"

8.2 Outgoing

- 26.07.24 Shire to Bush Fire Brigades – Crewing of Appliances – BFAC Request for information.
- 09.09.24 Shire of Manjimup to BFAC Members & Brigades – Unconfirmed Minutes from Meeting 24 July 2024.
- 14.10.24 Shire of Manjimup to BFAC Members – BFAC Meeting – 30 October 2024 - Agenda & previous Minutes

9. Members Reports

9.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Remo Pessotto

Report was tabled, see Item 9.1 Attachment

9.2 CESM and Training Coordinator – Todd Ridley

Report was tabled, see Item 9.2 Attachment

9.3 Department Fire and Emergency Services – Chris Sousa

Report was tabled, see Item 9.3 Attachment

9.4 DBCA Parks and Wildlife Services – Jeffrey Bennett

Report was tabled, see Item 9.4 Attachment

Discussion followed with a query if the water bombers have started yet and if there are any resources at Nannup and Jeff Bennett advising the bombers not yet and looking at around December at this stage and looking at one truck in Nannup.

Todd Ridley CESM, asked regarding the thinning operations and what the fire regime is regarding the biomass left on the ground?

Jeff Bennett DBCA, responded they have identified this as well and are trying to incorporate this into burn programs.

9.5 Zone Delegate Reports

9.5.1. Manjimup West Zone - Brad Wren

- AGM being held on Sunday and they have invited all Glenoran members to attend.
- Truck has been serviced with nothing else to report.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.2. Manjimup Central East Zone – Rob Thorn (proxy)

- Nothing from Dingup or Balbarrup to report.
- Diamond BFB would like to sincerely thank the Shire of Manjimup and Todd Ridley for their new truck.
- At Diamonds AGM they have put in an ESL Request for shed to house the truck, preferably in Jardee.
- Appliance Awareness Training is being held on 10 November.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.3. Manjimup South East Zone - Bill Rice

- The new ESL Fast Fill Trailer has been received and is now at the Shed, they will try it out at the combined training with Smith Brook and Diamond coming up soon.
- Would like a 4g booster at the Shed.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Todd Ridley CESM, responded that Starlink would be eligible and did send of a query but no reply yet, will look into it.

9.5.4. Manjimup North West Zone - Frank Shaw

- Shed extensions approved.
- Back PA Door was damaged when someone tried to break in, has been reported.
- Transfer pump and trailer at shed.
- Brigade was trying to do a couple of burns prior to season but now doubt it will happen.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.5. Coastal Zone – Eric Beckett

Apologies for meeting – No report received.

9.5.6. Pemberton West Zone – Keith Scott

Apologies for meeting – No report received.

9.5.7. Manjimup South West Zone – Peter Parker

- Nothing to report except - Di Fry wants to burn bush – UCL Reserve.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

9.5.8. Pemberton North Zone – Shane Otway
Report was tabled, see Item 9.5.8 Attachment

9.5.9. Manjimup East Zone – Thomas Muir

- Kent Muir the new FCO at Perup advised no one has reached out to him regarding his new position and he needs a Permit Book.
- Enquiry if they will be receiving High Season truck.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Todd Ridley CESM, advised as there may have been no handover from outgoing FCO of their permit book, he will contact Kent Muir to invite him in to meet with him and the Chief's and also arrange a permit book. Admin will follow up collection of previous FCO's permit book.

Chris Sousa DFES, advised the High Season will arrive in December at this stage.

9.5.10. Walpole Zone – Vacant – No Report

10. General Business

10.1 Bush Fire Brigade Amalgamation – Yanmah with Glenoran BFB

Brad Wren provided an overview of the request from Glenoran to amalgate with Yanmah BFB and other than one early concern received regarding brigade funds there has been no others received by brigade. Advertising of this intent has also been completed in the Manjimup Bridgetown Times with no submissions received. This year they will continue with two Captains until the amalgamation is finalised.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2024/09

"That Council approve the amalgamation of Yanmah and Glenoran Bush Fire Brigades and name that brigade Yanmah."
Moved: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO
Seconded: Shane Otway, Pemberton North Zone
CARRIED:10/0

10.2 FCO & Captains Meeting

Discussion ensued and with everyone being very busy, members requested and agreed for this meeting be deferred until around March next year with suggestions of a possible visit to DFES office, Guest speakers or have some key players talk on their experiences they had during the current season.

10.3 Bush Fire Brigade Returns & AGM Minutes

CESM provided an overview of the importance of Brigades holding their AGMs as early as possible between June-September to enable administration to update all positions and documentation in readiness for the coming fire season. Thank you to all Brigades who have supplied this information and a reminder to those to action this.

10.4 Mordalup Bridge Closure

Discussion was held regarding the Mordalup Bridge closure and the effect it will have on emergency services.

Shire President Donelle Buegge said that Main Roads have advised there will be an emergency crossover. This is in a culturally and environmentally sensitive area which has made this difficult.

Tom Muir Manjimup East Zone, advised that there is a crossover on Max Connor's, now FPCs property, for emergencies but they do not want it open for general public.

Jeff Bennett DBCA & Todd Ridley CESM advised that as they have already planned this into their responses with the use of Muir Highway,they are prepared for this.

10.5 General Matters from Members without Notice

10.5.1. Telstra 3G being Turned off

- Tom Muir advised that since the Telstra 3g has been turned off their service is reasonably better.
- Shire President Donelle Buegge commented that Telstra advised that taking the 3G out improves the signal and that in approximately two years all signal will be via satellite.
- Todd Ridley CESM commented that the Telstra issue had now gone to LEMC with a case report completed and the Shire President presented this at WALGA with a report received this week advising it is a federal issue.

10.5.2. DBCA – Full Face Masks

- Jeff Bennett advised that DBCA has finally completed a contract with Draeger for full face masks for employees.

11. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be held March 2025 date TBA.

12. Declaration of Close of Meeting

Chairperson Cr Cliff Winfield closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Remo Pessotto - CBFCO

Report for BFAC Meeting held on 30.10.2024

No of Fires

No fires to report all very quiet up to date.

Regulation Burning Times – Period we are in

- Given the soil and forest fuels are drying out very quickly, restriction will commence on the 9th November for zone 8, for zone 6 restriction could be brought forward if the drying index is starting to show fuels in the area are drying out at a faster rate, but I'll be keeping an eye on the indicator between the shire and the Chiefs will make a decision then.

No of Permits Issued

- Permits will commence on the 9th November, be prepared if the FDI get to a high permit will be cancelled

Weather Conditions

With small amounts of rain up to date, the shire is well behind with its rainfall from this time last year, FCOs must issue permits with caution.

Brigade Business / Issues

- Brad Wren and myself have attended brigades AGM all went well, for new FCOs, Captain's and lieutenants that have come on board, welcome.

Brigade Deployments

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Vehicle Maintenance / Issues

- The shire has made sure that all appliances have been serviced ready for action on whatever incidence may start. Also, brigades should have their slip-on's ready as well, if not please do so very soon.

Communications

- Telstra is starting on shutting off 3g network and switching over to 4g shortly this year sometime, how this is going to effect our comms we have to see when the time comes

General Business

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Community Emergency Services Manager Report
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General Matters

Sheds Maintenance

- All water tanks have been checked and we are investigating adding self-catchment to the stand-alone tanks.
- General mowing and weed maintenance has commenced around sheds.
- Maintenance of roller doors completed with a new roller door being installed at the Windy Harbour shed.
- Roof and gutter maintenance has commenced this week with pest control spraying starting in early November.

Appliance Maintenance

- Most appliances have been serviced and the Service B Form returned to the Shire by the contractors.
- No major issues to report other than normal wear and tear.
- All first Aid Kits and AEDs have been serviced, waiting on the replacement out of date pads for the AEDs.

Annual General Meetings

- Most brigades have completed their AGM's and sent in their Brigade Returns for the season.

Deployment Register

- This season we are going to trial a Deployment Register for members that are interested in deployments outside of the regional area for several days. When the requests come for a deployment, the CBFCO's will contact the brigade with the lowest risk or best coverage first, to crew their truck. Then members on the Deployment Register will be offered a seat. Currently we have 13 Members on the list, if any member would like to be on list please contact me, you are not making a commitment being on the list, you are either available or not.

Training

2 x Bushfire Safety Awareness and 2 x Fire Fighting Skills courses completed with one weekend course cancelled because of lack of numbers.

1 x Fire Control Officer course completed for staff, looking at running one more in the coming months.

If any members / Brigades are interested in a Radio Course (2 – 3 hours) we are happy run for small groups.

Any brigade that completes in-house preseason training please get the names through to me for records.

Mitigation Activity Fund (Grant) Bush Fire Mitigation

There are 51 treatment areas that have been approved this year with six of these treatments being burns. The other treatments are for firebreak upgrades, mulching, slashing and chemical works.

The total allocated this year through the State Government fund grant was $170,300.

Mechanical and chemical Works have started in the Windy Harbour, Pemberton and Manjimup areas. With small burns being completed in the Manjimup Heritage Park.

Emergency Service Levy

Brigade ESL Requests

Each year Brigade are encouraged to submit their ESL equipment request at their AGM using the Meeting template. Below is a list of items request this year:

Brigade	Item	Officer Comments
Balbarup Wilgarrup	Slip-on Hoist	Not eligible through the ESL Grants program. Will need to look at another funding source.
Balbarrup / Wilgarrup	Large water tank at the shed.	Capital item will submit in the 2025-2026 application.
Diamond	New Shed	Capital item, CESM to research land and submit in the 2025-2026 application.
Dingup	NIL	
Dunreath	Fast Fill Trailer	Capital item will submit in the 2025-2026 application.
Dunreath	Defibrillator	Will need to research fund source. Brigade has a Defibrillator on the BFB asset list already.
Mordalup	Toilet Facilities for shed	Capital item will submit in the 2025-2026 application.
Northcliffe	New shed for pump at the Co-location Building.	Pump Shed outside of the Shire / BFB lease area. Will need to discuss with DFES. Not a eligible item through the ESL Grants program.

Northcliffe	Rainwater tank for Pump House	Not eligible through the ESL Grants program. Will need to look at another funding source.
Northcliffe	Fast Fill trailer	Capital item will submit in the 2025-2026 application.
Pemberton Rural	NIL	
Perup	NIL	
Quinninup Rural	No minutes received as of 24-10-24	
Quinninup Town	NIL	
Ringbarkers	Bird netting	Note: outside area being filled in, to be reviewed once complete.
Ringbarkers	Concrete Apron for water down area.	Capital item will submit in the 2025-2026 application.
Seven Day Rd	NIL	
Smithbrook	Additional Water Tank at Shed Light Tanker replacement	
Springfield	NIL	
Walpole	NIL	
Yanmah	No minutes received as of 24-10-24	

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Shire of Manjimup BFAC
DFES Report – October 2024

The DFES LSW team are actively preparing for the bush fire season, with training and community preparedness actions being undertaken across the Region.

The rainfall deficiency for the south west of WA has DFES undertaking measures relating to the dead landscape vegetation from last year's dry conditions and the lack of available water for incident response. It is expected that the bush fire season will commence early this year and has to the potential to be challenging given the landscape.

Community Preparedness
DFES had a stall at Quinninup Fair with bushfire ready resources and virtual reality experience. There was positive interaction with several holiday home owners in the area

DFES Community Preparedness will also be attending Dingup Market Day on 7 Dec with the Bushfire Ready stall

Assistance is being provided to Pemberton Rural BFB who are doing a door knock out at Golf Links Road to new property owners re: Preparing for Bushfire

Community preparedness resources are available for people at higher risk. These documents have been translated in several languages, including Auslan.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Protection
A reminder to Incident Controllers on the need to undertake due diligence for Aboriginal cultural heritage during incidents to comply with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.* An online check can be done at https://espatial.dplh.wa.gov.au/ACHIS/index.html?viewer=ACHIS and if required, further assistance can be obtained from the LSW Regional Duty Coordinator on 1800 512 111.

Suspicious Fire Activity
There have been several fires across the Lower South West Region where the cause has been considered to be suspicious or deliberate in nature.

Information relating to suspicious or deliberate fires, either observed or reported to the OIC/IC by witnesses, is to be reported to the following agencies:

- **COMCEN**. For entry onto IRS (this information is transferred daily to WAPOL).
- **DFES Fire Investigation and Analysis Unit.** Email fio@dfes.wa.gov.au
- **WAPOL**.
    - By calling Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to report arson, any suspicious activity or fire lighting.
    - By email to WAPOL Arson Investigation Unit at arson.investigation@police.wa.gov.au with a copy to the FIAU at fio@dfes.wa.gov.au .

Chris Sousa
District Officer Nelson

Department of **Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions**

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PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Warren Region
Update for Manjimup BFAC meeting Wednesday 30 October 2024

Prescribed Burning

Prescribed burning is underway in the Warren Region within the Shire of Manjimup with several burns being commenced.

In Frankland District:

FRK_107 Ordnance

FRK_109 – Plain Road

The FRK_091 Mindanup Burn is proposed for this spring.

Going into summer there will be a continuation of the Ordnance burn as there are areas of karri along the Deep River system and a small pocket of karri in the Plain Road burn.

In Donnelly District:

DON_157 Chudalup/Boorara

DON_152 Topanup

Other spring jarrah burns planned in Donnelly are DON_129 Dordagup/ Kinkin, DON_073 Cardac/Yeticup.

Going into summer Donnelly District have several burns with karri vegetation that are on the burn program.

There will be a continuation of the Chudalup/Boorara burn, as well as Jane, Giblett, Dombakup, Cascades, Hawke and Diamond are all possible options.

Bushfire

Two very small fires, one on Ned Road and one in Dingup. Grass trees being lit up.

Jeff Bennett

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ITEM 9.5.8 ATTACHMENT

PEMBERTON NORTH ZONE
BFAC DELEGATES REPORT
October 2024

At the Pemberton Rural Bush Fire Brigade annual general meeting on 18th September 2024 Dennis Barnsby stood down from his role as FCO for Eastbrook. However, Hugh Jackson and Mark Roche will be covering Dennis's territory. We also have two new FCO's in training.

Pemberton Rural started the 2024-25 fire season with a truck familiarisation, burn over and radio training day on Sunday 20th October, for our new recruits and regular fire fighters.

Donna Virgo from DFES has joined our ranks as a new member and is doing a great job of organising training days plus publishing and lodging an article n the Pemberton Community News magazine from Pemberton Rural Bush Fire Brigade regarding about being prepared for this fire season. The article welcomes those interested to come and meet our fire fighting crew for a Q&A session at our next training day on Sunday 3rd November, and maybe see what being a Bushfire Brigade Volly is all about.

Donna and Matt Linz in the light tanker did a drive along the new Golf Links Road subdivision to meet the new residents and promote bushfire readiness for this season. They were well received by those that they visited. We may gain a couple of new recruits out of this exercise.

I'd like to wish everybody a safe passage through this fire season.

Shane Otway
Captain – Pemberton Rural

30/10/2024