SHIRE OF
MANJIMUP



16 July 2025

Minutes

Bush Fire Advisory Committee

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Shire of Manjimup
Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting 16 July 2025

Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Manjimup Emergency Services Collocation Building, located at 46 Bath Street Manjimup on Wednesday 16 July 2025.

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)
Bradley Wren	Manjimup West Zone (Yanmah & Glenoran)
Frank Shaw	Manjimup North West Zone (Ringbarkers)
Peter Parker	Manjimup South West Zone (Seven Day Road)
Robert Thorn	Manjimup Central East Zone (proxy)

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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 Mills	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Chris Sousa	Department of Fire & Emergency Services

2.2 Apologies

Bill Rice	Manjimup South East Zone (Quinninup, Quinninup Town, Upper Warren & Smithbrook)
Keith Scott	Pemberton West Zone (Springfield)
Adrian Wayne	Manjimup South East Zone (proxy)
Colin Griffiths	Coastal Zone (proxy)
Anthony Thompson	Walpole Zone (Walpole)
Stephen Burch	Senior Ranger (CESM Proxy)
Josh Kanny	Manjimup Central East Zone (Balbarrup, Dingup & Diamond)
Thomas Muir	Manjimup East Zone (Perup, Dunreath & Mordalup)

3. Declaration of Financial Interest – Chiefs & Trainers

Remo Pessotto, Bradley Wren and Rob Thorn expressed financial interest in Item 10.3.

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

Received resignation from Eric Beckett for Coastal Zone BFAC Membership 2023-2025 and Brigade. The BFAC Membership and contact list was reviewed. Nominations for Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the next 2 year term will be actioned at the next BFAC meeting together with Zone Delegates after AGM's have been held.

The Chairman, Cr Cliff Winfield, advised that he will not be standing for Council at the next election so this will be his last BFAC meeting after presiding for 12 years. Council member representation for the next 2 year term will be appointed once Council Elections have been held.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/01

"That Council confirm and accept the amendments to appointments of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Terms of Reference being, resignation of Eric R Beckett – Coastal Zone with the position now vacant."

Moved: **Bradley Wren, DCBFCO**
Seconded: **Shane Otway, Pemberton North Zone**

CARRIED: 8/0

5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 30 October 2024.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/02

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 30 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Moved: **Remo Pessotto, CBFCO**
Seconded: **Frank Shaw, Manjimup North West Zone**

CARRIED: 8/0

6. Council's Response to Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 30 October 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR OMODEI SECONDED: CR MIOLIN

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That Council:

1. **Receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 30 October 2024 as shown in Attachment: 9.16.1(1).**
2. **Amend the Terms of Reference as recommended by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee to reflect a change of Appointments for the two year period commencing 18 October 2023 being, Anthony Thompson - Walpole Zone and Glen Burton – Walpole Zone proxy in accordance with Attachment: 9.16.1(2).**
3. **That Council approve the amalgamation of the Yanmah and Glenoran Bush Fire Brigades and name that brigade Yanmah.**

ADOPTED BY EN BLOC RESOLUTION: 9/0

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Action List

Action & Meeting Date	Action	Update	Status	Person Responsible
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 **16/07/25:** 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 **16/07/25:** Ongoing.	In progress	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 **16/07/25:** There seems to be ample members with Truck licence in the Network, this item can be completed.	Completed	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 **16/07/25:** 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 "That Council approve the amalgamation of Yanmah and Glenoran Bush Fire Brigades and name that brigade Yanmah. **BFAC RECOMMENDATION 2024/09** **16/07/25:** Went to Council on 12 December and was adopted Now needs to be lodged with DFES to complete registration. **COUNCIL RESOLUTION 29601** Donelle Buegge, Shire President, asked regarding the Glenoran BFB Shed as she has someone who would like to have this asset. The committee advised that they need to retain this for the Glenoran community to house their fire fighting assets.	In Progress	Todd Ridley
24/04 **30/10/2024**	**Mordalup BFB - Mark Muir regarding Brigade being more aligned with Cranbrook Shire**	**30/10/24:** 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. **16/07/25:** Shire admin responded and a further reply received from Mark. This was more to do with the Mordalup bridge being closed so is now sorted. The bridge will partially open on 21 July with traffic Management and fully open by end of month.	Completed	Todd Ridley

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

8.1 Incoming

- 20.12.24 Northcliffe BFB – Notification of member resignation of both Brigade and BFAC – BECKETT, Eric.
- 16.06.25 NEMA – re Volunteer Remuneration.
- 17.06.25 Mordalup BFB FCO – Response to email re Mordalup being more aligned with Cranbrook Brigades.
- 24.06.25 Minister for Emergency Services – re Volunteer Remuneration.

8.2 Outgoing

- 06.01.25 Shire of Manjimup to BFAC Members & Brigades – Unconfirmed Minutes from Meeting 30 October 2024.
- 16.05.25 DBCA Donnelly and Frankland Districts to BFAC Members – Invitation to Attend Fire Management Program meetings.
- 16.06.25 Shire Administration to Mordalup BFB FCO - Re Mordalup being more aligned with Cranbrook Brigades.
- 17.06.25 Shire Administration to Mordalup BFB FCO – Re Mordalup being more aligned with Cranbrook – CESM to raise with Cranbrook.
- 26.06.25 Shire of Manjimup to BFAC Members – BFAC Meeting – 16 July 2025 - Agenda & previous Minutes including reports.

9. Members Reports

9.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Remo Pessotto

Report was tabled, see Item 9.1 Attachment

Discussion followed regarding the ongoing communication issues, especially during the Donnelly Complex and Chesapeake fires and Stephen Mills DBCA advising there is a small repeater at Salmon Beach.

Donelle Buegge Shire President, commented that Telstra now has satellite texting available with new phones and satellite voice calls will be available in the next three years. There will be no more towers as they are moving to satellite. Also advised that Northcliffe is receiving a capacity upgrade by the end of this year.

9.2 CESM and Training Coordinator – Todd Ridley

Report was tabled, see Item 9.2 Attachment

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming format changes to all Committees, so will await the revised Terms of Reference for guidance.

Stephen Mills DBCA queried if any works completed around Quinninup with Todd advising they are on the program.

Remo Pessotto CBFCO discussed the leaning tank off Thomson Road and if can be repaired. Todd advised this is not ESL funded but have money in the Budget so will action this.

9.3 Department Fire and Emergency Services – Chris Sousa
Report was tabled, see Item 9.3 Attachment

Discussion followed on Electric Vehicles and that brigades are to just let them burn as they cannot put them out and not to get anywhere near the smoke as it is toxic, BFB respirators will not protect them and any water used on the fire must be contained. At the recent Chief's Forum they were advised that if a vehicle is just smoking you could need in excess of 10,000ltrs, if on fire you could require up to 150,000ltrs.

This information needs to be passed on to Brigades.

9.4 DBCA Parks and Wildlife Services – Stephen Mills
Report was tabled, see Item 9.4 Attachment

Discussion followed with Stephen Mills DBCA advising that now Jeff Bennett has retired, he will be acting in this position until end of January 2026 while a process is run. DBCA has recently sent crews to assist in Canada. Discussed costs associated with this year's fires included the following:

Aircraft for the State:	*$20 million*
Contract Machinery:	*$ 6 million*
Donnelly Complex:	*$11 million*

Concerns raised regarding the lack of experienced pilots who are not flying due to conditions, whereas previous pilots wouldn't be as concerned with similar weather conditions. This causes a delay in receiving a report which could be timely for response and has been identified by DBCA.

Recruitment closes on Friday and will have 7 to 8 new starters and it was suggested that they may need to look to permanency to help with retaining staff.

Donelle Buegge Shire President, advised the information coming through during the fires was fantastic and enabled her to address the incident with confidence and thanked all involved with this.

9.5 Zone Delegate Reports

9.5.1. Manjimup West Zone - Brad Wren
- Very busy season and thank you to all involved, fantastic teamwork.
- At recent Chief's forum there was a lot of discussion on working together as teams, regional volunteers are getting older and usually involved in more than one volunteer organisation, many self employed and it costs them money. This is a statewide problem.
- Thought a BBQ was being held by DFES after Donnelly fires?

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Todd Ridley CESM advised that we onboard 50-60 new members a year, who have completed their training and received their kits, but they are not being contacted by the brigades or utilised so they eventually drop off. We need to engage the people we train and send them with experienced members to learn.

Remo Pessotto CBFCO expressed his thanks to Brad for all his support during this difficult season.

9.5.2. Manjimup Central East Zone – Rob Thorn

- Nothing from Balbarrup.
- AGM being held 20 August 2025.
- Diamond 3.4 was very busy everywhere and need to amend Risk Register from 2.4 to 3.4.
- ATO issue has now finally been resolved by deregistering.
- Issue with communication as only had handheld, request if they can buy their own radios yet?

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Chris Sousa DFES, advised that they are currently trialling communications at Boyup Brook, they are still testing but hope that LG may soon be able to do this.

Shane Otway Pemberton North Zone, requested advice for Pemberton Rural regarding how to get rid of the ATO registration?

Add to Action List: "That Shire Administration provide information from finance regarding deregistering a Brigade from ATO."

9.5.3. Manjimup South East Zone - Bill Rice

Apologies for Meeting – Nil Report

9.5.4. Manjimup North West Zone - Frank Shaw

- Jardee fire was powerline caused by pruners at orchard.
- On standby a lot.
- Wall in Ringbarkers BFB Shed to look at removing but leave the bar wall and also maybe place bars on window.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Add to Action List: "That Shire administration remove the back internal wall in Ringbarkers BFB Shed and look at placing bars on window."

9.5.5. Coastal Zone – Colin Griffiths (Proxy)

Apologies for Meeting – Nil Report

9.5.6. Pemberton West Zone – Keith Scott

Apologies for Meeting – Nil Report

9.5.7. Manjimup South West Zone – Peter Parker

- Lightening strikes with 4-5 behind Deanmill.
- Directions for one fire were incorrect and by the time they arrived it was already tracked and under control.
- Power pole fire end of Bottomly Road, plastic dripping from a wire connection.
- Spent day at Windy Harbour tasked with backing up Northcliffe around the pump shed, very busy night.

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

Shane Otway also advised that they will be holding their AGM on 13 August 2025.

9.5.9. Manjimup East Zone – Thomas Muir
Apologies for Meeting – Nil Report

9.5.10. Walpole Zone – Anthony Thompson or Glen Burton
Apologies for Meeting – Nil Report

10. General Business

10.1 Shire of Manjimup Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2025-2026
Todd Ridley CESM, provided an overview of the *Shire of Manjimup Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice for 2025-2026*, which has had no changes to previous year. FCO's and Chief details will be updated once nominations complete.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/03
"That Council endorse the *Shire of Manjimup Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2025-2026*."
Moved: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO
Seconded: Bradley Wren, DCBFCO
CARRIED:8/0

10.2 FCO & Captains Meeting
Discussion held and it was decided that this will be held at the Pemberton Golf Course in October 2025.

Add to Action List: "That Shire administration commence planning of the FCO & Captains Meeting in October."

10.3 Policy 5.3.2 Chief & Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Honorarium & Volunteer Training Officer
Report was tabled, see Item 10.3,10.4 & 10.5 Attachment

Remo Pessotto, Bradley Wren and Rob Thorn left the room due to financial interest.

Todd Ridley CESM presented his report to the meeting with discussion following regarding his Officer recommendation to increase the honorarium payments for Volunteer Training from $50 to $100 per day training with all in favour.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/04
"That Council confirm and accept the amendments to *Policy 5.3.2 Chief & Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Honorarium & Volunteer Training Officer*."
Moved: Frank Shaw, Manjimup North West Zone
Seconded: Peter Parker, Manjimup South West Zone
CARRIED: 5/0

10.4 Policy 5.3.16 Resource to Risk Fire Fighting
Todd Ridley CESM presented his report to the meeting advising of changes, this followed with much discussion by members regarding the importance of getting a bulk water tanker 12.2 for our region, the need was demonstrated during the recent

fires at Windy Harbour as no water availability. It was also raised about appliances that are being replaced even though they only have minimal km's and questioned why can't they be kept as back up. Ironic that LG can purchase an exDBCA truck but not one from DFES. Amend the Diamond to show 3.4.

Chris Sousa DBCA, advised that the DFES Asset Manager is aware and looking at whole concept of LGs purchasing when out of contract, prior to going to auction.

Todd Ridley CESM, advised two options, the first is to appeal the LGGS decision to again decline our request for additional appliances, the second is for LG to purchase one using council funds, though this would be considered double dipping on rate payers, who are already paying ESL rates that should be used. It was decided to appeal the LGGS decision.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/05

"That Council confirm and accept the amendments to *Policy 5.3.16 Resource to Risk Fire Fighting*."
Moved: Frank Shaw, Manjimup North West Zone
Seconded: Shane Otway, Pemberton North Zone
CARRIED: 8/0

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/06

"That Shire administration appeal the Local Government Grant Scheme 2025-2026 Capital Grants decision to not fund a 2.4 Broadacre for the Dunreath BFB or Diamond BFB.
Moved: Bradley Wren, DCBFCO
Seconded: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO
CARRIED: 8/0

10.5 Policy 5.3.25 Fire Protection Shire Brigade Owned Appliances

Todd Ridley CESM presented his report and discussed all changes.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/07

"That Council confirm and accept the amendments to *Policy 5.3.25 Fire Protection Shire Brigade Owned Appliances*."
Moved: Frank Shaw, Manjimup North West Zone
Seconded: Peter Parker, Manjimup South West Zone
CARRIED: 8/0

10.6 Shire of Manjimup Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2025-2027

(Document has been attached in separate Agenda Item – Proposed Shire of Manjimup Bushfire Risk Managaement Plan 2025-2027)

Todd Ridley CESM presented the Plan and advised it has been accepted by OBRM and will be followed with our internal document.

RECOMMENDATION/BFAC DECISION 2025/08

"That Council endorse the *Shire of Manjimup Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2025-2027*."
Moved: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO
Seconded: Rob Thorn, Manjimup Central East Zone
CARRIED:8/0

10.7 Bush Fire Brigade Amalgamation – Upper Warren, Quinninup & Quinninup Town

Todd Ridley CESM advised he has been approached by Upper Warren to look into amalgamation with Quinninup and Quinninup Town BFB's. It was discussed that Chief's will try to meet prior to AGM's so that if they decide to move forward it can then be voted on at meeting.

Add to Action List: "That Shire administration and Chief's to persue the request for amalgamation between Upper Warren, Quinninup & Quinninup Town BFB's."

10.8 General Matters from Members without Notice

10.8.1. Windy Harbour Water Supply – Remo Pessotto CBFCO

Query on how much water can be relied on for supply at Windy Harbour and also regarding the pipe that is very close to the surface?

Todd Ridley CESM, advised that it would have been fine if it was primed but there was a acting Caretaker in the role at the time. We are currently working on a FOG for Activation of Windy Harbour to include set up, priming of water etc. They are aware of the pipe and this is being dealt with at a senior level.

10.8.2. Manjimup Emergency Services Co-Location Bush Fire Brigade Bay – Remo Pessotto CBFCO & Bradley Wren DCBFCO

Requested clarification how their asset, being the Bush Fire Brigade shed bay in the Manjimup Emergency Services Co-Location, could be permanently handed over to DFES for SES/VFRS with absolutely no consultation with BFAC, who as a committee represent the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades within the Shire and who should advise Council on all matters relating to bushfire management and recommendations?

Todd Ridley CESM, responded that he was also upset that this has not gone through the correct procedure to BFAC who represent our 1,200 strong volunteer bush fire brigade members. An overview of the situation is that DFES LSW Superintendent approached the Shire of Manjimup Senior Management Team directly, requesting they be given the Bush Fire Brigade's bay in the Co-location building. Councillors were also approached and involved directly on this matter. There was no communication, interaction or involvement with Shire's Emergency Services department and this was also all done while he was on leave. This committee is to advise Council, not the other way around, we are responsible for asset management and this is an important one we have now lost. Unfortunately, this has all been done behind our backs creating a lack of trust within the relationship and he was also character assassinated during the process.

Bradley Wren DCBFCO. This bay has always been a very useful asset for storage of High Season appliances or securing brigade appliances when completing training and we also hoped to one day utilise a regional 12.2 Water Tanker that would be beneficial for all agencies. Why don't we go back to Council regarding this?

Todd Ridley CESM responded that he sees no point in going back to Council as it would then only upset two other volunteer organisations and this may well have been the actual outcome if it had gone through the correct process anyway.

Donelle Buegge Shire President responded that this was agreed for a 12 month period only.

Todd Ridley CESM responded that this was apparently the initial offer made to DFES LSW Superintendent. Upon receiving it, they expressed dissatisfaction and subsequently met again with the Senior Management Team. We were then informed that the offer had been made permanent.

All members expressed their extreme disappointment in the handling of this matter.

10.8.3. High Season Appliances - Remo Pessotto CBFCO & Bradley Wren DCBFCO

Raised the issue of difficulty getting a High Season appliance as often advised none are available. During the recent fires with the Eastern States crews arrived and they were requested DFES provided 20 appliances, and they were just sitting stored in a shed.

Chris Sousa DFES clarified that those appliances are not part of the High Season allotment, they are for response and can only be released by the Commissioner as they are stored ready for these situations. The High Season's are positioned around the region on Risk and where they can crew them and moved as required.

10.8.4. Plantations Meeting – Remo Pessotto CBFCO

Concerns were raised regarding the number of new plantations and the Brigade responsibilities as these properties are all unattended. Plantation companies take ages to attend as they have no available appliances located close by and need to conduct their own mitigation works. They promised a truck but nothing received.

Todd Ridley CESM advised that the plantations have a signed agreement between them and if on privately owned land it is Brigades.

Chris Sousa DFES advised that FPC are all privately owned property.

Donelle Buegge Shire President asked if this could be captured during planning?

Todd Ridley CESM replied the private ones we can, but not the others.

Stephen Mills DBCA advised at another BFAC meeting they invited all the plantation companies to attend and discuss their Fire Strategy Plans. All members agreed this should be actioned.

Add to Action List: "That Shire Administration invite Plantation representatives to BFAC Meeting, to discuss their Fire Strategy Plans."

11. Next Meeting

Next Meeting to be held 12 November 2025.

12. Declaration of Close of Meeting

Chairperson Cr Cliff Winfield closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Remo Pessotto - CBFCO

Report for BFAC Meeting held on 16 July 2025

No of Fires

- We have had forty one bushfires so far this season with the majority being caused by power lines and lighting strikes. One fire was started by juveniles placing sparklers in an empty aluminium red bull bottle which exploded and set fire to the surrounding bushland.
- On Sunday the 9 February 2025 a deep trough near the west coast triggered thunderstorms over the Shire of Manjimup, dry lighting started fourteen bushfires three of the fires Beavis, O'Sullivan and Chesapeake became the Level 2 Donnelly Complex with the Chesapeake escape being contained on the 13 March 2025 (6 weeks) a big thank you to all that took part especially volunteer crews from across the Lower South West region.

Regulation Burning Times – Period we are in

- We extended Prohibited in both Zones 6 and 8 due to dry weather and fatigue management.
- Zone 6 and Zone 8 opened slightly earlier on the 23 April 2025, as there was significant rain fall over the Southern parts of the Shire.

No of Permits Issued

- Approximately Seventy-Four (74) Permits to Burn were issued over the two Restricted Burning Periods. With the majority of the permits for burning green waste on small blocks.

Weather Conditions

- NA

Brigade Business / Issues

- AGMs – These are now due and we hope to be able to attend where we can.

Brigade Deployments

- NA

Vehicle Maintenance / Issues

- Mordalup truck issue has been thoroughly investigated and since the alignment was fixed it has been tested and is driving well, unfortunately the Perup Road condition is part of the issue.

Communications

- Mobile phone coverage is still an ongoing issue throughout the Shire of Manjimup, with some areas losing coverage when the change over happened.

General Business

- NA

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General Matters

Sheds Maintenance

- All gutters have been cleaned on sheds.
- Replacement door locks have been installed on some sheds.
- Water tanks have been checked, and rain catcher have been installed into some tank East of Manjimup.
- Roller Doors have been booked in for servicing which will commence mid-September.

Appliance Maintenance

- New Light Tankers for Pemberton Rural and Ringbarkers.

Mid-Band Radios

- DFES is currently removing all Mid-Band Radios from ESL Appliances and replacing them with a new high band single body radio. This will mean that ESL Appliances will have two high-band radios and the ability to use multiple channels.

BFAC Nominations

- All Council Committees will be dissolved for Council Elections, staff will be calling nominations to BFAC. This can be address at Brigade AGM's.

Brigade AGMs

- Please start thinking about your brigade AGM, the sooner we have the structure of your brigade the better prepared the CBFCO's and Shire are for the coming season.

Training

Training Calendar has now been sent out to Brigades for Bushfire Safety Awareness and Bush Firefighting Skills courses to be run over the winter months. All members that have requested training have been contacted and we have also sent information to Secretaries and FCO's and Captains to share with members.

Mitigation Activity Fund (Grant) Bush Fire Mitigation

Bush fire mitigation works were completed and acquitted for the 2024-2025 season with constraints in the Planned Burning area as last season made it difficult to complete many of our planned burns.

The 2025-2026 MAF application has now been submitted, currently the application looks very similar to last years.

Emergency Services Levy

2024/2025 ESL Operational Budget and Capital

The 2024/2025 Operational Budget has now closed and we are processing the final accounts for the year with the current expenditure now showing in the table below:

2024/2025 Operational Budget Expenditure	
Revised Budget	**$284,699.00**
Activity: ESL - Clothing and Accessories	$37,122.93
Activity: ESL - Insurance	$112,192.69
Activity: ESL - Maintenance Land and Buildings	$24,110.50
Activity: ESL - Maintenance Plant and Equipment	$4,282.98
Activity: ESL - Maintenance Vehicles/Trailers/Boats	$51,301.18
Activity: ESL - Other Goods and Services	$6,373.91
Activity: ESL - Purchase Plant and Equip <$1,200	$17,220.75
Activity: ESL - Purchase Plant and Equip $1,500 to $5,000 (Line9)	$6,720.45
Activity: ESL - Utilities, Rates and Taxes	$8,885.99
Total Expenditure to date	**$268,211.38**
Balance Unspent	**$15,987.62**

2025/2026 ESL Operational Budget and Capital

The 2025/26 Operational Budget, Small Capital and Capital applications were submitted in March 2025 and we have just received the approval allocations.

Line 9 Small Capital items requested in this budget with outcome, are as follows:

Dunreath	Fast Fill Trailer	Declined -
Dunreath	Defibrillator	Declined

Large Capital items requested in this budget with outcome, are as follows:

Dunreath	2.4 Broadacre	Declined
Dingup / Perup	2.4 Broadacre	Declined

Government of Western Australia
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

DFES
Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Shire of Manjimup
BFAC Report – July 2025

While the Lower South West Region experienced fewer major fires last season, the Donnelly Complex was the most significant incident. Managed by DBCA, it was supported by DFES staff and volunteers from all services. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the response, with special recognition to Todd Ridley, Remo Pessotto, and Brad Wren for their outstanding commitment in representing the Shire and its volunteers throughout the incident, and to Nicole Favero for the work done in providing local knowledge into the logistics section.

The Regional Training Program is currently being delivered during the cooler months. Brigade members are encouraged to take advantage of the available courses to enhance their skills and preparedness.

DFES has observed a rise in lithium battery-related fires, stemming from both electronic devices and standalone power supplies. Bush Fire Brigades should remain vigilant and aware of the risks associated with these incidents.

Bush fire mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land managed by DFES are scheduled for the upcoming spring program, subject to favourable weather conditions. DFES is also conducting a Volunteer Recruitment Campaign aimed at increasing volunteer numbers across all services.

Chris Sousa
District Officer Nelson
0447 362 006

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Warren Region
Update for Manjimup BFAC meeting Wednesday 16 July 2025

Prescribed Burning

The region had a very productive Spring and a lot quieter Autumn burn period but managed some very key management burns across the landscape. The burns that we did achieve were areas of jarrah, karri, heath and coastal heathland across both districts and achieved a very successful result.

Donnelly District burnt 16,123 hectares across 11 burns and Frankland burnt 15,573 hectares across 8 burns. Overall total for spring and autumn was 31,696 hectares. Attached is a map showing prescribed burns completed for 24/25.

Prescribed burn planning for the 2025/26 burn season has been completed. Attached are maps of the 2025/26 burn options program.

Bushfire

In Warren region DBCA attended 60 fires totalling 28,865 hectares. The major one was the Donnelly complex near Northcliffe which included 14 separate fires started by lightning strikes and extended over a period of 33 days. This included 5 preformed teams and assistance from interstate fire fighters. Emergency warning for Windy Harbour settlement and surrounding areas on several occasions and the Southwest Highway being closed for several days. This was a Level 2 incidents. Support from outside DBCA which included, contractors, DFES and LGA's were very much appreciated during these events.

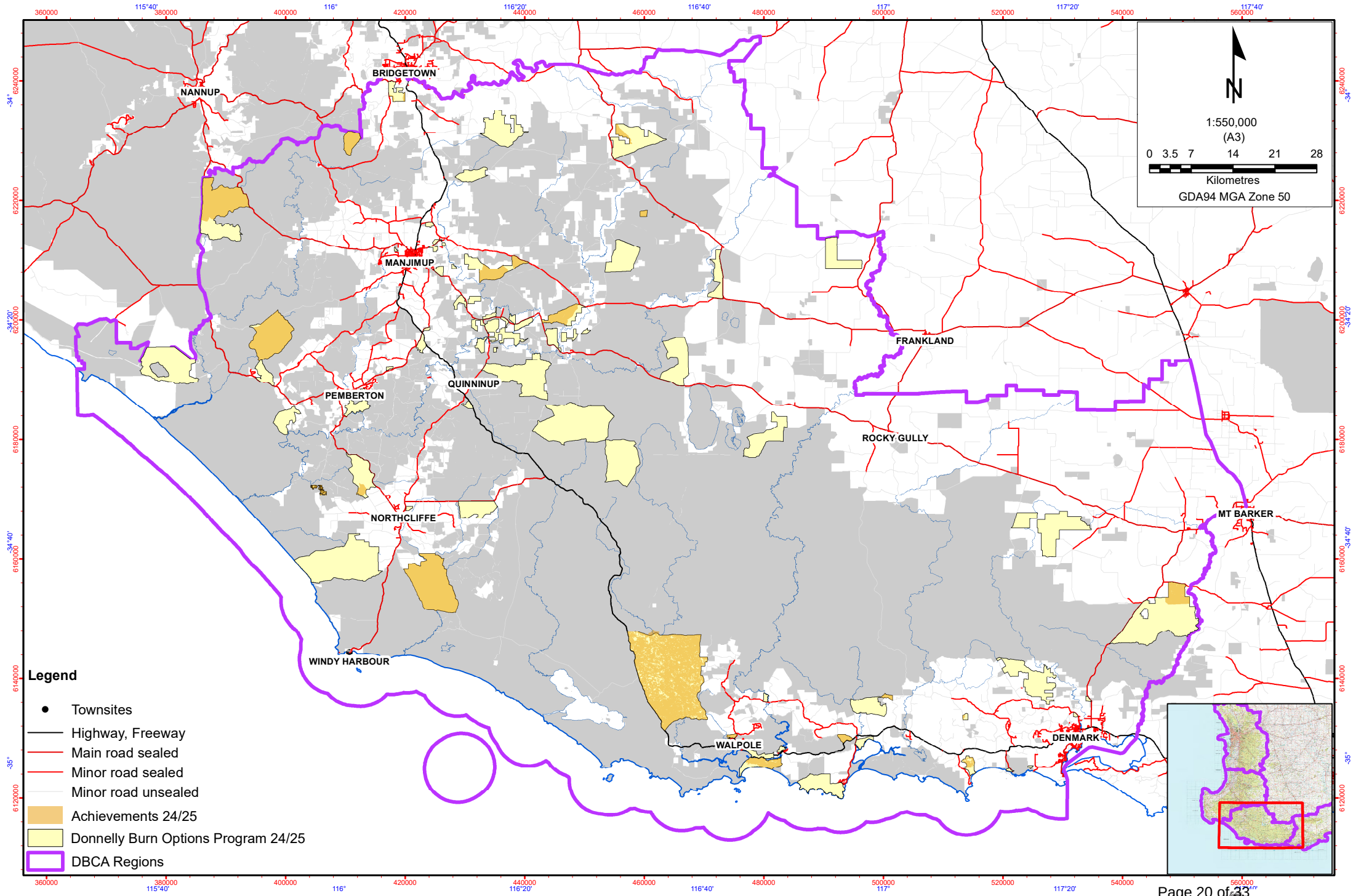
Stephen Mills

District Fire Coordinator

Donnelly District

Pemberton

Warren Region Burn Options Program 2024/2025 - 31 678ha

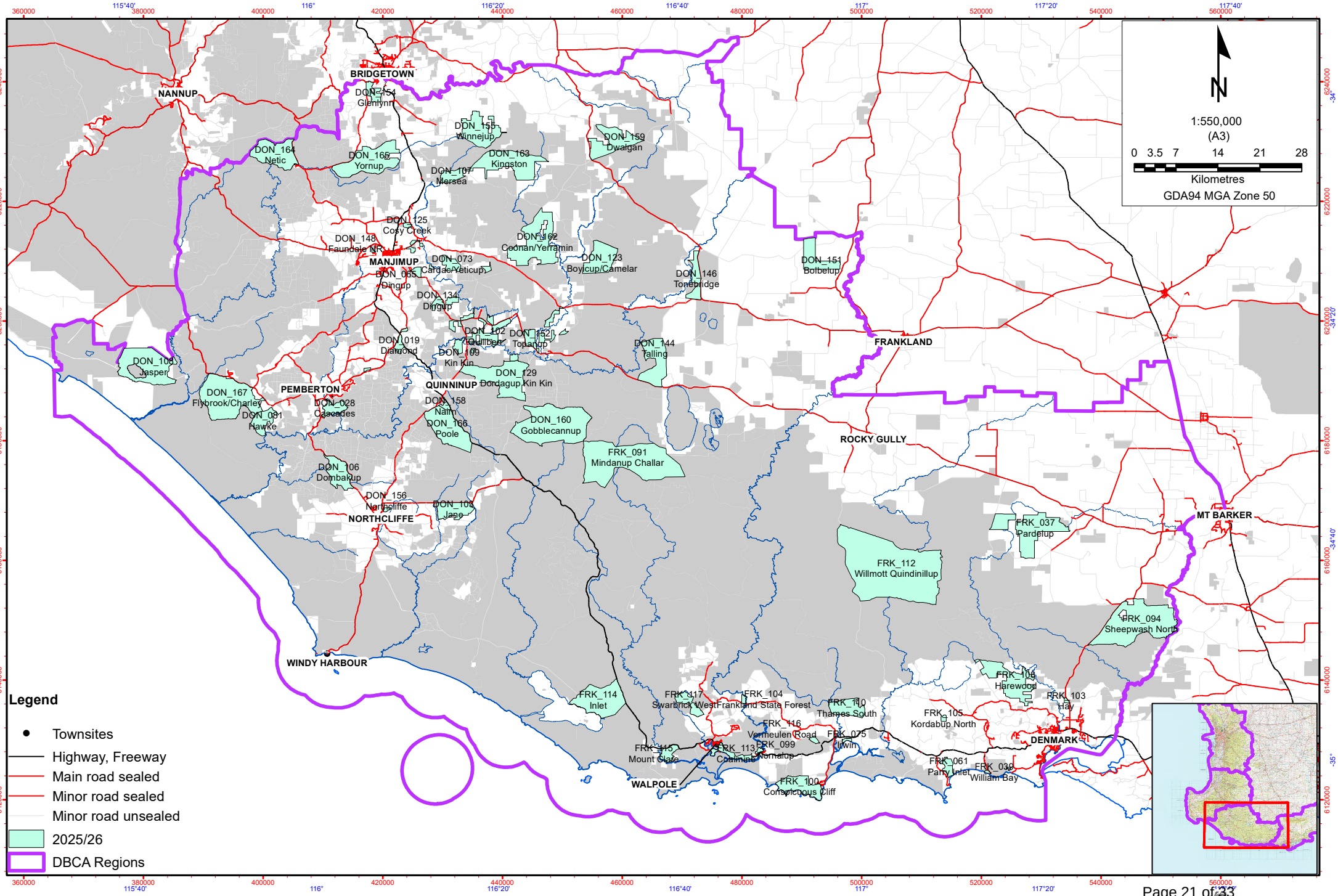


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Warren Region Burn Options Program 2025/2026



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PEMBERTON NORTH ZONE
DELEGATES REPORT
2025

Summer of 2024-25 to begin with, conditions were hot but quiet, then…

8 Feb - Callout to deliberately lit fire below the Pemberton Sports Club, which burnt underground for weeks in old sawdust.

9 Feb - Hot humid conditions that led to storms and lightning strikes.
Callouts were received from Edwards Road, Perup to Eastbrook Karri block fires.

10 Feb - Callout to Roberts Road, Yeagarup to a stubble and Karri forest block fire.
This required attention for the next 12 days.

16 Feb - Lightning strike fires in the Shannon / Boorara blocks.
To which we supplied trucks and crews till March 7th.

29th April – Pemberton Rural got a new light tanker upgrade.

This year our Pemberton Rural AGM will be brought forward a month as I will be away mid September – mid October. Date to be advised.

Our response crew is in good spirits and equipment is in good working order.

Shane Otway
Captain – Pemberton Rural

07/07/2025

DEFINITIONS

BUSH LAND: Land other than pastured or grassed land including plantations of less than (8) hectares.

EXTERNAL BOUNDARY: Means the external perimeter boundary of contiguous land contained within the same ownership, irrespective of whether it contains one or more allotments.

FIRE BREAK: Means a trafficable portion of land being the prescribed width and height, clear of all flammable and combustible material, litter and forest fuels.

FLAMMABLE MATERIAL: Means accumulated fuel (living or dead) such as leaf litter, twigs, bark, dead trees and grass over the height of 100mm and anything deemed by an Authorised Officer to be capable of combustion. Flammable Material excludes cultivated plants located in gardens, fruit or vegetables plants, live standing trees or approved structures.

FOREST FUEL: Is any combustible material, dead or alive, in isolation, in clusters or aggregated with other combustible materials. It includes but is not limited to vegetation both on the ground and suspended, leaves, sticks, fallen branches, twigs and bracken. This definition excludes live standing trees.

FIRE SEASON: Means the period of time set out as the *Restricted and Prohibited Burning Season* and any variation. When applying '*Fire Season*' to the summary of requirements for your property the start dates are (*Zone 8 - 11 December 2025* & *Zone 6 - 18 December 2025*).

GRASSED LAND: Land used for the purpose of grazing or cropping.

LITTER: Means leaves, small sticks, twigs and branches immediately above the soil surface.

LIVE STANDING TREE: Means perennial plant having a permanent woody, self-supporting main stem or trunk, usually growing to considerable height and usually developing branches at some distance from the ground. Live standing trees exhibit a distinct crown of foliage with a stem diameter at breast height of at least 100mm. A live standing tree will continue to have sap movement along the cambium layer (layer of living cells) located under the bark.

PLANTATIONS: Land upon which any pine or eucalypt species of tree is planted on an area exceeding (8) hectares.

PLANTATION BOUNDARY: Shall mean contiguous parcels of land under separate ownership, lease or any form of contractual or financial arrangements whatsoever.

TOWN SITE LAND: All land located within the gazetted townsite boundaries of Manjimup, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole, and Settlements of Jardee, Palgarup, Quinninup, Nyamup, Windy Harbour and Deanmill.

TRAFFICABLE: Means a portion of land free from overhanging trees, limbs or vegetation or any other natural or man made object to a vertical height of (5) metres, traversable by a large fire fighting appliance.

PARK LAND CLEARING: Means the removal of forest fuels whilst leaving live standing trees and predominate vegetation so as to maintain a reasonable forest fuel load at the required standard or below.

ZONED LAND: Means all land described in the *Shire of Manjimup Local Planning Scheme No 4*.

REGULATED BURNING TIMES

THESE DATES ARE INCLUSIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED (NO BURNING / NO OPEN FIRES)	RESTRICTED
ZONE 8 MANJIMUP / PEMBERTON / QUINNINUP		
9 NOV 2025 TO 21 DEC 2025	22 DEC 2025 TO 14 MAR 2026	15 MAR 2026 TO 26 APR 2026
ZONE 6 NORTHCLIFFE / WALPOLE		
19 NOV 2025 TO 31 DEC 2025	1 JAN 2026 TO 28 FEB 2026	1 MAR 2026 TO 12 APR 2026

Prohibited Burning Time

- *No Burning is permitted.*

Restricted Burning Time

- *Burning can only be carried out with a Permit from your Fire Control Officer.*

For further information on fire control and the new Fire Danger Rating System refer to:

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au
www.dbca.wa.gov.au
www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Application to Vary

- *If considered impractical for any reason to comply with this Notice, you must apply to the Shire for an 'Application to Vary' no later than the 1 December 2025.*

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SHIRE OF MANJIMUP
MANJIMUP - PEMBERTON - NORTHCLIFFE - WALPOLE

Firebreak & Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice 2025 / 2026

Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954



The requirements of this notice must be in place by:		
ZONE 8	Manjimup Pemberton Quinninup	11 December 2025
ZONE 6	Northcliffe Walpole	18 December 2025

FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

RANGERS WILL BE INSPECTING PROPERTIES, PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE $5,000

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL	000
SHIRE OF MANJIMUP	9771 7777
FIRE DUTY OFFICER A/HOURS	0427 913 252
CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	
Remo Pessotto	0427 270 714
DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER	
Brad Wren	0427 959 431

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Brigade	Fire Control Officer	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup	Gary Ryan	0408 941 236
Diamond	Rob Thorn	0409 815 977
	Mick Terrigno	0419 864 687 9771 1637
Dingup	Josh Kanny	0429 881 528
Dunreath	Tom Muir	0418 831 296
Manjimup / Pemberton	Shire Rangers	9771 7777
Mordalup	Mark Muir	0427 691 001 9769 1001
Northcliffe Townsite	Paul Owens	0427 667 199
Northcliffe	Peter Russell	9776 7148
	Len Dickson	9776 7071
Pemberton Rural	Mark Roche	0427 761 510
	Hugh Jackson	0417 761 557
Perup	Kent Muir	0438 724 282
Quinninup	Maurice Humphrey	0419 138 685
Quinninup Town	Mick Eastwood	0438 731 960
Ringbarkers	*Ringbarkers:* Paul Tempra	0417 095 899 9771 1311
	Linfarne: Frank Shaw	0473 371 185
Seven Day Rd / Appadene	Tom Winfield	0417 964 463
	Peter Parker	0427 761 285
Smith Brook	Bill Rice	0427 057 243 9772 3543
Springfield	Nigel Pitts	0400 422 334
Upper Warren	John Mottram	0417 993 536 9773 1179
Walpole	Glen Burton	0447 822 897
	Richard William	0429 442 252
Yanmah (Glenoran)	Brad Wren	0427 959 431

FCO Name & Contact Details are to Be Confirmed

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS *(WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE ON YOUR PROPERTY)*

Land Category (where you are unsure of your Land Category please contact the Shire of Manjimup)	The Sections you are required to have in place.								
Land within a Townsite Boundary and land zoned Caravan Park	A								I
Karri Lakes Estate Quinninup		B	C		E				I
Land used for Timber Plantations		B				F			I
Land zoned Rural, Reserves, Rural Small Holdings, General and Priority Agriculture		B	C				G		I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Bush Land Protection, Rural Conservation, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use ***(Bush Land Properties only)***		B	C	D	E				I
Land zoned Rural Residential, Tourist Enterprise, Special Use ***(Grassed or Pasture only)***		B						H	I

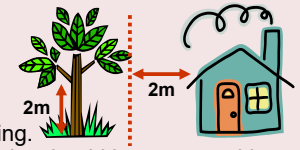
SECTION A

Remove all *flammable material* from the whole of the property OR all *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm **throughout the fire season**.

SECTION B

Building Protection Zone - Where a dwelling exists on your property you are required to have a Building Protection Zone for minimum of (20) metres measured from any external wall of a dwelling. ***Subject to the required clearing permit being obtained***, a property owner may extend the Building Protection Zone to a maximum of (40) metres.

For all outbuildings on your property you need only to comply with Clause 1 in this Section.



1. Remove all flammable material within (20) metres of any dwelling or outbuilding.
2. Tree trunks to be free of branches to a height of (2) metres.
3. No trees are to over hang the dwelling.
4. No tall shrub over (1) metre in height or live standing tree is to be located within (2) metres from any part of a dwelling.
5. Shrubs are not to be located under trees, are not to be planted in clumps greater than $5m^2$ in area, clumps of shrubs should be separated by at least (5) metres.
6. The Shire of Manjimup permits the clearing of live standing trees in the Building Protection Zone ***subject to the land owner obtaining a clearing permit*** from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Please contact the Shire of Manjimup for assistance.

SECTION C

Fuel Hazard Reduction Bush lands - Forest fuel in your bush land must not exceed the following parameters for your property. (Sampling and fuel calculation should be as approved by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services procedures)

- **Karri:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Jarrah / Marri:** 8 tonnes per hectare = 800 grams of forest fuel per square metre.
- **Mixed Forest:** 15 tonnes per hectare = 1,500 grams of forest fuel per square metre.

Acceptable methods of fuel hazard reduction include Hand Clearing, Mechanical Clearing, Park Land Clearing, Fuel Hazard Reduction Burning.

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SECTION D

Where Bush Land exists on your property

A *trafficable firebreak* clear of all *flammable material* and not less than (3) metres wide shall be constructed immediately inside the external boundary of all land and be **maintained throughout the fire season.** Turn around areas designed to accommodate a 3.4 fire fighting appliance (as pictured) must be constructed every 500 metres.









SECTION E

Where *strategic firebreaks* are located on your land, they must be maintained in accordance with this notice or approved subdivision plans, whichever requirement is greater.

SECTION F

1. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* of not less than (15) metres wide around and inside the boundaries of all plantations established after 2009 (existing plantations established in 2009 or earlier require a firebreak of (10) metres wide).
2. Construct a *trafficable firebreak* not less than (6) metres wide within the plantation so as to divide the plantation into compartments not exceeding (30) hectares each.
3. Maintain all *firebreaks* in a *trafficable* condition. Trees on both sides of the firebreaks are to be pruned to a minimum height of (5) metres to allow for unrestricted access to all maintenance and fire fighting vehicles so as to maintain an effective firebreak width.
4. Where dwellings exist within (100) metres of a Plantation, no Plantation trees shall be planted within (50) metres of any existing or proposed dwelling. A further (50) metres of plantation should be pruned and have ground fuels reduced so as to provide a minimum of a (100) metre low fuel zone area immediately surrounding any dwelling.

SECTION G

1. **Abutting a Residential Zone** - Where rural land, whether bushland or pastured, abuts a residential zone boundary a (3) metre firebreak shall be constructed along the common boundary of the residential zone.
2. **Bushland** - Where bushland exceeds more than (1) hectare and abuts a boundary, a trafficable firebreak of not less than (3) metres must be constructed along the boundary and within (15) metres of that boundary.
3. **Grain Crops** - Shall have a (3) metre firebreak around the perimeter of the crop, this firebreak is to remain in place unit the crop is harvested. During harvesting of the crop you must have an operational fire fighting unit full of water (not less than 600 litres) located within the paddock being harvested.
4. **Fuel Storage / Hay Sheds** - Shall have constructed a (6) metre firebreak immediately adjacent to any fuel storage and or hay sheds.

SECTION H

1. **Fuel Hazard Reduction** - All *flammable material* mowed and maintained at a level not exceeding 100mm and **maintained throughout the fire season.**
2. **Dwelling / Outbuilding** - Where a dwelling or outbuilding exists on your property you need to remove all *flammable material* within (20) metres from any external walls of that building.

SECTION I

Where a *Fire Management Plan* exists for a Subdivision or a property, the requirements of the plan needs to be in place.

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Background & Issues

It is recognised that the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Volunteer Training Officers will incur expenses relating to performing their duties.

Objectives

To assist meeting some of the expenses associated with the positions of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Volunteer Training Officers.

Area of Application

Normal Brigade Activities.

Policy Measures

1. That the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer be paid an honorarium as decided by Council annually.

   This honorarium will be paid in full at the completion of the fire season each year.

2. That the Shire of Manjimup Volunteer Training Officers that undertake training on behalf of the Shire of Manjimup be paid $100 per day that the Training Officer attended a course in a role as a training assessor.

   This will be paid on completion of each course.

Administration

Development Services Directorate

Adoption and Date Due for Revision

ADOPTED 10 NOVEMBER 1994
REVIEWED AND ADOPTED 2021
REVIEWED AND ADOPTED 2025

NEXT REVIEW 2029

The Administration of this Policy is by Development Services Directorate.

ITEM 10.3, 10.4 & 10.5 ATTACHMENT

Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) Report

REPORT:	**Council Policies 5.3.2, 5.3.16 & 5.3.25**
OFFICER:	(Todd Ridley)
DATE:	17 June 2025

BACKGROUND:
From time to time the Bush Fire Advisory Committee (BFAC) is required to review Council Policies related to Bushfire Management. Three Council Policies are due for review this year:

- *Policy 5.3.2 – Chief & Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer & Volunteer Training Officer Honorarium*
- *Policy 5.3.16 – Resource to Risk Fire Fighting*
- *Policy 5.3.25 – Fire Protection Shire Brigade owned appliances*

COMMENT (Includes Options):
Policy 5.3.2 – Chief & Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer & Volunteer Training Officer Honorarium requires review. The Policy intent is to ensure that the Chief & Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer and Volunteer Training Officers receive a small renumeration for the work carried out throughout the year. The Officer has recommended an increase to the Volunteer Training Officer payment from $50 to a $100 per day training. The amendment is highlighted in red within the Draft Policy.

Policy 5.3.16 – Resource to Risk Fire Fighting requires review. The policies intent is to guide Shire of Manjimup Staff when seeking funding for the replacement or addition of Facilities and Appliances. There has been recommended changes that reflect either a change in appliance or the Brigades needs. The amendment is highlighted in red within the Draft Policy.

Policy 5.3.25 – Fire Protection Shire Brigade owned appliances requires review. The intent of the Policy is to give some guidance to leaders and firefighters where the network can utilise some of the Shire's non-ESL fleet that is not equipped with Crew Protection. The recommended changes reflect the movement of appliances. The amendment is highlighted in red within the Draft Policy.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:
- *Bush Fires Act 1954.*
- *Local Government Act 1995.*
- *Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Operational Procedures 2022 – 2027.*
- *Fire Operational Guideline 3.0 Crew Safety and Operational Responsibility at Bushfires and Safe Operating Procedures BFB's Appendices.*

POLICY / STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:
Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Operational Procedures 2022 – 2027.

ORGANISATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT:
Governance and Guidance of Bush Fire Brigades is a Local Government responsibility. Not having modern Policies and Procedures leaves both the Shire of Manjimup, the Community and Bush Fire Brigades at risk.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL:
Covered within operational budget

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:
Recommendation "That Council receive and adopt the changes to the below policies;

- *Policy 5.3.2 – Chief & Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer & Volunteer Training Officer Honorarium*
- *Policy 5.3.16 – Resource to Risk Fire Fighting*
- *Policy 5.3.25 – Fire Protection Shire Brigade owned appliances*

ATTACHMENTS:
(Enter details)

Policy Objectives

That Emergency Services Levy firefighting appliances / facilities and location be strategically apportioned to Bush Fire Brigades throughout the Shire of Manjimup.

Application through the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grant Scheme and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Resource to Risk applications are applied in a timely and strategic manner.

Area of Application

Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Network

Policy Measures

To meet the current and future needs of the Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Network the below Resource Plan is to be achieved through the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grants Scheme. The Shire of Manjimup will complete a Department of Fire and Emergency Services Resource to Risk for any additional appliance or facility.

Target

High	Request through the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grant Scheme immediately.
Moderate	Request through the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grant Scheme once High Targets have been completed.
Low	Request through the Emergency Services Levy Capital Grant Scheme once Moderate Targets have been completed.
ESL	As per Emergency Services Levy Replacement Program.

Emergency Services Levy Capital Resource Plan

Brigade	Current Appliance	Facility	Resource Plan	Target	Notes
Manjimup Co-Location Building	Nil		12.2 Bulk Water Carrier	High	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup	1.4 Tanker		Replace with 2.4 Broadacre Tanker	ESL	
Balbarrup / Wilgarup		Two bay, basic amenities	Application for meeting / communication room	Low	

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Brigade	Current Appliance	Facility	Resource Plan	Target	Notes
Diamond	EX-DBCA 3.4 Broadacre Purchased in 2024		2.4 Broadacre ESL	Moderate	Retire Non ESL Appliance from firefighting activities or move to other allocation
Diamond		Nil	Two bay facility with amenities	High	
Dingup / Perup	Nil		4.4 Broadacre Tanker	High	Shared appliance
Dingup / Perup		Nil	One bay facility with amenities	High	Shared facility with amenities
Dunreath / Upper Warren	Nil		2.4 Broadacre Tanker	High	Shared appliance
Dunreath / Upper Warren		Nil	Two bay facility with amenities	High	Shared facility with amenities
~~Glenoran~~	~~Nil~~		~~Light Tanker~~	~~Low~~	
Glenoran		Two bay, no amenities	~~Application for amenities / meeting / communication room~~	Low	
~~Linfarne~~	~~Light Tanker~~		~~Light Tanker~~	~~ESL~~	~~Housed within Ringbarkers / Linfarne Facility~~
Mordalup	4.4 Broadacre		4.4 Broadacre	ESL	
Mordalup		One bay, no amenities	Application for amenities / meeting / communication room	Low	
~~Northcliffe Central~~	~~Nil~~	~~Nil~~	~~Nil~~	~~Nil~~	~~Amalgamate brigade with Northcliffe~~
Northcliffe		Five bay with shared amenities		Nil	
Northcliffe	4.4 Broadacre Tanker		4.4 Broadacre Tanker	ESL	
Northcliffe	2.4 Broadacre Tanker		2.4 Broadacre Tanker	ESL	
Northcliffe	Light Tanker Northcliffe		Light Tanker	ESL	

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Brigade	Current Appliance	Facility	Resource Plan	Target	Notes
Northcliffe	Light Tanker Windy Harbour		Light Tanker	ESL	
Northcliffe	~~Non ESL Water Carrier~~		12.2 Bulk Water Carrier	Medium	
Pemberton Rural	2.4 Broadacre		2.4 Broadacre	ESL	
Pemberton Rural	Light Tanker		Light Tanker	ESL	
Pemberton Rural		Two bay with amenities	Application for amenities meeting / communication room	High	
Quinninup Town /Quinninup Rural	3.4 Urban Tanker		Replace with 2.4 Broadacre	ESL	3.4 Urban Tanker unsuitable for forest work
Quinninup Town /Quinninup Rural	Nil		Light Tanker	Low	Shared appliance
Quinninup Town /Quinninup Rural		Two bay with basic amenities	Application for meeting / training / communication room	Low	Shared facility
Ringbarkers	2.4 Broadacre		2.4 broadacre	ESL	
Ringbarkers	Light Tanker		Light Tanker	ESL	
Ringbarkers		Two bay with basic amenities	Application for meeting / training / communication room	Low	
Seven Day Road / Appadene	Nil		1.4 Tanker	Moderate	
Seven Day Road / Appadene		Nil	2 bay with amenities	Moderate	
Smith Brook	Non ESL Light Tanker		Light Tanker	Moderate	Retire, Non ESL Appliance from firefighting activities

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Brigade	Current Appliance	Facility	Resource Plan	Target	Notes
Smith Brook		Two bay with amenities		ESL	
Springfield	2.4 Broadacre		2.4 Broadacre	ESL	
Springfield	Light Tanker		Light Tanker		
Springfield		Two bay with basic amenities	Application for meeting / training / communication room	Low	
Walpole	2.4 Broadacre		2.4 Broadacre	ESL	
Walpole	Light Tanker		Light Tanker	ESL	
Walpole		Two bay with basic amenities	Application for meeting / training / communication room	Low	
Yanmah	4.4 Broadacre		4.4 Broadacre	ESL	
Yanmah		Two bay with basic amenities		ESL	

Administration

Development Services Directorate

Adoption and Date Due for Revision

ADOPTED 2003
REVIEWED 2021
REVIEWED 2025

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Background & Issues

As a result of the Black Cat Creek Bushfire the State Government reviewed all operational Fire Fighting Fleet for crew protection in a "Burn Over" situation. The outcome was to fit out all State Government supplied Fire Fighting Appliances with crew protection measures (burn over blankets, AVL's, role down in cab curtains, in cab air, water deluge system and shielding).

Currently the Shire of Manjimup Bushfire Brigade Network has a number of Shire / Brigade owned appliances that don't meet the current standard for crew protection in a "Burn Over" situation.

Objectives

To minimise the risk to volunteer fire fighters and Council when Shire / Brigade owned firefighting appliances are used in bushfire operational roles.

Area of Application

Shire of Manjimup Bush Fire Brigade Network

Policy Measures

The policy applies to appliances that have been purchased by either the Shire of Manjimup, a Bush Fire Brigade or combination (Shire / Brigade owned appliances). The policy does not apply to private vehicles.

Shire / Brigade owned appliances are not to be used for the following:

- Direct attack when a bushfire is burning in a forest environment.
- Fire investigation when a bushfire is burning in a forest environment.
- Any activity that may place the appliance in a "Burn Over" situation in a forest environment.
- Appliances are not to be used outside of the Shire of Manjimup.

Shire / Brigade owned appliances can be used for the following:

- Approved prescribed burns.
- Runner Vehicle.
- Sector Commander Vehicles, (only where the Sector boundaries are outside of a forest environment).
- Firefighting when a bushfire is burning in low lying heath lands or pasture.
- When the appliance can safely work on a large road network that has two or more escape routes.
- When a Bushfire is burning in a forest environment and has been deemed to be in the "Mop-up" stage.

All Shire / Brigade owned appliances will be fitted as a minimum with a Bushfire Radio and Burn Over Blankets.

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All Shire / Brigade owned appliances are not Emergency Services Vehicles and as such cannot be used or operate under Lights and Sirens on route to fires. Where an appliance has Emergency Lighting fitted that appliance can only use those lights when operating on a fire ground.

Appliances

Appliance	Brigade
1.4 Broad Acre	Walpole
3 x Light Fleet	Northcliffe
~~1 Bulk Water Tanker~~	~~Northcliffe~~
1 Light Tanker	Smith Brook
~~1.4 Broad Acre~~	~~Middlesex~~

No additional Shire / Brigade owned appliances will be supported by the Shire of Manjimup.

Administration

Development Services Directorate

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