

SHIRE OF KOJONUP

Kojonup



Kojonup Bush Fire Advisory Committee

AGENDA

25 February 2021

TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Kojonup Bush Fire Advisory Committee will be held in the Reception Lounge at the Shire of Kojonup, 93-95 Albany Highway, Kojonup on Thursday 25 February 2021 commencing at 7:30pm.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.


RICK MITCHELL-COLLINS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

23 February 2021

AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD 25 FEBRUARY 2021

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A G E N D A

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The Presiding Member shall declare the meeting open at pm and alert the meeting of the procedures for emergencies including evacuation, designated exits and muster points.

2. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Ned Radford	Councillor (Presiding Member)
John Benn	Shire President
Tony Fisher	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Roger House	Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer
Ross Fryer-Smith	Senior Bush Fire Control Officer
Myles Reid	Senior Bush Fire Control Officer
Digby Stretch	President Kojonup Bush Fire Association
Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
Matthew Crabb	Kojonup Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
Brad Nagtegaal	Kojonup Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

GUESTS

Wayne Green	DFES District Superintendent – Great Southern
Steve York	DFES Acting Area Officer
Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger/Building Maintenance Coordinator
Denise Berryman	Secretary of the Kojonup Bush Fire Association
Bob Francis	Kojonup Bushfire Brigade Member
Kevin Bransby	Community Emergency Services Manager
Robert Cowie	Payroll and Emergency Management Officer (Admin support)

APOLOGIES

3. **SUMMARY OF RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

6. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 29 October 2020 were previously circulated under separate cover and are at [Attachment 6.1](#).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held 29 October 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

COMMITTEE DECISION

/21 Moved , seconded

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7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** by the Presiding Member without discussion

8. **PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

10. STATUS REPORTS

10.1 2020/2021 Fire Season Update

As at 23 February 2020, there have been the following fires reported within the Shire

Fires for 2020 - 2021 by Brigades													
Brigade	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Boilup													0
Boscabel													0
Changerup								1					1
Cherry Tree Pool				1				1					2
Jingalup						1		4					5
Kojonup								5					5
Lumeah						1		2					3
Mobrup													0
Muradup				2									2
Orchid Valley								1					1
Qualeup							1	1					2
Ryans Brook							1	1	1				3
Total	0	0	0	3	0	4	16	1	0	0	0	0	24

This compares with the following data for the previous four years.

Fires for 2019-2020 by Brigades													
Brigade	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Boilup													0
Boscabel						3	1						4
Changerup							1						1
Cherry Tree Pool							1						1
Jingalup								1		2			3
Kojonup											2		2
Lumeah						1	1	1	3				6
Mobrup								1		1			2
Muradup				1		1		1					3
Orchid Valley										1			1
Qualeup									1				1
Ryans Brook						1							1
Total	0	0	0	1	3	6	1	4	4	6	0	0	25

Fires for 2018 - 2019 by Brigades													
Brigade	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Boilup													0
Boscabel													0
Changerup					1	1			2				4
Cherry Tree Pool						1	1		1				3
Jingalup						1	4		3		1		9
Kojonup						1	2		1	1	3	1	9
Lumeah						3	1		1	1	2		8
Mobrup							1				1		2
Muradup									2				2
Orchid Valley									1				1
Qualeup						1					2	1	4
Ryans Brook							1						1
Total	0	0	0	0	1	8	10	0	11	2	9	2	43

Fires for 2017 - 2018 by brigade													
Brigade	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Boilup									1				1
Boscabel													0
Changerup											1		1
Cherry Tree Pool										1			1
Jingalup						1				1	1		3
Kojonup					6	1				4	2		13
Lumeah					1				2	1	3		7
Mobrup											1		1
Muradup						1							1
Orchid Valley						1							1
Qualeup											1		1
Ryans Brook						1							1
Total	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	0	3	7	9	0	31

Fires for 2016 - 2017 by brigades													
Brigade	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Total
Boilup											1		1
Boscabel													0
Changerup						1							1
Cherry Tree Pool					1	1							2
Jingalup								1			2		3
Kojonup							1						1
Lumeah													0
Mobrup													0
Muradup										2	1		3
Orchid Valley									1				1
Qualeup													0
Ryans Brook								1			1		2
Total	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	5	0	14

These reported fires provide a vital argument when the Shire requires extra funding or there is a need for extra resources to be allocated to this area.

All fires need to be reported to DFES Comcen. This allows there to be a record of incidents which can be utilised for resource allocation.

10.2 State Government’s WA Recovery Plan

Through the State Government’s WA Recovery Plan, DFES was provided \$2.0 million over two years (2020/21 & 2021/22) for the provision of water tanks at existing bush fire facilities (not funded through Emergency Services Levy (ESL) collections). The additional funding is intended for bush fire brigades (BFB’s) located in high bushfire risk areas that do not already have a water tank.

Applications for Round Two are now open and builds on the success of the previous round, which committed grant support for 61 applications totalling \$829,437.

Strategically located water tanks, for firefighting purposes only, will also be considered in Round Two. The criteria to be applied to these requests is that the tanks must be located on Local Government owned or managed land, nominated at the time of the request.

Mr Cowie to follow up with relevant organisations as to locations within Kojonup that water tanks could meet the funding criteria.

Listed for information.

10.3 Drought Communities Programme

The Shire is currently working on projects approved under the \$1m grant funding from the Federal Government for Drought Communities Programme.

These include:

- A realignment of the creek at the Kojonup Park, installation of larger non-potable water tank to irrigate park area over summer and improve hydrology and reduce potential flooding from a future major storm event.
- Construct a new dam on part of the land presently leased to the Kojonup Football Club for cropping opposite the Saleyards to capture and store stormwater runoff from the Industrial Estate and surrounding catchment which in turn can be pumped to the storage dam at the Showgrounds or to Turkey Nest which irrigates the Sports Oval.
- Install a new pipeline from the South Dam (Stock Road) to the Turkey Nest with a new pipeline that allows irrigation of Benn Parade and District High School areas.
- Construct new retarding basins/water storage dams at Quin Quin Reserve and Old Drive-in area to slow stormwater during storm events as well as supplement supply for irrigation of public open space.

- New tank near new roof over Netball Courts to allow run off to be captured and stored for irrigation purposes.

It is to be noted that the additional storage capacity goal is to also to allow water to be used for firefighting purposes or emergency use for stock watering.

Listed for information.

10.4 Communications Tower

Council officers are liaising with the Department of Lands regarding the section of land contained within the Jingalup/Balgarup Road Reserve to ascertain approvals required to dedicate land specifically for the Communications Tower. This involves a comprehensive survey of the area, creation of a separate lot as distinct from the Road Reserve for the tower footprint, lodgement fees, and subdivision and development approvals. State approval based on tower design as to whether it requires guide wires or is stand alone is also essential to ensure the creation of a separate lot. This process is certainly not quick as the tower will initially accommodate DFES (WAERN) infrastructure, Bushfire Infrastructure and Council's own radio network, so the process is very methodical given it will stand in situ for 40 plus years.

Listed for information.

11. ITEMS (General Business)

11.1 Community Emergency Services Manager Update

Mr Bransby is to update the Committee on the Volunteer Calender and the Radio Network Circular as per **Attachment 11.1.1 and 11.1.2**

11.2 Town Site Firebreak Inspection Dates

As discussed at the BFAC Meeting 29 October 2020, the dates for the firebreak inspections within the gazetted town site boundaries of Kojonup and Muradup are to be recommended to Council to be moved forward by four weeks to 2 November. This will allow the Council to ensure that there is sufficient time to enforce any measures that are taken on properties that are not up the required standards as prescribed in the Fire Break notices produced each year. The dates for all land outside of the gazetted town sites are to remain unchanged.

Officer Recommendation

That the Bushfire Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the date for the firebreak inspections within the gazetted town site boundaries of Kojonup and set at 2 November each year.

COMMITTEE DECISION

/21 Moved , seconded

CARRIED/LOST

12 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

13 LATE ITEMS

This section of the meeting is for discussing late items which did not make it into the Agenda and of which a decision is required by the BFAC as to the course of action to be taken for Council consideration.

14 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday Thursday 22 April 2021 at 7:30pm

15 CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss the Presiding Member thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at pm.

16 ATTACHMENTS (SEPARATE)

[Attachment 6.1 – Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held 29 October 2020](#)

[Attachment 11.1.1 – 2021 Great Southern Region Volunteer Calendar](#)

[Attachment 11.1.2 - Operational_Circular_02_2021-Emergency-Services-Radio-Network-Information-Pages](#)