

SHIRE OF KOJONUP

Kojonup



Kojonup Bush Fire Advisory Committee

AGENDA

17th October 2016

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, Albany Highway Kojonup on Monday, 17th October 2016 commencing at 7:30pm.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Mitchell-Collins", is positioned above the printed name and title.

RICK MITCHELL-COLLINS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

13th October 2016

SHIRE OF KOJONUP

**AGENDA FOR THE KOJONUP BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 17th October 2016**

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A G E N D A

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting opened atpm and alerted the meeting of the procedures for emergencies including evacuation, designated exits and muster points.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Members

Mr Robert Sexton	Presiding Member, Councillor
Mr Ned Radford	Councillor
Mr Tony Fisher	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Murray Gibbs	Senior Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Myles Reid	Senior Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Geoff Gale	President of the Kojonup Bush Fire Association
Mr Robert Cowie	Administration/Regulatory Officer
Mr Rick Mitchell-Collins	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Denise Berryman	Secretary of the Kojonup Bush Fire Association
Mr Mort Wignall	Manager of Regulatory & Community Services
Mr Paul Retallack	Senior Ranger
Mr Daniel Campbell	Kojonup Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
Mr Matthew Crabb	Kojonup Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

APOLOGIES

Mr Roger House	Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer
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3 SUMMARY OF RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING 18th April 2016

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved _____, seconded _____ that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of KBFAC held on 18th April 2016 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED/LOST /

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS by the Presiding Member without discussion

7 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9 ITEMS

9.1 Ferguson Report and Response to State Government recommendations

As you may be aware Government has released their response to the Ferguson Report.

For your information, below is a link to the Government media statement, attached is a copy of the Government position on each recommendation and opportunity.

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Barnett/2016/09/State-Government-to-establish-Rural-Fire-Service.aspx>

Mr Sexton has formulated his thoughts to the Governments Response.

I have attached my own precis of the report that I would like circulated with the agenda for our next BFAC meeting. As the State Government has not given a lot of detail or timelines as to the implementation of Ferguson's report it will be difficult for us to react positively. However one thing that I will raise and will promote is that Kojonup should support the idea of a separate Rural Fire Service.

See attachments 1 and 2.

9.2 Personnel Identification cards and Vehicle Identification Stickers

As part of one of the Ferguson Report recommendations, DFES are rolling out individual identification cards to all volunteers. Phase 1 has commenced with the Shire of Kojonup collating our volunteer information and passing this onto DFES. The next step will be for a Photo being taken for the ID card. Exact timeframes are not set at this stage.

DFES have also released the current Vehicle Id Stickers for use at Emergency situations. These stickers are principally intended for authorised vehicles to pass through any road block or Police VCP's (Vehicle Control Points) the theory behind this that when, or if, your authorised vehicles attend incidents outside or within your LG, this will allow easier access to fire grounds.

Without these stickers, there may be the chance vehicles will only pass with some difficulty

See attachments 3 and 4.

9.3 SEMC Strategic Control Priorities

SEMC have released the following response to the recommendation 6 from the Ferguson Report.

Recommendation 6 of the report of the special inquiry conducted into January 2016 Waroona bushfire by Mr Euan Ferguson stipulated that:

The State Emergency Management Committee to adopt, across all hazards, the doctrine of:

- *the primacy of life;*
- *the strategic control priorities; and*
- *community warnings that are timely, tailored and relevant.*

Agencies will reinforce amongst emergency management personnel the importance of the doctrine through briefings and intent statements.

On 4 October 2016, the SEMC approved the Strategic Control Priorities for the hazard of Fire. Additionally, section 4.1 of [Westplan Fire](#) has been amended accordingly.

During the 2016/17 southern bushfire season, the Strategic Control Priorities will be reviewed by the SEMC Secretariat, to assess all hazard applicability in consultation with stakeholders.

Please see Attachment 5

9.4 **Purchase of Fire Burnover Blankets**

The Shire has looked into purchasing a “Fire Burnover Blanket” for each brigade, and each of the Kojonup and Muradup Fire Trucks plus a spare. I have been in contact with Scott Gooden from Thermaguard and he has supplied a quote for said blankets. These are the same specifications that are supplied to DFES.

I feel that we should endorse the purchase of 15 blankets for a total cost of \$4603.50. The purchase of Fire Burnover Blankets is covered under ESL Purchase guidelines.

See Attachment 6 and 7

10 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11 NEW BUSINESS

(Of an urgent nature, introduced by a decision of the meeting).

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7:30pm at the Shire Office.

13 CLOSURE

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