



MINUTES

BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held

12 October 2022

At

Shire of Dardanup
Administration Centre Eaton
1 Council Drive – EATON

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VISION STATEMENT

“The Shire of Dardanup is a healthy, self-sufficient and sustainable community, that is connected and inclusive, and where our culture and innovation are celebrated.”

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr Chris Hynes	-	CBFCO Eaton Townsite District
Mr Lyndon Skeers	-	FCO Ferguson District
Mr Neil Dyer	-	FCO West Dardanup District (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Clay Rose	-	DCFCO (North) / FCO Burekup District
Mr Robert Drennan	-	DFCO (South) / FCO Waterloo District
Mr Grant Ratcliffe	-	FCO Upper Ferguson District
Mr Brendan Putt	-	FCO Dardanup Central District
Mr Jeff Duncombe	-	FCO Joshua/Crooked Brook District
Mr Ian Bridge	-	FCO Wellington Mill District
Mr Keith Higham	-	Fire Weather Officer
Mr Ricky Southgate	-	Representative Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Mr Matthew Cooper	-	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Cr. T Gardiner	-	Elected Member (Chairperson)
Cr. M T Bennett	-	Elected Member
Cr. S L Gillespie	-	Elected Member (Proxy)

STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs Erin Hutchins	-	Coordinator – Ranger & Emergency Services
Mr Murray Halden	-	Senior Ranger
Mrs Amanda Tuberes	-	Personal Assistant - Director Sustainable Development
Mr André Schönfeldt	-	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Murray Connell	-	Executive Manager Development Services
Ms Melissa Howard	-	Emergency Management Officer

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SHIRE OF DARDANUP**MINUTES OF THE SHIRE OF DARDANUP BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022, AT SHIRE OF DARDANUP – EATON ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.****1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Chairperson, Cr. T G Gardiner declared the meeting open at 7.01 pm and welcomed those in attendance and referred to the Disclaimer and the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility on behalf of Councillors and Officers:

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Dardanup also respects and celebrates all cultures of all our residents and visitors to our Shire.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

Councillors and Officers of the Shire of Dardanup collectively declare that we will duly, faithfully, honestly and with integrity fulfil the duties of our respective office and positions for all the people in the district according to the best of our judgement and ability. We will observe the Shire's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to ensure efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.

Committee members acknowledge that only the Chief Executive Officer or a member of the Shire of Dardanup staff appointed by the Chief Executive Officer is to have contact with consultants and suppliers that are appointed under contract to undertake the development and implementation of projects.

The exception to this Policy is when there is a meeting of the committee or working group with the consultant and the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's representative is present.

Members of committees acknowledge that a breach of this Policy may result in a request to Council to have them removed from the committee.

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2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

2.1 Attendance

Mr Chris Hynes	-	CBFCO Eaton Townsite District
Mr Lyndon Skeers	-	FCO Ferguson District
Mr Neil Dyer	-	FCO West Dardanup District (Dep Chairperson)
Mr Clay Rose	-	DCFCO (North) / FCO Burekup District
Mr Robert Drennan	-	DCFCO (South) / FCO Waterloo District
Mr Brendan Putt	-	FCO Dardanup Central District
Mr Ian Bridge	-	FCO Wellington Mill District
Mr Jeff Duncombe	-	FCO Joshua/Crooked Brook
Mr Keith Higham	-	Fire Weather Officer (7.07pm)
Mr Rob Sharp	-	Representative Dept of Fire & Emergency Services
Cr. T G Gardiner	-	Elected Member (Chairperson)
Cr. M T Bennett	-	Elected Member

Staff

Mrs Erin Hutchins	-	Coordinator – Ranger & Emergency Services
Mr Murray Halden	-	Senior Ranger
Mrs Amanda Tuberes	-	Personal Assistant – Dir. Sustainable Development
Mr Murray Connell	-	Manager Development Services
Ms Melissa Howard	-	Emergency Management Officer

Observers

Mr Peter Mantrac	-	Captain Waterloo
Mr Rob Allen	-	Captain West Dardanup (7.07pm)

2.2 Apologies

Mr Grant Ratcliffe	-	FCO Upper Ferguson District
Mr Matt Cooper	-	Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Mr Ricky Southgate	-	Representative Dept of Fire & Emergency Services

3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Farewell to Emergency Management Officer

The Chairperson, Cr. T G Gardiner noted that Emergency Management Officer, Melissa Howard had taken up a new role of Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator role hosted by the Shire of Capel, and encompassing the Capel, Collie and Dardanup local government areas. Cr. T G Gardiner thanked Melissa for her work with the Brigades at the Shire of Dardanup and she was presented with a small farewell gift from the Fire Chief Officer's.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting Held 8th June 2022

BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

BFAC 14-22 MOVED - Mr Chris Hynes SECONDED - Mr Clay Rose

THAT the Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8th June 2022, be confirmed as true and correct subject to no corrections.

CARRIED

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

None.

6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

“Members should fill in Disclosure of Interest forms for items in which they have a financial, proximity or impartiality interest and forward these to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences.”

Discussion:

The Chairperson, Cr. T G Gardiner asked if there were any Declarations of Interest to be made.

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

8. ACTION SHEET UPDATE

PENDING ACTIONS:

ACTION & MEETING DATE.	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	ACTION	OUTCOME	STATUS
01/22 8/6/22	Melissa Howard	Emergency Management Officer, Ms Melissa Howard to request that the Chief Executive Officer formally write to Mr Peter Buck thanking him for his assistance covering the FCO role at Joshua/Crooked Brook.	Letter was sent from the CEO to Mr Peter Buck to thank him for his assistance covering the FCO role at Joshua/Crooked Brook.	Complete
02/22 8/6/22	Melissa Howard	Emergency Management Officer, Ms Melissa Howard to request that the Chief Executive Officer write to the CEO at Shire of Harvey requesting an update on the Tyndale Bridge.	Communications are naturally occurring between the two Shires and there is no need to request an update.	Complete
03/22 8/6/22	Melissa Howard	Emergency Management Officer, Ms Melissa Howard to request that the Chief Executive Officer formally write to Mr Allan Charlton thanking him for his many years of service to the Shire.	Letter was sent from the CEO to Mr Alan Charlton to thank him for his assistance in various Brigade roles that supported the Shire of Dardanup.	Complete

9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
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9.1 Title: Chief Fire Control Officer (CFCO) Report – Chris Hynes

Reporting Department: CFCO - Dardanup

Reporting Officer: Chris Hynes

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Nil to report.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	Nil.
<i>Training</i>	I will be attending the Fire line construction course being run by Wespine 25/27 October.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	<p>Chiefs Meeting Held at Leschenault BFB. The aim is for local Chiefs to meet and discuss operational issues.</p> <p>Exercise West Dardanup. I was invited to participate in an exercise with the Regional office to test the preparedness of Staff in a level 2 incidents. I learned a lot during this exercise.</p> <p>ROAC meeting at Shire of Harvey/ Australind.</p> <p>I attended the WAFES Conference in Perth. It was good to see some of our Dardanup brigades attend this year. We all take something away from these conferences. I attended a session where we got to sit with the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and the Emergency Services Minister and ask questions. I questioned why we can't get dress uniforms to be able to proudly wear our service medals when other services like VFRS are supplied uniforms. They said the Shire was supposed to supply dress uniforms. I asked out of what pot of money did this come from if you can't get it from the LGGS. Notes were taken by their support staff. It will be interesting to see if I get any feedback.</p> <p>OHS legislation – I also said to the Commissioner there needs to be more information provided to the volunteers about what it means to us. Because many volunteers a frightened by thought of being sued for something.</p> <p>I also spoke about the Public warning advice in using road networks that are too far from the fire incidents. The Commissioner said they were looking at how they can do this better.</p>
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Nil.

<p><i>Concerns</i></p>	<p>I have raised my concerns about the availability of suitable trained contractors and Shire works crew to construct fire lines at fire incidents.</p> <p>I recently got a list of contractor contacts from DFES, but these contractors are also BCDA contractors that operate state wide.</p> <p>In the event of an incident in our patch, there can be a big delay in getting suitable machinery and operators. I experienced this at the fire I was managing following the Tyndale fire, where the only available dozer and loaders were out of the Perth region and weren't able to attend until the following day.</p> <p>With the jarrah timber industries closing, there may be less trained people and machinery to work on fire line construction. We need to identify contractors and staff for our local incidents.</p> <p><u><i>Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins –Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services</i></u></p> <p><i>The CEO has raised this with the Director Infrastructure and Manager Operations to see what capacity Operations may have to assist with this or whether we will need to sure up contractors as an alternative.</i></p> <p><i>Consideration needs to be given to the suitability of equipment, Officer safety, ongoing training requirements and after hours availability of staff.</i></p> <p>Thank you to the Shires Media Officer in getting the fire preparedness out on Facebook and the Shires Webpages. We need to keep sharing the message as the season progresses.</p>
<p><i>Initiatives</i></p>	<p>Fire Services Act. We have an opportunity to send in any questions and suggestion's to Terry Hunter, the Chairman for the Southwest BFAC Committee. He will be in a group of representatives to look at the draft Fire Services Act.</p> <p>If there are any ideas, get them into me ASAP.</p>
<p><i>Other News</i></p>	<p>Fire weather training has been completed by Keith Higham, Lyndon Skeers and Chris Hynes.</p> <p>RUI exercise cancelled due to clashing with the AFL Grand Final. We will work on having it in the last weekend in August 2023. Let's put this in our calendars in advance for next year.</p>

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

1. Dress uniforms

We need to keep for action. Who is responsible to supply uniforms? I think the minimum should be when a firefighters reaches 5 years services, they should get a uniform to be able to wear their service medals.

Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins –Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services

Officers advocated on behalf of the volunteers for the allocation of dress uniforms through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) review and direct with DFES headquarters, however to date remain unsuccessful. It is recommended that this remains as an action item on the ROAC agenda.

2. Fire line construction

Our current list of contractors and suppliers that is published in the directory each year and distributed to the brigades is out of date.

Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins –Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services

As a DFES resource, Officers will need to advise DFES SWHQ of required changes for the next directory. Please email brigade@dardanup.wa.gov.au of any necessary changes you have identified to ensure these are captured.

Discussion:

Mr Chris Hynes noted that the 6.30 pm BFAC pre-meetings for the FCO's have not recommenced since COVID. He feels the meetings were a good opportunity for the FCO's to discuss the upcoming agenda and any other issues they may be facing.

The majority of the Committee agreed and requested for the 6.30 pm pre-meets for the FCO's be recommenced.

ACTION 04/22 **Shire staff to ensure the Eaton Administration building is open at 6:30pm prior to each BFAC meeting to enable the FCO's to hold their pre-meeting.**

Note: Mr Keith Higham and Mr Rob Allen entered the room at 7.07pm.

Mr Ian Bridge queried Mr Chris Hynes on whether the Commissioner had any comment on the Occupational Health and Safety issues.

There was no definitive response from the Commissioner on this issue. Mr Chris Hynes suggested that a lot of volunteers did not fully understand what the legislation means. It is a difficult read and there needs to be an easier way to communicate it to the volunteers. Mr Chris Hynes acknowledged that the Shire is organising a presentation at the Eaton Recreation Centre (ERC), however was unsure if it would be applicable to the volunteer firefighters.

Mr Robin Sharp advised that a DFES Representative would be attending the session at the Lighthouse to answer any questions.

Emergency Management Officer, Ms Melissa Howard advised that LGIS and WALGA had put together a webinar for their Officers discussing the changes that is specifically targeted to bushfire

volunteers. It was previously sent out to the Brigades, however, could be redistributed to the FCO's to send out to their volunteers to watch. The Shire could also host a zoom/in person meeting with Shire's OHS Officer as a forum for volunteers to ask questions.

It was noted that the DFES pre-season meeting will be held in early November. OHS will be discussed as part of this session. If after this session the Volunteers are still seeking further advice, the Shire will hold a meeting.

ACTION 05/22 **Mr Chris Hynes to request the Shire Emergency Management Officer arrange a one-off information session on the OHS for the Brigade Volunteers in the event that the DFES pre-season meeting does not answer all queries and concerns of the Volunteers.**

Senior Ranger, Mr Murray Halden reminded the Committee that members of the public need to contact the Shire directly (via phone or email) to have their mobile number added to the Shire notification system to receive alerts on harvest bands and other alerts via text message.

9.2 Title: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions – Matt Cooper

Chairperson, Cr. T G Gardiner read aloud notes provided by Mr Matt Cooper:

- Currently at 17 fires for the district;
- Potential arsonist around Collie Cardiff area;
- Treated just under 2000ha this spring;
- Plans over the weekend are several burns around the collie area;
- As we progress into drier warmer weeks we will look to the National Park – WTN_119 Davis within the shire of Dardanup; and
- Significantly light on for experienced operators and staff across the board.

9.3 Title: Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) – Mr Ricky Southgate

Reporting Department: DFES

Reporting Officer: Ricky Southgate

No report provided.

9.4 Title: Burekup District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Clay Rose

Reporting Department: Burekup BFB

Reporting Officer: Clay Rose

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Nil.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	New mobile phone booster installed in the truck.
<i>Training</i>	Being held bi-monthly.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Committee Meeting held 8 September.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Nil.
<i>Concerns</i>	Appliance changeover – still waiting for confirmation from DFES on what appliance will be replaced with.
<i>Initiatives</i>	Hard stand nearly completed (Collie River Road stand) – screen secured in channel of the inlet.
<i>Other News</i>	Received grant funding for installation of two electric motors for the Station doors and a TV.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

None.

Discussion:

Mr Clay Rose advised their Season Briefing was held on Sunday and that he had organised a tour to Tyndale Farm to be taken through the property if any others were interested in attending.

9.5 Title: Dardanup Central District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Brendan Putt

Reporting Department: Dardanup Central BFB

Reporting Officer: Brendan Putt

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting

Fire Call Outs	1 call out stood down.
Appliance and Equipment	Appliance currently at Collie fire several items being fixed.
Training	Training plus meeting started every 2 nd week.
Meetings Held	General Meeting.
Membership – Recruitment/Resignation	Nil.
Concerns	<p>Car park at rear of station – funding recently removed for another Dardanup project. Uncertain on when training surface will be hot mixed.</p> <p><u>Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins –Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services</u></p> <p>At its Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 August 2022, Council resolved [221-22] as follows:</p> <p>221-22 MOVED - Cr. P R Perks SECONDED - Cr. P S Robinson</p> <p>THAT Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the most advantageous tender being that submitted by Sanpoint Pty Ltd T/A LD Total to undertake the Dardanup Civic Precinct Landscaping in accordance with Tender RFT-F0295808/2022 for a total value of \$430,774 (excluding GST); 2. Delegates by Absolute Majority in accordance with section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995, authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate in regard to the contract for Tender RFT-F0295808/2022 for the Dardanup Civic Precinct Landscaping: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Minor variations before entering into the contract in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, including minor variations to the scope to reduce the overall cost of the contract to the value of \$350,000; and b) Variations after the contract has been entered into, limited to variations which do not change the scope of the contract, and which do not increase the contract value beyond 20%, in accordance with Regulation 21A of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996. 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 9.49A(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 to execute the contract for Tender RFT-F0295808/2022 for the Dardanup Civic Precinct Landscaping; 4. Authorises a 2022/23 Budget amendment to transfer \$205,839 from J05026 (Dardanup Central BFB carpark) to J11653 (Dardanup Civic Precinct), to be funded from the Carry Forward Projects Reserve; and 5. Defers J05026 (Dardanup Central BFB carpark) to be considered in the 2022/23 mid-year budget review.

	<i>Based on Councils resolution, the Dardanup Central BFB carpark is to be considered in the 2022/23 mid-year budget review (approx. February 2023).</i>
<i>Initiatives</i>	<p>Brigade camping trip organized for start of season. Great family event.</p> <p>Bull and Barrel display will be on the oval this year smaller display, Ferguson LT and kids activity. We will also be promoting membership for Dardanup Shire Brigades. All volunteer members welcome to spend time on the display if available.</p>
<i>Other News</i>	I attended WAFES conference with Wayne Cross. Was great networking with other groups, would highly recommend other members to attend. Thank you to DFES for a well organised and informative event.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

Discussion:

Mr Brendan Putt advised that they had a stall at the Bull and Barrel Festival and it was a great success. However, unfortunately the only enquiries for membership were out of the district.

It was also noted that the Council Resolution above (221-22, number 5) is assuming the carpark belongs to the Brigade, when in fact it is a community wide used carpark.

9.6 Title: Ferguson Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Lyndon Skeers

Reporting Department: Ferguson BFB

Reporting Officer: Lyndon Skeers

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting

Fire Call Outs	Nil.
Appliance and Equipment	Light Tanker due for service, thermal imaging camera to be installed at that time. PPE ordered for 10 members who recently completed training.
Training	Two training sessions conducted, twice monthly training begins in October.
Meetings Held	Nil
Membership – Recruitment/Resignation	1
Concerns	Maps requested approx. 12 months ago, not supplied. Suggest we arrange our own printing. <u>Officer Comment – Ms Melissa Howard – Emergency Management Officer</u> <i>Officers acknowledge the prolonged timeframe to provide the requested maps to brigades. The project was postponed in the absence of a GIS Officer. Once the position was filled, the GIS Officer spent a significant amount of time updating required maps and are now much better than they have been previously. Attempts have been made to print these in house, however, due to their size the Shire has had difficulty obtaining the specialised paper for the plotting machine. These will now be outsourced.</i>
Initiatives	Defibrillator ordered for the Brigade building as a community resource. Training for use of device will be provided to Brigade members and community.
Other News	HWS supplied and fitted and new fridge ordered from ESL funding. Brigade banking system upgraded to allow for online access and card payments.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion**Discussion:**

Mr Lyndon Skeers thanked the Shire for going above and beyond on repairing an issue that was created after using the stand pipe.

9.7 Title: Joshua Creek / Crooked Brook Fire Control Officer Report – Jeff Duncombe

Reporting Department: Joshua Creek / Crooked Brook BFB
 Reporting Officer: Jeff Duncombe

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report Since Last BFAC Meeting

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Nil.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	Checked at training.
<i>Training</i>	1 x Cadet training session held – 6 Cadets attended.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	1 x Meeting.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	2 new Cadets. Peter Robinson CFO ended 30 June 2022.
<i>Concerns</i>	Nil.
<i>Initiatives</i>	Busy-bee held to tidy up fire shed and check equipment for upcoming fire season.
<i>Other News</i>	Fire shed treated for termites.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

None.

9.8 Title: Upper Ferguson District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Grant Ratcliffe

Reporting Department: Upper Ferguson

Reporting Officer: Grant Ratcliffe

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report Since Last BFAC Meeting

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Nil.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	WAREN Radio's serviced – waiting on SW Fire to service truck. Hopeful we won't be without the appliance after mid-October as previously it has been away for weeks getting serviced at SW Fire leaving us vulnerable.
<i>Training</i>	Planned for mid-October.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Nil.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Nil.
<i>Concerns</i>	Nil.
<i>Initiatives</i>	Pre-season get together and promotion (mid-Oct).
<i>Other News</i>	Planning for water tank/s is underway – hoping for installation by fire season.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

None.

9.9 Title: Waterloo District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Rob Drennan

Reporting Department: Waterloo BFB
 Reporting Officer: Mr Rob Drennan

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report Since Last BFAC Meeting

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Nil.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	Maintenance & AVL's was kept current by officers. Both Appliances have been serviced. Radio's of Appliances and Station have also been done.
<i>Training</i>	We have just started training after giving Brigade members two months R&R.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Nil.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Nil.
<i>Concerns</i>	<p>The biggest concern going into this coming season for the Waterloo area is the BORR road and how it will affect call outs in the area!</p> <p>The ability of crews to navigate road closures and the one way in, one way out that currently exists around the Waterloo area.</p> <p>If outer area crews are called for an escalating fire event, the demands on local management will be higher than normal in identifying the ways to access the fire ground as no navigational aids are correct in helping visiting crews in this area.</p> <p>I would suggest all Dardanup BFB Officers take the time to examine and explore new ways and points of access into this area.</p>
<i>Initiatives</i>	
<i>Other News</i>	<p>AO Ricky Southgate has advised that the Call out priority for supporting Bunbury F&R in the Dardanup Shire industrial areas have now been corrected from Bunbury BFB to Waterloo BFB & West Dardanup BFB via the group call out.</p> <p>A big thank you to Ricky for that one!</p>

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

None.

Discussion:

Mr Rob Drennan noted that the BORR Road works will affect everyone in the Waterloo/Picton area. Be aware of your route where and when you can get access. Take a drive before fires start as lots of roads are one way in and the same way out.

It was also advised that the Fire and Rescue attendance for the industrial area of Picton has been adjusted so that the call outs within the Dardanup area are going to Dardanup Brigade's instead of Bunbury. Thanks to Mr Ricky Southgate for his efforts.

9.10 Title: Wellington Mill District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Ian Bridge

Reporting Department: Wellington Mill BFB

Reporting Officer: Ian Bridge

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Nil.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	Radios have been serviced with exception of our hand-helds.
<i>Training</i>	We have assisted community with a number of private burns. We have used these private burns for training and familiarisation of equipment. Our new Training officer is putting together an in-house training schedule.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Monthly brigade meetings continue.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Our 1 st Lieutenant resigned sighting her uncertainty and risk of liability under the WHS Act. We have lost 1 member as he has moved from the area.
<i>Concerns</i>	Roadside fuel reduction. Does the Shire have a program for spraying herbicide? <u>Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins – Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services</u> <i>The Manager of Operations has advised that the Shire has a roadside verge program that includes spraying and slashing.</i>
<i>Initiatives</i>	We will be conducting a Busy-bee followed by a Community Bushfire Ready BBQ at our Station on 15 th October.
<i>Other News</i>	Nil.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

1. WHS liability. We have great concerns over current and future liability of crew leaders and office bearers under the Act.

We have had one resignation and others office bearers are waiting to see what the Shires position is.

Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins –Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services

Officers have shared all available resources with brigades supplied by the Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS), WA Local Government Association (WALGA) and DFES in the hope of providing clarity in relation to the Work, Health & Safety legislation. These are also available via the DFES volunteer hub including a webinar specific to the volunteer audience. In addition, the Shires Work Health & Safety specialist Jarrad Leaver has offered to answer questions and provide clarity to volunteers concerns. Volunteers can either email their questions into the Shire or if suitable, a webinar can be organised for a group session. Responses via email will be shared to all volunteers to ensure everyone is kept up to date.

Discussion:

Mr Ian Bridge advised that on 12 November a simulated event would be run to test their Brigade's and community's 'bushfire ready communications plan'.

9.11 Title: West Dardanup District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Neil Dyer

Reporting Department: West Dardanup Bush Fire Brigade

Reporting Officer: Neil Dyer

(In the interest of time efficiency report to be accepted as presented, not read aloud at the meeting)

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	1 x call out. Job was at the end of last season.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	1.4 has been serviced and is ready work.
<i>Training</i>	Training continued once a month throughout winter and has now increased in frequency to twice monthly.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Nil.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Nil.
<i>Concerns</i>	<p>The servicing of the vehicles is working well (being collected and delivered) however it would be good if when vehicles are taken we don't end up with two vehicles from adjoining areas be taken at the same time.</p> <p><u>Officer Comment – Mrs Erin Hutchins –Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services</u></p> <p><i>Noted. Servicing is normally scheduled to ensure only one appliance is taken at a time. However, due to an issue that was to take longer than anticipated to repair, another vehicle was taken to ensure the continuity of servicing.</i></p>
<i>Initiatives</i>	Nil.
<i>Other News</i>	RUI training that was scheduled for September was postponed due to a clash with a long weekend and sporting event and so will be conducted in 2023.

Item/s For BFAC Discussion

None.

9.12 Title: Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services Report – Mrs Erin Hutchins

Reporting Department: Shire of Dardanup

Reporting Officer: Mrs Erin Hutchins – Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services

9.12.1 *Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator*

The Shire of Dardanup has entered into an agreement with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) and Shires of Capel and Collie for the employment of a Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator (BRMC). The position will be hosted at the Shire of Capel and will work across the Shires of Capel, Collie and Dardanup until 30 June 2025.

The BRMC will work with key stakeholders across Capel, Collie and Dardanup to identify, prioritise and evaluate mitigation activities and ensure our treatment plans are effectively planned, delivered and evaluated in accordance with the BRMC Business Plan and in line with relevant Policies and Procedures of the relative Local Government.

Information Only

9.12.2 *Mitigation Activity Funding*

The Shire has made application to Round 2 of the 2022-2023 Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) for \$195,370.00 to complete 11 treatments to identified areas at risk of bushfire, through mechanical works and planned burns. If successful, the new Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator (BRMC) will be responsible for the management and implementation of the MAF and identified treatments.

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9.12.3 *Local Bushfire Response Support Plan*

The Local Bushfire Response Support Plan (LBRSP) was last endorsed by BFAC on 14 October 2020 [BFAC 14-20] and adopted by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting held 28 October 2020 [302-20]. Following a recent review by DFES and Shire of Dardanup Officers, the latest version is now provided to BFAC for endorsement (Appendix BFAC 9.12.3). Following BFACs endorsement, the LBRSP will be presented to the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) at its November meeting and subsequently to Council for adoption.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION
AND BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

BFAC 15-22 MOVED - T. G. Gardiner SECONDED - Ian Bridge

THAT the Bushfire Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. **The Shire of Dardanup Local Bushfire Response Support Plan (Appendix BFAC 9.12.3) is presented to the Local Emergency Management Committee for endorsement; and**
2. **Council adopts the Shire of Dardanup Local Bushfire Response Support Plan (Appendix BFAC 9.12.3) after being presented to the Local Emergency Management Committee.**

CARRIED

Discussion:

Mr Brendan Putt had the following queries in relation to the Resource Assessment: when is it conducted and who gets a copy? Who audits the bushfire response plan? Is it independently audited? He noted that resources haven't increased, but everything else has?

Mrs Erin Hutchins advised the Bushfire Response Support Plan is separate to the "Risk to Resource" application that determines the resource requirements of the Local Government and its brigades. DFES assists with this process and it is usually submitted in conjunction with Local Government Grant Scheme application. The Bushfire Response Support Plan only lists current resources allocated to the Local Government and its Brigades and does not determine ongoing requirements.

Mr Chris Hynes advised the Committee members that if they have issues/items to be raised (appliances, wants, needs etc), to ensure they raise them at the Leadership Meetings and/or BFAC in their reports.

Mrs Erin Hutchins advised that when reviewing allocation of the Appliances, DFES Fleet take into account the statistics of the Brigades (number of call outs, location etc).

Mr Brendan Putt asked about the Emergency Response Plans for local businesses and schools and where information is available on evacuation areas etc.

Mrs Erin Hutchins advised that each organisation is responsible for their own evacuation plan. Community recovery and emergency arrangements are on the Shire website, including evacuation centres. The WA Police lead any evacuations and the Department of Communities lead organisation of welfare centres.

9.12.4 Tyndale Bridge (Bridge No. 4930) Update

At its Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 July 2022, Council resolved [190-22] as follows:

THAT Council:

1. *Authorises as Unbudgeted Expenditure an amount of up to \$125,000 in 2022/23 towards the installation costs of Bridge No 4930, funded from the Carried Forward Projects Reserve (\$100,520) and the Unspent Grant Reserve (\$24,480), subject to:*
 - a) *Main Roads WA fund and undertake geotechnical investigations, project design & specifications and supply the Unibridge on site.*
 - b) *The Shire of Harvey contributes the balance of the funds required for the installation of the new Unibridge.*
 - c) *Other Main Roads WA conditions and legislative requirements being met.*
 - d) *The Shire of Dardanup's contribution being no more than 25% of the project cost.*
2. *Enters into a cost share agreement with Main Roads WA and the Shire of Harvey for the delivery of this project.*

Following Councils decision, a follow up meeting with the Shire of Harvey (SoH) and Main Roads WA (MRWA) was held on Friday 9 September 2022. At the meeting MRWA advised that it has purchased the bridge and it is now being stored at its Picton storage area. MRWA again reiterated that they will undertake the following in preparation to get the bridge installed:

- Design and Documentation
- Geotechnical investigation
- Pre-tender estimate
- Call tenders
- Tender assessment
- Tender award
- Contract management
- Invoice members accordingly once work has been completed.

The preliminary cost estimate to demolish the existing bridge, construct the concrete abutments and assemble/install the new bridge comes to \$500,000. Consistent with the Council decision the Shire of Dardanup committed to funding of up to \$125,000 or no more than 25% of the project.

The SoH are also liaising with relevant property owners for a final contribution and will take the matter further as soon as an outcome has been determined.

Information Only

9.12.4 Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS)

The Shires 2022-2023 LGGS application was approved by the DFES Capital Grants Committee including Line 9 items worth **\$16,786.00**. Melissa is working with the brigades and providing purchase orders to enable items to be ordered/collected. All items must be ordered/collected before the **30 June 2023**.

The following Local Government Grants Scheme 2022-2023 budget figures are provided for information purposes only.

Budget	
Line Item 1-8 Operating Grant	\$188,000.00
Line Item 9	\$16,786.00
Additional State Government 2020/21 Insurance Allowance	\$15,236.00
ESL – Total Gross Operating Grant	\$220,022.00
Less Expenditure (as of 15-09-2022)	
Line 1 – Purchase of Plant & Equipment <\$1,500	0.00
Line 2 – Maintenance of Plant & Equipment	-\$2174.55
Line 3 – Maintenance of Vehicles, Trailers & Boats	-\$829.87
Line 4 – Maintenance of Land & Buildings	-\$29.26
Line 5 – Clothing & Accessories	-\$2731.36
Line 6 – Utilities, Rates & Taxes	-\$1153.51
Line 7 – Other Goods & Services	-\$1120.03
Line 8 – Insurances	-\$29,537.11
Line 9 Items - Purchase of Plant & Equipment) from \$1,500 to \$5000)	-\$9015.60
ESL – Total Expenditure	\$46,591.29
Funds Remaining as at September 2022	\$173,430.71

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9.13 Title: Firebreak Exemption – Mr Murray Halden

Reporting Department: Shire of Dardanup

Reporting Officer: Mr Murray Halden – Senior Ranger

Consideration needs to be given to the exemption or variations to fire prevention measures taken out by applicants in accordance with the Bush Fire Act 1954 and pursuant to the Shire of Dardanup Fire Prevention Order. Applications closed on 30 September 2022.

A list of applications is provided below (full submissions are provided in Appendix BFAC: 9.13) and a hard copy will be available to all Fire Control Officers from the Dardanup or Eaton office prior to the meeting (by arrangement) or at the meeting.

DATE	APPLICANT NAME	ASSESS NO.	LOT NO.	HOUSE NO.	STREET ROAD	SUBURB LOCALITY	REASON FOR IMPRACTICALLY	ALTERNATIVE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES	FCO RECOMMENDATION	YEARS	EXPIRY
19/09/2022	Susan Diane Green	A8106	24	29	Coonan Ave	Dardanup West	House and garden have been established over 30 years, street/road in front of the house & driveway down the side of house. Firebreaks around remainder of property.	Garden beds and green lawn across front property firebreaks.	Recommended	3	2025
30/08/2022	Franco Angeloni	A2597	24	136	Garvey RD	Dardanup West	There is a 50 metre section at the front of the property that stays green year round due to the moisture levels in that part of the property. As a result the chance of fire & fuel load in this section is low. It is the only remaining remnant paperbark trees left & are old we have also found birdlife & nests in the trees over the years. The overhanging limbs have been cut as best as possible to minimise impact on nests found in the lower limbs. The area is still accessible by four wheel drive vehicles but not trucks. Fire trucks if needed can access these trees via the road as the trees in question are road verge trees. It is therefore not practical to cut them back.	The section of grassed area will be maintained by regular mowing to ensure the level of the grass is as low as it can be along this section highlighted(refer attached) thus reducing the fuel load. In addition to this the area in question stays green all year round as the area is lowest point of the property. Also any branches & leaf litter in this area that fall throughout the year is raked up and removed, now via our FOGO bin during the dangerous periods of the year.	Recommended	3	2025
22/08/2022	George Loverock	A11616	1	211	Garvey Road	Crooked Brook	Property is fully reticulated with complete ground cover of grass. Firebreaks will create bare ground with summer dust problems.	Reticulation complete grass coverage which is mowed to 25mm.	Recommended	3	2025

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19/09/2022	Peter Cowley	A2594	21	168	Garvey RD	Dardanup West	To Avoid damage to verge tree root system. As majority of property is irrigated.	To keep firebreaks mowed and clean at all times. The paddocks are irrigated – 9 -25mm hose outlets to cover property. A trailer able firefighting unit on standby and a backup Genset (auto) for bore pump should power go out.	Recommended	3	2025
30/08/2022	David Rumball	A12006	39B	260	Garvey Road	Dardanup West	Trees along front & east side of property for screening purposes from the road and neighbours. Most trees have been there for 30 years & others planted to replace those that have died.	Trees & shrubs along the front of the property & east side to approximately 40m down. Fire breaks to requirements along inside of boundary.	Recommended	3	2025
30/08/2022	Shaun Rumball	A12207	39A	262	Garvey Road	Dardanup West	Trees along front & west side of property for screening purposes from the road and neighbours Most trees have been there for 30 years & others planted to replace those that have died.	Trees along the front & west side of the property down to the water tank to provide screening, to be trimmed back & maintained. Front lawn to the boundary to be mowed & reticulated.	Recommended	3	2025
24/08/2022	David & Jenni McMeeken	A4312	5	373	Garvey Road	Dardanup West	Paddock is stock feed. I have sheep in paddock eating the grass.	Break around boundary.	Recommended	3	2025
08/09/2022	Reece Peter Nash	A8228	85	37	Gavins Gully Court	Dardanup West	Exemption required for area where firebreak is not on fence line near front fence. Property has native garden from lawn up	Fire breaks all other borders of property. All weeds sprayed throughout native	Recommended	3	2025

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							to fence line. Established trees close to fence.	garden. All grass/paddocks mowed lower than 100mm. No wood piles all fuel removed from ground. No build-up of leaves in garden. No trees in close proximity to house & shed. 2 gates on front of property, one access gate on rear.			
23/08/2022	Shane & Karen Gibson	A8087	75	16	Kentucky Drive	Dardanup West	We have sprinklers and green grass which is kept short and mowed across the front and the left & right hand side of the front of the block. There are sprinklers under the ground which would be torn up by the tractor if we put a firebreak there.	The grass is kept short and green and mowed regularly.	Recommended	3	2025
09/08/2022	Colin & Christine Bell	A8252	72	54	Kentucky Drive	Dardanup West	The area that is grassed (lawn) and reticulated lawn kept mowed once a week.	We own a fire unit Battery backup for power Machinery that can clear areas.	Recommended	3	2025
25/08/2022	Gail Dawn Scott-Pillow	A8257	8	1	Maguire Place	Dardanup West	Small area at the front of property and immediately around the house is maintained lawn and gardens.	Lawn area around front of property as shown on plans is mowed reticulated and maintained throughout the fire season – balance of the firebreak is as per notice.	Recommended	3	2025

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09/09/2022	Grant Legge	A2602	2	41	Maher Place	Dardanup West	I am positioned on a sandy ridge of a fragile nature and have problems with erosion. I have spent time in rehabilitation of my 5 acre property, each year I mow and maintain the Dardanup Shire 10m wide walkway along the side of my property. (Maher Place to Vera) as part of the firebreak prevention process at my own expense, with road frontage, gravel driveways dividing the property and clear fence lines / paddocks all around, I would like to submit a firebreak exemption request for three years due to a low risk around my property. I have also successfully completed a 3 year exemption program ending 1 st September 2022.	All paddock areas cut short and cleared. All fence lines cut. All rubbish removed. All above maintained until the end of restricted burning '23. (Dardanup Shire walkway mowed)	Recommended	3	2025
19/09/2022	Mathew Pover	A8234	94	12	Meadow Lane	Dardanup West	We have stock (sheep) on the property, therefore would like to leave feed in paddocks for the summer period. Slashing to 100mm would leave minimal feed.	Compliance to the remainder of the 22/23 fire prevention order – Firebreaks to correct specification. Good property access for fire appliances if the need arises.	Recommended	3	2025
23/08/2022	Neil Dyer	A3701	86	136	Padbury Road	Dardanup West	The soil at the front of the property is loose white sand and if cultivated is problematic to maintain.	Height and width of break will be maintained at all times for access.	Recommended	3	2025

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								The ground will be mowed low.			
12/08/2022	Patrick Garvey	A11149	401	69	Padbury Road	Dardanup West	Not necessary as fuel will be removed by animal grazing.	Property to be grazed by cattle during growing season as part of adjoining lot. No internal fencing.	Recommended	3	2025
23/08/2022	Raymond Edward & Elizabeth Tamzin Cosh	A3274	81	21	Rafferty Road	Dardanup West	Feed required for stock over summer period. Reticulated lawn area on North and East boundary near dwelling and sheds. East boundary is sand, ploughing will cause bogging in event of fire. (Break will still be put in but allow clear path for my fire tender or fire truck.	East boundary from house to south corner slashed roadway (not ploughed as it is gravelled) rest of boundary (other than lawn reticulated area) 2.4m firebreak. Paddocks either cut for hay or grazed.	Recommended	3	2025
27/09/2022	Michael & Lois Green	A8094	9	7	Maguire Place	Dardanup West	Aged tress already exist on this section of the fire breaks.	Exemption 1. Grass maintained very short to driveable surface. Exemption2. Watered lawn, around a road & watered vegetables area. Exemption 3.	Recommended	3	2025

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								Fire break around mature trees, alongside next doors fire break.			
29/09/2022	Stuart Flower	A8328	10		Rich Place	Dardanup West	Will still install fire breaks, but need to keep grass for livestock feed.	Will slash 6 metres around boundary and still install fire breaks.	Recommended	3	2025
30/09/2022	Sharee Davies	A8189	16	54	Coonan Avenue	Dardanup West	Trees/bushes on and over hanging firebreak requirements.	Reticulation and clearing of under growth to be maintained.	Recommended	3	2025
26/09/2022	Paul Psiuk	A11081	440	47	Keenan Road	Dardanup West	Property to be mainly grassed, mowed and reticulated throughout the year. Remaining bush area, parkland cleared with fire break.	See attached plan.	Recommended	3	2025
29/09/2022	Trevor Shambrook	A8199	48	5	Stonesfield Court	Dardanup West	The ground too waterlogged for a tractor to drive on at the moment.	Fire breaks will be put in place as soon as practical.	Recommended	3	2025
19/09/2022	Matthew Power	A8234	94	12	Meadow Lane	Dardanup West	We have stock (sheep) on the property, therefore would like to leave feed in the paddocks for the summer period. Slashing to 100mm old leave minimal feed.	Compliance to the remainder of the 22/23 fire prevention order – fire breaks to correct specification. Good property access for fires appliances of the need arises.	Recommended	3	2025
30/08/2022	Daniel Normington	A10825	314	27	Sand Pits Road	Crooked Brook	The driveway of Lot 313 runs between Lot 312 and 314, it consists of a 4.0m wide hot mix driveway with a 1.0m wide gravel shoulder either side providing a total 6.0m wide separation clear of any fuel loads. The bridle path on the	No firebreak to be put in on the western and northern boundaries. I will personally maintain the bridle path across the front of Lot 314 and the gravel shoulders of the driveway to Lot 313	Recommended	3	2025

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							western boundary of Lot 314 is 6.0m wide limestone path which I have maintained to be free of weed and fuel loads since purchasing the property in 2012 provides adequate separation from the road side drain across the front of Lot 314. This will allow me to grow another 450m ² of pasture for livestock to graze and maintain a neat and tidy street frontage.	to be clean, free of weeds and fuel loads throughout the year.			
26/08/2022	Daniel Skerratt	A4353	3001		Eaton Drive	Eaton	Due to size of the lot (18.9ha) it is impractical to maintain the entire lot to achieve all vegetation below 100mm for the entire Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods.	It is proposed to maintain a mineral earth firebreak around the internal perimeter of the lot and an overall 20mm wide fuel load zone along the boundary with Eaton Drive. In addition, it is proposed to establish a 4m wide firebreak approximately through the middle of the lot to break up the vegetation into two areas.	Recommended	3	2025
17/08/2022	Michael Prosser	A9421	11	29	Joel Court	Ferguson	Inaccessible as per plan. North and East boundaries have roads as breaks. Excepting the large trees western boundary fence line has shrubs too close as the firebreak can be done on	As an alternative to firebreaks, a fire sprinkler system sprays around 300 litres of water per minute over house and surrounds has been installed with a dedicated fire pump and	Recommended	3	2025

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							adjoining property line which does not have shrub line.	back-up generator. The system also includes two fire reels that can reach the house and surrounds per the attached plan.			
28/07/2022	Chris Walton	A3023	119	43	Greenwood Heights	Ferguson	Terrain too steep and trees too thick.	New fire boundary running along the top fence line. Grated to bare earth. FCO Note: Extend fire break down on the Southside 50m towards the forest. LYNDON	Recommended	3	2025
13/08/2022	Margot Penwarden	A3026	123	97	Greenwood Heights	Ferguson	Due to the steepness of the northern and southern boundaries of the block, firebreaks would lead to severe erosion.	Only the front part of the block, containing the house, to be surrounded by a firebreak. See attached plan.	Recommended	3	2025
17/08/2022	Jane Skipworth	A3027	124	101	Greenwood Heights	Ferguson	Steep terrain makes it impractical to install firebreaks on the full length of side boundaries.	Firebreaks will be installed on side boundaries for approximately 50m, then a bare earth firebreak will be created across the slop, connecting the two sides in order to protect buildings.	Recommended	3	2025
26/09/2022	Andrew Carrick	A7315	624	19	Tyrrell Road	Ferguson	The centre of the front fence line unwater, making it impossible to create a fire break.	Fire break will be cut as soon as water subsides	Recommended	3	2025

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26/09/2022	Malcolm Toft	A7200	111	53	Nyleeta Close	Ferguson	The majority of the perimeter of the property is steep and heavily timbered. This alternative fire break has been in place for the past 22 years.	A fire break will be kept 30-100 metres around all dwellings (eg house, shed & water tanks). All grass within will be kept cut short > 100mm.	Recommended	3	20245
10/08/2022	Trevor & Kaye Hill	A3016	112	39	Nyleeta Close	Ferguson	Our property is a "Small Holding", requiring under the Fire Prevention Order to have a 2m wide firebreak around the entire boundary. In the case of our property the steep terrain & soil type make provision of such a firebreak physically impractical. It would also exacerbate the erosion risk on the Eastern & Western boundaries. The western boundary has the added complication of a mainly granite rock base.	The proposed alternative firebreak will provide a 2m firebreak around the internal fence line that surrounds the existing buildings. A firebreak will also be constructed along the neighbouring property. These firebreaks will be in addition to the usual maintenance of a 20m low-fuel area around the buildings.	Recommended	3	2025
29/09/2022	Tony Oscar Albertsen	A3024	121	79	Greenwood Heights	Ferguson	Exactly the same reasons as previously documented. That is: 1. Too Steep & Erosion prone. 2. Too rocky (surface).	1. 2 metre wide mineral earth fire break. 2. Removal of all flammable material within 30 metre of dwelling.	Recommended	3	2025
20/09/2022	Mark Titchener	A7292	20	1620	Ferguson Road	Ferguson	The boundary with Ferguson Road is 500 metres in length, at least 400 metres of that is a creek bed which is flowing and too wet to access in addition	Reduce fuel loads around house. Install sprinkler system on house. Improve turnaround of shed and	Recommended	3	2025

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							there are environmental & potential erosion issued to consider.	house plus improve access to paddocks. Install watering point for BFB appliances at shed, plus slashing etc			
08/09/2022	James Brussen	A7280	15	2	Pfennig Place	Henty	Our property is relatively steep and very rocky in some areas. In winter water run off flows down the firebreak and causes erosion with gravel & material washing into the creek bed. Some areas of grass and moss remain on part of the firebreak but we can't rotary hoe.	I will still spray the firebreaks with glyphosate (first spray completed in July) follow up application will be done in Oct/Nov. The whole property will be slashed prior to summer. Tree line have been will be cleared of branches & debris on the ground.	Recommended	3	2025
26/09/2022	Malcolm Woods	A7218	11	21	Pfennig Place	Henty	<p>a. Irrigated lawn & garden, always green.</p> <p>b. Grass between gravel car park and boundary to hold bank from slipping. Gravel car park will prevent fires movement.</p> <p>c. Irrigated orchard.</p> <p>Unable to get tractor between dam & fence safely. Dam will prevent fires movement.</p>	Have 600 litre fire unit in trailer with pump. Quick fills on both dam & rainwater tanks. Member of the Volunteer Ferguson Bushfire Brigade	Recommended	3	2025
02/08/2022	Andrew Grieve & Leanne Williams	A2516	27	11	Seaview Heights	Henty	The western part of the property is heavily wooded so there is no access for machinery.	All the cleared parts of the property will be slashed.	Recommended	3	2025

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10/08/2022	Jason Borgomastro	A2526	19	11	The Dress Circle	Henty	Most of our block is very steep, rocky and has many wet springs which flow all year round. A bare earth fire break would promote wash a ways and soil damage.	We can provide good breaks on most of the block. We slash and mow all accessible areas regularly during the year. In particular the north and some of the eastern boundaries. They are mowed to residential standards with a lawnmower and slasher.	Recommended	3	2025
13/08/2022	Mike Trefry	A2527	20	19	The Dress Circle	Henty	Southern quarter of block too rugged for safe access during fire-fighting operations. Native tree cover in this portion to be retained to avoid soil erosion neat natural drainage line of Henty Brook.	Firebreaks to be maintained around boundaries except southern quarter of block which will be cordoned off by an east-west firebreak as shown on attached map. Movement within property boundary to be improved by installation of two new gates in fence 2. All cleared areas within firebreaks to be slashed before summer to reduce fuel loads.	Recommended	3	2025
02/10/2022	Jeff Jackson	A2528	21	35	The Dress Circle	Henty	Part of the building area behind shed and boundary fence which abuts the access road/strategic firebreak between the Dress Circle and Pfenning Road. Fruit trees and	Area is planted with fruit trees, with reticulation and grassed. Area is regularly mown and maintained. Access to fire hoses and	Recommended	3	2025

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							lawn in this area, is well maintained and mown regularly. No access do a firebreak along the fence line here. Erosion area also, have drains in place to carry water away from buildings and run off into bottom paddock. These are located between fruit trees and shed.	firefighting units, has 7,500 litre rain water tank and one end of the shed and 26,700 litre rain water tank at the other end of the shed with firefighting attachments.			
05/09/2022	Anita Britza	A8297	12	14677 -14699	South Western Highway	Waterloo	As per last year no changes. Low risk for fire due to roads and train track as firebreak as well as property is maintained as grass green/ reticulated in summer.	Reticulation to majority of property, paddocks are kept mowed and short. Green all year and surrounding infrastructure acting as a firebreak. Also mow the verge so snakes /weeds /fire risk reduced.	Recommended	3	2025
19/09/2022	Eric Jorgenson	A7238	1	2041	Ferguson Road	Wellington Mills	Was original firebreak but because of lay on land (steep & angled) erosion has taken place & rocky base, unable to put in break. Length 70m.	Area has just been burnt inside area on East Fire access road (tar) on west.	Recommended	3	2025
02/08/2022	John Anderson	A7191	3	9	South Road	Wellington Mills	Southern corner (marked "A") is wetland. It is inaccessible by machine or livestock until late summer and ecologically undesirable to compact. Fuels do not reach full cure and will not carry fire. Area marked "B" is perennial pasture with significant groundwater and some sprinkler irrigation. It will	Firebreaks as indicated. Limited grazing in wetlands as they dry out and fuels begin to cure (late January -early February). Pasture to be kept green and grazed regularly to manage fuel height.	Recommended	3	2025

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							grow throughout the summer season but remains green and will not carry fire. It will exceed 5cm height in places without continuous grazing which is ecologically undesirable.				
19/09/2022	Robert Doherty	A7176	6	47	South Road	Wellington Mills	Creek line inside the fence line makes it impossible to construct a firebreak along the front of the property.	A firebreak is constructed where practical on the inside of the creek line. This has been the practice for some time (aprox 9 years).	Recommended	3	2025
19/09/2022	Robert Doherty	A7198	105	507	Wellington Mill Road	Wellington Mills	Ferguson River runs inside of boundary from making impossible to construct a break on roadside frontage for one section.	Breaks are constructed where feasible including along old railway line alignment between road and fence line. This has been the practice for the 40 years I have owned the property.	Recommended	3	2025
23/09/2022	Loren Bywaters	A7016	18	640	Collie River Road	Burekup	Two small paddocks having the road on the bottom side and irrigation channel on the top side, irrigation channel leaks. It's near impossible to get machines in to clear fire breaks.	Both paddocks are irrigated from the channel and the irrigation channel leaks so bad that large areas are constantly very wet and constantly grazed.	Recommended	3	2025

Officer Comment

The following information was provided to the Committee at the meeting.

ITEM 9.13 – FURTHER INFORMATION

Note: The following Bush Fire Exemptions have been received after the completion and distribution of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Agenda.

The following 3 year fire exemption notice has been recommended by the FCO's and are now presented to be endorsed by the Bushfire Advisory Committee

Date	Applicant Name	Assess No.	Lot No.	House No.	Street Road	Suburb Locality	Reason for Impracticality	Alternative Fire Prevention Measures	FCO Recommendation	Years	Expiry
10/10/2022	Matthew Denton	A3859	31		Japonica View	Wellington Mill	Unsafe to work on – too steep, too many rocks etc. Erosion risk also.	Alternative fire breaks/clearing etc.	Recommended	3	2023

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10/10/2022	Teresa Wells	A3629	26	10	Japonica View	Wellington Mill	There is a line of large trees along the boundary which restricts the width of a break. There is some erosion which has uncovered some possible environmental hazard at the Northern Boundary.	There is a gravel driveway parallel to the front fence line approx. 10 m w. Gasses are grazed. Mineral earth breaks will be applied to all areas other than those that are too dangerous to access.	Recommended	1	2023

**OFFICER RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION &
BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION**

BFAC 16-22 MOVED - Mr Lyndon Skeers SECONDED - Mr Ian Bridge

THAT the Bushfire Advisory Committee grants the following firebreak exemption/variations for 3 year duration commencing from the 2022/2023 firebreak season:

APPLICANT	PROPERTY	ASSESS- MENT	YEARS	FIRE SEASON EXPIRY
Susan Diane Green	Lot 24, 29 Coonan Ave Dardanup West	A8106	3	2025
Franco Angeloni	Lot 24, 136 Garvey RD Dardanup West	A2597	3	2025
George Loverock	Lot 1, 211 Garvey Road Crooked Brook	A11616	3	2025
Peter Cowley	Lot 21, 168 Garvey RD Dardanup West	A2594	3	2025
David Rumball	Lot 390, 260 Garvey RD Dardanup West	A12006	3	2025
Shaun Rumball	Lot 391, 262 Garvey RD Dardanup West	A12207	3	2025
David & Jenni McMeeken	Lot 5, 373 Garvey RD Dardanup West	A4312	3	2025
Reece Peter Nash	Lot 85, 37 Gavins Gully Road Dardanup West	A8228	3	2025
Shane & Karen Gibson	Lot 75, 16 Kentucky Drive Dardanup West	A8087	3	2025
Colin & Christine Bell	Lot 72, 54 Kentucky Drive Dardanup West	A8252	3	2025
Gail Dawn Scott-Pillow	Lot 8, 1 Maguire Place Dardanup West	A8257	3	2025
Grant Legge	Lot 2, 41 Maher Place Dardanup West	A2602	3	2025
Mathew Pover	Lot 94, 12 Meadow Lane Dardanup West	A8234	3	2025
Neil Dyer	Lot 86, 136 Padbury Road Dardanup West	A3701	3	2025
Patrick Garvey	Lot 401, 69 Padbury Road Dardanup West	A11149	3	2025
Raymond Edward & Elizabeth Tamzin Cosh	Lot 81, 21 Rafferty Road Dardanup West	A3274	3	2025
Michael & Lois Green	Lot 9, 7 Maguire Place, Dardanup West	A8094	3	2025
Stuart Flower	Lot 10 Rich Place, Dardanup West	A8328	3	2025
Sharee Davies	Lot 16, 54 Coonan Avenue Dardanup West	A8189	3	2025
Paul Psiuk	Lot 440, 47 Keenan Road Dardanup West	A11081	3	2025
Trevor Shambrook	Lot 48, 5 Stonesfield Court, Dardanup West	A8199	3	2025

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Daniel Normington	Lot 314, 27 Sand Pits Road Crooked Brook	A10825	3	2025
Daniel Skerratt	Lot 3001, Eaton Drive Eaton	A4353	3	2025
Michael Prosser	Lot 11, 29 Joel Court Ferguson	A9421	3	2025
Chris Walton	Lot 119, 43 Greenwood Heights Ferguson	A3023	3	2025
Margot Penwarden	Lot 123, 97 Greenwood Heights Ferguson	A3026	3	2025
Jane Skipworth	Lot 124, 101 Greenwood Heights Ferguson	A3027	3	2025
Andrew Carrick	Lot 19 Tyrrell Road Ferguson	A7315	3	2025
Malcolm Toft	Lot 111, 53 Nyleeta Close Ferguson	A7200	3	2025
Trevor & Kaye Hill	Lot 112, 39 Nyleeta Close Ferguson	A3016	3	2025
Tony Oscar Albertsen	Lot 121, 79 Greenwood Heights Henty	A3024	3	2025
Mark Titchener	Lot 20, 1620 Ferguson Road, Ferguson	A7292	3	2025
James Brussen	Lot 15, 2 Pfenning Place Henty	A7280	3	2025
Malcolm Woods	Lot 11, 21 Pfenning Place, Henty	A7218	3	2025
Andrew Grieve & Leanne Williams	Lot 27, 11 Seaview Heights Henty	A2516	3	2025
Jason Borgomastro	Lot 19, 11 The Dress Circle Henty	A2526	3	2025
Mike Trefry	Lot 20, 19 The Dress Circle Henty	A2527	3	2025
Jeff Jackson	Lot 21, 35 The Dress Circle, Henty	A2528	3	2025
Anita Britza	Lot 12, 14677/14699 South Western H'Way Waterloo	A8297	3	2025
Malcolm Woods	Lot 11, 21 Pfenning Place, Henty	A7218	3	2025
Eric Jorgenson	Lot 1, 2041 Ferguson Road Wellington Mill	A7238	3	2025
John Anderson	Lot 3, 9 South Road Wellington Mills	A7191	3	2025
Robert Doherty	Lot 6, 47 South Road Wellington Mill	A7176	3	2025
Robert Doherty	Lot 105, 507 Wellington Mill Road Wellington Mill	A7168	3	2025
Loren Bywaters	Lot 18, 640 Collie Rover Road, Burekup	A7016	3	2025
Matthew Denton	Lot 31, Japonica View, Wellington Mill	A3859	3	2023

CARRIED

BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

BFAC 17-22 MOVED - Mr Lyndon Skeers SECONDED - Mr Ian Bridge

THAT the Bushfire Advisory Committee grants the following firebreak exemption/variations for a 1 year duration commencing from the 2022/2023 firebreak season:

APPLICANT	PROPERTY	ASSESS- MENT	YEAR S	FIRE SEASON EXPIRY
Teresa Wells	Lot 26, 10 Japonica View, Wellington Mill	A3629	1	2023

CARRIED

10. ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

None.

12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
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None.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The Chairperson advised that the date of the next Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting is to be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.43pm.