



# **A G E N D A**

## **BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

To be held

**Wednesday, 13th of March 2024**

**Commencing at 7.00pm**

At

Shire of Dardanup  
Administration Centre Eaton  
1 Council Drive - EATON

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## NOTICE OF BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Dear Committee Member

The next Shire of Dardanup Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Council Chambers, Shire of Dardanup - Administration Centre Eaton, 1 Council Drive, Eaton - commencing at 7.00pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Schönfeldt", is positioned above the printed name.

**MR ANDRÉ SCHÖNFELDT**  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 7 March 2024

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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 Clay Rose	-	DCFCO (North) / FCO Burekup District
Mr Robert Drennan	-	DCFCO (South) / FCO Waterloo District
Mr Lyndon Skeers	-	FCO Ferguson District
Mr Neil Dyer	-	FCO West Dardanup District (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Grant Ratcliffe	-	FCO Upper Ferguson District
Mr Brendan Putt	-	FCO Dardanup Central District
Mr Jeff Duncombe	-	FCO Joshua/Crooked Brook District
Mr Keith Higham	-	FCO Wellington Mill District / Fire Weather Officer
Mr Ricky Southgate	-	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Mr Allan Madgwick	-	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Cr. T Gardiner	-	Elected Member
Cr. A Jenour	-	Elected Member
Cr. T Bell	-	Elected Member (Proxy)

**STAFF MEMBERS**

Mr André Schönfeldt	-	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Ashwin Nair	-	Director Sustainable Development
Mr Stephen Loiterton	-	Coordinator – Ranger & Emergency Services
Ms Jessica Forsyth	-	Emergency Management Officer
Mr Murray Halden	-	Senior Ranger
Mrs Michelle Edwards	-	Personal Assistant

**OBSERVERS**

## COUNCIL ROLE

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Any advice provided by an employee of the Shire on the operation of a written law, or the performance of a function by the Shire, is provided in the capacity of an employee, and to the best of that person's knowledge and ability. It does not constitute, and should not be relied upon, as a legal advice or representation by the Shire. Any advice on a matter of law, or anything sought to be relied upon as a representation by the Shire should be sought in writing and should make clear the purpose of the request."

**SHIRE OF DARDANUP****AGENDA FOR THE SHIRE OF DARDANUP BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th of March 2024, AT SHIRE OF DARDANUP – EATON ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, COMMENCING AT 7.00PM.****1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Chairperson, to declare the meeting open, welcome those in attendance and refer 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.*

*Emergency Procedure*

*In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of the Chairperson who will direct you to the safest exit route. Once outside, please proceed to the Assembly Area points located to the western side of the front office car park near the skate park and gazebo where we will meet (and complete a roll call).*

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**2.1 Attendance2.2 Apologies

*Note – include any declines received prior to the meeting here*

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**3.1 Bush Fire Advisory Committee 2023 Terms of Reference

At the Shire of Dardanup Special Council meeting of the 25 October 2023, the 2023 Bushfire Advisory Committee Terms of Reference were adopted by Council [Res 263-23]. A copy of the new Terms of Reference are provided in (Appendix BFAC: 3.1).

3.2 Election of Chairperson

Nominations for the position of Chairperson are to be emailed or handed to Mr Andre Schönfeldt who will be the Presiding Officer for the election. Nominations should be in writing (form provided at Appendix BFAC: 3.2).

The position of Chairperson will expire in October 2025 being the date of the next ordinary election Local Government Act 1995 2.28(2).

The nominee is to accept the nomination in writing to the position of Chairperson.

If more than one person is nominated, voting is to be conducted by secret ballot, with the candidate that receives the greater number of votes being elected.

3.3 Election of Deputy Chairperson

Nominations for the position of Deputy Chairperson were given to the Chairperson, in writing (form provided at Appendix BFAC: 3.3).

The position of Deputy Chairperson will expire in October 2025 being the date of the next ordinary election Local Government Act 1995 2.28(2).

The nominee is to accept the nomination in writing to the position of Deputy Chairperson.

If more than one person is nominated, voting is to be conducted by secret ballot, with the candidate that receives the greater number of votes being elected.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

[5.1 Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting Held 14th June 2023](#)

**BFAC RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION**

**THAT the Minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023, be confirmed as true and correct subject to no / the following corrections:**

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED**

**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.”

**8. ACTION SHEET UPDATE**

No actions outstanding.



<b>9      REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES</b>
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9.1                      Title: *Update Report from Chief Bush Fire Control Officer*

<b>Reporting Department</b>	<i>CBFCO - Dardanup</i>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<i>Mr Chris Hynes</i>

*(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>	
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	
<i>Training</i>	
<i>Meetings Held</i>	
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	
<i>Concerns</i>	
<i>Initiatives</i>	
<i>Other News</i>	

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

9.2                      Title: *Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions – Officer Report*

<b>Reporting Department</b>	<i>Department of Biodiversity, Conservation &amp; Attractions</i>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<i>Mr Allan Madgwick</i>

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

<b>Reporting Department</b>	<i>DFES</i>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<i>Mr Ricky Southgate</i>

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

**Reporting Department** Burekup BFB  
**Reporting Officer** Mr 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>	13-10-23 Shed fire Burekup clarke st 4-11-23 Barragup 6-11-23 Henty rd 18-11-23 Henty rd 23-11-23 (Unknown ) 27-11-23 Eaton ( stood down) 21-12-23 Eaton fire Forrest hwy 22-12-23 Eaton fire Forrest hwy 30-12-23 Waterloo pole fire 11-1-24 Collie / Williams rd Palmer location 12-1-24 Collie / Williams rd Palmer location 21-2-24 Waterloo pole fires - 2 call outs
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	No issues. New tyres and rims on order. Old tyres and rims to be returned to shire or brigade to be stored for spares.
<i>Training</i>	Members joining training nights at Dardanup Central, Waterloo and Wellington Mills. Thanks to those brigades.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Committee meeting 11-12-23
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Stable
<i>Concerns</i>	None
<i>Initiatives</i>	Christmas Santa run 24-12-23. Shire WH&S inductions meetings 1-2-24 and 19-2-24, Tyndale Farm emergency exit / Familiarisation tour
<i>Other News</i>	Upgrades and repairs completed to both standpipes Collie River Rd and Hutchinson Rd by Shire contractor.  Several members have attended DFES fires Kimberly , Pilbara, and Eastern Wheat Belt .

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

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

**Reporting Department** Dardanup Central BFB  
**Reporting Officer** Mr Brendan Putt

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**Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting**

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	Apologies, unable to give current number, busy season so far.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	Appliances in good working order no outstanding faults.
<i>Training</i>	Training, every two weeks, new training induction held for new members plus existing, we have had on average 10 to 12 people for training attendance.  Training held with Dardanup West plus Burekup in the lead up to season start.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	Cadets Program details.
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	2 Resignations
<i>Concerns</i>	New training requirement will see approximately half of brigade stood down from active duty, based on this season of training attendance, 10 members meet the new training requirements.  New training requirement needs to be flexible for volunteer availability, we have several fly in members, plus members which are outside side of shire.
<i>Initiatives</i>	Cadets program meeting held plans to restart in April after school holidays.
<i>Other News</i>	

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

1. Item One: Welfare Budget?

As per shire requirements BFB vehicles will be required to be self sufficient in terms of water and food for at least four hours, we have water supplied but no budget for food, this is currently paid for by Brigade funds. E.g. Eaton fire truck was deployed with three separate crew changes.

Welfare not always supplied.

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

<b>Reporting Department</b>	Ferguson BFB
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr Lyndon Skeers

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### **Activity Report since Last BFAC Meeting**

<i>Fire Call Outs</i>	<p><b><u>Dress Circle</u></b> Ferguson LT and Ferguson High Season LT attended. Utilised Ferguson member with Ground Controller training.</p> <p><b><u>Hopelands Rd, Nambeelup</u></b> Ferguson High Season LT attended with 2 crew</p> <p><b><u>Eaton Fire</u></b> Ferguson LT and Ferguson High Season LT attended, 2 crew changes. High Season LT failed on the fire ground, has been replaced.</p> <p><b><u>Harvey Dam</u></b> Ferguson LT attended</p> <p><b><u>Palmer Rd (Black Diamond)</u></b> Ferguson LT and Ferguson High Season attended</p> <p><b><u>Collie (Palmer State Forest)</u></b> Ferguson LT attended, 1 Ferguson crew, 1 Waterloo crew</p> <p><b><u>Paradise Rd, Waterloo</u></b> Ferguson LT and Ferguson High Season LT attended</p> <p><b><u>Australind/Kingston</u></b> Ferguson LT attended</p> <p><b><u>ADDITIONAL:</u></b> Two members deployed to the Pilbara fires One member attended Collie fire in Burekup 1.4</p>
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High season vehicle failed at Eaton fire, has been replaced and well utilized during the season</li> <li>- Waiting on repairs to stand pipe, broken valve.</li> </ul>
<i>Training</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fortnightly training is ongoing. Records of attendance have been forwarded to Shire of Dardanup as requested.</li> <li>- WHS Inductions of the majority of active Brigade members have been completed. The balance will be finalised soon.</li> <li>- A number of members have completed advanced training courses including crew leader, advanced bushfire fighting and driver training</li> <li>- Working with all members to take advantage of additional training as per the recently released DFES training calendar.</li> </ul>
<i>Meetings Held</i>	1
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	1
<i>Concerns</i>	Under-ground power cable to light pole on Brigade grounds is faulty/damaged, previously reported to Shire.
<i>Initiatives</i>	
<i>Other News</i>	New sign installed.

### **Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

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

<b>Reporting Department</b>	Joshua Creek / Crooked Brook BFB
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr 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>	5
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	Two Way Radio – Handheld - Repaired
<i>Training</i>	4 Trainings held
<i>Meetings Held</i>	2
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Stable
<i>Concerns</i>	
<i>Initiatives</i>	Built new lockers and new racking
<i>Other News</i>	

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

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

<b>Reporting Department</b>	<i>Upper Ferguson BFB</i>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<i>Mr Grant Ratcliffe</i>

*(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>	
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	
<i>Training</i>	
<i>Meetings Held</i>	
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	
<i>Concerns</i>	
<i>Initiatives</i>	
<i>Other News</i>	

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

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>	16 call-outs, with a total of 100 crew positions being filled with approximately 54 hours on fire ground's.  This excludes the fire of "Forrest Hwy and Eaton Dr. 18 Fire Fighters did over 40 shifts or patrols until the incident was finally "closed". This figure does not take into account the time and dedication by other Shire Brigades or neighbouring Shire's Brigades to bring this incident to a favourable conclusion. Thank you.
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	3.4 Foam pump recalibrated.  The loaning of equipment out on a fire ground to be covered within a procedure. All items are to be identified with Waterloo BFB markings to aid in their safe return.
<i>Training</i>	
<i>Meetings Held</i>	
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	
<i>Concerns</i>	ESL Emergency Services Levy. Boundaries expanding into the Dardanup Shire. Respond times and call out errors run rife and mitigation and fuel loads are not addressed making more work and less chance of getting a good result for all customers.
<i>Initiatives</i>	
<i>Other News</i>	

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

9.10                      Title: Wellington Mill District Fire Control Officer Report – Mr Keith Higham

<b>Reporting Department</b>	Wellington Mill BFB
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mr Keith Higham

(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>	2/12 INC#650279 Scrub Fire, Wellington Mill 21/12 Crew change for West Dardy HS4.4, Eaton 31/12 INC#653242 Vehicle Fire, Ferguson 29/2 Burn out/mop up in Ferguson HSLT, Kingston
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	1.4 had DPF replaced Awaiting fitting of new tyres
<i>Training</i>	30/10, 13/11, 27/11, 8/1, 22/1, 5/2
<i>Meetings Held</i>	6/11, 4/12, 8/1, 5/2
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Resignations - David and Jenni Doherty (left the area) Small number of new recruits.
<i>Concerns</i>	Fire shed infested with red back spiders, Jess organizing fumigation.
<i>Initiatives</i>	Options being presented to members on 11/3 regarding proposed 5 yr capital funding plan for upgrades to our station.
<i>Other News</i>	AGM date to be set, tentatively 29/3

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**



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

**Reporting Department** West Dardanup BFB  
**Reporting Officer** Mr 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>	Incidents = 12 Attendance = 28 Attendance within our area = 4
<i>Appliance and Equipment</i>	1.4 tanker – no issues with truck 4.4 seasonal tanker. This vehicle has been used as the primary vehicle for our brigade this season and apart from a couple of minor problems which have been repaired is going well.
<i>Training</i>	Continuing regular training on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.  Used a couple of training nights to complete induction and have now completed 27.
<i>Meetings Held</i>	nil
<i>Membership – Recruitment/Resignation</i>	Have had a couple of new member join, been fortunate to be able to get one through his basic training  Have had a couple of current active members step back from their duties and requested 12 months off, which was endorsed to allow them to deal with personal matters.
<i>Concerns</i>	There still seems to be a lot of confusion as to ongoing training requirements of members. i.e attendance at local brigade training sessions and number of attendance to training per year. I believe that some of these things are currently being considered through the training planning however still needed to raise it.  Time taken to arrange for masks for active members. Request was lodged early in the season and yet we are still waiting for a response. Members have raised concerns regarding not having the correct respirators when attending fires.
<i>Initiatives</i>	
<i>Other News</i>	

**Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

**9.12**      Title: Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services Report – Mr Stephen Loiterton

**Reporting Department**

*Shire of Dardanup*

**Reporting Officer**

*Mr Stephen Loiterton – Coordinator Emergency & Ranger Services*

**Brigade AGMs**

A reminder that Brigade Annual General Meetings (AGM) are to be held by 15 April each year as per the *Bush Fire Brigade Local Law 2021*.

At the AGM, the election of the ‘Committee of Management’ is required, which consists of the following positions:

- FCO
- Captain
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Lieutenants
- Equipment Officer
- Training Officer
- Communications Officer
- Any other officers elected by the brigade to manage the operations of the bush fire brigade.

As with previous years, nomination forms outlining the position roles and responsibilities are to be completed. These forms outline the roles and responsibilities of the brigade officers and are required to be signed off by the officer accepting the nomination to demonstrate that they understand and agree to fulfil all the responsibilities.

As per the *Bush Fire Brigade Local Law*, the Secretary is to forward a copy of the AGM minutes and completed nomination forms to the Shire within 1 month of the AGM being held. These will then be tabled at the next BFAC meeting.

All brigade members, excluding cadets, are eligible to nominate and be nominated and invited to attend and participate in the nomination process. Members of the public are not eligible to vote.

**Mitigation Activity Fund**

The Western Australian government has established the Mitigation Activity Fund Grants Program (MAFGP) to reduce bushfire hazards that present a high risk to assets throughout the State. The program supports local governments with endorsed Bushfire Risk Management Plans to treat bushfire risk in their communities on State land that they manage.

The Shire of Dardanup has successfully acquitted the 2022-23 program.

Application for the next round is being prepared by the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator. A total of 26 treatments have been identified for inclusion in the application. There have been minor changes to the guidelines, which has potential to impact our application. The changes impact what treatments are deemed eligible or ineligible. Land that meets the following criteria are now ineligible: area less than 1ha in urban areas; verges; and land not in Bushfire Prone Area. However, they may be included in applications, and additional justification will be sought before approval.

Applications are due 24 April 2024.

### **Local Government Grant Scheme**

Funding for Bush Fire Brigades and State Emergency Service units is allocated via the Local Government Grant Scheme, which itself is funded by moneys collected through the Emergency Services Levy. The Shire uses Local Government Grant Scheme to fund the operational and capital expenses of its eight brigades.

The Shire's acquittal of the 2022/23 grant has been completed. The Shire was allocated \$220,022, and spent \$245,257 (some over-expenditure was pre-approved at the time it occurred). The assessment ruled \$2,458 as ineligible expenditure. The Shire will be provided additional funding to cover the gap.

The Shire's current 2023/24 grant allocation is \$205,000. As of 29 February 2024 a total of \$242,856 has been spent. A significant amount of this overspend has been pre-approved. While additional funding was provided to cover the previous over-spend, there is no guarantee that this will be repeated in full or in part. A closer scrutiny will be taken on expenditure for the remainder of the year.

Applications are open for the 2024/25 financial year. The Shire has been offered \$196,160. This Shire has respectfully declined this offer and is preparing a details application to seek \$245,500 (not including 'Line 9' items), in recognition of increasing costs and previous year's expenditure. There are twelve Line 9 applications received from Brigades for inclusion in this year's grant application.

Also to be included in this year's application is a request for capital expenditure for an upgrade to the Ferguson station. The vehicle capital grant was considered in late 2023. The replacement of Burekup 1.4 and Dardanup Central 3.4 were accepted for the 2024/25 program, and Wellington Mills 1.4 for future years – the actual delivery dates are uncertain noting that there are three vehicles identified for replacements in earlier years that are still outstanding. Applications close on 29 March 2024.

### **Compliance with Fire Prevention Order**

The Ranger Service has completed two rounds of inspection of fire breaks to ensure compliance with the Shire's Fire Prevention order for 2023/24. A total of 26 infringements were issued for failure to put in place suitable fire breaks, and 63 improvement notices to rectify sub-standard breaks.

### **Review of Emergency Service Levee Boundary**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services is conducting an annual review of the Emergency Service Levee boundaries. The Department has reviewed service delivery in the Shire and identified areas where they propose a change of category. It is noted that this change will also effect other local government areas.

The change will basically see the designated Category 2 area expand out to align with the Bunbury Ring Road. The proposal recognises that the new ring road will encourage development in such areas. This would put a significant area of rural land within the area where the Department will have designated incident control.

At a meeting with the Department, the Shire argued that while the change is expected, making the change at this time is premature. The road is still under construction and development is not likely to occur in the near or intermediate future, and may not be significant for some time. The Shire's input will be noted. The Department will advise the Shire of the outcome of the review in due course. It is anticipated that if the proposal is implemented it will come into effective in the new financial year.

### **Item/s For BFAC Discussion**

Nil.

**10. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE**

[Please Note: This is Not General Business – This is for Urgent Business Approved By the Person Presiding or by Decision. In cases of extreme urgency or other special circumstance, matters may, with the consent of the person presiding, or by decision of the members present, be raised without notice and decided by the meeting.]

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The Chairperson advises that the date of the next Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting is to be 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.

There being no further business the Chairperson to declare the meeting closed.