



**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Dowerin Bushfire Advisory Committee
held in Council Chambers on
Wednesday 5 April 2017**

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Phil Pickering (C.B.F.C.O)

Bill Coote (DCBFCO)

Eric Emmott

Lindsay Hagboom

Simon Emmott

Gavin Hagboom

Gavin Howard

Stephen Crute

Adam Metcalf

Andrea Selvey

Paul Millstead

Apologies:

Justin Corrigan

Steven Geerdink

Alan Bear

2. OPENING

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Mr Phil Pickering declared the meeting open at 4.35pm.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: B Coote

Seconded: E Emmott

***THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
DOWERIN BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED.***

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Tanks in the Manmanning Area. Steven Geerdink did look at them but not sure what the outcome was.

Action: A Selvey to speak with S Geerdink

4.2 Gazetted burning times were approved. Issue with public holidays/Easter and small number of volunteers available in case of a problem.

<u>Fire Weather Officers</u>	P. Pickering	0429 311 250
<u>Bush Fire Control Officers</u>		
<u>Dowerin</u>	P. Pickering	0429 311 250
	A. Selvey	0429 311 202
<u>Minnivale</u>	W. Coote	0427 313 020
	S. Crute	0429 631 303
<u>Cadoux-Manmanning</u>	A. Bear	9632 1278
	S. Booth	0427 732 013
	S. Emmott	0428 955 940
<u>Ejanding</u>	P. Millstead	0427 311 721
	B. Jones	0428 323 012
<u>Ucarty</u>	D.P. Hudson	0428 311 063
	G. Hagboom	0427 341 026
<u>Dual Fire Control Officers</u>		
Wyalkatchem Shire	S Crute	
Wongan-Ballidu Shire	S. Emmott, P. Millstead	
Goomalling Shire	P. Pickering, G Hagboom	
Cunderdin Shire	G. Hagboom	
Koorda Shire	H. (John) Bear (Andrea to phone John to Check if he wants to keep going. If he says no, see if A Bear will do it.)	
CARRIED		

5.5 FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MR ERIC EMMOTT

The CBFCO, Phil Pickering, formally acknowledged the commitment and efforts of Mr Emmott who has made a great contribution to the community as a Fire Control Officer since 1966.

The meeting supported this formal acknowledgement.

Action: A Selvey to investigate options for acknowledging Mr Emmott with DFES.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 DFES Budgets

Brigades are asked to check if any equipment is required and submit their requests to A Selvey for the Shire to purchase from DFES Grant.

6.2 Fire Reports

Brigades are asked to ensure Fire Reports are completed and submitted to the Shire Office as these are vital to ensure accurate statistics and reporting to DFES.

6.3 Access to Water (Tanks or Standpipes)

Tanks are needed in West Ucarty Area and at the 54 Gate West Road/ Dowerin Kalannie Road intersection. These need to be investigated and an amount considered in the Shire budget or grant funding from DFES.

Action: A Selvey to ask S Geerdink to liaise with G Hagboom and S Emmott to discuss options.

6.4 Bush Fire Tender

New tender due in about one month (end of April).

6.5 Exercise

Discussion on the value of having an exercise to allow for volunteers to familiarise themselves with different trucks and equipment. Strong support for another exercise in the near future.

6.6 Bush Fire Shed

Contract for new shed has been awarded to WBS. Works should start within the next few weeks. Cost was more than grant funding but Council resolved to accept the quote to ensure quality.

6.7 Fuel Loads on road verges

L Hagboom noted concerns with fuel loads on road side verges.

Action: A Selvey to seek advice from DFES about options.

6.8 Update from DFES

Training delivery method changed to online. Registration is mandatory to receive training via FESA.

Existing trucks being upgraded with Deluge Systems and in-cab air.

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7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in early April 2018.

9. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further general business the CBFCO declared the meeting closed at 5.40pm.