



## **BUSHFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**26 MARCH 2024**

**14 White Street  
Brookton, WA 6306**

<b>7.00</b>	<b>pm</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING</b>
<b>8.00</b>	<b>pm</b>	<b>CLOSURE OF MEETING</b>



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**26 March 2024**

**14 White Street  
Brookton, WA 6306**

Dear Councillor, Resident or Ratepayer,

Notice is hereby given that the Bushfire Advisory Committee of the Brookton Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre commencing at 7:00 pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Sherry'.

**Gary Sherry**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
20 March 2024

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**1.03.24 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ATTENDANCE**

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People and pay respect to all Elders, past, present, and emerging. I wish to acknowledge and respect local people's continuing culture and the contribution they make to Country and its life.

**2.03.24 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

*That the minutes of the Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held in the Shire of Brookton Council Chambers, on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.*

**3.03.24 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**4.03.24. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS**

For the 2023/24 the Shire of Brookton made the following appointments.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Murray Hall
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Travis Eva
FCO's – Central Brigade	Troy Bassett, Andrew Pike, Ashley Hobbs, William Wilkinson, Neville Messenger, Blair Montague, Anton de Lange, Brad Bassett.
FCO's – East Brigade	Bevan Walters, Darrell Turner, Dennis Wilkinson, Michael Eva.
FCO's – West Brigade	Tim Evans, Ross Evans, Len Simmons, Mark Whittington, Jamie Blight.
FCO – Shire of Brookton	Jason Carrall

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

*That the BFAC recommend that the Shire of Brookton make the following appointments for the 2024/25 fire season.*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee(s)</b>
<b>Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>	
<b>Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>	
<b>FCO's – Central Brigade</b>	
<b>FCO's – East Brigade</b>	Bevan Walters, Travis Eva, Darrell Turner, Dennis Wilkinson, Michael Eva
<b>FCO's – West Brigade</b>	Tim Evans, Ross Evans, Len Simmons, Mark Whittington, Toby Blechynden, Tristan Guinness
<b>FCO – Shire of Brookton</b>	Jason Carrall
<b>Dual FCO – Shire of Beverley</b>	
<b>Dual FCO – Shire of Corrigin</b>	
<b>Dual FCO – Shire of Pingelly</b>	
<b>Dual FCO – Shire of Wandering</b>	

## 5.03.24 REPORTS

### 5.03.24.01 CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER – MURRAY HALL

### 5.03.24.02 DEPUTY CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER – TRAVIS EVA

### 5.03.24.03 WEST BRIGADE – CAPTAIN: TIM EVANS

#### **Brigade Changes:**

Captain – Tim Evans

Vice-Captain – Cullem Pech

Secretary – Holly Blechynden

FCO's – Tim Evans, Ross Evans, Len Simmons, Mark Whittington, Toby Blechynden, Tristan Guinness.

### 5.03.24.04 CENTRAL BRIGADE – CAPTAIN: TROY BASSETT

Fires reported within central brigade 23/24 Fire season:

- Youraling rd / Roses Rd – Travis Eva's – 13<sup>th</sup> January 24
- White St fire towns s/w corner - 19<sup>th</sup> December 23
- Tiller St near school – 21<sup>st</sup> November 23
- Smart rd / Mattingly rd – Pine plantation - Troy Bassett's – 22 October.

The Brookton Central Bridge attended the above fires.

The Brookton Central Brigade also attend fires outside its brigade including:

- Corrigin Airport Fire – 17<sup>th</sup> October 23
- Young Rd Fire - Chris Mallick – 4<sup>th</sup> November 23
- York Williams / North Wandering Rd – Hardie's – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 23
- Bennett Rd Fire – 27<sup>th</sup> November 23
- Lange's Fire Pingelly - 20<sup>th</sup> December 23

#### **Brigade Changes:**

- Anton De Lange replaces Troy Bassett as Captain
- Blair Montague replaces Andrew Pike as Vice-Captain
- Nic McCabe is removed from BFAC Proxy
- Brad Bassett, Anton De Lange and Blair Montague are added to BFAC Proxy
- Central drivers list has been reviewed and can be found in minutes below.

#### **Business Arising from Meeting:**

- There are high levels of timber on roadsides after recent storms, Corberding Rd has high levels of dry timber. Central brigade suggests that this timber should be removed by the shire prior to next fire season.
- BP Volunteer fuel cards are now in use, Account at Nola's roadhouse has been cancelled.
- We have one member enrolled in the FCO course (Anton) to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Aldersyde hall.

## **5.03.24.05 EAST BRIGADE – CAPTAIN: BEVAN WALTERS**

### **East Brigade Position appointments for 2024**

Captain – Bevan Walters

Vice – Captain – Jarrad Turner

FCO's – Bevan Walters, Travis Eva, Darrell Turner, Dennis Wilkinson, Michael Eva (Pending due to awaiting training)

BFAC Proxy – Jarrad Turner

East Tender Drivers - Bevan Walters, Travis Eva, Rodney Bowring, Shane Bowron, Brad Mills, Dennis Wilkinson, Gavin Whittington, Paul Wilkinson, John Bowring, Geoff MacInnes, Gary Eva, Don Eva, Grahame Sudholz, Ben Sudholz, Suzanne Turner, Jarrad Turner, Michael Eva, Sarah Walters, Luke Blechynden, Tyrone Fulwood, Andrew Craig.

### **Incident Report**

Attended 3 fires over the summer.

1. 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – East Truck assisted at Corrigin Fire – had 2 shifts.
2. 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 – Troy Bassett/Peter Meeres location
3. 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Crew went to assist a shift/relieve Central Brigade Truck

### **General**

East Brookton Brigade shed project finally underway.

## **5.03.24.06 DFES**

## **6.03.24 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER (CESM)**

### **6.03.24.01 TRAINING UPDATE**

**6.03.24.02 STATUS TABLE**

Task	Current Status	Comment
Shire of Brookton - New FCO	Current	Provide new FCO with permit book, access to whatsapp, Booked a FCO's course for March 2024 and once completed books will be issued and training given.
Brookton Pingelly Corrigin Training certificates	Current	Certificates organised and received via email. Printed out and will sort out for each shire over next few days. <b>All certificates have now been printed for all three shires. Message sent out to brigade members for collection and to date only have one reply from members. Sandie to look at posting out to members.</b>
Shire of Brookton ESL 2023-2024		Meeting held Friday 19-01-2024 in relation to expenses for rest of the season and plan put in place to have this work completed before 30 June 2024.
Shire of Brookton ESL Budget submission 2024-2025	TBA	Tender B class service forms created for each Tender ready for servicing. Request for quote sent out to Brookton 24/7 Towing for quoting. Request for update with current work orders requested from Brookton 24/7 Towing. Progress 2023-2024 expenditure spreadsheet updated. Meeting with Gary, Sandy and Deanne completed and all relevant required information needed for 2024-2025 submission received. <b>ESL submission now completed for the shire of Brookton and passed onto CEO for signing before I can send off to DFES.</b>
Brookton Mitigation Program	Current	relying on weather at the current time and should have finished by end of October. Site meeting with BRMO from DFES Narrogin office in relation to maintenance works on UCL land in town site. 2022-2023 acquittal completed and sent to CEO for signing. acquittal sent off to DFES. Did drive around with Les to go through UCL works to be completed by end of October
Brookton Mitigation program submission 2024-2025 round one	TBA	
Brookton Golf Club Control Burn	Attending	Waiting for golf events to finish and a time were members are available to carry out burn. Anticipating second week of October Control burn booked in for October 5th and 6th October. Currently have Brookton west sending one truck. Burn Cancelled due to weather

Task	Current Status	Comment
Brookton BFB Thermal Imaging Cameras	Current	Purchase order sent to Frontline Fire and Rescue. Awaiting delivery Spoke to frontline fire and rescue with follow up of where cameras are. they advise me they will look into it and get back to me. Cameras have arrived and will organise contractor to install into fire appliances. Cameras have been marked with identification labels and batteries charged ready for installation.
Maintenance on Fire Trucks Brookton	Current	Arrange for service on pumps of all four fire trucks. Brookton Central has now been serviced and back in the shed. Brookton East and West trucks now finalised. Brookton Central truck off line due to diff issues. Diff has now been looked at and repaired and Mechanic has given the all clear for operational duties again and is back in the shed. <b>all fire tenders have now been serviced.</b>
Maintenance on Fire Trucks Brookton	Current	Arrange for AVL upgrades on all four fire trucks request for purchase order sent to shire with quote for works to be completed. Brookton Central has now been completed. CESM vehicle has now been completed. Brookton Central and Brookton East have been completed.
Brookton West BFB Shed	Current	plans reviewed and suggested changes made through Kevin Project manager Brookton. Meeting with contractor to go over plans and suggested final changes. Construction of shed has started with concrete slab being installed. <b>Shed well underway with all frames installed, roofs completed, and cladding being finalised. Fast fill trailer shed now completed, water tank has been installed.</b>
Brookton East Fire Shed	Current	with shire to continue Site has been cleared.



**7.03.24 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**8.03.24 FOR INFORMATION/CIRCULARS**

Nil.

**9.03.24 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.00pm