



# Shire of Tammin

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## *Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes*

22nd April 2024

# Minutes of Meeting

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Dear Members,

The Tammin Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Shire of Tammin, Council Chambers on Tuesday 22nd April 2024 commencing at 4pm.

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## SHIRE OF TAMMIN

### ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Meeting and declared the Meeting open at 4:12pm.

### ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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#### 2.1 Members

Mr G Charlton	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer / Chairperson
Mr N Caffell	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr T York	Fire Control Officer
Mr H Dixon	Fire Control Officer
Mr B Jones	Fire Control Officer
Mr B Davies	Community Emergency Services Manager/ FCO

#### 2.2 Administration

Mrs J Soderlund	Chief Executive Officers
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#### 2.3 Observers / Visitors

Nil

#### 2.4 Apologies

Mr R Uppill	Fire Control Officer
Mr D Thompson	Fire Control Officer
Mr J Willis	Department of Fire and Emergency Services

### ITEM 3 DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

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Nil.

### ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

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#### 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Copy Attached)

MOVED Mr Nick Caffell                      SECONDED Mr Brad Jones

That the minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 11th October 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.2 Business Arising

MOVED Mr Nick Caffell                      SECONDED Mr Tim York

That Mr Roger Uppill be removed as a Fire Control Officer, as previously discussed at the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 11th October 2023. With Mr Brad Jones taking his place.

**CARRIED**

## ITEM 5      REPORTS

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### 5.1      **CBFCO Report**

- Busy year for lighting
- Road House Fire – Nothing came out of it. Invoice for refreshments to come through.
- Bungulla is still an issue, This year Shire will send a notice in relation to Fire Breaks and follow up if not compliant, Shire will then undertake the work and on charge to land holder.
- Yorky Rock attendance, Thanks to Swanny, Thanks for Parks and Wildlife for coming out. Thanks for those who attend. Thanks to the Shire for providing food.
- There was a suspicion fire near the tip, Unsure of what started it. Unsure if reported to 000.

### 5.2      **DCBFCO Report**

- Discussed Esperance Fires, It will be interesting to see what comes out of it following the fatality and the new WHS laws with the LG.

### 5.3      **CESM Report**

- Number of Incidents this year, 17 in total for the year. In comparison, Tammin averages 5-6 a year normally, A lot attributed to Lightning.
- The number could have also gone up as more people are calling 000, this is great to see. This will help us secure funding and appliances.
- This season has been busy but lots of little fires that have been put out rather quickly, I think the biggest was Yorky rock, Thanks to everyone who helped out at that one.
- Respirators have been issued at the last BFAC, still have some in stock for those requiring them.
- Training – 36 out of 43 members have been trained, CESM to provide competency report to Shire and FCOs.
- I would like to conduct Ground Controller training to be able to use the water bombers when CESM is unavailable.
- Issued the DCBFCO with a Mobile as per LGGS
- Basic training will be held in September, Training can now be done online.
- FCO course to run 4<sup>th</sup> of September – CESM to provide report as there was lots of discussion around who had done this course already.

### 5.4      **FCO's Reports**

Nothing further to add from any members.

### 5.5      **Shire Councillor / Staff Report(s)**

- Thanks to everyone who has attended fires this last season.
- We will continue to try and get funding to secure a fire truck.
- We will also order new permit books as I believe the current books are out of date – CESM confirmed this.

### 5.6      **DFES Report**

Nil

## ITEM 6 CORRESPONDENCE

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### 6.1 Inward

No Correspondence has been received.

### 6.2 Outgoing

The Shire sent a Letter to DFES requesting a secondhand or stand-by appliance for BFB. No response as yet.

## ITEM 7 DISCUSSION POINTS

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### 7.1 Post Season Debrief

Chair - A lot of this has been covered in the previous reports, there haven't been any large fires for Tammin and most of them have been dealt with pretty quickly. All parties agreed.

### 7.2 Restricted Burning Period/Prohibited Burning Period (RBT/PBT)

Listed for discussion on current Restricted and Prohibited Burning times for the 2024/25 firebreak notice.

Restricted Burning Period:

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Prohibited Burning Period:

1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Restricted Burning Period:

15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The above dates can be modified by up to a maximum of 14 days as required should seasonal conditions warrant.

The above dates were considered by the group and no changes proposed.

### 7.3 Burning Restrictions

#### 7.3.1 Prohibited Burning Easter Period

Recommendation for the Prohibition of burning during the Easter weekend.

- Good Friday – 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April
- Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

#### 7.3.2 Prohibited Burning before 12pm, 25<sup>th</sup> April

Recommendation for the Prohibition of burning between the hours of 12:00am (midnight) and 12:00pm (midday) while ANZAC day ceremonies are taking place.

The above additional burning restrictions were discussed and considered by the group not to be necessary.

#### **7.4 Bush Fire Exercise/Training**

As per CESM Report – Training will be held in September prior to the next bushfire season. Training is also available online and a link will be sent out for seasonal workers.

#### **ITEM 8 FURTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

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Mr B Jones asked if they could use the Airstrip for water bombing operations. CESM discussed the potential to use it, however, stated there is set requirements and he was happy to explore them and will get back to Mr Jones

#### **ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE**

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The next Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting with the location to be the Tammin Sports Club in September 2024 (date to be finalised) commencing at 5.30pm.

#### **ITEM 10 CLOSURE**

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There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 5:07 pm.