

# Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

## Meeting Agenda

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	1-2025
<b>Meeting Date</b>	20 March 2025		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	2:00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Chambers Room, Mullewa District Office		
<b>Attendees</b>	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Aaron Horsman Cr Michael Librizzi Daniel Critch - Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer	<b>By Invitation</b>	
	Aaron Halliday - CGG, Training Officer Andy Gaze - CGG, Manager Regulatory Services Brendan Weir - Tenindewa Bush Fire Control Officer Craig Moran - Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade Darren Simmons - Mullewa District Office Manager Julia French - DBCA, District Fire Coordinator Mark Teale - Department of Fire and Emergency Services Murray Preston - Casuarinas Bush Fire Brigade Murray Smith - CGG, Coordinator Emergency Management Neil Johnstone - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Tony Crudeli - Mullewa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	<b>Apologies</b>	Zac Grima Gerard Rowe Ryan Hall
		<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
		<b>Distribution</b>	
<b>Purpose of Committee</b>	<p>The City of Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committees are formally appointed Committees of Council established under section 5.8 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>, and are responsible to that body.</p> <p>The City of Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committees provide advice regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters relating to the preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires;</li> <li>• Planning layout of fire breaks in the district;</li> <li>• Prosecutions for breaches of the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>;</li> <li>• The formation of Brigades; and</li> <li>• Coordination and cooperation between Brigades and Agents.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to <a href="#">Committee Book</a></p>		

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[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees-V4](#)

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- 1 Declaration Of Opening**
- 2 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3 Welcome & Apologies**
- 4 Disclosure of Interests**
- 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

--EMBEDDED ATTACHMENT--

UNCONFIRMED Minutes - Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting - 19 September 2024

# Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	2-2024
<b>Meeting Date</b>	19 September 2024		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	2:00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Chambers Room, Mullewa District Office		
<b>Members</b>	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Aaron Horsman Cr Michael Librizzi <i>by electronic means</i> Gerard Rowe - Mullewa South Bushfire Brigade Captain	<b>By Invitation</b>	
<b>Attendees</b>	Andy Gaze – CGG, Manager Regulatory Services Brendan Weir - Tenindewa Bush Fire Control Officer Darren Simmons - Mullewa District Office Manager Murray Preston - Casuarinas Bush Fire Brigade Murray Smith - CGG, Coordinator Emergency Management Neil Johnstone - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Stacey Heelan – Mullewa Customer Service Officer	<b>Leave of Absence</b>	
<b>Apologies</b>	Daniel Critch - Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer Aaron Halliday – CGG, Training Officer Craig Moran - Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade Julia French – DBCA, District Fire Coordinator Mark Teale – Department of Fire and Emergency Services Ryan Hall – CGG, Director of Development Services Tony Crudeli - Mullewa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Zac Grima - Tardun/Pindar Bush Fire Control Officer	<b>Distribution</b>	All.
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## 1 Declaration Of Opening

Presiding Member, Mayor Clune declared the meeting open at 2:04pm.

## 2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

## 3 Welcome & Apologies

The Presiding Member welcomed the members and registered apologies were noted from:

- Daniel Critch - Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer
- Aaron Halliday – CGG, Training Officer
- Craig Moran - Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade
- Julia French – DBCA, District Fire Coordinator
- Mark Teale – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Ryan Hall – CGG, Director of Development Services
- Tony Crudeli - Mullewa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
- Zac Grima - Tardun/Pindar Bush Fire Control Officer

## 4 Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

## 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

### Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 April 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

### COMMITTEE DECISION:

**MOVED** Gerrad Rowe, **SECONDED** Cr Aaron Horsman

**RECOMMEND** that the minutes of the Mullewa Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 April 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED 4/0**

Not Voted: 1

Against Votes: 0

For Votes: 4

Name	Vote (For or Against)
Mayor Clune	FOR
Cr. Horsman	FOR
Cr. Librizzi	FOR
Daniel Critch Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer	NOT VOTED
Gerard Rowe Mullewa South Bushfire Brigade Captain	FOR

## 6 Paddock Fire Appliances at Harvest – N Johnstone

<b>Discussion/Topic</b>	Recommendations for in paddock appliances during harvest.
<b>Attachments (x#)</b>	Nil.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Farmers to have a 4WD with 500L of water in the paddocks where harvesting operations are underway, consider having more fire appliances if there is more than one harvester running. Also recommended to consider a tractor with a plough / offset disc being present.
<b>Outcome</b>	CBFCO to issue Community Service Announcement / Mullewa Mail Notice relating to these recommendations.

## 7 Agency and Brigade Updates

### 7.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – N Johnstone

See report.

### 7.2 CGG Coordinator Emergency Management – M Smith

No report.

### 7.3 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

No report.

### 7.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attraction

See report.

### 7.5 Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade

No report.

### 7.6 Mullewa South Bush Fire Brigade

- Appliance will be based at David Tropiano's farm for fire season.

### 7.7 Tenindewa Bush Fire Brigade

- One small fire on a June weekend – easily put out with the farm response appliances.

### 7.8 Pindar/Tardun Bush Fire Brigade

No report.

### 7.9 Casuarina Bush Fire Brigade

No report.

## 8 General Business

### 8.1 WHS – PPC and Safety in the Field – Mayor Clune

<b>Discussion/Topic</b>	WHS discussion regarding the importance of PPC and safety in the field.
<b>Attachments (x#)</b>	Nil.
<b>Recommendation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Take care in the field;</li><li>▪ Ensure you wearing PPC and using the appropriate equipment; and</li><li>▪ Have been some recent LGA court cases - it's a timely reminder for everyone to be safe.</li></ul>
<b>Outcome</b>	Noted by the Committee.

## 8.2 Seasonal Workers & Training – B Weir

<b>Discussion/Topic</b>	Preference is that farmers are not sending seasonal workers to fires – no training, no PPC, no fire awareness.  Rural fire awareness course is available online.
<b>Attachments (x#)</b>	Nil.
<b>Recommendation</b>	As above, no seasonal workers to go to fires.
<b>Outcome</b>	Noted by the Committee.

## 9 Date of next meeting

Proposed for Thursday, 20 March 2025.

## 10 Close

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 2:40pm.

## **6 Agency and Brigade Updates**

**6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – N Johnstone**

**6.2 CGG Coordinator Emergency Management – M Smith**

**6.3 Department of Fire and Emergency Services**

**6.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attraction**

**6.5 Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade**

**6.6 Mullewa South Bush Fire Brigade**

**6.7 Tenindewa Bush Fire Brigade**

**6.8 Pindar/Tardun Bush Fire Brigade**

**6.9 Casuarina Bush Fire Brigade**

## **7 Date of next meeting**

Proposed for 18 September 2025.

## **8 Close**