

Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	1-2025
Meeting Date	21 March 2025		
Meeting Time	2:00pm		
Meeting Location	City of Greater Geraldton, Function Room		
Attendees	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Aaron Horsman Rob Roffey - Cape Burney Bushfire Brigade Captain Warren Treasure - Fire Control Officer Aaron Halliday- CGG Training Officer Andy Gaze - CGG Manager Regulatory Services Bill McKay - Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade Brendan McCann - Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade Daryl Hamersley - Walkaway Fire Control Officer David Hoare - Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade Joel Brady - Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Ian Grant - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade Julia French - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Kieran Mussen - Department of Fire and Emergency Services Murray Smith - CGG Coordinator Emergency Management & Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Neil Johnstone - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Ryan Hall - CGG Director of Development Services	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr Kim Parker Bruce Garratt
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	
Purpose of Committee	<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"> • Matters relating to the preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires; • Planning layout of fire breaks in the district; • Prosecutions for breaches of the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>; • The formation of Brigades; and • Coordination and cooperation between Brigades and Agents. <p>Refer to Committee Book</p>		

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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 - Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting - 20 September
2024

Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	2-2024
Meeting Date	20 September 2024		
Meeting Time	4:00pm		
Meeting Location	City of Greater Geraldton, Function Room		
Members	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Aaron Horsman Cr Kim Parker Rob Roffey - Cape Burney Bushfire Brigade Captain Warren Treasure - Fire Control Officer	By Invitation	
		Leave of Absence	
Attendees	Andy Gaze – CGG, Manager Regulatory Services Bill McKay - Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade David Hoare - Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade Murray Smith – CGG, Coordinator Emergency Management & Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Neil Johnstone - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Jane Humphries – DFES, A/District Officer – Fire North	Distribution	
Apologies	Aaron Halliday – CGG, Training Officer Brendan McCann - Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade Bruce Garratt - Walkaway Fire Control Officer Daryl Hamersley - Walkaway Fire Control Officer Ian Grant - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade Julia French – DBCA, District Fire Coordinator Kieran Mussen – Department of Fire and Emergency Services Ryan Hall – CGG, Director of Development Services Tristan Penny - Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service		
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1 Declaration Of Opening

Presiding Member, Mayor Clune, declared the meeting open at 4:00pm.

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:

- Aaron Halliday – CGG, Training Officer
- Brendan McCann - Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade
- Bruce Garratt - Walkaway Fire Control Officer
- Daryl Hamersley - Walkaway Fire Control Officer
- Ian Grant - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade
- Julia French – DBCA, District Fire Coordinator
- Kieran Mussen – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Ryan Hall – CGG, Director of Development Services
- Tristan Penny - Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

4 Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 April 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED Warren Treasure, **SECONDED** Rob Roffey

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 April 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 5/0

Not Voted: 0

Against Votes: 0

For Votes: 5

Name	Vote (For or Against)
Mayor Clune	FOR
Cr. Horsman	FOR
Cr. Parker	FOR
Rob Roffey Cape Burney Bushfire Brigade Captain	FOR
Warren Treasure Fire Control Officer	FOR

6 Paddock Fire Appliances at Harvest – N Johnstone

Discussion/Topic	Recommendations for in paddock appliances during harvest.
Attachments (x#)	Nil.
Recommendation	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.
Outcome	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

- Grain harvest aerial support likely to start first week in November 2024;
- Aerial support will be run by 1x Air Attack Platform and 2x water bombers;
- Geraldton-Greenough SES will be completing water bomber refuelling training early November 2024; and
- Redeployment of water bombers will be dependent on harvesting and the amounts received by CBH.
- Consensus from the meeting is that it's a large fuel load season and a large grain harvest, request from the committee is that the air support remain in the Mid West longer this year.

7.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attraction

See report.

7.5 Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade

See report.

7.6 Eradu Bush Fire Brigade

No report.

7.7 Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade

See report.

7.8 Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade

Verbal update provided by Captain.

7.9 Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade

See report.

8 General Business

Nil.

9 Date of next meeting

Proposed for Friday, 21 March 2025.

10 Close

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 4:45pm.

6 Agency and Brigade Updates

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – N Johnstone

6.2 CGG A/Coordinator Emergency Management – M Smith

6.3 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

6.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attraction

6.5 Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade

6.6 Eradu Bush Fire Brigade

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6.8 Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade

6.9 Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade

7 General Business

8 Date of next meeting

Proposed for 19 September 2025.

9 Close