

Mullewa Bushfire Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda – 21 September 2016

Meeting Name	Mullewa BFAC	Meeting No.	2 / 2016
Meeting Date	21 September 2016		
Meeting Time	10:30 AM		
Meeting Location	Boardroom, Mullewa District Office		
Attendees	Cr. L. Graham Brett Steele (FCO, Mullewa South, Chair) Daniel Critch (FCO, Tenindewa) Zac Grima (FCO, Pindar/Tardun) Darrin Fulker (FCO, Mullewa Central) Murray Preston (FCO, Casuarinas) Craig Wing (CGG, Acting CBFCO) Ben Muller (DFES, CESM) Brendan Wilson (CGG Emergency Mgt)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. J. Critch Cr. T. Thomas
		Distribution	

Terms of Reference:

To act as an advisory body to Council on matters of Bush Fire for the Mullewa Ward.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Brett Steele welcomed all to the last meeting of 2016.

2. Review Committee membership and relevant areas

Committee members reviewed the committee's membership, and agreed to the current composition/membership and areas of responsibility.

3. Review of minutes from previous meeting

Brendan updated committee members on the water storage tanks project, proposed for delivery this FY. The location of the proposed Eves Rd tank required relocation as the initial location was found to be in flood susceptible area.

Attendees advised that existing turkey nests should be targeted in the future for works to enable fire appliance connectivity. This included turkey nests on Williams Rd, Mullewa-Wubin Rd, and on Peter Dean's property.

4. Reports

4.1. From Fire Control Officers

Nil

4.2. From Community Emergency Services Manager

Ben advised attendees that DFES would be receiving a 'pre-season weather briefing' in the coming weeks, and that this would be relayed to all brigades – either as a formal meeting or 'on the bonnet'.

Unusually high rainfall has seen significant growth of fire fuels this year.

The requirement to tender the maintenance of fire appliances has held up the appliance servicing program, however the program is now underway, and the Mullewa South appliance is rotating through various

5. General business

Lists of current Brigade memberships were distributed to attendees for their review (to ensure lists are current/accurate).

Daniel noted that the Tenindewa 4.4B appliance has some maintenance issues.

Daniel also advised that given seasonal growth, it may be prudent to cease issuing permits to burn earlier than the gazetted dates. Committee members discussed this, and agreed to not issue permits to burn after 1 October due to seasonal conditions.

Darrin Fulker requested an update on the recruitment of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. Brendan advised that the position had been advertised, and a recommendation is being developed, to be made to the CEO (of CGG). Once CEO approval is given, the appointment will be publicised. Brendan advised he expected this to be completed during October.

Brendan noted to attendees that Fire Response Vehicle indicators were available, to enable volunteer firefighters to transition through road blocks to reach a fire station. An application form has been developed and distributed to attendees.

Ben provided the committee with awareness that the Sun City Church has re-developed the Tardun boarding school 'Wandalgu' – and is expected to accommodate up to 200 people when fully operational.

6. Date of next meeting

The committee agreed to hold the next meeting on 1 March 2017

7. Close