



Shire of
Wongan-Ballidu

Agenda

Bush Fire Advisory Committee
(BAFC)

Wednesday, 06 April 2022





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SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Committee Member

The next meeting of the Shire Of Wongan-Ballidu Bushfire Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, 06 April 2022, at Council Chambers, Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, Cnr Quinlan and Elphin Crescent, Wongan Hills, commencing at 3.00pm.

Please note that all Brigade Annual General Meetings will need to be held by this time, with the Minutes of the Meetings forwarded to the Shire Office.

Stuart Taylor
Chief Executive Officer

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held Thursday, 09 September 2021

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 09 September 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held 09 September 2021, be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS:

The Bush Fire Brigades Local Law requires each brigade to hold an Annual General Meeting prior to the first Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting each year. At the Annual General Meeting of a Bush Fire Brigade, up to two Brigade Members are to be nominated to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee to serve as Fire Control Officers for the Brigade area until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee is to recommend two of these Members to the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu to be Fire Control Officer for the Brigade area.

4.1 Appointment of Fire Control Officers for the Burakin Bush Fire Brigade

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as Fire Control Officers for the Burakin Bush Fire Brigade for a one-year term:

- 1.
- 2.

4.2 Appointment of Fire Control Officers for the Cadoux/Manmanning Bush Fire Brigade

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as Fire Control Officers for the Cadoux/Manmanning Bush Fire Brigade for a one-year term:

- 1.
- 2.

4.3 Appointment of Fire Control Officers for the Lake Ninan/Hinds Bush Fire Brigade

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as Fire Control Officers for the Lake Ninan/Hinds Bush Fire Brigade for a one-year term:

- 1.
- 2.

4.4 Appointment of Fire Control Officers for the Mocardy Bush Fire Brigade

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as Fire Control Officers for the Mocardy Bush Fire Brigade for a one-year term:

- 1.
- 2.

4.5 Appointment of Fire Control Officers for the Ballidu Fire Service Brigade

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as Fire Control Officer for the Ballidu Fire Service Brigade for a one-year term:

- 1.
- 2.

4.6 Appointment of Fire Control Officers for the Wongan Hills Townsite

There is no bush fire brigade in the Wongan Hills townsite as the town falls within the responsibility of the Wongan Hills Fire and Rescue Service. Two Fire Control Officers are required to enforce the provisions of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* in the town.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as Fire Control Officers for the Wongan Hills townsite for a one-year term:

- 1.
- 2.

5. ELECTION OF CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER:

5.1 Election of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

One position for the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer to be filled.
Ross Lane is the current holder of this position.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That _____ be APPOINTED to the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for a one-year term.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER:

6.1 Election of the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

One position for the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control to be filled.
Vicki Booth and Chris Wilding are the current holders of this position.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That _____ be APPOINTED to the position of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for a one-year term.

7. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE WEATHER READERS:

The immediate past office bearers were:

- Ross Lane
- Eric Ganzer
- Ken Booth
- Andrew Robinson
- Mike Clarke
- Kim Hasson

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as authorised Fire Weather Readers for the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu for a one-year term:

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8. APPOINTMENT OF FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS:

In accordance with Section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act*, a local government may appoint persons as authorised Harvest Ban Officers. Harvest Ban Officers can allow burning to proceed on days when a “very high” or “extreme’ fire danger is forecast.

The immediate past office bearers are: Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following persons be APPOINTED as authorised Fire Weather Officers for the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu for a one-year term:

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9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS:

In accordance with Section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, a local government may appoint persons as authorised Harvest Ban Officers. Harvest Ban Officers can allow burning to proceed on days when a “very high” or “extreme’ fire danger is forecast.

The immediate past office bearers were Chris Wilding and Vicki Booth.

- Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following person be APPOINTED as authorised Deputy Fire Weather Officer for the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu for a one-year term:

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10. APPOINTMENT OF TRAINING OFFICER:

The immediate past officer bearer is Vicki Booth.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the following person be APPOINTED as Training Officer for a one-year term:

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11. FIREBREAK ORDER REVIEW:

Attached is a draft of the 2022/2023 Firebreak Order. The following dates will be gazetted for the restricted and prohibited burning periods:

- Restricted Burning Period – dd October 2022 to dd November 2022
- Prohibited Burning Period – dd November 2022 to dd February 2023
- Restricted Burning Period – dd February 2023 to dd March 2023

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed 2022/2023 Firebreak Order and the following dates be ENDORSED for the restricted and prohibited burning periods:

- Restricted Burning Period – 13 October 2022 to 14 November 2022
- Prohibited Burning Period – 15 November 2022 to 13 February 2023
- Restricted Burning Period – 14 February 2023 to 31 March 2023

12. MINUTES OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

In accordance with Clauses 3.6 & 3.9 of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Bush Fire Brigades Local Law a Bush Fire Brigade must hold an Annual General Meeting prior to the first Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting each year, and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting are to be forwarded to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and tabled at the next meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

12.1 Minutes of the Burakin Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Burakin Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting held on dd month yyyy be received.

12.2 Minutes of the Cadoux/Manmanning Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Cadoux/Manmanning Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting held on dd month yyyy be received.

12.3 Minutes of the Lake Ninan/Hinds Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Lake Ninan/Hinds Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting held on 30 March 2022 be received.

12.4 Minutes of the Mocardy Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Mocardy Bush Fire Brigade Annual General Meeting held on dd month yyyy be received.

12.5 Minutes of the Ballidu Fire Service Brigade Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ballidu Fire Service Brigade Annual General Meeting held on dd month yyyy be received.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS:

13.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officers Report

13.2 Action List

13.3 Implementation of Work Health and Safety Legislation in Western Australia

Attachment – Worksafe Western Australia

13.4 Personal Protective Equipment

Attachment – WA Bush Fire Service – 2 Piece Firefighting Set - Self Measuring Guide

14. NEXT MEETING:

September 2022 (TBA)

15. CLOSURE:



FIRE BREAK COMPLIANCE

Each year, from the 13th of October until the 31st of March, you are required to ensure your property meets fire break compliance standards. The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will be patrolling locales within the Shire to ensure all properties meet the requirements as per the following notice:

Fire Break Notice

Pursuant to the powers contained in section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are hereby required on or before the 13th day of October, to plough, scarify, cultivate, spray or otherwise clear and thereafter maintain free of all inflammable material until the 31st day of March firebreaks in the following dimensions on the land owned or occupied by you.

Townsite Properties

- 1.1 All land zoned Residential; Rural Townsite and Commercial are required to reduce all annual grass and herbage to a height of not more than 75mm.

Rural Residential and Industrial Properties

- 1.2 All land of less than 1 hectare (10,000 square metres) and zoned under the Town Planning Scheme as Rural Residential and Industrial are required to have all annual grass and herbage slashed or mowed to a height of not more than 100mm and construct a clear earth firebreak of not less than 2 metres in width immediately surrounding all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land.

Rural Properties

- 1.3 All land greater than 1 hectare (10,000 square metres) are required to construct a clear earth firebreak of not less than 3 metres in width immediately inside all external boundaries and immediately surrounding all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land, and to reduce all annual grass and herbage to a height of not more than 100mm within 15 metres surrounding any building.

Restricted Burning Period	13 October 2022 - 14 November 2022
Prohibited Burning Period	15 November 2022 - 13 February 2023
Restricted Burning Period	14 February 2023 - 31 March 2023

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE YOUR PROPERTY MOWED/SLASHED AHEAD OF THE FIREBAN SEASON, PLEASE CONTACT:

Wongan Hills Golf Club - Ben Milton 0427 994 554 (Vacant/Large Blocks only)

Ballidu Fire Brigade - Jarrod Hood 0428 247 930

The above local emergency contacts should **NOT** be contacted in an emergency situation.

Call 000 to report all emergencies.





STATEMENT OF REGULATORY INTENT

Implementation of Work Health and Safety Legislation in Western Australia

1 Purpose

This Statement provides the principles for the regulatory approach that WorkSafe (inclusive of the general industries, mines safety and petroleum safety inspectorates) will use during the first twelve months upon implementation of the work health and safety (WHS) legislation in WA.

WorkSafe recognises that the new legislative framework is a significant change for many workplaces and that some aspects of compliance may take time to implement.

At the same time, it is recognised that systems for identifying, assessing and controlling known hazards should already be in place, as both the WHS legislation and the previous occupational safety and health, mines safety or petroleum safety legislation already contemplate the elimination or minimisation of risks.

2 Approach to technical breaches where new provisions apply

Generally, inspectors will adopt a supportive and educative approach to compliance in relation to technical (low risk) breaches where new provisions apply, provided duty holders have made, or, are making genuine attempts to comply with legislative requirements.

However, inspectors may use enforcement tools where actions or omissions have resulted in serious health and safety risks to workers or the community (see Section 4).

3 Approach to technical breaches where requirements are similar to previous requirements

Where there is a technical breach of a provision that is similar to a provision under a previous applicable law, the matter will be addressed in accordance with the Compliance and Enforcement Policy. In the event a notice is issued, the recipient has the right to seek review if they believe there are reasons the notice should not have been issued, or if they believe more time to comply is required.

4 Approach to breaches involving serious risks

Breaches involving serious risks to health and safety will be addressed using the Compliance and Enforcement Policy. An inspector may use enforcement tools including, but not restricted to, issuing an improvement notice or prohibition notice in relation to the breach.

5 Approach to investigation of serious or fatal incidents

The Compliance and Enforcement Policy and the Prosecution Policy will be applied in cases of serious or fatal incidents, without modification for the purposes of WHS implementation. This is because the management of critical risks at workplaces should already have been in place under previous laws.

The use of Entry Warrants for the purpose of obtaining evidence during an investigation into offence provisions under the WHS Act will be used lawfully and only when warranted by the investigative circumstances.

This approach to the use of Entry Warrants is provided for clarity, and is not confined to the first twelve months implementation period of the WHS legislation.

6 Approach to WHS service providers under Section 26A

In general terms, the duty imposed on a WHS service provider under Section 26A:

- applies only to services that could potentially pose a risk in the workplace (e.g. measures to eliminate a specific hazard or control a risk);
- will most commonly apply to services provided to a specific PCBU and tailored to the circumstances of a particular workplace; and
- protects the WHS service provider where the WHS service is incorrectly implemented by the PCBU (i.e. it is not applied to its 'relevant use').

General advice provided broadly, for example to members of a professional association or during training, is unlikely to be considered a WHS service.

This understanding of the scope of section 26A is provided for clarity, and is not confined to the first twelve months implementation period of the WHS legislation.

7 Approach to volunteers

The WHS legislation is not intended to, and is not expected to, adversely affect volunteers.

The WHS legislation requires organisations that employ any paid workers to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the physical and mental health and safety of all of its workers, including volunteers. The WHS legislation is not designed to deter anyone from becoming a volunteer and the important contribution volunteers make to the community is acknowledged.

In line with sections 2, 4 and 5 above, Inspectors will generally adopt a supportive and educative approach to volunteers and any duties they may have as workers under the WHS legislation.

8 Review

WorkSafe will continue to monitor the implementation of WHS Act and Regulations and engage with industry, employee and employer stakeholders. Where matters of high priority are identified during the first twelve months, this Statement maybe amended to assist in the successful implementation of WHS laws.

W.A. BUSH FIRE SERVICE - 2 PIECE FIREFIGHTING SET SELF MEASURING GUIDE

Measurement

Chest - Measure around the chest, below the arms and across the back

Waist - Measurements should be taken over shirt at the waistline. Measures at position (height) trousers are normally worn.

Inleg - Take your most comfortable pair of correct length trousers and measure inside leg seam from crotch to hem. This is best done by lying them on a flat surface.

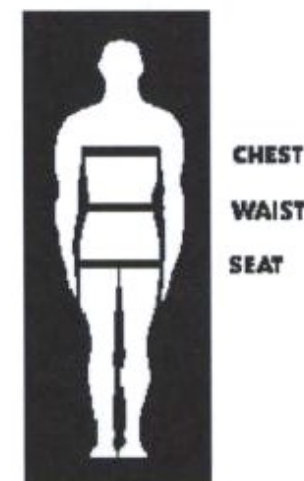
Directions

Jacket - Using table below, match your chest measurement with jacket size. Keep in mind the jackets are designed and made loose fitting.

Trouser - Use waist measurement first to determine size, then match your inleg measurement to determine if you require a Regular, Stout or Long (e.g. 92cm waist and 78cm inleg =92R)

Note: Generally the jacket size should correspond to the trouser size (i.e. a size 92 jacket will go with a size 92R, 92S, 89L or 94L trouser). In most cases the jacket and trouser size should not vary by more than 2 sizes. Your current coverall size is the best indication of the "set" size you require.

As for all 100% cotton garments, some shrinkage will occur.



Jackets

Size	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117	122	127	132
Chest	92	97	102	107	112	117	122	127	132	137	142

Trousers

Size	67R	72R	77R	82R	87R	92R	97R	102R	107R	87S	92S	97S	102S	107S	112S	117S	122S	127S	132S	74L	79L	84L	89L	94L
Waist	67	72	77	82	87	92	97	102	107	87	92	97	102	107	112	117	122	127	132	74	79	84	89	94
Inleg*	68	71	71	74	76	78	80	82	84	67	70	72	75	77	78	78	78	78	79	76	78	80	82	85

Note: All measurements given (except inleg) are for the wearer, not the finished garment. All measurements are in cm.

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