Shire of Nannup

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 2 November 2026, 7:00 pm



Nannup SES, Sexton Way, Nannup

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1 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Person, Counciller Cheryle Brown, declared the meeting open at 7:00pm.

The Presiding Member welcomed attendees and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, paying respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being recorded for minute purposes only and no other visual or audio recording of this meeting, by any means, is allowed without the permission of the Presiding Person.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Councillor (Presiding Member)	Cheryle Brown
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer & North Nannup FCO	Mike Vasey
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer & Balingup Road FCO	Mark Scott
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	John Patman
Carlotta FCO	Robert Marshall
Carlotta Captain	Dave Cole
Cundinup FCO	Gerald Brown
Darradup FCO	Jesse Francis
Darradup Captain	Peter Sim
East Nannup FCO	Vic Lorkiewicz
Nannup Brook FCO	Leigh Fletcher (Online)
Nannup Brook Volunteer	Peter Grubb
Nannup Brook Captain	Hamish Robinson
North Nannup Captain	John Thompson
North Nannup Lieutenant	Kieran Curtis
Peerabeelup Coastal FCO	John Jonker
DBCA	Arthur Green
DFES	Craig Beswick
Chief Executive Officer	David Taylor
Community Emergency Services Manager	Geoff Allam
Ranger	Simon Millington
Executive Support Officer	Anthea Monger

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cundinup FCO – Gerald Brown.

Councillor Lynette Curtis.

Scott River/Jasper Andrew McNab - FCO

3 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING & AGM HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2026

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: MARK SCOTT **SECONDED: MIKE VASEY**

That the Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting & AGM held on 3 August 2026 be confirmed as true and correct.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Geoff Allam - CESM

Smaller trucks for brigades. Options are being investigated and an application will be made when they are due - 3 trucks are due in four years.

Turnaround point near Revely and Maidment bridge for truck floats. Discussions are continuing and working with DBCA.

Verge spraying to be done in August/September to reduce the risk has been done.
Request for fallen trees to be removed from the road verge and not pushed up along the roadside, to reduce fire risk.
Request from Balingup brigade to receive a high - season Light Tanker. This application was not approved.
Nannup Brook has been approved for a 2.4 tanker.

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

John Patman was not present and no report was received.

7.2 Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/s

Mark Scott reported that there has been no firebreak work on the FPC plantations of Milward Ellis and Cundinup areas. He expressed concern that local brigades should exercise extreme caution if there is fire in these areas. He has sent out an email expressing safety concerns and the need to be very careful.

The Nannup waste facility has a lot of plastic in the bushland surrounding the tip. He has raised concern at the need for breathing apparatus for fire fighters attending. He has spoken with the shire regarding this.

Mike Vasey reported a false call out to Barrabup Pool during the Nannup Music Festival. There were no fires to attend.

7.3 Bush Fire Control Officers Reports

Verbal reports may be provided on the day of the meeting.

7.3.1 Balingup Road Bush Fire Control Officer

Just two quick points for BFAC

1.It appears that no fire break work has been carried out in FPC plantations in the Blackwood Valley or Cundinup areas

2. Given the new exposure standards introduced by WorkSafe can the shire please carry out a risk assessment of the Forrest surrounding the refuse facility and map where it is safe for BFB personnel to access to carry out fire suppression if required- without the need for full breathing support.
Does an emergency management plan for the refuse facility exist please? Does this need to be updated and if needed appropriate breaks installed at distance around the facility?

Thanks Mark Scott
DCBFCO and FCO Balingup Road BFB

7.3.2 Carlotta Bush Fire Control Officer

No report has been provided.

7.3.3 Cundinup Bush Fire Control Officer

2 November 2026
1. Recent Fire Activity
There have been no fires since the last meeting that have required the attendance of the Cundinup Light Tanker (LT).
On 19 October 2026, a fire was reported in State Forest just off Cundinup South Road. Cundinup Brigade was not required to attend as COMCEN notified the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to investigate
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2. Training and Preparedness
Two Cundinup Brigade members attended the pre-season training and meeting held at the Carlotta Fire Shed. The session included a very interesting and informative presentation by arson investigator Adrian Yates.

3. Equipment and Maintenance
The Cundinup Light Tanker has been serviced and returned to the station, ready for the upcoming fire season.

7.3.4 Darradup Bush Fire Control Officer

Please refer to attachment Darradup BFAC Report 2 November 2026

7.3.5 East Nannup Bush Fire Control Officer

Nothing to report.

7.3.6 Nannup Brook Bush Fire Control Officer

They attended a couple of burns on Thomas Road and the other was near Staff Street.
High season appliance will arrive in December that will bolster their resources. He commended the captain for continuing with training members to be ready for the upcoming season.

7.3.7 North Nannup Bush Fire Control Officer

One ABC burn scheduled before the 14 November was reported.

7.3.8 Peerabeelup Fire Control Officer

No report given – Position Vacant.

7.3.9 Peerabeelup Coastal Fire Control Officer

No report given.

7.3.10 Scott River/Lake Jasper Bush Fire Control Officer

October 2026
Preseason training has been carried out. Attended by the dedicated regular members. Refreshed in the 1.4 Fire Truck, fire burn over and safety training.
The Captain and FCO attended fire management training in Nannup.
Another pressing local issue is the lack of maintenance of Rd. verges and table drains throughout the Scott River area this has become a significant safety concern for resident's road user's emergency services and particularly local fire brigade
Vegetation has been allowed to grow unchecked along many sections of Fouracre Rd. Milyeannup Coast Rd, Governor Broome Rd. With scrub Bush and peppy trees now growing immediately adjacent to the bitumen and gravel roadways in some area’s peppermint trees are growing right to the edge of the Road
Increasingly obscuring line of sight and obscuring wildlife and reducing overall road safety.
Local residents have previously raised these safety concerns with the Shire. Roadside slashing was undertaken but the underlying issue was not properly addressed. With a targeted herbicide application treatment, as a result the problem has worsened over a mere 12 months and we are back to being a major safety concern.
There is also growing concern about the long-term impact of road infrastructure itself allowing trees and large vegetation and scrub to establish so close to the road pavement can damage the road foundations and deteriorate the road itself.
Can the shire please ensure that this safety issue is delt with.
Yours Sincerely Andrew McNab
Scott River / Lake Jasper Fire Control Officer.

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8.1 Community Emergency Services Manager

Please refer to the Attachment provided.

8.2 CESM Agenda Items

Please refer to the Attachment provided.

9 REPORTS OF OTHER ATTENDEES

9.1 DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Department of Fire and Emergency Services Nannup LSW

9.2 DEPARTMENT OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS

Please refer to Attachments – FuelAge Nannup Shire 20261006
FuelAge Nannup Shire 20261006
Preseason Training has been completed.
DBCA are recruiting new machine operators and also a Fire Operations Officer.
Ten fires have been attended to so far. All have been deliberately lit.
Maps demonstrating the FuelAge in both the shire and the township site have been provided.

9.3 FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION

Please refer to attachment FPC Nannup LGA BFAC November 2026.

10 STANDING ITEMS

10.1 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY (ESL)

Please refer to the Attachment 10.1.1

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Fire breaks in numerous plantations are not being maintained making these areas very dangerous for fire brigade crew to enter or control a fire. They do not have access to these properties nor an adequate exit point in case of a fire. It has been suggested that FPC need to be advised that their firebreaks are in need of major upgrades to make them safer.
The ranger is going to liaise with brigade members to further access the problem.

The area outside the Refuse Facility is littered with plastics which are a causing a major risk if it catches alight. The wind would blow toxic gas over residential areas and the Nannup Townsite. Full face respirators are needed.

The question was asked if committee members and brigade members are covered by insurance when travelling to and from an incident and also to and from a meeting. This will be investigated with LGIRS and provide the feedback.

13 MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Person, Councillor Cheryle Brown, declared the meeting closed at 8:25pm.