

MINUTES OF THE BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Name.	Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	1 (2015)
Meeting Date	Wednesday 30 September 2015		
Meeting Time	15:20 – 16:30		
Meeting Location	Ex Aero Medical Building – Geraldton Airport		
Attendees	Cr. Jerry Clune (Chair)	By Invitation	
	Craig Wing (CGG)	Apologies	Don Spark
	Konrad Seidl (CGG)		Cr. Tarleah Thomas (CGG)
	Johannes Muller (Minute Taker)		Kevin White
	Murray Smith (BFB)		Layton Roland (ADSCS)
	Warren Treasure (BFB)		Dave Atkins (PAW))
	Alison Lloyd (BFB)		David Rose (PAW)
		Distribution	Marlene Stevens (AFP)
			Ken Diehm (CEO)

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The chair welcomes all in attendance to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

The chair acknowledges apologies received as per apologies listed above.

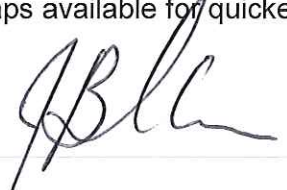
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND REVIEW STATUS OF ACTIONS

- Confirmation of the previous Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting minutes held on the 26th September 2014 is accepted unanimously.
- As per Annexure – *Action Items* on page four.

4. FIRE PREPAREDNESS

The City of Greater Geraldton Fire team is working with infrastructure to source contractors to mitigate council land.

Brookfield Rail has applied for an extension to mitigate fire risk on their property. This request has been declined resulting in required work commencing on 30th September 2015 and due for completion within seven days. Brookfield rail will make "Post Marker" maps available for quicker reference points when reporting fires.


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All bush fire trucks are being combed for faults and required repairs are being carried out. FRV's are currently being stripped back to control overweight issues.

Craig distributes Maps of the amended Greater Geraldton ESL boundaries.

Fire inspection TRIMBLE device is being replaced with improved technology in the form of a tablet. This will give inspection staff better equipment with increased performance and photographic capability.

5. FIRE RESPONSE

Country bush fire brigades are required to follow set procedure to enable Perth Communications to keep track of activities. Brigades must advise Perth Communications of their on-board resources - when they depart from their fire shed - when they arrive at the fire ground - when they depart from the fire ground - and finally when they arrive at their fire shed. All; brigades will be briefed on this required procedure as a matter of urgency.

In absentia Kevin White's e-mail is tabled proposing that when there is a call for Brigade Volunteers to attend a Level 3 fire, there is no formal method available to identify who has sufficient experience to safely carry out wildfire suppression activities at a Level 3 Incident. Brigade Members should be given a rating:

Level 1 Incidents all available can attend without restrictions.

Level 2 Incidents at the Captains discretion.

Level 3 Incident attendees must have documented wildfire suppression experience.

Reasons for the proposal:

Wildfires are becoming more intense and dangerous to suppress, placing a heavy responsibility on Brigade Captains, especially if some brigade members have little or no fire suppression experience.

It is not always possible to keep all Brigade Members with their arriving captain if it is a multi-shift incident, therefore comprehensive knowledge of each brigade members experience can be overlooked.

There are too few operational personnel at a Level 3 incident to provide one-on-one supervision of inexperienced members in a fire team.

It is determined that Local Government is responsible for all level 1 brigade members and any higher rating is a DFES responsibility. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and CESM will determine who is deployed to fire grounds and who is not.

Once CESM is on-board development of a structure process which will include an "experience database" and "availability listing" will be held at DFES..

6. FIRE RECOVERY

No items at this meeting

7. BRIGADE REPORTS

Report from Murray Smith (Captain - Waggrakine BFB)

- Membership very strong (32 members with potentially another 3 members commencing shortly);
- Overweight issues being resolved on the FRV's – Craig Wing is sorting this out with workshops;
- It has been a busy pre-season start to the fire season;
- Training is now conducted twice monthly (Thursday's and Sundays) – good attendance by members;
- Most members now have full complement of PPE;
- Several permit burns have been conducted to enhance the skills of the newer members.

Report from Warren Treasure (Captain - Moonyoonooka BFB)

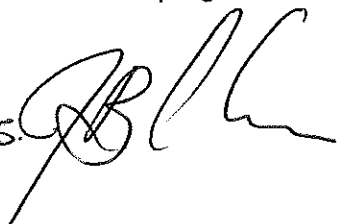
- Western Power grant has been approved.
- Acquired two defibrillators

Discussion regarding future zones for BFAC - the general consensus is that the City BFAC and Mullewa BFAC should continue to operate independently. Both committees have value and are best equipped to deal with local matters such as variances in topography, weather and types of fires. Any changes could possibly result in a loss of interest and hands on involvement which would not be a desired outcome or beneficial to the community.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The springs of Moonyoonooka 3.4 require attention.
- Training in snake handling/awareness locked in for Waggrakine brigade.
- Date to be locked in for Awards/Medal Presentation.
- Andy Darbyshire's appreciation award has been arranged. All will be kept informed.
- All brigades to provide Craig Wing with the contact details of the brigade Captain and Administration person.
- Brigades will be involved in the Community Safety Day on Sunday the 4th October 2015.
- Position for Deputy Chief closed last week and will be progressed. The position of Chief is still under consideration.
- Both the City of Greater Geraldton and Mullewa are eager to merge the Final Fire Break Notice into one document. Both Mullewa BFAC and City BFAC will discuss required changes and formulate how to progress the matter.

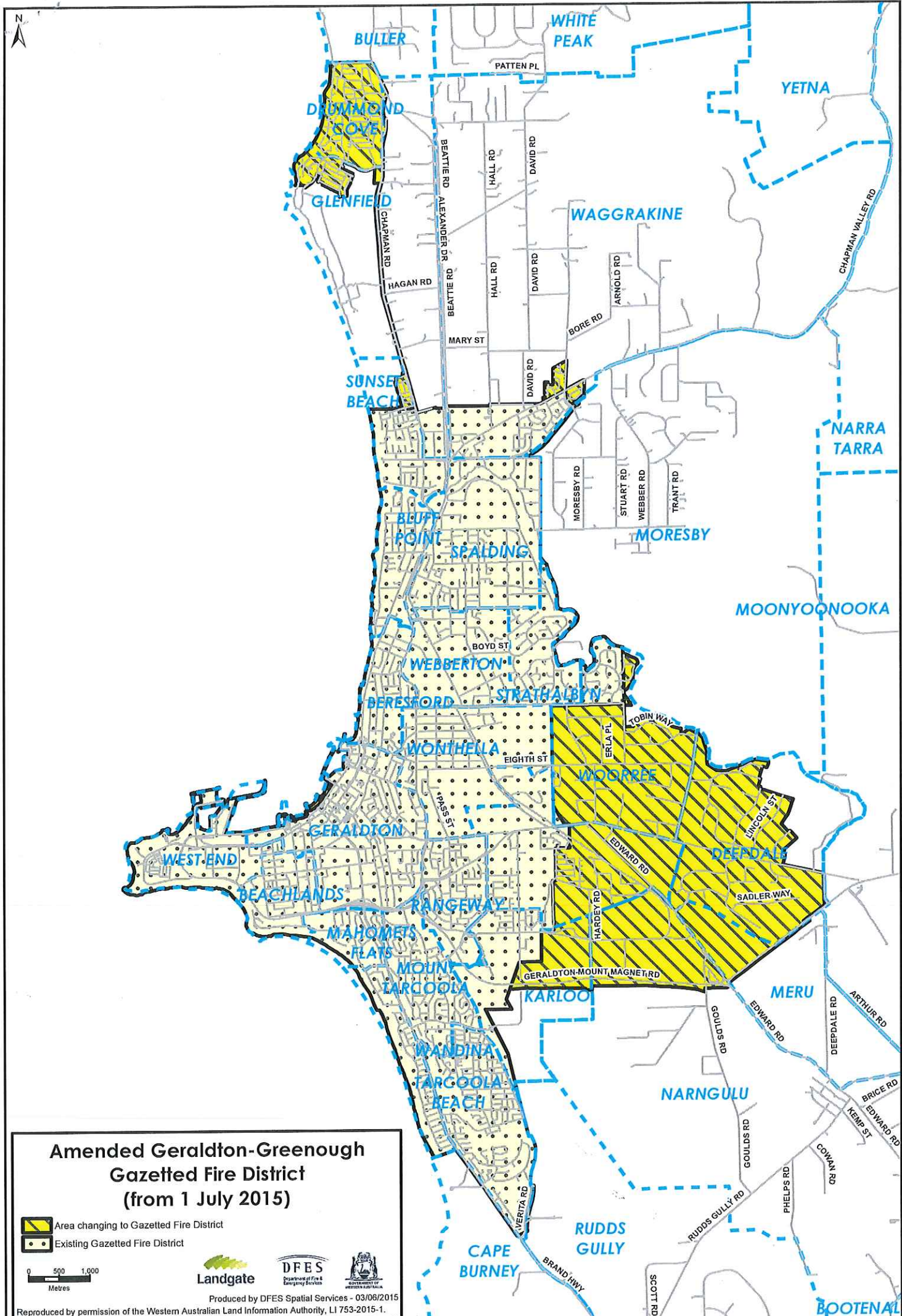
9. CLOSE

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There being no further business for discussion the chair declares the meeting closed at 16:30

Annexure ACTION ITEMS

Meeting date	Items	Action By
22 March 2013	Ellendale pool signs. Conflicting signage has been pulled down new signage to go up reading "No Fires". Council to look at funding for mobile phone coverage in location.	CW
22 March 2013	ID Cards – new photos needed for new ID cards under new CEO	CW
26 Sept 2014	Communications Base zones maps	JC
30 Sept 2015	Brigades to be briefed on required Perth Communication procedures when they leave fire sheds to attend fires, arrival at fire ground, departure from fire ground and arrival back at fire sheds.	CW
30 Sept 2015	Lock in date for awards/Medal presentation	CW
30 Sept 2015	Andy Darbyshire appreciation award	KS
30 Sept 2015	All brigades to provide Craig with contact details of each brigade Captain and Administration person.	CW
30 Sept 2015	Merge City/Mullewa Final Fire Break Notice	CW



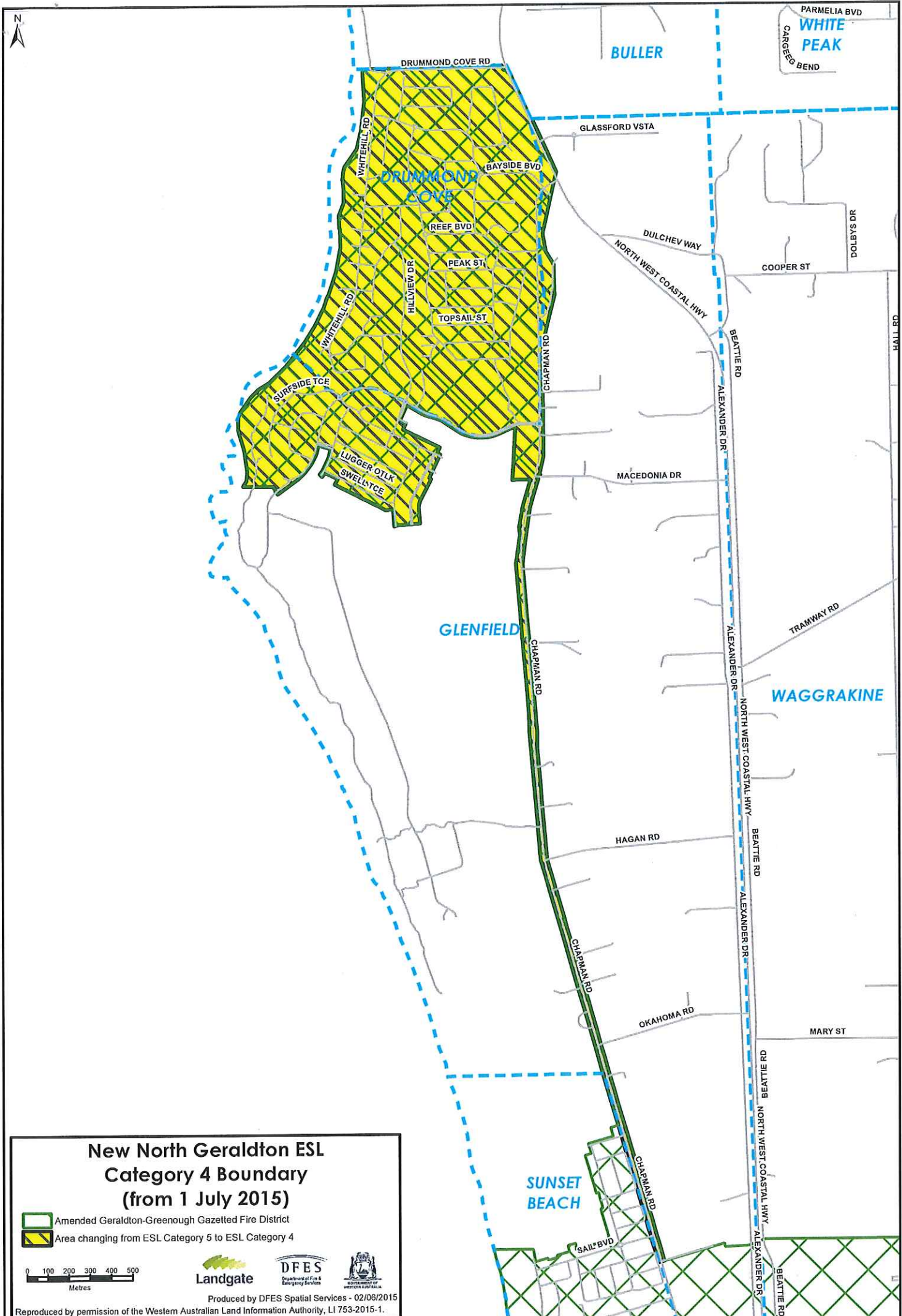
**Amended Geraldton-Greenough
Gazetted Fire District
(from 1 July 2015)**

-  Area changing to Gazetted Fire District
-  Existing Gazetted Fire District



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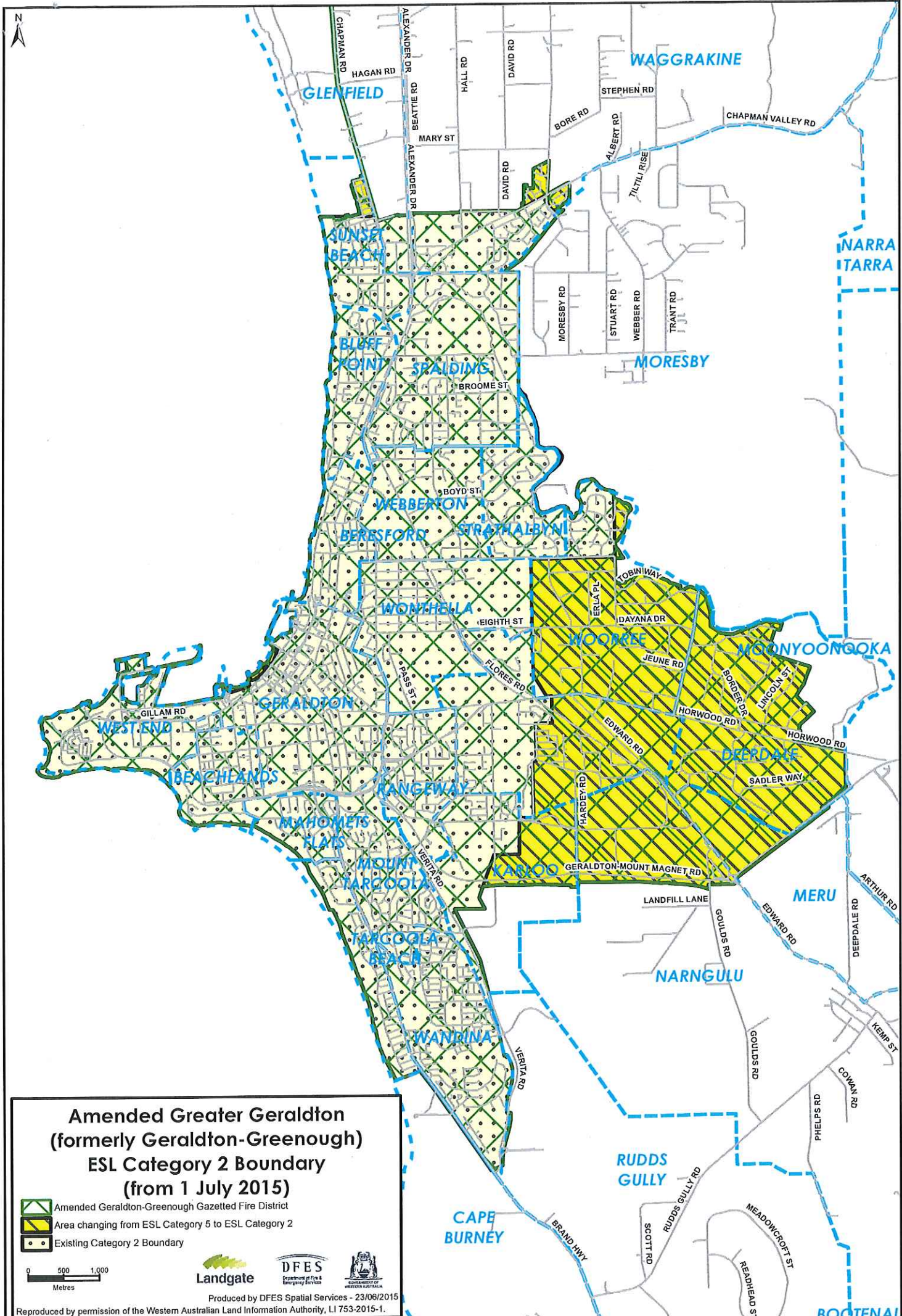
New North Geraldton ESL Category 4 Boundary (from 1 July 2015)

- Amended Geraldton-Greenough Gazetted Fire District
- Area changing from ESL Category 5 to ESL Category 4






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**Amended Greater Geraldton
(formerly Geraldton-Greenough)
ESL Category 2 Boundary
(from 1 July 2015)**

-  Amended Geraldton-Greenough Gazetted Fire District
-  Area changing from ESL Category 5 to ESL Category 2
-  Existing Category 2 Boundary

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Categories, Rates and Boundaries

There are five ESL rate categories that apply, depending on the type and level of fire and emergency services available to a property. Properties with more services available to them will contribute more.

The ESL category boundaries in broad terms are:

ESL category	Emergency services available	Properties located in
ESL category 1	A network of metropolitan career Fire and Rescue Service stations and the SES.	Perth metropolitan area.
ESL category 2	A career station plus volunteer Fire and Rescue Service brigade and the SES.	City centres of Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Mandurah.
ESL category 3	Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service brigade with the availability of a network of career fire stations <u>OR</u> bush fire brigade with the availability of a network of career fire stations <u>AND</u> the statewide SES network.	The periphery of the metropolitan area.
ESL category 4	Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service brigade <u>OR</u> a Volunteer Emergency Service unit with breathing apparatus <u>OR</u> a bush fire brigade with breathing apparatus <u>AND</u> the statewide SES network.	90 regional townsites.
ESL category 5	The statewide SES network and generally a bush fire brigade.	All other areas of the State.



BUSH FIRE CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Agenda

Item No.	Item
1.	Opening and Welcome
2.	Apologies
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agree Minutes ● Review Status of Actions
4.	Fire Preparedness
5.	Fire Response
6.	Fire Recovery
7.	Brigade Reports
8.	General Business Future of Zones for BFAC (Cr. Jerry Clune)
9.	Close
	Date of Next Meeting TBA

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