

MITIGATION PLANNING – 2021/2022 SEASON

Meetings were held on 2, 16, & 28 July, as well as 13 and 28 August 2021

The following items were discussed:

1. DFES assistance with planned extra fire breaks along road verges due to ex TC Seroja

ACTION:

- Produce a letter asking for assistance from DFES to assist City staff with envisaged significant number of extra burn piles created by TC Seroja along road verges.

OUTCOMES:

- Letter produced and sent from CEO on 2 July to Superintendent at DFES
- Written response from Superintendent received 8 July 2021 indicating they can assist and contact person is Matt Dadd
- Letter sent to Matt Dadd on 5 August requesting details of assistances
- Response received 13 August indicating help is provisional to their team not doing any of the DFES identified burn projects.
- Extra funds received from DRFAWA for road verge clean up
- Current indications from Depot team is that there is enough budget to mulch all road verges in the City, making the burning of the green waste not required.
- Based on current indications, DFES assistance will not be required.

2. EMT ITEM – Resourcing request – 2 part time admin personnel during Firebreak season

ACTION:

- Prepare an EMT item requesting resourcing assistance of 2 part time admin assistants. These positions will assist the Emergency Management Team during the Firebreak season.

OUTCOME:

- Request presented to EMT on 14 July and subsequently approved.
- Adverts for positions created and positions advertised
- Position advert closing date is 30 August
- Start date is 15 September

3. Fire Truck servicing

ACTION:

- Ensure all Fire trucks are scheduled to be serviced before fire season as done every year.

OUTCOMES:

- All fire trucks have been serviced
- A secondary “light” service is planned for September 2021 to ensure readiness

4. Media campaign

ACTION:

Review last year’s media campaign with the City’s Communications team to investigate updates

OUTCOMES:

- New media campaign identified and starts last week of August

- Campaign includes:
 - Revamp of Emergency Management web pages
 - Regular updates and “drip feeds” of information via various multi-media sources
 - Sausage sizzle discussions with various suburb Associations
 - Stall at the Mullewa show

5. Reminder letters to in regards to firebreak inspection compliance

ACTION:

- Produce reminder letters for the requirements around firebreak compliance for the real estate agents, developers, and other major land holders
- Produce a letter seeking support from State run entities and departments not bound by the Bushfires Act to make their properties compliant to standards.
- Produce a letter to Ministers requesting their support in this endeavour

OUTCOMES:

- Letters produced and sent out with CEO & Directors signatures on 26 August 2021
- Letter of support received from Hon John Carey MLA on 26 August 2021

6. Ranger support – Personnel to assist Emergency Management Team during fire break inspection season

ACTION

- Discuss with Director – Development and Community Services the possibility of assistance with personnel resourcing during firebreak inspection season

OUTCOME:

- Due to current staffing levels the Rangers section does not have the capability

7. Depot support - Personnel to assist Emergency Management Team during fire break inspection season

ACTION:

- Discuss with Manager – depot the possibility of support with personnel from Depot during fire break inspection season.

OUTCOME:

- Due to current staffing levels the Depot does not have the capability

8. Firebreak - Infringement and inspection systems

ACTIONS:

- review of the Inspection and infringement systems before start of season

OUTCOME:

- Reviews done with key personnel, all identified updates completed

9. Replacement of outdated technology – hand held tablets

ACTION

- Replace the current tablets allocated to the Emergency Management that have reached their replacement date as per City replacement procedure.

OUTCOMES:

- New tablets ordered
- Current delivery date for Tablets is mid-September
- Both new and old tablets will be “rolled over” together to this year’s system
- Old tablets not decommissioned until after fire break inspections as back-up

10. Bushfire Training of Bushfire volunteers

ACTION:

- Ensure all Bushfire brigade training is up to date

OUTCOMES:

- Information on all personnel collated – an amount of volunteers have no training
- Training issued investigated – no legislation, requirements, local laws or City requirements for training to be done.
- Will investigate options with the Manager- Compliance and Safety when he returns from leave Monday 30-08-2021

11. City Control Burn program

ACTIONS

- Produce a control burn program for 2021 burn season that ends 15 October 2021

OUTCOMES:

- Program developed – 10 burns identified – can be done over 3 weekends.
- Current weather conditions indicate that no burns will be able to be done before close of season on 15 October 2021

12. Hydrant Inspections

ACTION:

- Ensure all hydrants are operational and ready for fire season

OUTCOME:

- All 320 hydrants within the City’s area of responsibility have been inspected and any service or maintenance done

13. Standpipe and fire water tank inspection

ACTION:

- Ensure all standpipes and fire water tanks are inspected prior to fire season

OUTCOME:

- All standpipes and Tanks have been inspected and confirmed ready for season.

14. Bushfire Local law

ACTION

- Review and update Local law as it is past the 8 year review date.

OUTCOMES:

- Current local law rewritten and sent to Consultants for review
- Consultant recommended to break current LL into 2 documents, a LL and an Agreement
- Split done with assistance from consultants
- LL put out for public consultation
- Agreement given out for consultation with Captains
- LL ready for council approval
- Agreement still in consultation phase

15. Mitigation planning – 2021/2022

ACTION:

- Develop a mitigation plan for City properties including Chapman and Greenough river complexes.

OUTCOMES:

- Mitigation plan has been developed
- Broken into two streams – MAF funded and City Funded
- MAF funding currently open and the City will put in approx. \$295,000 for funding
- MAF Funding closes 22/9/2021
- MAF funding results communicated 18/11/2021
- City funding has a \$60,000 budget, current costing will put City works at \$88,000 over this budget
- It has been identified that City (EM team, and Depot) both utilise one contractor to do all mitigation works – plans are being developed to cover the contractor being unable to meet obligations.
- ARC discussions are occurring to ensure ARC mitigation actions complement City efforts.

16. Promapp Process

ACTION:

- Identify and produce a “mitigation planning” promapp process

OUTCOMES:

- This will be completed in December after MAF funding closed to ensure accuracy.