

Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	2-2025
Meeting Date	18 September 2025		
Meeting Time	2:00pm		
Meeting Location	City of Greater Geraldton, Function Room		
Attendees	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Aaron Horsman Cr Kim Parker Rob Roffey - Cape Burney Bushfire Brigade Captain Warren Treasure - Fire Control Officer Aaron Halliday – CGG, Training Officer Andy Gaze – CGG, Manager Regulatory Services Bill McKay - Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade Brendan McCann - Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade Bruce Garratt - Walkaway Fire Control Officer Daryl Hamersley - Walkaway Fire Control Officer David Hoare - Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade Ian Grant - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade Julia French – DBCA, District Fire Coordinator Representative TBA – Department of Fire and Emergency Services Murray Smith – CGG, Coordinator Emergency Management & Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Neil Johnstone - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Heath Martin – CGG, Director of Development Services Tristan Penny - Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	By Invitation	
		Apologies	
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	
Purpose of Committee	<p>The City of Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committees are formally appointed Committees of Council established under section 5.8 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>, and are responsible to that body.</p> <p>The City of Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committees provide advice regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters relating to the preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires; • Planning layout of fire breaks in the district; • Prosecutions for breaches of the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>; • The formation of Brigades; and • Coordination and cooperation between Brigades and Agents. <p>Refer to Committee Book</p>		

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- 1 Declaration Of Opening**
- 2 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 3 Welcome & Apologies**
- 4 Disclosure of Interests**
- 5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

---EMBEDDED ATTACHMENT---

Minutes - Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting – 21 March 2025

Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	1-2025
Meeting Date	21 March 2025		
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Members	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Aaron Horsman Cr Kim Parker Rob Roffey - Cape Burney Bushfire Brigade Captain Warren Treasure - Fire Control Officer	By Invitation	
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Apologies		Distribution	
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1 Declaration Of Opening

Presiding Member, Mayor Clune, declared the meeting open at **2:00pm**.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 Welcome & Apologies

The Presiding Member welcomed the members and registered apologies were noted from:

- Bill McKay - Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade
- Brendan McCann - Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade
- Bruce Garratt - Walkaway Fire Control Officer
- Daryl Hamersley - Walkaway Fire Control Officer
- Ian Grant - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade
- Jane Humphries – DFES, A/District Officer – Fire North
- Kieran Mussen – Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Ryan Hall – CGG, Director of Development Services
- Tristan Penny - Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

4 Disclosure of Interests

Nil.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 September 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED CR A HORSMAN, SECONDED W TREASURE

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greenough Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 20 September 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 5/0

Not Voted: **0**

Against Votes: **0**

For Votes: **5**

Name	Vote (For or Against)
Mayor Clune	FOR
Cr. Horsman	FOR
Cr. Parker	FOR
Rob Roffey Cape Burney Bushfire Brigade Captain	FOR
Warren Treasure Fire Control Officer	FOR

6 Agency and Brigade Updates

6.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – N Johnstone

- See attachment.

6.2 CGG Coordinator Emergency Management – M Smith

- Nothing to report.

6.3 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

- Apology – no report.

6.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attraction

- Murchison experienced 20 fires, Gascoyne experienced 7 fires.
- 16 new crew members trained; one additional truck allocated to Kalbarri, available district-wide. New recruits will be based across Kalbarri, Geraldton and Jurien.
- Busy bushfire season with extended deployments across the state; crews are fatigued.
- Prescribed Burns initiated but significantly reduced due to drought; pending study on plant conditions. Planned for Kalbarri inland - weather permitting.
- Fire Programs are underway, with no prescribed burns in the Greater Geraldton area.

6.5 Cape Burney Fire Brigade

- See attachment.

6.6 Eradu Bush Fire Brigade

- Apology – no report.

6.7 Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade

- See attachment.

6.8 Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade

- Transitioned to quarterly meetings.
- 17 members attended incidents. Some members have left, and there have been inquiries about returning, but none confirmed yet.
- 13 incidents attended this financial year.
- Recruitment Event scheduled for 30 March at Waggrakine Hall.
- Annual General Meeting has been set for 29 June 2025 at midday.

6.9 Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade

- See attachment.

7 General Business

- Acknowledgment: Mayor Clune thanked everyone for their efforts this season and expressed hopes for a continued quiet season.
- Acknowledgment: Chief Bush Fire Control Officer expressed thanks for the ready availability of personnel during the quiet period.
- Harmony Festival: Truck presence noted; mostly kids showed interest, with limited recruitment follow-through. Provided valuable exposure for the brigade and an opportunity to educate the community on the DFES app.
- ESL Submissions: Operational budget submissions submitted by the City, with capital submissions due this week. Outcome expected in early June 2025.
- Community Water Supplies Partnership (CWSP) Grant Application submitted for two 210,000L water tanks near Wicherina standpipe and Casuarina, Walkaway. If successful, the 50,000L tank at Wicherina will be available for other supply gaps.
- Handheld devices are at the DFES office, awaiting allocation due to programming issues. They will be distributed as soon as practicable.

8 Date of next meeting

Proposed for Friday, 19 September 2025.

9 Close

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 2:25pm.

- 6 **PRESENTATION: DFES State Hazard Plan Fire Comprehensive Review 2024/25 - M Teale / Brent Allen**
- 7 **Agency and Brigade Updates**
 - 7.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – N Johnstone
 - 7.2 CGG Coordinator Emergency Management – M Smith
 - 7.3 Department of Fire and Emergency Services
 - 7.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attraction
 - 7.5 Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade
 - 7.6 Eradu Bush Fire Brigade
 - 7.7 Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade
 - 7.8 Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade
 - 7.9 Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade
- 8 **General Business**
- 9 **Date of next meeting**
- 10 **Close**