

Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	2-2026
Meeting Date	17 September 2026		
Meeting Time	2:00pm		
Meeting Location	Mullewa District Office, Council Chambers		
Members	Mayor Jerry Clune Cr Kim Parker Bill McKay - Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade Captain Brendan McCann - Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade Captain Brendan Weir - Tenindewa Bush Fire Brigade Captain Craig Moran - Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade Captain Daniel Critch - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Dave Hoare - Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade Captain Gerrard Rowe - Mullewa South Bush Fire Brigade Captain Murray Preston - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade Captain Murray Smith - Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Neil Johnstone - Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Peter Freeman - Eradu Bush Fire Brigade/Fire Control Officer Rob Roffey - Cape Burney Bush Fire Brigade Captain Warren Treasure - Moonyoonooka Fire Control Officer	By Invitation	Jackson Parker
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	
Attendees	Andy Gaze - CGG Manager Regulatory Services Mathias Moerman - Department of Fire and Emergency Services Captain VFRS - Geraldton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Darren Simmons - Mullewa District Office Manager Daryl Hamersley - Walkaway Fire Control Officer Jackson Parker - Department of Fire and Emergency Services Julia French - Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Moana Wilson - CGG Secretariat Murray Smith - CGG Coordinator Emergency Management & DCBFCO (Coastal) Tony Crudeli - Mullewa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Zac Grima - Tardun/Pindar Bush Fire Control Officer		
Apologies	Aaron Halliday - CGG Training Officer Bruce Garratt – Walkaway Bush Fire Control Officer Tony Free - CGG Director of Development Services		
Purpose of Committee	The Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committee is established under Section 67 of the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> . As prescribed under the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> , the Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committee provides advice to the City of Greater Geraldton on matters relating to: • The prevention, control, and extinguishment of bush fires; • Planning and layout of firebreaks within the district; • Prosecutions for breaches of the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>; • The formation of Bush Fire Brigades; • Coordination and cooperation between Brigades and relevant agencies		

All Committee Members, including external members, are subject to the same rules as a Council Meeting concerning confidentiality, public statements, conflicts of interest and behaviours of members, pursuant to the [Local Government \(Model Code of Conduct\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Presiding Member is to refer to the following Policy, Meeting Procedures and Regulations when chairing a meeting.

[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)
[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees-V4](#)
[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

1 Declaration Of Opening

2 Acknowledgement of Country

3 Welcome & Apologies

4 Disclosure of Interests

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committee held on 18 March 2026 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Discussion

6.1 PRESENTATION: DFES – Fire Weather District Boundaries - [J Parker](#)

Discussion/Topic	Changes to Fire Weather district Boundaries, and presentation by DFES.
Attachments (x#)	N/A

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 Mullewa Central Bush Fire Brigade Captain

7.9 Mullewa South Bush Fire Brigade Captain

7.10 Tenindewa Bush Fire Brigade Captain

7.11 Waggrakine Bush Fire Brigade

7.12 Walkaway Bush Fire Brigade

8 General Business

8.1 Action Log

9 Date of next meeting

Proposed for Thursday, 18 March 2027 in Geraldton.

10 Close

ACTION LOG

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	AGENCY	DUE	UPDATE/COMPLETE
Ensure contractors avoid mowing roadside edges on rural roads during high-risk periods, due to the fire-ignition risk posed by exposed stones and granite.	Neil Johnstone	City of Greater Geraldton	17/09/2026	Discussed with the Coordinator Parks and confirmed that this was a one-off work request, which is generally avoided during the summer period.