

MINUTES MURRAY MALLEE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting number: 3 - 2021				
Date: Tues: 17 th August 2021		Time: 10:30 am	Duration: 2 hours	Location: CFS Region 3 Headquarters
Meeting Objective		To facilitate the planning and preparation to mitigate the impact of Bushfire, within the Murray Mallee Bushfire Management Area		
Attendees		Deputy Michael Murtagh (Berri Barmerra Council); Member Andrew Venning (CFS VA Murraylands); Member Rob Ziersch (CFS VA Riverland); Member Michael Vivian (Coorong District Council); Member Jared Pippas (DEW); Member Toni Scarlett (DIT); Member Calvin Hoyer (Karoonda East Murray District Council); Deputy Denise Fowles (Murraylands & Riverland Landscape Board); Member Ros Kruger; (Rural City of Murray Bridge); Deputy Leon Shepley (SAMFS); Member Peter Webber (SA Water); Chair Ray Jackson (Regional Commander); Executive Officer Yvette Rathjen (Acting Regional Prevention Officer); Minutes Tammy Heinrich (Regional Admin Officer); Observer- Dennis Rainsford (Renmark Paringa Council) Via Teams- Member John Barrie (Conservation Council SA); Member Cheryle Pedler, Wade Pritchard (Loxton Waikerie District Council); Member Scott Denny (SAPOL); Member Shilo Wyatt (Southern Mallee District Council); Member		
Guests		Amy Riebe (CFS BMPU); Gavin Wornes (CFS Project Manager AFDRS); Farhana Fadjar (CFS Project Officer AFDRS); Clara Bartlett (CFS AFDRS Policy Officer)		
Apologies		Deputy Myles Somers (Coorong District Council); Member Rocky Warren (Mid Murray Council); Member Andrew Meddle (Murraylands & Riverland Landscape Board); Deputy Tony Austin (Rural City of Murray Bridge); Member Garrick Lehmann (SAMFS); Deputy Ryan Meakin (SAPOL); Deputy Peter Burr (Renmark Paringa Council); Deputy Denise Fowles (Landscape SA)		
Actions and Agreements				
No				
1	Welcome/Apologies Chair welcomed all and apologies noted.			
2	Safety Briefing/WH&S Issues The emergency evacuation procedures for the building, location of exit points and facilities were explained.			
3	Declaration of conflict of Interest/Probity			
4	Confirm minutes of previous meeting held: 4.1 18 th May 2021 Moved: Jared Pippas pending changes Seconded: Andrew Venning Correction to BMC minutes 8.10 - Having some challenges/issues with finding an appropriate contact for DPTI and working with them and others to achieve the best treatment outcome. An example is the roadside corridor through Ngarkat Conservation Park.			

5	<p>Business arising from minutes: As per action item list from last minutes</p> <p>5. 1 Audit of AO/FPO</p> <p>After the reaccreditation course in Adelaide, Ali Walsh can print ID cards, photos and details can be updated on Emerald.</p>
6	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>OUT -6.1</p> <p>29/07/21- MMBMC Minutes 18th of May 2021</p> <p>29/07/21- MMBMC Agency Report Template</p> <p>10/08/21- MMBMC Agenda</p> <p>10/08/21- 8.2 Rural City of Murray Bridge Report</p> <p>10/08/21- 8.4 DC of Karoonda East Murray Report</p> <p>10/08/21- 8.6 Coorong DC Report</p> <p>10/08/21- 8.7 Renmark Paringa Council Report</p> <p>10/08/21- 8.15 SA Water Report</p> <p>12/08/21- 8.9 DC of Loxton Waikerie Report</p> <p>12/08/21- 8.10 NPWS Report</p> <p>12/08/21- BMPU Report</p> <p>12/08/21- 8.19 Community Engagement Report</p> <p>29/3/2021- Draft State Bushfire Management Plan 2021-2025 consultation</p> <p>Heritage agreements grants</p> <p>IN - 6.2</p>
7	<p>Business items</p> <p>7.1 AFDRS Presentation – Gavin Wornes / Farhana Fadjar / Clara Bartlett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, understanding current system and new AFDRS and the implementation of this project. • Briefly presented the Current process for FDR system • All states have different FDR, this new system will be the same nationally. • Confusion and understanding of the ratings, found in the research • Research shows that Total Fire Ban (TFB) is well known • Going from 2 fuel types, the new system will now have 8 fuel types • Fuel State Editor will be used by FPO's to collect the curing data • Fire Danger Viewer – FDV will be used • Fire ban district to be used as present, discussions to be had about the fire ban districts • The concept is to have a simplified version of the existing system. The concept is FDR change from 6 to 4 levels. Green = Low, Yellow = High, Orange = Extreme and Red = Catastrophic • Existing system to be used this fire season, new system will be a trialled in the background. The 30 June 2022 the new system will be implemented, and the current system will be decommissioned. • Question raised - Weather forecasts released at 4pm approximately each day for the next day coming, is there any way this can be done earlier to allow local governments and schools more time to prepare. The answer is no, as this is done by the Bureau of Meteorology.

	<p>7.2 BMC Induction for new Members – Amy Riebe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation given to all members about the MMBMC • First SBCC established in June 2010 • Nine BMCs established October 2010 • All BMAPs are due for review • Amy presented the functions of the SBCC, BMC chairperson, BMC Executive Officer, the BMC and members roles and responsibilities. • Opportunity to report on the shortfalls to the Minister via SBCC
8	<p>Agency Reports <i>(If not received to be given at meeting)</i></p> <p>8.1 CFS Region 3 – Yvette Rathjen/Chris Bastian Prevention Officer position is soon to be advertised as Chris Bastian was successfully appointed Regional Operations Manager for Region 3. Due to Covid 19 and staffing issues, community engagement is currently at a stand still and hope to reinstate this very soon. Due to a short timeframe the Asset Treatments Strategy reports are due this week.</p> <p>8.2 Rural City of Murray Bridge – Ros Kruger – Report Attached Community consultation has slowed due to Covid and looking at a revised way of doing this with a smaller group.</p> <p>8.3 Mid Murray Council – Rocky Warren Apology</p> <p>8.4 District Council of Karoonda East Murray – Calvin Hoye – Report Attached</p> <p>8.5 Southern Mallee District Council – Shilo Wyatt Signage and inspections will start in September, slashing and spraying activities have commenced.</p> <p>8.6 Coorong District Council – Michael Vivian – Report Attached</p> <p>8.7 Renmark Paringa Council – Peter Burr – Report Attached Working through strategies for Plushs Bend camping area on TFB days. A burn was done through there earlier in this year. Working through the approval processes.</p> <p>8.8 Berri Barmera Council – Michael Murtagh Will be sending out the pre-season fire education at the end of this month for the vacant blocks in the area. Last year's 105 notices and interstate landowners. Last year due to Covid this was used as an excuse as landowners could not cross the border. Slashing and inspections are due to start.</p> <p>8.9 District Council of Loxton Waikerie – Steve Potter – Report Attached Cheryle Pedler – Questions asked surrounding the permit pads that have been recently sent out and is there any move to have these electronically in the future? Recognising this matter has been raised before, with further discussion on duplicates of records. The Chair informed the committee that there is a system set up and unfortunately not funded through Government. Please push this through the FPO reference group. This is to be included in the annual report.</p>

8.10 DEW – Jared Pippas – Report Attached

Prescribed burns around Renmark and Cooltong, Paringa Paddock and north of the airport in the coming months.

Annual reminder for the crown lands to contact Jared or Andrew of any identified blocks that need work that haven't already got on the works programs. Need to know before December.

8.11 LANDSCAPE SA – Denise Fowles

Meeting last week with council and CFS with Ray attending to discuss issues with fires on roadside, who's assets they are, issues with native veg, cleaning up/recovery after fire.

8.12 SAMFS – Leon Shepley – Report attached

Discussion held on piles of permapine posts that are accumulating in the Riverland as they are being stored close to road edges and under power lines. Council and CFS brigades are aware of the potential risk to the community should they catch fire due to toxicity of fumes and limited ways to dispose of these posts. Question raised - Is there consideration through council to reduce these piles as disposal of them is a concern. This is an EPA issue as it does not pose as a bushfire risk, but our concern is to keep people safe if they catch fire. To be included in the annual report to go to SBCC.

Action- Invite the EPA to a MMBMC meeting.

8.13 SAPOL – Scott Denny

Completed the Nomad planning for the coming season.

Business continuity Zone Emergency planning and will advise everyone in due time.

8.14 DIT – Toni Scarlett

Fairly new to DIT and currently working through the asset lists with asset team to revise treatments.

8.15 SA Water – Peter Webber – Report Attached

8.16 Conservation Council SA – John Barrie – no report submitted

Bushfire preparedness likes the concept of putting forward some case study via Facebook. Facebook is currently utilised for community engagement activities.

8.17 BMPU Update Report – Andrew Patten & Amy Riebe – Report Attached

Nothing further to report, spreadsheets for BMAP treatments are due for annual reporting this Friday as the result of a timeline change. This data will be collated and entered in the annual report, sent to SBCC and through to the Minister.

8.18 CFS VA – Ziersch & Venning

Some of the brigades have gone up north and they do this annually to check the fuel loads, grass growth and access to tracks.

8.19 CFS Community Engagement – Yvette Rathjen – Report Attached

Community engagement programs are not running due to Covid. Riverland Field Day at this stage is still going ahead.

9	<p>Other Business</p> <p>9.1 NPWs – CFS VA reference to trees growing on the roadside verge at the previous meeting held on the 18th of May, with the question raised is this a fire risk or a road safety issue? Loxton Waikerie Council met with the local ranger on site to address the road safety issue that was raised as a bushfire risk. The Council will try to replicate what Southern Mallee have done along roadsides, not considered a National Parks issue.</p> <p>9.2 Newly endorsed members – John Barrie, Calvin Hoyer, Martin Borgas.</p>
10	<p>Meeting closed: 12.48pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: 5th October 2021</p>
<p>Code of Meeting Conduct</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. We start on time and finish on time</i> <i>2. We all participate and contribute - everyone is given opportunity to voice their opinions</i> <i>3. We use improvement tools that enhance meeting efficiency and effectiveness</i> <i>4. We actively listen to what others have to say, seeking first to understand, then to be understood</i> <i>5. We follow-up on the actions we are assigned responsibility for and complete them on time</i> <i>6. We give and receive open and honest feedback in a constructive manner</i> <i>7. We use data to make decisions (whenever possible)</i> <i>8. We strive to continually improve our meeting process and build time into each agenda for reflection</i> 	