



Shire of
Collie

MINUTES

of the

BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on

Tuesday, 15 September 2026



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Minutes of the Shire of Collie Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers, 87 Throssell Street Collie, on Tuesday 15 September 20262026.

The Deputy Chair declared the meeting open at 6:10pm and welcomed independent members, councillors and staff.

1. OPENING/ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Appointed Members

Alex Wiese	Director Development Services
Darren Robinson	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Kohdy Flynn	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Robert Schmidt	Community Emergency Services Manager
Neil Waywood	FCO Collie Burn Cardiff BFB
Graeme Genev	FCO Worsley BFB
Michael Hart	FCO Harris River BFB
Shaun Partyka	Senior Community Ranger (or Nominee)
Jewell Crossberg	DBCA District Fire Coordinator, Parks & Wildlife Service
Julian Martin	FCO Shire of Collie
Declan Rochester	FCO Collie Preston BFB & Captain Collie Preston BFB

Invited Guests

Steve Melvin	Captain Worsley BFB
Archie Boyle	Captain Harris River BFB

Apologies

Quinn Newton	Bushfire Risk Management Coordinator
Shane Hickson	FCO Shire of Collie/VFRS Captain
Councillor Brett Hansen	Chair - Shire of Collie Councillor
Terry Hunter	FCO Shire of Collie
Ricky Southgate	DFES District Officer Wellington (or Nominee)
Jackie Robinson	Captain Allanson BFB
Shannon Proudfoot	Captain Collieburn Cardiff BFB
Phil Anastasakis	Shire of Collie CEO

2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil.

3. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

- 3.1 Presentation – Fire Season Update State Operation Centre meteorologist from BOM – Robert Schmidt
- 3.2 Presentation – Shire of Collie 2026/27 Mitigation Activity Funding Program update – Robert Schmidt

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

4.1 Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting – 13 July 2026

Committee Decision:

Moved: **Darren Robinson**

Seconded: **Michael Hart**

The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the Shire of Collie Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2026

Carried: 11/0

For: A. Wiese, D. Robinson, K. Flynn, R. Schmidt, N. Waywood, G. Genev, M. Hart, S. Partyka, J. Crossberg, J. Martin, D. Rochester

Against: Nil

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

6. BRIGADE & AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 Appointment of Fire Control Officers

Reporting Department:	Development Services
Reporting Officer:	Robert Schmidt – Community Emergency Services Manager
Accountable Manager:	Alex Wiese – Director Development Services
Legislation	<i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>
File Number:	N/A
Appendices:	Appendix 6.1.A – Fire Control Officers for endorsement Appendix 6.2 A – Dual Fire Control Officer, West Arthur
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority

Report Purpose:

For Bush Fire Advisory Committee to consider endorsing the appointment of Fire Control Officers for the 2026/2027 season.

Officer's Recommendation/Committee Decision:

Moved: **Darren Robinson**

Seconded: **Julian Martin**

The Bush Fire Advisory Committee endorsed the appointment of the Shire of Collie Fire Control Officers as contained in Appendix 6.1A for the 2026/2027 bushfire season, for the Shire of Collie, in accordance with the Bush Fires Act 1954.

Carried: 11/0

For: A. Wiese, D. Robinson, K. Flynn, R. Schmidt, N. Waywood, G. Genev, M. Hart,
S. Partyka, J. Crossberg, J. Martin, D. Rochester

Against: Nil.

7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1 Attending Brigades gave verbal reports.

8. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Members may submit notices of motion between meetings, up to the time prescribed in the standing orders before a meeting.

9. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Members may submit notices of questions between meetings, up to the time prescribed in the standing orders before a meeting.

10. MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE DISCUSSION

Nil

11. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the Deputy Chair thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.