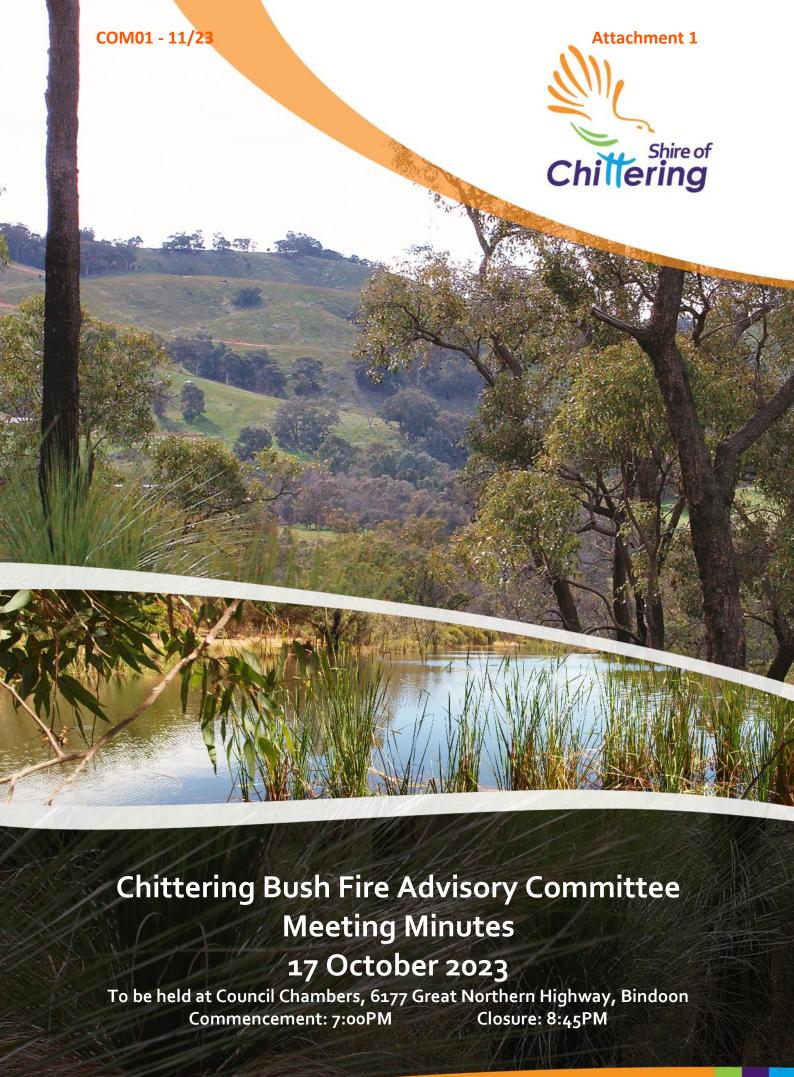


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# **MEMBERSHIP AS ENDORSED 21 JUNE 2023**

Members	Deputies
Shire of Chittering Councillor	Shire of Chittering Councillor
Cr Carmel Ross	Cr David Dewar
Chief Executive Officer	Nil
Melinda Prinsloo	
Community Emergency Services Manager /	Nil
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	
David Carroll	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Nil
Southern Region	
David Wilson	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Nil
Central Region	
Phillip Humphry	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Nil
Northern Region	
Kim Haeusler	
Bindoon Brigade representative	Bindoon Brigade representative
Neil Harvey	Dennis Badcock
Lower Chittering Brigade representative	Lower Chittering Brigade representative
Jeremy Tennant	Graham Furlong
Muchea Brigade representative	Muchea Brigade representative
Shelly Pannell	James Marotta
Upper Chittering Brigade representative	Upper Chittering Brigade representative
Aaron Cover	Will Lee
Wannamal Brigade representative	Wannamal Brigade representative
Clayton Smith	Daniel Smith
Chittering Incident Support Brigade representative	Chittering Incident Support Brigade representative
Paul Groves	Ian Wright

#### **Objectives**

To make recommendations and advise Council on all matters relating to the Bush Fires Act 1954, Section 67(1).

To liaise with other emergency organisations and relevant bodies with regard to Fire and Emergency Management

within the Shire of Chittering. The Committee will advise the local government all matters relating to:

- (a) Preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires
- (b) The planning of the layout of fire-breaks in the district
- (c) Prosecutions for breaches of the Bush Fire Act 1954
- (d) The formation of bush fire brigades and the grouping thereof under group brigade officers
- (e) The ensuring of co-operation and co-ordination of bush fire brigades in their efforts and activities
- (f) Any other matter relating to bush fire control whether of the same kind, as, or a different kind from, those specified.

#### **Tenure of Membership**

Shall be in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, Section 5.11.

# **Attendance by Government Agencies**

The following are invited (non-voting) to attend meetings of the CBFAC:

- (a) DFES District Officer North East Metropolitan
- (b) Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions / Parks and Wildlife Service

#### **Delegated Authority**

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#### **Preface**

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Attachments that formed part of the agenda, in addition to those tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council are put together as an addendum to these Minutes.

#### **Unconfirmed Minutes**

These minutes were approved for distribution on 31 October 2023.

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# **Confirmed Minutes**

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on 12 March 2024.

Signed .....

Note: The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.

#### **DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING** 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 7:06PM.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, we wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land within the Shire of Chittering, the Yued and Whadjuk peoples. We would like to pay respect to the Elders of the Nyoongar nation, past and present, who have walked and cared for the land, we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture, and the contributions made to this region.

#### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF 2. **ABSENCE**

#### 2.1 **Attendance**

The following members have confirmed their attendance (Quorum – 6 Members):

Members: Cr Carmel Ross Council Delegate (Chairperson)

> Chief Executive Officer Melinda Prinsloo Chief Bushfire Control Officer Dave Carroll

Dave Wilson Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - South Phill Humphry Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - Central

Shelly Pannell Muchea Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

**Aaron Cover** Upper Chittering Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Paul Groves Chittering Incident Support Brigade

Jeremy Tennant Lower Chittering Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Neil Harvey Bindoon Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Kim Haeusler Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - North

Dan Smith Wannamal Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Observers: Cr David Dewar Councillor

> Jodie Connell **Development Services Support Officer (Minute Secretary)**

Ian Wright Chittering Incident Support Brigade Tammy Foster Muchea Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Will Lee Upper Chittering Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

**Graham Furlong Bushfire Risk Officer** 

James Marotta Muchea Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

2.2 **Apologies** 

> Dennis Badcock Bindoon Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Murray McBride Department of Fire and Emergency Services

#### 2.3 Approved leave of absence

# 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

# 4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

# 4.1 Chittering Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting: 13 June 2023

# 4.1 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**Moved Aaron Cover / Seconded Paul Groves** 

That the minutes of the Chittering Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

# 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

# 5.1 Community Emergency Services Manager / Chief Bushfire Control Officer

Dave Carroll spoke to the following:

- Currently in restricted Burning time, prohibited burning time commencing 1 December unless brought forward due to conditions.
- Incidents attended and statistics for Shire of Chittering brigades since 1 July 2022.

OIS Unit Online Reports/Regional Reports/LG Volunteer Listing Summary

Brigade Turnout Summary with Incident Type

	Brigade	Brigade Profile	New Membe rs Since July 2022	Register ed Member s October 2023	Incide nt Turno ut 20/21	Incide nt Turno ut 21/22	Incident Turnout 22/23	Incident Turnout 23/24
1	Muchea VBFB	Settlement Brigade	4	19	45	36	64	17
2	Lower Chittering VBFB	Urban Defensive Structural	13	44	52	40	67	17
3	Upper Chittering VBFB	Settlement Brigade	3	25	43	34	60	17
4	Bindoon VBFB	Urban Defensive Structural	6	19	51	35	62	16
5	Chittering ISB	Comms/Support	3	17	4	6	5	2
6	Wannamal VBFB	Rural	1	35	7	6	15	3
	Total			159	202	157	273	72

- We have experienced 12 incidents since the beginning of October, thanks to all who have attended and assisted with these incidents.
- Thanks to Deputies, Captains, Fire Control Officers, Councillors Carmel Ross, Dave Dewar, CEO
   Melinda Prinsloo and DFES DO Murray McBride for their ongoing support of our team.

# Bureau of Meteorology long-range forecast overview

Issued: 12 October 2023

**Rainfall Summary:** November to January rainfall is likely to be below median for much of western, northern and southern Australia.

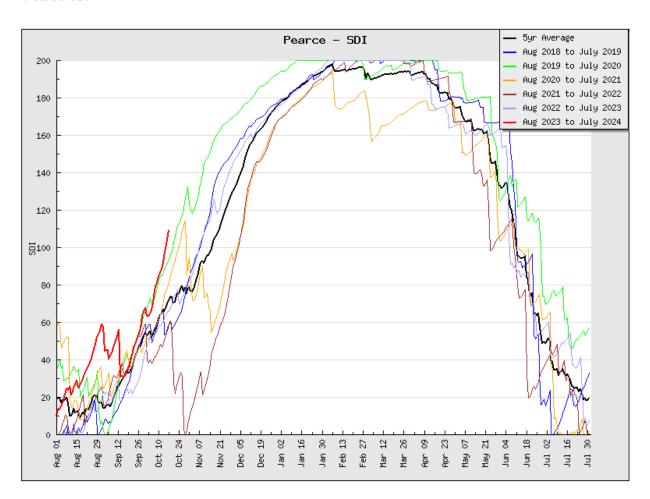
**Temperature Summary:** November to January maximum temperatures are at least twice as likely than normal to be unusually warm for almost all of Australia.

November to January minimum temperatures are very likely to be above median for almost all of Australia.

The long-range forecast is influenced by several factors, including El Niño and positive Indian Ocean Dipole events, and record warm oceans globally.

#### Soil Dryness Index Pearce 17 Oct 2023

#### Pearce SDI



Dave presented to the Committee his presentation on Ammonium Nitrate.



Discussion was held by the Committee regarding methods of reducing truck speed in Bindoon town and public education on Ammonium Nitrate and the dangers.

#### MOTION

Moved Phill Humphry / Seconded David Wilson

The Committee requests the Chief Executive Officer to hold discussions with Main Roads WA about the possibility of installing a point-to-point speed camera in the town of Bindoon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5.2 Chief Executive Officer

Melinda Prinsloo spoke to the following:

- Fire season has commenced with guite a few call outs already to date.
- Shire Fire Control Officers have commenced firebreak inspections have commenced in highrisk areas.
- Bushfire Risk Officer has been conducting mitigation activities across the Shire.
- Thanks was given to everyone for their efforts so far, for the coming season and for ensuring the safety of all members.

# 5.3 Bushfire Risk Officer

Graham Furlong presented his recent activities via Powerpoint to the Committee.

David Wilson made comment about the great work done by Graham Furlong and his team. Cr David Dewar requested information about the filling of water tanks and water source access in the Shire. Graham responded with an overview of how this currently occurs. Jeremy Tennant requested an estimated time for the power installation for the Lower Chittering bore and Graham confirmed there was no update from Western Power to date. The Committee discussed locations of the water tanks and water sources available in the Shire.

# 6. PREVENTION (MITIGATION, COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT)

# **6.1** Firebreak Inspection Process

Paul Groves addressed the Committee. Paul provided some background information about a recent site visit and the state of the property as well as the properties in the surrounding area. Paul requested information about the Shire's process for firebreak inspections and related activities. Melinda outlined the Firebreak Inspection Strategy that has recently been developed by the Shire where activities are based around conditions and not necessarily dates. Inspections have commenced 16 October with focus on the high-risk areas. The Shire welcomes input from Fire Control Officers to provide information about properties of concern. Paul provided some information from previous Council meetings and comparative information. Paul encouraged other Committee members to provide information to the Shire should they identify properties that are high risk.

Discussion was held by the Committee regarding Permits to Burn and property compliance over the previous years.

Aaron Cover provided feedback about people who have burnt their verge without authorisation because the Shire have stated that the verge is their responsibility. There is a misunderstanding, and permission for burning must still be applied for by the public. The Committee discussed the importance of reducing fuel on the verges.

Cr Carmel Ross stated the importance of communicating timing when conducting particular activities at certain times of the year - especially to a demographic that does not necessarily understand the sensitivity of timing when it comes to compliance activities.

Jeremy addressed the Committee regarding the recent HAZMAT fire on Propagation View. Jeremy enquired whether the Shire inspects private waste management facilities. Melinda provided information about the management of private landfills by State Government authorities. Jeremy highlighted his concerns about the site and the risk it poses. David Wilson provided further information regarding the State Government's communication on the site. David Carroll requested with there was an emergency plan in place for the site. Melinda stated this may be something they require but the Shire is not privy as to whether this is in place. The Committee discussed further details of the incident and the site's activities. Melinda will follow up on the matter and update Committee members on the outcome.

# 7. 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES & NEXT MEETING

In accordance with clause 1.12.3.11 Meetings in the "Council Committees and Advisory Group" booklet the Chittering Bushfire Advisory Committee are to determine the meeting dates for 2024.

The dates are to be discussed by Committee Members and agreed upon. The dates that are suggested for 2024 are as follows:

- a. Tuesday 12 March
- b. Tuesday 11 June
- c. Tuesday 8 October

# 7.1 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved Phill Humphry / Seconded David Wilson

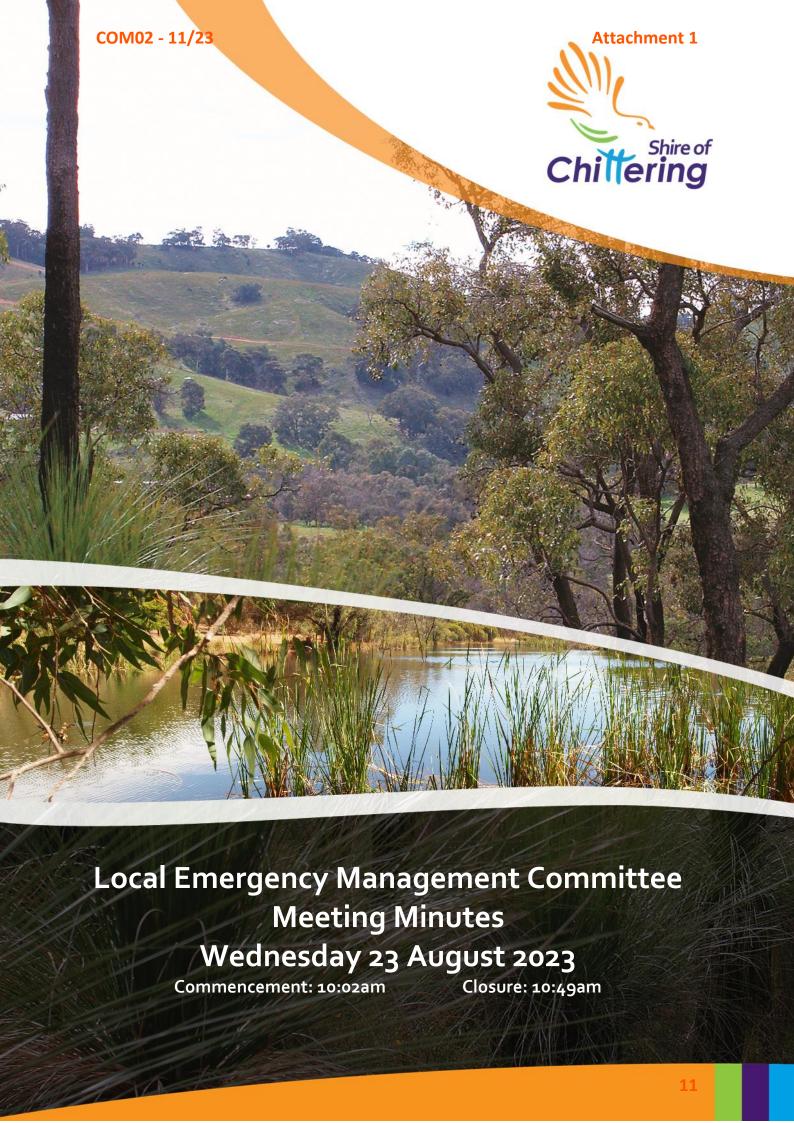
#### That:

- 1. The Chittering Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2024 are as follows:
  - a. Tuesday 12 March
  - b. Tuesday 11 June
  - c. Tuesday 8 October
- 2. The Chittering Bush Fire Advisory Committee meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, 6177 Great Northern Highway, Bindoon commencing at 7pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

# 8. CLOSURE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:45pm.



COM02 - 11/23 Attachment 1

#### **MEMBERSHIP AS AT 10 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Members	Councillor Proxy
<b>Chair</b> Cr Kylie Hughes	<b>Deputy Chair</b> Cr Aaron King
Executive Officer Community Emergency Services Manager	
Local Recovery Coordinator	
St John Ambulance Gingin Chittering	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers	
Local Welfare Liaison Officer	
WA Police – Gingin Representative	
Department of Communities representative	
DFES District Officer – Metropolitan North East	
State Emergency Service (Swan) representative	
Department of Defence representative	
Western Australian Meat Industry Authority representative	
Bindoon Primary School representative	
Edmund Rice College representative	
Immaculate Heart College representative	
Country Women's Association representative	

#### **Objectives**

- 3.1 Develop local emergency management arrangements that are practical to all stakeholders and service agencies.
- 3.2 Ensure that arrangements are contemporary and relevant to the community and addresses all possible risks and scenarios.
- 3.3 Participate in inter-local government relations to further emergency management cooperation within the Esperance Goldfields District.
- 3.4 Engage the community through safety and awareness campaigns, and by disseminating information through social media, media outlets, and public events.
- 3.5 Participate in interagency training exercises that improve the capabilities and knowledge of the committee, local stakeholders and hazard management agencies.
- 3.6 Exercise the emergency management arrangements to test their effectiveness in practical applications, and actively strive for continuous improvement.
- 3.7 Share meeting minutes, committee member experiences and proposed actions with local government elected members, State agencies and the local community.
- 3.8 Strategise on ways to mitigate potential emergencies and to improve recovery arrangements.

### **Tenure of Membership**

Shall be in accordance with the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, *Section 38(3)*.

# **Delegated Authority**

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# **Unconfirmed Minutes**

These minutes were approved for distribution on 28 August 2023.

# **Confirmed Minutes**

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held on 22 November 2023.

Signed .....

The Presiding Member at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed is the person who signs above.

Note:



# 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 10:02AM.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, we wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land within the Shire of Chittering, the Yued and Whadjuk peoples. We would like to pay respect to the Elders of the Nyoongar nation, past and present, who have walked and cared for the land, we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture, and the contributions made to this region.

# 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### 2.1 Attendance

The following members have confirmed their attendance (Quorum – 9 Members):

Members: Cr Kylie Hughes Chairperson

Dave Carroll Community Emergency Services Manager, Shire of

Chittering

Jo-Anne Spadaccini Department of Communities

Phill Humphry Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – Central Yvette Grigg Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Jocelyn Williams RAAF Base Pearce

Daryl Coleman Swan SES

Murray McBride Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Shelley Walter CWA – Bindoon Belles

I-Lynn Loo WAMIA Jude Seivwright Gingin Police

Amanda Robinson Bindoon Primary School

Scott Clayton Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Chittering

Observers: Jodie Connell Development Services Support Officer (Minute Secretary)

Ainslie Ellison RAAF Base Pearce

Jeremy Tennant Lower Chittering Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Ryan Hamblion Department of Communities

# 2.2 Apologies

Melinda Prinsloo Chief Executive Officer
Cr Aaron King Shire of Chittering

Sammantha Da Luz Immaculate Heart College

Dennis Badcock Tronox

David Wilson Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – South

Alison Reliti Shire of Chittering

# 2.3 Approved leave of absence



# 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

# 4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 4.1 Local Emergency Management Committee meeting: 22 February 2023

# 4.1 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**Moved David Carroll / Seconded Kylie Hughes** 

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

# 5. REPORTS

# 5.1 District Emergency Management Advisor, Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Yvette Grigg spoke to the following:

- There has been a hiatus with Emergency Management with many reviews happening. This includes a review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMAs).
- There have been outcomes produced as part of the review. From these outcomes they are currently conducting ten activities in relation to them.
- The top four outcomes were outlined including the LEMA template, a new policy catered for Local Government, a review of Grant processes and development of LEMC knowledge hub.
- LEMC and DEMC review has occurred. Outcomes should be able to provide better tools and improve processes in future. Yvette to keep LEMC informed.
- A Calendar of the grants program is soon to be released.
- Reminder about the exercise in September, please let Yvette know by end of week if attending.

Scott Clayton entered the meeting at 10:07am.

# 5.2 District Emergency Services Officer, Department of Communities

Jo Spaddacini spoke to the following:

- A review of the Evacuation Centres is currently underway.
- Forms will be sent through to be completed.
- Department is reviewing whether the individual halls that are currently being used are fit for purpose. The review will look at all aspects of each facility including building codes, services around those facilities and multiple other factors.
- Feedback forms are to be returned to Communities by end of October.
- State Support Plan is currently being reviewed which will inform on new Local Support Plans.
- Activations one opened in Bindoon and Moora in June 2023 in relation to New Norcia incident.
  - Question was asked about why Victoria Plains did not open. People who were evacuated would have had to enter the exclusion zone to attend an evacuation centre there.

# LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2023

Ryan Hamblion spoke to the following:

- Communities currently working with WAPOL on Disaster Victim Identification (DVI)/Mass
   Fatality and how they respond to incidents in relation to this.
- Attended an exercise on 24 July about animal diseases. Chittering has the potential to be impacted and the information provided was relevant to the Local Government should an incident occur.

# 5.3 District Officer – North East Metropolitan, Department of Fire & Emergency Services

Murray McBride spoke to the following:

- Bindoon Army Camp tabletop exercise to be organised with Local Governments and DFES.
  - It was identified last season that a response plan is required for the facility and is still being worked on.
- Mutual aid agreement with DFES and Defence in progress.
- Mitigation burns occurring at Bindoon Army Camp currently.
- DFES Staff, DBCA and volunteers being sent to Canada to assist in response to the fires.
- Three day regional exercise to be held in Mundaring in early November 2023.
  - A comprehensive review of what could occur should a fire start at the base of the Mundaring Weir.
  - Murray to email for people who wish to attend.
- Mitigation burning to occur starting tomorrow in Chidlow.
- AFAC have released the spring bushfire seasonal outlook less than average rain, season to commence earlier due to dry conditions.

# 5.4 Community Emergency Services Manager & Chief Bushfire Control Officer, Shire of Chittering

David Carroll spoke to the following:

- Inter-regional meeting held with Bindoon Army Training Area staff to discuss issues from previous fires and responding to incidents in the future.
- Response to the Bindoon Training area is primarily from Local Government volunteers.
- Meeting held at the WA Meat Industry Authority Muchea to consider people and animal welfare arrangements and use of the site as a Control Point during large incidents

Kylie asked information about the attrition rate of volunteer members of the brigades. David provided statistics that have occurred over the past three years.

Ainslie requested whether consultation had been made with base team of Bindoon Army Camp and provided information about interacting with stakeholders in relation to the facility.

### 5.5 Principal, Bindoon Primary School

Amanda Robinson stated that Bindoon Primary School are currently reviewing contact numbers and evacuation plans.

# LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2023

# 5.6 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Western Australian Meat Industry Authority

I-Lynn Loo addressed the Committee and stated that WAMIA has recently met with David Carroll. WAMIA acknowledge that emergencies aren't always just bushfire and there are other types of emergencies with different impacts.

# 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

# 6.1 Muchea Livestock Centre housing livestock during Emergencies

I-Lynn Loo from Western Australian Meat Industry Authority addressed the Committee and stated that the Centre was used for holding horses during the Wooroloo Fires in 2021.

- There were concerns with regards to biosecurity for the Centre.
- WAMIA understands the need to participate in assisting during emergencies but would prefer if the Centre was used as a last resort. The facility is not set up for horses, only cows and sheep. Staff are also only trained to deal with these particular animals.
- I-Lynn requested that any information about alternative locations can be provided to them to provide to people should they visit the facility.

# 6.2 Powerpoint Presentation on Ammonium Nitrate.

David Carroll addressed the Committee and presented.

Murray provided further information on the truck accident in New Norcia in June 2023 and DFES are looking into what they can do. The Committee discussed other recent events. Jocelyn Will

# 7. NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, 22 November 2023 commencing at 10am.

# 8. CLOSURE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:49AM.