

**Chittering Bush Fire Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, 10 March 2026**

To be held at Council Chambers, 6177 Great Northern Highway, Bindoon
Commencing at 7:00PM

MEMBERSHIP

Members	Proxy
Shire of Chittering Councillor Cr David Dewar	Shire of Chittering Councillor Cr Rebecca Foulkes-Taylor
Chief Executive Officer Melinda Prinsloo	Nil
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Nathan Manning	Nil
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Graham Furlong	
Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Northern Region Kim Haeusler	Nil
Bindoon Brigade representative Neil Harvey	Bindoon Brigade representative Dennis Badcock
Lower Chittering Brigade representative Daniel Bates	Lower Chittering Brigade representative
Mucnea Brigade representative Shelly Pannell	Mucnea Brigade representative James Marotta
Upper Chittering Brigade representative Aaron Cover	Upper Chittering Brigade representative Will Lee
Wannamal Brigade representative Clayton Smith	Wannamal Brigade representative Daniel Smith
Chittering Incident Support Brigade representative Paul Groves	Chittering Incident Support Brigade representative 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 firebreaks 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

Authority

Nil

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Chittering Bushfire Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 in the Council Chambers, 6177 Great Northern Highway, Bindoon commencing at 7.00pm.

**Melinda Prinsloo
Chief Executive Officer**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF VISITORS

The Chairperson to declare the meeting open.

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.

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

2.1 Attendance

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

Members:	Cr David Dewar	Council Member (Chairperson)
	Cr Rebecca Foulkes-Taylor	Councillor
	Melinda Prinsloo	Chief Executive Officer
	Nathan Manning	Community Emergency Services Chief Bushfire Control Officer
	Aaron Cover	Upper Chittering Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
	Shelly Pannell	Muchea Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
	Paul Groves	Chittering Incident Support Brigade
	James Marotta	Muchea Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
	Dennis Badcock	Bindoon Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Observers:	Gerry Starr	Bushfire Volunteers WA
	Jesse Greenwood	Parks & Wildlife - Swan Coastal District

Minute Secretary:

Jodie Connell

2.2 Apologies

Neil Harvey

Bindoon Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

2.3 Approved leave of absence

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Members must declare to the Chairperson any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Shire Council as soon as they become aware of it.

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Chittering Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting: 9 October 2025

<p>4.1 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</p>
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<p>That the minutes of the Chittering Bushfire Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 9 October 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>

5. REPORTS

5.1 Community Emergency Services Manager / Chief Bushfire Control Officer

Nathan Manning to address the meeting.

5.2 DFES District Officer – North East Metropolitan

Shaun Champ to address the meeting.

5.3 Chief Executive Officer

Melinda Prinsloo to address the meeting.

5.4 Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions / Parks and Wildlife Service

A representative of the Parks and Wildlife Service to address the meeting.

6. PERMITS TO BURN - PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR NEW LANDOWNERS

Dennis Badcock to address the meeting.

7. VEHICLE ACCESS ON TONKIN HIGHWAY

Dennis Badcock to address the meeting.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

10. CLOSURE

The Chairperson to declare the meeting closed.