



#### 7.7 Mid Band and High Band Removal

Request has been made to DFES and will be followed up.

### **4. Guests/Presentations**

#### 4.1 DFES – District Officer and Bush Fire Risk Management

Great Southern Region has been divided into two regions. There will be more staff eventually in the office. There is a new superintendent based in Narrogin.

There will be a volunteer management support officer to support administration of brigades. This position has been created to provide more admin support for brigades with no CESM and more admin support and full time presence in Narrogin office.

West Arthur was allocated funding for mitigation activity burns in Bowelling and clearing around bridges - \$67,000. DFES will no longer use private contractors for prescribed burns due to DFES tender issues with insurance levels. The prescribed burns will need to be undertaken by brigades or the scope of works changed to mechanical works.

#### 4.2 CESM– Shire of Collie

Tristan is employed as the Community Emergency Services Manager for the Shire of Collie. Tristan's contact details will be provided to FCOs for issues that may arise on our western boundary.

#### 4.4 Forrest Products Commission

Nil.

#### 4.5 Department of Water

Nil.

#### 4.6 Rangers – Shire of Collie.

Kohdy Flynn is a ranger for the Shire of Collie and provides assistance to the Shire of West Arthur. Collie rangers may assist with fire related issues relating to non-compliance with the Shire's firebreak notice.

#### 4.7 Williams Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Have been busy since last financial year with 15 call outs involving road crashes and structure fires.

### **5. Reports**

#### 5.1 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Western Power training was held at Duranillin with approximately 10 volunteers, in attendance that were made aware of dos and don'ts. This was beneficial to volunteers.

#### 5.2 Arthur River Bush Fire Brigade

Few Autumn fires from stubble burns other than that pretty quiet.

#### 5.3 Darkan Bush Fire Brigade

Two new FCO's, Matthew Telfer and James Campbell.

#### 5.4 Duranillin Bush Fire Brigade

Nothing to report since last meeting.

## 6 Financial Report

2018/19 ESL Allocation      \$31,670

### Expended to date:

Insurance – vehicles	\$6,537
Other	\$10,968
Synergy (Darkan)	\$81
Vehicle licensing	\$445
Freight	\$129
Total expended	\$18,160

Funds remaining      \$11,781

### Forecasted

Foam	\$5,000
Fuel	\$1,000
Power/Utilities	\$400
Other goods (freight)	\$300
Clothing and Accessories	\$4,500
Repairs/misc	\$1,500

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 Equipment

Arthur River Brigade – 4.4 Broadacre Single Cab - \$412,000 approved waiting for supply.

Training will be provided for the new truck when it arrives. At this stage, delivery not anticipated in the near future. High season unit approved and waiting on delivery. Simon will liaise with Brad and Duncan.

### 7.2 Training

Western Power session held in Duranillin.

Darkan brigade truck session to be held on the coming Friday.

### 7.3 Call ups

Once a week call up, Shire staff will coordinate (other than holiday periods). Commencement date 5<sup>th</sup> November. Normal time is 7.10am.

### 7.4 Mitigation Funding

Works were completed around Darkan, Duranillin and Bowelling with funding received in 2017/18. Funding has been approved for prescribed burns in Bowelling (not completed in 2017/18 due to the late onset of winter) and clearing around bridges.

### 7.5 Fire Break Notice – Location of Fire Unit

The existing firebreak notice states:

*A harvesting, swathing or baling machine may not be operated in any crop during the PBT or RBT unless it is equipped with a fire extinguisher (minimum 7.5 litres). A fully operational mobile fire fighting unit with a tank of 400 litre minimum capacity is to be located in any paddock where harvesting, swathing, baling or slashing of stubble is being undertaken*

A request was supported to change the 2019/20 notice to "located in or adjacent to".

**7.6 Mobile Booster for Duranillin Truck**

Installation of a mobile booster in Duranillin truck was discussed. The ESL does not fund mobile phones or boosters and this is unlikely to change in the near future. Duranillin brigade will discuss purchasing from their own funds.

**7.7 Permits for Burning during Prohibited Burning.**

Issuing permits for protection around buildings during the prohibited burning period was discussed. It was noted that a permit can be refused i.e. if there are not sufficient people or resources around to help with a fire.

**7.8 Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)**

Members were reminded that the AVL - green light needs to be tested at least monthly.

**8. Closure**

Chairperson declare the meeting closed at 8.11pm

**9. Next Meeting**

To be confirmed in March 2019, however likely to be Tuesday 9 April 2019.