

# FLINDERS MID NORTH YORKE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Action and Agreement Record

### Meeting Number: 46

Date	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Start Time: 10:41am	Finish Time: 12:48pm	Location: <b>Clare CFS Station</b>
Meeting Objective	Flinders Mid North Yorke Bushfire Management Committee			
Attendees	<p><b>Member</b> Garth Hogarth [Chair/CFS A/R2 Commander]; <b>Member</b> Sonia Post [Exec Officer/CFS R2 RPO]; <b>Member</b> Lisa Jamieson [RC Goyder]; <b>Member</b> Tammy Bastian [DC Mt Remarkable]; <b>Deputy</b> Brenton Daw [DC Mt Remarkable]; <b>Member</b> Mitchell Foote [Flinders Ranges Council]; <b>Deputy</b> Candice Harris [Light Regional Council]; <b>Member</b> Gabrielle Swearse [Northern Areas Council]; <b>Member</b> Eric Sommerville [Primary Producers SA]; <b>Member</b> Boyd Kench [Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council]; <b>Member</b> Bonaventure Tan [DIT]; <b>Member</b> Lawrence Heath [Peterborough DC]; <b>Member</b> Mark Syrus [SAPOL]; <b>Member</b> Brendon Schulz [Adelaide Plains Council]; <b>Deputy</b> Rachel Godoy [ForestrySA]; <b>Member</b> Bruno Turini [ForestrySA]; <b>Deputy</b> Brad Franson [Adelaide Plains Council]; <b>Member</b> Dave Colliar [SAMFS]; <b>Member</b> Ken Campbell [CFSVA R4]; <b>Member</b> Brandon Elliott [Light Regional Council]; <b>Member</b> Todd Connor [RC Pt Pirie]; <b>Deputy</b> Katie Walker [RC Wakefield]; <b>Member</b> Phil Herrmann [Yorke Peninsula Council]; <b>Deputy</b> Andrew Cadd [CFSVA R2]; Sarah Sculfer [Minute Secretary/CFS R2]</p> <p><b>Guests/Observers:</b> Penny Kazla [CFS R2 Community Engagement]; Amy Riebe [CFS Bushfire Management Planning Unit]; Ali Walsh [CFS Bushfire Management Planning Unit]</p>			
Apologies	<p><b>Deputy</b> Denatah Treloar [DC Copper Coast]; <b>Member</b> Jodi Russack [DC of Barunga West]; <b>Deputy</b> Mark Finlay [Flinders Ranges Council]; <b>Member</b> Andrew Allchurch [CFSVA R2]; <b>Deputy</b> Mick Tobin [Clare &amp; Gilbert Valleys Council]; <b>Member</b> Muller Mentz [DC Copper Coast]; <b>Member</b> Joe Tilley [DEW]; <b>Deputy</b> David Stevenson [RC Goyder]; <b>Member</b> Kate Pearce [Landscape Board – NY]; <b>Deputy</b> Chris Madigan [Landscape Board – NY]; <b>Member</b> Kelly Westell [RC Wakefield]</p>			
No	Actions and Agreements			
1.	<p><b>Welcome / Apologies:</b> Chair opened the meeting at 10:41am.</p> <p>Chair welcomed all members of this committee and introduced Ali Walsh from the Bushfire Management Planning Unit who will be providing technical support to this committee.</p> <p>Apologies: as above.</p>			
2.	<p><b>Safety Briefing / WHS Issues:</b> Safety briefing provided by the Chair.</p>			
3.	<p><b>Membership Updates:</b></p> <p>BMC membership changes since 1 July, 2021</p> <p><b>Nominations pending endorsement by State Bushfire Coordination Committee (for 12 Nov 2021):</b></p> <p>Wakefield Regional Council – Member Kirsty Morgan</p>			

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	<b>Resignations:</b> Wakefield Regional Council – Member Kelly Westell <b>Vacancies:</b> Conservation Council of South Australia – Member and Deputy Member CFS Volunteers Association Region 4 - Deputy								
4.	<b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Probity:</b> Nil declared.								
5.	<b>Quorum:</b> Ex. Officer confirmed quorum has been met.								
6.	<b>Confirmation of Minutes:</b> Meeting #45 12 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021 Minutes accepted. Moved: Katie Walker Seconded: Ken Campbell All agreed.								
7.	<b>Business Arising:</b> Nil								
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9.	<b>State Bushfire Coordination Committee:</b> The SBCC Communique was disseminated in August 2021 and is now available on the CFS website.								
10.	<b>Business Items:</b> <b>10.1 Election of Deputy Chair of the FMNY BMC</b>								

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	<p>Sonia Post advised that the Committee can either elect to not have a Deputy Chair and one can be nominated on the day if required or a permanent Deputy Chair can be elected. The Committee chose to elect a permanent Deputy Chair. The Chair asked for nominations for the Deputy Chair. Phil Herrmann was the only member nominated and accepted the position of Deputy Chair.</p> <p><b>10.2 Bushfire Management Area Plan Amendments</b></p> <p>There are several amendments pending and these will be progressed at the earliest opportunity. The current pending amendments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Wells Residential Expansion</li> <li>• Mallala Waste Transfer Station – Change of Use</li> <li>• Wakefield Plains Main Council Depot – Relocation</li> </ul> <p><b>10.3 Bushfire Safer Places &amp; Last Resort Refuges</b></p> <p>There are two reviews pending and these will be progressed at the earliest opportunity. The current pending reviews are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mundoorra Oval (Barunga West Council)</b> The report is still pending and not yet received by the FMNY BMC Executive Officer.</li> <li>• <b>Point Turton (Yorke Peninsula Council)</b> YP Council has requested a review of the Point Turton Safer place due to residential expansion adjacent to the current safer place. This is yet to be progressed through the FMNY BMC and a report will be tabled at a future meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Amy Riebe advised that a working group has been set up to review all safer places and last resort refuges and there should be an update about this in the next SBCC Communique, which is due out next month.</p>
11.	<p><b>Agency Reports:</b></p> <p>Agency reports submitted prior to the meeting were emailed out with the agenda pack. Sonia Post apologised for missing the Yorke Peninsula Council report and advised that this will be emailed out with the minutes.</p> <p>Sonia Post requested that the next agency reports detail the work that has been done and any successes or challenges regarding critical infrastructure in Council areas.</p> <p><b>Agency reports provided at the meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clare &amp; Gilbert Valley Council:</b></li> </ul> <p>Communication towers, NBN towers, Telstra towers etc have low fuel load inside the fenced tower area but there is taller grass/crop/scrub outside the fenced area. Querying if there should be a minimum 19m asset protection zone (APZ) around these as they are critical infrastructure.</p> <p>Amy Riebe advised that critical infrastructure is being considered state wide at a high level by telecommunications companies and SA Water and believes there is movement to create a standard APZ. There is currently nothing documented to enable enforcement of a certain distance</p>

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	<p>around these assets. The Committee recommended that this be brought to the attention of the SBCC. Sonia Post will draft a letter to the SBCC regarding creating a standard statewide APZ zone to reduce grass, crop and native vegetation around critical infrastructure.</p> <p><b>Action: Sonia Post to draft a letter to the SBCC regarding a state wide standard APZ around critical infrastructure.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Northern Areas Council:</b> Have commenced fire prevention inspections in the Jamestown area in the last two weeks and are educating people about clearing their blocks.</li> <li>• <b>Yorke Peninsula Council:</b> After the 2019 fires the CFS Community Engagement Officers have been out there educating the community about bushfire preparedness. There is still some confusion in the community relating to what to do in the event of a bushfire. Doug Munn (Community Engagement) is assisting Council to deliver a fire educational week commencing on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Council has applied for \$40,000 grant funding to place maps of Bushfire Safer Places (BSP) in townships that have a BSP. It is also proposed to place bushfire education material in 19 bush camping locations.</li> <li>• <b>Bushfire Management Planning Unit:</b> Amy Riebe thanked everyone for the work they have put into the annual report process and advised that all comments and information has been taken onboard. There was a total of 151 data corrections. The Education Department also provided information on treatments on schools so that information has been included and all information is now contained on one database. Sonia Post also thanked all members for providing their information in a timely manner.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><b>Other Business:</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Fire Danger Season – Start Date Recommendations to the SACFS Chief Officer</b> Sonia Post provided a presentation “Matters for Consideration for the SACFS Chief Officer”. The Committee discussed the 3 districts and provided the following recommendations.</p> <p><b>Flinders:</b> <b>Discussion:</b> There has been a few fires reported around Pt Augusta but nothing of significance. The grass is still quite green in the area and with the current weather forecast, the recommended start date is 1 November, 2021. <b>Proposer: Tammy Bastian</b> <b>Seconder: Ken Campbell</b> <b>All agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Mid North:</b> <b>Discussion:</b> No significant fires to report. The area is quite green and fuel loads are high. There is a small area north of Pt Pirie that has very high elevated fuel curing. There is a large area with assets that will be 70% cured in about 3 weeks’ time. One pocket that is 100% cured already is the largest human settlement area. Todd Connor recommends bringing the FDS forward to 1 November, 2021</p>

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due to the likelihood of fuel curing. The traditional start date is 15 November and there was discussion about commencing on 8 November, 2021 but this may cause public confusion. It was highlighted that if the date isn't brought forward but the weather heats up, a total fire ban day can still be declared outside of the FDS. After further discussion, a decision was made to maintain the traditional commencement date of 15 November, 2021.

**Proposer: Boyd Kench**

**Seconder: Katie Walker**

**All agreed.**

## Yorke Peninsula:

**Discussion:** There have been no significant fires to report. Harvesting will commence in Ardrossan, Balgowan and Pt Victoria in the next 2 weeks. Phil Herrmann has had discussions with two of the CFS groups in his area and the largest local farmer and all have recommended a start date of 1 November, 2021. Curing is occurring and due to low moisture in the area, the recommended commencement date is 1 November, 2021.

**Proposer: Phil Herrmann**

**Seconder: Boyd Kench**

**All agreed.**

Brandon Elliott moved a motion that the standard FDS end dates remain the same.

Flinders: 15 April, 2022

Mid North: 30 April, 2022

Yorke Peninsula: 30 April, 2022

Seconded: Boyd Kench

Motion carried.

## **12.2 Presentation on Bushfire Safer Places**

Penny Kazla provided a presentation "Bushfire Safer Places and Bushfire Last Resort Refuges – What are they and how do they work".

Lisa Jamieson requested CFS branded flyers or brochures to give out to the community as they seem to prefer having a document to refer to rather than just checking the website. Sonia Post requested Lisa emails the type of information she would like to see on the brochure to the Region 2 Community Engagement email address [cfsregion2commengage@sa.gov.au](mailto:cfsregion2commengage@sa.gov.au) and this will be followed up.

## **12.3 Australian Fire Danger Rating System – Looking for Participants**

The AFDRS will be trialled in the 21/22 fire season. However, decisions ie. total fire bans and issuance of permits will be made based on the current system. The new AFDRS will be used as an observational tool only until it goes live in July 2022 and is implemented in the 22/23 season. A tool developed by the project team was handed out to members at the meeting.

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To ensure a smooth roll-out of the trial, the SA AFDRS Implementation Team are looking for FPO's who are interested to test the Fuel State Editor, a curing collection tool that is part of the new system.

If anyone is interested or would like further information on what is involved, please email [REDACTED] with a CC to Sonia Post.

## 12.4 Yorke Peninsula Field Days – CFS Exhibit

CFS had an exhibit at this event promoting bushfire safety and survival, farm fire units and emergency kits. Several CFS Community Engagement Officers were in attendance providing expert advice and guidance to patrons. Some statistics from the event:

Number of People who attended the Yorke Peninsula Field Days.			CFS Exhibits Data			
Adults	Child (under 16yrs)	TOTAL	CFS Main Exhibit No. Patrons	% of YPFD Patrons CFS Main Exhibit	5-Minute Bushfire Plans Created	FFU Entry Forms
3661	1000	4661	920	20%	85	5
3900	1000	4900	919	19%	63	25
3429	1190	4619	892	19%	106	8

## 12.5 Bushfire Management Planning Unit

Amy Riebe advised that this is her last meeting as she has won a position interstate. Ali Walsh was successful in winning a position in the BMPU and will be replacing Amy. Amy thanked all members for their efforts and contributions over the years. Sonia Post thanked Amy for her assistance with the FMNY BMC.

## 13. Next Meeting:

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – Clare CFS Station

Sonia Post requested all reports are emailed to the bushfire planning email address – [BMC.FMNY@eso.sa.gov.au](mailto:BMC.FMNY@eso.sa.gov.au)

## 14. Meeting Closed:

Meeting closed at 12:52pm

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Legend: Outcome/Status  
WIP = Work in progress  
C = Complete  
OH = On Hold until further notice

## Actions & Agreements Record

Meeting Date & No.#	Item No.	Action Required	Target Completion Date	Actioning Person	Outcome/Status	Actual completed date
#35 21 March 2019	7.3	ACTION: Ex. Officer to monitor progress of Risk Register and liaise with Damon Ezis	16 May 2019	Sonia Post	WIP	
#37 1 August 2019	8.4	ACTION: Mick Tobin and Boyd Kench to provide presentation of the Fire Track Access project at the next meeting.	3 October 2019	Mick Tobin/Boyd Kench	WIP	
#46 7 October 2021	11	ACTION: Sonia Post to draft a letter to the SBCC regarding a statewide standard APZ around critical infrastructure.	17 March 2022	Sonia Post	WIP	