

# LIMESTONE COAST BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Meeting 3 / 4

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Naracoorte Town Hall

1300 – 1500hrs

<b>Attendance</b>	Mr John Probert Ms Claire Simcock Ms Tracy Wilson Mr Darryl Napper Mr Derek Ferguson Mr Tim Wilson Mr Troy Horn Mr Paul McRostie Mr Don Gilbertson Mr Tim Wilson Mr Evan Roberts Mr Ross Anderson Mr Neville Collins Mr Leo Bull Mr Aaron Price Ms Natalie Traeger Mr Mike Stevens Mr Stephen Hill Mr Adrian Packer Mr Rick Grimes	Chairman (CFS R5) Executive Officer (CFS R5) Administrative Support, (CFS R5) Member, CFS Volunteer Association (CFSVA) Member, City of Mount Gambier Member, Dept. for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Member, Forestry SA Member, Naracoorte Lucindale Council (NLC) Member, Primary Producers of South Australia (PPSA) Member, Wattle Range Council (WRC) Deputy Member, CFS Volunteer Association (CFSVA) Deputy Member, DEW Deputy Member, DIT Deputy Member, Forest Owners Conference (FOC) Deputy Member, DC of Grant (DCG) Deputy Member, Kingston DC Deputy Member, Limestone Coast Landscape Board (LCLB) Deputy Member, Naracoorte Lucindale Council (NLC) Deputy Member, Tatiara District Council (TDC) Deputy Member, Wattle Range Council (WRC)
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr John Barrie Mr Rob Moir Mr Anthony Harvey Ms Ann Champness Mr Eamonn Carey Mr Justin Cook Mr Leith McEvoy Mr David Hood Mr Steve Bourne Ms Karmen Conway Mr Timothy Coote Mr Andrew Boucher Mr Campbell Hill Ms Kieran Gosden Mr Roger Babolka Mr Michael Wilkin	Member, Conservation Council of South Australia (CCSA) Member, DC of Robe (DCR) Member, SAMFS Member, Tatiara District Council (TDC) Member, Dept. for Environment and Water (DEW) Member, Forest Owners Conference (FOC) Member, DC of Grant (DCG) Member, LC Local Government Association (LCLGA) Member, LC Landscape Board (formerly SE NRM Board) Deputy Member, SAPOL Deputy Member, City of Mount Gambier Deputy Member, SAMFS Deputy Member, SAPOL Deputy Member, Forestry SA Deputy Member, LC Local Government Association (LCLGA) Deputy Member, District Council of Robe (DCR)
<b>Observers and Guests</b>	Mr Nick Kidman Mr Richard Schaefer Mr Andrew Patten Mr Gavin Wornes Ms Farhana Fadjar Ms Tracy Grime Ms Clara Bartlett	DC of Grant Incoming Deputy, Kingston DC CFS Bushfire Management Planning Unit (BMPU) CFS Project Manager, Australian Fire Danger Rating System CFS Project Officer (AFDRS) CFS Project Officer (AFDRS) CFS Project Officer (AFDRS)

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## 1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed attendees, guest speakers Mr Andrew Patten from the Bushfire Management Planning Unit, Mr Gavin Wornes, Project Manager of the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) and fellow Project Officers for AFDRS Ms Farhana Fajiar, Ms Tracy Grime and Ms Clara Bartlett and formally opened the meeting at 1300hrs, followed by an Acknowledgement of Country.

### Apologies

The Chairman noted apologies received and observers present in the room.

## 2. Safety Briefing

The Executive Officer outlined the evacuation procedures for the building and the location of exit and meeting points.

## 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Probity

The Chairman asked for a declaration of any Conflicts of Interest or Probity matters foreseen at the outset of the meeting to be declared now, or to be declared as they arise throughout the meeting.

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Committee (LCBMC) meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were considered for confirmation. No corrections were tabled.

The Committee resolved as follows:

*That the draft minutes of the previous LCBMC meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

**Moved:** Mr Don Gilbertson

**Seconded:** Mr Ross Anderson

**Carried.**

## 5. Business Arising from Minutes

### 5.1 Minute 6.2 – Management of Roadside Fuel Hazards

Executive Officer, Claire Simcock, noted an email from Landscape SA which included recipients from LGA and DEW to form a working party. Steve Bourne awaiting feedback from email sent to councils on a way forward.

**Noted.**

### 5.2 Minute 8.4 – Farm Fire Units

Steve Schneider formed a group of approximately 30 people to conduct the online testing process for the Farm Fire Unit accreditation. This will be reviewed in twelve months with an expected rollout for 2, 3, 4 or 5 years pending feedback from the initial 12 month rollout.

FFU Operators will be asked to input name, contact phone number, vehicle type, the closest brigade to you. CFS Headquarters will then issue a sticker and forward with an information pack

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to the participant. The nearest CFS Group to the new FFU will also be advised there is a FFU operator in their area. The respective Region will also be notified.

Question raised: Can CFS send the FFU a reminder when certification is due to expire, similar to councils sending a reminder “dog and cat registrations are now due”?

**Noted.**

**ACTION:** Claire to distribute list of FFU Coordinators to committee members

**ACTIONED:** 30/08/2021

## 6. Correspondence:

### 6.1 Correspondence Out:

6/5/2021	Latest AFAC News May 2021
21/5/2021	Australian Seasonal Bushfire Outlook June – Aug 2021
1/6/2021	SBCC Communique – 14 May meeting
7/6/2021	BMPU June Update
7/6/2021	LC BMC Meeting change to 11 <sup>th</sup> August & Teams meeting link
13/7/2021	LC BMC Minutes previous meeting; Request reports for next meeting, Hazard Note 101 Cultural Burning in Southern Australia
16/7/2021	BOM Forecast August – October 2021
23/7/2021	Agency report reminder
3/8/2021	Grants for Heritage Blocks

### 6.2 Correspondence In:

## 7. Business Item:

### 7.1 Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) presentation [presented by Gavin Wornes, CFS Project Manager, Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) and Project Officers Farhana Fadjar, Tracy Grime and Clara Bartlett]

The Project Manager and Officers gave a comprehensive overview of the developing Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) process, out-lining who the stakeholders currently are, who could be included as a stakeholder, where the data is collated from i.e. organisations, meteorological agencies nationwide, rating levels and why the need for change and cessation of old system and implementation of the new system in 2022.

Tri-fold pamphlets distributed to committee members out-lining the Australian Fire Danger Rating System.

Please refer to email of 30<sup>th</sup> August for further information.

**Noted.**

### 7.2 BMC Induction, SBCC Update and BMAP Review

Guest speaker, Andrew Patten, from the SACFS Bushfire Management Planning Unit (BMPU), gave a power point presentation on the Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Committee (LCBMC) Induction process, what the State Bushfire Coordination Committee (SBCC) Update looks like and a Bushfire Management Area Plan Review.

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This presentation gave a comprehensive overview of what the BMC entailed in areas such as:

- Roles and responsibilities
- BMC structure and processes and member roles and responsibilities
- Policy and Legislation
- Administrative matters, including meeting attendance
- Brief history on bushfire management
- Governance Structure
- Committee Functions
- Bushfire management reforms
- Overview of the State Bushfire Management Plan
- The functionality of the SBCC

Handouts were also provided by the Executive Officer: SBCC Contact List (April 2021), LCBMC Management Committee membership list as at 21/08/2021, a Fact Sheet for SBCC and BMC Online Resources as well as a South Australian State Bushfire Management Plan 2021-2025 Summary Version booklet.

**NOTE:** Handouts were also emailed out on 30/8/2021

*The Committee acknowledge the varying criteria when removing or adding an asset into their BMAP's. Andrew Patten explained a caravan park surrounded by roads on two sides, be they bitumen/tarmac/hotmix/gravel may have a lengthier than normal process required than that caravan park having bitumen/tarmac/hotmix/gravel on four sides, with adequate grass or cleared land as an extra buffer. The Committee accepted the offer to visit councils or sites in person by the Executive Officer in her role as Regional Prevention Officer.*

**Noted.**

## 7.3 Permit issuing Guidelines 2021 – 2022 up for review

Permit issuing Guidelines for 2021-2022 are up for review with a meeting in October for endorsement.

When writing Permits, there are conditions for the permit on the reverse of the permit which can be crossed out or added to in the space provided.

**ACTION:** All BMC Members - If there are any changes that are required email Claire which can be tabled for the next meeting for discussion.

**Noted.**

## 7.4 Annual Report to SBCC

With the changes in governance, each year the Committee is required to submit a report to the SBCC of the year's activities, issues, responses etc.

This year the EO is required to write the report with input from the committee. Data provided by each council will be produced in the graphic section of the report. Challenges and risks faced in the Upper and Lower Southeast is also included i.e., smoke taint, Codes of Practice need to be clearer and more defined.

EO moved the document to be endorsed by the committee to be forwarded in Draft form OR members can take the document re-read and forward comment to Claire.

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**MOTION:** That the document be endorsed in Draft form at this meeting and once the data has been included send out to the B.M.C.

**Moved:** Darryl Napper

**Seconded:** Adrian Packer

**Endorsed:** Carried

## 7.5 Weather Outlook

There will be an official paper to be provided shortly. This Fire Danger Season will be 'Average' for Region 5. La Niña and Southern Indian Ocean Diapole indicating continuing rain well into October. Pretty average temperatures over the summer. Looking at an average fire season for 2021-2022. This does not mean we can not have an 'Ash Wednesday' or a 'Keilira' or a 'Blackford'

## 8. Reports:

- 8.1 City of Mount Gambier
- 8.2 DC of Grant
- 8.3 DC of Robe - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.4 Kingston DC
- 8.5 Naracoorte Lucindale Council - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.6 Tatiara DC - *Report will be emailed with Minutes*
- 8.7 Wattle Range Council - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.8 CFS VA
- 8.9 Conservation Council
- 8.10 DEW – National Parks & Wildlife Services - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.11 DIT - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.12 Forestry SA - *Report will be emailed with Minutes*
- 8.13 FOC -
- 8.14 Limestone Coast Landscape Board (Landscape SA) - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.15 Limestone Coast LGA
- 8.16 Primary Producers SA (PPSA)
- 8.17 SA MFS
- 8.18 SAPOL
- 8.19 SA Water – Nil report
- 8.20 CFS BMPU - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.21 CFS Region 5 – Community Engagement Officer - *Report emailed with Agenda*
- 8.22 CFS Region 5 – Regional Prevention Officer - *Report emailed with Agenda*

## 9. General Business:

- 9.1 Ross Anderson noted that the model used during the Blackford Fire was as accurate as the data input availed it to be, which, if data was being questioned, perhaps addressing the instruments (or lack of) would benefit all into the future.
- 9.2 Troy Horn is relocating to Kuitpo at the end of the year but will remain contactable and in the area from time to time

**Meeting Closed:** 1540hrs

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021