



## Bush Fire Advisory Committee

<b>Status:</b>	<b><u>Advisory Committee</u></b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b><u>Voting Members (9)</u></b> 1 Councillor Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer – North Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer - South 5 Bush fire Brigade Representatives being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1 Ajana/Binnu</li><li>- 1 Horrocks</li><li>- 1 Isseka</li><li>- 1 Port Gregory</li><li>- 1 Sandy Gully/Alma</li></ul> <b><u>Non Voting Representatives (5)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Executive Manager of Community, Development &amp; Regulation</li><li>- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction</li><li>- Department of Fire and Emergency Services</li><li>- Northampton Fire and Rescue Service</li><li>- Kalbarri Fire and Rescue Services</li></ul>
<b>Proxies:</b>	<b>1 representative from each brigade and Councillor</b>
<b>Quorum:</b>	At least 5 members of the Committee
<b>Term of Appointment:</b>	Expires 20 October 2027
<b>Officer Responsible:</b>	Executive Manager Community, Development & Regulation
<b>Meetings:</b>	3 meetings per year. The Chairperson or Shire Chief Executive Officer may call supplementary meetings when required.

### **FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE**

To represent Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades within the Shire of Northampton and to make recommendations to Council on the following:

1. Advising the local government regarding all matters relating to the preventing, controlling and extinguishing of bush fires;
2. Annual bushfire budget and relevant financial matters;
3. Annual review of the Shire's Annual Firebreak Notice;
4. Standards of equipment that should be provided and maintained under Brigade Control;
5. General maintenance and capital works on Bush Fire Brigade Stations;
6. Planning, setting standards and works program for fire prevention within the Shire;
7. Composition, formation, rationalisation or winding up of any Bush Fire Brigades within the Shire;
8. Preparation and periodical review of a Bush Fire Operational Procedure Manual to guide the management and co-ordination of bush fire fighting resources within the Shire; and
9. Ensuring co-operation and co-ordination of bush fire brigades in their efforts and activities including training of brigade members.

Where matters are time sensitive and the consideration of that matter is required by the Advisory Committee between scheduled Advisory Committee meetings, the matter may be circulated to all voting members via email. Where the proposed outcome/response is supported

by at least 5 members of the committee, the decision shall have the same effect as being passed at a formal Advisory Committee meeting.

**MEMBERS 16 October 2025**

Cr Karl Suckling	Councillor (Chair)
Tatiana Vafiades	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr Kyle Carson	Ajana/Binnu - Captain
Mr Scott Bridgeman	Deputy CBFCO – South
Mr Damien Harris	Deputy CBFCO – North
Mr Chadd Gaby	Horrocks BFB - Captain
Mr Wes Teakle	Isseka BFB
Mr Joe Wood	Port Gregory/Yallabatharra - Captain
Mr Scott Bridgeman	Sandy Gully/Alama BFB - Captain

**PROXIES**

Cr Chad Smith	Councillor (Proxy)
Mr Matt Johnson	Ajana/Binnu – Deputy Captain
TBC	Horrocks BFB
TBC	Isseka BFB
Mr Trent Suckling	Sandy Gully/Alma BFB

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Executive Manager Community, Development and Regulation
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Northampton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
Kalbarri Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service
Shire of Northampton Ranger