

**BFAC016: APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS, BUSH FIRE BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS AND FIRE WEATHER OFFICERS-VERSION TWO**

**Proponent / Owner** : City of Albany  
**Authorising Officer:** : Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services  
(M Gilfellon)

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
  - **Pillar:** Leadership.
  - **Outcome:** A well-informed and engaged community.
  - **Pillar:** People.
  - **Outcome:** A safe community.
  - **Pillar:** Planet.
  - **Outcome:** A resilient community that can withstand, adapt to, and recover from natural disasters.

**In Brief:**

- Nominations for essential leadership positions have been received and accepted from Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members.
- Council is now requested to endorse those appointments.
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**BFAC016: ADDENDUM**

Post the distribution of this agenda item it has been confirmed that the appointment of Brigade Fire Control Officers is reviewed yearly.

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Fire Weather Officer, Deputy Fire Weather Office and Senior and Deputy Senior Bush Fire Control Officers for North East Sector and South West Sector are appointed for a term of three years.

Two Amended Authorising Officer Recommendations to reflect those changes have been prepared for consideration by Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BFAC016: AMENDED AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1**  
**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**THAT** the following appointments to essential leadership positions in the City of Albany's Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades for a term expiring at the end of the 2026-27 bush fire season be **ENDORSED**:

- **Chief Bush Fire Control Officer: Mr Rob Lynn**
- **Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer: Mr Graeme Poole**
- **Senior Bush Fire Control Officer North East Sector: Mr John Howard**
- **Senior Bush Fire Control Officer South West Sector: Mr Darryl Bradley**
- **Deputy Senior Bush Fire Control Officer North East Sector: Mr Kim Lester**
- **Deputy Senior Bush Fire Control Officer South West Sector: Mr Simon Whitfort**
- **Fire Weather Officer: Chief Bush Fire Control Officer**
- **Deputy Fire Weather Officer: Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer**

**BFAC016: AMENDED AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2**  
**VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**THAT the following appointments to essential leadership positions in the City of Albany's Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades for a term expiring at the end of the 2024-25 bush fire season be ENDORSED:**

- **Bornholm Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Chris Ayres and Mr Laurie Nissen**
- **Elleker Brigade Fire Control Officer: Miss Maxine Jones and Mr Wayne van der Heide**
- **Gnowellen Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Scott Moir and Mr Jeffrey Stoney**
- **Green Range Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Mark Plunket and Mr Clinton North**
- **Highway Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Ben Braun and Mr Juan Hart**
- **Kalgan Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Darryl Bradley, Mr Clayton De Jager**
- **King River Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Simon Whitfort and Mr Malcolm Pearce**
- **Kojaneerup Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Ashton Hood and Mr Scott Smith**
- **Manypeaks Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Robert Potter and Mr Tim Metcalfe**
- **Napier Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Tom Collins and Mr Kim Roberts**
- **Redmond Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Pieter Mostert and Mr Troy Mostert**
- **South Coast Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Rowan Hardy and Mr Shane Duncan**
- **South Stirling Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Graeme Pyle and Mr Reece Curwin**
- **Torbay Brigade Fire Control Officer: Mr Brian Taylor**
- **Wellstead Brigade Fire Control Officer: Mr Craig Locke and Mr James Gorman**
- **Youngs Siding Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Kevin Martin and Mr Martin Peterson**

**BFAC016: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**MOVED: ROB LYNN**  
**SECONDED: DARRYL BRADLEY**

**THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.**

**CARRIED 4-0**

**BFAC016: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

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- Youngs Siding Brigade Fire Control Officers: Mr Kevin Martin and Mr Martin Peterson.
- Fire Weather Officer: Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- Deputy Fire Weather Officer: Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

## **BACKGROUND**

2. The City of Albany has sixteen Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades, comprising approximately 874 active and auxiliary members who provide bush fire-fighting capacity throughout the municipality.
3. In accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the City must appoint a Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officers prior to the commencement of each fire season.
4. Nominations for those positions are called for through the Bush Fire Advisory Group (BFAG), and appointments to those positions are made. If multiple nominations are received for any position a ballot is conducted.
5. Final appointment of those officers is authorised by the City of Albany Chief Executive Officer, exercising his delegated authority by Council.

## **DISCUSSION**

6. Nominations for the positions of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Fire Control Officers were received by the Bush Fire Advisory Group (BFAG).
7. The BFAG have recommended the appointments detailed in the Authorising Officer Recommendation of this report.
8. **The appointments of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Fire Weather Officers and Senior and Deputy Senior Bush Fire Control Officers for the North East and South West Sectors remain in force until the end of the 2026-27 fire season.**
9. **The appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers are reviewed yearly.**

## **GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

10. N/A

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

11. Appointments are made in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.
12. Local governments are empowered by Section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to appoint such persons as are necessary to perform the duties associated with a Bush Fire Control Officer.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

13. N/A

## **RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION**

14. Not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. Not applicable to this report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

16. Not applicable to this report.

**ALTERNATE OPTIONS**

17. There are no alternate options applicable to this report.

**CONCLUSION**

18. That Council endorse the appointments of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Fire Weather Officers and Senior and Deputy Senior Bush Fire Control Officers for the North East and South West Sectors for a term expiring at the end of the 2026-27 bush fire season.
19. That Council endorse the appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers for a term expiring at the end of the 2024-25 bush fire season.

<b>Consulted References</b>	:	<i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>
<b>File Number</b>	:	
<b>Previous Reference</b>	:	CCS484 August 2022 BFAC014 04/09/2023