

Minutes of Committee Meeting**Ian's House, Banjup****10 February 2014 at 7:30 pm****Present:**

Coco Franklin

Ian Thurston

Neil Raine

Colin Bramwell

Jemma Van Dongen

Rita Zuks

Neil Cunliffe-Williams

Apologies

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Ref.	Minute	Action
1.	Confirmation of minutes of last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the meeting of 28 January 2014 were confirmed	
2.	Extent of Fires	
2.1	Looking at a map of the extent of the fires that engulfed Banjup on 3 February, the Committee estimated that about 60 residential properties had been affected. A map derived from DFES is attached to these minutes.	
2.2	The Committee resolved to thank the fire fighters, the Western Power crews, police, City of Cockburn staff, and other agencies involved in containing the emergency and protecting residents.	
2.3	The Committee reviewed some preliminary information from the Department of Parks and Wildlife and resolved to pass it on to members at the AGM.	
2.4	DPaW's advice is that it could well take 10 to 15 years for the woodland to recover to some semblance of its former self. However, it would take concerted effort to control weeds such as veldt grass to prevent them from smothering the recovering native vegetation.	
3.	Stance at Cockburn's Post Fire Meeting	
3.1	The Committee resolved to call for a vote of thanks at the Post Fire meeting for the efforts of all the emergency services.	

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3.2	<p>These practical issues should be raised at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there fire suppressant in the water dropped by aircraft during the fire? If so how can it be removed from rain water tanks? • Can police be given more discretion to allow some movement of residents into and out of their homes following a bushfire? Can designated trades and professions be allowed into a fire affected area in the company of a householder so as to begin recovery work as soon as possible? • Gardens and bushland of fire affected properties will have to be restocked with plants in May or June. Can Cockburn negotiate wholesale prices for ratepayers at the wholesale nurseries? • Streamline Cockburn's native plants grants programme for fire affected residents 	
3.3	<p>If the Cockburn's agenda allows and if the meeting is not overloaded with urban issues, the Cockburn CEO should be asked what progress has made with the implementation of the recommendations of the Perth Hills Bush Fire Review of 2011? Specifically, local governments should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13 develop and administer a comprehensive prescribed burning program 14 take proactive steps to conduct their prescribed burning programs as joint exercises [with DFES] 15 [Chief Bushfire Control Officers to] measure and map fuel loads maintain fuel load databases draw up prescriptions for, and oversee controlled burns 17 encourage a more proactive approach to property (and vegetation) maintenance by residents 38 institute a comprehensive program to assess fuel loads and bushfire preparedness on private properties 49 [use] prescribed burns as exercises for the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades 	
3.4	<p>Will Cockburn now clear all verges of ti tree and other scrub, for which Banjup residents have been campaigning for months?</p>	
4.	AGM Agenda	
4.1	<p>The Committee resolved to devote most of the AGM meeting to discussing the fire. Items other than the elections will be deferred to the following meeting.</p>	

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4.2	The Committee adopted this agenda for the AGM:	
	Item	Who
	1. Welcome	Coco
	2. Banjup Fires	Coco
	2.1. Vote of Thanks	
	• Fire Brigade	
	• Western Power	
	• City of Cockburn	
	• Police	
	2.2. How did the fire start?	
	2.3. What was the extent of the fire?	
	2.4. Why was the fire so intense?	
	2.5. What progress have governments made in implementing Keelty's recommendations?	
	2.6. Will Cockburn now clear street verges?	
	2.7. Can Banjup have representation on Cockburn's Bush Fire Group?	
	2.8. What do we want governments to do?	
	• State	
	• Cockburn	
	2.9. Extraordinary stories and individual recollections	
	3. Elections	
	3.1. Office Bearers x 4	Coco
	3.2. Committee x 4 or 5	Coco
	4. Last minutes	Coco
	5. Treasurer's Report	Neil R
	6. Zoning	Jemma
	7. Footpaths	Coco
	8. Goodbye Cockburn ??	Neil R
	9. Any Other Business	Coco
	10. Next Meeting	Coco
	• 4 May?	
5.	Next Meeting	
5.1	Monday 19 March 2014 at 7:30 pm at Neil R's house	

Attachment – Extent of Banjup Fires 3 February 2014

