

**Minutes of Committee Meeting****Colin's House, Banjup****18 December 2014 at 7:00 pm****Present:**

Jemma Van Dongen

Neil Raine

Ian Thurston

Coco Franklin

Erika Antal

Colin Bramwell

**Apologies**

Sebastian Scata

Stephen Thornton

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes of last meeting</b>	
1.1	The minutes of the Committee meeting of 11 November 2014 were confirmed.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Bushfire Risk Management Plan Guide</b>	
2.1	Committee members confirmed that they had read the Guide and found that it provided little useful information for the average Banjup property owner.	

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3.	<b>Bushfire Risk Management Plan</b>	
3.1	<p>Ian provided a summary of the differences between the draft of the Plan published for public comment and the draft Plan that committee members have reviewed in September.</p> <p>The main points were these:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Much the same as previous draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explanation of approach lifted straight from DFES Methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Assumes knowledge of risk management</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>1.2. Few of BRG comments of 2 September to Cockburn councillors acted upon</li> <li>1.3. No plan of action</li> <li>1.4. Not meaningful to average ratepayer</li> <li>1.5. Complacent approach to extreme risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misrepresentation of the 'Visual Fuel Guide'</li> </ul> </li> <li>1.6. Wishful thinking, Woolly</li> <li>1.7. No focused objectives for risk treatments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process driven, unmeasurable</li> </ul> </li> <li>1.8. Community Engagement unlikely to be effective</li> <li>1.9. Verges to be trimmed to 5 tonnes per hectare</li> </ol>	
4.	<b>Strategy for the Submission on the BRMP</b>	
4.1	<p>The Committee noted that there were many detailed points about the BRMP that had already been made and had not been acted upon. There was little to be gained in repeating them if they were going to be dismissed.</p>	
4.2	<p>The Committee resolved to make a broad response to the BRMP. The main points to be made were these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The documents are not meaningful to average ratepayer</li> <li>• Purpose of the 'Visual Fuel Guide' is misrepresented leading to complacency about treating extreme risks</li> <li>• Extreme risks submerged in complex spreadsheets</li> <li>• No action plan for extreme risks to be treated urgently</li> </ul>	Ian
4.3	<p>The Committee reviewed the BRG paper entitled 'Dangerous Fuel Loads in Banjup Reserves' that had been discussed with councillors Mubarakai and Portelli on 27 November. The Committee resolved to include the paper in the submission to Cockburn so that residents' concerns about extreme fire risks would be formally noted by Council in the minutes of its meetings.</p>	Ian

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5.	<b>Letter to City of Armadale</b>	
5.1	The Committee resolved to write to the City of Armadale about the fire risks in the scrub to the west of Taylor Road and noting that rubbish tipped there had been the initial fuel for the February fire.	Ian
6.	<b>Fire Permit Correspondence with Cockburn</b>	
6.1	The Committee reviewed correspondence about the number of people in attendance at a bonfire between the BRG and Cockburn officers. They noted that Cockburn's wording had become increasingly unfortunate and disparaging of committee members.	
6.2	The Committee resolved to write Cockburn's Chief Executive about the confrontational attitude taken by Cockburn officers towards Banjup issues.	Ian
7.	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	
7.1	The Committee confirmed to hold the AGM on Sunday 8 March at 3:00 pm. Councillors will be invited to attend.	Ian
7.2	Flyers will be mailed to all Banjup addresses on 16 February and 2 March. The flyers themselves will need to be delivered to the Bibra Lake post office 7 days beforehand. Jemma will make the bookings.	Jemma Ian
7.3	The Committee resolved to prepare a Banjup Newsletter for delivery with the first flyer. It will include topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anniversary of the February fire</li> <li>• Planting Day</li> <li>• Sand trucks</li> <li>• Hoons</li> <li>• Zoning and planning update</li> <li>• Implications on Banjup of the new City of Jervoise Bay</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Other Business</b>	
8.1	The Committee noted that Cockburn had offered to erect one large sign to promote the BRG. The Committee resolved to request it be erected at the north end of Liddelow Road near the existing fire permit sign.	
8.2	All Committee members present indicated their intentions to stand for re-election at the AGM.	