REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

Minutes of the meeting of the Goyder Fire Prevention Advisory Committee held on 27th September 2017 in the Council Meeting Room, 1 Market Square, Burra, commencing at 8.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE
Cr. John Neal (Chairperson), Barry Richards (Fire Prevention Officer), Andy Thomas (Burra CFS Group)

1.1 Welcome
Chairman welcomed all present

1.2 Apologies
Merv Robinson (Hallett CFS Group) and Peter Mattey (Mayor)

1.3 Quorum Present

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Moved: John Neal           Seconded: Andy Thomas
GFPAC/2/17 That the minutes of the meeting held 24/05/2017 be confirmed as read.
CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising
2.2(a) Peter Mattey was not available to be asked about the discussions regarding State owned and Commonwealth owned land in regard to difficulty having them mitigated in a timely fashion. Peter said he would take it to the next LGA meeting.

2.2(b) John asked about the issue of weekend burning. Barry explained that the volunteer rep for Region 2 Andrew Cadd, took the issue to the group in region 2 with mixed reactions. Ken Campbell Region 4 volunteers rep took the issue to region 4 brigades and the response was an emphatic NO. Barry also explained that the Act does leave scope for allowance for weekend burning in exceptional circumstances, however, it is totally up to the permit officer to consider the reasons given for the request.

2.2(c) NIL

3. CORRESPONDENCE
3.1 Incoming
Barry received an apology e-mail from Merv Robinson regarding this meeting, he could not attend due to being at Paskerville.

3.2 Outgoing
Nil

4. BUSINESS ITEMS
4.1 Fire season at this stage is still commencing on 15th November 2017 however the unusual dry winter and warm start to Spring and Summer has produced an early curing event and may result in the start being brought forward. 11 days required to gazette any change should that be the way BMC decides.

4.2 Barry explained the current situation regarding issues discussed at FMNYBMC meeting, the most significant being that Leigh Miller (Ex. Officer of the SBCC) advises that the SBCC endorses the re-submission of the discussion paper previously lodged in 2014 regarding the size of the FMNYBMC. It is possible that a split reducing the size could be finally on the
cards. The BMC will drive this and push for a decision.

4.3 Bushfire outlook was discussed

4.4 Other Business
Nil

5. Next Meeting
Next meeting scheduled for last Wednesday in May 2018 commencing 2000 hrs.

6. Close of Meeting
John Neal thanked everyone for their input and attendance and closed the meeting at 2105 hrs.