REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

Minutes of the meeting of the Goyder Fire Prevention Advisory Committee held on 11th October 2018 in the Council Meeting Room, 1 Market Square, Burra, commencing at 7.00 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

   Cr. John Neal (Chairperson), David J Stevenson (CEO), Lisa Jamieson (Fire Prevention Officer), Sonia Post (Regional Prevention Officer CFS), Ross Haustorfer (Terowie CFS Group) – Proxy for Merv Robinson

1.1 Welcome

   Chairman welcomed all present

1.2 Apologies

   Peter Mattey (Mayor), Andy Thomas (Burra CFS Group), Merv Robinson (Hallett CFS Group).

1.3 Quorum Present

   Quorum required – 3. Quorum present – 2. Quorum not met for this meeting. Meeting held as an informal meeting.
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting have been unable to be located. It was noted that there was no quorum last meeting.

2.2 Business arising from minutes

Nil

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Incoming

Lisa received an apology e-mail from Merv Robinson regarding this meeting. Merv raised concerns about the camp fires at Worlds End Reserve. Merv advised that people are currently able to have camp fires over a large area which makes it difficult to manage. Merv believes that if campers were restricted to a small, safe place where the fires could be lit, it would be a safer place. Merv requested that there be a discussion regarding this and a recommendation put to The Regional Council of Goyder.

3.2 Outgoing

Lisa advised that she has commenced Bushfire hazard inspections and issued approximately 120 Bushfire compliance notices at this stage.

4 BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 The Fire Danger Season has been declared for the Mid North. (1st November 2018 – 30th April 2019.)

4.2 Flinders, Mid North, Yorke Bushfire Management Committee information.

Lisa attended her first Flinders, Mid North, Yorke Bushfire Management Committee meeting on the 4th of October 2018. The Fire Danger Season dates were discussed and there was a unanimous recommendation that the CFS commence the Fire Danger Season early again this year due to the advanced curing rate and dry winter season.

4.3 Sonia advised that there are concerns within the CFS for a bad fire season this year. Sonia advised that it has been a particularly dry season, the soil is dry / no moisture, fires have already been seen burning in green grass and scrub fires will be an issue. Sonia advised that Buffel grass is a concern this year. Sonia advised that Buffel grass is spreading down the main transport routes. (Not identified in the Goyder region yet.)

4.4 Other Business

- David advised that we will revisit the Goyder Bushfire Advisory Committee Constitution. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

- The five year Regional Council of Goyder Bushfire Prevention Plan has expired. Sonia advised that this has been superseded by the Flinders, Mid North, Yorke Bushfire Management Plan. Reference to the Regional Council of Goyder Bushfire Prevention Plan will need to be removed from the Regional Council of Goyder website.

- David, Lisa and John will organise a site visit of the Worlds End Reserve to discuss camp fire safety (As per concerns raised by Merv Robinson). Sonia advised that she is happy to attend the site visit also.

- Regarding Authorised Officers able to issue Schedule 9 permits. The Goyder area currently has 9 Authorised Officers. (Sonia advised this is not a common practice). Sonia advised of an
online permit system where residents can ‘pre-register’ their intent to burn. Lisa to contact Phil Herrmann from the Yorke Peninsula council to find out further information on their online system.

FPO Lisa Jamieson is the only Authorised officer able to issue Schedule 10 Permits. Lisa has emailed Phil Hermann.

- Fire tracks. Lisa reported that $15,000 is budgeted each year for fire track maintenance. Last year $35,000 was spent on fire track maintenance. No maintenance is expected this year due to a dry winter (no growth, no washouts etc). Lisa to inspect the fire tracks once a map becomes available.

Sonia asked that a map to be distributed to the Flinders, Mid North, Yorke Bushfire Management Committee (Part of the Bushfire Management Plan)

5. **Next Meeting**
   Next meeting to be scheduled in April 2019 (before the Flinders, Mid North, Yorke Bushfire Management Committee meeting on 16th May 2019) commencing at 1600 hrs. (Time to be confirmed)

6. **Close of Meeting**
   John Neal thanked everyone for their input and attendance and closed the meeting at 2100 hrs.