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| act rural fire service | ACT Bushfire Council Meeting | 2nd April 2014 |
| 16:00 to 18:00 |
| Black Mountain 1 & 2 Meeting Rooms  ACTESA Headquarters |

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| Chair: | | Kevin Jeffery (KJ), Chair | | Secretariat: | | Rosemary Windhaus (RW) |
| Attendees: | | Christine Goonrey (CG), Member  Michael Lonergan (ML), Member  Cathy Parsons (CP), Member  Marion Leiba (ML), Member  Andrew Joyce (AJ), Member  Neil Cooper (NC), Mgr Fire Forest and Roads, PCS | | Andrew Stark(AS), CO ACTRFS  Dominic Lane (DL), ESA Commissioner  Conrad Barr (CB), DCO ACTF&R  Richard Woods, RFS  Mark Phillips (MP) Supt ACTF&R  Natalie Hile (NH), Member | | |

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| Minutes |
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| Agenda item: | ***1.0 – Apologies*** | Presenter: | **Chair** |
|  | Paul Swain (PS), CO ACTF&R  Tony Bartlett (TB), Member  Nicola Lewis (NL), Member | | |
| Agenda | ***2.0 – Disclosure of “Conflict of Interests” of Council Members*** | Presenter: | **Chair** |
|  | No Conflict of Interests reported by Council Members | | |
| Agenda item: | ***3.0 – Acceptance of minutes of meeting*** | Presenter: | **Chair** |
| Discussion: | * The minutes from the previous meeting held on 5th March 2013 were discussed and amendments given to new secretariat- RW to send amended minutes to members out of session for acceptance.   Accepted by and seconded by | | |
| Agenda item: | ***4.0 – Update on action items arising from previous meetings*** | Presenter: | **Chair** |
| Discussion: | Refer to implementation of action items report (attachment A). | | |
| Agenda item: | ***5.0 – Correspondences*** | Presenter: | **Chair** |
| Discussion. | **: No correspondence received or sent** | | |
| Agenda item: | ***6.0 – SBMP Project Manager’s Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | **Andrew Stark** |
| Discussion: | Dominic gave a brief overview of where we are up to with the broader community consultation. 3 workshops with 52 people attended. Positive feedback from the community. The BFC members then went into a display of ALL the maps and an example of what is being presented by Kaylee and the team to the community consultation group  1645 Dominic Lane departs meeting | | |
| Agenda item: | ***7.0 – ESA Commissioner’s Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | **Dominic Lane** |
| Discussion: | Commissioner’s Report as reported before: SBMP is the major item of interest for the BFC. Impressed with the community feedback and the positive response from land holders in regards to FarmWise and the new look BOPs. | | |
| Agenda item: | ***8.0 – RFS Chief Officers Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | **Andrew Stark** |
| Discussion: | Congratulations to Parks for the ease they moved from Operational mode into Preplanning and HR burns.  459 deployments this summer (total)- excellent exposure and experience for members.  CAFS went to Victoria manned by ACT F&R- a good example of resource sharing and this improved relations at the JESC and members from the 2 services forming positive working relations. Joint training around the resources.  Snowy Hyrdo open day was a great success. We have attended many schools and fetes and market days for our community engagement. | | |
| Agenda item: | ***9.0 – TAMS Land Managers Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | **Neil**  **Cooper** |
| Discussion: | We are now at the close of the third quarter:  4 new staff from the RFS Volunteers were taken on this season.  215 slashing jobs complete.  All the grazing is underway and going well.  Chemical treatments are complete.  Physical removals are complete.  Behind in some access management jobs- the job of erosion at Gibaltra has been extensive, and taken time to attend to.  The ‘Slash Buster’ has arrived it is a fantastic piece of equipment which controls the growth on the road edge at a cost of $1000 per KM. This is contracted and decisions around cost are appropriate. The machine mulches and removes as it goes along on the road verge- excellent for shoring up containment.  Auditing and monitoring is being done- 13 locations in the auditor & monitoring report identified- 7 have been completed and 5 are underway.  Calvery burn will very difficult due to location + Red Hill +Kama+ Mt Painter+ Gossin Hill still to be done.  More rain coming, therefore 4000 hectare of rural burns will not happen due to the weather the pre-burn planning work will be done and await conditions  Excellent Seasonal Staff that are highly trained and highly skilled- unfortunate to lose some of those staff to permanent positions outside of the ACT. | | |
| Agenda item: | ***10.0 –*** | Presenter: |  |
| Discussion: | Dealt with earlier in meeting | | |
| Agenda item: | ***11.0 –*** | Presenter: |  |
| Discussion: | Dealt with earlier in meeting | | |
|  | ***12.0 – General Business*** | Presenter: |  |
| Andrew Joyce- has prepared a graph in extrapolating time and costs contributed by volunteer brigade members.  What do volunteers contribute?  Using minimal raw data and a “typical volunteer brigade”- this is a very narrow set of data and a requires further examination for accuracy- however AJ has attempted to capture time spent at training and community engagement and allocated jobs.  Community engagements, Training, Fete’s & Station Open days, HR Burns, Incidents, Deployments  “Used Australian Average Earnings”- $600 per week- discussion around this verses the ACT “average wage”.  Requires 5-10 years of data and more accurate information to prepare a robust analysis. Difficult to be accurate without complete data.  AJ will revisit this task, taking on some of the suggestions from BFC members, as well attempting to access further data.  **Volunteers Brigade Association**- has asked if they could come to the next BFC.- RW to include them in next meeting.  Neil Cooper- Parks review has been sent to cabinet.  Marion’s position is up for replacement- Marion has tendered her EOI, that has gone to the Minister  A discussion followed in regard to the Indigenous BFC position. Andrew Stark spoke to the on-going search.  **The meeting was closed at 1800 The next meeting is scheduled for 7th May 2014** | | | | |