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| act rural fire service | ACT Bushfire Council Meeting | 5th March 2014 |
| 16:00 to 19:00 |
| Black Mountain 1 & 2 Meeting Rooms  ACTESA Headquarters |

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| Chair: | | Cathy Parson( CP) Acting Chair | | Secretariat: | | Rosemary Windhau (RW)Absent |
| Attendees: | | Christine Goonrey (CG), Member  Michael Lonergan (ML), Member  Cathy Parsons (CP), Member  Marion Leiba (ML), Member  Andrew Joyce (AJ), Member  Nicola Lewis (NL), Member  Tony Bartlett (TB), Member | | Andrew Stark(AS), CO ACTRFS  Dominic Lane (DL), ESA Commissioner  Conrad Barr (CB), DCO ACTF&R  Richard Woods, RFS | | |

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| Agenda item: | ***1.0 – Apologies*** | Presenter: | **Chair** |
|  | Kevin Jeffery (KJ), Chair  Natalie Hile (NH), Member  Paul Swain (PS), CO ACTF&R  Neil Cooper (NC), Mgr Fire Forest and Roads, PCS | | |
| 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 February 2013 were accepted as a true and accurate record.   Accepted by AndrewJoyce and seconded by Christine Goonrey | | |
| 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: | **Nick Lhuede** |
| Discussion: | Last Thursday (27/03/14) SBMP steering committee meeting- key points:  Main issue raised was the timing of release of draft plan- government agencies want to review prior to release- key external dates not affected- internal dates will probably be moved a couple of weeks; the community forums will not affected.  Positive feedback from other completed actions under the existing plan. Interesting look at trends- with the development and growth of urban areas.  Discussions with to the rural land holders group was very positive  ESSD and TAMS regarding regional seasonal fire planning – it is coming along well.  Formal launch of the review (by the Minister)- media event at Red Hill 14th Feb- social media engaging the community  Twitter: actbushfireplan# at living on the edge#  In addition**:** Conrad and Nick had a discussion and are working towards an engagement with the CFU members  CFU: letterbox drop and engagement of the resource:  CFU members to hand deliver pamphlets to neighbours + actively involve the 1000 CFU members | | |
| Agenda item: | ***7.0 – ESA Commissioner’s Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | **Dominic Lane** |
| Discussion: | Dominic on 666 radio at 0629 daily-highly effective means of engaging with the community.  General discussion continued off topic as follows:  Q: Were there staff on duty on Monday night between the 2 days of hazard reduction burn at Black Mountain? Dominic will have to investigate the specific information from TAMS. However it was stated that crews on scene after 11pm, traffic management was on duty, no fire near the road. TAMS very responsive to all reports from the public.  Request from council is to have an expected time line in which comment from the committee is designated for SBMP. Dominic to email out key dates  Setting up series of meeting based on catchment management groups: Gininderra, Molonglo and Southern groups coordinators are supportive and it is suggested that there is consultative meetings prior to the rural meetings- so as to be able to address community concerns  David Dawes and Dominic to meet to understand the risk and challenges: Urban Development, Conservation issues and Fire planning are the considerations that require positive planning along with stakeholder sensitivities.  Follow up to the Auditor General’s report- 24 actions progressing..  It is acknowledged that ACT landholders have been responsive and proactive in reduction and planning. The goal however is to institutionalise this and correctly meet our legislative obligations. In response to a question from council: Conrad spoke to the intent of the BAZ- that is, it is designated for operational planning not for the response of resources.  Amending the Emergency ACT- is a better approach to legislation change. Living in the BAZ comes with responsibility. | | |
| Agenda item: | ***8.0 – RFS Chief Officers Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | Andrew Stark |
| Discussion: | Farm Firewise: has been running for 5 yrs, it is timely to have a review. At the next meeting Andrew Stark will bring a copy of the current Farm Firewise and the new proposed updated document.  Operational report: Fires at Pine Island, Kambah Pool rd and Pearce’s Creek are confirmed as an act of arson, police investigations continuing. Arson strategy in place and activated- media campaign.  Continuing interstate deployment of RFS members at Greater Gippsland fire- we sent 50/50 volunteer and Parks people- all our people have returned this week. No RFS at Morwell.  Completed the Hazard Reduction Burns at Cooleman Ridge, Kowen Forest, Greenway and Black Mountain- safe and successful.  Action Item : can the RFS report back from TAMS regarding reduction burns.  Request for Andrew to report on the arson issue after the AFP have completed their investigations. | | |
| Agenda item: | ***9.0 – TAMS Land Managers Report to BFC*** | Presenter: | Neil  Cooper |
| Discussion: | Andrew Stark spoke to issues as above. | | |
| Agenda item: | ***10.0 – Business Plan:*** | Presenter: | Andrew Stark |
| Discussion: | Issue of resources under objectives- members of the committee to identify the number of hours that they estimate specific projects and research they will be committing to BFC.  Can someone do a spreadsheet Andrew Stark  (Task- estimated hours for objectives- real hours- council meeting time- hours outside meeting)  Link the proposed work and the council roles: eg Firefighting relations maybe call it strategic relations  Emerging issues: include the impact over the next 5 years | | |
| Agenda item: | ***11.0 – Bushfire Assessments for New Developments in the ACT***: | Presenter: | Conrad Barr |
| Discussion: | Conrad to bring a copy of a Bushfire Risk Assessment Report as an example, maintaining commercial confidence. | | |
|  | ***12.0 –*** | Presenter: | Chair |
| **The meeting was closed at 6:21pm The next meeting is scheduled for 2nd April 2013** | | | | |
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