

4.2 BUSH FIRE CONTROL

OBJECTIVE

N/A

POLICY

The Shire of Gingin has established and will maintain a Bush Fire Organisation in accordance with the *Bush Fires Act, 1954* (The Act), in order to provide adequate fire protection of those areas of the municipality within the Bush Fire District and to carry out an ongoing program of hazard reduction having due regard at all times for the preservation of the natural environment.

(a) Bush Fire Advisory Committee

The Shire of Gingin will form a Bush Fire Advisory Committee to advise on Council's Policies, on matters relating to bush fire prevention, control and extinguishment, as provided for by Section 67 of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*.

- (i) The Shire of Gingin will appoint the number of Bush Fire Control Officers that it deems appropriate to effectively manage the bush fire control operations of the Shire, having due regard for the strategic location of each appointee in terms of the nominated fire service areas, and their various respective skills and/or experience.
- (ii) All Bush Fire Control Officer appointments will expire at the Bush Fire Advisory Committee's June meeting each year.
- (iii) Nominations for appointments will be received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Gingin during the month of May each year.
- (iv) Nominations will be accepted by the Shire of Gingin, either in the form of a personal application, or an application signed by two nominators upon advice from Committee or Executive Committee.
- (v) During the month of June the Annual General Meeting of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee will be held where the remaining two thirds of the Bush Fire Control Officers will elect the required number of personnel from the applications received and where the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or Officers will also be elected. The position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer is an appointment of the Gingin Shire Council and therefore an election is not necessary.
- (vi) Should a vacancy occur during the year, the Committee may appoint a person to fill that vacancy for the remaining portion of that year.
- (vii) A quorum shall consist of 50% of members of the Committee.
- (viii) Minutes of the Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting will be presented to Council as soon as practical after each meeting.
- (ix) An Executive Bush Fire Advisory Committee will consist of Community Emergency Services Manager/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer/s and Chief Executive Officer and will meet as required, for the purpose of consolidating information and researching questions raised at Bush Fire Advisory Committee meetings.

(b) Duties of a Bush Fire Control Officer

A Bush Fire Control Officer (BFCO) is a person who has been approved by the Shire of Gingin upon recommendation by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

The BFCO's appointment must be published in a newspaper circulated in the district.

A BFCO has wide powers and is not liable for any damage, loss or injury caused as a result of the exercise of these powers, provided such actions are carried out in good faith.

A BFCO is a voluntary worker who gives his/her time in furthering the aims of fire prevention and control within the Shire.

The only reward is the satisfaction gained in performing a service of the greatest importance to the individual and community.

BFCO duties may range quite considerably from time to time, but the following is an outline of the duties he/she is expected to carry out.

- (i) Attend Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meetings and participate in the formulation of Fire Control Policies.
- (ii) Issue Bush Fire Permits to various persons for the burning of bush and impress on these people the necessity to abide by the terms as set out on the permit.
- (iii) Prevent bush fires and protect life and property in the case of an outbreak of a bush fire.
- (iv) Demand the name and address of any person committing an offence against the Act and to report to a Shire Ranger. Any instance of a person refusing to provide his/her name to a Bush Fire Control Officer should be referred to Police or the Community Emergency Services Manager/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

(c) Perth/North Region District Officers Advisory Committee (DOAC)

The Shire of Gingin shall be a member of the Perth/North Region District Officers Advisory Committee (DOAC) pursuant to the powers confirmed under section 68 of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*. The Shire of Gingin shall nominate one delegate and one deputy each year to represent it on the DOAC.

(d) Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades will be established and maintained in the various fire areas providing proper and adequate fire protection.

- (i) The Shire of Gingin will encourage members of the Volunteer Brigades to participate in training programs offered by the Shire and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. (Refer to the Shire of Gingin's Bush Fire Training Policy Appendix "A".)
- (ii) The Community Emergency Services Manager/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer is authorised to approve and record applications for enrolments as Fire Fighting members, without reference to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

- (iii) The Shire of Gingin shall ensure that Bush Fire volunteers are provided with safe working equipment and the safest work systems practical and to minimise the frequency of accidents and injury. (Refer to the Shire of Gingin's Policy on Safety and Health relating to Volunteer Bush Fire Fighters - Appendix "B".)
- (iv) Profiles of a Fire Fighter, Brigade Officer, Bush Fire Control Officer, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. (Refer to the Shire of Gingin's Profiles of a Fire Fighter - Appendix "C".)

(e) Hazard Reduction Operations

- (i) All hazard reduction operations undertaken by a Bush Fire Brigade shall be authorised by the Shire, in accordance with Council Policy.
- (ii) When a fuel-reduction burn is undertaken by a private land owner with an appropriately issued fire permit and the fire escapes from that land, the costs incurred in fighting and extinguishing the fire shall be deemed non-recoverable in the event that all permit conditions have been complied with.
- (iii) When a fuel-reduction burn is undertaken by a private land owner with an appropriately issued fire permit and the fire escapes from that land, the costs incurred in fighting and extinguishing the fire shall be deemed recoverable in the event that it can be proven that permit conditions have not been complied with.
- (iv) In the event that a fuel-reduction burn is undertaken by a private landowner outside of the restricted period and the fire escapes from the land, cost recovery shall be at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer on the recommendation of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, having regard for the time, place and circumstances which gave rise to the escape of the fire.

(f) Administration

- (i) The Shire of Gingin shall enforce the requirements of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*.
- (ii) The Bush Fire Advisory Committee shall be responsible for administering the provisions of the Act and the Shire of Gingin Bush Fire Policy.
- (iii) The Council hereby authorises the Chief Executive Officer, Executive Manager Operations, Manager Operations, Community Emergency Services Manager/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers and Rangers, upon request from the Incident Controller of a Bush Fire, to:
 - Call out or authorise the use of Shire vehicles, plant or equipment other than that normally used exclusively for fire fighting or control.
 - Hire, use or authorise the hire or use of privately owned vehicles, plant or equipment.
- (iv) Infringement Notices

Only persons authorised to do so by the Shire of Gingin may issue Infringement Notices for Offences under the *Bush Fires Act, 1954* and that authority once given, shall remain in force until such time as it is revoked by the Shire of Gingin.

(v) Withdrawal of Infringement Notices

In accordance with the provisions of Section 59A(5) of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*, the Chief Executive Officer and Shire President are Prescribed Officers for the purposes of withdrawing Bush Fire Infringement Notices.

(g) Firebreak Infringement Notices

The Shire of Gingin will give notice by no later than 30 September each year, to all owners or occupiers of land within its district, that firebreaks must be installed on or before the first day of November of each year.

The Shire of Gingin will thereafter give no further notice of its firebreak requirements.

After the first day of November, an Infringement Notice carrying a penalty as per Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954* may be served on owners or occupiers of land who have not complied with the Shire's firebreak requirements and compulsory firebreaks may be installed at the owner's or occupier's expense.

(h) Fire Occurrence Statistics/Reports

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades will submit fire reports in the required format to DFES or the Community Emergency Services Manager/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer within 28 days of a fire incident.

(i) Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times

Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods will be as declared by the Minister for Emergency Services from time to time.

Variations to either prohibited or restricted burning times or conditions may be made by the Community Emergency Services Manager/Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Shire President for a period of up to fourteen days at a time. Such variations are to be reported to Council and Bush Fire Control Officers.

(j) Response to Hazardous Material Spills/Fires

(i) Hazardous material spills/fires will be attended by Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

(i) Bush Fire Brigades will assist DFES extinguish bush fires that are associated with the incident if it is safe to do so.

(iii) Local government will provide resources in the recovery phase.

(k) Prosecutions and Fire Reports

Bush Fire Control Officers may recommend prosecution where considered desirable when submitting Fire Reports, with the knowledge they will be called upon to give evidence.

(m) Firebreaks

Shire Rangers shall be authorised to approve or reject applications from landowners for reasonable extensions of time in which firebreaks are to be provided and to approve, or reject requests for approval to provide firebreaks in alternative positions. Fire Control Officers are to be consulted in this process.

(n) Burning Off

Sunday Burning:

The lighting of bush or fires is not permitted on a Sunday at any time during the Restricted Burning period.

Public Holidays:

The lighting of fires to burn bush on a public holiday is permitted with the exceptions of Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday, under Section 15 (b) of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*.

Garden Refuse:

A permit to burn must be obtained for the burning of any garden refuse during the Restricted Burning Period. Garden refuse is not to be burnt in the Prohibited Burning Period.

(o) Vehicles

- The Shire of Gingin shall provide and maintain fire fighting appliances and equipment pursuant to the powers conferred under Section 36 of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*.
- All Shire fire fighting appliances will be painted in accordance with DFES_Policy.
- Maintenance and repair of all Shire-owned appliances and equipment will be the responsibility of the Shire in conjunction with local brigades.
- All replacement parts or equipment will be purchased on an official Shire Order form.
- The Brigade Captain will submit reports of damage to Shire appliances or equipment to the Shire's mechanic as soon as practicable after the damage has occurred.
- The driver of a Shire fire fighting appliance shall be responsible for bringing to the attention of the Brigade Captain and the Shire's mechanic any defects in the tyres, brakes or other components of that appliance, which in his/her opinion render the appliance un-roadworthy.
- The Brigade Captain will be responsible for:
 - (i) Ensuring that the Brigade appliances are serviced and checked on an annual basis by the Shire Mechanic.
 - (ii) Ensuring that the battery, tyres, water, oil, fuel extinguishers and connected hoses of the Shires fire fighting appliances are checked on a regular basis.

- Fire fighting appliances allocated to Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades will be stationed at the Brigade Headquarters or other locations nominated in writing by the Brigade and agreed to by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.
- No fire fighting appliance shall be removed from the Brigade Headquarters or other nominated location by any person without the Brigade Captain or another Officer of the Brigade being advised either verbally or in writing of the intended location of the appliance.
- The Brigade Captain will at all times keep the Bush Fire Advisory Executive Committee informed of any changes of the day-to-day location and operational status of the brigade's appliances.
- The driver of any Shire fire fighting appliances will hold a current driver's licence of the class appropriate for the appliance being driven and be either:
 - (i) A Shire of Gingin employee;
 - (ii) A registered member of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade; or
 - (iii) Any person authorised by the Committee or a Bush Fire Control Officer to do so.
- The driver of a Shire fire fighting appliance shall at all times observe the provisions of the Road Traffic Code, in particular those applying to emergency vehicles.
- Fire fighting appliances shall be used for approved official purposes only as detailed in this policy.

(p) Equipment and Tools

Each fire unit shall be supplied with such equipment and tools as deemed necessary by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

(q) Safety Clothing and Footwear

The Shire will require fire fighters to wear protective clothing as recommended in all relevant standards and operating procedures.

(r) Communications

- An efficient two-way radio network will be established for fire fighting communications.
- Each Brigade unit will be fitted with such radios as are necessary to maintain contact between other units, the Incident Controller and DFES/DPAW appliances.

(s) Insurance

The Shire of Gingin will obtain and keep current a Policy of insurance for fire fighters and equipment as provided pursuant to Section 37 of the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*, and such Policies shall be reviewed annually and will cover personnel, equipment and vehicles whilst engaged on emergency duties such as fire fighting or prevention, training exercises or other activities duly authorised by the Committee.

(t) Subdivisions

As part of the rezoning or subdivision approval process, a fire management plan must be submitted by the applicant which identifies the level of fire fighting infrastructure to be provided by the developer/subdivider.

A copy of all Subdivision Fire Management Plans should be referred to the Bush Fire Advisory Committee for comment and approval.

SHIRE OF GINGIN - BUSH FIRE TRAINING POLICY

1. Training and the Bush Fire Organisation

The Shire of Gingin recognises that volunteer bush fire fighters must be properly trained to perform their tasks in a safe and efficient manner. Responsibilities differ at various levels in the fire organisation and accordingly, the level of skills required to perform related tasks varies also.

The Shire of Gingin recognises that a basic level of skills is required for all members of the organisation.

To ensure that bush fire volunteers are adequately skilled to fulfil these roles, the Shire of Gingin adopts a Training Policy and supports its Brigade Officers in the implementation of same.

The Shire of Gingin accepts that Basic Training for fire fighters is the foundation for future training. Basic training ensures that fire fighters are trained to work in a safe and effective manner and as such, is a pre-requisite for later attendance at Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Certificate Courses.

2. Training Fire Fighters

It is the Shire of Gingin's Policy that:

- a. A training Officer or Officers be appointed to oversee the Shire of Gingin fire fighters;
or

That Bush Fire Brigades appoint an Officer or member of their Brigade as the Brigade Training Officer.

It will be the responsibility of these Officers to ensure that all fire fighters are trained in basic fire fighting procedures and in the efficient and safe operation of the Brigade's equipment.

- b. The Shire of Gingin will encourage members of Brigades to participate in the training programs offered by DFES.
- c. Appointed Training Officers will undertake a Certificate IV in Training and Workplace Assessment course with DFES and will adopt and practise the procedures and standards recommended by DFES.
- d. All Training Officers appointed by the Shire of Gingin and/or Brigades will be required to present training to fire fighters throughout the Shire.
- e. Safety of Personnel - the person in charge of training shall at all times keep the safety of those personnel under his/her direction as a primary consideration.
- f. Council will ensure that appropriate insurance policies/extensions are held to cover volunteers whilst training.

3. New and Serving Brigade Members - Training Standards

a. Trainees (New Members)

- (i) Persons joining a Brigade are classified as Trainee Members.
- (ii) A Trainee is a member of a volunteer Bush Fire Brigade who has not completed a probationary period (three months), or the Basic Training Course.
- (iii) Trainees should not be engaged in physical fire fighting duties at the fire face and wild fire situations until they have qualified as fire fighters.
- (iv) A qualified fire fighter is a volunteer Bush Fire Brigade member who has completed the requisite fire course, their probationary period, and is a minimum of 16 years of age.

b. Serving Members

It is the Shire of Gingin's Policy that:

- (i) Serving Brigade members who have not already undertaken formal training courses must satisfy their Brigade Training Officer that they have a level of knowledge and skills at least equal to the Basic Training level.
- (ii) Brigade members/Officers likely to be promoted within a Brigade should be encouraged to attend accredited courses conducted by DFES.
- (iii) That promotion within the Brigade should be based on experience and accredited training.
- (iv) The Shire of Gingin will require its Fire Officers to be trained to a level consistent with rank and role within the bush fire organisation.

c. Bush Fire Training Committee

It is the Shire of Gingin's Policy that:

- (i) The Shire of Gingin establish a Bush Fire Training Committee consisting of the Brigade's Training Officer, together with the Brigade Captain and the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or Deputy, to advise the Bush Fire Advisory Committee/Council on matters pertinent to the safety and training of volunteer bush fire fighters.

d. DFES Training Courses

DFES assists the Shire of Gingin by providing a variety of training courses with defined pre-requisites which address specific skills and knowledge required by the various levels of Brigade members. These courses offer an accredited level of training which recognises a career structure and development program for the volunteer fire fighter.

It is the Shire of Gingin's Policy that:

- (i) This system of formal training is adopted for its bush fire organisation.
 - (ii) The Shire of Gingin will require DFES Training Courses accreditation as a pre-requisite for the appointment of Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Chief Bush Fire Control Officer levels.
-

POLICY ON SAFETY AND HEALTH RELATING TO VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE FIGHTERS

The Shire of Gingin recognises the extremely valuable contribution to the community made by the Bush Fire Volunteers.

It is the Policy of the Shire of Gingin to ensure that Bush Fire Volunteers are provided with safe working equipment and the safest work systems practical and to minimise the frequency of accidents and injury.

The Shire of Gingin recognises that both the Shire and Bush Fire Volunteers have a responsibility for safety and health.

1. Shire of Gingin Responsibilities

All practical efforts will be made to:

- a. Instruct Bush Fire Volunteers in the use of safe working equipment.
- b. Ensure provision of safe working equipment.
- c. Encourage the provision and utilisation of a high standard of protective clothing and equipment appropriate to the task.
- d. Ensure provision of adequate first aid facilities.
- e. Investigate any accidents and possible safety and health risks and take appropriate action.
- f. Provide a mechanism for joint Shire/DFES/Volunteer consultation.
- g. Review the effectiveness of Bush Fire Volunteer training, safety and health policies as required.

2. Volunteer Responsibilities

- a. To maintain a reasonable standard of fitness.
- b. To ask senior Officers about safe working procedures.
- c. To identify safety and health hazards and to report these to senior officers.
- d. To observe safe working practices and avoid unnecessary risk.
- e. To understand that each volunteer has a responsibility for their own safety and the need to follow safe working procedures.
- f. To ensure that the correct standard of dress is worn and to make proper use of personal protective equipment whenever necessary and when required to do so.

The Shire of Gingin acknowledges that the occupational risks inherent in fire fighting and other emergency duties undertaken by Shire Fire Volunteers are significant and the probability of serious injury is high. Strict adherence to safety guidelines and procedures in these circumstances is not always possible. However, it is the intention of the Shire of Gingin to develop and implement safety and training policies to minimise the occurrence of injury to Bush Fire Volunteers, both on the fire ground and in the performance of all other duties.

PROFILE OF A FIRE FIGHTER

1. At all times, Brigade members engaged in training, fire suppression, hazard reduction or any authorised activity must be in accordance with the Brigade's constitution/objectives and Local Authority Policy.
 2. Brigade members have a responsibility in the manner they present, conduct or represent themselves or their Local Authority, not only to themselves but to their fellow members, their families and members' families.
 3. All Brigade members have a duty of care to their fellow members to ensure that they are in good health and physically fit to carry out the task allocated to them so that their actions will not jeopardise the safety of fellow members.
 4. They will endeavour to promote the Brigade's objectives and to participate in fuel reduction and training programs to the desired level within the Brigade and in accordance with their role in the Brigade.
 5. Brigade members should set an example to their community by their dedication to fire protection. Their home/land should be an example to the community and the fire station should be an extension of their home.
 6. The Bush Fire Brigade member has a valuable contribution to make to the Brigade and community and thus has a commitment/responsibility to Local and District fire protection.
 7. All Brigade members must acquaint themselves with the Shire of Gingin's Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2004 and this Policy.
-

PROFILE OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS

The Captain

1. Is in charge of all fire fighters and members of the Brigade.
2. Is responsible for the safety and well being of all personnel under the Captain's control at any time when involved in any activities whilst representing the Brigade and the Local Authority.
3. Has a responsibility to ensure the standard of equipment is maintained at a high level of proficiency and in a safe manner.
4. Is responsible for the coordination of Brigade resources in fire-related matters.
5. Shall be seen as a leader with demonstrated skills and with the capability to delegate tasks to ensure the proper running and maintenance of the Brigade and its objectives.
6. Is required to have an intimate knowledge of the Brigade's area of responsibility, including high risk areas, firebreaks, access, water supplies and major landowners and land vestings.
7. Is required to have a knowledge of the special abilities of Brigade members and to be able to coordinate these skills and abilities to the benefit of the Brigade and its members.
8. Shall have a demonstrated ability to liaise with adjoining Brigades and to operate the Brigade under the direction of a Fire Control Officer to ensure best use of the Brigade and its resources.
9. Is required to assume the duties and responsibilities of a Fire Control Officer in the absence of the Fire Control Officer.
10. Is responsible for adequate training of members as per Council's Training Policy.

Lieutenants

1. Are responsible for the crew and fire equipment in their charge.
2. Will assume the duties and responsibilities of the Captain in order of seniority in the Captain's absence.
3. Are required to carry out any instruction given directly by the Captain, or in the Captain's absence, the Fire Control Officer.
4. Are required to ensure that the crew present themselves in a safe manner and act in a safe manner so as not to endanger members of the crew.

PROFILE OF A BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Duties

The main duties of a Bush Fire Control Officer relate to fire prevention. The Fire Control Officer is the Officer through whom Local Government works to control the use of fire appliances, certain machinery and operations at the times of the year when there is a high probability of bush fires.

The Bush Fire Control Officer can impose limitations, conditions and restrictions on these activities by issuing permits, requisitions or through verbal communication.

In all cases, the Fire Control Officer works in close contact with the public, frequently in an enforcement role. At other times, the Fire Control Officer imposes conditions on activities that may become more onerous to carry out. The Fire Control Officer also has an advisory function on general fire safety.

In carrying out their duties, Fire Control Officers have the power of entry onto land or into buildings, an activity that may be construed by some as an invasion of privacy.

In fire suppression, the duties of a Fire Control Officer involve the direction of volunteers and brigades. The Fire Control Officer is responsible for tactical decisions that would involve life and property and has wide powers when involved in fire fighting.

In all duties, Officers are subject to Shire of Gingin direction, control and possible limitation of powers conferred by the *Bush Fires Act, 1954*.

Experience and Temperament

Bush Fire Control Officers must have experience in dealing with the public, as they are in charge of situations and issues which may become contentious.

To maintain their position, they must have a good working knowledge of Bush Fire legislation and the fundamentals of bush fire prevention work and fire behaviour.

Fire Control Officers must have an even temperament, as they may be called to deal with provocative situations. However, at the same time they must have sufficient strength of character to maintain their ground.

In fire suppression, a working knowledge of legislation as it relates to powers of Bush Fire Control Officers is essential, as is a knowledge of fire suppression techniques, preferably gained by experience from the grassroots upwards.

Officers must be trusted and respected by Brigade personnel if they are to be their leaders. They must command obedience and respect and must be capable of positive action. They must have a clear understanding of their role and their relationship to the Shire of Gingin, i.e., they are required to carry out fire protection work as the Shire of Gingin directs.

In looking for a Fire Control Officer, you would look for:

- a. A person of integrity.
- b. A reasonable educational background.
- c. Steady and reliable character.
- d. A person willing to take as well as give orders.
- e. A high sense of responsibility.
- f. Relevant fire experience.

Persons selected to be Fire Control Officers must be physically fit, particularly if there is to be an accent on fire suppression.

PROFILE OF A CHIEF BUSH FIRE CONTROL OFFICER

Duties

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO) is the most senior Fire Control Officer appointed by a Municipality. The CBFCO has all the powers and responsibilities conferred on Bush Fire Control Officers by the *Bush Fires Act, 1954* and Regulations.

The CBFCO is a source of appeal where the issue of a permit has been refused.

As the most senior member of a Local Authority bush fire organisation, the CBFCO may take overall charge of fire fighting in the Municipality. The CBFCO is expected to assume the role of leader, guide and mentor to more inexperienced Bush Fire Control Officers and the bush fire organisation in his/her area.

The CBFCO provides coordination between the various parts of the organisation, as well as between Municipalities and other fire suppression agencies.

Experience and Skills

The qualifications relevant to Bush Fire Control Officers apply equally to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer. As the Senior Officer, leadership skills must be recognised and accepted by his/her peers, and their respect must be commanded.

In effect, the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer is the Manager of the local bush fire organisation and, as such, must have considerable managerial skills and a wide knowledge of the fire organisation in the Municipality.

Relationship with the Authority

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer must enjoy the confidence of his/her Local Authority and have adequate authority (or access to it) to use Shire resources and/or funds when fires may warrant such action.

While the choice of Bush Fire Control Officers can be influenced to a large degree by Brigades and volunteers, the choice of Chief Fire Control Officer is an important decision which properly lies with Council.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	<i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>
Industry Compliance	
Organisational Compliance	Shire of Gingin Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2004 Delegation 3.1 – <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> – Variation of Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times Delegation 3.2 – <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> – Prosecution of Offences Delegation 3.3 – <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> – Issuing Infringement Notices Delegation 3.4A – <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> – Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officers

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Review Cycle	Bi-annual	Next Review	2017
Department	Operations		

Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis
1.	18/05/1995	Policy adopted
2.	20/06/2006 – Item 11.2.3	Policy amended
3.	19/06/2007 – Item 11.2.4	Policy amended
4.	19/04/2011 – Item 11.2.2	Policy amended
5.	19/01/2016 – Item 11.1.2	Policy amended