

4.3 CONTRIBUTION TO LEGAL FEES – VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

OBJECTIVE

To assist volunteer members of Bush Fire and Fire and Rescue Service brigades located within the Shire of Gingin in engaging legal representation in the event that their actions are the subject of a Police investigation after a fire event.

POLICY

The Shire of Gingin acknowledges the outstanding contribution made by all volunteer fire fighters to the Shire of Gingin community. It is recognised that the fighting of fires will always present a risk to volunteers, and Council believes that volunteers should be supported in the event that their actions during a fire event are subsequently the subject of formal investigation.

1. The Shire of Gingin will contribute up to a maximum amount of \$2,500 per volunteer fire fighter towards the cost of engaging legal representation, if required, during the conduct of any Police investigation into matters arising from firefighting activities within the Shire of Gingin.
2. If continued legal representation is required as a result of the official findings of the investigation, then any further financial contribution by the Shire of Gingin must be approved by resolution of Council on a case by case basis.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	N/A
Industry Compliance	N/A
Organisational Compliance	N/A

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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