

**BY-LAWS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT,
MAINTENANCE
AND EQUIPMENT OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADES**

<u>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</u>	BUSH FIRES ACT 1937	
<u>HEAD OF POWER:</u>	S.62	
<u>PRINCIPAL BY-LAW:</u>	<u>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</u> 12 TH FEBRUARY 1942	<u>GAZETTAL</u> 5th June 1942
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DESCRIPTION OF INTENT OF THE BY-LAW:

To provide for the establishment and maintenance of Bushfire Brigades, including Duties of Officers, financial commitments and membership requirements.

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FIRE BRIGADES

Establishment of Brigade

1. On the resolution of the Board to establish, maintain and equip a Bush Fire Brigade under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act, 1937, and regulations thereunder, the Brigade shall be formed in accordance with these by-laws, and a name shall be given to the Brigade and application, accompanied by a copy of these by-laws, shall be made to the Minister for Lands for its registration accordingly.

A Bush Fire Brigade may be established for the whole of the road district or for any specified area thereof: Provided that, unless the resolution of the Board establishing a Bush Fire Brigade specifies therein only a part of the district as the area for which such Brigade is established, the Brigade shall be deemed to be established for the whole of the said road district.

Appointment of Officers

2. The Board shall appoint a captain, a first lieutenant, a second lieutenant, and such additional lieutenants as it shall deem necessary to act as officers of the Brigade, and who in the Board's opinion have the necessary qualification and knowledge of the district required in such capacities.
3. The secretary of the Board, or such other person as the Board may appoint, shall be the secretary of the Brigade.
4. The Board may appoint an Equipment Officer, who shall be responsible for the custody and maintenance in good order and condition of all equipment and appliances acquired by the Board for the purposes of the Brigade. Such officer may station such equipment at a depot approved by the Captain where, if possible, motor trucks can easily be called upon. If there are more than one such depots in the area, the equipment officer shall appoint at each depot a person to look after the equipment and have it ready for immediate use when required.
5. The Board shall appoint Bush Fire Control Officers in accordance with the requirements of the district and may prescribe the area over which each such officer shall have jurisdiction. The employment, dismissal and payment for services of persons (other than officers) employed for duties under this Act, shall be vested in the chairman and secretary of the Board conjointly.

Duties of Officers

6. The duties of all officers appointed under these by-laws shall be as laid down in the provisions of the Bush Fires Act, 1937, and each officer so appointed shall be supplied with a copy of the Act and regulations.

The captain shall have full control over the members of the Brigade whilst engaged in fire-fighting, and shall issue instructions as to the methods to be adopted by the firemen. In the absence of the captain, the first lieutenant, and, in the absence of the first, the second lieutenant or senior officer of the Brigade present at the fire, shall exercise all the power and duties of the captain. The captain shall, when so directed by the Board, instruct all land owners or occupiers to plough a break or breaks on all cleared land or land under pasture.

Membership of Brigade

- 7 (1) The membership of a Bush Fire Brigade may consist of the following:-
- (A) Subscribing members;
 - (B) fire-fighting members, and
 - (C) associate members.
- (2) Subscribing members shall be those persons, who, being interested in forwarding the objects of the Brigade, pay an annual subscription to the funds of the Brigade at the following rates :-
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| (A) Owner or occupier of land within the Brigade area -
minimum subscription of | \$
1.00 |
| (B) Other persons - minimum subscription of | 50c |
- (3) Fire-fighting members shall be those persons, being able-bodied members of either sex over fifteen (15) years of age, who are willing to render service at any bushfire when called upon, and who sign an undertaking in the form contained in the First Schedule to these by-laws.
- (4) Associate members shall be those persons who are willing to supply free motor transport for fire-fighters or equipment, or are prepared to render other approved assistance, and who sign an undertaking in the form contained in the Second Schedule to these by-laws.
- (5) No fees or subscriptions shall be payable either by fire-fighting members or associate members, and the enrolment of persons as such members shall in every case be subject to the approval of the Board.
- (6) A subscribing member shall be eligible for enrolment as a fire-fighting member.

Finance

8. The expenditure incurred by the Board in the purchase of equipment, etc., payment for services and generally for the purposes of this Act, shall be a charge on the ordinary revenue of the Board, but the secretary shall keep a separate record of the expenditure incurred under this Act.

Meetings of Brigade

9. Meetings shall be held at such times as may be suitable, to be decided from time to time by the Board.

These by-laws under the Bush Fires Act 1937, were passed by a resolution of the Mundaring Road Board (a local authority under the provisions of such Act) at a meeting held at Mundaring on the 12th February, 1942.

H. Robinson, CHAIRMAN

W.J. Cohn, ACTING SECRETARY

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM OF ENROLMENT - FIRE-FIGHTING MEMBER

I, the undersigned, hereby make application to be enroled as a Fire-fighting Member of the
_____ Bush Fire Brigade.

My private address is _____

My business address is _____

I can be communicated with by Telephone No. _____

If needed, I can provide my own transport to the scene of any outbreak.
(This line to be struck out if not applicable).

I hereby declare that I am over 15 years of age, and in good health.

On election by the Committee as a Fire-fighting Member I hereby undertake -

1. to promote the objects of the Brigade as far as shall be in my power;
2. to be governed by the provisions of the constitution and such by-laws and regulations as may from time to time be made thereunder;
3. to use my best endeavours to give assistance in fire-fighting measures when called upon, and on such occasions to obey all orders and instructions issued by duly authorised officers of the Brigade.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM OF ENROLMENT - ASSOCIATE MEMBER

I, the undersigned, hereby make application for enrolment as an Associate Member of the
_____ Bush Fire Brigade.

(a) I am prepared to offer to transport fire-fighting members and/or equipment to the scene of any outbreak when called upon. I have a motor vehicle of the following type
_____ available for such purpose.

(b) I am prepared to offer my services in the following capacity:-

(Paragraph (a) or (b) above may be struck out if both do not apply.)

My private address is _____

My business address is _____

I can be communicated with by Telephone No. _____

On election as an Associate Member by the Committee, I hereby undertake -

1. to promote the objects of the Brigade as far as shall be in my power;
2. to be governed by the provisions of the constitution and such by-laws and regulations as may from time to time be made thereunder;
3. to use my best endeavours to assist in fire suppression work in the above capacity when called upon.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____