

**Shire of Moora  
Ordinary Council Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Dear Elected Member

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Moora  
will be held on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006**  
in the Council Chambers, 34 Padbury Street, Moora  
commencing at **3.30 pm**

SJ Deckert  
Chief Executive Officer  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2006

## **The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement**

### **Vision**

Our vision is that:

***The Moora region will be a place of brilliant opportunity over the next twenty years. Sustainable growth will result in a vibrant, healthy, wealthy and diverse community.***

### **Mission**

Our mission is:

***To identify and stimulate growth through creative leadership and a willingness to get things done.***

**SHIRE OF MOORA****WRITTEN DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

Chief Executive Officer  
 Shire of Moora  
 PO Box 211  
 MOORA WA 6510

Dear Sir,

**Re: Written Declaration of Interest in Matter Before Council**

I, <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wish  
 to declare an interest in the following item to be considered by Council at its meeting to  
 be held on <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

The type of interest I wish to declare is: <sup>(4)</sup> Financial / Proximity / Indirect Financial /  
 Conflict (impartiality) pursuant to <sup>(5)</sup> Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 /  
 Clause 1.3 of Councils Adopted Code of Conduct.

The nature of my interest is <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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I wish to be present and participate in any discussion and/or decision making procedure  
 relating to the item and therefore would like Council to declare my interest<sup>(7)</sup>  
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The extent of my interest is <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting  
 and placed in the Financial Interest Register.

Yours faithfully,

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

1. Insert your name.
2. Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item is to be considered.
3. Insert the Agenda Item number and Title.
4. Delete type of interest not applicable.
5. Delete reference, which is not applicable.
6. Insert the nature of your interest.
7. Insert either "Trivial" or "In common with a significant number of ratepayers or electors".
8. Insert the extent of your interest.

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**SHIRE OF MOORA**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**12 JULY 2006**  
**COMMENCING AT 3.30PM**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & WELCOME OF VISITORS*****“Acknowledging of Country”***

*I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and acknowledge their contribution to the Shire of Moora as I do for all its people.*

**2. DISCLAIMER READING**

**To be read by the Shire President should members of the public be present at the meeting.**

***No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.***

***It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council’s decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.***

**3. ATTENDANCE****APOLOGIES****PUBLIC****4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****5. QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.24 OF THE ACT****6. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE****7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE****8. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS****9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SHIRE PRESIDENT**

## **10. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **10.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28 June 2006**

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 June 2006, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

## **11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **11.1 ADMINISTRATION**

#### **11.1.1 Moora Flood Management Strategy - Establishment of a Taskforce**

**LOCATION:** Moora Townsite  
**FILE:** LO/FLMI  
**AUTHOR:** Steven Deckert, Chief Executive Officer  
**REPORT DATE:** 6 July 2006  
**DECLARATION:** The author has no financial interest in this matter

#### **BACKGROUND**

On Friday 23 June 2006, a number of Councillors and senior staff met with the Member for Moore, the Hon Gary Snook, to brief Mr Snook on the issues that are beginning to impact on landowners in the Moora Townsite as a consequence of the Flood Management Plan prepared as part of the 2000 Flood Management Study by the Water and Rivers Commission (now the Department of Environment).

Council representatives updated Mr Snook on the issues and sought his assistance in helping Council deal with them.

Mr Snook undertook to speak to relevant parliamentary members and get back to Council with a proposal. Mr Snook has now written to Council outlining a proposal to form a working group or taskforce of pertinent departments and agencies.

A copy of Mr Snook's letter is appended for Council's information.

#### **COMMENT**

The concept of arranging a meeting of all relevant stakeholders was raised at the meeting with Mr Snook. This seems a sensible approach to dealing with issues that are not necessarily the responsibility of, or, within the control of the Shire of Moora.

Mr Snook is seeking feedback from Council in support of the taskforce concept.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Sections 2.7 and 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995, relating to the general function provisions.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policies relative to this matter.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**



The recommendation of this report if adopted will require Council to meet some minor administrative costs associated with facilitation and participation in the taskforce. Any major cost initiatives coming out of the taskforce process will need to be considered by Council on their merits at the appropriate time.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The satisfactory resolution of issues arising as a result of the 2000 Moora Flood Study is essential in enabling Council to meet its goals and objectives, particularly in the key result areas of Infrastructure and Growth.

### **PRECEDENT**

There is no past precedent that impacts on Council's consideration of this matter. There are however similar instances at a State level in other regions that could be used as guidance.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority decision required.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS – ITEM 11.1.1**

### *That Council*

- 1. Advise the Member for Moore, the Hon Gary Snook that Council supports the concept of the formation of a taskforce comprising pertinent stakeholders including State Departments and Agencies and local representation; and*
- 2. Directs the CEO in consultation with the Shire President to liaise with Mr Snook to progress the establishment of the taskforce as quickly as practicable and to develop the terms of reference for the taskforce in conjunction with Mr Snook.*

## **11.2 FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **11.2.1 List of Payments Authorised Under Delegation 1.31**

**AUTHOR:** Jo-Anne Ellis, Financial Development Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** 6 July 2006  
**DECLARATION:** Nil

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the December Ordinary Meeting of Council resolution 276/2005 delegated the authority of payments from Municipal and Trust Funds to the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **COMMENT**

Payments have been made under this delegated authority and a listing of these payments is attached for Council to note and endorse.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 6.10

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 12 & 13.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Delegation 1.31 – Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Payments are in accordance with the adopted budget.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

#### **PRECEDENT**

Accounts Paid under delegated authority are periodically presented to Council.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

### **MANEX RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 11.2.1**

*That Council note and endorse the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds made under delegation 1.31*

<i>Municipal Fund</i>	<i>Direct Debits 87 – 104</i>	<i>\$ 13,940.56</i>
	<i>Chq 54721 - 54876</i>	<i>\$865,705.58</i>
<i>Trust Fund</i>	<i>Chq 4140</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$879,746.14</i>

### **11.3 OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

### **11.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **11.4.1 Town Planning Application – Mr David McDonald**

**LOCATION:** Lot 23 Stafford Street, Moora  
**FILE:** TP/ PTMOI  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** 4 July 2006  
**DECLARATION:** Author has no interest in this matter

#### **BACKGROUND**

A planning application has been received from Mr David McDonald to construct a two-storey 84m<sup>2</sup> “kit style” dwelling at Lot 23 Stafford Street Moora and 54m<sup>2</sup> Garage/Shed. The zoning of the Lot is “Residential” and has a Residential Design Code of R12.5/25. A single house is a “P” use (permitted) in this zone under the Shire Town Planning Scheme.

(Relative plans and specifications supplied as a separate attachment.)

#### **COMMENT**

Under the Town Planning Scheme text, planning permission would not normally be required for the construction of a single dwelling on residential land with a “P” use. There is a requirement is to construct the building under the Residential Design Codes and Moora Flood Management Strategy.

This is the first request Council has received for this style of home in a Moora Residential area. Council does not have a Local Planning Policy for building designs, therefore the application is submitted to Council for consideration.

This style of building is a cheaper option to construct and with the present cost of building, it is likely that Council will receive more planning applications for this construction design in the years to come. This particular one is a two-storey dwelling. The “R” codes provide a standard method of height measurement designed to reduce ambiguity and confusion. The measure used in the codes is height in metres for the purpose of setbacks. In the first case, the concern is about the general impact on the locality. In the second case the concern is about the specific impact on the adjoining property. The Western side of Lot 23 faces McPherson Street whereas the eastern side faces a vacant Lot. Consideration will need to be given to the impact of the building height on the Eastern side to future development of the vacant lot.

Managers are of the opinion that the application should be approved, provided it is clad with acceptable material and the completed dwelling resembles a modern home style. The following conditions are therefore recommended: -

**Residence:**

- Total area of Lot to be filled and retained to a maximum height of 300mm above the crown of Stafford Street.
- There is to be no battered build-up of the lot.
- Dwelling to be constructed on a brick build-up pad extended to the brick paved area
- Finished Floor Level of dwelling to be 203.6 AHD
- Minimum frontage setback of dwelling to be 7.5m
- Minimum rear and side boundary setbacks for dwelling to be as shown on plan.
- Balconies only to be constructed on front and rear facades only and shall be designed to face away from neighbouring properties.
- Privacy screening from adjoining lot on Eastern side of Balcony and translucent or opaque (i.e. non-transparent) glazing to Eastern top story windows.
- Privacy screening to adjoining lot on eastern side verandah to a height of 2m.
- No reflective materials such as zincalume (or similar) shall be permitted in the construction of external walls or roofing.
- Colours of the residence, outbuilding and fences should be designed to be complimentary and steps taken to ensure the completed building resembles a modern home style.
- All downpipes must not openly discharge onto ground or paved surfaces, and should be discharged into the street drainage system.
- Landscaping is to be completed to the street kerbing.
- Subject to a building licence being issued by the Shire Environmental Development Manager.

**Shed/Garage:**

- Setback for shed from rear and side boundary to be a minimum of 1.0m.
- Shed power points, electrical or data connection outlets to be installed 1.0m above FFL.
- Shed windows to be no lower than 0.5m above FFL.
- No reflective materials such as zincalume (or similar) shall be permitted in the construction of external walls or roofing.
- All downpipes must not openly discharge onto ground or paved surfaces, and should be discharged into the street drainage system.
- Subject to a building licence being issued by the Shire Environmental Development Manager.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil – Council does not have a Local Planning Policy for specific types of residential development.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Applicant has paid \$100 application fee.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Residential development

## **PRECEDENT**

The construction of a two-storey building in Ranfurly Street several years ago. Other single storey dwellings have been constructed in Moora in recent times using similar materials.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## **MANEX RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 11.4.1**

*That Council approve the application for planning approval from Mr D. McDonald for the construction of a two-storey kit style dwelling and single shed/garage on lot 23 Stafford Street, Moora subject to the following conditions: -*

### **Residence:**

- **Total area of Lot to be filled and retained to a maximum height of 300mm above the crown of Stafford Street.**
- **There is to be no battered build-up of the lot.**
- **Dwelling to be constructed on a brick build-up pad extended to the brick paved area**
- **Finished Floor Level of dwelling to be 203.6 AHD**
- **Minimum frontage setback of dwelling to be 7.5m**
- **Minimum rear and side boundary setbacks for dwelling to be 4.0m**
- **Balconies only to be constructed on front and rear facades only and shall be designed to face away from neighbouring properties.**
- **Privacy screening from adjoining lot on Eastern side of Balcony and translucent or opaque (i.e. non-transparent) glazing to Eastern top story windows.**
- **Privacy screening to adjoining lot on eastern side verandah to a height of 2m.**
- **No reflective materials such as zincalume (or similar) shall be permitted in the construction of external walls or roofing.**
- **Colours of the residence, outbuilding and fences should be designed to be complimentary and steps taken to ensure the completed building resembles a modern home style.**
- **All downpipes must not openly discharge onto ground or paved surfaces, and should be discharged into the street drainage system.**
- **Landscaping is to be completed to the street kerbing.**
- **Subject to a building licence being issued by the Shire Environmental Development Manager.**

**Shed/Garage:**

- **Setback for shed from rear and side boundary to be a minimum of 1.0m.**
- **Shed power points, electrical or data connection outlets to be installed 1.0m above Finished Floor Level.**
- **Shed windows to be no lower than 0.5m above Finished Floor Level.**
- **No reflective materials such as zincalume (or similar) shall be permitted in the construction of external walls or roofing.**
- **All downpipes must not openly discharge onto ground or paved surfaces, and should be discharged into the street drainage system.**
- **Subject to a building licence being issued by the Shire Environmental Development Manager.**

**11.4.2 Town Planning Scheme No 4 – Delegation of Powers**

**LOCATION:** Moora  
**FILE:** TP/PTMI I  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** 5 July 2006  
**DECLARATION:** Nil

**BACKGROUND**

Council resolved by absolute majority at the Council meeting held on the 25 February 2004, to delegate the Manager Corporate Services (now Community Development Manager) to approve planning applications that meet all the requirements of Councils Town Planning Scheme, for an indefinite period of time and amend its Register of Delegations accordingly, and that Council be provided with a list monthly of planning approvals issued under delegate authority.

**APPLICANT (S)**

The following Town Planning Application has been approved under this delegated authority for the period ended 5 July 2006.

*Mr John Kevill – Miling Seedworks Great Northern Highway Miling – two bay extension to existing building – Area 150m<sup>2</sup> –Zoning Farming -Value \$277,000.*

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**MANEX RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 11.4.2**

*That Council note the town planning application approved under delegated authority.*

### **11.4.3 Bush Fire Act 1954 – Fire Control Officers**

**LOCATION:** Moora  
**FILE:** LO/BUSI  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** 6 July 2006  
**DECLARATION:** Author has no financial interest in this matter

#### **BACKGROUND**

A local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of the bush fire act, and of those officers shall appoint 2 as the chief bush fire control officer and deputy chief bush fire control officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject there to may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it.

The local government shall cause notice of appointment made under the provisions of the Act to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district.

#### **COMMENT**

The following list is the nominated fire control officers for the year 2006-2007 for the Shire of Moora District Bush Fire Brigade units;

#### **Shire of Moora Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers 2006-2007**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Brigade</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>
Jim McNamara*	Miling	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Les Crane*	Bindi Bindi	Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Keith Piper*	Bindi Bindi	Acting Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Jeremy Lefroy	Round Hill	Chief Radio Officer, Fire Weather Officer
Neil Pearse	Miling	Deputy Fire Weather Officer
Barry Lehmann*	Bindi Bindi	Fire Control Officer
Frank King*	Bindi Bindi	Fire Control Officer
Rod Bryan *	Coomberdale	Fire Control Officer
John Bullock*	Coomberdale	Fire Control Officer
Brad Tonkin*	Coomberdale	Fire Control Officer
Damien Joyce*	Koojan	Fire Control Officer
Glenn Vanzetti*	Koojan	Fire Control Officer
Stuart Isbister*	Koojan	Fire Control Officer
Des Seymour*	Miling	Fire Control Officer
Tom Sayers*	Miling	Fire Control Officer
Mark Harrington	Miling	Fire Control Officer
Brendan Pratt	Miling	Fire Control Officer
Greg Manning*	Moora	Fire Control Officer
Ron Manning*	Moora	Fire Control Officer
Chris Meikle*	Moora	Fire Control Officer
Murray Scott	Watheroo	Fire Control Officer
Dave Riches *	Watheroo	Fire Control Officer
Tim Crombie*	Watheroo	Fire Control Officer
Len Mitchell*	Watheroo	Fire Control Officer

Mike Prunster\*(Permit Only) Moora Shire Deputy Fire Weather Officer

Murray Matthews \*(Permit Only) Moora Shire Ranger

Hugh Bryan\* (Permit Only) Bindi Bindi

\* Permit Issuing Officer



Council is required to adopt this list and authorise the publishing of the names of the appointed officers in the Central Midlands & Coastal Advocate for public information.

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Bush Fires Act – 1954 – (with amendments) and Regulations – Section 38 (1) & (2a)

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Bush Fire Policy Section 2.1 (a), (b) & (c)

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Minor advertising costs included in annual budget.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Experienced Fire Control Officers throughout the Shire of Moora district.

### **PRECEDENT**

Appointments and amendments performed annually.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS – ITEM 11.4.3**

*That council confirm the appointment of the following bush fire control officers for the 2006-2007 season and that council authorize the publishing of this list in the Central Midlands & Coastal Advocate for public information*

### **1. SHIRE OF MOORA BUSH FIRE BRIGADE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS 2005-2006**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BRIGADE</u></b>	<b><u>RANK</u></b>
<b>Jim McNamara*</b>	<b>Miling</b>	<b>Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Les Crane*</b>	<b>Bindi Bindi</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Keith Piper</b>	<b>Bindi Bindi</b>	<b>A/ Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Jeremy Lefroy</b>	<b>Round Hill</b>	<b>Chief Radio Officer, FireWeather Officer</b>
<b>Neil Pearse</b>	<b>Miling</b>	<b>Deputy Fire Weather Officer</b>
<b>Barry Lehmann*</b>	<b>Bindi Bindi</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Frank King*</b>	<b>Bindi Bindi</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Rod Bryan *</b>	<b>Coomberdale</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
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<b>Des Seymour*</b>	<b>Miling</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Tom Sayers*</b>	<b>Miling</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Mark Harrington</b>	<b>Miling</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Brendan Pratt</b>	<b>Miling</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Greg Manning*</b>	<b>Moora</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Ron Manning*</b>	<b>Moora</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Chris Meikle*</b>	<b>Moora</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Murray Scott</b>	<b>Watheroo</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Dave Riches *</b>	<b>Watheroo</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Tim Crombie*</b>	<b>Watheroo</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>
<b>Len Mitchell*</b>	<b>Watheroo</b>	<b>Fire Control Officer</b>

**Mike Prunster\* (Permit Only) Moora**      **Shire Deputy Fire Weather Officer**  
**Murray V. Matthews\* Moora Shire**      **Ranger**  
**Hugh Bryan\* (Permit only)**      **Bindi Bindi**

**\* PERMIT ISSUING OFFICER**

**2. That this list revokes all previous lists.**

**11.4.4 Fire Break Requirements – Season 2006-2007 (Bush Fires Act 1954)**

**LOCATION:** Shire of Moora  
**FILE:** LO/BUSI  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Officer  
**REPORT DATE:** 7 July 2006  
**DECLARATION** Author has no financial interest in this matter

**BACKGROUND**

Each year the Shire of Moora issues a notice with the annual rate assessments outlining details of Fire Break Orders under the Bush Fires Act 1954.

The Orders are to be adopted and confirmed by Council.

**COMMENT**

A meeting of the Shire of Moora Bush Fire Brigade officers was held in March 2006 and some amendments were made to the annual Fire Break Order information, namely width of fire-breaks. The new width has been included in the 2006-07 notice.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Bush Fires Act 1954

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Shire of Moora Bush Fire Policy Procedures/By-laws.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Town and Rural Residents awareness to Fire Prevention Safety.

**PRECEDENT:**

Information issued to Rural & Town residents yearly.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 11.4.4**

*That council adopt the following notice to owners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Moora issue this notice with the 2006-07 rate assessments:-*

**NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF LAND WITHIN THE SHIRE OF MOORA**

*Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the above Act, you are hereby required: on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2006 to plough, scarify, cultivate or otherwise clear and thereafter to maintain free of all inflammable material until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2007 in the following positions and of the following dimensions on the land owned or occupied by you.*

*On or before October 31, 2006 you must have a 2.7 metre wide fire break clear of all flammable material around the inside boundaries of your property, and it MUST BE KEPT CLEAR up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007.*

## **1. TOWNSITES**

**On or before October 31, 2006, all lots within the townsites of Moora, Miling, Watheroo, Bindi Bindi and Coomberdale are to be treated as follows:**

- a) Where the area of land is less than 3000 square metres, remove all flammable materials from the whole of the land.**
- b) Where the area of land is 3000 square metres or more a firebreak must be provided not less than three metres in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied by you and all inflammable material must be cleared three metres distance from all buildings and/or haystacks situated on the land and maintained free of such material until March 31, 2007.**

## **2. FUEL PUMPS (FUEL DEPOTS)**

**On or before October 31, 2006 all grass and similar material is to be cleared from such areas where drum ramps are located and where drums, full or empty, are stored and such areas are to be maintained cleared of grass and similar inflammable material until March 31, 2007.**

## **3. FARM BUILDINGS AND UNATTENDED ELECTRIC MOTORS AND HAY STACKS**

**Fire breaks at least three metres in width completely surrounding and not more than twenty metres from the perimeter of any building, group of buildings or haystacks. All inflammable material must be removed from an area three metres in width immediately surrounding the building. All flammable material must be removed from an area three metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended electric motor site.**

## **3. UNATTENDED FUEL OPERATED MOTORS**

**All inflammable material must be removed from an area three metres in width immediately surrounding an unattended fuel operated motor whether the motor is intended to be used or not.**

## **4. RURAL LAND**

**Fire breaks not less than 2.7 metre in width inside and along the whole of the external boundaries of the properties owned or occupied by you, where this is not practicable the fire breaks must be provided as near as possible to, and within such boundaries.**

## **5. BARBEQUES AND INCINERATORS**

**Gas and Electric barbeques are permitted at any time. Solid fuel barbeques and incinerators are PROHIBITED on days of VERY HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER. Residents of townsites throughout the Shire are reminded that incinerators for the burning of waste material should be of an approved type and be in good condition. Open drums are not acceptable.**

## **6. PENALTY**

**The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$400.00 and a person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work in this notice, if it is not carried out by the Owner or Occupier by the date required by this notice.**

## **7. HARVESTING BANS**

*The Shire of Moora now uses the McArthur Scale to rate weather conditions.*

*A Harvest Ban will be imposed when the grassland Fire Danger Rating at weather stations in two Brigade areas of the Shire is 42 calculated on the maximum wind speed.*

*A Harvesting Ban which may be applied due to extreme weather conditions – takes precedence over any approval for harvesting on Sunday or Public holidays.*

## **9. HARVEST BAN INFORMATION**

*Information regarding Harvest Bans may be obtained by phoning the Harvest Ban Information line on – (08) 94875677. Harvest Bans are also broadcast over the radio network of the A.B.C. Statewide AM, W.A.F.M. 90.9 AND radio West 864 AM.*

## **10. HARVESTING IS NOT PERMITTED**

- *Christmas Day*
- *Boxing Day*
- *New Years Day*

*Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2006.*

**BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL**

**S.J. Deckert**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**NOTE.** *Attention of landowners is drawn to the fact that this order allows for provision of firebreaks in situations other than immediately within property boundaries subject to approval. The Chief Fire Control Officer and appointed Fire Control Officers have been authorised to act for council in this matter.*

**INFRINGEMENT NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED TO OWNERS OR OCCUPIERS WHERE NO OR INSUFFICIENT FIRE BREAKS ARE PROVIDED.**

### **11.4.5 Shire of Moora Bush Fire Brigade General Meeting**

**LOCATION:** Moora  
**FILE:** LO/BUSI  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Prunster, Community Development Manager  
**REPORT DATE:** 6 July 2006  
**DECLARATION:** Author has no financial interest in matter

#### **BACKGROUND**

A General meeting was called by Chief Fire Control Office and Chief Radio/Fire Weather Officer to discuss amendments to Fire control regulations within the Shire of Moora Bush Fire Brigade network for the 2006-2007 Bushfire season.

#### **COMMENT**

The amendments are required so they may be included in the annual Bush Fire regulations notice forwarded out with the Shire Of Moora Rate notices in August 2006.

The minutes of the meeting are provided as a separate attachment.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Bush Fires Act – 1954 – (with amendments) and regulations – Section 67

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Moora Bush Fire Policy

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Fire safety awareness throughout the Shire of Moora

#### **PRECEDENT**

Annual recommendations.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 11.4.5**

*That Council note the Shire Of Moora Bush Fire Brigade minutes of the General meeting held on the 28 March 2006 and notes the following amendments to Fire Breaks and Harvest Bans regulations for 2006-2007: -*

- 1) That the Shire of Moora adopts the regulation of a 2.7m (grader width) firebreak in the following locations: -*
  - Townsites – land over 3000<sup>m2</sup>*
  - Farm Buildings, Unattended Electric Motors and Hay Stacks.*
  - Unattended Fuel Operated Motors*
  - Rural Land*
  - All other requirements/regulations to remain unchanged from previous year.*

**2) The Shire of Moora invites interested farming residents to advise the Shire of their respective mobile phone numbers which would be used to advise farmers by the text message option of harvest bans.**

**3) That only the maximum fire rating reading be used only when determining harvest bans and the use of the average fire rating be discontinued.**

#### **11.5 ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

#### **11.6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nil

#### **11.7 SPORT AND RECREATION**

Nil

**12. ELECTED MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**13. MOTIONS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL**

**14. NOTICE ON MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**15. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

**16. CLOSURE OF MEETING**