



DFES REPORT TO SHIRE OF BOOME - BROOME BUSH FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 14th March 2018.

The following report has been compiled in order to draw your attention to some issues which may be of interest.

Brigades

- All the BFB appliances are operational.
- Broome Regional Bushfire brigade currently has 18 Members in the Brigade.
- Training has re-commenced following the break for the Wet Season. Initial focus is on the Pre-season activities. Eg. Burnover drills etc.
- Regional Training Calendar has commenced and a number of BFB Volunteers have recently completed Advanced Bushfire and Crew Leader Training. Introductory courses will be conducted soon for those currently un-qualified new members.
- TNA has been undertaken for the brigade and there have been no huge gaps identified other than the ongoing development of members as they move through the Ranks and Gain more experience over time.

Response

- Total number of incident attended by Broome Regional BFB for the 2017/18 FY is 24 in a mixture Primary and Support roles. These have been across the whole Shire.

Seasonal planning

- DFES have commenced planning 2018 mitigation works, specifically the Aerial Controlled Burning programme, Roadside Burning Programme in addition to the Programmed UCL/UMR mitigation works.
- Will be utilising this as Training opportunity for the BFB & VFERS when performing some of this work particularly around the town site.
- Preliminary meetings have been held with DBCA and Nyamba Buru Yawuru to co-ordinate our work. Arranging meeting the Shire of Broome also & then pulling together an overall meeting with DBCA, DFES, NBY & SoB to discuss plan.
- Looking to work together to build a co-ordinated strategic plan rather than focus as individuals on Annual Works.
- Restricted Burning Period for SoB commences 1/4/2018 – 31/12/2018.
- NW School Education package has been released in conjunction with DBCA. Rolled out to teachers for Primary School students.

Into the future

- The construction of the New BFB facility appears as though it is back on track following the progressing of the block allocation on Wattle Drive. This will be a significant improvement for the brigade. Would like to thank the Shire for their efforts in securing the block.
- Kimberley Fire Forum 22nd & 23rd March 2018.
- Dampier Peninsula Fire Meeting 28th & 29th March 2018.

Regards

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