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Mr Andrew Trosic
Director- Development Services
Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
(sent via email-atrosic@sjshire.wa.gov.au)

Dear Mr Trosic,

Re: Three Year Review of Community Emergency Services Manager Arrangements

The Keysbrook VBFB held a general meeting on Thursday, 1st December 2022 and at this meeting discussed the Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) arrangements. This item of discussion was as a result of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale (SoSJ) Bush Fire Advisory Committee meeting held on 17th November 2022 and a copy of the minutes from this general meeting are attached. Find outlined below a summary of feedback from the Keysbrook VBFB for inclusion in the report that will be presented to the council at their February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Keysbrook VBFB is supportive of the SoSJ entering into another three year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) and continuing the current CESM arrangements. Given the increasing work demands, legislative requirements and tasks, incident complexities and occupational health and safety aspects, we are of the view that the CESM should also hold the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the SoSJ.

As a result of the current CESM arrangements, it has been noted that there has been increased opportunities for brigade members to attend training courses through the SoSJ, neighbouring local governments and DFES. Previously, training opportunities beyond the basic requirements was limited.

While there has been an improvement in bushfire management and mitigation programs, an area for further development is liaising with local brigades about programs within their allocated fire district. At times, we have not been aware of possible management and mitigation programs in our fire district area prior to submitting funding requests or planning processes.

In the next business plan that will accompany the MoU with DFES, we would like to see a focus on enhancing the Incident Management Team (IMT) skills across all brigades. In particular, a focus on personnel developing the capability to undertake various IMT roles such as planning, logistics, and operations.

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January 18, 2023

If you require any further information about our CESM arrangements feedback, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CBurgess', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Burgess
Captain

18th January 2023