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BUSH FIRES ACT, 1954.

By-laws of the Murchison Road Board relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades for the Road District or any part of the Road District of Murchison.

Establishment of Brigade.

1. (a) On the resolution of the Board to establish, maintain and equip a bush fire brigade under the provisions of the Bush Fires Act, 1954, 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 the resolution of the Board forming the brigade, shall be made to the Bush Fires Board for its registration accordingly.

(b) A bush fire brigade may be established for the whole of the road district or for any specified area thereof.

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, 1954, 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 powers and duties of the captain.