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BUSH FIRES ACT, 1954.

BY LAWS of the Bunbury Municipal Council relating to the establishment, maintenance and equipment of Bush Fire Brigades for the Municipal District or any part of the Municipal District of Bunbury.

Establishment of Brigade.

1. (a) On the resolution of the Council 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 forming the brigade shall be made to the Minister for Lands for its registration accordingly.

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

Appointment of Officers.

2. The Council 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 Council's opinion, have the necessary qualification and knowledge of the district required in such capacities.

3. The Town Clerk of the Council or such other person as the Council may appoint, shall be the secretary of the Brigade.

4. The Council 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 Council for the purpose 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 Council 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 Mayor and the Town Clerk of the Council 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 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. The captain shall when so directed by the Council instruct all land owners or occupiers to plough a break or breaks on all cleared land or land under pasture.