Council Policy
Payment to Chief and Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers

Introduction

While the Shire of Capel supports volunteering as an integral part of our community spirit, some positions within the community incur levels of expense that would be considered unreasonable. Such expense, if not recompensed, could act as a deterrent to further occupancy of these vital positions within our community. This Policy provides for an honorarium to the Chief and Deputy Bush Fire Control Officers for duties that those officers perform and cost associated with those duties.

Purpose

To recognise that the duties and responsibilities of the duties of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer are more onerous and time consuming than those of other volunteers in our community and, as an acknowledgement of this, to offer an honorarium payment to each position on an annual basis.

Policy statement

The Council will, for duties performed by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Bush Fire Officer offer an honorarium to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer on an annual basis with an appropriate allocation being incorporated into the Draft Budget annually subject to recommendation from the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

Application

Volunteers performing the role of Chief and Deputy Bush Fire Control Officers in the Shire of Capel.

Procedure

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