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BUSH FIRES ACT, 1954.

By-laws of the Kent Shire Council, Relating to the Establishment, Maintenance and Equipment of Bush Fire Brigades for the Shire or any part of the Shire of Kent.

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 Council 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 Shire 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 Shire Clerk 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 purposes of the brigade. Such officer may station such equipment at a depot or depots approved by the captain, where, if possible, motor trucks can easily be called upon. If there is more than one such depot 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 President and Shire 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 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.

#### Membership of Brigades.

7. (1) Members of a bush fire brigade shall be those persons being able-bodied members of either sex, over 15 years of age, who are willing to render service or assistance at any bush fire when called upon; and who sign an undertaking in the form contained in the Schedule to these by-laws.

(2) The enrolment of persons as members shall in every case be subject to the approval of the Council.

#### Finance.

8. The expenditure incurred by the Council in the purchase of equipment, payment for services and generally for the purpose of this Act, shall be a charge on the ordinary revenue of the Council but the Shire Clerk shall keep record of the expenditure incurred under this Act.

#### Meetings of Brigades.

9. Meetings will be held as necessary.

#### Schedule.

#### FORM OF ENROLMENT.

I, ....., the undersigned, hereby make application to be enrolled as a member of the ..... Bush Fire Brigade.

My private address is .....

My business address is .....

I can be contacted on telephone No. ....

If needed, I can provide my own transport to the scene of any outbreak. (This line to be struck out if not applicable.) I hereby declare that I am over 15 years of age and in good health. On election by the committee as a fire fighting member I hereby undertake—

1. To promote the objects of the brigade as far as shall be in my power.
2. To be governed by the provisions of the constitution and such by-laws and regulations as may from time to time be made thereunder.
3. To use my best endeavours to give assistance to fire fighting measures when called upon and on such occasions to obey all orders and instructions issued by duly authorised officers of the brigade.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE .....

DATE .....

On the 20th October, 1976, the Kent Shire Council, a local authority under the Bush Fires Act, 1954, acting pursuant to that Act, by resolution—

- (a) made the by-laws heretofore set out; and
- (b) revoked the by-laws of the Kent Road Board relating to the establishment, maintenance and equipment of Bush Fire Brigades for the Road District of Kent that were made on the 9th day of August, 1941 and published in the *Government Gazette* of the 14th day of November, 1941.

D. W. BALL,  
President.

T. H. BROADHURST,  
Shire Clerk.

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Approved by His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council, this 27th day of April, 1977.

R. D. DAVIES,  
Clerk of the Council,