

6. EMPLOYMENT OF PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for the appointment of a Principal Rural Fire Officer for a three year term.

The Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 provides that where the Council has appointed one or more persons as a rural fire officer then the Council must appoint a principal rural fire officer. The Council has persons holding rural fire office warrants.

The Council appointed Mr Craig Oliver as Principal Rural Fire Officer in 1990. Mr Oliver has now tendered his resignation from that position and accordingly it is necessary for the Council to appoint a replacement for Mr Oliver.

The Parks and Waterways Unit recommends that Mr Keith Marshall be appointed as Principal Rural Fire Officer for a term of three years commencing on 1 July 2002. Mr Marshall has 29 years experience as a rural fire officer, including nine years with the Council. Mr Marshall is presently Acting Rural Fire Officer.

Staff

Recommendation: That under section 13(1) of the Forest And Rural Fires Act 1977 Mr Keith Marshall be appointed Principal Rural Fire Officer for a term of three years commencing on 1 July 2002.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.