



Additional information

Audit and Risk

Management Committee

Wednesday 20 April 2022 5.30pm



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**ARMC2204-1 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 1 - Previous Minutes of the Local Emergency
Management Committee**

AGENDA
Local Emergency Management Committee
(LEMC)

Wednesday 16 June 2021, 1.30pm





LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS - 1335

NYOONGAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

"We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the custodians of the greater Fremantle/Walyalup area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar people today."

ATTENDANCE

Lisa COLES – Town of East Fremantle
Shelley COCKS – Town of East Fremantle
Christopher SCANLAN – City of Fremantle
Terry SILLITO – Department of Communities
Roy HEBDEN – DFES
Savio FERNANDEZ – Fremantle Ports
Chris TOMLINSON – St John Ambulance
John SWEET – Australian Border Force
Jarrad SEWELL – Australian Border Force
Merveen CROSS - DFES
Brett REYNE – OIC Fremantle Police Station
Marion MASSAM - DPIRD

APOLOGIES

Kate FOWLER – Department of Health
Julia MCDONALD – Foundation Housing
Rebecca CALDWELL – Department of Communities
Kenan BENDER – City of Fremantle
Beverly BONE – City of Fremantle

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee dated 17 March be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Confirmed S/Sgt Brett REYNE

PRESENTATIONS

Marion Massam – Beach Emergency Numbers (BEN) Sign Co-ordinator.



TABLED DOCUMENTS

DFES DEMA Report June 2021 (attached)

CORRESPONDENCE

SEMC Capability Survey 2021 – completed June 2021.

STANDING ITEMS

- Update of contacts – new Ports Harbour Master details to Warren.
- Any ISG activations or incidents
- LEMC exercises held – Belmont meeting.
- Training held or future dates – Evac Shelter – 29 July - Kwinana
- Funding – National Disaster Risk Reduction Fund

AGENCY REPORTS

DFES – Nil

Department of Communities – It has been a very busy 12 months!

COVID 19 - Evacuation Centre COVID 19 contingency plans in place

Wooroloo - Perth Hills Bushfire - DC have appointed Recovery positions to support the LGs of Swan and Mundaring, including a very recent 24 month appointment of a Welfare Recovery Coordinator

Cyclone Seroja - during event and now in recovery space.

Kalbarri, Northampton, Morawa, Mingenew, Geraldton

Have been sending 13 staff up every 6 days, plus large team supporting from Perth, including myself. Now reducing this to 6 DC staff and Red Cross teams. Seeking funding to appoint a welfare recovery team for the next few years to support the LGs and community members.

Major review of DOC Emergency Services currently underway.

Changes in structures can be expected.

Hopefully Terry's role will continue in relation to meeting attendance, training, exercises, ETC.

Strengthening of ability to respond to large events, and to ability to support LG through recovery processes.

During winter months hope to offer more LG training re evacuation centres. Date set and advertised date Thursday 29 July 2021.

Working on update to the Local Welfare Plan

Fremantle Ports – Vessel ALLEGRA – possible COVID-19 positive crew onboard.

No risk to the community from ships in the Port. New CEO started last month.

Confirmation that the Passenger Terminal is still an evacuation shelter for the area.

St John Ambulance – 595 cases attended in metro area on the 15/06. 739 '000' calls on the 15/06. 179 hours of ramping on the 15/06. Impacts crews and ability to



provide a service. Exercise with Fremantle Ports and Patricks upcoming. Uses the BEN signs and sees a need for these to be used in other locations.

Australian Border Force – Water front teams – 24 hour coverage of the wharf, boat sections carrying out patrols of Kwinana, Henderson and Fremantle. JAC up to the mid west and down south. Organise contacts with Fremantle Police to improve working relationships.

Town of East Fremantle – Updates on new staff. Flooding along the foreshore last week – federal funds requested to rectify issues.

Fremantle Police – 25/05 met with Ports and ABF officers regarding process for dealing with COVID cases that are in the Port. Large warehouse in the Port area that is now vacant and could be used as an evac shelter.

Merveen SEMC – Update on Woorooloo and Kalbarri – resources required for both areas, mental health now an issue. Backlog of 2-4 years for some builds due to a lack of trades. Exercises held involving no power for 48 hours.
Animal Welfare Plans – Kalamunda has a great video that may be used.

City of Fremantle – Homeless population continuing to present an issue, working with the relevant organisations to continue to provide support. New Admin Building is continuing, expected completion date in Oct/Nov '21.

LEMA AND RECOVERY PLAN REVIEW - Nil

DESKTOP EXERCISE:

Storm incident – discussion – pushed back to next LEMC.

GENERAL BUSINESS

TOEF – query regarding an MOU between nursing homes within the City of Fremantle area.

Addition to be made to the LEMP to cover off vulnerable communities.

CLOSURE OF MEETING – 1505hrs

NEXT MEETING

October 2021



DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
JUNE 2021

STATE NEWS

New National Recovery and Resilience Agency

A **National Recovery and Resilience Agency** will commence on July 1 2021. The agency will help local communities respond to large-scale disasters and provide support during the relief and recovery phases following major disasters. It will also undertake new initiatives to manage the impact of future events and the changing climate.

Led by, the National Recovery and Resilience Agency will be led by Coordinator-General Shane Stone and bring together the former National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency and the National Bushfire Recovery Agency, including the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund

The Agency will have its 'boots on the ground' through a national network of Recovery Support Officers who live and work in communities across Australia. These Officers are my eyes and ears and will make sure people get the information they need and direct them to the help and support that's right for their situation. We will also continue to provide advice back to the highest levels of Government about what is working and what needs to be improved, aiming to streamline and simplify the recovery process.

The Agency will work in close partnership with local councils, health services, charities, our federal and state government partner agencies and peak industry bodies.

The partnership will have an important role in driving efforts to minimise the impact of future disasters.

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (NDRR) FUND – GRANT ROUND

The SEMC endorsed the revised dates for the National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) Fund competitive grant rounds and approved the opening of the first grant round in June 2021 pending Commonwealth agreement.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction fund replaces the National Disaster Resilience Program and will deliver \$12.528 Million of funding over five (5) years. Further information is available on the SEMC website Grant Page.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



The Department of Health is continuing to work under the umbrella of a State Emergency Declaration to manage COVID-19.

New Bill to extend timeframe for COVID-19 response measures

- Omnibus Bill to be introduced into Parliament to help keep WA safe and strong
- Bill will seek a further six-month extension for COVID-19 legislative amendments
- It will allow the McGowan Government to effectively respond and deal with unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, which poses an ongoing threat to the community

An omnibus Bill will be introduced into State Parliament to extend the timeframe for the COVID-19 legislative amendments, and help keep Western Australians safe.

The Bill amends the Emergency Management Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020 and the Criminal Code Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020, which have been vital to the State's successful management of the virus.

The amendments will continue to give authorised officers the power to direct a person to take any action reasonably necessary to prevent, control or abate risks associated with COVID-19.

The new Bill will seek to extend those necessary provisions for another six months from July 4, 2021 to January 4, 2022.

SEMC UPDATE

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 07 May 2021. The meeting was attended by the Hon. Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Emergency Services.

Relevant Discussion Items and Outcomes

- The SEMC discussed the current emergency events: The concurrent and enduring nature of COVID-19, Wooroloo Bushfire and Tropical Cyclone (TC) Seroja. has significantly impacted key personnel who have been working long hours for more than a year. The SEMC noted the work and support provided by the State Solicitors Office.
- The SEMC discussed alternative models for lessons management and assurance and the future of the Lessons Management Reference Group. The SEMC Business Unit will submit an options paper to SEMC at the August 2021 meeting.
- The State Emergency Coordination Group reported a need for better data regarding the conditions and structural standards of potential evacuation centres. The SEMC requested the Response Capability subcommittee to initiate a project to update the evacuation centre register with a particular focus on wind rating and structural adequacy of buildings. To be completed as a priority project.
- The draft State Hazard Plan – Sever Weather was adopted as a interim plan. A review of the plan will be undertaken informed by the lessons identified from TC Seroja.



- The SEMC resolved to review and complete the draft SEMC Strategic Plan for consideration by the Minister.

STATE HAZARD PLAN CONSULTATION REQUESTS

The following Emergency Management documents are scheduled for consultation during the coming months:

May/June

- Animal and Plant Biosecurity
- State Hazard Plan – Hostile Act/Terrorist Act (restricted access)
- State Hazard Plan – Animal Plant and Biosecurity
- Lessons Management Guideline

June/July

- District Emergency Management Committee Members Handbook
- State Hazard Plan – Tsunami
- State Hazard Plan – Earthquake
- State Hazard Plan – Collapse
- State Hazard Plan – Maritime Environmental Emergencies
- State Emergency Management Plan: roles and responsibilities; and
- State Emergency Management Response Procedure 20: Australian Government Physical Assistance/Defence Assistance to Civil Communities.

THREE STATE RECOVERY CONTROLLERS

The State Government of Western Australia are managing 3 major incidents requiring separate State Recovery Controllers to be appointed by Premier:

- **COVID-19**
Public Sector Commissioner **Sharyn O'Neill**
- **Wooroloo Bushfire**
Chair of the State Emergency Management Committee
Dr Ron Edwards
- **Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seroja**
DFES Director Risk, Capability & Analysis
Melissa Pexton

DISTRICT NEWS

2021 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (DEMC) COMBINED TRIALS

- The trial combined meetings for the Central and North (North) DEMC was held on Tuesday 20 April 2021.



- The trial combined meeting for the East and South (South) DEMC was cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 break out and was rescheduled and held on Tuesday 18 May 2021.

Both DEMC meetings included an "Exercise Navitas".

The trial meetings will be evaluated via "survey monkey" and members of the committee and SEMC will receive a report on the outcomes.

LOCAL NEWS

COVID HOTLINE

As you may be aware, 13 COVID hotline has been adapted to enable members of the public to book their COVID vaccinations.

Covid-19 Communications has updated the Roll up for WA [homepage](#) and the [How to prepare for your COVID-19 vaccine](#) and [How and where to get your COVID-19 vaccination](#) articles with strengthened messaging. There is also some work being done on social media posts.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANIMAL WELFARE IN EMERGENCIES WEBINAR

WALGA and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will be hosting a webinar on planning for animal welfare in emergencies.

This webinar will focus on Local Government's role in safeguarding animal welfare during an emergency as well as activation of the State Support Plan on Animal Welfare in Emergencies.

Topics include an overview of the development and activation of a Local Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies and an overview of animal welfare during the recent Wooroloo bushfires.

Date: Tuesday, 22 June
Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm

WOOROLOO BUSHFIRE 1 FEBRUARY 2021

A total of 10,900 hectares were burnt and 86 properties were lost during the Wooroloo Bushfire on 1 February 2021.

The Metropolitan District Emergency Management Advisors (DEMAs) have been heavily involved with the Wooroloo Bushfire. Attending Incident Support Group meetings and liaising with the local governments during response. The DEMAs are



currently supporting the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring at local, sub and joint Local Recovery Committee meetings and advising on recovery strategies.

A State Recovery Coordination Group has been established to coordinate State Government efforts to assist residents impacted by the Wooroloo Bushfire. The State Recovery Controller, Dr Ron Edwards, is leading DFES State Recovery, to support the State government, local government and not-for-profits to work together during the recovery process.

The Commonwealth has provided \$18.1 million funding through the State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements assistance package.

The joint funding will cover:

- the delivery of a state-led coordinated residential clean-up program
- roll-out of a community and outreach program
- dedicated recreational asset restoration program

DFES State Recovery has established a Wooroloo Recovery Operational Team to assist City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring in delivering recovery initiatives to get the community back on its feet as soon as possible.

The Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan (Wooroloo Incident) and the thirteen local governments impacted by Cyclone Seroja are finding it difficult to source trades to support the rebuild of their communities.

The recent incidents have raised the use of MOU's and that many local governments' services are not easily interchangeable due to the incompatible IT operating systems etc. Practical ranger services work well. It is recommended local governments review their MOUs in regards to administration support services.

The State Government agreed to fund and manage the recovery clean-up (demolition) for the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring. A decision on who will manage the clean-up of Cyclone Seroja has not yet been finalised.

LORD MAYOR'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND

One hundred days since the Wooroloo bushfires first started, \$4.7m has been paid from the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund to fire-affected residents and property owners.

200 applicants across City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring have accessed the fund which closed in March and sits at \$16.4 million.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NETWORK

WALGA has launched an online network (Google Group) for Local Government staff who work in Emergency Management.

In late 2019, we consulted members about ways WALGA could support the sector in Emergency Management and an online network was identified as a useful tool.



The purpose of the Network is to assist WALGA to share information and resources with, and obtain feedback from, the sector; enable the sharing of peer to peer advice and learnings between Local Governments; explore opportunities for partnership and collaboration between Local Governments; and coordinating of meetings and events.

If you are interested in joining the online network please send an email advising your name, position and email address to: em@walga.asn.au

RESILIENT AUSTRALIA AWARDS 2021

The Resilient Australia Awards celebrate and promote initiatives that build whole of community resilience to disasters and emergencies around Australia, as well as images capturing resilience in action.

The awards provide an opportunity to highlight the hard work of individuals, organisations, councils and schools in our communities who show initiative in helping to create a more resilient Australia.

Submissions are now open to recognise outstanding contributions across eight categories:

- Business Award
- Government Award
- Local Government Award
- School Award
- Photography Award
- Community Award

The Resilient Australia Awards is a two-tiered program with winners from each state and territory considered for national awards.

Submissions close Friday 18 June 2021 at 11.59pm (AEST).

To find out more and submit for an award visit www.aidr.org.au/raa.

2021 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- 13 August 2021
- 1 October 2021
- 3 December 2021

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