

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



MINUTES

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12th SEPTEMBER 2016

A MEETING OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BREMER BAY TOWN HALL, BREMER BAY ON MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

AGENDA

1. OPEN AND WELCOME

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 9:15am.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Brent Bailey	Chief Executive Officer
Stephen Wadsworth	Shire Ranger
Ashley Peczka	Community Emergency Services Officer
Melanie Haymont	Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator
Vince Hilder	Parks & Wildlife
Neville Blackburn	Dept Children Protection & Family Services
Dave Edwards	Chief Bushfire Control Officer
Charmaine Solomon	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Danielle Wisewould	St John Ambulance
Cr Robert Lester	Shire President
Keith Ohlsen	DAFWA – Katanning
Adam Smith	District Emergency Management Adviser

3. APOLOGIES

Steve Evans	WAPOL Jerramungup
Pauline Vallance	WAPOL Jerramungup
Sarah Matthews	DFES Community Engagement
Leanne Laurie	Nursing Manager/Practitioner
John Tonkin	Area Officer – DFES
Anthony Armstrong	OIC Jerramungup VFES

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting held 13th June 2016 be confirmed.

Moved – Dave Edwards / Second – Vince Hilder

That the Minutes of the meeting held 13th June 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1.** Inwards – DEMC Great Southern DEMC July Communique
- 6.2.** Inwards – SEMC August Communique
- 6.3.** Inwards – SEMC LEMA Compliance

6.4. Inwards – DAFWA Australian Plague Locust information

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Australian Plague Locust (APL) update

Mr Keith Ohlsen advised that modelling throughout the Wheatbelt and Great Southern Regions had identified a handful of Local Governments in a high risk area of locust hatchings, the Jerramungup Shire being one of those areas. Currently cool weather has delayed hatchings with swarms expected to be seen mid-November. This will have an impact on tourism and visitors travelling as well as farming areas. DAFWA will not be conducting any spraying as it is the responsibility of the farmer/landowner. Surveys and areas will be monitored by DAFWA with relevant information passed onto stakeholders and media outlets. DAFWA will declare a level 2 incident during its peak and will be managing the incident from its Bunbury offices with designated Forward Command Posts within the regions.

7.2. Post table exercise review/LEMA Updates

Mr Ashley Peczka advised the group of the changes to be included in the LEMA's as result of the table top exercise held last week. Updated LEMA's to be distributed once details of the new OIC at the Jerramungup Police Station is known.

7.3. DCPFS Evac Exercise

Mr Neville Blackburn advised the group of a planned DCPF Welfare exercise to be held on the 4th October 2016 commencing at 10am at the Jerramungup Sports Club. The exercise will combine Jerramungup & Ravensthorpe and cover a hypothetical fire starting from the Fitzgerald National Park. Hoping to have 30-40 people attend the exercise.

7.4. All Hazards Evacuation Flagging Guideline (Green Bags)

Mr Ashley Peczka approached the group with the 'Green Bag' All Hazards Evacuation Flagging Guidelines as formal identification for when residents leave their property they can leave a green bag at the front of their driveways. This is an involuntary process where LEMC & LG can choose defined populated areas or introduce the process shire wide to assist first responder when evacuating threaten areas, they can focus on houses not displaying a green bag initially.

Action Item – After a lengthy discussion the Chairman Mr Brent Bailey advised that this has been discussed in previous meeting and advised to follow up on previous minutes.

7.5. Update Bremer Bay Pre-Planning Maps

Mr Ashley Peczka passed around maps of the Bremer Bay area for members to review and identify areas of interest/concern for them to be included into LEMA's

7.6. Acknowledgement of departing LEMC Members

Mr Brent Bailey acknowledges the contribution and efforts made by Steve Evans (WAPOL Jerramungup) and Sarah Matthews (DFES Community Engagement Officer) to the LEMC group and communities within the Shire.

Both have moved on from this group and wished them all the best for their future endeavours.

8. ROUND TABLE

8.1. Adam Smith, District Emergency Management Adviser

- DEMC exercise to be carried in Esperance on the 18th October
- Capabilities profile of the region
- Next DEMC meeting to be held in November.

8.2. Neville Blackburn, Dept Children Protection & Family Services

- Hosting another Welfare Exercise in Esperance on the 19th October 2016

8.3. Ash Peczka, Community Emergency Services Officer

- Fire trucks within the Shire will begin to be rotated back to Perth as part of the Crew Protection Enhancement program where deluge system and other latest safety features will be retrofitted to trucks
- There will be a new website called Emergency WA, unsure whether it is going to be launched by DFES or the State Government. This website will provide greater awareness to the community of what's happening nearby, once a triple 0 call is logged at DFES a pin will drop on a map to identify the location and type of incident as soon as local crews are receiving details of the job
- All volunteer fire training courses have been completed
- Hopefully to get details from Sarah Matthews prior to her leaving DFES to be able to organise a Lady's day workshop

8.4. Charmaine Solomon, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

- Have been assisting Melanie Haymont with grant applications
- Colin Hobbs has commenced slashing around the point

8.5. Danielle Wisewould, St Johns Ambulance

- Community Paramedic will be based in Bremer Bay from the 29th December 2016 – 26th January 2017

8.6. Dave Edwards, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

- New RBT & PBT for Point Henry is now in effect

8.7. Melanie Haymont, Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator

- Slashing of Strategic Breaks are completed
- Roadside slashing soon to commence
- Townsite parkland clearing within certain areas
- Developing 5 year program for the various townsites

8.8. Vince Hilder, Parks & Wildlife

- PaW pre-season checks are underway with fire season roster in play
- Reviewing Incident Control points around the Albany district
- As per one of the recommendations from the Ferguson report this year will see joint level 3 pre-formed teams (mixture of PaW & DFES personnel)

- Prescribed burning to commence where possible due to weather conditions

Keith Ohlsen, DAFWA Katanning

- Russian weed aphid discovered in South Australia will create a level 2 incident this year for DAFWA due to aphids liking cool weather
- Report sightings back to PestFax app

8.9. Brent Bailey, Chief Executive Officer

- Congratulated Bremer Bay VFES winning the Team Effort award at the recent DFES award ceremony

9. NEXT MEETING

The next LEMC meeting is to be held Monday 12th December 2016 at the Cameron Business Centre, Jerramungup.

10. CLOSURE

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:45am.