

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP



MINUTES

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

26TH MARCH 2018

A MEETING OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CAMERON BUSINESS CENTRE, JERRAMUNGUP ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2019.

MINUTES

1. OPEN AND WELCOME

Chairman Cr Robert Lester, opened the meeting at 0905am.

Welcome SGT Simon Bickers and S/C Adam Winter new permanent police officers for the Jerramungup Police District, taking over from SGT Jo Cramp and S/C Martin Cramp.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Simon Bickers	Jerramungup WAPOL
Christine Thompson	DPIRD, Katanning
Ashley Peczka	Community Emergency Services Officer
Neville Blackburn	Department of Communities
Robert Lester	Shire President
Charmaine Solomon	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Dave Edwards	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Danielle Wisewould	SJA Jerramungup
Anthony Armstrong	Jerramungup VFES Captain
Vince Hilder	Parks & Wildlife Services
Martin Cuthbert	Chief Executive Officer
Garth Lawrence	DFES District Officer
Darren Prior	DFES Bushfire Risk Management Officer
Jack Cosgrove	Parks & Wildlife Services

3. APOLOGIES

Kate Duffy	Water Corp, Great Southern
Andrew Brooker	St John Ambulance
Christine Thompson	DPIRD, Katanning
Adam Smith	District Emergency Management Adviser

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting held 11th September 2018 be confirmed.

Moved – Anthony Armstrong / **Second** – Charmaine Solomon

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CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Mr Ashley Peczka advises due to the Bremer Bay Fires the visitor safety guides will now be sorted ready for the upcoming tourist/bushfire season 2019/20.

6. CORRESPONDENCE (Click on hyperlink to read)

6.1 Inwards - State Emergency Rescue Helicopter – Range Maps

6.2 Inwards - Local Recovery Guidelines Review

6.3 Inwards - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements – WA Details

https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery/recoveryresources/Disaster_Recovery_Funding_Arrangments-WA%28INTERACTIVE%29.pdf

6.4 Inwards - DEMC Local Communications Planning

- 6.5 Outwards - DEMC local Communication Planning Response
- 6.6 Inwards - SEMC State 2018 Emergency Preparedness Report
<https://www.semc.wa.gov.au/publications/emergency-preparedness-reports>
- 6.7 Inwards - Bushfire CRC Southern Seasonal Fire Outlook 2018/19 – November
- 6.8 Inwards - DEMC Chair regarding Fire Investigation
- 6.9 Inwards - Westplan/State Hazard Plan Updates
- 6.10 Inwards - State Emergency Management Exercise Framework Consultation
- 6.11 Inwards - Amendments to State Emergency Management documents
- 6.12 Inwards - Updated Local Recovery Coordinator Aide Memoire
- 6.13 Inwards - Coates Hire Equipment Charges
- 6.14 Inwards - DBCA Fire Personnel Map
- 6.15 Inwards - DFES Recovery process
- 6.16 Inwards - WALGA Emergency Management Newsletter
- 6.17 Outwards - Earthquake Activity
- 6.18 Inwards - Earthquake Activity Response
- 6.19 Inwards - SEMC Communique - March 2019

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1. Water Corp Update

Kate Duff report from Water Corp has tabled at the meeting

Mr Martin Cuthbert advised Shire has requested the water pip size feeding into the standpipe facility outside the Bremer Bay Shire works depot remains at 4” to aid in quicker turnarounds during an emergency.

Mr Dave Edwards did advise Water Corp are establishing 3x 60,000lt tank at the old showground oval for when water carting commences into Jerramungup, which will then be gravity feed into the treatment plant for town usage.

It was suggested the Shire writes to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulations to see if the tanks at the old showground oval could be utilised for emergency supply during an emergency or during drought conditions and for a standpipe to be erected next at that location so town supply network isn’t disturbed when water is drawn from the tanks.

7.2. LEMA Review

Mr Ashley Peczka advises Local Emergency Management Arrangements are due for their 3 year review and a good opportunity bring the Shire’s LEMA up to date, with all the recent changes coming from the State Emergency Management Committee.

Sgt Simon Bickers (OIC, Jerramungup Police), Mr Martin Cuthbert (CEO, Jerramungup Shire) and Mr Ashley Peczka (CESO, Jerramungup Shire) have volunteered to be part of a working group to review Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

It is visioned to have updated LEMA ready to be endorsed at the next LEMC meeting.

7.3. Great Southern Regional Exercise Proposal

Mr Ashley Peczka advises DFES Great Southern have produced a regional exercise regime where a serious have Local Government areas within the region to host a regional exercise or possible state exercise to help test local capacity and preparedness in-lieu of the relevant upcoming bushfire season.

The Shire of Jerramungup along with the Shires of Broome Hill-Tambellup, Kojonup and Plantagenet have been identified for an exercise to held within their Local Government district on a date yet to be confirmed prior to the 2019/20 Bushfire Season.

7.4. Dept of Communities Local Emergency Welfare Plan - Shire of Jerramungup

Mr Neville Blackburn tabled the updated Local Emergency Welfare Plan for the Shire. First part of the document is the generic requirement which features across all Welfare Plans state wide. Second part goes into local contacts, accommodation areas, features, catering options, shopping areas, etc.

Discussion was held disregard Boxwood Hill as a long term/primary evacuation point for Bremer Bay, as setting up Boxwood Hill as evacuation point has not worked with previous Bremer Bay fires. It was discuss to maintain Boxwood Hill as a short term/secondary evacuation point and utilise it as a staging area to commute travellers to Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre (ALAC). Dept of Communities already has arrangements with ALAC for it to be established/utilise as a primary evacuation point for Bremer Bay.

Neville advise that he is intending to host a welfare exercise at ALAC in October, where the scenario of evacuating Bremer Bay to ALAC can be a possibility. Members of the Jerramungup LEMC will be invited to par-take in the exercise.

7.5. Bremer Bay Post Fire / Recovery update

Mr Martin Cuthbert advises the Shire and DFES have meet with landowners affected by the Bremer Bay fires and;

- DFES has commenced replacing water taken from dams of landowners that was utilised by aerial suppression activities.
- Shire to assist in rehabilitating firebreaks that was created on private property to assist in the containment of the Bremer fires.
- Cost and invoices have been finalised.
- DFES to obtain funds to help maintain & fix firebreaks established during the fires, plus other strategic tracks identified post Bremer Bay fires.
- DBCA advises there is a machine to commence preparation work for hazard reduction activity around the Millers Point/Pallinup area.
- DFES Media to utilise Matt Henry property as part of property preparedness campaign.

8. ROUND TABLE

8.1. Dave Edwards, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

- Attended Great Southern Regional Operations Advisory Committee, where Ashley Stewart (CBFCO Esperance) has elected has Chairperson and Dave as Deputy Chairperson.
- Volunteer training to revert back to module training
- “Whatsapp” to be raised at BFAC as a communication tool for all brigades to utilise.
- Permits can be issued for tree heaps.

8.2. Christine Thompson, DPIRD Katanning

- DPIRD have been active around the area before and after Bremer fires.
- Provided support to Fitzgerald Biosphere Group who are assisting with rural financial counselling and workshops

- Survey have been released to farmers regarding water shortages around the area
- Water for spraying going to be an issue
- Shire needs to make water deficient declaration for drought affected farmers to gain extra assistance.

8.3. Vince Hilder, Parks & Wildlife Services

- Quiet fire season to date.
- Learnings from Bremer Bay fires.
- Staff involved with the Esperance, Tasmania, Victoria fires.
- BRM works program – looking at river corridors
- Wes Bailye who is soon to commence with DFES, is his equivalent in Walpole.
- Rob Lester questioned if any works planned within the Magenta Reserve. Vince advises Magenta is within the Narrogin region. \$40,000 only available for mitigation works within 4x National Parks.

8.4. Neville Blackburn, Dept of Communities

- Come back from 2 weeks in Townsville assisting with Queensland floods, approx. 22,000 homes affected and approx. 200,000 people displaced or affected by floods.

8.5. Danielle Wisewould, SJA Jerramungup

- Currently have 25 volunteers between 4 locations
- Looking at recruitment drive to gain more volunteers
- Are receiving 2-3 calls a week
- Jobs have increased due to the lack of nurses. Suggested advertising hours of the on call nurse may assist in reduction of callouts
- VDO training held in Bremer Bay
- 1x Defib located around the Shire with another 2 on order for Needilup and Bremer Bay
- Community Paramedic on holidays from 5th May for 10 weeks, a relief Community Paramedic is being organised
- Danielle now Vice Chairperson / Morgan Sounness Chairperson.
- Charmaine has asked the number jobs SJA are conducting as direct result of no nurse being available, to assist with the Shire's case to WACHS.

8.6. Ashley Peczka, Community Emergency Services Officer

- Tender have been released for the Jacup Bush Fire Shed build and closing on the 9th April
- Fire Break Notice to be reviewed at upcoming BFAC.

8.7. Simon Bickers, Jerramungup WAPOL

- New to town
- Can be contactable by the police station number, which will either divert to mobile or to Albany if they are out and about.
- Looking to catch up with agencies and volunteers soon
- Working in cell with Jerramungup, Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun stations.

8.8. Jack Cosgrove, Parks & Wildlife Services

- Have taken over from Peter Masters
- Grader currently grading road network on the western side of the park

8.9. Garth Lawrence, DFES District Officer

- Thanked everyone involved with the Bremer Bay Fires
- Thanked for the use of the Hi-Fire Season appliance during the Esperance fires.
- Unfortunately will be leaving the region in 2 weeks
- Mr Murray Hatton is the new District Officer Albany Rural
- Charmaine thanked Garth for his assistance and efforts throughout the Bremer Bay fires.

8.10. Rob Lester, Shire President

- Commended the cooperation of DBCA and DFES during the Bremer Bay fires.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next LEMC meeting is to be held **Monday 10th June 2019**: Cameron Business Centre, Jerramungup

10. CLOSURE

Chairman closed the meeting at 1023am.