



MINUTES

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LEMC)

9 JUNE 2025

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BREMER BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY, 9 JUNE 2025, COMMENCING AT 12.08PM.

1. Opening and Welcome

The meeting was opened at 12.07pm by the acting Chairperson.

I would like to begin today by acknowledging the Goreng people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and pay my respects to the Elders both past and present.

2. Attendance and Apologies

2.1. Attendance

Cr Julie Leenhouders, Deputy President, Shire of Jerramungup (Acting Chairperson)

Constable Scott Smith, WA Police – Jerramungup

Dean Fasolo, Community Paramedic, St John Ambulance

Danielle Wisewould, St John Ambulance

Kevin Cropper, WA Country Health Services

Gareth Evans, Water Corporation

Stephen Petersen, District Officer, DFES

Vivienne Gardiner, District Emergency Management Advisor, DFES

Martin Cuthbert, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Jerramungup

Charmaine Wisewould, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Jerramungup

Janna Cheshire, Community Emergency Services Manager, Shire of Jerramungup/DFES

Via TEAMS:

Kelly Trinnie, Regional Coordinator, Department of Communities

2.2. Apologies

Cr Joanne Iffla, Shire President, Shire of Jerramungup

Alex Jones, Chief Bushfire Control Officer, Shire of Jerramungup

Daniel Biddulph, Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator, Shire of Jerramungup

Dawn Chadwick, Chair St John Ambulance Jerramungup Sub Centre

Sergeant Stuart Kerr, OIC WA Police – Jerramungup

John Paul Collins, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD)

Alison Benson, Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)

3. Disclosure of Interests

Identify real, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest experienced by any member in relation to the items on the agenda. These should be declared now and if possible, raised with the Chair prior to the meeting to determine the appropriate way to manage the conflict.

4. Guest Presentations

Nil

5. Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Vivienne Gairdner Seconded by Danielle Wisewould

The Committee **approved** the Minutes of the Shire of Jerramungup LEMC meeting held on 10 March 2025.

CARRIED

6. Review of Action List and Business Arising

Item	Owner	Status
Updating WhatsApp contact details	CESM	ongoing
Updating LEMC contact details	CESM	ongoing
LEMC Desktop Exercise	DFES DO Esperance Urban	Change of date: Scheduled for 8 September 2025

7. Correspondence

7.1. Correspondence In

- 7.1.1.** Local Emergency Management Arrangements – Desia Norman (Colgan), SEMC Business Unit
- 7.1.2.** Telstra LEMC contact update – Charlotte Powis, DFES
- 7.1.3.** Charlotte Powis – LSL Replacement – Appointed and Start Date Finalised – Derek Jones, DFES
- 7.1.4.** Dept Communities ERS Staff movements – Vivienne Gardiner, Department of Communities
- 7.1.5.** BEN sign community monthly update – 030625 – Marion Messam, DPIRD
- 7.1.6.** Request for LEMC contact details – Annemarie Wyatt, APA

7.2. Correspondence Out

- 7.2.1.** 10 March 2025 LEMC meeting minutes – Janna Cheshire, Shire of Jerramungup
- 7.2.2.** RE: Request for LEMC contact details – Janna Cheshire, Shire of Jerramungup

7.3. Information tabled

Nil

Moved by Danielle Wisewould Seconded by Martin Cuthbert

That the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed.

CARRIED

8. Review of LEMC membership and contact list updates

Ongoing. Please advise Janna of any changes required to TEAMS and WhatsApp groups. Most up to date contact details can be found in the TEAMS app under Shire of Jerramungup LEMC team- LEMA documents and attachments. Please notify Janna should you not have access to the Teams group.

9. Local Emergency Management (standing items)

9.1. Post Incident Reports – discussion and note any outcomes to be actioned.

- 9.1.1** Jerramungup/Jacup road crash – SJA brought to attention that it took over 1 hour for Main Roads traffic management to be instated at the accident site. Action items: Martin Cuthbert to contact Andrew Duffield (Main Roads contact) to discuss the incident and provide LEMC feedback. DFES to provide information and training to local brigades.

9.2. Post Exercise Reports – discussion and note any outcomes to be actioned.

Nil

9.3. Exercise – discuss objectives, scenario, and dates.

Next LEMC ISG exercise scheduled for 8 September 2025.

9.4. Review Local Emergency Management Arrangements – updates as required.

9.5. Risk Management update – monitor and review, emerging risks, mitigation.

Ongoing updates will be provided.

9.6. Review LEMC business plan – monitor progress.

9.7. Review funding opportunities.

10. Agenda Items

- 10.1. Due to the absence of several lead agencies at this meeting, Stephen Petersen proposed that the LEMC ISG exercise be postponed until the next meeting. It was also recommended that the next LEMC meeting be held in Bremer Bay, as the town presents the highest risk and would benefit most from hosting the exercise locally. This proposal was supported by all members in attendance.

11. Agency/Member Reports

Members to consider:

- Capability and limitations for the coming season (resources/staffing)
- Any known emerging risks
- Any scheduled exercises
- Outcomes or lessons learnt from any incidents or exercises
- Priorities for the next three months

11.1. Community Paramedic, St John Ambulance – Dean Fasolo

- SJA main focus for the next three months is on volunteer training.
- Already recruiting for volunteers from other areas to assist with shifts in Bremer Bay during high threat period.

11.2. WA Police – S/C Scott Smith

- Advised that Sgt Stuart Kerr will be on leave until further notice.
- Jerramungup Police station will see several staffing changes over the coming months.

11.3. A/Operation Manager Lower Great Southern District, Water Corporation - Gareth Evans

- Work scheduled in Jerramungup over the coming months.

11.4. WA Country Health Service – Kevin Cropper

- Staffing schedule over last high threat period worked well.
- Welcoming continuity to staffing at Bremer Bay and Jerramungup for the next three months.

11.5. District Emergency Management Advisor, DFES – Vivienne Gairdner

- Written report attached to Minutes.

- 11.6. Regional Coordinator Great Southern, Department of Communities – Kelly Trinne
- Written report attached to Minutes.
- 11.7. Research Scientist/ ROS, DPIRD – John Collins
- Written report attached to Minutes.
- 11.8. Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator, Shire of Jerramungup – Dan Biddulph
- Written report attached to Minutes.
- 11.9. Community Emergency Services Manager, Shire of Jerramungup – Janna Cheshire
- Written report attached to Minutes.
- 11.10. Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Jerramungup – Martin Cuthbert
- Martin commended Peter Buckenara (1st Lieutenant, Bremer Bay VFES) on his nomination for the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Individual Achievement Award, and Stephen Petersen on his nomination for the DFES Operational Staff Individual Achievement Award. Both Peter and Stephen have been named as finalists in their respective categories. The Shire of Jerramungup extends its best wishes to them for the upcoming announcement of the winners and expresses sincere appreciation for their ongoing contributions to the Shire’s emergency services.

12. General Business

Nil

13. Next Meeting

13.1. LEMC calendar

Date	Activity	Venue	Comment
8 September 2025	LEMC Meeting	Bremer Bay VFES	1 st quarter

14. Meeting Closure

The chair closed the meeting at 12:57 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

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**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
April to June 2025**

STATE NEWS

The last meeting of the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) was held 13th March. The next meeting is the 8 May. SEMC Communiques can be found [here](#).

STATE CONSULTATION REQUESTS

Review - State Recovery Arrangements in the EM Framework – DFES

Since 2020, WA has faced an increasing number of large and complex disasters requiring higher levels of State Government support for recovery. Our current recovery practices have evolved and the recovery arrangements in the existing State Emergency Management (EM) Framework no longer reflect the needs of WA communities or our recovery capabilities. The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) asked the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to review the recovery arrangements in the EM Framework. As a result of this review, DFES has recommended comprehensive amendments to contemporise the recovery chapters in the EM Policy, Plan and Procedure.

The proposed amendments more clearly define the recovery arrangements, roles and responsibilities of State Government, and provide greater clarity for Local Government about when and how the State Government will become involved in a recovery. The amendments:

- introduce a four-tiered (R1-R4) model where State involvement in recovery increases depending on the complexity of recovery and capacity and capability of local government;
- enable the State Government to appoint a recovery coordinator for a R3 recovery, and a controller for a R4 recovery;
- establish a mechanism for the State to provide support to a local government where a recovery coordinator or controller is not appointed but the local government needs some additional support (an R2 recovery);
- clarify the role of Hazard Management Agencies to initiate and coordinate early recovery activities during the response and early recovery phase;
- require the transition of recovery coordination from Hazard Management Agency to local (or State) government to be agreed and planned, with reduced emphasis on the Impact Statement as a 'trigger for handover';
- require local and State government to engage Community members to understand community needs and priorities, and in the planning, design and governance of recovery; and
- require the de-escalation of State involvement and transition back to 'business-as-usual' service arrangements to be planned and agreed between State and local government.

The proposed amendments do not alter the roles and responsibilities of local government under the *Emergency Management Act 2005* or the arrangements for funding provided by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA).

Public consultation on the proposed amendments to the State Emergency Management Framework is being undertaken from **3 February to 2 May 2025**.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services is offering information sessions and briefings to local governments and state government agencies. To register for an event visit

<http://www.engagewaem.com.au/recovery> or contact DFES at recoverypolicy@dfes.wa.gov.au.

For further information, or to provide feedback on the proposed amendments, visit the SEMC website at www.engagewaem.com.au/recovery.

STATE ADVICE

SEMC Strategic Plan Update

Work to develop a new SEMC Strategic Plan is continuing. Draft strategic objectives have been developed in consultation with all Subcommittees and District Emergency Management Committee Chairs.

It was considered for endorsement at the SEMC March 2025 meeting, following this the Minister will require approving it before publication and distribution.

The 2024 Emergency Preparedness Report

The Emergency Preparedness Report advises the Minister for Emergency Services on emergency management and the preparedness of the State to combat emergencies.

The [2023 Emergency Preparedness Report](#) report examined key changes to the emergency management sector over the last decade with a focus on WA's consideration of a systemic approach to disaster risk reductions.

The 2024 report will build on the systemic risk themes outlined in the 2023 report. Insights will be drawn from (1) incidents and emergencies; (2) state exercising; and (3) sector-based annual reporting processes (including LEMC and DEMC annual reporting).

This report is a snapshot in time of the level of emergency management capability and preparedness we have, as a state, to manage before, during and after emergency events. It highlights our strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement statewide, and combines the input from about 170 agencies. Once the report is approved by the Minister, it will be circulated to all LEMCs.

Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook and useful tools

The [LEMC handbook](#) provides local governments with a summary of the actions and best practice principles as required under section 38 – 40 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, State Emergency Management Policy, procedures, and guidelines.

The LEMC Handbook provides a summary of the WA emergency management arrangements, key roles, and responsibilities and best practice advice for the administration of LEMC. The Handbook also includes sample LEMC Terms of Reference and Meeting Agenda templates, which can be downloaded from the SEMC website.

Australian Warning System (AWS)

Western Australia has adopted national consistency for cyclone, storm and flood warnings through the [Australian Warning System \(AWS\)](#). The wet weather hazards join bushfire and heatwave in using the AWS colours, icons and warning levels. Warnings also feature an action statement in the headline, giving clear advice to the community about how to stay safe.

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Natural disasters or terrorist acts can result in large-scale expenditure in the form of emergency and recovery assistance. To assist with this financial burden, the Australian and

Western Australian governments have joint arrangements in place to provide financial assistance in certain circumstances. These arrangements are referred to as the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) and are administered by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) on behalf of the WA State Government.

Recovery from disasters is a shared responsibility between individuals, households, businesses, communities and governments. The arrangements are designed as a safety net when costs to undertake recovery activities from an eligible disaster become significant.

For assistance to be made available under the DRFAWA, the event must meet all three of the following criteria:

1. The event was one or a combination of the ten specified disasters including bushfire, earthquake, flood, storm, cyclone, storm surge, landslide, tsunami, meteorite strike, tornado; or the event was a terrorist act.
2. A coordinated, multi-agency response was required.
3. Eligible expenditure relating to emergency assistance, damage to essential public assets and/or other eligible assistance provided in relation to the event exceeds \$240,000 across the affected local government areas.

For more information go to <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery-funding>

For any queries, please email drfawa@dfes.wa.gov.au or call 1800 920 659.

DISTRICT NEWS

The last Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee meeting was held on the 19th March 2025. The next Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee meeting was held on the 25 June 2025.

A Preseason Preparedness Briefing for Great Southern Emergency Management District Local Governments and LEMC stakeholders was held online on the 20th November 2024.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Please check the due date for your five-yearly LEMA reviews and allow a minimum of six months to complete the LEMA review process. Funding opportunities are available to assist with LEMA reviews.

The Local Emergency Management Arrangements Improvement Program

Building on the previous work of the LEMA Review, the LEMA Improvement Program is continuing to work toward a more capable and resilient community, through a local approach to emergency management.

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) has partnered with DFES on behalf of SEMC to deliver the improvement program. WALGA has received valuable feedback from Local Governments, which continues to inform the LEMA Improvement Program.

WALGA is facilitating a LEMA Working Group with representatives from 10 local governments who are providing advice to the project team and will co-design new templates and supporting resources.

The DEMAs meet with the WALGA and DFES LEMA Improvement Project Team monthly.

Pilot Program for LEMA Tools – Expression of Interest:

The proposed tools for LEMA approaches will be piloted with the broader Local Government sector. This will help inform the SEMC's rollout of a more fit-for-purpose LEMA model.

Expressions of interest will be advertised through WALGA communications, please also let the DEMA know if you are interested.

Initial criteria will include:

1. One local government from each band.
2. LEMAs that are overdue of due for renewal.
3. Local Governments that have not received AWARE funding for LEMA review.
4. Local Government commitment and capacity to support the pilot and progress to council endorsement.

The trial is expected to last 3-4 months. For additional information, please contact myself or Catherine Feeny (WALGA) by emailing cfeeney@walga.asn.au.

Until the reform of LEMA, local governments are advised to proceed as planned with LEMA reviews, so they maintain their obligations under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Given the timeframes of the program please don't delay in preparing any LEMA that are due or nearly due for their 5-year review.

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Video Modules

DFES has produced a series of videos about the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements for Western Australia (DRFAWA) to help local governments and State agencies understand the basics of how the arrangements work and the different types of assistance that might be available. The 6 videos are hosted in one module on MobiliseMe.

Where to access the module?

The DRFAWA video module can be accessed directly via this link <https://dfes.mobilise-me.com/index.php/Selfregistration/DRFAWA>

This link is also included on the [Recovery Funding website](#) under Resources.

For existing users of MobiliseMe, please contact recoverycapability@dfes.wa.gov.au for the module to be assigned to your profile.

Emergency WA App- download now!

Emergency WA offers the fastest, most reliable access to alerts and warnings for hazards across Western Australia.

The Emergency WA app is now available for download through the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

The app allows users to:

- Create customised watch zones to receive relevant alerts and warnings.
- Receive tailored push notifications straight to their device.
- Access and listen live to ABC emergency broadcasts.
- Use a read aloud tool to listen to warnings.
- Upload and store documents in one place, such as their [Bushfire Plan](#).

This app sets a new standard for accessing lifesaving emergency information in Western Australia, with a number of national-first features.

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) oversees the distribution of grant funding to support activities that reduce disaster risk and enhance WA's resilience to disasters. Information on funding opportunities can be found [here](#).

Disaster Ready Fund – Round 3 – Open Now!

The DRF is the Australian Government's flagship disaster resilience and risk reduction initiative, which will deliver up to \$200 million of Commonwealth funding annually to establish

a comprehensive set of disaster resilience and mitigation projects across Australia, in partnership with Australian state, territory and local governments. This fund is Commonwealth money, administered by the State through a Lead Agency, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

A comprehensive guideline document which outlines eligibility criteria, co-contribution requirements, assessment criteria and what the funding can be spent on is available [here](#).

As this is a highly competitive grant program, it is encouraged that you discuss your project idea and appropriate support for your project is gained, prior to application.

Your Project Proposals must be submitted to DFES via the [online application portal](#) by **5 pm (AWST) on 16 April 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

If you have any questions in relation to the DRF grant program and associated round documents, please contact the grants team at DisasterResilienceGrants@dfes.wa.gov.au

Complied by: Charlotte Powis
District Emergency Management Advisor
Great Southern
Department of Fire and Emergency Services



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Emergency Relief and Support

LEMC REPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION

4TH Quarter 2024 – 2025

Regional Emergency Relief and Support contact

Activation of Emergency Relief and Support (ERS) services is via
Communities Emergency Operations Coordinator (EOC)

M: 0418 943 835 and Email: emergencyservices@communities.wa.gov.au

Regional Officer:	Jo Spadaccini
Regional Coordinator:	Kelly Trinne
Regional Manager:	Mark Schorer

Regional Specific Update

- Vivienne Gardiner is going on secondment to the DFES Great Southern DEMA role for 12 months and is being replaced by Kelly Trinne: kelly.trinne@communities.wa.gov.au
- The Great Southern Storms and Associated Flooding - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements or City of Albany and Shire Plantagenet. Communities' coordinates Category A – Assistance for Individuals and Families
- Evacuation Centre Training – Communities' is available to deliver training to Local Government staff and LEMC members. The training can be delivered in the local evacuation centre.
- Local ERS staff will be conducting annual audits of all nominated evacuation centres over the next few months, facility staff will be contacted prior to arrange visit. The audits capture building capacity, access, facilities, communications i.e. catering facilities, amenities, etc.

ERS Preparedness

- As we transition between the high and lower threat season, ERS continues to monitor and prepare for event activation.
- In addition, ERS will utilise this period to improve preparedness including:
 - Collating and analysing the lessons learnt from recent activations and developing procedures to streamline our practises.
 - Identifying opportunities for locations of pre-positioning of ERS equipment trailers to support an efficient and timely deployment and response capability.
 - Continued mapping across the state for local support services and partners that can support the provision of the ERS functional domains

- Provide ERS Evacuation Centre training with local government and Communities staff, across the regions.
- Finalise the endorsement of the refined Local Emergency Relief and Support Plan (LERSP) in each of the LEMCs. The LERSP details the operational management and coordination of ERS under the Western Australian (WA) Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMAs).
- Developing Exercising to test the LERSP across local government areas
- Supporting local government LEMA exercising and providing feedback to LEMA reviews.
- Continuing annual evacuation centre audits for each of the 380 evacuation centres in the state.

Response

Activations January 2025 – April 10, 2025

- Carter Road Bushfire - Northam | January
- Green Range Bushfire - Albany | January
- Donnybrook Bushfire - Capel | January
- Myrup Bushfire - Esperance | January
- Karrakup Bushfire Complex - Serpentine Jarrahdale | January
- Marble Bar Storm | January
- Northam Bushfire - Northam and Bruce Rock | January
- Arthur River Bushfire Complex | January
- Dalyup Bushfire – Esperance | February
- Tropical Cyclone Zelia – Pilbara | February
- Dunsborough Bushfire – Busselton | February
- Bindoon Bushfire – Chittering | February
- Perth Hills Storm | February
- Chesapeake Bushfire – Manjimup | March
- Ledge Point Bushfire – Lancelin | March
- Nilgen Bushfire – Lancelin | March

In addition, ERS enacted alert phase preparedness and planning to support pre-positioning of staff and resources for:

- Tropical Cyclone Sean – Pilbara | January
- Shothole Canyon Bushfire – Exmouth | March
- TL 28U Kimberley | March
- Jurien Bay Bushfire | April

Recovery

Social Recovery Reference Group

Recovery

- The Emergency Relief and Support Directorate is a key member of the National Social Recovery Reference Group. This group has been established to guide and support the review process of the National Principles for Disaster Recovery to ensure they remain relevant, effective, and responsive to contemporary challenges, emerging trends, and diverse community needs in disaster recovery contexts.
- These principles are designed to serve as a guide to best practices in recovery efforts across the nation, ensuring a consistent and scalable approach to disaster recovery.

Marble Bar Recovery Program

- Communities' remains focused on supporting impacted persons of both the Marble Bar Storm and Cyclone Zelia with financial assistance to replace lost household goods and personal wellbeing support.

Kimberley Floods Recovery Program

ERS continues to engage with stakeholders, impacted community members and local Aboriginal organisations and community leaders to address recovery concerns and provide support regarding the return to home journey process.

- ERS continue to support impacted community members with practical supports to move home:
 - Supporting with replacement of essential household items under financial assistance measures, with over \$740k provided to date.
 - Referrals to wrap around personal, practical, psychosocial and wellbeing services.
 - Engaging across staff from Recovery Program agencies and Local Government to ensure consistent messaging for impacted community members and referral pathways for support services.
 - Communicating with impacted residents and chairpersons of communities.

Since the Return to Home Journey began in September 2024, ERS have facilitated and supported moving 37 families into their long-term homes and/or other residences, with a total of 26 Temporary Accommodation Units (TAUs) vacated to date.

Bunbury Storms Recovery Program

- The DFRAWA Recovery Support program for the 2024 Bunbury Storms will officially close on 30 June 2025. During this time, Communities' will continue to deliver financial assistance to support impacted persons with the replacement of essential household items damaged during the storms and with financial assistance for essential building repairs to impacted residential properties.
- Communities' will also continue to support ongoing referrals for personal and wellbeing support services including psychological support and Financial Counselling.
- To acknowledge one year since the Bunbury storms, a Bunbury Community Recovery and Resilience Connection Day was held on Saturday 5th April 2025 run by the Lions

Recovery

Club and supported by Communities, DFES, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Anglicare Financial Counselling Bunbury and various local and support groups.

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DPIRD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Emergency Coordination Overview	
Reporting Period:	1 st Quarter 25-26
Emergency Activations and Declarations	
Emergency Declarations	Nil

Incident Coordination Overview				
Animal and Plant Based Biosecurity ¹				
Incident Title		Location	Date	Incident Level ²
African Black Sugar Ant		Perth Metro	Since Jan 2020	Level 1
Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer		Perth Metro	Since Sep 2021	Level 2
Carpet Sea Squirt		Perth Metro	Since Jan 2023	Level 1
Red Dwarf Honeybee		Pilbara Region	Since Jul 2023	Level 2
Queensland Fruit Fly		Perth Metro	Since Nov 2024	Level 2
Starling		Great Southern	Since Nov 2024	Level 1
Support to Animal Welfare in Emergencies ³				
Incident Title	Region	Date	HMA	Details
Nil				
Support to Natural Hazards				
Incident Title	Region	Date	HMA	Details

DPIRD Emergency Coordinator Comments and Outlook	
- DPIRD continues to manage three level 2 incidents. The Browsing Ant incident that was being managed has now achieved eradication. - DPIRD Biosecurity and Emergency Management is monitoring the developing situation in Victoria related to High Pathogen Avian Influenza Outbreaks.	

¹ Regarding a "Declared Pest", an incident is only listed where a formal Incident Management Team has been established.

² Incident levels as per section 5.1.5 of the State Emergency Management Plan

³ Only when the State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies has been activated.

LEMC & DEMC report – 1st Quarter 2025/2026

DPIRD's On-Call Coordinator Duty Phone

If needing to activate the State Support Plan: Animal Welfare in Emergencies or require assistance in the DPIRD support role of another Hazard Management Agency's incident, the contact number is **08 9368 3132**.

DPIRD's role in emergency management

- DPIRD is the Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for animal and plant pests and disease incursions. Refer to the [State Hazard Plan: Animal and Plant Biosecurity](#) for information on DPIRD's legislated roles and responsibilities.
- DPIRD is the executor of the State Support Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies. This includes livestock, horses, and companion animals. Refer to the [State Support Plan: Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#) for information on DPIRD's legislated roles and responsibilities.
- DPIRD may from time to time provide support to other agencies where requested. This includes administering some components of the [Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA](#).

Emergency Management Directorate

Learning & Development

DPIRD EM Preparedness Team are working through the emergency management training program for the 2025/2026 calendar year.

Following SEMC endorsement (March 2025) of the revised State Support Plan of Animal Welfare in Emergencies (SSP-AWiE) – DPIRD has commenced planning an exercise to test the SSP-AWiE arrangements in accordance with State Emergency Management Policy. The Exercise will be a Desktop format and will be held in Oct 2025.

Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Preparedness

DPIRD has recently conducted a number of internal workshops focused on EAD preparedness across the preparedness, response and recovery phases to build awareness and capacity.

New Director

DPIRD's Emergency Management Directorate (EMD) has a new Director, Scott Beaton. Scott was DPIRD's Director of Work, Health, Safety & Wellbeing and has a background and experience in emergency management.

Current Vacancies

The EM Directorate has gone through a significant restructure. DPRD is currently advertising two new positions being Assistant Director, Emergency Preparedness and Assistant Director, Emergency Coordination.

Additionally, DPIRD will be advertising shortly a Learning and Development Coordinator position which has recently become vacant due to a resignation.

National alerts and investigations

Avian Influenza

CURRENT STATUS in WA: Absent – no known detections

Responses to outbreaks of H7 high pathogenic avian influenza are currently underway in Victoria, New South Wales, and the ACT. Note that this is not the H5 strain currently causing concern globally. DPIRD is monitoring the situation and undertaking preparedness

activities. Also, DPIRD is providing personnel and resources to support jurisdictions with confirmed outbreaks. Poultry producers and owners are encouraged to view our [avian influenza page](#) for information on preparedness and detection.

Tomato brown rugose fruit virus

CURRENT STATUS IN WA: Absent – no known detections

A highly contagious plant virus affecting tomatoes, capsicums, and chillies. It has been detected in South Australia in August 2024. It presents a significant risk to growers and the industry if established. No known detections in Western Australia currently. Industry and backyard growers are encouraged recognise and report signs and symptoms of the virus if found. Information is available on our [tomato brown rugose fruit virus page](#).

Animal Welfare in Emergencies

DPIRD is the executor of the State Support Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (AWiE). Please note the following important notices regarding AWiE for district and local representatives:

- Please refer to DPIRD's [animal welfare](#) section of our website for resources, support, and contacts. Local governments can reach out to our Incident and Emergency Management Branch if they require advice and support for the development of their PAWE (contact emergencymanagement@dpiird.wa.gov.au).
- DPIRD's Incident and Emergency Management Branch is undertaking preparedness and response activities where activated under the [State Support Plan - Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#).
- DPIRD is working with the SEMC to finalise responses to feedback on the proposed improvements to the [State Support Plan - Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#). The review is scheduled to be finalised in late 2025.

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Jerramungup LEMC Meeting 9th June 2025 Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator Report

Shire of Jerramungup's MAF GP 2024-25 R2

Prescribed Burning

Several burns have been commenced and/or completed in the Jerramungup Shire

- Commenced-North of the Beaches Caravan Park- Two burn locations within R511
- Commenced-North of White trail Rd
- Completed- Boxwood Hill townsite
- Completed- Needilup Pavilion
- Planned (Monday 9th) North of Needilup townsite

Priorities for next three months

Prescribed burns- pile burns still to be completed

- Industrial area Bremer Bay
- Jerramungup Caravan Park
- Millars point Campground
- Point Henry Peninsular (Vic Tea Tree pipes)

Mechanical and Chemical treatments will commence over the next couple of week in Bremer Bay, Gairdner, Millars point and Jerramungup.

ATTACHMENT 11.9



Jerramungup LEMC Meeting 9th June 2025 Community Emergency Services Manager Report

Activities since the last meeting:

1. Volunteer training focus

- Review of volunteer training requirements and competencies. As a result, the Shire together with DFES is going to deliver training to over 120 Bushfire Brigade volunteers at the end of June to promote volunteer safety and skill practices, increase the Shire's firefighting capacity and general compliance with current legislative requirements.

2. Operational Pre Plan (OPP) for Point Henry Peninsula

- The Shire has been assisting the Bremer Bay VFES with the development of an Operational Pre Plan for the Point Henry Peninsula with the aim to pre-form response procedures for the area in case of a severe bushfire. It was identified that in the event of a severe incident at Point Henry, a fast and coordinated emergency response is critical to protect lives and properties. Considerations are around pro forma emergency messaging templates, evacuation centres, initial response actions, early deployment of aerial support and community education. This plan is still in the early stages but will require inter-agency feedback and actions in the future. An update will be provided at the next LEMC meeting.

3. Native Dog Beach Project

- Following a tragic fatality at Native Dog Beach in January this year, the Shire has been reviewing their visitors information provided at the given location. New signage including a new Coastal Hazard Warning sign and Dangerous Rip Current sign as well as the provision of additional life buoys and duplicate BEN signs has been ordered by the Shire, with support from DPIRD and Recfish West.
An additional AED will also be installed in closer proximity to Native Dog Beach and Blossoms Beach.

4. New signage at Bremer Bay information bay

- A solar powered LED screen has recently been installed at the Bremer Bay information Bay. Capacity to display wording, pictures, videos etc. Operated by the Shire. Useful tool in providing emergency information to local community.

5. iPads and software for fire trucks

- The Shire has purchased 11 iPads, one for each responding bushfire appliance. All iPads will be installed to the appliances and feature the Firemapper software by the beginning of next season.

Priorities for the next three months:

1. Deliver volunteer training
2. Assist with the development of OPP
3. Complete Native Dog Beach Project
4. Review fire control information brochure and Shire's website (Fire & Emergency Section)