



Local Emergency Management Committee

Meeting Minutes | 6th December 2022

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SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Meeting and declared the Meeting open at 4 pm.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Members

Mr D Graham	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Mr E Fawkes	Rapid Relief Team
Mr S Hobley	Shire of Cunderdin CEO
Ms L Watson	WACHS Cunderdin – Clinical Nurse Manager
Mrs J Spadaccini	Department of Communities
Ms J Remers	Department of Communities
Mr P Robinson	St John Ambulance – Cunderdin Sub-Centre
Mr B Davies	Community Emergency Services Manager
Mrs H Byrnes	Shire of Cunderdin DCEO
Cr A Harris	Shire President/Chairperson
Mrs B Herne	St John Ambulance Community Paramedic
Cr S Stewart	Shire of Cunderdin Councillor
Mr D Byrne	OIC Cunderdin Police
Mrs S Pimlott	Shire of Cunderdin Governance Officer
Mrs C Whitelock	Meckering Primary School Principal–entered meeting at 4.05pm
Mr M Dowell	Cunderdin Agricultural College Principal-entered meeting at 4.10pm

2.2 Invited Guests / Observers

Nil

2.3 Apologies

Mr R Hillier	OIC Cunderdin Police
Mrs Y Grigg	District Emergency Management Advisor
Mr J Arnott	Cunderdin District High School Principal
Mr B Skinner	Volunteer Fire and Rescue Captain

ITEM 3 DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 6th September 2022

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 6th September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

MOVED: Cr W Stewart

SECONDED: P Robinson

Carried

4.2 Business Arising

Item 6.2 Training suggested for the December meeting to be held in March 2023.

ITEM 5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inward

No inward correspondence has been received.

5.2 Outward

There has been no outgoing correspondence.

ITEM 6 STANDING ITEMS

6.1 Update of Contacts

Contact list to be distributed with the minutes for updating as required.

As attached.

6.2 Training Dates

No training dates or exercises currently scheduled.

ITEM 7 LEMC EXERCISES

Desktop communications exercise to be completed at the 8th March 2023 meeting.

ITEM 8 AGENCY UPDATES

8.1 WA Police

Mr D Byrne

Currently the Acting Sargent for the Cunderdin Police Station until such time as another officer in charge is appointed.

Ray Hillier has taken his Long Service Leave and at the conclusion of this leave he will be retiring from the Police Force.

8.2 St John Ambulance

Mrs B Herne

Current Community Paramedic servicing Cunderdin. She has no fixed term at present and is rostered to 4 days on and 3 days off.

Mr P Robinson

Announced his retirement as Chairperson of the St Johns Ambulance Cunderdin Sub Branch. Mr Robinson and his wife will stay on as active volunteers with the Cunderdin St Johns Service.

The sub centre are currently experiencing very low volunteer numbers.

8.3 Fire and Emergency Services

Mr D Graham – District Office

Reiterated the need to ensure that priority contacts are available 24/7 and have the correct authorities to make financial and welfare decisions.

Mrs Y Grigg

Nil

Mr B Skinner – VFRS

Nil

8.6 Department of Communities

Mrs J Spadaccini

District Emergency Services Officer – Wheatbelt Update: November 2022

In the event of an emergency please call the All Hazards - State On-Call Coordinator on [0418 943 853](tel:0418943853). Meetings, exercise details or information request can be emailed to joanne.spadaccini@communities.wa.gov.au

emergencyservices@communities.wa.gov.au.

Name Change

Our Directorate has been changed from the Emergency Services Unit to Emergency Relief and Support. Our responsibilities and contact details remain the same.

Living with COVID

As we move into the 'Living With COVID' space and adjust our responses in line with the changing directions, I would like to thank the Local Governments in the Wheatbelt for their support in assisting with the provision of welfare support to their communities. Including picking up orders from the local store and delivering them as I have not been able to deliver them myself.

From 14 October 2022, the COVID mandatory isolation requirements will be removed. This change was agreed to at a National Cabinet meeting and more information will be made available prior to this date.

From 4 November 2022, Department of Communities are no longer involved with 13 COVID [13 26843].

Emergency Welfare Support Training and Exercises

Planning for the provision of training for Local Government as well as support agencies and groups is underway. The type and method of training is being revised to ensure it can be presented within COVID protocols while remaining effective.

If you would like to have Evac Centres training provided to you staff or would like Communities participation in an exercise or training, please have no hesitation in contacting us.

Changes to LG and community contacts

A copy of your relevant district LEWP will be send out to your LG contacts this month requesting that you verify you contact details, the details of you evacuation centres and any other contact information in you shire. The details that require your review will be highlighted in yellow. If you could please ensure these are reviewed and responded to at your earliest possible convenience.

If there are any changes to the contact numbers or details from those listed on the LEWP, could you please advise any changes to joanne.spadaccini@communities.wa.gov.au

LG Activation Tubs

Communities will be following up with each from October 2022, to ensure everyone has their activation/good to go tubs ready in the event of an activation as confirming numbers of current LG staff who have completed Evacuation Centre training.

8.7 Department of Education

Mrs C Whitelock – Meckering PS

Nil

Mr M Dowell – Cunderdin Ag

Fire awareness training completed by the students at the Ag College.

College is currently hosting the Water Bombing Squad.

Bio Security remains a concern with the Japanese Encephalitis risk. College has been working with DPIRD to treat the site and control Mosquitoes.

Mr J Arnott – Cunderdin DHS

Nil

8.8 Department of Health

Mrs L Watson

Currently facing a state of emergency due to low staffing numbers. However there are no plans to close any facilities.

Further clarification to be given on PCR testing being available in Cunderdin. Currently PCR testing requires a Pathwest referral.

8.9 Local Government (inc. Bush Fire Brigades)

Cr A Harris - Shire President

Thanked Phil Robinson for his years of service to the Cunderdin St Johns Sub Centre as Chairperson.

Extended a welcome to Dan Bynre, Cunderdin Police Station Officer in Charge, and Ben Davies, Community Emergency Services Manager.

Thanks also to Sargent Ray Hillier for his commitment and support during his time in Cunderdin.

Mr A Burges – CBFCO

Nil

Mr S Hobley – CEO

Current high yields in the agricultural industry are keeping BFB prepared and vigilant in response to any calls for assistance.

A large number of volunteers completed training Bush Fire Awareness Training at the end of August/September.

Water Bombing Reloading training was held at the Cunderdin Airfield whilst there were a good number of people at the training, we would like to see more people complete the training preferably support officers that will not be involved in fighting on the fire front.

Mrs H Byrnes – DCEO

Nil

Mr B Davies – CESM

A volunteer training needs analysis has been completed and steps to increase training across the brigades will be put into place in the new year.

8.10 Rapid Relief Team

Mr E Fawkes

Team has been busy distributing food baskets and boxes lending support to the Goomalling fire incident and catering to approximately 100 people.

Rapid Relief Team are very open to supporting any events that training and raising volunteer support in the community.

ITEM 9 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATES

Quarterly Meetings – 4pm Commencement, Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers.

Proposed dates for 2023 year.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAYS TO WEDNESDAYS.

8th March 2023.

7th June 2023.

6th September 2023.

6th December 2023.

ITEM 11 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 5.07 pm.