



Local Emergency Management Committee

Meeting Minutes | 19th April 2023

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SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the Meeting and declared the Meeting open at 4.12pm.

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2.1 Members

Mr D Graham	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Mr C Turner	WA Police
Mr E Fawkes	Rapid Relief Team
Mr S Hobley	Shire of Cunderdin CEO
Mrs J Spadaccini	Department of Communities – Via phone.
Mr B Davies	Community Emergency Services Manager / Executive Officer
Mrs B Herne	St John Ambulance Community Paramedic

2.2 Invited Guests / Observers

Nil

2.3 Apologies

Cr A Harris	Shire President/Chairperson
Mr M Dowell	Cunderdin Agricultural College Principal
Mr J Arnott	Cunderdin District High School Principal
Mrs C Whitelock	Meckering Primary School Principal
Cr S Stewart	Shire of Cunderdin Councillor
Mr A Burges	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mr D Byrne	WA Police
Ms J Herbert	WACHS Cunderdin – HSM
Mrs H Byrnes	Shire of Cunderdin DCEO
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 December 2022

Recommendation:

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

MOVED Mr D Graham **SECONDED** Mr B Davies

4.2 Business Arising

Nil.

ITEM 5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inward

Nil.

5.2 Outward

Nil.

ITEM 6 STANDING ITEMS

6.1 Update of Contacts

Attached.

6.2 Training Dates

No training dates or exercises currently scheduled.

ITEM 7 LEMC EXERCISES

Desk top exercise to be practiced at the next LEMC at a time to be confirmed.

ITEM 8 AGENCY UPDATES

8.1 WA Police

Mr C Turner

WAPOL are assisting the Shire with elements of Road Safety Week.

8.2 St John Ambulance

Mrs B Herne

Looking at new ways to encourage volunteers. The emergency services day was successful with 3 prospected new members.

Would like to put a thank you to Phil and Sharon in the Bandicoot for their dedication and service to the Cunderdin Sub Centre and St Johns.

Bronwyn is due to take a period of leave. During her absence Gary Haliday will be filling her role.

8.3 Fire and Emergency Services

Mr D Graham – District Office

Nil.

8.6 Department of Communities

Mrs J Spadaccini

Jo is currently operating out of Onslow due the cyclone in Port Hedland and has also been assisting with the Broome flood recovery.

8.7 Department of Education

Mrs C Whitelock – Meckering PS

Nil.

Mr M Dowell – Cunderdin Ag

Nil.

Mr J Arnott – Cunderdin DHS

Nil.

8.8 Department of Health

Mrs C Johnston

Nil.

8.9 Local Government (inc. Bush Fire Brigades)

Cr A Harris - Shire President

Nil.

Mr A Burges – CBFCO

Nil.

Mr S Hobley – CEO

Congratulated CESM, Ben Davies and CDO, Liezl DeBeer for the time effort and put into organising the Emergency Services Open Day.

Mrs H Byrnes – DCEO

Nil.

Mr B Davies – CESM

Emergency Services Open Day was a success with some positive numbers joining the VRFS, BFB St Johns and Junior BFB Cadets.

During the winter months a focus on training will be initiated aiming to significantly raise the number of BFB members who hold their BFSA, RFA and FFS.

Over the 22/23 Bushfire season the Shire of Cunderdin Statistics currently stand as:

18 Harvest Bans

12 Total Fire Bans

16 Fires attended, Including 1 Property, 2 Vehicle and 1 Rubbish fire.

The Ygnattering fire unit experienced transmission issues. A replacement unit was very generously loaned to the Ygnattering BFB from the Shire of Quairading while their unit was out of operation.

8.10 Rapid Relief Team

Mr E Fawkes

Reported that the Emergency Services Day was a success from the perspective of the team in attendance from Rapid Relief with 330 meals served.

The team are due to support the 'Pipeline Challenge' in May by providing food to the cyclers as they pass through Cunderdin.

8.11 Exercise

Nil.

ITEM 9 URGENT BUSINESS

Change to meeting frequency – Ben Davies.

Ben Davies proposed to change the frequency of Shire of Cunderdin LEMC meetings to:

2 x General Meetings

1 x Desktop Exercise

per annum.

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATES

TBC

ITEM 11 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 4.40pm.