Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

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1.   Introduction

1a)   Authority for the Plan

This Plan has been prepared at the direction of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) acting under the relevant provisions of the Emergency Management Act 2005.

1b)   Associated Documents / Legislation

The Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2020 – is available via Shire records and published on the Shire website – document **E20/14731**

There is various legislation and plans which relate to specific hazards and threats. The legislation and codes relevant to Animal Welfare and the movement of livestock are as follows, but not limited to:

- Animal Welfare Act 2002
- Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960
- Dog Act 1976
- Cat Act 2011
- Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007
- DPAW Standard Operating Procedure – Humane Killing of Animals Under Field Conditions
- Emergency Management Act 2005

1c)   Roles and Responsibilities

Owner/Carers	Animal owners or carers are responsible for the welfare of their animals and should consider preparedness for, response to and recovery from an emergency. The Shire and other government agencies have multiple resources available for assisting owners prepare for an emergency. Owners should seek this information and attempt to be as self-sufficient as possible. While this plan identifies the role of government agencies and welfare groups, nothing eliminates the individual's or company's legal obligation to maintain the animal's welfare.
Local Government	The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale is to provide a coordinated approach to the management of animal welfare in an emergency and includes: • Effectively managing animal welfare in an emergency. • Containing and impounding wandering and loose animals – for both the animal's safety and the emergency services and road users. • Provide options for evacuating animals. • Providing recovery efforts.

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Animal Welfare Coordinator	The role of Animal Welfare Coordinator will be undertaken by the Shire Coordinator Community Safety.
Animal Welfare Team	The Shire Animal Welfare Team is primarily comprised of the Shire Ranger Services, as part of the Community Safety Team. The team consists of 3 Rangers, a Technical Support Officer and the Coordinator Community Safety (who is active as a Ranger).
	The Ranger vehicles are 4wd and can contain 2 animals up to a large sheep size. The vehicles are fitted with both mid and high band DFES tuned radios and have either orange or red light bars on the roof. The team has an enclosed trailer available by arrangement with the Waste Services Team for up to 6 small stock animals. (sheep, alpaca, etc)
	Other agencies and members may be added to the Animal Welfare Team that may include:
	• Shire employees
	• RSPCA
	• Department of Agriculture and Food
	• DBCA
	• DPIRD
	• Veterinarians
	• Local Animal Groups
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPRID)	DPIRD has authority for the State Support Plan Animal Welfare in Emergencies and may activate this plan at the request of the Controlling Agency.
Other Authorities and Local Vets	The Shire's Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2020 has specific authorities listed and their roles in an emergency.
	Detailed in **Annexure A – Key Contacts** are specific animal welfare and associated authorities contact details.

2. Scope and Risk Profile

This plan will apply in any emergency where animal welfare may, will be or is impacted within the municipality of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale has a varied mix of land usage with Byford and parts of Whitby and parts of Darling Downs being Residential. The surrounding suburbs being a mix of Semi-rural, rural with most of the farming properties being to the south of the Shire.

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High Risk areas for consideration are:

Category	Detail	Address	GPS Location
Intensive Farming	Abattoir	49 Butcher Road, DARLING DOWNS	-32.19711756586985, 116.01168927116446
	Poultry	568 South Western Hwy, DARLING DOWNS	-32.1986264722257, 116.01172963779777
	Poultry	322 Hopeland Road, HOPELAND	-32.379476624206234, 115.90674059769904
	Poultry	Lot 701 Henderson Road, HOPELAND	-32.405214776729416, 115.9014404710998
	Abattoir	Lot 504 Yangedi Road, KEYSBROOK	-32.42145502528154, 115.87602102877052
	Livestock Export Yard	848 Mundijong Road, MARDELLA	-32.300790963755006, 115.91629926925114
	Poultry	526 Gossage Road, OLDBURY	-32.25402972986045, 115.91755011342596
	Poultry	119 Punrak Road, SERPENTINE	-32.37409475002539, 115.92756556740653
	Piggery	597 Utley Road, SERPENTINE	-32.38970747325223, 115.92215814618649
Catteries and Kennels	Kennel	324 River Road, HOPELAND	-32.398716119339944, 115.85080855983425
	Cattery	102 Tuart Road, OAKFORD	-32.21279154665093, 115.89041001342495
	Kennel	585 Orton Road, OAKFORD	-32.23637025769686, 115.90887310054558
	Kennel	1751 South Western Hwy, WHITBY	-32.3025375706012, 116.01170830913034

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Animal/Wildlife Park	Cohuna Koala Wildlife Park	Lot 103 Nettleton Road, BYFORD	-32.22949812315858, 116.01366225732991
Other	Sale Yards	Lot 1 Evelyn Street, MUNDIJONG	-32.292863846987146, 115.98998924422206
	Dog Day Care	302 Leipold Road, OLDBURY	-32.26833276566088, 115.9451243330205
	Equestrian Grounds	1432 Karnup Road, SERPENTINE	-32.363095097795224, 115.9704957404174
	Equestrian Grounds	Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club, 467 King Road, OLDBURY	-32.259638981643086, 115.90869933289405
	Equestrian Grounds / Trail Head	Trail Head, Equestrian Events – Jarrahdale Oval, Millars Road, JARRAHDALE	-32.32929609788003, 116.06656296925172
	Equestrian Grounds / Trail Head	Darling Downs Equestrian Park – 70 acres, Evening Peal Court, DARLING DOWNS	-32.197386644942945, 115.99311972507279

3. Cost

No fees or charges shall be imposed for animals cared for as a result of an emergency in relation to evacuation, capture/impound, feeding/supplying water and any evacuation centres, although, this does not include registration and sterilisation fees or fees relating to gaining authority to have livestock as per section 5e)iii.

All expenditure is to be recorded and reported to the Animal Welfare Coordinator. **Annexure B** Animal Emergency Expenditure

4. Preparedness

The provision of information to the public regarding animals in emergencies must be easily accessible, easy to interpret, deliberate, planned and sustained.

Local Emergency Management Committee and the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
- Conduct public information sessions to educate the Community in regard to the Animal Emergency Welfare Plan
- Arrange training, liaison and agreements with related Organisations, Agencies, Authorities, Key Stakeholders, Service Providers and Contractors
- Provide on-going animals in emergency preparation information to residents

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- Establish and utilise printed and electronic media to educate and prepare animal owners and animal facilities for Emergency Incidents

Animal Owners and Animal Facilities
- Prepare an Emergency Animal Management Plan
- Prepare an Emergency Animal Management Pack
- Establish an "assistance group"
- Carry out risk management and risk reduction activities within the property or premises

5. Response

5a) General Operations
Members within the Shire Communities Team and Emergency Services are designated as contacts points to be available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to be able to activate this plan, mobilise resources and implement evacuation centres.

First contact can be made through **9526 1111**

5b) Activation
This plan will be activated when there is an emergency impacting animal welfare or in the case an emergency is likely to impact animal welfare.

DPIRD should be contacted and advised that the plan has been activated and be provided details of the extent of the emergency and the animal welfare implications.

The Shire is to notify the controlling agency or Hazard Management Authority to implement the **State** Support Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies where:
- Animal welfare is beyond the capacity and capability of the owners or carers and;
- Any local or district arrangement are no longer sufficient or effective, or;
- No local or district arrangements exist.

5c) Situation and Intelligence
The Shire has records kept within content manager system and are accessible by Shire staff as follows:
- **E20/14731** Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2020 – LEMC
- **E18/13266** Contact details for Shire and relevant authorities.
- **E22/8849** Contact details for emergency services including volunteers
- **E20/13230** Evacuation Centre Resource Directory
- **E20/4745** Lease agreement for Mundijong saleyard allowing Shire use in emergency
- **E22/15629** Large animal evacuation locations procedures (Appendix D)

5d) Public Information
The Shire presently utilises local ABC radio station, Shire website, Shire Facebook page and relevant DFES media outlets. Where lives and property are directly threatened as a result of an emergency, information may be disseminated via Emergency Alert and/or utilising the State Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS). Details of the emergency will be communicated via the emergency.wa.gov.au webpage or app – controlled by DFES.

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5e) Response Activities

5e) i. Transportation and Evacuation Route Options

Owing to the variation complexity within different emergencies strategic evacuation routes will be determined by the Incident Controller, Hazard Management Authority and WAPOL at the time. Extensive mapping information can be sourced from the Shire website, Google Maps and Agencies such as Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions.

5e) ii. Temporary Evacuation Centres/Shelters

Community Evacuation Centres (community and small animals/pets)

The Shire has multiple locations for possible evacuation centres locations as below:

• SJ Recreation Centre	BYFORD	**E20/9970***
• Eric Senior Pavilion	SERPENTINE	**E20/10758***
• Oakford Community Centre	OAKFORD	**E20/10757***
• Mundijong Pavilion	MUNDIJONG	**E20/10756***
• Briggs Park Pavilion	BYFORD	**E20/9986***
• Clem Kentish Hall	SERPENTINE	**E20/9984***
• Bruno Gianatti Hall	JARRAHDALE	**E20/9976***

*Internal process documents

Animals at welfare centres and assets

The Shire has the capacity to implement cat and dog crates at the above Community Evacuation Centre locations with:

- 18 Cat carriers
- 21 Large dog Crates
- 14 XL dog crates
- 50 Dog leads
- Owner and animal record tags for animal crates
- Animal enclosure disinfectant
- Disposable water and food bowls
- 15x 9L Buckets (Stock water)
- 4x 20L Water containers, two with taps and hose.

These assets are stored at 10 Paterson Street, Mundijong (old library building). These assets can be deployed by Ranger Services or any Shire employee. (Shire Master Key or MK Key for roller door access)

- Shire Trailer(s) – for asset transport or small stock (Sheep, Alpaca, Etc)

A trailer is available at the Shire Transfer station, Watkins Road, accessible by Ranger Services and Operations through arrangement with the Waste Services Team. (Shire Master Key and PIN code)

Large animal evacuation

While some of the Community Evacuation Centres above have the capacity to some extent for larger animals, they are not best suited, some other considerations may be:

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Facility	Species	Address	Max Capacity
SJ Pound Facility	Any livestock	Watkins Road, Mundijong	30 (contained)
Mundijong Saleyards	Any livestock	Evelyn Street, Mundijong	80 (Contained) 80 (tended)
Jarrahdale Oval	Horse and Stud Cattle	Millars Road, Jarrahdale	100 (Tended)
Serpentine Horse & Pony Club	Horses	Karnup Road, Serpentine	80 secured & 150 tended
Darling Downs 70 Acres	Horses	Evening Peal Ct Darling Downs	10 Secured & 50 Tended
Metropolitan Horse & Pony Club	Horses & Stud Cattle	467 King Road, Oakford	60 tended
Other Considerations			
CoA Pound	Any livestock	Kilburn Lane, Kelmscott	20 (contained)
Baldivis Vet Hospital	Horses & Stud Cattle	Baldivis Road, Baldivis	15 (secured)
Lark Hill Vet	Horses & Stud Cattle	Mandurah Road, Port Kennedy	18 (secured)

Activating large animal evacuation centres

Considerations for each location are different including but not limited to:
- Vehicle access points
- Water/Food/Feed
- Toilets
- Waste
- Lighting
- Shelter
- Set up and staffing

Shire internal process for activating these large animal evacuation points can be found at **E22/15629 (Appendix D)**

5e) iii. Stray and Lost Animals

Stray animals will be impounded and documented as per the relevant legislation, policies and procedures. The following additional information is to be recorded on the impound:
- Animal condition
- Treatment required/given
- Impound location
- Evacuated / Stray

Where an owner is not known or has not been contacted, the animal is to be published on **Annexure C** - **Animal Rescue Public Display List** and displayed at all evacuation points when practicable.

Unregistered cats and dogs impounded will be required to be registered prior to release. Impounded livestock will only be released to persons with authority to have livestock to a property with a Property Identification Code (PIC)

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Animals not claimed will be re-homed or disposed of as per applicable legislation.

Lost animals can be reported to the Shire on 9526 1111 and will be recorded as standard on the lost animal register.

5e) iv. Access to Properties

Property owners, tenants and carers will be permitted access their property as per direction of the controlling authority.

Property owners that cannot access their property and require assistance in regard to the welfare of their animals may contact the Shire Ranger Services or the controlling authority and request they consider evacuation of the animal(s) or provision of water, food or medical assistance to the animal(s).

The Shire or other agencies may, at the direction of the controlling authority, enter the location and assist as required.

5e) v. Animal Welfare Assessment, Triage and Treatment

Animal welfare assessment, triage and treatment are to be completed where required, as soon as practicable and when access is approved by the controlling authority.

Assessment of animals may be done by officers, being Ranger Services, DFES, DPIRD or other, by inspecting properties affected by fire as part of a general welfare check, recon of the area or in response to being alerted to a welfare concern.

The Animal Welfare Coordinator is to triage animals as the information is provided and aid in treatment, evacuation or euthanasia of animals as required and where practicable.

5e) vi. Euthanasia and Disposal

Euthanasia of animals, where the owner is not contactable or known, is to be completed by or as directed by an Animal Welfare Officer or Vet.

Owners of animals may request their animal be euthanised by an Animal Welfare Officer, Vet or Ranger Services.

Impounded animals may be euthanised and disposed of in accordance with applicable laws or as directed by an Animal Welfare Officer.

Animal owners/carers will be responsible for disposal of their animals where the animal is not impounded.

5e) vii. Emergency Supplies

As per 5e)ii, evacuation centres and large animal evacuation centres procedures incorporate providing water, food and feed supplies. **E22/15629 (Appendix D)**

Where supplies are required, they may be delivered by the Ranger Services, or other, where access is provided by the controlling authority.

At all opportunities, donations of physical goods should be discouraged due to significant difficulties to manage. Cash donations are more practicable to manage and provide the opportunity to utilise local services which in turn assists with the recovery of local business. All offers of assistance and donations, including donated goods and services, should be

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coordinated through the Local Recovery Committee to avoid duplication of effort and confusion, State EM Policy 6.9.

Monetary donations can be accepted through the Lorde Mayors Distress Relief as described within the Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2020.

5f) Decontamination, Biosecurity and Zoonotic Disease
Decontamination of vehicles, shoes and clothes should be undertaken when visiting and leaving sites that require to do so.

Decontamination of vehicles, pound and animal crates should be done as per standard procedure. Animals known or suspected of disease should be isolated from other animals with relevant precautions taken and published as suspected or known disease at the location housed or impounded.

6.   Withdrawal and Recovery

The Animal Welfare team shall be gradually withdrawn as per requirements. The decision to conclude the Animal Welfare in Emergencies Plan and withdraw the resources shall be determined by the Animal Welfare Coordinator in conclusion with the Recovery Coordinator/Committee.

The recovery process will be in accordance with the Local Recovery Plan (E20/14731)

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Annexure A – Key Contacts (not for public access)

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Annexure B – Animal Emergency Expenditure

Date	Officer	Good/Service	Paid/Unpaid	Cost

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Annexure C - Animal Rescue – Public Display List

Date In	Time	ID #	Species	Breed	Description	Rescue Location	Photo

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Annexure D – Large Animal Evacuation Centre Procedure (not for public access)

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1. Introduction

This document is to aid with the set up and supply of resources to the Large Animal Evacuation Centres that may be implemented in an emergency.

The Animal Welfare Coordinator will implement a site as required with consultation from the Controlling Authority.

Staffing of the Large Animal Welfare Centres will be coordinated by the Animal Welfare Coordinator in conjunction with the Community Welfare Coordinator.

2. Water and Food

Animal water and food supplies can be obtained from the contact lists on section 5 and delivered by Ranger Services or other, including delivery services.

Food Storage

Pet food can be stored at the Community Evacuation centres and supplied to the Large Animal Evacuation Centres as required.

Large animal feed can be stored at the Large Animal Evacuation Centre, if wet weather is expected gazebos are available from The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Office at 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong (4 available)

Water Storage

The water suppliers can supply 9000 or 10,000 litre on site storage units.

9 litre buckets will be available as per resource list on Animal Welfare Plan. (10 Paterson Street, Mundijong)

3. Waste and Toilets

Waste

Waste bins can be supplied by the Shire or contractor depending on availability. Contact details as per section 5.

Removal of waste will be completed by the supplier.

Toilets

Toilets can be supplied to site by the contractors listed in section 5. Location may be best considered near the entry points, as lighting will be in place at this location.

4. Potential Large Animal Evacuation Centres

5. Contact Details

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