

Local Emergency Management Committee

Minutes

13 December 2022 1400 hrs

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Dear Committee Member

A Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting for the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale was held on Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at the Shire Civic Centre, 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong.

Exercise Scorcher commenced at 1400hrs prior to the meeting.

Rebecca Steinki

Acting Director Community Services

19 December 2022

Agenda

1. Attendances and Apologies (including leave of absence):

Attendance

Voting Delegates

Cr Michelle Rich Chair / Shire President

Snr Sgt Richard Moore Local Emergency Coordinator / Deputy Chair - OIC Mundijong

Police

Cr Dave Atwell Council Delegate

Rebecca Steinki Local Recovery Coordinator
Leigh Mulholland Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Paul Postma District Officer South East - Department Fire and Emergency

Services

Keith Jackson Acting Unit Manager - Serpentine Jarrahdale State Emergency

Service

Ryan Hamblion Senior District Emergency Service Officer - Department of

Communities

Brooke Cook Area Manager South East District - St John Ambulance Mark Cundell Assistant Superintendent Security - Karnet Prison Farm

Dave Olney President - Sport Aircraft Builders Club Inc

Non Voting Delegates

Quinta La Rosa District Emergency Management Advisor (DFES)

Nino Scidone Manager Engineering Services

Jason Parker Coordinator Youth and Recreational Development / Local

Welfare Liaison Officer

Thomas Vassallo Coordinator Community Safety

Darren Kane Manager Health and Building Services

David Richer Executive Officer / Coordinator Emergency Services

Apologies

Todd Pender District Officer Natural Hazards - Department Fire and

Emergency Services

Martin Seward Unit Manager - Serpentine Jarrahdale State Emergency

Service

2. Declaration of Councillors, Officers and Committee Members interest:

Nil

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

3.1 Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting – 11 October 2022

The minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2022 were circulated by email on 21 October 2022 and received by Council on 21 November 2022 and are at **attachment 1**.

3.1/12/22

Moved Dave Olney, seconded Leigh Mulholland

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2022 (E22/12595) be CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Standing Items:

4.1 Update of LEMC Contacts

Contact List circulated at the meeting for updates.

4.2 Resource Register

LEMC are requested to continue to advise any amendments as they become known. There are no current updates to the Resource Register.

4.3 Action Items from previous meeting

Updates on actions outstanding or in progress are at **attachment 2**.

The District Emergency Management Advisor will follow up item 5.8/10/22.

4.4 Change of Positions / New Positions / Leave and Acting Arrangements

Change of Positions

Paul Postma is the Acting District Officer until 17 February 2023.

Leave and Acting Arrangements

- Richard Moore on leave 26 December 2022 to 1 January 2023. Lynn Barbour will be acting.
- Brooke Cook will commence Maternity Leave in March until 2024. Once role filled, advice will be forwarded.
- Martin Seward on leave until end of February 2023. Keith Jackson Acting Unit Manager.
- Rebecca Steinki on leave 11 January to 1 February 2023 to advise Local Recovery Coordinator via email once known.

Action: Advise LEMC of Local Recovery	LEMC Executive Officer
Coordinator from 3 January 2023	Admin Support

4.5 Incident Support Group Activations

Nil

4.6 Risk Profile

Bushfire Risk

WA is expected to experience above average temperatures and average to below average rainfalls. For central western parts of WA, above average root zone soil moistures during 2021-22 have promoted the growth of both tussock and hummock grasses. Higher than average non-woody vegetation fuel loads such as fully cured grasses, together with predicted warmer and drier than average summer conditions have resulted in above normal fire potential for parts of the Pilbara, Carnarvon, Gascoyne and Murchison bioregions. For the southern parts of WA after a dryer than average October, above average November rainfalls have resulted in above average soil moisture for the South Coast and Wheatbelt areas. However western parts of the Jarrah Forest Bioregion are still experiencing rainfall deficiencies and below average root zone soil moisture, and this has resulted in an above average fire potential for these areas.

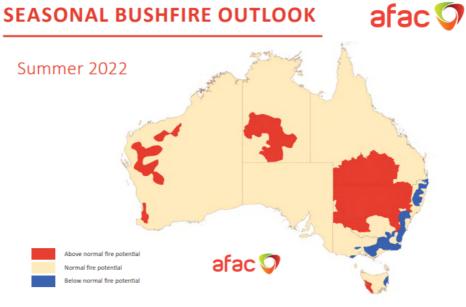


Figure 1 Seasonal Bushfire Outlook Summer 2022. Areas are based on the interim biogeographic regionalisation for Australia and other geographical feature.

Fire potential definition: The chance of a bushfire or number of fires occurring of such size, complexity or other impact that requires resources (from both a preemptive management and suppression capability) beyond the area in which it or they originate. Fire potential depends on many factors including weather and climate, fuel abundance and availability, recent fire history and firefighting resources available in an area.

COVID-19 Risk

The Shire and Agencies will continue to work with the hazard management agency (Department of Health) and provide appropriate support to the community as necessary and/or required.



4.7 Local Emergency Management Arrangements

4.7.1 Draft Emergency Animal Welfare Plan

A review of Appendix 8A & 8B of the LEMA has been undertaken and a draft provided to LEMC for comment at **attachment 3**. Please forward comments via **kshailer@sjshire.wa.gov.au** by <u>24 February 2023</u>. A final version will be bought to LEMC in March 2023.

The Shire's Coordinator Community Safety spoke to the revised Emergency Animal Welfare Plan. While the new document is 10 pages less than the previous version it has substantially more information relating to animal welfare and activation, including:

- High risk areas
- How public and others should contact the animal welfare team
- When the plan should be activated and why
- When implementation of the DPIRD state plan applies and why
- Relevant supporting documents
- Identified areas for large animal evacuation in the Shire
- Assets relating to evacuation and welfare of animals and how to get them
- Dealing with stray animals
- Public access to properties in an emergency and what to do if they need help
- Assessment/triage/treatment/euthanasia & disposal of animals
- Withdrawal and recovery

Action: Provide feedback on Draft Emergency Animal Welfare Plan by 24 February 2023	LEMC
Action: Bring final draft Emergency Animal Welfare Plan to LEMC for adoption at March 2023 meeting	Coordinator Community Safety

4.7.2 Presentation from DPIRD on Animal Welfare Capabilities

Felicity Wright, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator is one of two staff who will activate the State Animal Welfare Plan when local governments exceed their capabilities. They are currently working with DBCA regarding impacts on wildlife from fire as it usually takes more than a week for wildlife to come out from an impacted area.

Also currently dealing with emerging animal disease risks - Lumpy Skin Disease is coming closer and Foot and Mouth is still a threat.

Working on providing additional training for local government at the Muresk Institute for next year.

4.8 Local Recovery Plan

There are no updates to this plan.



4.9 LEMC Exercises

4.9.1 Draft LEMC Exercise Schedule

A draft exercise schedule was provided for discussion. Exercise Scorcher was undertaken prior to the meeting.

Year	Exercise Name	Capability Area's	Exercise Type / Reference
2022/2023 13 December	Exercise Scorcher	4.5 Essential Services Protection	Discussion exercise. State Hazard Plan -
2022 LEMC meeting			Heatwave
		6.1 Command, Control & Coordination	
		7.2 Welfare	
		7.3 Impact Assessment	
2022/2023	Exercise	3.5 Sector Information	Road Closure and Traffic
14 March	23 LEMC	Sharing	discussion exercise, simulated ISG
2023 LEMC meeting		5.1 People	
meeting		5.4 Equipment/Critical Resources	
2023/2024	Exercise	3.3 Public Information	Host a community
September 2023	•	3.5 Risk Awareness and Understanding	workshop for horse owners on property preparedness and bushfire planning,
		3.6 Shared Ownership	including a simulated
		6.2 Situational Assessment	exercise with LEMC agencies and stakeholders.
		6.3/6.4 Evacuation	stakerioluers.
		6.5 Public Protection	

4.9.1/12/22

Moved Leigh Mulholland, seconded Richard Moore That the Local Emergency Management Committee ENDORSES the proposed exercise schedule.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Exercise Schedule delivery planning to be undertaken.	LEMC Executive Officer
Action: Provide Exercise Scorcher Post Exercise	LEMC Executive Officer
Report to LEMC at next meeting.	

5. Agency Reports:

5.1 Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

5.1.1 Welfare Centre Training

Nine Officers from the Shire and eight from the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Recreation Centre recently attended Welfare Centre training provided by the Department of Communities.

Action: Provide names of attendees to Department of Communities.

Local Welfare Liaison Officer (Jason Parker)

5.2 Shire President

On 28 November, the Shire President attended the Local Government Forum | WHS & Volunteer Bushfire Fighters to explore the implications of WHS in the management of volunteer bushfire fighters.

In recent years, emergency response has come sharply into focus for local government; whether it's because of the increasing and changing nature of natural disasters or changes in legislation.

Speakers for the day included:

- Cr Karen Chappel JP, President WALGA
- Commissioner Darren Kavanagh, WorkSafe
- Commissioner Darren Klemm, Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Jonathan Wyatt, Partner Kennedys Legal
- Nick Sloan, CEO, WALGA
- Jonathan Seth, CEO, LGIS

This is an area that continues to raise many questions and concerns for the local government sector is the management of volunteer bushfire fighters and the sector's responsibilities under work, health and safety.

5.3 Karnet Prison Farm

Continuing work with DFES to enable bushfire mitigation works.

5.4 Armadale Kalamunda Group

Not in attendance.

5.5 Department of Communities

5.5.1 Local Emergency Welfare Plan – East Metro – Armadale Region – December 2022. An update to contacts has been effected in the appendices of the December 2022 version. The Plan remains the same.

5.5.1/12/22

Moved Rebecca Steinki, seconded Ryan Hamblion

That the Local Emergency Welfare Plan – East Metro – Armadale Region – December 2022 (IN22/25228) be RECEIVED and updated in Appendix 11 of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Update LEMA and provide copy to Shire Officers who provide welfare activation and support.

LEMC Executive Officer
Admin Support

5.5.2 Evacuation/Welfare Centre Training

Training is underway across the region. 40 people attended at the SJ Community Recreation Centre from a variety of local government and state government agencies.

The Department has increased it response capability by expanding from district level to regional level to include Officers from Child Protection and Housing.

A name change has occurred. As a result, Ryan's team is now the Emergency Relief and Support Directorate.

5.6 St John Ambulance

Armadale Health have started taking down their COVID tents and undertaking triaging in the hospital.

5.7 Parks and Wildlife

Not in attendance.

5.8 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

The District Officer left the meeting to attend to a fire.

5.9 District Emergency Management Advisor

STATE NEWS

STATE CONSULTATION REQUESTS

State EM Policy section 5.12 – Funding for Emergency Responses

A sector led working group has completed a review of 'State EM Policy section 5.12 – Funding for Emergency Responses'. The DFES State EM Policy branch is now seeking your feedback on the proposed amendments to the State EM Policy prior to requesting the endorsement and approval from the SEMC Response Capability Subcommittee and the State Emergency Management Committee.

On the State Emergency Management Policy Branch <u>Consultation Homepage</u> you can view all current consultations, including the State EM Policy section 5.12, https://dfes.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/stateempolicysection512

On this page you will be able to:

- View information about the consultation process
- Download and view the proposed amendments
- Submit your feedback

Please submit your feedback by COB Tuesday 13 December 2022.

AMENDMENTS TO STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

There are several amendments that have been approved by the State Emergency Management Committee to the suite of State Emergency Management Documents including:

- The State Emergency Management COVID-19 Policy.
- The COVID-19 Procedure Exchange of Information During a COVID-19 declaration.
- A suite of emergency management forms have also been developed to support the State Emergency Coordinator to declare, extend or revoke a COVID-19 declaration and to delegate powers to authorised COVID-19 officers.
- The WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guideline redesign and statement of fact amendments. This also includes statement of fact amendments to word versions of Appendix B (Emergency Evacuation Planning Template) and Appendix C (Operational Evacuation Plan Template).
- The revocation and removal of All-Hazards Evacuation Flagging Guideline.
- The removal of Evacuation Flagging from State EM Plan section 5.3.2.
- The revised Traffic Management During Emergencies Guidelines. This includes updated word versions of the Traffic Management Checklists and Templates and revised Traffic Management Aide Memoire.
- Statement of fact amendments were made to the State Support Plan Emergency Public Information to add St John Ambulance to the response responsibilities for this Plan.

Full details of these changes can be found on the amendments page on the SEMC website.

SEMC STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025

At its October meeting the SEMC endorsed an updated Strategic Plan. The plan builds on the previous plan and is now inclusive of climate change. This plan will inform the SEMC subcommittee and DEMC/LEMC review.

SEMC CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK REVIEW - LG SURVEY AND WORKSHOP

The DFES State Capability Team on behalf of the State Emergency Management Committee is undertaking a review of the of the capability framework, the capability survey, and its associated data products. The purpose of this review is to ensure the capability framework and products are:

- fit-for-purpose in driving improved EM planning and preparedness
- relevant to stakeholders' EM needs
- consistent with emergency management best practice

Items included in this review:

- Capability Framework
- Annual and Preparedness Capability Survey
- Capability Summary Reports

DEMC AND LEMC REVIEW

At its August meeting the SEMC endorsed the proposed project scopes to review the local and district committee structure. The objectives of the review are to:

Establish clear roles, responsibilities, functions, and governance for DEMCs and LEMCs so they can achieve the strategic objectives of SEMC.

Identify improvements to the governance arrangements and capabilities that will increase effective and efficient management outcomes.

Create a shared understanding of the SEMC expectations of DEMCs and LEMCs.

SEMC WEBSITE HAS A NEW HOME

The SEMC website has successfully transitioned to the WA.gov domain in line with State Government policy. The Office of Digital Government has established the WA.gov domain as a whole-of-government portal which aims to make it easier for people to find and access government services and information.

You can now find all SEMC related information at

https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee

For key emergency management documents please head to the 'State Emergency Management Framework' section

https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/state-emergency-management-framework

Please note that while the semc.wa.gov.au home page will now redirect you to the new page, if you have direct links saved for other pages (such as the EM Policy documents) they will not work as expected and will need to be resaved to the new format. Links within documents are not yet updated and will be updated in due course.

The SEMC Business Unit are working hard to complete the transition as quickly as possible and they thank you for your patience while this is finalised. Please let them know at info@semc.wa.gov.au if you come across anything that's not as you expect.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW FINDINGS

WALGA is hosting a webinar to present the outcomes of the recent Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review workshops and to provide an overview of State Emergency Management Committee's (SEMC) current initiatives.

Since September, WALGA has delivered 10 LEMA Review workshops with Local Governments to gain feedback to form the final improvement recommendations to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), SEMC Business Unit.

In this webinar, Sue Middleton from Agdots, will present the key findings and possible solutions that emerged from the workshops.

It will also include a presentation by SEMC Executive Officer, Rick Curtis, who will give you an update on the:

- Community Disaster Resilience Strategy,
- SEMC subgroup review, specifically the DEMC/LEMC Review,
- Climate Change Subcommittee; and
- Role of philanthropic organisations in Emergency Management.

Date: Tuesday 6 December

Time: 1pm to 2.30pm

For registration enquiries please email Simone Ruane, WALGA LEMA Review Project Lead or phone 9213 2049.

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

The <u>National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR)</u> grant program is established under a National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Disaster Risk Reduction (2019-2024). It seeks to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Western Australian communities and economies. The 2022/23 grant round is progressing, and announcements will be made following the completion of the State and Commonwealth approval process.

The 2022-23 round of the <u>All-West Australians Reducing Emergencies (AWARE)</u> grant program is in the final stages of approval.

The SEMC endorsed a two-year schedule for both grant programs:

Year 2023-24 2024-25

Program NDRR AWARE NDRR AWARE

Round Open	24 April 2023	16 August 2023	25 April 2024	16 August 2024
Round Close	29 May 2023	20 September 2023	29 May 2024	20 September 2024
Assessment	3 July 2023	24 October 2023	3 July 2024	25 October 2024
Anticipated announcement	September 2023	January 2024	September 2024	January 2025

Further information on the NDRR and AWARE grant programs is available at https://semc.wa.gov.au/funding.

Please contact semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au for further information on the grant programs.

DISASTER READY FUND

The Australian Government will establish the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) from 1 July 2023. The DRF will provide up to one billion dollars over the next five years, from 2023/24 to improve Australia's recovery and response capability.

Thousands of Australians face bushfires, floods and cyclones every year. The DRF will curb the devastating impacts of natural hazards by investing in important disaster prevention projects. Projects will include direct investment in grey and green-blue infrastructure, for example flood levees, floodways, seawalls, firebreaks, constructed wetlands and reefs. Projects that target systemic risk reduction to improve the quality and impact of the response to future disasters will also be eligible.

The DRF will replace the Emergency Response Fund (ERF), which will terminate on 30 June 2023, subject to the passage of the Emergency Response Fund Amendment (Disaster Ready Fund) Bill 2022, which was introduced into Parliament on 7 September 2022.

The ERF committed \$50 million per year for resilience building measures, while the DRF will commit up to \$200 million for resilience building. This supports shifting the Fund's focus from recovery and repair to disaster prevention. The DRF will complement rather than duplicate the funding available under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) will collaborate closely with state and territory governments to deliver a set of locally-driven, but nationally significant, projects with states and territories expected to contribute 50 per cent towards the cost of projects

2022-2023 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

5 December 2022, 8 March 2023, 3 May 2023, 2 August 2023, 4 October 2023, 6 December 2023

Action: Contact WALGA to provide a summary	LEMC Executive Officer
update on the LEMA Review project for LEMC.	Admin Support

5.10 State Emergency Services

Two members have been deployed to assist in Victoria and New South Wales. Three new volunteers joined this week. The last training for the year is tonight and training for 2023 commencing on 18 January 2023.

5.11 Mundijong Police

Nothing of note to report.

5.12 Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

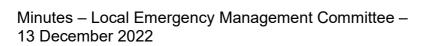
The CBFCO had left the meeting to attend to a fire.

Prevention

- MAF works underway across the shire with upcoming works occurring in Byford and Keysbrook.
- SJ bushfire brigades had a busy restricted burning period, with works being undertaken in Mundijong, Byford, Jarrahdale and Serpentine and plenty more prescribed burns planned across the shire after summer.
- Section 95 works have occurred across Oakford, Byford and Jarrahdale. Many thanks to DOJ.
- Recruitment finalised for the Mitigation Officer role. Jason White was recently appointed to the role.
- Fire info cards are being printed, these will link residents back to the SJ and Emergency WA website's via QR code. The Shires website is being further developed to make it easier to access information and make the existing pages printable for residents who don't have computer access.

Preparedness

- On 1 December we entered the prohibited burning and metro high threat bushfire period.
- DFES and SJ staff have delivered Bushfire Skills and Bushfire Safety Awareness training up at Karnet prison this has ensured 25 prisoners and prison staff across the farm and section 95 program can work safely on the fire ground and are competent at utilising the prions firefighting appliances.
- Volunteer Family Day Thankyou event occurred on Sunday the 23rd October, this
 evert was well received by brigade members with approximately 100 people
 attending.
- Rural Urban Interface (RUI) exercise was held on Sunday 6th November 2022 at the Clem Kentish Oval in Serpentine. The exercise run the brigades through bushfires impacting various parts of the Serpentine area.
- SJ Brigade Preseason was held on Tuesday the 25th October SJ hosted numerous guest speakers who came and provided briefs on Seasonal Preparedness, Air Operations, and Wellness.
- DFES Metro Pre-Season event was held on Saturday the 8th October 2022.
- Pre-season skills assessments have been finalised across the brigades.





- Officer in Charge sessions have been run to all brigade's 2022/23 crew leaders and Officers in charge.
- Leadership team mentoring plans have been developed for all SJ BFB leadership team members.
- SJ brigades currently have 234 Members with 64 Females and 170 Males.

Response - Incidents attended by Brigades in 2022

Dates: 01/01/2022 to 16/11/2022	Total	Dates: 01/01/2022 to 16/11/2022 JARRAHDALE BFB	Total
EVENT - Not an Incident False Alarm - System Initiated False Call - Good Intent False Call - Malicious Fire - Bushfire (Ige) Fire - Bushfire (sml) Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle Fire - Structure General Service Calls Hazardous Situation Rescue & Medical Total:	1 18 28 1 11 26 7 6 1 3 1	Called Off - No Attendance EVENT - Not an Incident False Call - Good Intent Fire - Bushfire (Ige) Fire - Bushfire (sml) Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle Fire - Structure Total:	1 1 17 13 15 1 1 49
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Road Crash & Rescue Total:	1 79		

Dates: 01/01/2022 to 16/11/2022	Total	Dates: 01/01/2022 to 16/11/2022	Total
SERPENTINE BFB		KEYSBROOK BFB	
EVENT - Not an Incident	1	False Call - Good Intent	3
False Call - Good Intent	8	Fire - Bushfire (Ige)	8
Fire - Bushfire (Ige)	16	Fire - Bushfire (sml)	5
Fire - Bushfire (sml)	13	Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	1
Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	2	Total:	17
Fire - Structure	3		
Total:	43	Dates: 01/01/2022 to 16/11/2022 EMERGENCY SUPPORT BFB	Total
		Fire - Bushfire (Ige)	2
		Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	1
		Fire - Structure	1
		Total:	4

5.13 Sports Aircraft Builders Club Inc

Base established with the black hawks. One in situ and another arriving tomorrow. Airfield is prepared.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Next meeting:

Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Civic Chambers	14 March 2023
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Civic Chambers	13 June 2023
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Civic Chambers	12 September 2023
Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Civic Chambers	12 December 2023

Action: Create and send calendar appointments for 2023 meetings.	Admin Support
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8. Closure:

3.40pm

The Shire President thanked members for the contributions this year and wished them all a safe, merry Christmas and new year.