



SHIRE OF MANJIMUP



13 November 2024

Minutes

Local Emergency Management Committee

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Minutes of Meeting held 13 November 2024

Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meeting held in the Shire of Manjimup JC Rose Meeting Room, Rose Street Manjimup on Wednesday 13 November 2024.

1. Declaration of Opening the Meeting

Shire of Manjimup - Shire President, Cr Donelle Buegge assumed the chair and declared the meeting open at 1.03pm. Introductions were conducted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance / Apologies

2.1 Attendance

Members - Voting

Cr Donelle Buegge	Shire of Manjimup - Shire President
Todd Ridley	Shire of Manjimup - Community Emergency Services Manager
Remo Pessotto	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Ian Guthridge	Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development
Chris Sousa	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Jayden Lowe	Police Service - Manjimup
Gary Willcox	St John's Ambulance Manjimup
Claudia Tschopp	Warren Health Services (proxy)

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Members Non Voting & Invited Guests

Nicole Favero	Shire of Manjimup - Ranger & Emergency Services Admin Officer
Stephen Burch	Shire of Manjimup – Senior Ranger (Acting)
Cr Steve Miolin	Shire of Manjimup – Deputy Shire President (proxy)
Catherine Mills	Main Roads WA
David Rae	St John's Ambulance Walpole (Community Paramedic SW Great Southern)
Colin Jones	Western Power

2.2 Apologies

Tim Foley	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Jeffrey Bennett	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (proxy)
Renee Flaxman	Department of Communities
Mark Schorer	Department of Communities (proxy)
Erin Hutchins	DFES – District Emergency Management Advisor
Gail Ipsen Cutts	Shire of Manjimup – Recovery Coordinator
Justine Kelly	Warren Health Services
Benjamin (Ben) Rose	Shire of Manjimup - Chief Executive Officer
Ross Bartley	Police Service - Pemberton

3. Declaration of Financial Interest

Nil

4. LEMC – Update Terms of Reference Membership Contact List

The distribution contact list was updated by all in attendance.

- Notification that Mel Robertson – Water Corporation has now resigned as LEMC member, Brian Avila is acting in the position until advertised.
- Warren health advised that Sharon Johnston can now be removed as Proxy B and just keep Claudia Tschopp.
- Terms of Reference will be amended once an appointment has been made with Water Corporation.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday, 20 March 2024 and the Informal Notes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 17 July 2024.

RECOMMENDATION/LEMC DECISION 2024/05

“That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 20 March 2024 and Informal Notes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 17 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Moved: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO

Seconded: Ian Guthridge, DPIRD

CARRIED:8/0

6. Council’s Response to Informal Notes of the General Meeting held Wednesday, 17 July 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

MOVED: Cr Eiby

SECONDED: Cr Miolin

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That Council receive the unconfirmed Informal Notes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 17 July 2024 as shown in Attachment: 9.16.1(1).

ADOPTED BY EN BLOC RESOLUTION: 8/0

7. Business Arising from Minutes

7.1 Action Task List

Action & Meeting Date	Item	Update	Status	Actioning Officer
01/24 20/03/2024	Telco Communication Coverage Report on Issues for SWALGA	20/03/2024: Shire of Manjimup LEMC Administration to liaise with other Shire's and prepare a report with recommendation for the next LEMC meeting on the Telco issues that can be put forward and presented at SWALGA. 17/07/2024: CESM gave presentation on Report compiled that had two recommendations, see <i>Item 7.1 Attachment</i>. <i>Ben Rose CEO added that the Shire President Cr Donelle Buegge, Deputy Shire President Cr Steve Miolin and himself recently went to Canberra for the National General Assembly where all LGs in Australia get together and there was one recurring topic being Regional Telecommunications. There was not one LG outside of the metro area not experiencing telecommunication challenges and he therefore endorses this Report and suggest there is some affirmative advocacy actions we can commence by raising at next SWALGA zone meeting. Telco is a Federal issue not a State issue.</i> <i>Brad Wren DCBFCO added re Telstra's recent presentation to LEMC advising us no other areas had this issue, at recent ROAC meeting all area representatives confirmed having the same issue and Telstra informing them they were the only ones, contradicting themselves.</i> Due to a lack of quorum, they were unable to vote on Officer's Recommendation to Council, though Council can still act on the LEMC Informal Notes. 13/11/2024: President Buegge delivered the report and recommendation to WALGA. All twelve Shires are having the same issue and receiving the same response that nothing has changed.	Completed	Todd Ridley

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02/24 17/07/2024	2024 Regional Telecommunications Review Survey	17/07/2024: Shire of Manjimup LEMC Administration to email the link for 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review Survey to all Members. 13/11/2024: Link was emailed out to members on 22.07.24.	Completed	Todd Ridley
03/24 17/07/2024	Australian Warning Systems	17/07/2024: Shire of Manjimup LEMC Administration to email the link for information on the new Australian Warning Systems to all Members. 13/11/2024: Link was emailed out to members on 22.07.24.	Completed	Todd Ridley
04/24 17/07/2024	DFES Virtual Reality Bushfire Preparedness Experience	17/07/2024: Shire of Manjimup CEM to arrange for the 'DFES Virtual Reality Bushfire Preparedness Experience' to be available for Council members to experience a realistic bushfire scenario. 13/11/2024: Ongoing as awaiting Councils 2025 dates.	In Progress	Todd Ridley

8. Correspondence

8.1 Incoming

- 08.08.24 DEMC – Requesting 2023-2024 LEMC Annual Report for Shire of Manjimup.
- 24.10.24 Legislative Council of WA – Standing Committee on Public Administration – Report 44 – Inquiry into Regional Telecommunications in WA.
- 30.10.24 Water Corp to LEMC – Amendment to member representative being Brian Avila taking over from Mel Robertson.
- 13.11.24 Letter DEMC to LEMC November 2024 - Shire of Manjimup –Regarding Community Response Initiatives involving evacuation.

Discussion ensued about the DEMC letter regarding the Community Response Initiatives involving evacuation planning of the community of which we have two groups in our Shire who are actively looking at this being Walpole and Northcliffe and one also outside the Shire in Balingup. Whilst the Shire is all for community resilience, these can create confusion if there is not a clear understanding and information is not accurate and that is why we follow State EM Framework, legislation, policy, plans, procedures and guidelines to ensure effective management of emergencies.

ACTION: *Shire of Manjimup LEMC Administration to invite Phill Brandrett from DFES who is also the Deputy of DEMC to attend the Shire's next Council meeting to brief Councillors involved with the Community Response groups and provide a clear understanding on the importance of following the State EM Framework.*

ACTION: *Shire of Manjimup LEMC Administration to draft a letter to the Community groups from the Shire President regarding the Community Response Initiatives.*

8.2 Outgoing

- 22.07.24 Shire of Manjimup to LEMC Members – Links for 2024 Telecommunications Review & Australian Warning System.
- 22.07.24 DFES – Consultation Request – State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies completed and also sent to WALGA.
- 05.08.24 Shire of Manjimup to LEMC Members – Unconfirmed Informal Notes of Meeting 17 July 2024.
- 09.08.24 Shire to DEMC/SEMC – completed 2023-2024 LEMC Annual Report for Shire of Manjimup.
- 27.09.24 Shire of Manjimup to WALGA – State Hazard Plan Fire – Consultation Submission.
- 31.10.24 Shire of Manjimup to LEMC Members – LEMC Agenda, Minutes from previous meeting and General Business Item Reports.

- 12.11.24 Shire of Manjimup to LEMC Members – Events Matrix as at 12 November 2024. (Provided at Meeting).

9. Events

The committee reviewed the events matrix, see *Item 9.0 Attachment*.

10. Members Reports

10.1 Shire of Manjimup –Shire President – Cr Donelle Buegge

Nil to report but wished members all the best for Christmas and the coming season.

10.2 Shire of Manjimup - CEO – Benjamin (Ben) Rose

No report received - Apology for meeting.

10.3 Shire of Manjimup - CESM – Todd Ridley

Nil to report other than planning for the coming season.

10.4 Shire of Manjimup - Recovery Coordinator – Gail Ipsen Cutts

No report received - Apology for meeting.

10.5 Shire of Manjimup - CBFCO – Remo Pessotto

Report was tabled, see Item 10.5. Attachment.

10.6 Department of Biodiversity, Conservations & Attractions – Jeff Bennett

Report was tabled, see Item 10.6. Attachment. Apology for meeting.

10.7 Department of Communities – Renee Flaxman

Report was tabled see Item 10.7. Attachment. Apology for meeting.

10.8 Department of Fire and Emergency Services – Chris Sousa

Report was tabled, see Item 10.8. Attachment.

10.9 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Ian Guthridge

Report was tabled see Item 10.9 Attachment.

Ian also advised that he had a link to a recording of District and Local Emergency Management Committees PSHB Webinar that he is happy to be shared with LEMC Members that may be interested. Shire administration will forward to members.

10.10 District Emergency Management Advisor - DFES – Erin Hutchins

Report was tabled see Item 10.10 Attachment. Apology for meeting.

10.11 Main Roads WA – Catherine Mills

- They are prepared for the coming season
- Held Corporate and Regional Crisis Management Workshops and from that updating their Incident Management Plans for the year ahead
- Good position resource wise, plenty of Incident Managers and could manage up to three Level 2 or 3 incidents simultaneously.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

10.12 St John Ambulance

Manjimup – Gary Willcox - Community Paramedic SW

- SJA has reorganised areas and his now includes Margaret River and Augusta with his head office now in Margaret River.
- They had two fatalities last month.
- Northcliffe subcentre are struggling with volunteers with most callouts being covered by Pemberton.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Walpole – David Rae - Community Paramedic GS

Written report received as below.

- Training – two new Emergency Medical Responders have started
- Volunteer numbers currently meeting operational requirements
- Walpole Radio Project
- All aspects complete. We have a local network as a redundancy in blackouts and a VHF link to the State Control Centre
- Thanks to SoM for hosting the local network radio equipment on the Shire tower
- Subcentre committee continuing work on the feasibility study to have construction of a new building approved.
- His area has also been restructured but no change to area covered.

10.13 WA Country Health Service

Pemberton Northcliffe Health Service – Paige Weaver

No report received - not in attendance.

Warren Health Service – Claudia Tschopp

Report was tabled, see Item 10.13 Attachment.

10.14 WA Police

Pemberton – Ross Bartley

Written report received as below. Apology for meeting.

- There has been no significant Emergency Management issues for Pemberton.

Manjimup – Jayden Lowe

- Hospital responses mainly drug related.
- Been spending time in Pemberton Northcliffe.
- Three fatalities recently, one involving child, very difficult on staff and volunteers.
- Preparing for the Bushfire season.
- Attended a recent Forum in Bunbury.
- Involved in program called Tour of Life held in Bridgetown for High School Students ie showing car crash, results of Drink/Drugs, morgue at hospital. He would like to have more Principals on board and have one held in Manjimup or at other schools.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the program with Gary Willcox – St John advising that they often receive push back from school principals not wanting students exposed to morgue etc.

Donelle Buegge – Shire President advised happy to provide a letter of support for funding.

Walpole – Steve Page

No report received - not in attendance.

10.15 Water Corporation – Brian Avila

No report received - not in attendance.

The above report was received verbally at the meeting.

10.16 Western Power – Colin Jones

- Preparing for the coming fire season.
- Attended Emergency Response meetings.
- Receiving enquiries regarding trees leaning over powerlines and who is responsible.
- After last LEMC meeting advising members about Western Power trialling Starlink and it was working well, he's happy to advise that Water Corporation has now moved forward with Starlink but has not heard yet how it is going.

11. General Business

11.1 LEMC Meetings – Accessibility by TEAMS (Item without Notice)

Gary Willcox – St John Ambulance questioned if there was any reason why LEMC Meetings cannot be held by TEAMS for those members who are required to travel.

Todd Ridley – CESM advised that the Shire of Manjimup has always advocated for attendance at the three LEMC Meetings per year as this provides all key stakeholders the important opportunity for personal introductions and building relationships between agencies which we have found imperative and beneficial during emergency situations. This is not a Shire of Manjimup committee it is set by legislation. Happy to review the Terms of Reference and look at the way we hold meetings.

ACTION: *Shire of Manjimup LEMC Administration to prepare a review of the Terms of Reference and how Meetings are held.*

11.2 Homeless Situation in Manjimup (item without Notice)

Todd Ridley – CESM advised awareness on the number of homeless people in the community which ties in with the situations by both Health and the WA Police. Manjimup currently has four people with two of these people being an issue and one in particular, is a problem. They have been camping and leaving a mess in Shire facilities requiring LG to move them on regularly, with one recent situation where they were camped on the oval and had to be moved on due to school sports carnival.

Jayden Lowe – OIC Manjimup Police clarified that these people are not homeless, but drug or alcohol affected, and if they cleaned up they could go home.

Donelle Buegge – Shire President advised that emergency accommodation is also no longer keen to take them in due to the state they leave it in.

12. LEMC Training Exercise

Todd Ridley CESM, requested input from Members for the next LEMC Training Exercise to be held and who will take control. The last one was at the Airport, we could look possibly look at a bus crash in the middle of nowhere. Another suggestion was for one similar to the Post Recovery Exercise held in Busselton.

13. Next Meeting

Next General Meeting to be held in March 2025 with date TBA.

14. Declaration of Close of Meeting

The Chair, Shire of Manjimup - Shire President, Cr Donelle Buegge, thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1.48pm.

Shire of Manjimup - Events Matrix as at 12.11.24

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Remo Pessotto - CBFCO

Report for LEMC Meeting held on 13.11.2024

No of Fires

No fires to report all very quiet up to date.

Regulation Burning Times – Period we are in

- Restriction has commenced on the 9th November for Zone 8, fuels in the area are drying out at a fast rate.

No of Permits Issued

- There has already been 13 permits issued to date for cleaning up and burning small heaps and around homes. FCOs have been informed regarding issuing permits and to be cautious on conditions before issuing the permit out given the weather conditions up to this point of time as its drying very fast.

Weather Conditions

With small amounts of rain to date, the Shire is well behind with its rainfall from this time last year.

Brigade Business / Issues

- Brad Wren and myself have attended Brigade AGMs and would like to welcome new FCOs and Captain's.
- Bushfire training has also been delivered to new brigade members in the Shire, bringing untrained members up to date.

Brigade Deployments

Nil

Vehicle Maintenance / Issues

- All appliances and brigade slip on units have been serviced ready for action on whatever incidence may start.
- The shire has added a 3.4 h/duty to its fleet of 18 appliances to service the Shire, the latest appliance is called Diamond 3.4 based in the Middlesex area.

Communications

- Brigade Roll call has commenced for the Shire of Manjimup, where all permits are called over the radio in the mornings, it's working very well.
- Telstra has already switched over to 4g how this is going to effect our comms we have to see when the time comes.

General Business

Nil



Department of **Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions**



Warren Region Update for Manjimup LEMC meeting Wednesday 13 November 2024

Prescribed Burning

Prescribed burning is underway in the Warren Region within the Shire of Manjimup with several burns being commenced.

In Frankland District:

FRK_107 Ordnance

FRK_109 – Plain Road

The FRK_091 Mindanup Burn is proposed for this spring.

Going into summer there will be a continuation of the Ordnance burn as there are areas of karri along the Deep River system and a small pocket of karri in the Plain Road burn.

In Donnelly District:

DON_157 Chudalup/Boorara

DON_152 Topanup

Other spring jarrah burns planned in Donnelly are DON_129 Dordagup/ Kinkin, DON_073 Cardac/Yeticup.

Going into summer Donnelly District have several burns with karri vegetation that are on the burn program.

There will be a continuation of the Chudalup/Boorara burn, as well as Jane, Giblett, Dombakup, Cascades, Hawke and Diamond are all possible options.

Bushfire

Two very small fires, one on Ned Road and one in Dingup. Grass trees being lit up.

Jeff Bennett

Regional Leader Fire Management

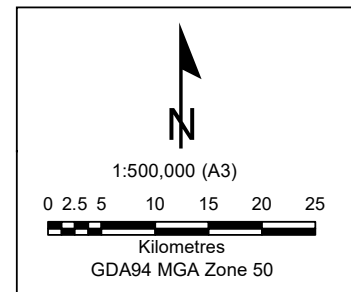
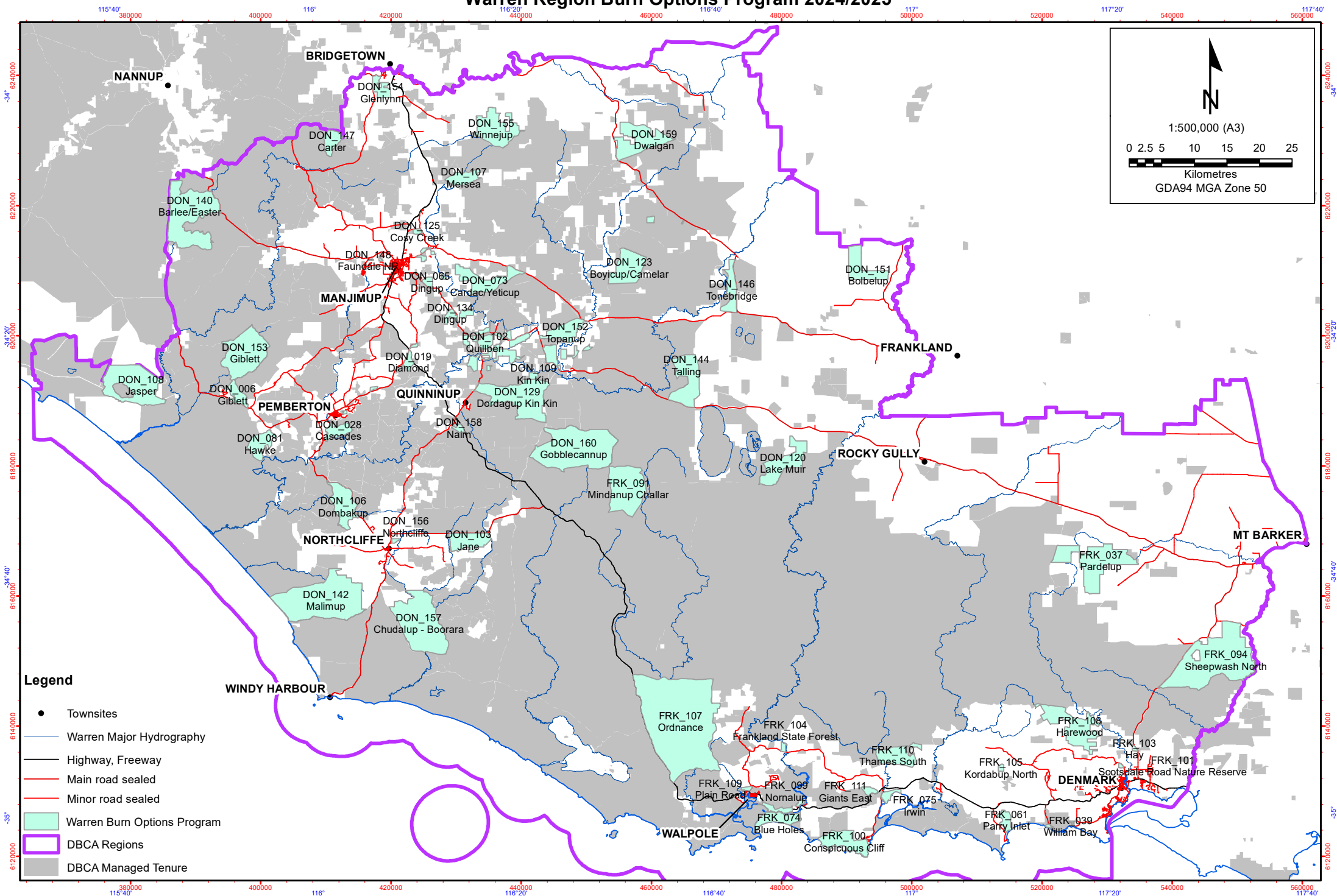
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Warren Region Burn Options Program 2024/2025



Graticule shown at 20 minutes intervals
Grid shown at 20000 metre intervals

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LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTING

Agency:

**Department of Communities
(Communities)**

Shire of Manjimup**Report prepared
by:**

Renee Flaxman

Position:

Regional Coordinator

Date: From – October 2024 to December 2024 inclusive**Report:****Emergency Relief and Support (ERS) Sector Partners**

Over the past 12 months, ERS has delivered a series of engagement sessions and circulars to the ERS Sector Partners to:

- share knowledge across the sector
- build connections between organisations, and
- increase engagement in the activities of ERS and the emergency management sector outside of activations.

ERS Sector Partners include organisations that deliver services under the State Support Plan, key State agency stakeholders, and sector peak bodies.

- Since October, ERS has delivered to the Sector Partners:
 - Four communiques
 - Three activation-specific written updates, and
 - Three presentations co-delivered with partners.

The last engagement session for 2024 was a pre-season forum held on 17 October. The purpose of the session was to build knowledge and connections with a focus on preseason preparedness. The program included a pre-season weather briefing delivered by the Bureau of Meteorology, a presentation on ERS specific pre-season preparedness activities, and a short workshop to facilitate feedback from Sector Partners.

Centre for National Resilience Perth

- Ahead of the high threat season, Communities is working with the Department of Premier & Cabinet to finalise MOU negotiations with the Commonwealth for the Centre for National Resilience Perth.

State Support Plan

- Communities has conducted an Annual Review of the State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support and is proposing minor changes following the implementation of its enhanced structure.
- As part of this process, Communities is undertaking consultation to formalise its role in providing support services to people impacted by local level (Level 1) incidents when 'tasked by a HMA and/or controlling agency'.

Strategic Procurement Framework

- ERS is developing a Strategic Procurement Framework to enable effective and efficient decisions about procurement strategies. The Framework provides a comprehensive approach to engaging suppliers and sector partners in the preparedness, response, and recovery phase of emergencies.
 - The Framework is intended to simplify the engagement of partners during peak high threat periods to enable rapid engagement in emergency incidents.

Medium – Long Term Accommodation Strategy

- Communities is collaborating with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to define the State responsibilities for medium and long-term temporary accommodation for impacted residents and workers following a disaster.
- This Project has four objectives:
- Establish a clear policy position for the delivery and management of post-disaster accommodation in WA.
- Define roles, responsibilities and funding arrangements and other enabling arrangements across State and local government in relation to post-disaster accommodation.
- Develop tools and resources to support decision-making and planning for the prompt delivery of post-disaster accommodation.
- Progress the development of streamlined statutory approval pathways for post-disaster accommodation.

Western Australian Post-Disaster Cultural Outcomes Framework

- Communities has developed the first iteration of the Western Australian Post-Disaster Cultural Outcomes Framework, which will continue to be refined to ensure appropriateness and effectiveness.
- The Framework includes a list of specific indicators that can be used to measure whether cultural outcomes are being achieved through the recovery process and can be used to support early recovery planning, as well as the evaluation of recovery programs.
- The Framework includes outcomes that are applicable across different communities, and can be adapted to the circumstances, needs and priorities of individual communities.
- It can be used by anyone working in an Aboriginal community after a disaster, and can be implemented by local and State government, as well as non-government organisations.
- The next iteration of the Framework will be finalised following a sector-wide consultation process which ends October 2024.

Local EM Information

1. Evacuation Centre Training

To date five training sessions have been completed since the start of October. Sessions were held at the South West Sports Centre (primary evacuation centre in Bunbury) and were very well attended by City of Bunbury- and Communities team members.

Future sessions conducted in gazetted evacuation centres are being explored and LEMC to be advised of upcoming sessions. Communities would like to request that all LEMC members please identify staff that require training if required.

2. Exercising

Local EM Information

In preparation for the upcoming season, Communities was invited to- and participated in several LGA exercises relating to emergency management including:

1. CoBusselton Local Government Recovery Workshop & Exercise
2. Volunteering WA Spontaneous Volunteers training
3. SoAMR Annual LEMC Evacuation Centre- and ISG Exercise
4. CoCoburn – Evacuation Centre Training
5. Water Corporation Dam Safety Emergency Desktop Exercise
6. Bridgetown – Annual Exercise – Recovery
7. Brookton – Annual Exercise ISG, OASG, Recovery

Please ensure that the Department is invited to any exercises relating to EM. We would be happy to consider an inject to this exercise if it is appropriate.

3. Preparedness Activities

Ongoing planning and preparedness activities, internal exercising and training continues to be a high priority such as:

- Development of Regional Preparedness Plans, which includes key information relating to pre-positioning of equipment and identifying commercial accommodation and key regional support providers.
- Reviewing and updating Evacuation Centres information continues. Currently there are 420 evacuation centres across the state. The South West has 21 primary and 14 secondary centres. Centres.
- Evaluating and revising equipment supplies and trialling proposals to standardise, streamline and upgrade equipment as well as to reduce procurement timeframes across the state. An example of such is testing the viability of On Track Meals – a complete pre-packaged 1 day meal kit to be handed out to evacuees staying over in centres.

**PLEASE NOTE: If there is an emergency, please phone the ERS On Call phone
0418 943 835**



Shire of Manjimup LEMC DFES Report – November 2024

The DFES Lower South West Region continues to prepare for the upcoming bush fire season with training and exercising for both staff and volunteers ongoing. The Region hosted a Level 2 bush fire exercise jointly with the DFES and DBCA South West Region and the Shire of Augusta Margaret River.

Seasonal aerial firefighting aircraft have commenced operations for the 2024/2025 southern bush fire season, with aircraft currently online in the Midwest/wheatbelt for the Grain Harvest Strike Team and in the metropolitan area. Two additional Black Hawke helicopters will be based in Gingin over summer and available for statewide deployment. In total there are 24 firefighting and 12 intelligence/air attack supervision aircraft on contract for the high threat period.

DFES has been working on finalisation of the Wooroloo Bush Fire Enquiry, with recommendations 7 and 8 – Traffic Management and Road Clearing Capability training being rolled out to volunteers and staff.

There have been notable incidents of deliberately lit fires in Shires to the north of Manjimup. These are being referred to the Fire Investigation and Police Arson Squad as they occur.

Community Preparedness have been trialling the use of virtual reality headsets to get the public to understand and appreciate what they are likely to encounter if they are caught in a bush fire or choose to stay and defend their property. This was a result of the Noggerup Fires in 2022 and ties in with the 'Got 15 Minutes to Burn' campaign encouraging people to make a Bush Fire Plan.

Chris Sousa
District Officer Nelson
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Local Emergency Management Committee

AGENCY NAME:	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development		
PREPARED BY:	Shayne Bryant /Ian Guthridge	DATE:	4 Nov 2024
POSITION:	DPIRD LEMC Representative – Shire of Nannup		

List of emergency management prevention and preparedness activities your agency has completed since the last meeting? Examples are exercises, training, courses, resources, funding, grants, reviews, mitigation etc.

DPIRD Bunbury office (to include Waroona in the north, east to Collie, Manjimup, Bridgetown and south to Augusta/Walpole) have finalised the following Hazard Season and Biosecurity arrangements:

- Reviewed and updated DPIRD Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) representation for the next 12 months.
- Reviewed and confirmed DPIRD South West, Biosecurity First Response Team (FRT) appointments and roles for the next 12 months.
- Confirmed staff availability over the DPIRD Xmas/NY closure period if there is a requirement to support Biosecurity or State EM Arrangements for the Dec 24 and Jan 25 period.

Any emergency management response (level 2 or 3) activities conducted or supported since the last LEMC meeting? Examples are activation of internal, local or regional response, attendance at Incident Support Group (ISG) or Operations Area Support Group (OASG) meetings.

DPIRD is aware of LG requests for information from a number of shires regarding the current Polyphagous Shot-Hole Border (PSHB) Biosecurity Response.

See **attached** DPIRD Industry Update dated August 2024 for further information. **Note: PSHB has not been detected outside the Perth Metropolitan area.**

Any emergency management recovery activities conducted or supported since the last LEMC meeting? Examples are initiating initial recovery at the local or regional level, preparation of Impact Statement, for local governments - activation of local recovery arrangements etc.

Nothing significant to report.

Any emerging risks that your organisation would like to flag for LEMC awareness? New risks which may impact people, economy, public administration, social setting and environment.

DPIRD is currently managing a number of Biosecurity incidents in relation to plant pests/diseases and aquatic pests/diseases. Nil animal pest/disease incidents. Summary as follows:
African Black Sugar and Browsing Ant (Perth); PSHB (Perth); Red Dwarf Honey Bee (Karratha); Carpet Sea Squirt (Australian Marine Complex). Further information is available at [Biosecurity | Agriculture and Food](#)
Responses to outbreaks of H7 high pathogenicity avian influenza is currently underway in Victoria, New South Wales, and the ACT. Note that this is not the H5 strain that are currently causing concern globally. DPIRD is monitoring the situation and undertaking preparedness activities.

Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer Response

Industry Update August 2024

The Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) response is a nationally coordinated and funded eradication response led by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

PSHB response work continues as a priority for DPIRD, which is working with stakeholders including local government agencies, traditional owners, local residents and businesses to protect Western Australia's (WA) agricultural industries and urban street trees from this destructive pest.

All DPIRD response activities are undertaken under the guidance of the Consultative Committee for Exotic Plant Pests (CCEPP).

Situation update – 27 August 2024

PSHB has only been found in the Perth metropolitan area. Recent media reports of a PSHB detection in the Harvey area were incorrect and DPIRD has confirmed there are no positive detections of PSHB outside the metropolitan area.

DPIRD has inspected over 62,000 properties, of which less than 1,300 have had confirmed detections of PSHB. In response to these detections, over 3000 trees have been removed with many more trees pruned to remove the borer without removing the whole tree. DPIRD has over 100 surveillance staff out in the field checking traps and inspecting trees with additional contracted arborists removing infested trees in confirmed locations.

In addition to the Perth based surveillance, there are PSHB surveillance traps in multiple regional areas from Geraldton to Esperance. Those traps have not returned any positive PSHB analyses meaning there is no scientific evidence of the presence of PSHB in any of these areas. The department will continue to work closely with local councils to deal with concerns in respect to PSHB in regional areas.

PSHB Quarantine Area

To help stop the spread of PSHB into other areas of WA, a Quarantine Area (QA) restricting the movement of wood and plant material has been declared for most of the Perth metropolitan area and covers 25 local government areas.

A Quarantine Area Notice (QAN), in place since March 2023, restricts the movement of plants or wood larger than 2.5cm in diameter from inside the QA to areas outside it. This includes restrictions on the movement of green waste, firewood and living plants and trees. The QAN is currently under review. You can find the latest maps and QANs at <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/borer>.

Working with WA horticultural industries

PSHB is considered both an environmental and agricultural pest with more than 500 host species globally, mainly amenity trees with some natives and horticultural trees. The top hosts for PSHB are the Box elder maple (*Acer negundo*), Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) and Coral tree (*Erythrina x sykesii*).

The beetle farms a *Fusarium* fungus inside host plants, which spreads through the tunnels created by the beetle and disrupts the plant's vascular system and the flow of water and nutrients. These species are referred to as reproductive host plants. Species of trees in which the beetle is unable to establish the fungus are referred to as non-reproductive hosts. The impact of PSHB on the latter species is limited. For a full list of both reproductive and non-reproductive host, please visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/borer.

The below table provides a list of key agricultural host species inspections and findings. All these detections have been on private properties or parks in the Perth metropolitan area. There have been no detections of PSHB on any commercial orchards:

Host Tree	Unique Trees Inspected	PSHB Detections
Avocado	7,700	23
Citrus	60,000	24
Mango	6,000	8
Olive	30,000	0
Pome fruit	10,000	0
Stone fruit	22,000	3

Avocado trees (*Persea americana*) are a major host for PSHB globally. Our experience to date within the Perth quarantine area is that avocado trees appear to be less affected compared to overseas. This is possibly due to the differences in climate, host availability or due to the pest complex differences between WA and overseas.

DPIRD inspectors recently visited 37 avocado orchards on the outskirts of the Perth metropolitan area to check for PSHB and meet with growers. If you wish to organise an inspection of your property, email the PSHB response team at ps hb@dpird.wa.gov.au.

Reporting

Members of the public and industry stakeholders are encouraged to report sightings of any exotic borers or signs of damaged trees in your area to assist in surveillance for PSHB.

Sightings can be reported to the department's Pest and Disease Information Service on (08) 9368 3080 or by email at padis@dpird.wa.gov.au. Alternatively, you can send photos via the department's MyPestGuide® Reporter app ([Google Play Store](#) and [Apple iTunes Store](#)).

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2nd Quarter 2024-2025

STATE NEWS

The last meeting of the **State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC)** was held on the 2 October 2024. SEMC Communiqués can be found [here](#).

2025 and 2025 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- 4 December 2024
- 13 March 2025
- 8 May 2025
- 7 August 2025
- 9 October 2025
- 4 December 2025

STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

State EM Document Amendments

The State EM Policy Branch of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) administers the review and consultation of the State emergency management documents in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

To maintain accuracy and currency of the documents, they are reviewed annually for statement of fact changes and must undergo a comprehensive review every 5 years.

To assist with our ongoing review of the documents please advise the State EM Policy Branch if you have identified any errors in a State EM document [here](#).

CONSULTATION REQUESTS

State Hazard Plan – Fire

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has recently undertaken a significant comprehensive review of the State Hazard Plan - Fire. The Plan was redrafted to address initial consultation feedback and to align with the review's guiding principles:

- Establish a strategic level emergency management plan (not an operational plan)
 - Remove agency specific initiatives or procedures
 - Remove duplication
- Provide clarity of roles and responsibilities across the hazard of fire
- Provide stability of arrangements – ability to withstand changes in the legislative & regulatory environment
- Identify and address gaps
- Align with State Emergency Management Framework
- Provide necessary statement of fact changes.

The following amendments (not exhaustive) were proposed to address relevant initial consultation feedback captured and to align with the review's guiding principles:

- Introduced collective responsibility and roles across sectors of society. These main sectors are used throughout the structure of the plan: 'Individuals and Communities', 'Industry and Public Sector', and 'Public Authorities/Agencies'.
- Introduced jurisdiction, areas of responsibility and tenure concept to align with current operations, provide clarity and emphasize the State EM principle of shared responsibility. Removed arrangements structured by fire type (bush fire vs. structure fire).
- 3.2.5 Resourcing Responsibilities (**of note for LG**)
- 4.3.5 Transfer of Control

As significant portions of the Plan were restructured to align with the review principles, please review the entire proposed State Hazard Plan – Fire draft for a detailed understanding of the proposed arrangements prior to submitting feedback.

The DFES State Emergency Management Policy Branch is now seeking broad stakeholder feedback on the proposed Plan. Consultation will be open from 17 September 2024 to 9 December 2024. Please submit your feedback by close of business on **9 December 2024**.

You can view all current and past consultations on the [Engage WA EM consultation homepage](#)

SEMC STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The development of a new strategic plan is underway, with consultation occurring with SEMC Subcommittees and District Emergency Management Committees to test five priority actions, which emerged from SEMC's strategic planning workshop:

- Explore what a statewide systemic approach to risk would look like in practice, through sector wide and interjurisdictional engagement and research
- Influence the State EM Framework and other policy instruments to elevate prevention and preparedness
- Emphasise the specific role of all government agencies in EM in the new strategic plan and future policy and integrate key agencies into governance
- Lead a whole-of-sector initiative to map the current capabilities and capability needs across the sector, and plan for its development
- Review Local Emergency Management Committees and other multi-agency community development mechanisms to better strengthen local capability and resilience.

It is expected that a draft Strategic Plan will be presented to SEMC for consideration in December 2024.

DISTRICT NEWS

The next **District Emergency Management Committee** (DEMC) will be held on Tuesday **18 March 2025**.

LOCAL NEWS



LOCAL OPERATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN (LORP) EXERCISE

A Local Operational Recovery Plan (LORP) is an action plan developed by local governments after an emergency, which identifies the outcomes and activities required to effect recovery in an impacted community.

A LORP is:

- Unique to each incident.
- Operational in nature.
- Flexible, based on changing recovery needs.

A LORP can assist local governments with their coordination of recovery activities by:

- Providing a process for considering known impacts and planning activities.
- Ensuring that recovery efforts are not duplicated across recovery partners/agencies.
- Fostering collaboration across internal local government teams and externally with community members/groups and recovery partners/agencies.

If you would like the opportunity to draft a LORP with relevant Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) members and Local Government staff, as well as meet your annual exercising responsibilities, please reach out to me to schedule it in 2025.

SECTOR UPDATES

Australian Warning System (AWS) Training

The Australian Warning System (AWS) is a national approach to emergency information that delivers consistent warnings to Australian communities, so people know what they need to do to stay safe in an emergency, no matter where they are.

The AWS features standardised hazard warning icons and colours, with warnings supported by clear action statements.

Changes to cyclone, flood, storm and bushfire warnings were rolled out in Western Australia on Monday **15 July, 2024**.

AWS Awareness is an online module available on the DFES Mobilise Me platform - <https://dfes.mobilise-me.com/> and provides an overview of the Australian Warning System and how it is applied in Western Australia.

If users have previously undertaken training on the DFES Mobilise Me platform, they can use their credentials to log in and find the AWS courses. For new users, they will need to create an account and select Australian Warning System under the “Learning Category” when they are registering their details.

Alternatively, if you were interested in uploading these modules into your own eLearning platform, please contact the DFES Public Information Branch via email statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au.

Emergency WA

As Western Australia (WA) gears up for the High Threat Season, Local Governments should start preparing their communities for the increased risk of emergencies. From October to April, WA experiences its peak season for tropical cyclones, flooding, severe thunderstorms, bushfires, and heatwaves.

[Emergency WA](#) is the best way to find emergency information and official alerts and warnings for bushfires, cyclones, floods, storms, heatwaves and more.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) works closely with emergency management agencies to provide expert insights and share forecasts in the lead up to and during severe weather.

Learn more in BOM's [Know Your Weather](#) video and download the [BOM Weather app](#) to receive automatic weather warning notifications.

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Warren Health Service LEMC report 13th November 2024

General

- Emergency procedures / drill discussion is continuing.
Natural Hazards Preparedness (Bushfire, Code Brown – External Emergency) training is scheduled on the 22nd November.
- Hospital activity for Inpatient and ED continues to be sustained a above average level for the last quarter.
- Several Code Black incidents in ED, one with significant damage to the ED department and psychological injury to staff. These incidents are general due to drug and alcohol involvement.
- We now have Security operations hub in Perth supporting us, by attending visual observations through CCTV, over nighttime. They can observe continually at any time if requested to do so. Staff receive welfare check ins overnight, via the Radio nursing staff carry. In recent Code Black incident, the security hub has been invaluable.
- Warren Health Service is supporting of the Mystery tour of Life to start in Manjimup in replacement of the RISK program. Michelle Hanrahan (NP) has been involved in organising this program in Bridgetown. Manjimup Senior High School is interested, so is the local Police. Michelle has been trying to get SJA and the local Fire Brigade on board, so far without any success.
- Sharon Johnson has now stepped out of the CNM Role and should be removed as a proxy.