

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR

MINUTES of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held
Wednesday 5 October 2016 commencing at 3.30pm.

1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 3.30pm.

2. Record of Attendance and Apologies

Ray Harrington	Chair, Shire of West Arthur
Kyle Hulls	Parks and Wildlife
Duncan South	Shire CBFCO
Nicole Wasmann	Shire CEO
Andriena Ciric	Shire Community Emergency Services Manager
Rodney Thornton	RoadWise

Apologies:

Simon Vogel	DFES
Arthur Putland	St John Ambulance
Boyd Brown	Telstra

3. Previous Minutes

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Moved: Duncan South

Seconded: Kyle Hulls

That the minutes of the Shire of West Arthur LEMC Meeting held 16 March 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. Contact Details

Members to advise any change in agency contact detail information or significant leave arrangements.

- New OIC Police in Williams Sergeant Stephen Stingemore
- Roma Boucher now based in Busselton – New landline 9752 5620
- Eloisa Greco Darkan Primary School Principal change of name to Eloisa Goss

6. Post Incident Reports

Nil.

7. Post Exercise Reports

Nil.

8. Funding Nominations and application progress

Members to provide any information regarding grant applications relevant to the committee

- Department of Water support to Shire of West Arthur – 5 Hand Held Radios
- Department of Water – Mitigation application to Nation Bushfire Mitigation program

9. Emergency Risk Management and Treatment Strategies

Comments were made that assistance from Police is proving more difficult to obtain.

Kyle Hulls from Parks and Wildlife commented that not much prescription burning has taken place due to late rains.

10. Local Emergency Management Arrangements

10.1 Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Arrangements including Local Recovery Plan five year formal review tabled for endorsement.

Kyle Hulls advised that Eagle boys in Collie are now Dominos and corrected that it should be Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Discussion regarding the risk statements in particular Bushfire, with concern raised regarding the control effectiveness and risk acceptance specifically the matrixes word of 'Unacceptable'

Parks & Wildlife requested that prescription burning program be included in the treatment options.

It was agreed following the descriptor of control effectiveness and risk acceptance that the document is suitable.

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Seconded: Kyle Hulls

That the Shire of West Arthur Local Emergency Management Arrangements be endorsed by the Local Emergency Management Committee

Post meeting note: The District Emergency Management Advisor, Adam Smith commented that it is not essential to have control effectiveness and risk acceptance and to remove these from the risk matrixes and to replace with a priority level.

10.2 Darkan Primary School Bushfire Plan tabled

11. Seasonal Review Preparedness

Bushfire CRC 2016/17 Bushfire season outlook indicates a higher than average fire season.

12. State EM Policy Changes,

SEMC letter and mapping document tabled for agency awareness, refer to SEMC website

13. General Business

Ray Harrington advised that he had received a complaint regarding Dept of Water plantations however due to late rains it is difficult to conduct maintenance on firebreaks and a grader will be operating the week after next. A main concern is that the piling of more residue on firebreaks and piles of chipped material that may have the risk of combustion.

14. RoadWise

Rodney Thornton advised that Wickepin Shire are proposing a project at the next Central Country Zone Meeting to increase rest bays for traffic on local roads to reduce fatigue crashes. Signage will be included however litter bins most likely will not be part of the project.

Crash Car Trailer funding is still being investigated however funding may only be attracted for signage for the trailers.

Rodney Thornton encouraged shires to attach a road safety message to the local events such as sporting events, agricultural shows, etc. Funding is available through the grants process with the Road Safety Commission.

Government initiative for reducing drink driving is that from October 24 2016, repeat and high end drink driving offenders will have interlock devices fitted to any vehicle they drive.

15. Closure

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.07 pm, with the date of next meeting to be confirmed.