



SHIRE OF
HARVEY

A Breath of Fresh Air

Local Emergency Management
Committee Meeting
Agenda

Harvey Council Chamber
Monday, 9 December 2024
2PM

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Local Emergency Management Committee

Agenda

Notice is hereby given that a Local Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held Monday, 9 December 2024 in the Harvey Council Chamber, Young Street, Harvey, commencing at 2.00pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda hereunder.

Yours faithfully,



Annie Riordan
Chief Executive Officer

5 December 2024

1. Attendance

Committee Membership – Voting

Shire President/Presiding Officer	Cr.	Michelle	Campbell
Deputy Shire President	Cr.	John	Bromham
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Mr.	Wayne	Jackson
Community Emergency Services Manager	Mr.	Nick	Mellowship
Harvey Police	Sgt.	John	Hancock
Australind Police	Sgt	Steve	Principe
DFES - District Senior Officer	Mr.	Brian	Penman
DBCA – District Officer	Mr.	Jewell	Crossberg
Harvey SES – Nominee (or delegate)	Mr.	Todd	Verrall
Australind SES – Nominee (or delegate)	Mr.	Matthew	Redmond
VFRS – Harvey	Mr.	Scott	Britza
VFRS – Eaton/Australind	Mr.	David	Townsend
Harvey St John Ambulance	Mr.	Paul	Beech
Department of Communities	Ms.	Renee	Flaxman

Committee Membership – Non-Voting

Chief Executive Officer	Ms.	Annie	Riordan
Manager/Waste and Safety Services / Local Recovery Coordinator, Shire of Harvey	Mr.	Haydn	Jones
Director Community Lifestyle	Ms.	Suzie	Hazelhurst
Manager Environmental Health	Ms.	Sara	Saberi
DFES – District Officer, Wellington	Mr.	Brett	Finlay
DFES – District Officer – Natural Hazards	Mr.	Nick	Elrick
DBCA – Fire Operations Officer	Mr.	Afie	Jazreen
Leschenault Leisure Centre - Manager	Mr.	Richard	Duke

Atco Gas	Mr.	Aaron	Goodhew
Australian Rail Group	Mr	Rodney	Smith
Education Department	Mr.	Mick	Luplau
Local Industry Representative/Albermarle	Mr.	Chris	McLennan
Main Roads	Mr.	Troy	Williamson
Department of Health	Mr.	Barry	Moroney
Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline	Mr.	Kirk	McDonald
DFES Emergency Management Advisor	Ms.	Erin	Hutchins
Department Primary Industries and Regional Development	Mr.	Mike	Donaghy
Southern Seawater Alliance	Mr.	Ryan	Luscombe
Australind St John Ambulance	Mr.	Justin	Ingrey
Harvey Water	Mr.	Cameron	Norris
Yarloop Police	OIC.	Nik	Hamer
Water Corporation	Mr.	Brendon	Jackson

Visitor

Department of Health, Acting Senior Scientific Officer	Ms.	Yashvee	Manrakhan-Field
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2. Apologies

Sgt. Heath Soutar, Australind Police.
Ms. Suleen Van Der Westhuizen, Harvey St John Ambulance.
Mr. David Marshall, Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre.
Mr. Warwick Done, Leschenault Leisure Centre.
Mr. Colin Keys, Australind SES.
Mr. Gary Smith, Western Power.
Ms. Natasha Meredith, Hocart Lodge.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting (LEMC) held on Monday 9 September 2024, are attached hereto.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

4. Presentations/Deputations

A presentation will be received by Ms. Yashvee Manrakhan-Field, Acting Senior Scientific Officer, Department of Health, detailing the operations of the Environmental Health's Emergency Response Unit.

5. Business in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Management Act**5.1. Confirmation of LEMC Contact Details**

Attached to the agenda is the current list of Emergency Contact Details. Please advise the CEM of any updates required (*Refer to Confidential Attachment No. 5.1.1*).

5.2. Review any Post - Incident Reports and/or Post - Exercise Reports**5.3. Funding Nominations and Applications Process****5.3.1 Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Two 2024–2025**

The Shire of Harvey have been successful in receiving \$75,000 through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), Round Two 2024–2025 for digital fire danger signs. The Shire is contributing \$75,000 towards the project in the 2024–2025 Budget.

Unfortunately, there has been delays in finalisation of the bilateral agreements under the Federation Funding Agreement and funding is unlikely to be received until April 2025.

5.4. Emergency Risk Management (ERM)/Treatment Strategies Progress**5.3.1 Bridge Maintenance – Emergency Response Routes**

Since the last LEMC meeting in September, Shire Officers have been communicating with Water Corporation concerning future maintenance of bridges that may affect emergency response vehicle routes and response times. As this matter is still being worked through, it will be carried forward to the next LEMC meeting.

5.5. Review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements**5.5. Review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements**

The Local Emergency Management Arrangements and Recovery Plan has recently been reviewed.

Haydn Jones encouraged members to read the LEMA and LRP documents and forwarded any changes/amendments to shire@harvey.wa.gov.au

5.6. Review Business Plan Strategies and Record Key Achievements**5.7. Second Quarter Meeting****5.7.1. Local Government Exercise Schedule****5.7.1. Local Government Exercise Schedule**

An exercise will be scheduled for 9 June 2025, prior to the LEMC meeting.

5.7.2. Seasonal Review

6. General Business

6.1. DFES Report

6.2. DFES District Emergency Management Advisor Report

6.3. Department of Communities

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee will be held on Monday 10 March 2024 in the Harvey Council Chamber, Young Street, Harvey, commencing at 2.00pm.

8. Closure of Meeting

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Local Emergency Management
Committee Meeting
Minutes

**Australind Council Chamber
Monday, 9 September 2024
2.00PM**

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Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee, held on Monday 9 September 2024, in the Harvey Council Chamber, Young Street, Harvey, commencing at 2.02pm.

Official Opening

The Presiding Member, Shire President Campbell opened the meeting at 2.02pm.

1. Attendance

Committee Membership – Voting

Shire President/Presiding Officer	Cr.	Michelle	Campbell
Deputy Shire President	Cr.	John	Bromham
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Mr.	Wayne	Jackson
Community Emergency Services Manager	Mr.	Nick	Mellowship
DFES – Acting District Officer	Mr.	Stacey	Sinclair
DFES – District Officer	Mr.	Jewell	Crossberg
Acting Senior Sergeant, Australind Police	Sgt.	Steve	Princepe
Harvey St John Ambulance	Mr.	Paul	Beech
Department of Communities	Ms.	Renee	Flaxman

Committee Membership – Non-Voting

Chief Executive Officer	Ms.	Annie	Riordan
Manager/Waste and Safety Services / Local Recovery Coordinator, Shire of Harvey	Mr.	Haydn	Jones
Director Community Lifestyle	Ms.	Suzie	Hazelhurst
Bush Fire Risk Mitigation Officer	Mr.	Dustin	Winzer
Chief Bush Fire Control Officer	Mr.	Wayne	Jackson
Manager, Harvey Recreation & Cultural Centre	Mr.	David	Marshall
Local Industry Representative/Albermarle	Mr.	Chris	McLennan
Main Roads	Mr.	Anthony	Willets
Department of Health	Mr.	Barry	Moroney
DFES Emergency Management Advisor	Ms.	Erin	Hutchins
Southern Seawater Alliance	Mr.	Ryan	Luscombe - Electronically
Water Corporation	Mr.	Leon	Cooke

2. Apologies

Mr. Brian Penman, DFES
 Mr. Richard Duke, Manager Leschenault Leisure Centre
 Mr. Warwick Done, Leschenault Leisure Centre
 Senior Sergeant Heath Soutar, Australind Police
 Senior Sergeant John Hancock, Harvey Police

OIC Nick Hamer, Yarloop Police
Mr. Cam Van Veen, Water Corporation
Mr. Andrew Grono, South West Regional Education Office
Mr. Afie Jazreen, DBCA
Mr. Peter Kerr, Western Power
Mr. Kirk McDonald, AGIG
Ms. Natasha Merredith, Hocart Lodge
Ms. Suleen Van Der Westhuizen, Harvey St John Ambulance
Mr. Brett Finlay, DFES

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting (LEMC) held on Monday 10 June 2024, are attached hereto.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 June 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Bromham Seconded Campbell

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4. Presentations/Deputations

- Haydn Jones - communications have been made with a member from Department of Health's the Environmental Health's Emergency Response Unit requesting a presentation at the December 2024 LEMC Meeting.
- Haydn Jones – future presentations to consist of the Committee's Agencies, detailing individual Agency operations and resources available in emergency incidents.

5. Business in accordance with the requirements of the *Emergency Management Act 1995*

5.1. Confirmation of LEMC Contact Details

Attached to the agenda is the current list of Emergency Contact Details. Please advise the CESM of any updates required (***Refer to Confidential Attachment No. 5.1.1***).

5.2. Review any Post - Incident Reports and/or Post - Exercise Reports

Refer to Attachment No. 5.2.1.

5.3. Funding Nominations and Applications Process

5.3.1 Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Two 2024–2025

The Shire of Harvey have been successful in receiving \$75,000 through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), Round Two 2024–2025 for digital fire danger signs. The Shire is contributing \$75,000 towards the project in the 2024–2025 Budget.

This project will increase awareness and educate communities about potential fire danger by installing five (5) digital fire danger rating signs throughout the Shire of Harvey. These signs will be installed in key locations along main roads and entering high bushfire risk areas.

The digital signs will provide real-time updates, visibility and attention, customisation, remote management, and integration with other systems (Emergency WA).

5.3.2 Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) 2024–2025 Round 1

The Shire of Harvey have been successful in receiving \$54,785 through the State Government's Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) 2024–2025 Round 1. 9 treatments which include firebreaks and mechanical works.

Round 2 is now open and there are several proposed treatments to be undertaken, as identified in the Shire's Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

5.4. Emergency Risk Management (ERM)/Treatment Strategies Progress

5.4.1 Agenda Items – Risk Identification

Haydn Jones - any Agency identifying an area of risk relating to emergency management may table items for discussion at the LEMC Meetings for discussion. This practice allowing individual Committee members to identify risks in certain areas and enable specialist advice from other attendees.

5.3.2 Bridge Maintenance – Emergency Response Routes

Haydn Jones proposed an agenda item for the December 2024 meeting, relating to the upcoming maintenance of allocated timber bridges within the Shire. Whilst maintenance of these bridges is being carried out, load bearing limits may apply which may affect emergency response vehicle routes and response times.

5.5. Review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements

The Local Emergency Management Arrangements and Recovery Plan has recently been reviewed.

Haydn Jones encouraged members to read through the LEMA and LRP documents and forwarded any changes/amendments to shire@harvey.wa.gov.au

5.6. Review Business Plan Strategies and Record Key Achievements

Refer to Attachment No. 5.6.1.

5.7. First Quarter Meeting

5.7.1. Local Government Exercise Schedule

An exercise will be scheduled for 9 June 2025, prior to the LEMC meeting.

5.7.2. Seasonal Review

Ms. Stacey Sinclair tabled the seasonal review.

Cr. John Bromham – during the recent storm activity in Bunbury several brigades were called out for assistance, however on arrival there were volunteers unable to assist due to not having completed the appropriate chainsaw training.

Ms. Sinclair advised that she would forward the information to the correct taskforce, requesting that when volunteers are called upon, information relating to specific skill sets be provided.

6. General Business

6.1. DFES Report

Ms. Sinclair tabled the DFES Report. ***(Please refer to Attachment 6.1.1.)***

6.2. DFES District Emergency Management Advisor Report

Ms. Hutchins tabled the DFES District Emergency Management Report. ***(Please refer to Attachment 6.2.1.)***

6.3. Department of Communities

Ms. Flaxman tabled the Department of Communities' Report. ***(Please refer to Attachment 6.3.1.)***

6.4. Main Roads

Anthony Willetts advised that Main Roads's Emergency Management is now operated in house, which includes a rapid response emergency crew.

6.5. Cr Bromham – Mitigation Works

Cr. Bromham commented on the mitigation treatments that included firebreaks and mechanical works as opposed to burning. His concern is we are not meeting our fire reduction notices and fuel loads are getting heavier. It needs to be well planned in future, noting lesser burning times with warmer weather.

Haydn Jones advised that the funding outlined within the agenda is the Shire's successful funding received through the State Government's Mitigation Activity Fund. There were a number of other treatments applied for, but unfortunately not all were successful.

Cr. Bromham noted there are other Agencies responsible for land with fuel loads. How are we liaising with them and their actions in reducing their fuel loads?

Haydn Jones advised that discussions with DBCA and DFES are held in relation to the Agencies' proposed prescribed burns. If there are land tenures that are adjacent, then prescribed burn resources could be shared.

Jewell Crossberg advised that DBCA conduct an analysis to identify areas that may be under threat. Those findings consist of layers laid on the tenures to identify the fuel load.

6.6. DBCA

Jewell Crossberg reported DBCA now being equipped with a full fire team, and they are well under way with the Spring burn times. Two burns within the Shire have now been completed.

Mr. Crossberg noted future prescribed burns are required in the Kemerton district and Harvey townsite area.

6.7. Australind Police

- Senior Sergeant Princepe reported that the Police have noted a surge in domestic violence.
- WA Police are currently planning for upcoming events, in particular the Brunswick Agricultural Show and the end of school year "Leaver's" celebrations.
- There has been an increase in road traffic accidents with speed, fatigue inattention, alcohol and drugs being noted as major causes.

6.8. Bush Fire Risk Mitigation Officer

Dustin Winzer discussed mitigation activities and added further comments concerning prescribed burns and some limitation with this mitigation option.

6.9. Community Emergency Services Coordinator

Nick Mellowship was happy to announce the DFES grant approval for a new Leschenault Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Building. The construction of the building creating another Level 1 Centre.

Mr. Mellowship advised that the DFES Wellness Team had recently been engaged to assist some people that were still struggling with mental health post 2016 Waroona/Yarloop Bush Fire.

Mental health needs should be monitored in the future, including assistance for volunteers.

6.10. Cr. Michelle Campbell

- Cr. Campbell appreciated receiving an invite to Leschenault Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade's Annual Dinner and congratulated Mr. Michael Papalia on receiving the National Medal for 45 years of service.
- Michelle Campbell recently attended the South West Local Government Zone meeting, noting that the topic of Shot Hole Borers being raised as a biodiversity issue and the issue is being discussed at Local Government LEMC meetings.

6.11. Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Wayne Jackson reported volunteer numbers increasing with approximately thirty new members throughout the Shire of Harvey brigades.

Haydn Jones expressed his appreciation to Wayne Jackson for the increased amount of training conducted in the off season.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee will be held on Monday 9 December 2024, in the Harvey Shire Council Chamber, Young Street, Harvey commencing at 2.00pm.

Please note that due to renovations commencing at the Shire's Australind Administration Sub-Office, all future LEMC Meetings will be held in the Harvey Shire Council Chamber, Young Street, Harvey.

8. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 3.03pm



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**Department of Fire and Emergency Services Report for the
Shire of Harvey Local Emergency Management Committee**

Monday 9 September 2024

SPRING SEASON 2024

It was an early and busy start to the winter season with two major storm events impacting Bunbury on 10 May and 1 June. Recovery activities continue for these events and Post Operational Reviews are planned. Call outs continue for local SES for maintenance of temporary repairs from these events. The DFES region has also noticed this season that rental property managers are referring their clients to the SES rather than arranging for contractors to make repairs, which is unnecessarily impacting the lives of Volunteers.

CLIMATE OUTLOOK (issued 4 September 2024)

The long-range forecast for August to October shows:

- Rainfall is likely to be within the typical seasonal range for much of southern WA.
- Warmer than average days and nights are likely to very likely across most of Australia, however, it is the cool season and periods of unusually cold weather are still possible.

The current pattern of warmth in global sea surface temperatures is unlike historical patterns. This is likely to impact the ability to predict the development of climate influences such as ENSO and IOD based solely on historic relationships between sea surface temperatures and these events.

AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM (AWS)

Western Australia has adopted a national consistent approach to emergency information by using a standardised set of warning levels, colours and icons, supported by clear action statements to keep people safe. Cyclone, storm and flood warnings join bushfire and heatwave in using AWS colours, icons and warning levels of Advice, Watch and Act and Emergency Warning. How you receive warnings may not change, but the wording, colours and call to action may be different to what you're used to, as this system is implemented across Australia.

The AWS has been designed based on feedback and research across the country and aims to deliver a more consistent approach to these types of emergencies, no matter where you are.

Australia's fire and emergency services aim to provide you with timely and relevant information during emergencies. Refer to <https://www.australianwarningsystem.com.au/> for more information regarding the AWS.

JAFFA

The Juvenile and Family Fire Awareness (JAFFA) Program is a free and confidential education program offered across Western Australia for young people aged 6 to 16 years who have been involved in fire lighting.

JAFFA helps young people to learn about the consequences of fire play, and to develop fire safe skills and behaviours. The confidential and free support program is available throughout Western Australia by contacting jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au or calling on 9395 9488.

Brett Finlay

District Officer Wellington

DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
1st Quarter 2024-2025

2024. SEMC Communiques can be found [here](#).

2024 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- October
- December

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

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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 Human Biosecurity

A targeted initial internal review of the State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity has been completed by the Department of Health’s Communicable Disease Control and Disaster Preparedness and Management Directorates and is now available for broad stakeholder feedback. Concurrently, the Department of Health will be continuing engagement with health system stakeholders in relation to this Plan.

The draft State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity provides an overview of arrangements for two
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Environment. Collectively these two hazards are referred to as human biosecurity.

Consultation will be open for 12 weeks from 16 August 2024 to 8 November 2024 . Please submit your feedback by close of business on 8 November 2024.

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

STATE RECOVERY AMENDMENTS

The state-level recovery arrangements in the State Emergency Management Framework (EM Framework) are currently under review. The proposed amendments to the arrangements are:

- Proposed four-level State Model for Recovery Governance (R1-R4), which was trialled in the 23-24 high threat period. The Model defines increasing State involvement relative to the complexity of recovery and capacity of the local government.
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities for the state at various recovery levels, including the role of the State Recovery Coordinator, Event Recovery Coordinator (R3 State Led), and Event Recovery Controller (R4 State Controlled).
- A draft Assessment Support Tool to be utilised in assisting decision makers to assess the level of recovery under the proposed new State Model, including escalation / de-escalation of State involvement in recovery.

There will be a public consultation process on proposed changes to state-level recovery arrangements in the EM Framework. Recommendations for amendments to the EM Framework will be presented to SEMC for consideration.

SEMC STRATEGIC PLAN

With the expiry of the current Strategic Plan in 2025, the SEMC reviewed its strategic direction in anticipation of the development of a new Strategic Plan. At a Strategic Planning workshop, the SEMC explored five key emergency management systemic issues:

- More frequent and severe emergencies
- Consideration of a systemic approach to risk management
- A whole of sector approach
- Strengthening capability and capacity

Consultation on a new Strategic Plan, and the outcomes of the Strategic Planning workshop, will now occur with Subcommittees and District Emergency Management Committees throughout July, August and September 2024.

The next **District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)** will be held on Tuesday 15 October 2024.

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.

please contact the DFES Public Information Branch via email statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au.

Compiled by:
District Emergency Management Advisor – South West
Department of Fire and Emergency Services
As at 29 August 2024.





**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORTING**

Agency:

**Department of Communities
(Communities)**

Shire of Harvey

Report prepared by:	Renee Flaxman	Position:	Regional Coordinator
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Date: From – July 2024 to September 2024 inclusive

Report:

Communities 2023/24 Statewide High Threat Season Activations

The Department of Communities' Emergency Relief and Support (ERS) Directorate would like to acknowledge and thank all of our local and state partners for the assistance and support provided over the 2023-24 season.

Since October 2023, there has been a total of fifty-one events supported by Communities statewide including:

- Activation under the AUSRECEPLAN– Israel and Gaza repatriation.
- Pre-planning undertaken for 3 high threat weather events, which did not result in activation.
- 496 People were supported during events through our client management system.
- 2 Active and declared recovery events (under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements) - Mariginiup Fire, Bunbury Storm.
- Just prior to Christmas 2023, there were 6 activations supported by Communities over just 2 days (20-22 December).

Our team looks forward to working with you all over the coming months as we prepare for the 2024-25 season.

Communities Recovery Activities

Kimberley Floods Recovery Program

- The Kimberley Flood Recovery Team continues to support impacted residents, through a collaborative approach within the Hub.
- The Emergency, Relief and Support Team within Communities is a key stakeholder in the social recovery domain of the Kimberley Flood Recovery phase. In addition to supporting impacted residents with their claims and eligibility requirements, we are also supporting individuals and communities with practical, personal and wellbeing supports. At present there are five projects supporting Fitzroy Valley individuals and communities, in varying capacities, and we are currently scoping future project requirements, during the next phase of the Recovery.
- Our team is currently working and collaborating with the Housing Team and members of the Hub, ensuring that impacted residents are supported in understanding their rights and obligations as they begin their journey from their temporary accommodation units to their Return to Home Journey

Mariginiup Fires Recovery Program

- Communities has supported the City of Wanneroo to deliver the psychosocial wellbeing and financial support elements of the recovery program for the fire affected community, with the final date of program delivery finishing on June 30 2024.

Bunbury Storms Recovery Program

- A total of 42 displaced individuals were supported in temporary accommodation, of which 6 are still being supported as of 5 August. To date, Communities:
 - Provided assistance with accommodation, food, clothing and personal requisites to displaced and impacted individuals.
 - Supported individuals who have returned or are transitioning home with prepaid cards as well as food boxes as part of their Return Home packages.
 - Are supporting individuals to access psychological supports via approved local providers.
 - Have commenced a targeted outreach of known impacted people for Category 3 and 4 financial assistance.
 - Is working with the Lions Club who are in the process of making up hampers to further support these individuals in their return home journey.
 - Disaster Response Hotline remains open to provide support, with officers continuing to engage with impacted persons since the Recovery Hubs closed.
 - Is finalising a procurement process with Red Cross for delivery of a recovery training program to the city.
 - Continues to work closely with CoBunbury, DFES, local support agencies including property and strata management, Red Cross, Salvation Army, SWCLS, RAC, Foodbank and accommodation providers to ensure individual needs are met.

Local EM Information

Emergency Evacuation Centre Training

- The emergency evacuation centre training is being enhanced and revised to boost the knowledge and confidence of Communities district teams, local government and other partnering agencies to work within an emergency evacuation centre.
- This dynamic, interactive three-hour training enables participants to design and set up an evacuation centre, while navigating a variety of scenarios staff may encounter in such settings.
- Participants will include a cross section of Communities staff and local government agencies to foster collaboration and relationship building.
- Whenever possible, training will be held in designated evacuation centres to provide hands-on experience.

The ERS team will be in contact to arrange a training schedule and identifying dates and locations.

Planning and Preparedness

The ERS Directorate are keen to work with Local Governments and partners in preparations and exercising. If you are running any exercises or events that would be of value and appropriate for ERS to attend, please let your ERS Regional Coordinator know.

The ERS Directorate can support the local government by reviewing your emergency kits ensuring that appropriate items and resources are available.

Activations

Southwest Communities staff had been activated to stand up 8 evacuation centres in the region since the start of the 2023/2024 season:

- SoDardanup - Eaton Bushfire (21st to 22nd December 2023) – Evacuation Centre opened at Eaton Recreation Centre then moved to Eaton Boomers Football Club
- SoCollie - Coolongatta Bushfire (11th to 12th January 2024) – Evacuation Centre opened at Roche Park
- SoNannup – Jalbarragup Millbrook State Forest Bushfire (17th to 18th January 2024) Evacuation Centre opened at Nannup Recreation Centre
- SoHarvey – Leschenault and Australind Bushfire (27th February 2024) – Evacuation Centre opened at Eaton Recreation Centre
- SoCapel – Harewoods Bushfire (10th March to 11th March 2024) – South West Sports Centre
- SoManjimup – Walpole Middle Road Complex Bushfire (26th to 27th April 2024) – Evacuation Centre opened at Walpole Recreation Centre.
- CoBunbury – Bunbury Tornado (10th May 2024 ongoing) – Evacuation Centre opened at Eaton Recreation Centre.
- CoBunbury – Bunbury Storm (1st June 2024 ongoing) – Evacuation Centre opened at South West Sports Centre

ERS Stream 1 Regional Preparedness and Coordination

- A new Regional Coordinator for the Great Southern was appointed and commenced in the role as from the 24th June.

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