

Shire of Denmark Minutes



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2014, COMMENCING 4.00PM.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Person opened the meeting at 4:05pm.

After waiting for 15 minutes the meeting was closed, at 4:20pm, as a quorum was not reached.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCEMEMBERS:

Mr Graeme Thallon	(Chief Bushfire Control Officer & Presiding Person)
Mrs Charmaine Shelley	(Denmark State Emergency Service)
Mr Trent Moore	(Denmark Sea Rescue)
Mrs Erica Sayer	(St. John Ambulance, Denmark)
Mr Lee Shelley	(Denmark Fire and Rescue Service)
Mr Neville Blackburn	(Department for Child Protection & Family Support)

STAFF: (non voting)

Mr Marcus Owen	(Committee Secretary & CESM)
Mr Gregg Harwood	(Director of Community and Regulatory Services)

APOLOGIES:

Mr Alex Williams	(Walpole Sea Rescue)
Mr Andrew Dunn	(Denmark Police, Officer in Charge)

ABSENT:

Cr Ross Thornton	(Shire President & Presiding Person)
Mr Samuel Barron	(Denmark Health Service)
Mr Peter Newton	(Walpole State Emergency Service)
Ms Tracey Allison	(Denmark State Emergency Service)
Mr Brian Vigus	(Peaceful Bay Sea Rescue)
Mr George Mumford	(Denmark Surf Lifesaving)
Mr Harold Luxton	(St. John Ambulance Walpole)
Mr Daniel Moore	(Silver Chain Walpole)
Mr George Doust	(DPaW Walpole)
Mr Derek Stone	(Denmark Sea Rescue)

VISITORS:

Mr Wayne Austin	(St. John Ambulance, Denmark)
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Name	Item No	Interest	Nature

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	ITEM 5.1
Moved:	Seconded:
That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee held on the 2 ND September 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
Carried:	

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.2.1 Walpole Power Issues

At the September 2014 LEMC meeting the issues caused by power outages in Walpole was discussed, particularly the negative impact on emergency services, which also effects the Western areas of the Shire of Denmark.

As requested by LEMC the A/g CESM wrote to the Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) Meeting on 15th September. Acknowledgement from DEMC attached.

In early November a public meeting was held in Walpole on this issue which was attended by representatives from Western Power and Telstra with the intention of improving the services from these utilities.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Review of the Emergency Services Acts

The team managing the review of the Emergency Services Acts released a Concept Paper earlier this year with the public consultation period closing on 31st July 2014. The review team has provided information that more than 200 entities provided more than 5300 comments over the Concept Paper. Correspondence is attached.

6.2 Review of ANZAC Emergency Management Preparedness

The Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) has written to the Shire of Denmark seeking feedback on the emergency management preparations that were undertaken leading up to the ANZAC commemoration. Please find attached the DEMC letter and a feedback framework.

Feedback will be taken at the meeting.

6.3 DEMC Emergency Management Preparedness

The Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) has written to the Shire of Denmark on 24 October 2014 in regard to a number of emergency management preparedness measures. These matters include the Great Southern DEMC Business Plan, local government representation on DEMC, pre-season preparedness, local emergency management arrangements and recovery plans and communications with DEMC. A copy of the correspondence and the Shires response is attached.

6.4 Evacuation Satchel

Australia Post have developed a water and heat resistant satchel that is intended to be used by householders to store important papers and other small items that form part of a residents survival kit. Australia Post is promoting the satchel and have contacted the Shire of Denmark with information. A sample satchel will be available at the meeting.

6.5 Fire Season Preparations

The Shire of Denmark Bush Fire Brigades have undertaken work to prepare for the 2014-2015 fire season over the last few months. This has included reviewing mobilisation protocols, communication plans, investigating solutions to radio black spots within the Shire, a meeting of Brigade Officers and updating contact details for key personal.

6.6 Harassment Of Volunteer Emergency Workers

Over the last few months several instances of written and verbal harassment of volunteers have occurred particularly to Bush Fire Service volunteers. The matter has been raised in order to see if this is also an issue for other services and also to explore strategies that might be adopted to minimise the negative impact on volunteers.

7. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for Tuesday the 3RD March 2015 in the Shire of Denmark Council Chambers, 953 South Coast Highway, Denmark, commencing at 4.00pm.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Presiding Person closed the meeting at..

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting.

Signed: _____
Gregg Harwood – Acting Chief Executive Officer

Date: 22 January 2015

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the

Signed:

(Presiding Person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.)