



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

TO BE HELD

**5.30PM ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024**

AT

**Shire of Brookton  
14 White Street, Brookton WA 6306**

Notice is hereby given that the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting of the Brookton Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre commencing at 5.30pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda.

**Gary Sherry**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
5 March 2024

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## 1.03.24 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 5.30pm.

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People and pay respect to all Elders, past, present, and emerging. I wish to acknowledge and respect local people's continuing culture and the contribution they make to Country and its life.

### Committee Members (Voting)

Katrina Crute	Shire President
Lachlan McCabe	Councillor
Lorraine Redhead	Baptistcare – Kalkarni
Murray Hall	Chief Bushfire Control Officer
Jackie Allington	Brookton CWA
Rodney Thornton	RoadWise (WALGA)
Blake Halford	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Michael Phillips	Department of Communities
Joanne Spadaccini	Department of Communities
Kris Dewson-Hall	Brookton District High School
William Wilkinson	Brookton Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Phillip Crute	Brookton - St Johns Ambulance
David Johnstone	Brookton Police
Anna Erickson	DPIRD
Jo-Ann De Marchi	SilverChain

### Staff (Non-Voting)

Gary Sherry	Chief Executive Officer
Sandie Spencer	Local Recovery Coordinator/Executive Governance Officer
Jason Carrall	Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)

### Apologies received

Ian Dawson	St Johns Ambulance
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**2.03.24 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****2.03.24.01 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2023**

*That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held in the Shire of Brookton Council Chambers, on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.*

**3.03.24 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil at this time.

**4.03.24 STANDING ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT EACH MEETING****4.03.24.01 UPDATE OF CONTACTS AND RESOURCES REGISTER**

Member agencies are required to review the document and provide details of required updates before next meeting.

- Any changes required for the current contacts and resources register?

**4.03.24.02 CHANGE OF POSITION/LEAVE AND ACTING ARRANGEMENTS – NOTIFICATION**

Updates in **RED**.

**1. Delegates & Proxy's:**

Organisation	Delegate	Proxy
Baptistcare	Lorraine Redhead <del>June Harwood</del>	Nil
WAPOL	David Johnstone	Brad Fredericks
Dept. Communities	Michael Phillips <del>Jodie Pollard</del>	Joanne Spadaccini Mark Schorer
Brookton Bushfire Brigade	CBFCO - Murray Hall	D/CBFCO - Travis Eva
BDHS	Kris Dewson-Hall <del>Karen Tabner</del>	
St Johns	Ian Dawson	
St Johns - Brookton	Phillip Crute	Cliff Fishlock
DFES	Adam Whitford Charlotte Powis – District Emergency Management Advisor	Blake Halford
DPIRD	Anna Erickson	
RoadWise	Rodney Thornton	Nil
SilverChain	Jo-Ann De Marchi	
Brookton VFRS	Scott Atkins	William Wilkinson
Shire of Brookton	SP - Katrina Crute	
Brookton CWA	Jackie Allington <del>Merilyn Marchesi</del>	

#### 4.03.24.03 INCIDENT SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVATIONS

Nil.

#### 4.03.24.04 RISK PROFILE CHANGE

Nil.

#### 4.03.24.05 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Shire of Brookton Local Emergency Management Arrangement is up for review in 2025. The commencement of the review will begin during 2024, to allow time for input from Local Emergency Management Committee.

#### 4.03.24.06 REPORT AND/OR DEBRIEF ON ANY LEMC EXERCISE(S)

Nil.

#### 5.03.24 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 5.03.24.01 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS - CORRESPONDENCE

- **Charlotte Powis – DFES District Emergency Management Advisor**  
Charlotte has recently started in the role as District Emergency Management Advisor (DEMA), after taking over from DEMA Adam Smith.
  
- **Joanne Spadaccini – Department of Communities Emergency Relief Structure - Wheatbelt Regional**  
The new structure for Wheatbelt:-  
Mark Schorer – Regional Manager ERS  
Michael Phillips Regional Coordinator ERS  
Joanne Spadaccini – Regional Officer ERS

#### 6.03.24 ATTENDEE REPORTS AROUND THE ROOM

- **Jo Spadaccini - Department of Communities**
  - Report - Attachment 6.03.24.01A - Emergency Relief and Support
  - Attachment under a separate cover 6.03.24.01B – Department of Communities – Local Emergency Welfare Plan.

**7.03.24 EXERCISE****7.03.24.01 EVACUATION CENTRE EXERCISE**

The Shire of Brookton has engaged Department of Communities to conduct an Evacuation Centre Exercise for the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 from approximately 10am-4pm. This exercise will be in lieu of the LEMC meeting scheduled for that evening. An invitation to be extended to surrounding Shires Pingelly, Wandering and Beverley.

**8.03.24 FOR INFORMATION****8.03.24.01 MEDIA RELEASE – \$2. MILLION FUNDING AWARDED TO WA DISASTER REDUCTION INITIATIVES – 24 FEBRUARY 2024**

A range of projects aimed at reducing the risk and impact of natural disasters in Western Australia will share in \$2.5 million of funding under the National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) Grant Program.

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Following a record number of applications, 15 successful initiatives are set to make an impact in communities across the State, including protection from extreme heat, cyclone shelters, aircraft infrastructure in remote areas, and artificial intelligence to detect bushfires early.

The NDRR Grant Program is jointly funded under a National Partnership Agreement between the Australian and Western Australian Governments to benefit communities into the future.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Murray Watt said the Albanese Government was committed to working with all levels of government, community members and organisations to reduce the risk and impact of natural disasters.

The Australian Government will provide more than \$12.5 million to Western Australia under the jointly funded National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction over five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

**The WA NDRR Grant Program recipients for 2023-24 are:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Shire of Donnybrook Balingup	\$31,500	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup Fire Danger Rating Signs	The acquisition and installation of three electronic Fire Danger Rating Signs as the Australian Fire Danger Rating System has now changed. The signs will be placed in prominent locations within the Shire to enable clear, effective communication to residents.
Murdoch University	\$249,513	Partnering for protection from the impacts of extreme heat events on the Wakathuni community in the Pilbara	This project will co-design and implement proactive adaptive strategies with the Wakathuni community in the Pilbara to address the impacts of heat extremes.

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	\$67,500	Midwest Gascoyne Weather Stations	Design, construct, install and initialise three automatic weather stations at identified locations to fill gaps in the weather monitoring network within the Midwest Gascoyne Region. Proposed locations are Turquoise Coast, Kalbarri, and Gascoyne Junction.
Shire of East Pilbara	\$28,445	Marble Bar Evacuation Centre	Upgrade the current Evacuation Centre for the town and surrounding communities which is utilised by both residents of Marble Bar and people from remote communities seeking safe shelter during a cyclone weather warning.
Shire of Mundaring	\$10,000	ProPer Prep: PROperty and PERsonal PREParedness	Ten locally focused short videos will share multi-agency supported property and personal preparedness messaging, encompassing bushfire mitigation, environmental considerations, and personal wellbeing.
Edith Cowan University	\$107,000	Responding to Natural Disaster Risk: Evaluating Vulnerability, Awareness and Liveability (REVAL)	This project addresses natural disaster risk and community resilience by understanding community perceptions, responses and experiences in urban and peri-urban WA.
Department of Fire and Emergency Services	\$681,578	Improved Flood Intelligence for Western Australia	An accessible and accurate flood intelligence system, which can be readily updated to incorporate event observations, new research and information will significantly improve the emergency management sector's ability to respond to floods, increase information sharing across agencies and support single source messaging regarding flood risk and impacts.
City of Greater Geraldton	\$18,023	Smart Monitoring of water tank level project	The installation of a smart water level monitoring system for the City's bushfire water tanks located in strategic locations. This will allow real time level monitoring of the critical firefighting water supplies.
Department of Fire and Emergency Services	\$237,035	WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Implementation	This strategy aims to increase the capacity of communities to cope with and recover from the impacts of disasters and to identify priority action areas and opportunities for investment.

Befriend Inc.	\$250,000	Resilient Together: Activating community-led resilience initiatives in Wanneroo	A community engagement and education program designed to build the resilience capacity of community members and at-risk community groups.
Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils	\$235,000	Adapting Community Assets for Climate Change Impacts: Feasibility Study	This project will assist nine Goldfields Esperance local government authorities by establishing a framework and data to demonstrate and determine the most beneficial adaptation options to better prepare for climate change.
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	\$53,086	Smoke Detection Camera System	The camera system utilises artificial intelligence (AI) technology to detect smoke in the early phase of a fire. The use of AI technology will supplement the existing system of fire lookout towers and spotter aircraft. During inclement weather the current systems may not be able to be utilised for safety reasons and therefore reduce the capacity for early detection and response to bushfires.
Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation	\$250,000	Balgo Hills Aerodrome runway resheet	Earthworks to move and compact the runway surface area to correct drainage and loose stone issues.
Grower Group Alliance	\$233,420	To build preparedness and resilience in Grower Groups to enhance relief and recovery efforts following an emergency response	Engage and prepare a network of 60+ groups Statewide including five in pastoral regions and their 4000 farming enterprise members to respond immediately, and participate effectively with appropriate emergency service agencies, and to further build their preparedness and resilience.
St John Ambulance Western Australia Ltd.	\$53,500	iNetVu® FLY-74G Flyaway Antenna - St John WA	The purchase and implementation of National Broadband network FLY-74G capability to promote effective organisational emergency management practices when coordinating with other agencies responding to disasters.



**8.03.24.02 MEDIA RELEASE – LOCAL COMPANY TO DELIVER NEXT GENERATION EMERGENCY WA – 23 JANUARY 2024**

The Cook Government is investing in the safety of Western Australians by partnering with a locally based public safety technology provider Genvis to deliver a new and improved Emergency WA.

- State Government invests in safety of all Western Australians during emergencies
- New generation Emergency WA to deliver faster, targeted emergency information

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Managed by the Department of Emergency Services (DFES), Emergency WA has been the community's trusted source of authoritative, accurate and timely emergency information since 2016 – helping people impacted by emergencies make decisions to keep themselves safe.

The platform is now entering an exciting new phase as DFES and Genvis work to provide a nation-leading emergency information platform capable of delivering faster, more personalised and targeted warnings during emergencies.

The partnership is part of a multi-year project delivering innovative improvements to Emergency WA, including nationally consistent warnings through the Australian Warning System.

The new functionality will be rolled out in a phased approach, and will include an app along with translated warnings, the ability to set watch zones, integration with in-home and wearable smart devices and new accessibility features.

Emergency WA continues to grow as the State's one-stop shop for emergency information, with many State Government entities joining the platform to help Western Australians find the information they need to stay safe.

Current users include the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, as well as the Departments of Health and Education, and Western Power.

**8.03.24.03 MEDIA RELEASE – GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BOOST TO REDUCE FIRE RISK – 19 DECEMBER 2023**

The Cook Government has announced a \$4.45 million program to support 24 local governments reduce bushfire risk near their local communities.

- 24 local governments receive grants in latest round of Mitigation Activity Fund
- Funding will support more than 600 mitigation activities to reduce bushfire risk
- Over \$52 million allocated to 70 local governments since program began in 2017

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson said the funding would help these local governments create new firebreaks and carry out planned burns when conditions are suitable.

The 24 local governments, located from Albany to Dandaragan, will share in the \$4.45 million allocated through the second round of the 2023-24 Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF). First introduced in 2017, the MAF supports local governments so they can manage high-risk areas of the State. It is available to those with an endorsed Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

The latest round of funding will pay for over 600 mitigation activities in the Great Southern, South West, Goldfields-Esperance, Mid West-Gascoyne, Wheatbelt and metropolitan regions.

Well-managed mitigation activities reduce bushfire risks without adversely affecting the environment, wildlife and ecosystems. These activities include building fire breaks, reducing fuel loads and carrying out hazard reduction burns.

In addition to mitigation activities the Cook Government is investing more than \$140 million into providing new equipment, resources, personal protective clothing and facilities to support our frontline fire and emergency services.

**MITIGATION ACTIVITY FUND - GRANTS PROGRAM 2023-24 Round 2 Allocation**

Local government	Number of Treatments	Treatments Allocated
Albany	147	\$274,499.00
Busselton	17	\$211,000.00
Capel	40	\$475,350.00
Chittering	41	\$263,570.00
Cranbrook	12	\$47,000.00
Dandaragan	11	\$172,292.00
Denmark	7	\$35,000.00
Donnybrook-Balingup	20	\$315,180.00
Gingin	29	\$418,283.00
Gnowangerup	6	\$38,500.00
Gosnells	18	\$99,300.00
Harvey	17	\$73,630.00
Jerramungup	35	\$365,500.00
Kwinana	6	\$69,536.00
Mundaring	4	\$240,000.00

Murray	9	\$38,050.00
Nannup	13	\$241,790.00
Plantagenet	4	\$28,000.00
Quairading	13	\$135,000.00
Ravensthorpe	47	\$202,800.00
Toodyay	58	\$215,000.00
Victoria Plains	9	\$164,796.00
Wanneroo	49	\$313,450.00
Waroona	1	\$18,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>\$4,455,526</b>

#### 9.03.24 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

- Meeting dates for 2024:
  - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Evacuation Centre Exercise
  - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024
  - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024