



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12 MARCH 2024

These minutes were confirmed by Local Emergency Management Committee as a true and correct record of proceedings by the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on/...../.....

Presiding Member: **Date:**

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1.03.24 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.37pm.

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)

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|------------------|---|
| Katrina Crute | Shire President |
| Lachlan McCabe | Councillor |
| David Johnstone | Brookton Police |
| Anna Erickson | DPIRD |
| Michael Phillips | Department of Communities |
| Murray Hall | Chief Bushfire Control Officer |
| Kris Dewson-Hall | Brookton District High School |
| Jason Carrall | Department of Fire and Emergency Services - Acting AO Narrogin |
| Charlotte Powis | DFES District Emergency Management Advisor |
| Rodney Thornton | RoadWise (WALGA) entered at 6:10pm |

Staff (Non-Voting)

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|----------------|---|
| Gary Sherry | Chief Executive Officer |
| Sandie Spencer | Local Recovery Coordinator/Executive Governance Officer |

Apologies received

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|-------------------|---|
| Ian Dawson | St Johns Ambulance |
| Phillip Crute | Brookton - St Johns Ambulance |
| Jo-Ann De Marchi | SilverChain |
| Lorraine Redhead | Baptistcare – Kalkarni |
| Jackie Allington | Brookton CWA |
| Blake Halford | Department of Fire and Emergency Services |
| William Wilkinson | Brookton Volunteer Fire & Rescue |
| Joanne Spadaccini | Department of Communities |

2.03.24 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.03.24.01 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2023

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LEMC RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr McCabe SECONDED Cr Crute

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

CARRIED 9/0

For: Cr Crute, Cr McCabe, David Johnstone, Anna Erickson, Michael Phillips, Murray Hall, Kris Dewson-Hall, Jason Carrall, Charlotte Powis

Against: Nil

3.03.24 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

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 June Harwood | Nil |
| WAPOL | David Johnstone | Brad Fredericks |
| Dept. Communities | Michael Phillips Jodie Pollard | Joanne Spadaccini Mark Schorer |
| Brookton Bushfire Brigade | CBFCO - Murray Hall | D/CBFCO - Travis Eva |
| BDHS | Kris Dewson-Hall Karen Tabner | Donelle Fox |
| 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, Cr McCabe | |
| Brookton CWA | Jackie Allington Merilyn Marchesi | |

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

➤ Murray Hall – Chief Bushfire Control Officer

- Low incidence of fire within the Shire this season. Couple of potential large fires shut down miraculously by fast response. Literally cut off fire metres from massive fuel loads and looming protracted bad weather.
- Supported Pingelly, Corrigin and Beverley fires. Lightning and header fires.
- Ongoing mitigation work. Ranging from forestry mulching, breaks, cool burning, spraying, as per Shire planning.
 - Recommended railway corridor to be better mitigated.
 - More mitigation planned for Autumn in risk areas north of town.
- Been a slight increase in new volunteers joining brigades.
- Still advocating for improved communication between our region and Wheatbelt Goldfields Region.
- One shed for West Brigade currently being build and soon to be finished.
- East shed going to tender and expected before next fire season.
- Now moved into Restricted Season. Permits restricted with due to Fire Danger Rating / FBI index.
- Reporting to DFES Comsen to register burn.
- ROAC – focus on safety and procedure to prevent injuries.

➤ Anna Erickson – DPIRD

- Recovery operations continuing from Albany fire.
- Waiting on reports from Eucla flooding. Transporting of stock will be impacted by floods.

➤ Michael Phillips – Dept. of Communities

- Structure changes within Department of Communities.
- Based in Northam.

➤ Jason Carrall – Acting AO Narrogin

- Pingelly had a number of fires.
- Cuballing had a number of deliberately lit fires.

- Lightning has been the main issue and ignition of fires across the region.
- Air support activated earlier for season.
- Strike teams deployed to various regions.
- Header fires 15, down on previous season – Upper Great Southern Region.
- Road crashes have increased across the region.

CESM

- mitigation program – 1 more burn to complete at the Country Club.
- Cemetery on list.
- Funding application for fit out of the West and East fire sheds.
- Forestry mulch railway reserve – conversation with Arc Infrastructure.

➤ David Johnstone - WAPOL

- Small incidents of crime.
- Encourage people to report through 131 444.
- 3 police stations on rotation.

➤ Kris Dewson-Hall – Brookton District High School

- Fire close to School – a need to review evacuation procedures.
- Students enjoyed the fire safety talk from Jason. A visit to St John Ambulance will follow.
- Interested to engage students with the cadet program.

➤ Rodney Thornton – WALGA Roadwise

- Road Safety Inspection of Local Government Roads – RAPIS.

➤ 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.

➤ Charlotte Powis - DFES

- Recently started in the role as District Emergency Management Advisor, previously held by Adam Smith.
- Disaster Ready Funding Round 1.
 - Eg. Fire danger rating signs, backup power supplies – evacuation centres/upgrades to evacuation centres, water tanks for airstrips.
 - Aware Projects Funding:- Emergency boxes for households.
- Full report below.

GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT Jan- Mar 2024

STATE NEWS

The last meeting of the **State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC)** was held on the 6 December 2023. SEMC Communiqués can be found [here](#).

2024 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- March 2024

STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

The SEMC has approved changes to the suite of State Emergency Management (EM) Documents within the State EM Framework. These changes include the development of an **All-Hazards Restricted Access Permit System (RAPS) Guideline**, a detailed review of the interim **State Hazard Plan – Severe Weather**, and a new **State EM Risk Management Guideline**.

In addition to the documents mentioned above, the following State EM documents have been amended:

- State EM Policy – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline and Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Plan – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline
- State EM Procedure – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Glossary – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State Hazard Plan Fire – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Traffic Management in Emergencies Guideline – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline.

These documents are now available on the [SEMC website](#).

The SEMC has approved and published two new State Emergency Management documents, the **State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support** and the **Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook**.

State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support

Several key changes were made to the Plan including;

- The change to terminology from 'welfare' to 'emergency relief and support' and 'welfare centre' to 'evacuation centres'.
- Greater clarity of the emergency relief and support services provided within the six functional domains.
- Greater clarity of Communities role in supporting Disaster Victim Identification services in respect to a major emergency.
- Greater clarity of Communities role as the State agency responsible for leading the social domain in the recovery phase of an emergency.

Please review your internal emergency management documents to reflect new terminology used within the Plan.

Local Emergency Management Committee Handbook and useful tools

The LEMC handbook provides local governments with a summary of the actions and best practice principles as required under section 38 – 40 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, State Emergency Management Policy, procedures, and guidelines.

The LEMC Handbook provides a summary of the WA emergency management arrangements, key roles, and responsibilities and best practice advice for the administration of LEMC.

The Handbook also includes sample LEMC Terms of Reference and Meeting Agenda templates, which can be downloaded from the [SEMC website](#).

Amendments to State Emergency Management documents

State EM Policy has completed consequential and statement of fact amendments to most of the State Emergency Management documents. The changes relate to:

1. The change in terminology from 'welfare' to 'emergency relief and support' and related terms following SEMC approval of the State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support.
Please note: While the amendments log provides an overview of all items that have been updated within the suite, a detailed log is not provided for each reference to these terms within the State EM Framework.
2. Consequential amendments to reflect the outcomes of the 2023 SEMC Subcommittee review, which came into effect 1 July 2023.
3. Consequential amendments to reflect the revised State EM Capability Framework, approved by SEMC on 4 October 2023.
4. Statement of fact amendments to correct minor issues raised by EM stakeholders and to improve accessibility, approved by the SEMC Executive Officer.

Details of the amendments are provided within the [October 2023 amendments list](#) on the SEMC website.

Amendments to Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline

The SEMC Executive Officer has approved a statement of fact change to the Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline in support of the Wooroloo Bushfire Review Recommendation 8: *DFES should consider establishment of road clearing capability to complement bushfire response, with the sole purpose of clearing roads to provide safe return of residents as soon as possible after fire.*

The latest version of the [Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline](#) and [details of the amendment](#) are available on the SEMC website.

For any queries, please email semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au

CONSULTATION REQUESTS

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

Release of the Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP) Discussion Paper

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) is developing the EM-SAP to support the Western Australian emergency management sector to accelerate climate change adaptation. The SEMC recognises the risks posed by climate change and is committed to delivering strong action to enhance the resilience of Western Australian communities and the emergency management sector.

The EM-SAP will represent a major part of the implementation of the Western Australian Climate Adaptation Strategy and fulfils SAP requirements under the *Climate Change Bill 2023*.

The purpose of the Discussion Paper is to invite you to have your say on the design and content of the EM-SAP. *Please note that the content of the Discussion Paper is proposed for consideration only and is intended as a starting point to stimulate discussion.*

Visit our dedicated engagement portal here: <https://engagewaem.com.au/wa-emergency-management-sector-adaptation-plan-discussion-paper>

The consultation period is open until COB Friday, 29 March 2024.

For further information about the project, email info@semc.wa.gov.au

Local Governments can find out how they can provide feedback by emailing em@walga.asn.au

DISTRICT NEWS

The last official meeting of the District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) was held on the 18 October 2023, however two extraordinary meetings were held on the 18th and 19th January 2024 in relation to the significant power outages across the state. The next official meeting of the DEMC will be held on Tuesday 20 March 2024.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Please check the due date for your five-yearly LEMA reviews and allow a minimum of six months to complete the LEMA review process. Funding opportunities are available to assist with LEMA reviews.

The Local Emergency Management Arrangements Review

The Improvement Program and implementation approach has now been finalised and endorsed by the SEMC at their December 2023 meeting. More information can be found at:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/lema-improvement-program>

Given the timeframes of the program please don't delay in preparing any LEMA that are due or nearly due for their 5 year review.

District Emergency and Local Emergency Management Committees Review

In May 2022 SEMC meeting, members approved a review of the roles of District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) and Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC). The project aims to;

- Establish clear roles and responsibilities, functions and governance for DEMCs and LEMCs in achieving the strategic objectives of the SEMC.
- Identify improvement opportunities to governance arrangements and capabilities to increase effective and efficient emergency management outcomes.
- Create a shared understanding of SEMC expectations of DEMC s and LEMCs within the emergency management sector.

The review has occurred and was tabled at the December SEMC meeting. For more information go to:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/review-district-and-local-emergency-management-committees>

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) oversees the distribution of grant funding to support activities that reduce disaster risk and enhance WA's resilience to disasters.

Information on funding opportunities can be found [here](#).

Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) – NOW OPEN until 20 March 2024!

The [Disaster Ready Fund](#) (DRF) is an Australian Government initiative that will deliver up to \$200 million in funding over five years from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028, to fund projects that support natural disaster resilience and risk reduction.

DRF Round Two is currently open until and will close at 5pm AWST Wednesday 20 March 2024.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is the Lead Agency for Western Australia. Western Australian applicants must submit their application to DFES via the [online application portal](#).

Please ensure you have read and understood the DRF [Round Two Guidelines](#) and reviewed the FAQs and Factsheets available on the [DRF website](#) before commencing your application.

Please contact semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au for further information on the grant programs.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

WALGA offer Emergency Management training for Local Government

Local Governments have an essential role in Emergency Management due to their legislated responsibilities and links to the community. The way emergencies are managed is critical to the safety and sustainability of communities, ensuring the effective functioning of the Local Government and their staff. WALGA offer Emergency Management training courses such as;

- Emergency Management Fundamentals
- Emergency Management Foundations for Local Government
- Emergency Management for Local Government Leaders
- Community Disaster Recovery

- Recovery Coordinators Course for Local Government

All of these courses are valuable in that they build connections and networks with members of other Local Governments across the State, further enhancing information sharing and building capacity.

Further information can be found [here](#).

REMINDERS

SEMC Website

A reminder that the SEMC website has changed locations. It has been brought under the WA government banner and is now available under the [WA.gov.au](https://www.wa.gov.au) website at this link: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee>

Charlotte Powis

District Emergency Management Advisor
Great Southern

5 Mar 2024

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 Tuesday 11th 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' including 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.

Western Australia will share in \$2.5 million of funding under the National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) Grant Program.

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:

| Applicant | Grant | Project | Summary |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| 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 | This project will co-design and implement proactive adaptive strategies with the Wakathuni |

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| | | the Wakathuni community in the Pilbara | 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 |

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| | | | 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

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.

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 |

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| 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 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 613 | \$4,455,526 |

9.03.24 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 6:40pm.

- Meeting dates for 2024:
 - 11th June 2024 – Evacuation Centre Exercise (no meeting)
 - 10th September 2024
 - 10th December 2024