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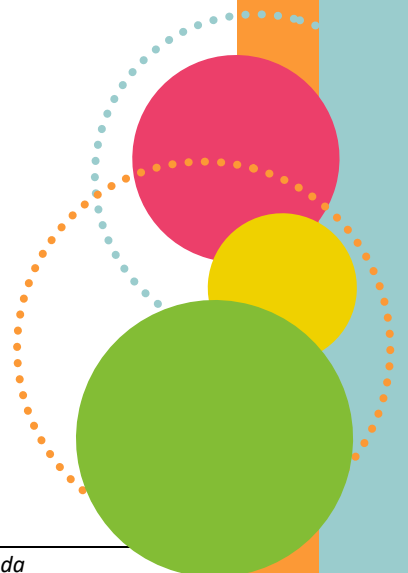
Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting

To be held on:

Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 2:00pm

Shire of Brookton Council Chamber

14 White Street, Brookton





NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillor, Resident or Ratepayer,

Notice is hereby given that the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting of Brookton Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre commencing at 2:00 pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Sherry".

Gary Sherry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 June 2026

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1.06.26 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member will declare the meeting open at 2:00pm.

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.

2.06.26 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.06.26.01 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 10 MARCH 2026

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held in the Shire of Brookton Council Chambers, on 10th March 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

3.06.26 PRESENTATIONS

Nil at this time.

4.06.26 STANDING ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT EACH MEETING

4.06.26.01 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?

4.06.26.02 CHANGE OF POSITION/LEAVE AND ACTING ARRANGEMENTS – NOTIFICATION

Updates in **RED**.

1. Delegates & Proxy's:

Organisation	Delegate	Proxy
Baptistcare	Lorraine Redhead	Nil
WAPOL	Sgt. John Hennah Patrick Olofsson	
Dept. Communities	Michael Phillips	Joanne Spadaccini Mark Schorer
Brookton Bushfire Brigades	Travis Eva CBFCO	DCBFCO Tim Evans Brad Bassett
BDHS	Kris Dewson-Hall	
St Johns	Ian Dawson / Gerard Monk	
St Johns - Brookton	Phillip Crute	
DFES	Ben Davies Charlotte Powis – District Emergency Management Advisor	
DPIRD	Anna Erickson	

Organisation	Delegate	Proxy
RoadWise	Rodney Thornton	Nil
WACHS	Kristie Nottle	
Brookton VFRS	Scott Atkins	William Wilkinson
Shire of Brookton	Rod Wallis – Shire President Cr McCabe	Cr Crouch

4.06.26.03 INCIDENT SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVATIONS

Nil.

4.06.26.04 RISK PROFILE CHANGE

Nil.

4.06.26.05 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Nil.

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

Nil.

5.06.26 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.06.26 MEMBER REPORTS

6.06.26.01 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORUM 2026 - RECOVERY OFFICER – SANDIE SPENCER

Murdoch University hosted the LG Emergency Management 2026 Forum, where Cr Crouch and I joined industry experts, sector leaders, change makers and emergency management practitioners to share insights, lessons and forward-thinking ideas across all aspects of emergency management.

Sam Kennedy Senior Policy Advisor – EM WALGA - Through the Local Government Lense – WALGA Emergency Management Survey 2025 Results.

Local Governments are being asked to do more, more often without a proportional increase in capacity.

Insight 1 - Expectations are out pacing capacity.

EM Expectations

- Incident frequency and complexity
- increasing system complexity
- WHS and accountably requirements
- Rising community expectations.

LG Capacity

- Limited workforce capacity
- Constrained funding
- Competing organisational priorities

Insight 2 – Capacity is under systemic strain.

LG's are increasing investment while absorbing growing funding and workforce pressures.

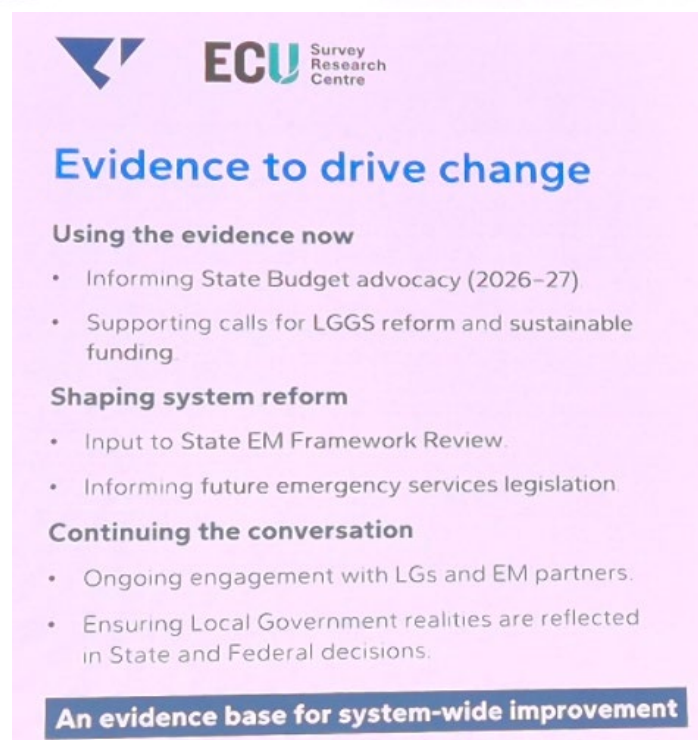
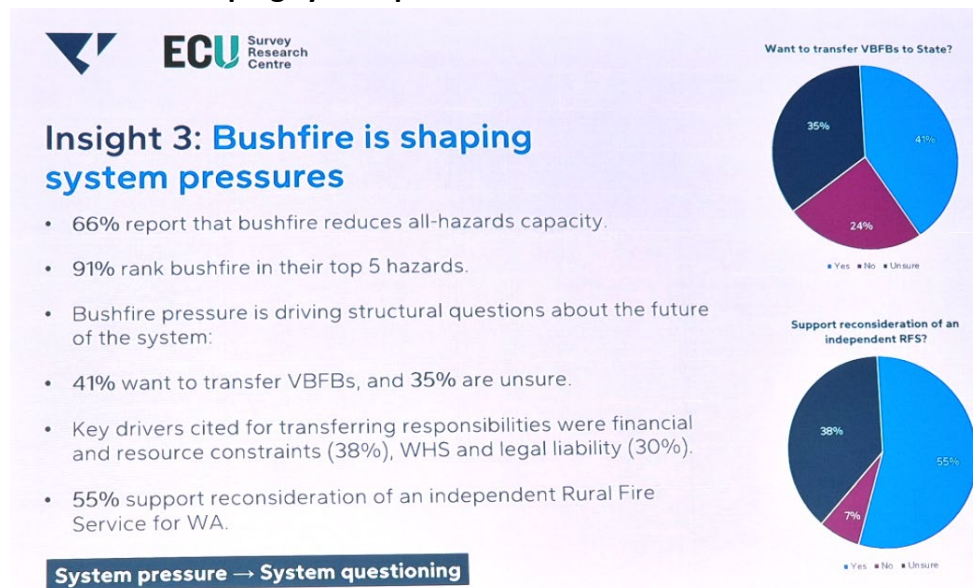
LG's are filling growing funding gaps

- 83% report cost shifting from State to Local
- 80% are topping up funding for VBFB's.
- 70% cite grant application process as biggest barrier to funding.
- 75% are not confident to apply for DRFA-WA

Workforces are stretched.

- 54% report staffing is insufficient to fulfil their EM responsibilities.

Insight 3 – Bushfire is shaping system pressures.



Deputy Commissioner Melissa Pexton – What California’s Megafires mean for WA

Melissa Pexton, was a part of the DFES contingent to lend a hand at the California fires. The question in her mind was, could this happen here in WA?

The Fire

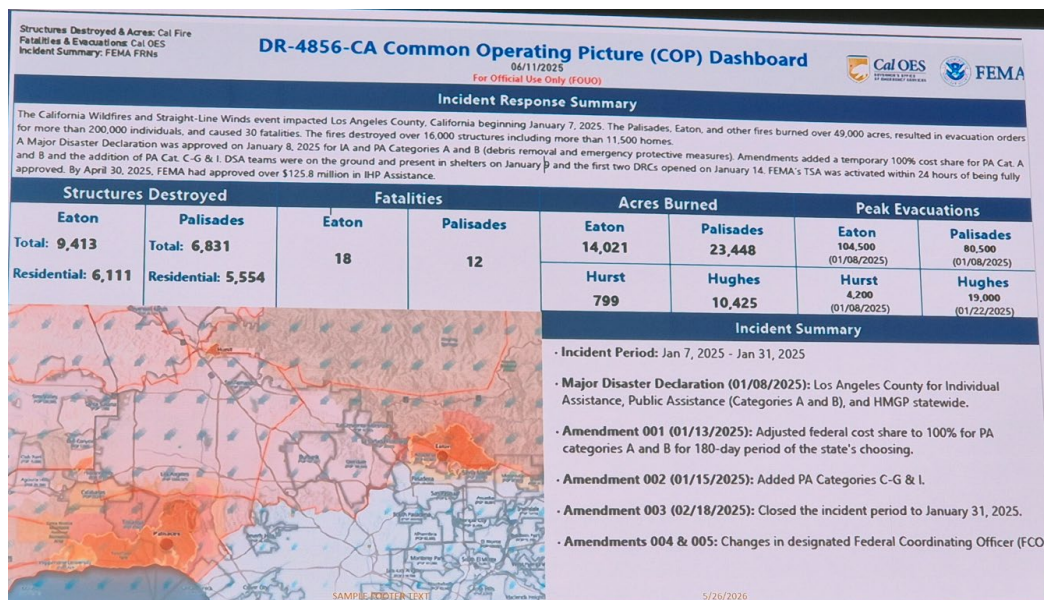
- The fires transitioned from wildfire to urban conflagration rapidly.
- 10 minutes from ignition to first structures lost in the Eaton Fire.
- A significant nursing home caught fire within the first 20 minutes.
- Both fires were driven by hurricane forces winds, with significant ember storms.
- 12 confirmed civilian fatalities.
- No firefighters were killed – only 1 firefighter injury recorded.



Evacuations & Warnings

- Mass evacuations were mandatory for both incidents.
- LA authorities release intel in near real time to the public.
- The volume of people needing to evacuate, and the rapid promulgation of the fire meant evacuation was a chaotic process.
- Agencies executed 800 rescues during day 1 of the Palisades fire.

These areas have one road in and one road out, incorporating many cul-de-sacs.



HAZMAT - The clean up

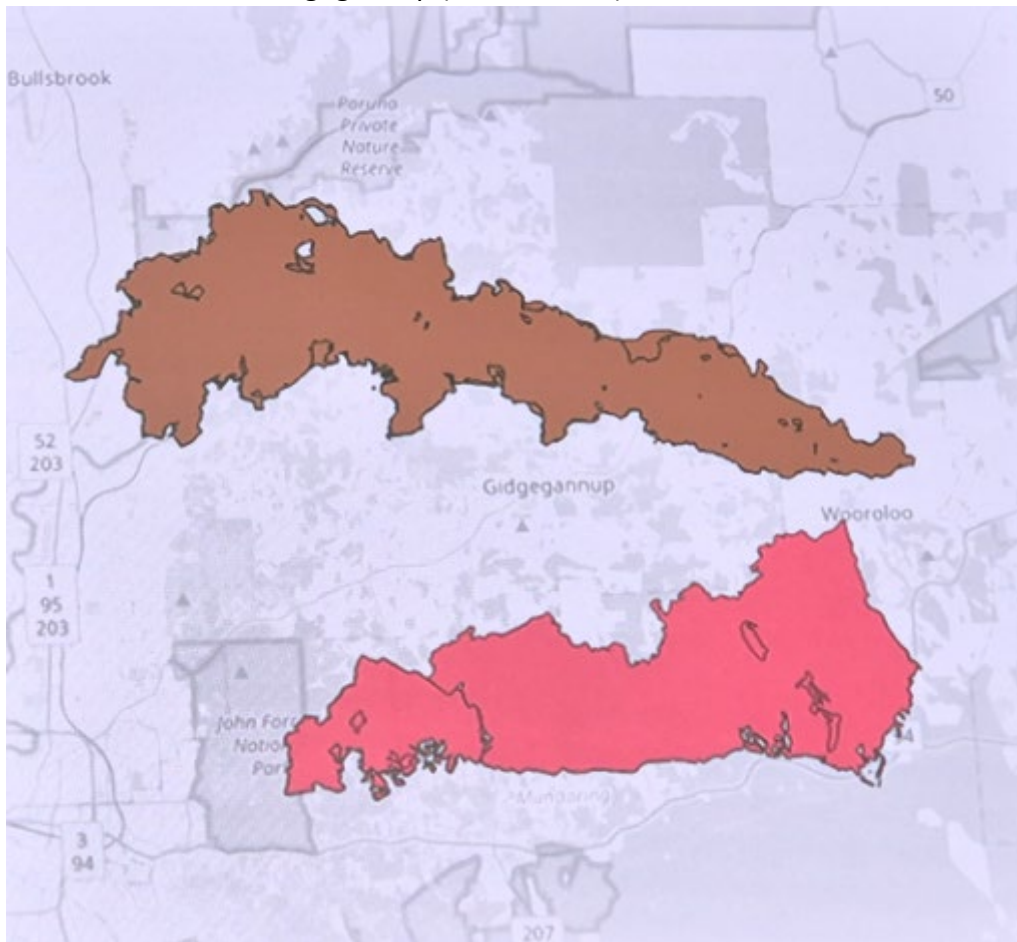
- The Palisades and Eaton Fires are the most significant HAZMAT incidents in modern time.
- Extensive amounts of EVs, lithium-ion batteries, household and commercial chemicals, and other hazards.
- 1 million pounds (453,592kg) of lithium-ion batteries were recovered from the Palisades area alone.
- The clean up operations are extensive and beyond current Australian capacity.

Debris Management

- The Eaton fire saw 9418 total structures destroyed and 1073 structures damaged.
- The Palisades fire saw 6833 total structures destroyed and 973 structures damaged.
- 1 million pounds (453,592kgs) was collected through the debris management process.
- 1065 batteries have been collected including electric and hybrid vehicles, along with energy storage systems.
- For both Eaton and Palisades fire, Phase 1 management by Environmental Protection Agency and Phase 2 managed by US Army Corps of Engineers, activated by NEMA.

Comparative Study		Observations	Considerations
<i>Insights from the L.A. January 2025 fires for Perth, Western Australia: Full Report</i> <i>Comparing the resilience, preparedness and response within the L.A. fires catastrophe to the Perth region</i> Anna Durkin (1) Jon Broomhall (2) Matthew Watson (2) Brendon McAtee (3) and John Fien (1) (1) Architecture & Urban Design, RMIT University, VIC; (2) Department of Fire and Emergency Services, WA; (3) Natural Hazards Research Australia	PRIOR TO THE FIRE: PHYSICAL	Perth has not faced a fire under the catastrophic conditions of the L.A. fires (very high winds and very low relative humidity)	Consider multi-fire response plans for urban conflagration & traffic management issues
	PRIOR TO THE FIRE: PHYSICAL (BUILT FORM)	Wildfire-urban interface building regulations only applied to a small portion of existing housing, the majority has been built prior to 2000	Map areas of greater risk due to older housing stock, cross-reference with building materials
	PRIOR TO THE FIRE: PROCEDURES & MANAGEMENT	Perth is well situated with emergency warning communications	Expand bushfire ready programs to more urban parts of the WU interface
	DAY OF IGNITION: PHYSICAL	Though high winds are not as frequent as L.A., Perth could face the fire risks associated with downslope winds	Investigate risk reducing strategies in areas such as Mt Richon
	DAY OF IGNITION: PHYSICAL (BUILT FORM)	Perth has wide-spread use of double-brick double brick but there are areas where higher risk material is common	Map areas of potentially high urban fuels in the WU interface due to building materials, cross-reference with age of housing
	DAY OF IGNITION: PROCEDURES AND MANAGEMENT	Vulnerable residents comprised the bulk of the fatalities in L.A. Some of Perth's elderly facilities are in high-risk areas.	Vulnerable residents to be planned for prior to emergencies (buses, registry of addresses)

Below is the fire scar from Gidgegannup (26,000 acres) fire the other from Cal fires.



7.06.26 EXERCISE

The LEMA Committee is expected to conduct exercises throughout the year. Committee members are encouraged to put forward ideas and suggestions for exercises they would like to see undertaken.

8.06.26 FOR INFORMATION

Nil at this time.

9.06.26 NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

- Meeting dates for 2026:
 - 15th September 2026
 - 15th December 2026