



# SHIRE OF MANJIMUP



28 June 2023

# Minutes

Local Emergency Management Committee

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## Minutes of Meeting held 28 June 2023

Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meeting held in the Shire of Manjimup Wellness and Respite Community Centre, at 1A Edwards Street Manjimup on Wednesday 28 June 2023.

### 1. Declaration of Opening the Meeting

Shire of Manjimup - Shire President, Cr Paul Omodei assumed the chair and declared the meeting open at 1.02pm. Introductions were conducted.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

### 2. Attendance / Apologies

#### 2.1 Attendance

##### Members - Voting

Cr Paul Omodei	Shire of Manjimup - Shire President
Todd Ridley	Shire of Manjimup - Community Emergency Services Manager
Remo Pessotto	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Ian Guthridge	Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development
Jayden Lowe	Police Service - Manjimup
Justine Kelly	Warren Health Services
Paige Weaver	Pemberton Northcliffe Health Services
Jeffrey Bennett	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions (proxy)

##### Members Non Voting & Invited Guests

Nicole Favero	Shire of Manjimup - Ranger & Emergency Services Admin Officer
Ashleigh Reeve	Shire of Manjimup – Senior Ranger
Erin Hutchins	DFES – District Emergency Management Advisor
Gail Ipsen Cutts	Shire of Manjimup – Recovery Coordinator
Gary Halliday	St John's Ambulance Walpole (Community Paramedic SW Great Southern) - Relief
Mel Robertson	Water Corporation
Sam Ramsay	National Emergency Management Agency
Roma Boucher	Department of Communities

#### 2.2 Apologies

Gary Willcox	St John's Ambulance Manjimup
David Rae	St John's Ambulance Walpole (Community Paramedic SW Great Southern)
Steve Page	Police Service – Walpole
Gavin Barke	Police Service - Pemberton
Brian Robinson	Shire of Manjimup – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Chris Sousa	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Tim Foley	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions
Brooke Thomas	Department of Communities (proxy)
Kathy Smith	Pemberton Northcliffe Health Services (proxy)

### 3. Declaration of Financial Interest

Nil

### 4. LEMC – Update of Terms of Reference, Membership & Contact Details

The LEMC contact list was updated by all in attendance. Due to Membership changes and LEMC Delegates and Proxys being Council endorsed positions, these nominations will need to be adopted by LEMC at this meeting with subsequent endorsement by Council at the Ordinary Meeting in July. The following nominations were received:

#### 4.1 Nomination of New Shire of Manjimup – Interim CEO Delegate

- Due to changes within the Shire of Manjimup with the resignation of CEO Andrew Campbell and the appointment of Brian Robinson as Interim Chief Executive Officer, Brian Robinson has been nominated as the new LEMC Delegate.

#### 4.2 Nomination of New Department of Communities LEMC Delegate and Proxy

- Due to changes within the Department of Communities Emergency Relief and Support team, and the return of Roma Boucher to her substantive position as DESO, Roma Boucher has been nominated as the new LEMC Delegate, with Brooke Thomas nominated as Proxy.

### RECOMMENDATION/LEMC DECISION 2023/02

That Council confirm and accept the amendments to Appointments of the Local Emergency Management Committee Terms of Reference for the two year period that commenced 21 October 2021:

- 4.1 Brian Robinson to the position of Shire of Manjimup – Interim Chief Executive Officer LEMC Delegate; and
- 4.2 Roma Boucher and Brooke Thomas to the positions of Department of Communities LEMC Delegate and Proxy, respectively.

**Moved: Remo Pessotto, Shire CBFCO**

**Seconded: Justine Kelly, Warren Health Services**

**CARRIED: 8/0**

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 March 2023.

#### RECOMMENDATION/LEMC DECISION 2023/03

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 15 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

**Moved: Ian Guthridge, DPIRD**

**Seconded: Remo Pessotto, Shire CBFCO**

**CARRIED:8/0**

### 6. Council’s Response to Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday, 15 March 2023.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

**MOVED: Skoss, K                      SECONDED: Eiby, W**

**29095**

**That Council receive the unconfirmed Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meeting held on the 15 March 2023 as shown in the Attachment 9.15.3(1).**

**ADOPTED BY EN BLOC RESOLUTION: 10/0**

## 7. Business Arising from Minutes

### 7.1 Action Task List

Action & Meeting Date	Item	Update	Status	Actioning Officer
<b>03/23</b> <b>15/03/2023</b>	Sam Ramsey – Recovery Support Officer SW WA – Engagement Branch <b>National Emergency Management Agency</b>	<b>15/03/2023:</b> Todd Ridley to invite Sam to June Meeting for introduction of National Emergency Management Agency. <b>28/06/2023:</b> Attending today's meeting in General Business 11.1 item now completed.	Completed	Todd Ridley

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 Incoming

- SEMC – Letter and Annual Report Survey 2023 (General Business 12.3).
- SEMC – Amendments to suite of State Emergency Management Documents & Communique May 2023

### 8.2 Outgoing

- LEMC Members - Shire of Manjimup – LEMC Agenda, Minutes from previous meeting and documents.
- LEMC Members - Shire of Manjimup – Events Matrix dated 01.06.2023.
- LEMC Members - Consultation Request Emergency Risk Management Planning.
- LEMC Members - Consultation Request State Hazard Plan Search and Rescue Emergency.
- LEMC Members - WALGAs LEMA Review Consultation Outcomes.

## 9. Events

The committee reviewed the events matrix that is now being distributed quarterly to LEMC Members.

*Matrix was tabled, see Item 9.0 Attachment.*

*Gail Ipsen Cutts, Shire of Manjimup Recovery Officer advised there is a couple of other small events.*

## 10. Members Reports

### 10.1 Shire of Manjimup –Shire President – Cr Paul Omodei

- Recruitment for Appointment of new Chief Executive Officer of Shire of Manjimup has begun with the Chief Executive Officer Review Committee being established and Lester Blades Pty Ltd being employed as the HR Consultant for the recruitment process.
- Weather has deferred some larger road projects within the Shire.

*The above report was received verbally at the meeting.*

### 10.2 Shire of Manjimup – Interim Chief Executive Officer – Brian Robinson

Apology for meeting, nil report received.

### 10.3 Shire of Manjimup – Community Emergency Services Manager – Todd Ridley

- Completing a number of Consultation Reports and reviewing LEMAs.
- Bush Fire Brigade training is currently underway in preparation for the coming season.
- The new Australia Fire Danger Rating Systems has had some issues and currently working on reviews for DFES and the National AFDRS group.

*The above report was received verbally at the meeting.*

*Cr Paul Omodei Shire President – advised this has also been addressed at WALGA.*

**10.4 Shire of Manjimup - Recovery Coordinator** – Gail Ipsen Cutts

- COVID Update – EM Support Group regularly meet on teams, with discussion on the rise in homelessness. Many are fully employed but cannot get accommodation. This is also an issue for Disaster Management due to the lack of availability of commercial accommodation.
- Evy Apledoorn is the Recovery contact while Gail on leave 1 August -1 December.

*The above report was received verbally at the meeting.*

**10.5 Shire of Manjimup – Chief Bush Fire Control Officer** – Remo Pessotto  
*Report was tabled, see Item 10.5 Attachment.*

**10.6 Department of Biodiversity, Conservations & Attractions** – Jeff Bennett  
*Report was tabled, see Item 10.6 Attachment.*

**10.7 Department of Communities** – Roma Boucher  
*Report was tabled, see Item 10.7 Attachment.*

**10.8 Department of Fire and Emergency Services** – Chris Sousa  
*Apology for meeting. Report was tabled, see Item 10.8 Attachment.*

**10.9 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development** – Ian Guthridge  
*Report was tabled, see Item 10.9. Attachment.*

**10.10 District Emergency Management Advisor - DFES** – Erin Hutchins  
*Report was tabled, see Item 10.10 Attachment.*

**10.11 St John Ambulance**

**Manjimup – Gary Willcox - Community Paramedic SW**

Apology for meeting. No report received.

**Walpole – David Rae - Community Paramedic GS**

- Training – two new EMTs upskilled.
- Walpole Radio Project – local network and link to State Operations Centre:
  - still awaiting delivery of hardware;
  - expecting written approval from SoM acting CEO to host SJA equipment on shire towers this week; and
  - Silverchain have approved hosting of SJA equipment at the clinic.

*The above report was received by email as David Rae was an apology.*

*Todd Ridley CESM, advised that preliminary approval was granted by Interim CEO and a formal letter has been drafted and once signed by CEO will be sent.*

**10.12 WA Country Health Service**

**Pemberton Northcliffe Health Service – Paige Weaver**

- Has been business as usual, nil to report.

**Warren Health Service – Justine Kelly**

*Report was tabled, see Item 10.12 Attachment.*

*Cr Paul Omodei Shire President, enquired how the Telehealth system is operating?*

*Justine Kelly WHS – Working well but while it is with a specialised Doctor, it is a slower process for people to be seen.*

## 10.13 WA Police

### Pemberton – Gavin Barke

Apology for meeting. No report received.

### Manjimup – Jayden Lowe

- COVID and Flu has impacted staffing over last month.
- Been several crashes due to weather conditions, nothing serious in Manjimup.
- Been drugs coming into town with an incident last night due to a bad batch and these people under the influence going to Police or Hospital seeking help.
- More welfare checks happening due to more people together in houses, drinking too much and self-harm attempts.
- While 20 years ago the issue was alcohol, now it is drugs particularly Meth which is causing Mental Health issues especially with bad batches coming into town.

*The above report was received verbally at the meeting.*

*Todd Ridley CESM, advised in regard to WA Police, there were 'Recognition Awards for Volunteers' last week in Bunbury with Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue, particularly the Captain Craig Martyn, receiving recognition awards for their hard work down there.*

### Walpole – Steve Page

Apology for meeting. *Report was tabled, see Item 10.13 Attachment.*

## 10.14 Water Corporation – Mel Robertson

- Nothing to Report.

## 10.15 Western Power – Colin Jones

No report received - not in attendance.

## 11. General Business

### 11.1 National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) - Sam Ramsay

Sam Ramsay, Recovery Support Officer for the SW Engagement Branch of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) provided a brief overview on the agency's current initiatives and funding opportunities and about being a conduit to Local Governments. Federal Funding (DRF) Round 2 is coming up. Strategic Intent will be uploaded on Website in next few days.

*Discussion ensued regarding funding and eligibility of projects. The conversation then moved to concerns on backup power for Mobile Phone Towers for coverage during emergencies and also regarding Boyup Brook's success regarding this process.*

*Todd Ridley CESM will invite Boyd Brown from Telstra to the next LEMC Meeting and also contact Shire of Boyup Brook regarding their process.*

*The Chair thanked Sam for her attendance.*

### 11.2 Shire of Manjimup – LEMA – Local animal Welfare Plan

Report was tabled, see Item 11.2 Attachment. The Plan was tabled but will be shown in Council Meeting 27 July 2023 Agenda Item 9.7.1.

Presentation was given by Senior Ranger, if goes through need to amend Page 39 of LEMA.



*Erin Hutchins DEMA, advised that the acronym for Department of Communities should be Communities.*

**RECOMMENDATION/LEMC DECISION 2023/04**

“That Council endorse the *Shire of Manjimup - LEMA - Local Animal Welfare Plan 2023-2028.*”

**Moved: Todd Ridley, CESM**

**Seconded: Remo Pessotto, CBFCO**

**CARRIED: 8/0**

**11.3 LEMC Annual Reporting Survey 2023 – Draft**

*Report was tabled, see Item 11.3 Attachment.*

The Local Emergency Management Committee Annual Reporting Survey for 2023 was accepted with no feedback or amendments to be added.

*The report will be lodged prior to 30 June 2023.*

**11.4 Manjimup Aerodrome Emergency Desktop Exercise - Catherine Mills.**

*Exercise document was tabled see Item 11.4 Attachment.*

Exercise is noted only and to be run at the conclusion of today’s meeting.

**12. Next Meeting**





Next General Meeting to be held 13 December 2023.

**13. Declaration of Close of Meeting**

The Chair, Shire of Manjimup – Shire President Cr Paul Omodei, thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.05pm.

(Following the meeting was the Manjimup Aerodrome Emergency Desktop Exercise)

**Shire of Manjimup Event Matrix AS AT 28.06.2023**

Event Name	Description	Category	Start Date	End Date	Duration of Event	Location	Expected Attendance	Risk SoM	Risk Docs	Traffic Management	Alcohol	Other Agency Approvals/ Involvement	SoM Approval Status
Manjimup Motorcycle Club	Club Run #2	Sporting	25/06/2023	25/06/2023	8 hours +	Cozy Creek Circuit, Manjimup	50 riders	Medium	 	No	Yes - Licenced	No	Not Required
Truffle Kerfuffle	Annual celebration of the truffle and the Southern Forest Region	Food / Market	25/06/2023	27/06/2023	8 hours +	Fonty's Pool, Seven Day Road, Manjimup	5,000	Medium	 Emergency Management  Risk Management	No	Yes - Licenced	Yes	Approved
Karri Rally	Off road car rally	Sporting	12/08/2023	12/08/2023	8 hours +	Manjimup Township, Nyamup Surrounds and Tone Forest Area	400	Medium		Yes	no	DBCA	Approved
Food Truckin For A Cause	Food Truck Market	Food / Market											
Manjimup Motorcycle Club	Club Run #3	Sporting	20/08/2023	20/08/2023	8 hours +	Cozy Creek Circuit, Manjimup	50 riders	Medium		No	Yes - Licenced	No	Not required
Pemberton Trail Festival	Annual trail running event	Sporting	14/10/2023	16/10/2023	8 hours +	Pemberton							
Manjimup Motorcycle Club	Club Run #4	Sporting	15/10/2023	15/10/2023	8 hours +	Cozy Creek Circuit, Manjimup	50 riders	Medium		No	Yes - Licenced	No	Not required
Pemberton Trout Festival	Trout release festival	Sporting	5/11/2023	5/11/2023	< 8 hours	Big Brook Dam, Pemberton				No	No	DBCA	
En Point Dance Academy Concert	Dance Concert	Art/Culture	18/11/2023	18/11/2023	< 4 hours	Sandra Donovan Sound Shell	500	Low		no	no	no	Pending
Targa Rally South West	Tarmac Car Rally	Sporting	23/03/2023										

**Remo Pessotto - CBFCO**

**Report for LEMC Meeting held on 28 June 2023**

**No of Fires**

- 28 Fires – variation between scrub fires, heap combustion assisting VFRS and plantation.

**Regulation Burning Times – Period we are in**

- Not applicable as in open period.

**No of Permits Issued**

- 157 Permits have been issued for the Manjimup Shire not including DPAW.

**Weather Conditions**

- Weather Conditions started with a dryer as usual month of June then pick up of good rains.

**Brigade Business / Issues**

- Training is now in progress.

**Brigade Deployments**

- Deployed Brigades to assist in other Shire's.

**Vehicle Maintenance / Issues**

- Nil to report

**Communications**

- Phone strength has dropped off north of Manjimup, signal from 4 bars down to 1 bar and at time no bars very disappointing.

**General Business**

- Nil to report.



Department of **Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions**



## **Warren Region Update for Manjimup LEMC meeting Wednesday 28 June 2023**

### **Prescribed Burning**

Warren Region completed 27,900 hectares of prescribed burning last Spring and autumn. This was a combination of 14 prescribed burns. See attached map. The number of hectares is down from our long term average partially due to an extended wet spring , then followed by a dry summer and a relatively early break of the rain season in autumn.

Burn planning is underway and attached is a map of the Burn Options Program for the 23/24 burn season. Planning of 113,000 hectares of prescribed burns provides us the flexibility across the landscape given different vegetation types and fuel moisture and weather patterns.

### **Bushfire**

In 2022/23 fire season, Warren region reported 37 bushfires totalling 10,204 hectares.

Regards,

Jeff Bennett

Regional Leader Fire Management

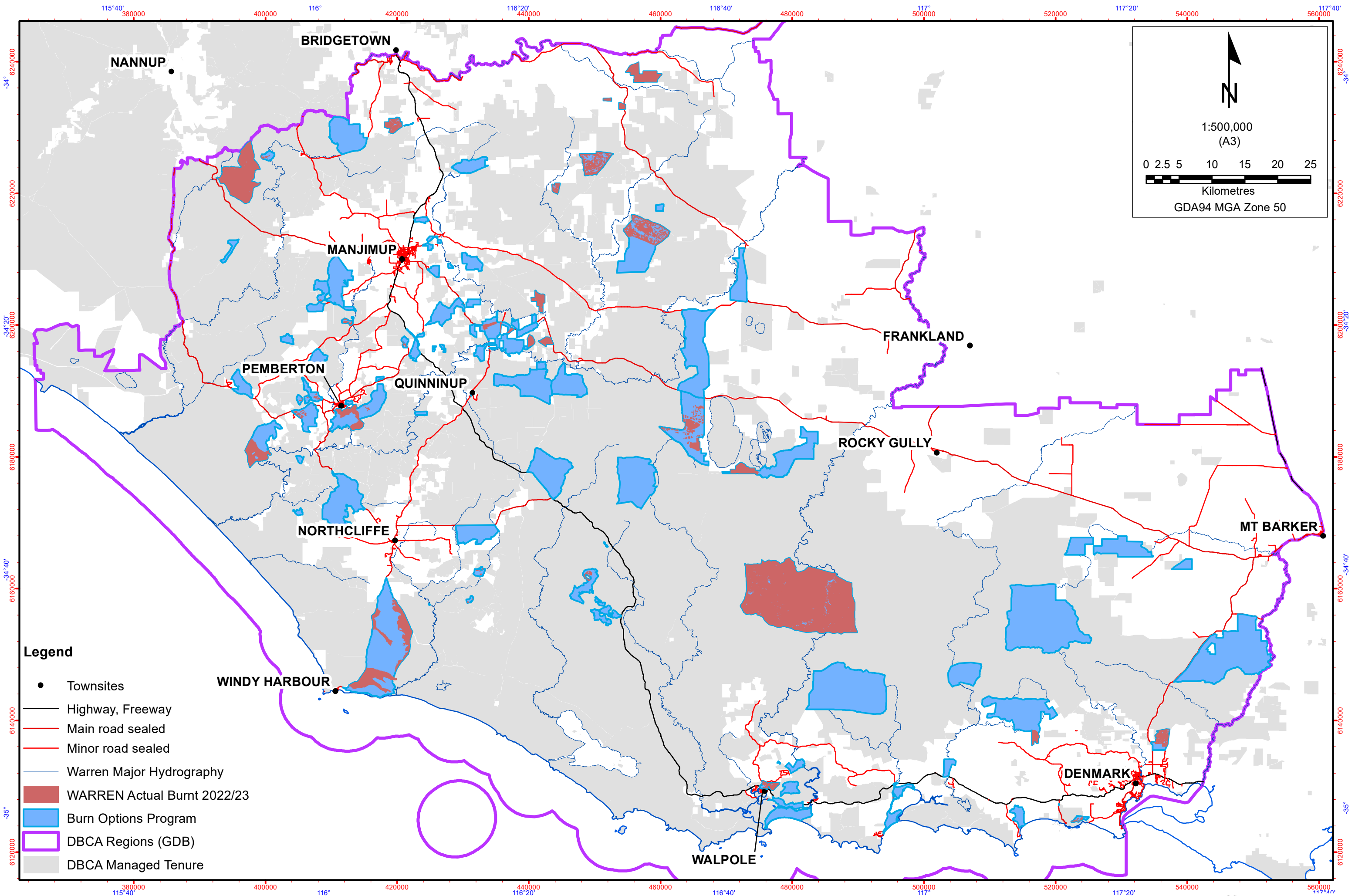
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# Warren Region Burn Options Program 2022/2023 - 27 900ha as at 02/06/2023



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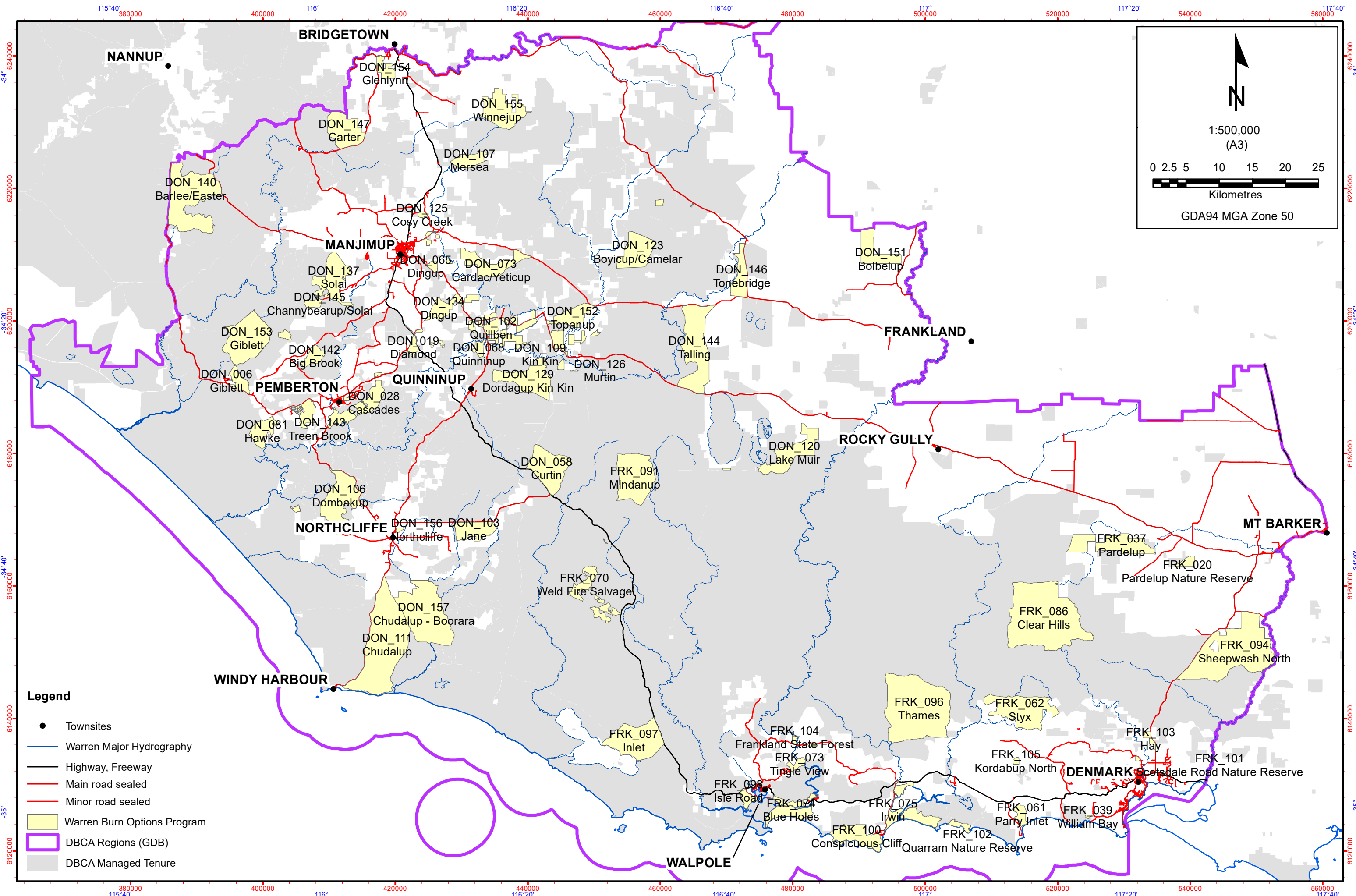
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  - Highway, Freeway
  - Main road sealed
  - Minor road sealed
  - Warren Major Hydrography
  - WARREN Actual Burnt 2022/23
  - Burn Options Program
  - DBCA Regions (GDB)
  - DBCA Managed Tenure

Graticule shown at 20 minutes intervals  
 Grid shown at 20000 metre intervals

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# Warren Region Burn Options Program 2023/2024



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# ITEM 10.7 ATTACHMENT



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

## LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORTING

### Agency:

Department of Communities  
(Communities)

<b>Report prepared by:</b>	Renee Flaxman Roma Boucher	<b>Position:</b>	Acting DESO DESO
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**Date: From – April 2023 to June 2023 inclusive**

### Report: **ITEM 10.6 ATTACHMENT**

With my last day as Acting DESO being Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> April, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all members of the LEMC committee, Shire, Local Government Agencies, and other stakeholders for being so welcoming and supportive. It has been a great experience and I have learnt a lot.

Roma Boucher steps back into her role of substantive DESO as of the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

#### **Response to the Kimberley Floods**

- The Department of Communities (Communities) continues to provide emergency welfare services to residents impacted by the Kimberley floods.

#### **Response to Cyclone Ilsa**

- On 12 April the Department of Communities was activated to stand up 5 evacuation centres in preparation for Cyclone Ilsa. These included one in Port Hedland, one in Newman, one in Nullagine and two in Marble Bar.

#### **Review of Proposed Interim Evacuation Centre**

On 30 March a site visit to the Boyup Brook Football Club was undertaken to complete an audit and risk assessment of the premises as the proposed interim venue for the standing up of an evacuation centre in the event of an emergency while the Boyup Brook Town Hall renovations (commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> of April) are being completed.

I note the Boyup Brook Shire has been successful in receiving NEMA's Disaster Ready Fund Round One funding to upgrade the Football Club to utilise as an Emergency Evacuation Centre with a Commonwealth contribution of \$813,000 and partner co-contribution of \$862,032).

#### **Training, Exercises, Webinars**

- Several online webinars attended, including the Leave Nobody Behind series, Recovery Exercising Toolkit, and EMPA (Emergency Media and Public Affairs) 2023 Webinar Series.
- Attended inter-agency Desktop Emergency Preparedness Exercise for Harris and Wellington Dams hosted by Water Corp.
- Ongoing preparedness and response training will be provided to departmental staff, as well as interested stakeholders.

#### **Local Emergency Welfare Plan (LEWP)**

- Further LEWP changes and updates been completed to appendices. LEMC members are encouraged to review information related to their own agencies and notify DESO if further changes need to be made.



## **Shire of Manjimup LEMC DFES Report – 28 June 2023**

### **Operations**

The DFES Lower South West Region has had no significant incidents to report on since the last LEMC meeting. Regional Staff and Volunteers have continued to support intrastate incidents and mitigation programs, with one staff member currently deployed to the Alberta bush fires in Canada.

### **Training and Exercises**

Regional training is being carried out throughout the winter months for volunteers with a focus on road crash rescue and structural firefighting skills. Bush Firefighting courses are also being conducted throughout the various emergency services.

### **Community Preparedness**

DFES was successful in receiving Disaster Ready Funding to develop a virtual reality package that can simulate and highlight the risks and emotional, psychosocial impacts to community members who choose to "Stay and Defend" a property during bushfire. The initiative will be trialled in the Lower South West Region's local governments.

**Chris Sousa**

**District Officer Nelson**







Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

## Incident and Emergency Management

<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development		<b>Date:</b> May 2023
<b>Report prepared by:</b>	Helen Kent	<b>Position:</b>	Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Incident & Emergency Management Branch
<b>LEMC and DEMC report – May 2023</b>			
<p><b>1. Declared incidents</b> – DPIRD is managing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight (8) declared level 1 and 2 incidents in relation to plant pests/diseases and aquatic pests/diseases</li> <li>• Nil animal pest/disease incidents</li> </ul> <p><b>Queensland fruit fly</b></p> <p>The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is working to stem the spread of the significant invasive pest, Queensland fruit fly (Qfly), after a recent confirmed detection in Bayswater.</p> <p>A level 2 incident was called on 1 March 2023 after several male Qfly were detected in a residential part of Bayswater, Perth. No Qfly have been detected in commercial areas or outside of the Perth metropolitan area at this time.</p> <p><b>Quarantine Area</b></p> <p>The Quarantine Area (QA) covers a 15 km radius from the Qfly detection points and includes Perth, Belmont, Gosnells, Kalamunda, Vincent, Joondalup, Swan, Wanneroo, Melville, Canning, Bayswater, South Perth, Subiaco, Stirling, Nedlands, Bassendean, Belmont, Claremont, Victoria Park, Cambridge and Mundaring. Please find the full Quarantine Area Notice this webpage <a href="https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/plant-biosecurity/biosecurity-alerts-queensland-fruit-fly-updates">https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/plant-biosecurity/biosecurity-alerts-queensland-fruit-fly-updates</a>.</p> <p>The QA is divided into two main zones: the <b>Corrective Action Zone</b> and the <b>Export Assurance Zone</b>.</p>			

## Corrective Action Zone

The Corrective Action Zone is the 1.5 km area surrounding each detection point.

Residents located within this zone are required to comply with the following QA requirements:

- Qfly host fruit cannot be removed from or moved within any part of the Corrective Action Zone, unless treated or processed (cooked, frozen or solarised).
- All ripe or ripening host fruit on plants or trees must be picked, and all fallen host fruit must be removed every three days.
- Fruit can be eaten, or must be treated, bagged and then binned in residential waste bins.
- Residents must provide DPIRD personnel access to their premises to inspect and bait host plants twice a week until further notice

## Export Assurance Zone

The **Export Assurance Zone** covers the area in a 15 km radius from the detection point - the area of the QA that is not part of the Corrective Action Zone. The area will act as a buffer zone to further prevent further spread of the pest.

The requirements for the management of Qfly host fruit for this area are less stringent but commercially grown Qfly host fruit cannot move either within the QA or outside the QA unless it is treated.

Qfly is one of the most serious pests of fruit and vegetables in Australia, attacking over 300 species of fruit and vegetables and impacting a range of horticulture industries and access to valuable markets. While Qfly has been found in other areas of the country, Western Australia has remained free of the pest.

Further information is available at: [Queensland fruit fly \(Qfly\) updates | Agriculture and Food](#)

## Carpet sea squirt (*Didemnum vexillum*)

Carpet sea squirt (CSS) is a highly invasive marine invertebrate animal that can overgrow and smother native species. It can overgrow rocks, shellfish, sea sponges and man-made structures such as wharves, jetty pylons, pontoons, buoys and vessels.

A level 2 incident was declared on 25 January 2023 in response to the detection of CSS in WA.

On 17 March 2023 a Quarantine Area Notice was put in place for the waters adjacent to the Australian Marine Complex Common User Facility at Henderson South.

The aim of the QAN is to:

- Manage the movement of vessels into the QA to minimise the spread of the pest.

- Strengthen the requirements for biofouling inspections and treatments for vessels that regularly operate in the Quarantine Area or have been in the Quarantine Area for a period of six days or more.

CSS has the potential to impact oyster and mussel aquaculture, marine environments, dive tourism industries as well as increasing maintenance costs for commercial and recreational vessels.

The aquatic pest has been detected in two locations in WA; Garden Island and at a marine facility in Henderson. The detection at Garden Island was the first confirmed detection in Australia.

[Biosecurity alerts: Carpet sea squirt | Agriculture and Food](#)

### **Polyphagous shot-hole borer**

Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) *Euwallacea fornicatus* is a beetle native to Southeast Asia. The beetle attacks a wide range of plants by tunnelling into trunks, stems and branches.

DPIRD has been responding to the confirmed detections of an exotic beetle Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer in the Perth metropolitan area.

Response activities include:

- Conducting surveillance to determine the distribution of PSHB
- Containing the pest to prevent further spread to non-infested regions within Western Australia
- Providing advice and information to residents, industry and other stakeholders
- Ensuring that all response activities are conducted safely, consistently and efficiently

To stop the spread, a Quarantine Area Notice (QAN) is in place to support the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's ongoing surveillance program to determine the spread of the pest.

The Quarantine Area covers 25 local government areas. The new areas added to the expanded QAN on 21 March 2023 are:

- Beckenham, Canning Vale, Huntingdale, Kenwick, Langford, Maddington and Thornlie in the City of Gosnells
- Duncraig, Greenwood, Marmion, Sorrento and Warwick in the City of Joondalup
- Alexander Heights, Girrawheen, Koondoola and Marangaroo in the City of Wanneroo
- Ballajura, Beechboro, Bennett Springs, Dayton, Hazelmere, Kiara, Lockridge, Malaga, Middle Swan, Midland, Viveash, West Swan and Woodbridge in the City of Swan

- Forrestfield, High Wycombe, Perth Airport and Wattle Grove in the City of Kalamunda

Link to information about [Polyphagous shot-hole borer | Agriculture and Food](#)

## 2. State alerts and investigations

DPIRD is investigating four (4) pests or diseases.

## 3. National alerts & investigations

DPIRD and other state jurisdictions continue to monitor reported outbreaks of:

- **African Swine Fever** – countries in the Asia Pacific which have reported African Swine Flu since August 2018: China, Mongolia, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, The Philippines, Republic of Korea, Timor-Leste, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, India, Malaysia, Bhutan, Thailand, Nepal and Singapore

Link to information about African Swine Fever – situation update in Asia and Pacific: <https://www.fao.org/animal-health/situation-updates/asf-in-asia-pacific/en>

- **Lumpy Skin Disease** – Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia
- **Foot and Mouth Disease** – Indonesia

Information regarding Foot and Mouth Disease prevention is available on the WA government website:

[Foot-and-mouth disease advice for Western Australians \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

Information is also available on the DPIRD website:

[Foot-and-mouth disease: prevention and preparedness | Agriculture and Food](#)

**Important to note that there are, currently, no known incidences of these diseases in Australia.**

## 4. Ex TC Ellie (Kimberley Floods) – January 2023

DPIRD is providing support to affected communities, in relation to its areas of responsibility, in the recovery from the January flooding in the west Kimberley.

- The State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies was formally activated on 9 January 2023 and remained activated until 3 May 2023 to provide support to the local government in relation to the coordination of animal welfare.

#### Recovery:

- Wheatbelt Development Commission CEO, Rob Cossart, has been appointed as the State Recovery Coordinator for the Kimberley floods.
- The State recovery structure, across the four recovery environments of Social, Economic, Built and Natural environment, has been formalised with appropriate State Government agencies leading the domains:
  - Social: Department of Communities
  - Economic: DPIRD
  - Built: Department of Treasury and Main Roads WA
  - Natural environment: DWER
- The Shire of Derby West Kimberley has established its local recovery group and relevant subcommittees which are:
  - Media
  - Getting Home
  - Cadjebut Airport
  - Pastoral
  - Social/Wellbeing
- DPIRD has provided a departmental representative on the Shire of Derby West Kimberley's local recovery group and relevant subcommittees.
- Dedicated DPIRD web page for affected primary producers outlining available assistance: [Kimberley flood recovery | Agriculture and Food](#)

#### **Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA (DRFAWA):**

Support measures are designed to assist in meeting the needs of primary producers whose assets or primary production business has/have been affected by a disaster for which DRFAWA has been invoked.

Category B - Assistance measures for primary producers may include grants for:

- Professional advice
  - Reimbursement of fees (maximum \$1,500) to obtain professional advice directly related to addressing issues arising from the declared natural disaster event
- Freight subsidy (reimbursement)  
Primary producers can claim a maximum of 50% of the costs to the producer of transporting any of the following items as a direct result of a natural disaster:

- Livestock;
  - Fodder or water for livestock; or
  - Building or fencing equipment or machinery.
- Fencing (for livestock producers only)
 

Primary producers can claim 100% of the costs associated with any of the following:

    - restoration/replacement of fencing (to pre-disaster standard) where the fencing has been deliberately dismantled or damaged due to counter disaster operations activities undertaken in order to combat the eligible natural disaster event; and/or
    - reimbursement of the costs of materials only (to pre-disaster standard) to repair/replace boundary fencing damaged/lost as a direct result of the eligible natural disaster event. The measure is only available where the fencing adjoins a major road/rail transport corridor and where the roaming of livestock may present a danger to the travelling public (i.e., the aim being to preserve public safety).

The applicant must demonstrate to DPIRD's satisfaction that at the time of the natural disaster event the property was being used to hold or agist livestock.

- Expression of interest for interest subsidy on a new loan to recover
 

An interest rate subsidy may be available to primary producers for new loans:

  - to repair/replace assets lost or damaged / repair damage caused by the natural disaster event
  - for carry on purposes to implement the next season's production program
  - or to replace livestock lost in the disaster for which the assistance measures under the DRFAWA have been activated

Link to further information regarding available funding and relevant conditions: <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/emergency-response/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements>

Category D – Exceptional circumstances:

#### Freight Assistance Program

- Purposes: The Commonwealth and WA State Government jointly funded Freight Subsidy Program is to assist with the ongoing exceptional freight requirements for businesses impacted by ex Tropical Cyclone Ellie (DRFA AGRN1044).
- Eligible applicants: Businesses located in, or delivering to, the four (4) DRFAWA activated local government districts which are the Shire of Broome, Shire of Derby West Kimberley, Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
- Funding duration: All claims must be submitted no later than two (2) months after a suitable road connection is re-established. Claims may be backdated for all freight movement that occurred on, or after, 1 January 2023

- DPIRD is the designated delivery agency for this funding

FAQs including details of eligibility: [Publications \(dfes.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au)

DRFAWA Cat B and D assistance, the Department has approved as at 27 April 2023:

<b>DRFA Measures</b>	<b>Under assessment</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approved \$</b>
Category B	2	1	\$37,830.00
Category D	35	33	\$35,296.26

### **5. Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja (Recovery funding)**

DPIRD, through its Rural Business Development Unit, is managing Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA assistance to primary producers impacted by TC Seroja.

DRFAWA Cat B and C assistance the Department has approved as at 27 April 2023:

<b>DRFA Measures</b>	<b>Under assessment</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approved \$</b>
Category B	14	29	\$ 465,513.95
Category C	23	111	\$2,254,594.10

### **6. Staff emergency management training:**

DPIRD has an ongoing schedule to deliver emergency management training and exercising in both metropolitan and regional areas.

The non-accredited training focusses on both the Department's Hazard Management Agency responsibilities in relation to animal and plant biosecurity and its support role to other HMAs in relation to animal welfare during emergencies.

#### **Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia online training:**

DPIRD staff are encouraged to undertake suitable online training which is available on the Animal Health Australia (AHA) and Plant Health Australia (PHA) websites.

Links to AHA and PHA:

[Home - Animal Health Australia](#)

[Plant Health Australia](#)

## **7. Animal welfare in emergencies grants program 2023**

Grants are available for local government officers to attend the Animal Welfare in Emergencies training at the Muresk Institute. This training is administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and aims to enhance local government officers' skills and knowledge in safely dealing with animals during an emergency. The training focuses on livestock health, fauna handling, containment and transport, and includes a workshop about how to develop local animal welfare in emergencies plans.

Link to Animal Welfare in Emergencies training brochure: [FINAL 2023 incident response flyer-\(1\).pdf \(walga.asn.au\)](#)

Training dates:

June 7 - 9

June 14 -1 6

August 9 - 11

August 16 - 18

Applications open Thursday, 27 April 2023 and **close 4pm, Friday 19 May 2023.**

Link to application form: [Emergency Management | WALGA | WALGA](#)

## **8. DPIRD participation in fire and natural hazards during the natural hazard high season 2022 - 2023**

Southern bushfire season – October to April

North West tropical cyclone season – November to April



The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has provided support to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services as the hazard management agency for bushfire, tropical cyclone, flood and storm which are the predominant natural hazards of the southern and northern natural hazards high season.

From 1 November to 31 March, annually, DPIRD appoints an On Call Coordinator.

On Call Coordinator hours of operation:  
Monday to Sunday: 0700 – 2000

On Call Coordinator number: 9368 3132

In addition to the On Call Coordinator role, DPIRD appoints regionally-based on call officers for the DPIRD Christmas and New Year ‘close down’ period and up to the Monday of the third week of January.

### **Incidents and emergencies response and recovery which DPIRD was involved in during the 2022-2023 natural hazards high season**

#### **Namban Bushfire – 23 November 2022:**

Local government: Shire of Moora

State Incident Level: 1

DPIRD field staff provided advice regarding the assessment of injured stock

#### **Donnybrook-Balingup Complex Fire (Sandhill and Noggerup fires) – 10 January 2023:**

Local government area: Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup

DPIRD activities:

- Supported the Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup in the coordination of animal welfare including the assessment of injured stock
- Assistance to the Controlling Agency in relation to essential fruit pickers being able to access orchards to undertake picking on behalf of orchardists
- Contributed to the Controlling Agency’s Impact Statement
- DPIRD officer appointed to assist with recovery activities for which DPIRD has responsibility and expertise

**Ex Tropical Cyclone Ellie (Kimberley floods) – 6 January 2023:**

Local government area: Shire of Derby West Kimberley (Shires of Broome, Halls Creek and Wyndham East Kimberley in relation to freight in and out of the region)

State Incident Level: 3

State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies formally activated

DPIRD activities:

- Representation on the DFES All Hazards Liaison Group and the State Emergency Coordination Group
- Representation on the Incident Support Group and the Kimberley Operational Area Support Group
- Animal welfare needs assessment and advice and support in relation to mitigation activities
- Contributed to the Controlling Agency's Impact Statement
- Representation on the Shire of Derby West Kimberley Local Recovery Group and relevant subcommittees
- DPIRD is the lead agency for the State Economic Domain and appointed liaison officers to sit on the State Social, Infrastructure and Natural Environment domains

**Ravensthorpe Complex Fires – 23 February 2023:**

Local government area: Shire of Ravensthorpe, Shire of Coolgardie, Shire of Esperance

State Incident Level 2

DPIRD activities:

- Representation on the operational area support group
- Provision of advice to the Controlling Agency regarding agricultural properties
- Contributed to the Controlling Agency's Impact Statement

**Tropical Cyclone Ilsa – 9 April 2023:**

Local government areas: Shire of Broome, Shire of East Pilbara and Town of Port Hedland

State Incident Level: 2

DPIRD activities:

- Representation on the DFES All Hazards Liaison Group and the State Emergency Coordination Group
- Representation on the Kimberley Operational Area Support Group
- Contributed to the Controlling Agency's Impact Statement in relation to agricultural impacts
- Representation on the Shire of East Pilbara Local Recovery Coordination Group

## **DPIRD's role in emergency management**

DPIRD plays an important role in emergency management in Western Australia.

- Hazard Management Agency (HMA) for animal and plant biosecurity with responsibilities across prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Link to State Hazard Plan – Animal and Plant Biosecurity: [State Hazard Plan Animal and Plant Biosecurity \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)
- Provision of support to other HMAs by:
  - coordinating animal welfare for other hazard emergencies including during bushfires, cyclones and floods;
  - contributing to the Controlling Agency's impact statement in relation to impacts to primary producers, and other economic impacts through its regional development commissions across the state
  - managing eligible assistance for primary producers under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA and providing advice to primary producers in relation to this funding
  - providing professional expertise to primary industry producers and small business in a regional context

## **Animal Welfare in Emergencies**

Local governments are encouraged to develop a plan for animal welfare in emergencies (PAWE) which forms part of the local emergency management arrangements (LEMA).

For tools and resources to assist local governments to develop a local PAWE [click here](#) and for assistance in completing the PAWE template, speak to your LEMC or DEMC representative/s.

**DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022-2023**

**STATE NEWS**

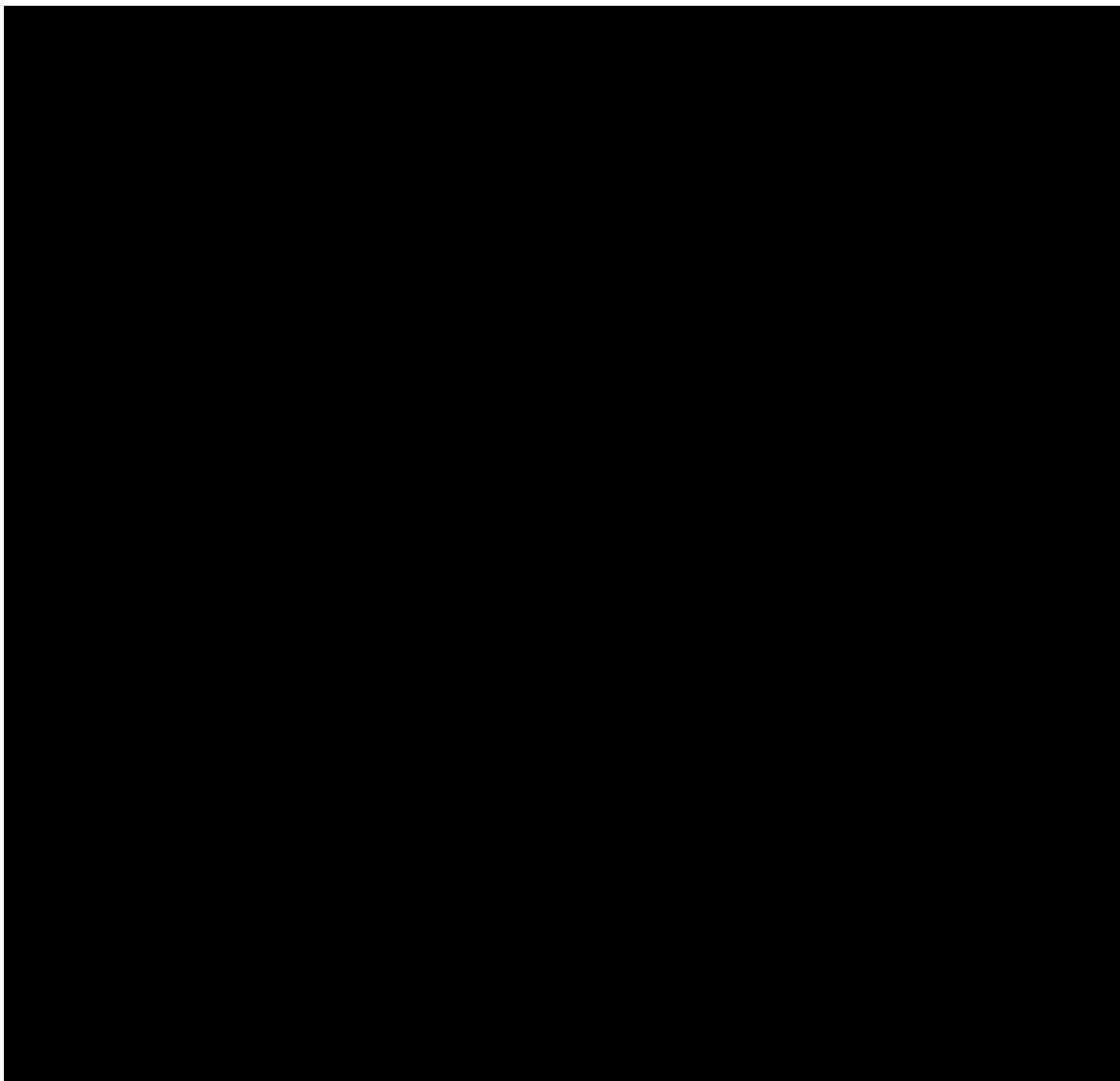
The **State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC)** met on the 3 May 2023. SEMC Communiqués can be found [here](#).

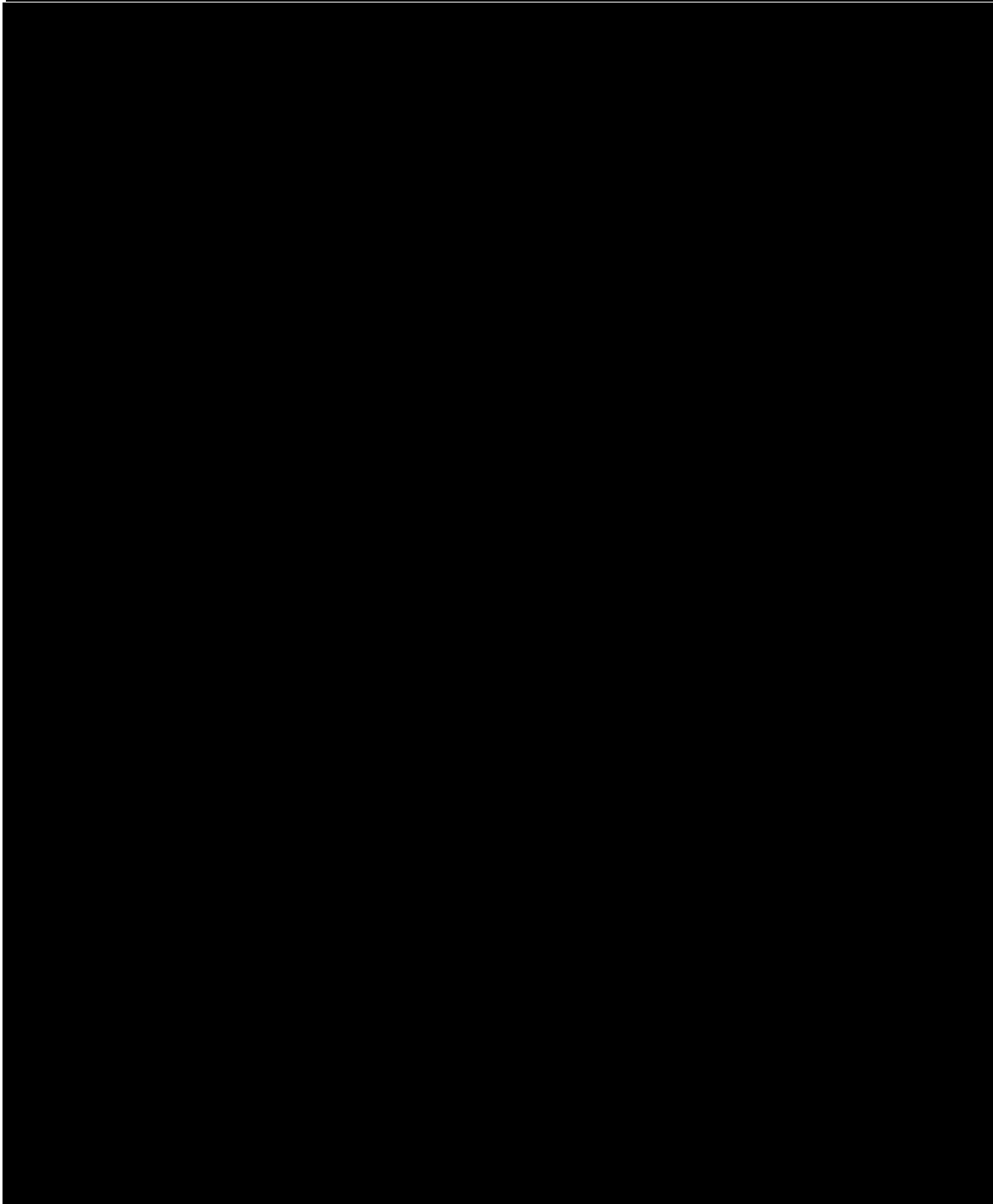
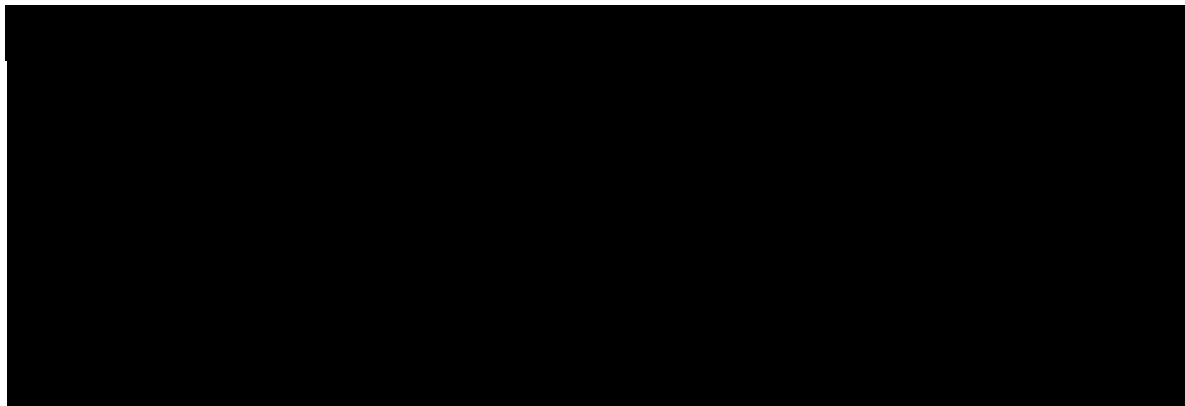
**2023 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE**

- 2 August 2023
- 4 October 2023
- 6 December 2023

**CONSULTATION REQUESTS**

**NOTE: For LEMC Members only. Please ensure the below consultation requests and information are not shared with the greater public or published on a public website as it has not been approved by the SEMC for further dissemination.**





## DISTRICT NEWS

The **District Emergency Management Committee** (DEMC) met on Tuesday 21 March 2023.

Presentations and key items discussed:

- NBN muster truck overview and demonstration
- Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV)
- NEMA update
- Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)
- Traffic Management
- Shire of Augusta Margaret River LEMA noted.

The next meeting of the DEMC will be held on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

### Inter-Agency Desktop Emergency Preparedness Exercise for Harris & Wellington Dams

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the Water Corporation held a workshop to step through preparedness and response protocols for flooding scenarios associated with Harris and Wellington Dams.

This workshop was designed to involve the key external agencies such as DFES, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, South West Police, Main Roads WA, Western Power, DBCA, Local Government, and Department of Communities all with responsibility in major flooding events. The focus of the workshop was to provide awareness of the Dam Safety and Emergency Plans for Harris and Wellington Dams.

## LOCAL NEWS

### LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT SURVEY

In accordance with *Section 40 of the Emergency Management Act 2005 (EM Act)*, Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) are required to submit an annual report on

activities undertaken by it during the financial year. In previous years, this reporting requirement was fulfilled by Local Governments' participation in the Annual and Preparedness Report Capability Survey.

This year, with the finalisation of the State Risk Project and the forthcoming revised State Emergency Management Capability Framework, LEMC reporting requirements can be fulfilled by completing the LEMC Annual Report Survey circulated to CEOs and LEMC Executive Officers on Friday 12th May 2023.

Information gathered in this survey provides opportunity to highlight the important contributions made by Local Governments and LEMCs to emergency management in Western Australia.

Please return this survey to the District Emergency Management Advisor no later than **COB 30 June 2023**.

## LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

A copy of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements – Status Report is attached. Please check the due date for the 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.

## LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (LEMA) REVIEW OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS

The [Local Emergency Management Arrangements \(LEMA\) Review](#) is a partnership between the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and WALGA, initiated in response to reports that current LEMA requirements are not fit-for-purpose for Local Government and that a new LEMA model is needed. From April to December 2022, WALGA engaged 100 Local Governments to identify LEMA strengths, weaknesses, and improvement opportunities in a consultation that included 10 in-depth interviews, 10 interactive workshops and an online survey.

WALGA's [LEMA Review Consultation with Western Australian Local Governments: Project Summary and Recommendations Report](#) summarises the key findings of the consultation process to date. A more detailed overview can be found in [WALGA's LEMA Review Issues Paper](#), [LEMA Review Survey Report](#) and an independent [LEMA Review Workshop Consultation Report](#) prepared by [agdots](#).

WALGA's LEMA Review project informed the Draft LEMA Improvement Plan that has now been developed by DFES and presented to the LEMA Review Steering Committee. The Committee has approved testing to commence with the Local Government sector during April and May 2023 and then submit the final LEMA Improvement Plan to SEMC for endorsement in August 2023.

Find out more about the LEMA Review Project on [WALGA's website](#) or email WALGA's LEMA Review Project Lead, [Simone Ruane](#).

## 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.

### **Disaster Ready Fund**

On 6 June 2023, the Commonwealth [announced](#) the twenty-three (23) successful [WA projects](#) funded under DRF Round one including DFES LSW for their Virtual Reality Community Preparedness Strategy Project and the Shire of Boyup Brook for upgrades to Boyup Brook Emergency Evacuation Centre. A list of all projects funded nationally can be found on the [National Emergency Management Agency website](#).

In DRF round one, NEMA received over 300 applications nationally. All eligible applications were assessed via a robust and transparent process managed by the NEMA in accordance with the published program Guidelines. In undertaking this assessment, the Panel considered the merits of each application, advice from relevant Commonwealth agencies, and equity with respect to the types of projects and the appropriateness of the geographic and thematic split of projects, in acknowledgement of the program's national scope and its overall objectives.

### **All West Australians Reducing Emergencies (AWARE) program**

AWARE is an initiative of the Western Australian Government that invests in building capacity and preparedness activities at a local level, through a competitive grant. Only local governments are eligible to apply for an AWARE grant.

The 2023 AWARE grant round will distribute a total of \$200,000 for projects to:

- further the emergency risk management process
- facilitate capability-based exercises
- assist in reviewing Local Emergency Management Arrangements
- deliver emergency management training
- host or facilitate emergency management events or forums.

Projects may apply for between \$2,500 and \$30,000 grant funding. Local level risk assessment projects can request a maximum of \$4,000. Applicants must contribute 25 per cent of the total project cost in cash or in-kind. A local government may submit multiple projects for funding.

Local governments are encouraged to collaborate and submit joint applications.

**Applications for next round of the AWARE grant program will open on 16 August and close on 20 September 2023. Assessments will take place in October 2023 with an anticipated announcement date in January 2024.**

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

Please contact [semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au) for further information on the grant programs.

**Complied by:  
District Emergency Management Advisor – South West (incl. LSW)  
Department of Fire and Emergency Services**



<b>READY</b>	<b>DRAFT</b>	<b>NEARING REVIEW</b>	<b>OVERDUE</b>
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Number local governments	Number LEMCs	LEMA noted/submitted to SEMC	% Local governments with current required LEMA		
12	12		<b>60% Current</b>		
Local Government		LEMA Status	Date	Resolution No	Date of 5 year review
Shire of Augusta Margaret River	Augusta Margaret River	Current	3/05/2023	27/2023	3/05/2028
Shire of Boyup Brook	Boyup Brook	Current	3/08/2018	52/2018	3/08/2023
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Bridgetown-Greenbushes	AWARE funding allocated; project underway	3/10/2017	46/2017	3/10/2022
City of Bunbury	Bunbury	Current	6/03/2020	08/2020	6/03/2025
City of Busselton	Busselton	Current	8/03/2023	08/2023	8/03/2028
Shire of Capel	Capel	Current	5/12/2022	81/2022	5/12/2027
Shire of Collie	Collie	AWARE funding - Draft LEMA currently with LGA/Consultant	3/10/2017	46/2017	3/10/2022
Shire of Dardanup	Dardanup	Current	4/08/2022	32/2022	4/08/2027
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Donnybrook-Balingup	AWARE funding allocated; project underway	3/10/2017	46/2017	3/10/2022
Shire of Harvey	Harvey	AWARE funding allocated; project underway	3/10/2017	46/2017	3/10/2022
Shire of Manjimup	Manjimup	Current	1/10/2021	76/2021	1/10/2026
Shire of Nannup	Nannup	Current	14/08/2020	50/2020	14/08/2025

## **Warren Health Service Report 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

### **COVID-19**

- Warren Health Service has resumed a BAU “business as usual” approach in relation to management of Covid19 with outpatient & inpatient activity.
- Currently screening symptomatic patients via a RAT testing process.
- Inpatients with Covid continue to be nursed with full infection control precautions in place.
- Health service staff are still required to isolate from the workplace for 7 days if Covid positive & seek executive approval to return to the workplace as a close household contact.
- Staff are now no longer mandated to wear a face mask in the clinical setting unless required for specific infection prevention measures. However mask wearing is encouraged with the current influenza trend in the community.

### **GENERAL**

- Continues to be a steady increase in patient presentations to hospital ED & admissions remain above average for the past quarter 2022.
- Hospital staffing continues to be closely monitored and covered with support
- Hospital has acquired a third rental property in Manjimup to support the required workforce. Currently housing dieticians, nursing, radiology staff & nursing students.
- WACHS SW accreditation took place in May 2023. Surveyors returning to SW in August to reassess areas that were met with recommendations (due to pause in non-essential clinical duties over period of covid management)
- MIMMS training for Warren HS staff recently undertaken as a designated MIMMS site



WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE

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 Our ref: LEMC Report  
 Enquiries: Steve Page

**TO:** Manjimup LEMC

**SUBJECT:** Walpole Police Up-date

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Walpole Police have been busy with several incidents occurring over the quarterly reporting time frame.

**Traffic:**

2 x Vehicle crashes of which one of them had to utilise the Emergency Helicopter to convey a seriously injured passenger to Hospital. Both of these crashes were alcohol related. Walpole Police have conducted 850 RBT's since the crashes occurring, resulting in several charges being laid.

Of particular note was the amount of tourist's driving with alcohol in their system around lunch time.

Walpole Police will continue their high visible road policing presence.

**Fire's:**

Walpole Police are investigation a deliberately lit fire area on the RAMES Head Track near Peaceful Bay.

This area had 12 fires lit along the track, on the same day, where by Grass trees in particular were set alight.

None of the fires caused any significant damage and were all extinguished quickly.

**Marine:**

Walpole Police have attended two Marine incidents

1. A power boat being driven in a dangerous manner in the Walpole inlet, resulting in it to crash into the Walpole Jetty causing injuries to several people.
2. A Fishing boat with engine trouble out near Saddle Island. Towed back into Walpole Inlet – Nil issues.

Sgt Steve Page and Senior Constable Craig Kelly received a special appreciation from both the executive of AFP (Australian Federal Police) and Australian Border Force, for their involvement and management in the location and recovery of a Boat that was sinking off the coast of Peaceful Bay. This boat when recovered had over 300 kilograms of cocaine on board.

Walpole Police in conjunction with South Coast VMR conducted a MARSAR EX (Marine Search and Rescue Exercise) where an activation of EPIRB was identified and responded to, locating a fishing vessel in distress. Exercise went well resulting in the Walpole Police in particular S/C Craig Kelly being awarded the "Commander's Trophy" for his involvement in the exercise.

Sgt Steve Page has completed his Advance Marine Search and Rescue Course.

Sincerely

Steve Page  
 Sergeant 8512  
 Officer in Charge  
 Walpole Police Station

## Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Report

<b>REPORT:</b>	Shire of Manjimup – LEMA - Local Animal Welfare Plan 2023 - 2028
<b>OFFICER:</b>	Ashleigh Reeve
<b>DATE:</b>	6 June 2023

### BACKGROUND:

In November 2019, the *State Support Plan Animal Welfare in Emergencies* was released by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

In an emergency, when the capability of the owner or carer and any local arrangements are no longer sufficient or effective, DPIRD has the role and responsibility for coordinating animal welfare services in emergencies, as prescribed in the *State Emergency Management Policy statement 5.9.7* and detailed in the *State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies* (State Support PAWE).

Local Governments are required to manage Recovery under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*. To assist in the recovery process, DPIRD and WALGA highly recommend Local Governments develop a Local Animal Welfare in Emergencies Plan to assist their community in responding to and therefore recovering from emergencies they may face, as part of building community resilience.

As a result, Local Governments are urged (however it is not compulsory) to draft and implement an animal welfare plan to be used in conjunction with their *Local Emergency Management Arrangements* (LEMA).

### COMMENT (Includes Options):

Local Governments have a responsibility to develop and maintain a relevant LEMA in accordance with the State Emergency Management Arrangements. The State Emergency Management Committee – Local Emergency Management Arrangements Guideline and Model suggests Local Governments create an Local Animal Welfare in Emergencies Plan.

Due to the effect animal welfare has on the social and economic wellbeing of the community, integrating an Animal Welfare Plan into LEMA can positively influence on a community's resilience for and recovery from an emergency. As the role for recovery falls to Local Governments, the early consideration of animal welfare in preparedness and response can greatly improve the recovery of the community and economy.

The author is now requesting the Local Emergency Management Committee to consider recommending to Council to endorse the draft *Shire of Manjimup - LEMA - Local Animal Welfare Plan 2023 – 2028*.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:

*Emergency Management Act 2005*

**POLICY / STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

*Shire of Manjimup Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2019 - 2024*

**ORGANISATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Without having a plan or procedure relating to domesticated pets and livestock during the event of an emergency, it leaves the Shire of Manjimup, stakeholders, and the community vulnerable. The Plan clarifies roles and responsibilities between the various stakeholders for the delivery of emergency response and recovery activities in relation to animal welfare in emergencies.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL:**

Nil

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Local Emergency Management Committee recommends that Council “endorse the *Shire of Manjimup - LEMA - Local Animal Welfare Plan 2023 - 2028*”.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Proposed *Shire of Manjimup - LEMA - Local Animal Welfare Plan 2023 - 2028*

# Local Emergency Management Committee Annual Reporting

## 2022-23 Annual LEMC Report Survey

In accordance with Sections 33 and 40 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (EM Act), Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) are required to submit an annual report on activities undertaken by it during the financial year. In previous years, this reporting requirement was fulfilled by Local Governments' participation in the Annual and Preparedness Report Capability Survey.

This year, with the finalisation of the State Risk Project and the forthcoming revised State Emergency Management Capability Framework, LEMC reporting requirements can be fulfilled by completing the LEMC Annual Report Survey.

Information gathered in this survey provides opportunity to highlight the important contributions made by Local Governments and LEMCs to emergency management in Western Australia.

Please return this survey to your District Emergency Management Advisor by **COB 30 June**.

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**Q1.** When was your **most recent** emergency that required a significant and coordinated response for each of these hazards:

	Month (e.g. 12)	Year (e.g. 2022)	How many months was the recovery response in operation (e.g. 9)
Air Crash			
Animal or plant, pests or diseases			
Biological Substance			
Chemical Substance (HAZMAT)			
Collapse (structure or landform)			
Cyclone			
Earthquake			
Electricity Supply Disruption			
Fire	12	2022	0
Flood			
Heatwave			
Hostile Act			
Human Epidemic			
Land Search			
Liquid Fuel Supply Disruption			
Marine Oil Pollution			
Marine Search			
Marine Transport Emergency			
Natural Gas Supply Disruption			
Nuclear Powered Warship			
Other Substance (HAZMAT)			
Radiological Substance (HAZMAT)			
Rail Crash			
Road Crash			
Space Re-entry Debris			
Storm			
Terrorist Act			
Tsunami			
Other (please describe)			

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**Q1a.** Describe

Pemberton Mill Fire multi agency, school closures, smoke advice issued for townsite of Pemberton, structure totally destroyed and contaminated site.

**Q2.** Please list any emergencies that required the activation of an Incident Support Group during the **2022-2023 financial year**:

Pemberton Mill Fire December 2022

**Q3.** What is the name of your LEMC?

Shire of Manjimup Local Emergency Management Committee

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**Q4.** How many meetings of the LEMC have been held, or will be held, in the 2022-2023 financial year?

5 x Meeting have been held during 2022-2023.



**Q5.** Please provide your LEMC schedule for the 2023-2024 financial year:

	Day (e.g. 30)	Month (e.g. 11)	Year (e.g. 2022)
Meeting 1		12	2023
Meeting 2		6	2024
Meeting 3		11	2024
Meeting 4			
Meeting 5			
Meeting 6			

**Q6.** Is your LEMA available on your website? (if you have multiple LEMA are all available?)

Yes

No

*\*Note: As required in Section 41(4) of the Emergency Management Act 2005*

**Q6a.** If your LEMA is under review, please indicate due date and any comments

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**Q7.** Has a Local Recovery Coordinator been nominated?

Yes

No

Unsure

*\*Note: As required in Section 41(4) of the Emergency Management Act 2005*

**Q7a. Comment/Describe**

Local Recovery Coordinator appointed as per the LEMA process.

**Q8\_ How many exercises does your organisation plan to hold during the 2022-2023 financial year?**

Two

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**Q9\_** Please provide details of the exercises that your organisation has held or is planning to hold during the 2022-2023 financial year:

	Day (e.g. 30)	Month (e.g. 11)	Year (e.g. 2022)	Hazard exercised	Exercise type (i.e. discussion, functional, field)	Exercise Name
Exercise 1	15	03	2023	Fire & Biosecurity	Discussion	Risk Awareness and Understanding with Command, Control and Coordination
Exercise 2	28	06	2023	Air Crash	Discussion	Manjimup Aerodrome Emergency Desktop Exercise
Exercise 3						
Exercise 4						
Exercise 5						
Exercise 6						
Exercise 7						
Exercise 8						

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**Q9a.** If you have further comments about your organisation's planned exercises, please include here:

**Q10.** Key achievements: list key achievements of the LEMC or Local Government with regards to emergency management prevention, preparedness, response or recovery over the last 12 months.

## ITEM 11.4 ATTACHMENT

### **TRIAL EXERCISE 2023 - Scenario**

Monday 18 December 2023 – 12.30pm

Light aircraft carrying two people comes in from the west for landing towards the Manjimup aerodrome. The pilot loses consciousness and crash lands short of runway 1.2. into lot 1 Seven Day Road and skidding to a halt on the South Western Highway blocking both lanes of traffic. On impact the pilot (passenger A) is unconscious, and the passenger (passenger B) is missing.

The Airport Reporting Officer heard radio call for landing whilst on-site and sees the impact. They call 000 and Shire of Manjimup.

During this time, Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions have two spotters in the air and Royal Flying Doctors Service are on the main apron awaiting patient transfer.