



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee
held at the
Plantagenet / Cranbrook Health Service, Mount Barker
5.30pm Tuesday 3 May 2011

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr S Etherington (Chair), Cr A Budrikis (Deputy), (Resolution No. 318/09), Mr A Buchanan (Executive Officer), Mr E Howard, Sgt Al Keough, Mr M Wills, Mr W Beck, Mr B Cross, Mr R Clarke, Ms R Waud, Ms A Robbins.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Present:

Sgt Allan Keogh	(Chair)	Mount Barker Police
Murray Wills		Plantagenet Bush Fire Service
Stuart Wilkinson		Department of Corrections – Pardelup Prison Farm
Jeff Drage		Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Wesley Beck		Mount Barker Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Rob Clarke		Mount Barker Ambulance
Nicole Selesnew		Shire of Plantagenet
Rayona Evans		Shire of Plantagenet

Apologies:

Cr Sue Etherington JP	Shire of Plantagenet
Eric Howard	Shire of Plantagenet
Andrew Buchanan`	Shire of Plantagenet

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Wes Beck, seconded Rob Clarke

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee held 1 February 2011 be confirmed.

4 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Location / Address: N / A
Name of Applicant: N / A
Author: Andrew Buchanan
Date of Report: 18 April 2011

Introduction to Recovery Management

An Introduction to Recovery Management workshop will be held in Albany on 25 May 2011. The workshop will be run by Emergency Management Australia and provides an introduction to the various facets of helping community recovery following an emergency event. For more information, please find the attached forms or contact Adam Smith (FESA Albany) on 9845 5000.

Volunteer Have a Go Expo

On 6 April representatives of St John Ambulance, State Emergency Service, Mount Barker Fire and Rescue and the Plantagenet Bush Fire Service attended an expo aimed at encouraging young people to volunteer. The event was held at the Mount Barker Community College and gave the students an opportunity to look around the emergency vehicles and talk with representatives of the emergency services. It is hoped the expo will encourage some of the kids to become emergency service volunteers. The efforts of those who represented their organisations are very much appreciated.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS / MATTERS ARISING

Mount Barker Hospital Emergency Capabilities

This item was deferred until next meeting when a representative from the Plantagenet / Cranbrook Health Service is available.

Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Service

Overall, it has been a quiet season. There have been 35 reported incidents. The majority of the incidents have been small and have included a truck fire on Chester Pass Road and various plantation, crop and machinery fires.

Thanks were extended to Pardelup Prison Farm for their assistance during the fire season.

Shire of Plantagenet

An emergency power supply outlet has been installed at the Mount Barker Recreation Centre. The Mount Barker Recreation Centre will now be the primary evacuation area for the public. The outlet will enable the connection of a generator should power supply be lost.

Andrew Buchanan, Community Emergency Services Manager, will be on leave for the next 6 weeks.

Fire and Emergency Services Authority have released the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) budgets for the upcoming financial year.

The South Porongurup Bush Fire Brigade shed is almost complete.

St John Ambulance

St John Ambulance has been very busy, with 42 call outs for the month of April 2011.

Rob Clarke will be away for 9 weeks. All correspondence during this time will need to be addressed to Mr Bryn Gladwin.

A paramedic has been stationed at Katanning, with Denmark and Ravensthorpe next in line.

Mount Barker Fire and Rescue

The Mount Barker Fire and Rescue Brigade has attended four incidents since last meeting.

Members from the brigade recently attended the fires in Perth.

The brigade attended the 'Have-A-Go' Expo and did a school visit with the students recently.

The brigade has applied for funding to purchase a fast fill pump and fitting. This will enable the Brigade to access water from sources other than hydrants.

Multi Agency Exercise

A Multi Agency exercise is being planned for 25 June 2011.

A possible scenario could be a bus and truck accident involving numerous casualties on the corner of Langton Road and Muir Highway.

A meeting will be held Tuesday 21 June 2011 commencing at 5.30pm at Mount Barker Fire and Rescue in preparation for the incident.

Pardelup Prison Farm

Pardelup personnel have assisted with fires in the district recently.

Mount Barker Police

The Police have been very busy recently. Incidents include a road train rollover on Albany Highway and various drug raids and burglaries throughout Mount Barker and Kendenup.

6 NEXT MEETING

5.30pm Tuesday 2 August 2011 at the Shire of Plantagenet Administration Office.

7 MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting closed 6.30 pm.