

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 March, 2022

Signed: .....  
Mark Teale, Chairperson

Date: .....



## Shire of Irwin Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Meeting

held in the Council Chambers

Wednesday, 2 March 2022

at 10.00am

### MINUTES

#### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Mark Teale, Chairperson, welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 10.00am.

#### 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

##### Members

T Pavelka	DEMHS
J Henriques ( <i>via Microsoft Teams</i> )	Parks and Wildlife Service
C McCartney	Paramedic, St Johns Ambulance
A Davies	Department of Communities
R Clarke	DFES
P Herbert	Main Roads WA
N Boozanier	Officer in Charge Dongara Police
K Mussen ( <i>via Microsoft Teams</i> )	DFES

##### Staff

Mr S Ivers	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Teale	Community Emergency Services Manager
Ms N A M'Leane	Development & Executive Officer

##### Guests

Mr Mark Lange	Clough Group
D Franklin	WACHS
R Gibson	WACHS

##### Apologies

M Redway	APA
Cr H Palmer	Shire of Irwin Councillor
G Crabb	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
D Treloar	Western Power
Mrs J Calver	Dongara District High School

### 3 BUSINESS ARISING

#### 3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

##### COMMITTEE DECISION:

**MOVED: A Davies**

**SECONDED: R Clarke**

**That the Minutes of the 1 December 2021 LEMC Meeting, as previously circulated, be adopted as true and accurate recording of that meeting.**

#### 3.2 Action Items from previous minutes

Nil.

### 4 CORRESPONDENCE IN

#### 4.1 WACHS COVID Social Media Package

#### 4.2 WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper & Workshop

#### 4.3 DEMC Minutes

### 5 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

#### 5.1 Dongara Telstra Mobile Outage

### 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 6.1 COVID-19 Discussion and Response

Shire of Irwin vaccination status was reported for 12 years and older at first dose 86% and second dose 52%.

#### 6.2 Power Outages

Shire of Irwin currently liaising with relevant stakeholders regarding power outages to work towards a resolution to ensure emergency services are not without Telstra coverage during a power outage. Generator at the Dongara Telstra tower may be an option in the near future.

Shire of Irwin providing the community with information on correct avenues to lobby State Government and local members of parliament.

#### 6.3 LEMC Welfare/Evac Centre Training

Shire of Irwin staff preparing an emergency kit to be stored at the Irwin Rec Centre for activation when the premise is being used as an evacuation centre.

#### 6.4 Agency Updates

The respective officer from each department provided the committee with an update. The following was noted from Kieran Mussen (DFES).

At the October 2021 Midwest Port Authority WA State Maritime Emergency Response Exercise, DFES tested the ability to build and sustain an oiled wildlife rescue facility on a remote beach head simulation in the event of a major maritime spill.

It showcased what DFES logistics is available to support Department of Transport in the event of a major environmental spill in WA which could affect beaches from Broome to Albany.

This support could potentially be used across agencies and different types of incidents, on request and DFES approval to enable to keep operatives in the field in remoter areas 24/7 versus travelling to and from a larger town every day for accommodation, meals, fuel, etc. Set up includes;

- Donga style offices

- Large tents which can be joined end on end for work or accommodation areas
- Air conditioning for tents
- Temporary lighting stands
- Generator and field power distribution
- Portable bulk fuel pods
- Water tank and distribution
- Fencing, bins, hazard disposal etc
- Tables, chairs, stretcher beds
- COVID-19 hygiene and sanitisation stands

The following documents were provided for minute submission.

- WALGA/DFES Covid19 Access Restriction at Fire and Emergency Sites: Covid 19
- AFDRS update recently sent out to all LGs providing info on key impacts to LGs and support provided. The background provides details on the revised framework and revised cutover date of September 22. DFES are currently looking into options to support LGs with signage replacement. The final design is still to be finalised. We are hoping to be able to provide an update to LGs on this in the next month.

Peter Herbert indicated he would investigate any data available in relation to trends/data Main Roads has relating to road crash incidents in the region.

Kieran will also liaise with Mark Lange, Clough/Beach Energy in regard to their ERT response capability to develop a potential MOU.

Catherine reiterated to the community that SJA are experiencing extreme shortages in volunteer numbers, Shire of Irwin to provide support by sharing recruitment information on social media.

Mark Teale noted 8/24 bushfire mitigation treatments have been completed to date and a new water tank had been installed at Hamersley Road. Mark also informed the committee that the Shire is arranging a “thank a volunteer” function in May.

#### **6.5 LEMA Review**

For review in 2022. Department and committee consultation will be carried out.

#### **6.6 Member/Agency Contact Update**

Please continue to provide updates to [mteale@irwin.wa.gov.au](mailto:mteale@irwin.wa.gov.au).

#### **6.7 LEMC Microsoft Team**

Updated contacts list will be attached to the Teams group, a reminder the details contained in the Members List is Confidential.

#### **6.8 Events**

Easter Races – Saturday – Pending confirmation, anticipate they will be cancelled due to COVID-19 event restrictions.

Anzac Day – no action required. Shire of Irwin providing traffic management.

### **7 SETTING OF FUTURE MEETING DATES**

7.1 The below dates have been accepted by the Committee at the meeting held 1 December 2021.

- Wednesday 1 June, 2022
- Wednesday 31 August, 2022
- Wednesday 30 November, 2022

### **8 CLOSURE**