



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

to be held in the Council Chambers

Friday, 9 April 2021

at 10.00am

## Minutes

### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

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

*(please sign the attendance register on arrival)*

#### Members

Mr G Crabb  
T Pavelka  
J Henriques  
C McCartney  
A Davis  
Cr H Wells  
Cr G S Eva  
M Maxfield  
Mr T Potts

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer  
DEMHS  
Parks and Wildlife Service  
Paramedic, St Johns Ambulance  
Department of Communities  
Shire of Irwin Councillor  
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Chief Executive Officer Shire of Coorow  
Officer in Charge Dongara Police

#### Staff

Mr S Ivers  
Mr K Pollitt (*chairperson*)  
Mrs N A M'Leane  
Mr P Manners

Chief Executive Officer  
Community Emergency Services Manager  
Development & Executive Officer  
Community Ranger

#### Apologies

Cr M T Smith  
J Calver  
P Herbert  
B Cassidy  
M Moerman  
J Gardener

Shire of Irwin President & Presiding Member  
Dongara District High School  
Main Roads WA  
Officer in Charge Dongara Police  
DFES Area Officer Midlands  
DFES

### 3 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Tropical Cyclone Seroja

K Pollitt provided updates from BOM Briefing held at 08.00am regarding the three tropical lows.

- 24 U no impact
- 23 U Odette – Category 1 before its sucked into Seroja the will drop off
- TC Seroja Category 1 currently, intensifying to a Category 2 overnight 9<sup>th</sup>, intensifying to a Category 3 11<sup>th</sup> – then back to a Category 2 – 12th April - landfall. Dissipates to a Tropical Low as it tracks SE towards Esperance.
- 3 - 6 hours of potential strong gales & rainfall between 50 – 80mm, some potential flash flooding.

BOM Advise – Blue Alert Currently

Landfall between Kalbarri and Geraldton at a Category 2. Storm Surge higher than highest astronomical tide – characteristically a Category 2 will produce 90 – 120kmh winds, max gusts for TC Seroja will be 125kmh to the North of the track, to the South will be predominantly rainfall.

Shire of Irwin closing the Indian Ocean Drive Coastal Camping Nodes Friday – Monday (inclusive), Shire of Coorow have been instructed to do the same. Moving people on that are camping due to storm surge.

DFES Media Statement has been distributed to Shires, Caravan Parks, and Tourism Bureaus. BOM advise to be forwarded.

Upgrade to a Yellow alert is possible. Caravan Parks can only turn people away when a Yellow Alert is issued and in place.

Irwin Rec Creation Centre, located behind dunes (not cyclone rated) a is allocated Evacuation Centre (post Cyclone), Leeman Green-Head and Coorow are prepared.

Andrea – OSAG ISG Geraldton does not have any cyclone rated centres identified – locations available after the weather event.

People living in dwellings with a low rating are advised to stay in their own dwelling if they feel safe or to relocate with family and friends.

Dongara & Northampton can be evacuated to Geraldton Centre if required, Leeman and Green-Head to Jurien Bay potentially.

Jess – Moora District are closing campgrounds Saturday Morning. Shack tenants being informed. Pinnacles closed. Potential flooding. Patrolling Burn 85% burnt out. Rubbish Tips being made safe, contractors been to clear out loose debris.

Catherine – SJA Business as usual - checking volunteer availability. Mobile service a concern prepping with radios.

Mia – Preparing generator at Leeman and satellite phones. Responders on call for clean-up.

Andrea – Officers on standby to be deployed for welfare centre activations. ESU monitoring, attending frequent meetings to gain up to date information. Sunday to potentially initiate.

Cr Wells – The racecourse is identified as an available location for animal welfare.

Trish – Calls gone out to elderly members of the community on their service. Encouraging friends and family to assist the elderly in preparing their properties. Business as usual, open and potentially having staff stay at the Centre overnight. Focusing on oxygen dependant community

members. Fleet vehicles and bus fuelled for evacuation preparation to Three Springs or Morawa, whichever is safest.

Dongara Medical Satellite Contact Numbers – 0147 186 130 & 0417 151 110.

Tommy Potts - Direction from District Office to complete 1 – 10's.

- Vehicles, Generator & Jerry Cans fueled
- Communication Equipment charged
- Loose items at station secured
- Emergency contacts updated – Emergency Contact List to be emailed to LEMC Members.
- Staff are prepared
- Emergency Equipment checked and accessible
- Requested Traffic Volume Stats twice daily.

Peter – Pound is ready to go with pet food. Contacting Rec Jetty Pen Holders. Active building site managers to be contacted, ensure no loose material on site.

Cr Eva – Ensure community is communicated potential power outage and to have back up power prepared and water if running off a pumping system.

LED Sign – Blue alert and SES Contacts. 000 emergency. 132 500 non-life threatening.  
BLUE Alert Cyclone Flags.

Shane – Shire Operations Team prepping, ensure it is communicated that SES are the primary contact for emergency response (non-life threatening). Shade sails to be taken down, Shire vehicles fuelled ready to be called upon.

#### **4 SETTING OF FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Meeting to be held at 10.00am Saturday, 10 April 2021 in the Council Chambers or via Teams.

#### **5 CLOSURE**

Meeting Closed 10.40am.