

Goldfields Esperance Risk project – first phase complete.

On the 10th August 2016, the final risk workshop was held. The risk from Fire was analysed based on a scenario set in the Shire of Esperance. The workshop was well attended with representatives from essential services, as well as CPFS, Australian Rail Track Corporation, St John Ambulance, DFES, WA Police, Main Roads WA, Parks and Wildlife and the Office of Bush Fire Risk Management.

Local Governments were also well represented, with attendees from the Shires of Menzies, Coolgardie, Esperance, Leonora and the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder.

The City of Kalgoorlie Boulder has been very supportive of the project and the provision of their facilities for the workshops is much appreciated.

A Goldfields – Esperance Risk Summary report is currently being developed and will be available for comment after October 2016.

The next phase of the project will begin to look at risk treatment strategies, with another workshop to be called at a date yet to be determined.

During the workshop the State Risk Project celebrated a symbolic milestone, with Mac Johnston from DFES registering as the 1000th participant.



Mac Johnston 1000th participant in the state risk project.

Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Congratulations to the Shire of Esperance whose finalised LEMA were recently tabled at the SEMC. The Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku and the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder have also recently finalised the review of their LEMA and are now undertaking the endorsement process.

2017 will see some further activity in this regard with four sets of LEMA across the district being due for review.

March 2017	Shire of Dundas
December 2017	Shire of Leonora (Sub LEMC district of Leinster)
December 2017	Shire of Wiluna
December 2017	Shire of Laverton

Local level roll out of the risk project - 2017

The local level risk project will commence in 2017 following the successful implementation of the risk project across the state and district levels.

The plan to implement risk across the local level is aimed at supporting local governments, using the National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines (NERAG), to fulfil their legislative requirements while collecting valuable information to aid future planning and risk reduction.

The implementation plan involves clustering local governments where possible based on existing working relationships, physical location and similar hazards, in an effort to maximize resources, reduce impost and build the capabilities of local government.

All local governments will of course be contacted well before any work is commenced, and you can choose to participate in a cluster or undertake the risk work on your own, or by contracting a consultant. Your District Advisor (Yvette Grigg) will be able to provide guidance to assist your decision and ensure compliance or to answer any queries.

Further details will be available later in the year after pilot programmes have been conducted.

Click here for further information on the risk project:

<http://www.semc.wa.gov.au/emergency-management/portal/risk>

Projects (ongoing)

Coordination of indigenous programmes being undertaken by DEMC agencies.

The DEMC is continuing to work with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) to ensure better coordination across services. DAA are currently working on a strategy for remote Aboriginal Communities “ Resilient Families, Strong Communities” that is due to be rolled out in the Goldfields in 2017. The strategy will assist to address coordination issues and the DEMC are looking to become a part of this project.

Cross District Boundary Exercise – to test multi agency district coordination.

The exercise is currently being developed and will be held in Esperance on the 18th October 2016. The aim of the exercise is to test and improve cross boundary emergency coordination arrangements between agencies in major emergencies.

Major Rail Crash Plan – East of Kalgoorlie – Review

Once data from the rail crash risk workshop is available , the plan will be reviewed and exercised.

Calendar of Events

Activity Type	Location	Date
Exercise – Cross District Boundary Coordination	Esperance	18 October 2016
DEMC Meeting	Kalgoorlie	6 th December 201
DEMC Meeting	Kalgoorlie	March 2017
Local level risk project	GE EM District	2017

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