

Goldfields Esperance DEMC Meeting Highlights

DEMC Forum overview and introduction of DEMC Administration Guidelines

On 3 May, a DEMC forum was held in Perth and attended by DEMC Chairs, metropolitan Deputy Chairs, District Advisors and state subcommittee chairs and executive officers.

Key issues discussed include:

- formalised roles and responsibilities of the executive team of committees
- formalised roles and responsibilities of their members.
- clarifying roles and functions of the committee
- cross boundary agency coordination in major events.

New administrative guidelines were introduced. These guidelines seek to standardise and formalise the functionality of DEMCs across the state and include a guide to a variety of meeting processes and standardised templates, as well as clearly articulating roles and responsibilities.

New SEMC Website

The new SEMC website has a wealth of emergency management information including useful fact sheets and videos on specific hazards, which LEMCs may find useful as they begin their own local level risk projects. The Goldfields Esperance EM District has its own page where you will find useful information relevant to your district. The website address is: www.semc.wa.gov.au

New Suite of State Policy and Governance documents introduced.

An overview was given of the phases of the State EM Policy and Governance Review project were given at the meeting. The new suite of the State EM documents are an amalgamation of current documents and replace the State Emergency Policies (“SEMP” policies), Administration Procedures, Operational Procedures and Training Procedures.

An overview of the new look and feel and hierarchy of the documents was explained as well as their location on the new website.

The next phase of the project, which has already commenced, will look at any enhancements and gaps in the State Policy.

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

The members agreed that an exercise between agencies from the Goldfields Esperance and Great Southern Districts would be useful. The Esperance LEMC and local government would also be invited to attend. The aim of the exercise is to improve cross boundary emergency coordination arrangements between agencies in major emergencies.

The exercise is to be held in Esperance at a date in October to be determined.

Coordination of indigenous programmes being undertaken by DEMC agencies.

An action item was raised to undertake further work on ideas/methodologies to better coordinate the indigenous programmes that so many of the DEMC agencies undertake, in an effort to avoid duplication and enhance the delivery of community programmes. DEMC Agencies that currently have deliverable indigenous programmes include;

- WA Police
- DFES
- WA Country Health Services
- City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
- Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation

This is outside core work already being conducted by organisations such as Dept of Indigenous Affairs and the Goldfields Land and Sea Council.

Projects and Activities

State Risk Project – District Component

A risk workshop was held in the Council meeting rooms at the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder on the 2nd June 2016. (Many thanks to the City for the use of their excellent facility.)

The risks from human epidemic and rail crash hazards were evaluated. Dr Clare Huppertz and her team gave an eye opening presentation on the history and impacts of human epidemic. While the results of the workshop are yet to be collated, it was clear that a major epidemic would have significant impacts across the district.

Rob Horridge from WA Police gave an interesting presentation on rail crash. Though the effects on the district as a whole would seem to be markedly less than that of human

epidemic, the workshop highlighted some gaps in response capability to the remote areas the rail line passes through.

The next workshop will be held on 10 August 2016 in Kalgoorlie to evaluate the risks from fire.

Major Rail Crash Plan – East of Kalgoorlie - Review

The review of this plan is ongoing. Outcomes from the risk workshop will be used to enhance and identify gaps.

Calendar of Events

Activity Type	Location	Date
DEMC Meeting	Kalgoorlie	10 th August 2016
Risk Workshop – Fire	Kalgoorlie	10 th August 2016
Exercise – Cross District Boundary Coordination	Esperance	October (date tba)
DEMC Meeting	Kalgoorlie	6 th December 2016

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