

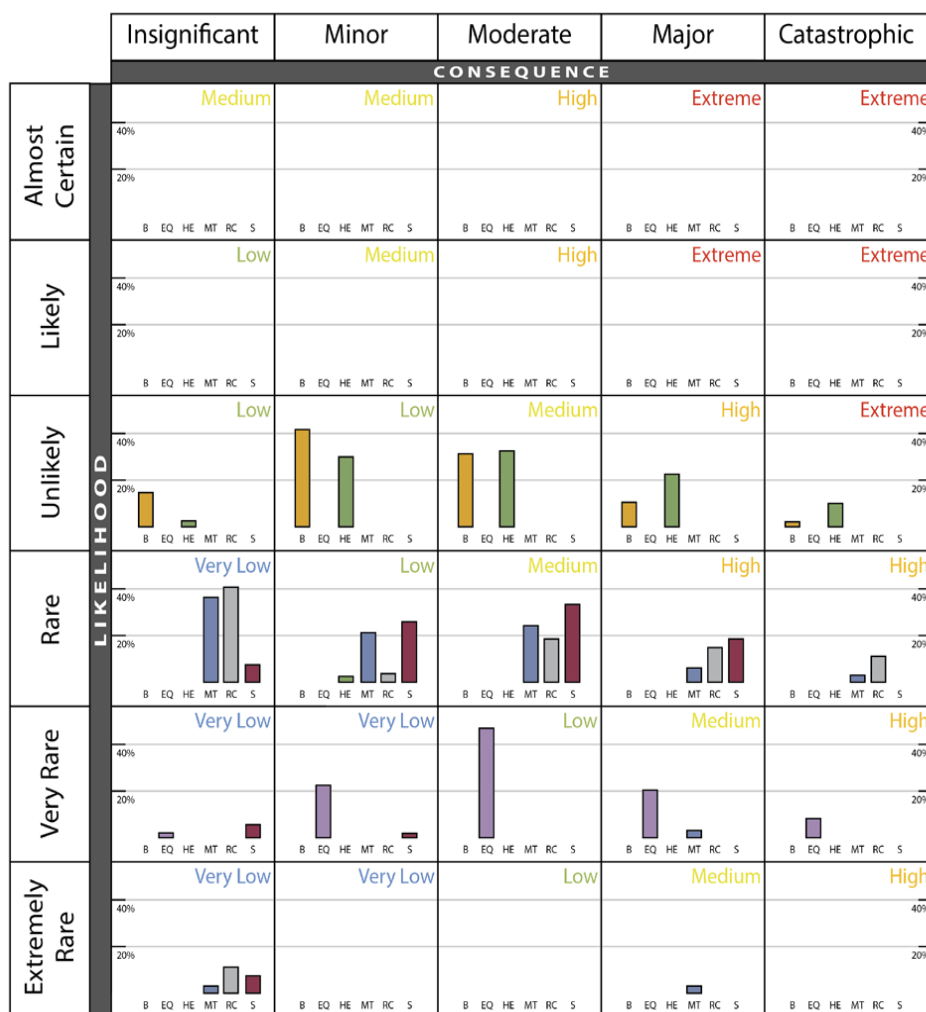
Goldfields Esperance DEMC meeting highlights.

The Goldfields Esperance DEMC met on 8 March 2017. Key discussion areas from the meeting are summarised below.

District Risk Presentation on outcomes of district risk project.

Dr Heather Taylor gave a presentation of the outcomes of the GE risk project. The next step will be to conduct a risk treatment workshop, likely to be held in July. Below is the risk matrix showing a summary of the district analysis

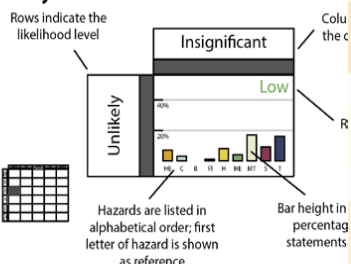
Goldfields-Esperance



Legend

- Bushfire (B)
- Earthquake (E)
- Human Epidemic (HE)
- Marine Transport Emergency (MT)
- Rail Crash (RC)
- Storm (S)

Key



**Exercise R.E.D. (Cross boundary exercise held in Esperance in October 2016)
Report tabled.**

The findings and opportunities listed in the executive summary of the report were discussed and accepted. It was agreed that these need to be highlighted to district agencies, LEMCs and local governments for information and action.

For detail on these findings and opportunities please refer to the report that is available on the Goldfields Esperance portal on the OEM website here:

<https://www.oem.wa.gov.au/districtemergency/Documents/GoldfieldsEsperancePublic/Attachment4%28a%29ExerciseREDFinalReport.pdf>

Major events.

Monsoon Flood Event January February 2017

Tjuntjunarra re supply and displaced community members

All community members have returned and roads are once again open. Some food drops were made, but diesel supplies proved sufficient until the roads were re-opened. The operational area support group meetings were well attended and supported by all agencies. Ongoing work continues to improve short stay accommodation in Kalgoorlie for remote aboriginal communities.

Local Roads damaged

Significant damage has occurred across a large area of the state including the Goldfields and Esperance areas. The rain incident has been declared a WANDRRA event and local governments are currently working with Main Roads to assess and repair. Refer to the OEM website for detail on WANDRRA here:



<https://www.oem.wa.gov.au/funding/wandrra>

Meningococcal W outbreak in Kalgoorlie, Boulder and Kambalda December 2016.

A significant state response was required for the outbreak with external health services staff required to assist. A vaccination programme was conducted to vaccinate 5000 people. To date 70% of the target population has been covered and the programme will be resumed with staff going back into schools this month. Only one further case has been reported since December, and all cases have recovered.

Land Search and Rescue – becoming common events

The amount of Land Search and rescue incidents has risen dramatically in recent times, requiring significant resources from DFES, SES, Police and local communities. These incidents can be protracted and often occur in very remote areas. Lack of communications and limited resources, included the lack of rotary aircraft based in Kalgoorlie are key issues that increase difficulties.

Projects (ongoing)

Major Rail Crash Plan – East of Kalgoorlie – Review

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

Local Risk project roll out

The first introductory risk workshop was held in Leonora. The Shires of Laverton, Menzies and Leonora were in attendance. The next workshop to begin analyzing the top 3 risks for these Shires will be held on the 6th July 2017.

Funding \$\$\$\$\$

The AWARE fund is now open for applications closing on the 27th April 2017

Categories that funding can be applied for include;

- Local EM Arrangements (including recovery and pre evacuation planning)
- Exercises
- Community Education
- Research – (including risk assessments).

There is strict criteria for each section, please go to the website for further detail:

<https://www.oem.wa.gov.au/Pages/Aware.aspx>

Calendar of Events

| Activity Type | Location | Date |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| General DEMC Meeting | Kalgoorlie | 5 July 2017 |
| Risk Treatment Strategy Workshop | Kalgoorlie | 5 July 2017 |
| First Goldfields local risk workshop (Leonora, Laverton, Menzies) | Menzies | 6 July 2017 |
| General DEMC Meeting | Kalgoorlie | 6 December 2017 |

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