

The Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) met on the 16 November 2017 at the Department of Agriculture and Food WA in Albany and Narrogin (via video conference).

District Preparedness Measures

DEMC members highlighted their increased levels of preparedness for the summer high threat season. Examples of preparedness included;

- Department of Communities conducted a welfare center exercise
- DFES have conducted a series of regional forums
- ABC Radio have completed emergency broadcaster refresher training
- St Johns have increased capability with Commander training completed
- Department of Transport have attended the State Oil Spill Exercise and conducted a local exercise at the Albany Marina

Joint Meeting of the Great Southern and Goldfields Esperance DEMCs

On the 22 November 2017 the Great Southern and Goldfields Esperance DEMCs held a combined meeting. The primary goal of the joint meeting was to establish effective working cross boundary relationships. The Esperance and surrounding areas are at a confluence of Department boundaries and the meeting built on the previous joint exercise, Exercise R.E.D. The DEMCs covered;

- A presentation from Professor Myra Keep, University of Western Australia on “The Science of Earthquakes; the Great Southern and Goldfields Esperance Districts; their impacts and our vulnerabilities”
- A presentation from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in the recent Kalgoorlie Storms
- The Office of Emergency Management Boundary Viewer Tool
- A refresher on the Office of Emergency Management website, focusing on the DEMC Portals
- A presentation from the Officer in Charge Ravensthorpe Police of the February 2017 flood event
- Pre-season preparedness led by the DFES Superintendents from Great Southern and Midlands-Goldfields.

Local Emergency Management Arrangements

The DEMC noted the Shire of Boddington has updated their Local Emergency Management Arrangements with the Shire of Denmark and Shire of Brookton working on completing their five year review.

LEMC Exercises

The Shire of Williams was the only LEMC to submit a post exercise report. The DEMC through the Chair and Local Emergency Coordinators will be encouraging LEMCs and agencies undertaking an exercise to complete a post exercise report and table it with the DEMC. Post exercise reports can be sent to the DEMC Executive Officer.

Risk Management

District Risk Management

The Office of Emergency Management have advised the process of identifying and rating risk treatments is nearly complete and should be ready to present to the DEMC shortly.

Local Risk Management

The State Risk Project – Local level has begun rolling out. Many local governments have been engaged with the DEMC Executive Officer / District Emergency Management Advisor to commence assessing their local emergency risk. DEMC member input and support will be key to the success of local risk assessments.

