



CONFIRMED MINUTES

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

6 MARCH 2020

I certify that the minutes of the meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee held 6 March 2020 were confirmed on 5 June 2020.



Chairperson



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**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
COMMITTEE ROOM, SHIRE OF MUNDARING – 10.00AM**

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.00am welcoming all in attendance.

Acknowledgment of Country

Shire of Mundaring respectfully acknowledges the Whadjuk of the Noongar Nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We wish to acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing culture and contribution they make to the region.

1.1 Announcement of Visitors

1.2 Attendance/Apologies

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| Members | Cr Toni Burbidge | Chairperson |
| | Adrian Dyson | LEMC Executive Officer |
| | Jamie O'Neill | CESM/CBFCO |
| | Michael Tite | OIC WAPOL Mundaring |
| | Garry Bird | Director Corporate Services |
| | Megan Griffiths | Director |
| | Simon Cuthbert | Councillor |
| | Merveen Cross | District Emergency Management Advisor |
| | Ryan Hamblion | Department Communities |
| | Claire Silveira | Red Cross |
| | Sam Roberts | Department of Justice |
| | Andrew Jones | St John Ambulance |
| | Paul Larkin | Department of Education |
| | Martin Shurlock | Senior Health Officer |
| | Matt Folini | DFES |
| Staff | Jenine Banks | Minute Secretary |
| | Craig Cuthbert | Coordinator Community Safety & Emergency Management |
| Guests | | |
| Apologies | Murray McBride | DFES DO North East Metro |
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2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

3.1 Declaration of Financial Interest and Proximity Interests

Elected Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting (*Part 5 Division 6 of the Local Government Act 1995*).

Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting (*Sections 5.70 and 5.71 of the Local Government Act 1995*).

3.2 Declaration of Interest Affecting Impartiality

An Elected Member or an employee who has an interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting must disclose that interest (*Shire of Mundaring Code of Conduct, Local Government (Admin) Reg. 34C*).

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee held Friday 6 December 2019 be confirmed.

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| COMMITTEE DECISION | DLEMC1.03.20 |
| Moved by: Paul Larkin | Seconded by: Martin Shurlock |

CARRIED 15/0

5.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.0 REPORTS OF EMPLOYEES

6.1 AMENDED WELFARE PLAN JANUARY 2020

The Executive Officer told the meeting that the January 2020 version of the Welfare Plan has been amended, with all personnel changes, evacuation locations etc now updated for the District. As the Welfare Plan contains contact names and phone numbers this is not available via the website as it is deemed for agency use only.

6.2 FIRE AND BURNING INFORMATION BOOKLET REVIEW

The Executive Officer told the meeting that the Shire are looking to review the Fire and Burning Information booklet to enhance information around :

- What happens in an emergency
- Where/locations people may be evacuated to in an emergency, (which is dependent on the issue at hand).

It is anticipated that a draft Fire and burning Information booklet will be bought to the June 2020 LEMC meeting.

6.3 LEMA UPDATE

The Executive Officer told the meeting that the updating/review of the LEMA was a statutory requirement and must be completed in 2020, meaning a draft will be produced and circulated to this committee before the June 2020 LEMC meeting.

6.4 STATE SUBTERRANEAN ENVIRONMENT STRUCTURAL EXERCISE

The Executive Officer told the meeting that he had attended this exercise which was based around a train coming to grief in the Perth Airport Tunnel link, due to a fire.

The exercise raised some questions which will still need to be resolved, such as :

- Who will have responsibility for and manage recovery in relation to such an incident
- Passenger numbers (unknown) with no automatic passenger counting system
- Issues around DFES Emergency Responders, accessing area concerned within tunnel
- Thermal detection of train location in the tunnel

Mr Felini advised that he had been tasked as the Leader Operational Response Plan of the 8km tunnel.

6.5 COVID19 (CORONA VIRUS) UPDATE

The Executive Officer said that Australia's response to the COVID-19 outbreak is being led by the Commonwealth and State Governments. This involves the activation of a range of emergency response plans designed for this scenario.

Local government will provide assistance to the Commonwealth and State Governments as and where required in facilitating the control of the spread of COVID-19. This may include the closure of events and locations where people gather where the virus can be rapidly spread.

The Shire of Mundaring has a Business Continuity Plan that does talk to pandemic events. The Shire is actively taking steps to ensure that core functions of the Shire can be maintained and provide good governance.

The Shire of Mundaring is receiving regular status updates from the WA Department of Health.

6.6 LEMC EXERCISE 2020

The Executive Officer said that the Shire is required to coordinate and facilitate an exercise (capability based) which includes testing plans and arrangements. A planning team will need to be formed for the upcoming exercise, which will be a desk top exercise held around June 2020. Details, dates etc of the proposed exercise will be distributed prior to the next LEMC Meeting.

6.7 CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

In

15.01.2020 Dept Communities, Ryan Hamblion – Updated Midland Local Welfare Plan January 2020

- 22.01.2020 DFES, Merveen Cross – Advice of Water Corp representative request to LEMC’s Re: Water Corp EM Response assets
- 11.02.2020 DFES, Merveen Cross – DEMC Member Post Season Agency Debrief Form
- 13.02.2020 Dept Communities, Ryan Hamblion – Emergency Welfare Centre Training 11 March 2020, Byford
- 17.02.2020 DFES, Merveen Cross – DPIRD Recovery Info “After the Fire”
- 17.02.2020 DFES, Merveen Cross – State Hazard Plan HAZMAT Annex B Consultation Request
- 20.02.2020 DFES, Merveen Cross – DEMC Meeting 16 March 2020 Agenda Items

7.0 STANDARD MEETING ITEMS

7.1 Contact Details

7.2 Post Incident Reports

7.3 Post Exercise Reports

7.4 Funding Nominations and Applications Progress

7.5 Emergency Risk Management/Treatment Strategies Progress

The Executive Officer said that this was a State Risk Project with all local authorities asked to look at key risks. Shire of Mundaring must still access extreme weather (storm) and report back to the State Risk Project Team in due course.

7.6 Review Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA)

To be reviewed in 2020 as discussed at 6.3 above.

7.7 Review LEMC Business Plan Strategies & Record Key Achievements

Merveen Cross advised that the SEMC are currently changing their Strategic Business Plan.

7.8 Red Cross Preparedness Project (SoM, CoS, CoK)

Claire Silveira tabled the Red Cross Report (**Attachment 1**)

7.9 Review State Preparedness Report

Merveen Cross said that there had been a good response rate to the Capability Framework Survey, with the report on same still to be released.

7.10 Review Local Recovery Arrangements

The Executive Officer said that the review of the Local Recovery Arrangements were part of the LEMA as discussed at 7.6.

7.11 Seasonal Review/Update (Bushfire)

Jamie O'Neill provided the following:

Operations;

- SOM currently still in prohibited burning season, even with recent rains prohibited season will run through to end of March
- Shire of Mundaring crews committed crews to eastern states and intrastate deployment,
- 253 incidents for 2019/20, No major incident within Shire of Mundaring to date.
- Work on the risk 2 resources has started which will look the Shire of Mundaring resourcing capacity

Mitigations;

- Helena valley fire break works ongoing completed, continuing work in Helena Valley once that's complete contractor will move to Mahogany Creek.
- Brigades encouraged to conduct area familiarisation through the Helena Valley
- Burn plans will be writing in coming weeks for Helena Valley and several smaller UCL blocks for Brigades to carry out.

8.0 URGENT BUSINESS (LATE REPORTS)

Merveen Cross tabled the District Emergency Management Advisor Report **(Attachment 2)**

Ryan Hamblion said that the Department of Communities had so far had 17 activations this year, saying that the next training session will be held on 11 March 2020 in Byford.

Department of Communities are currently finalising a support plan for COVID19.

Craig Cuthbert said that the Shire had recently implemented a SMS alert systems where residents could register to receive information around the Fire Danger Rating and receive advise around the current burning period, cancellation of permits etc

Shires Fhire Hazard Inspection Officers have been working with property owners during the firebreak season with some good results, particularly within Darlington.

9.0 CLOSING PROCEDURES

9.1 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10am on 5 June 2020, in the Committee Room.

9.2 Closure of the Meeting

Australian Red Cross Emergency Services LEMC Update

February 2020

Detailing activities November 2020 – February 2020

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| 1. PREPAREDNESS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● DISASTER RESILIENCE EDUCATION NETWORK EVENT: The multi-agency committee is currently planning a climate change workshop to be held in September. The workshop will be targeted at education leadership across WA. More information will be available shortly.● 'PERTH HILLS PREPAREDNESS PROJECT': Australian Red Cross has commenced the multi-year NDRP funded 'Perth Hills Preparedness Project' working with the City of Swan, Shire of Mundaring and City of Kalamunda. The comprehensive preparedness program will be guided by multi-agency steering committees to identify target groups, coordinate key messages, and advise throughout the project. |
| 2. RECOVERY |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● YANCHEP/TWO ROCKS: Australian Red Cross has been conducting field outreach to community members across Two Rocks, as part of the City of Wanneroo's recovery approach to the Yanchep/Two Rocks bushfire. Volunteers visited 228 households to check on their wellbeing, and link them in to any additional assistance.● RECOVERY SUPPORT: We have been supporting local governments and their communities in a number of different ways following emergencies throughout WA. This includes contacting businesses and isolated community members on behalf of the shires of Dundas and Victoria Plains; recovery training and direct community support in Katanning; attending community gatherings in Mogumber; and, a preparedness session following the Hopeland bushfire with the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and DFES.● MALLACOOTA PHONE OUTREACH: WA volunteers have been calling residents of Mallacoota (Victoria) as part of the Red Cross recovery support program following the fires. Volunteers have called 374 residents from Mallacoota, including those who have relocated, to check on their wellbeing, and link them in with support services. WA volunteers and staff have also been deployed to South Australia and Victoria to assist in the field and in Incident Management Teams.● RED CROSS RECOVERY TRAINING PROGRAM: Australian Red Cross is currently putting together the training schedule for 2020. Training can also be organised on demand. For further information on the training, please contact waeoc@redcross.org.au or call● 0448 713 604 |

3. RESPONSE

- **REGISTER.FIND.REUNITE.** The service has been activated numerous times over the past few months, including to support communities during TC Blake, TC Damien, the Stirling Ranges bushfire, the Norseman Complex Fires, Katanning bushfire, and the Yanchep/Two Rocks bushfire. Register.Find.Reunite. has been activated across the country for a number of consecutive months, registering over 68,000 people, and a similar amount of enquiries.
- **INDEPENDENT WELLBEING CALLS:** Red Cross volunteers have been calling Red Cross personnel activated to support community members across the country. Red Cross provides 'Independent Wellbeing Calls' to every Red Cross person following deployment as a commitment to the wellbeing support of our people.

4. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

- **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PLANNING AND RESPONSE:** At a global level we are coordinating closely with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to contribute to preparedness and response planning in the Asia Pacific region. Domestically, as an auxiliary to the public authorities, including state and territory governments, Australian Red Cross has been considering how best we can contribute to the COVID-19 response. In Queensland, for example, Register.Find.Reunite. has been utilized to register people self-isolating. Volunteers are also conducting telephone outreach on behalf of the government, providing Psychological First Aid over the phone to self-isolating community members, as well providing support at Brisbane Airport.
- **NATIONAL BUSHFIRE RESPONSE:** To date, more than 2,800 Red Cross people, have been called to help in response to the bushfires that have hit the country since last July. Our teams have supported people at evacuation, relief and recovery centres and registered more than 68,000 people so their loved ones could contact them. They have been providing psychosocial first aid to reduce trauma and distress, offering comfort and connecting people with services and support. Teams are currently working at a number of recovery centres and also conducting welfare checks on the phone and in person with affected communities. They are carrying out psychosocial needs assessments in some communities and are creating tailored recovery plans to support people for the next three years or more. Red Cross also has a range of emergency grants available. More information on our work and distribution of grant money can be found on our website: <https://www.redcross.org.au/>.

All Red Cross resources mentioned within the report can be accessed on the Red Cross website <https://www.redcross.org.au/>



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DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
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STATE NEWS

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The risk of transmission in Australia remains low; however, the situation is evolving. Western Australians should remain alert, but not be alarmed.

You do not need to wear a face mask if you're healthy. While the use of masks can help to prevent transmission of disease from infected patients to others, masks are not currently recommended for use by healthy members of the public.

If you suspect you may have coronavirus symptoms or may have had close contact with a person who has coronavirus, you should contact the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

WA Health is working closely with the Commonwealth and other state and territory governments to respond to an outbreak of a novel coronavirus that has emerged in Wuhan, China.

Australia has one of the best health systems in the world and is prepared to deal with the situation.

Read the [Frequently asked questions about coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(PDF 206KB\)](#) * updated 1 March

For more information relating to COVID-19 and health professionals, aged care, travel and tourism, employers and other industries, visit the [Department of Health \(external site\)](#) https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/sitecore/content/Healthy-WA/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

OUTCOMES OF SEMC MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2019 (*Next meeting 6 March*)

- SEMC endorsed the development of a WA Implementation Plan for the **National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework for Western Australia**. The implementation plan will meet the requirements of the Commonwealth and be scalable to support future investment and allows granularity to be added as implementation occurs. Consultation will commence in early 2020 to support the development.
- **Cyber Security** was supported to be progressed to a State Hazard Plan to allow for consultation with relevant Controlling Agencies, the Western Australian Local Government Association and other relevant stakeholders.
- The Western Australian Local Government Association brought to the SEMCs attention some of the issues identified through feedback from WALGA members regarding the current Local Emergency Management Arrangement (LEMA) process. **SEMC approved a sector led review of the LEMA**. Scoping will commence early 2020.

- The **SEMC approved a review of the State Risk Project prior to commencing phase 5.** The project was commenced in 2013 and was designed to gain a comprehensive and consistent understanding of the risks faced at state, district and local levels. The review will assess how to move forward with the knowledge and data collated.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

Please be advised the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) recently approved the revised State Hazard Plan – **Fire and State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies**. These plans effective from 25 November 2019 are now available on the SEMC website [SEMC Plans](#).

Please note:

The **State Hazard Plan – Fire** replaces the previous interim version. A full content review was completed, with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services establishing a working group to review the large amount of feedback received from stakeholders and agencies, amendments to the plan include:

- Incorporation of the Parks and Wildlife Service’s State Commander role;
- Expansion and further clarification of treatment options
- Total Fire Bans amended to reflect changes to the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*;
- Financial Arrangements – Included to reflect the State EM Plan financial arrangements and DFES SAP 3.1A;
- Notifications – Amended and expanded;
- Warning systems into their respective standalone section; and
- Inclusion of Appendix B: Glossary of Terms / Acronyms.

The **State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies** replaces the previous interim version. A review of the plan was undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) following Exercise Eques (a joint exercise between DPIRD and the SEMC Business Unit), amendments to the plan include:

- Clearer triggers and processes for plan activation and authorisation;
- Documenting the role of DPIRD in an emergency prior to any plan activation;
- Clarification of DPIRD’s responsibility where no other services or resources are available;
- Clarification regarding owners and carers proceeding to evacuation centres with their animals where no other information has been provided;
- Inclusion of the agreed Terms of Reference for the Committee for Animal Welfare in Emergencies which came into effect in March 2019; and
- Documenting the role of the operational Animal Welfare Emergency Group and inclusion of the Terms of Reference.

Please remove previous copies of these plans you may have and update your references as required.

RECOVERY AMENDMENTS

Significant amendments include:

- New Impact Statement template and Guide (replacing the Comprehensive Impact Assessment) - Impact Statements are to be completed by the controlling agency during all Level 3 incidents and Level 2 incidents where there are impacts requiring recovery activities.
- New roles and responsibilities for the State Recovery Controller and new procedures describing their appointment.
- Revision of the State Recovery Coordinator appointment and inclusion of a Deputy State Recovery Coordinator;
- Development of State Recovery Controller and State Recovery Coordinator aides memoire to assist in the consistent provision of state-level recovery support;
- Clarification regarding post-operational, State Emergency Coordination Group and recovery reporting arrangements;

Full details of all amendments are available on the [SEMC Policy Amendments webpage](#). It is strongly advised that all agencies review the updated documents.

If you have any questions regarding these recovery arrangements please contact Deputy State Recovery Coordinator, [Suellen Flint](#), or Recovery Manager Emergency Management, [Suzanne Blyth](#)

CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE STATE HAZARD PLAN HAZMAT ANNEX B SPACE RE-ENTRY DEBRIS (SPRED)

The State EM Policy Branch is conducting consultation on the above via Social Pinpoint. On the site you will be able to:

- View information about the consultation process
- Download and view the proposed amendments to the plan
- Submit your feedback
- Post an idea or question

Please contact SEMC.PolicyLegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au to access the site. Please submit feedback by COB 3 April 2020.

STATE EXERCISE FRAMEWORK UPDATE

The State will be issuing a newsletter informing the sector of the mechanics of the framework and what everyone is required to do after considering this feedback.

DISTRICT NEWS

EXERCISE FERVIDUS

The 4 Metropolitan DEMC came together for the first time for *Exercise Fervidus* on 28 November 2019. There were approximately 125 participants that represented the metropolitan local governments and emergency management agencies. The exercise was funded through an AWARE grant and adopted the SEMC Capability Framework to assess district preparedness across the full range of the emergency management spectrum.

Dr Andrew Robertson, CSC PSM, Director, Disaster Management and Deputy Chief Health Officer opened and provided background discussion on the exercise. Participants

had the opportunity to hear from Neil Bennett, Media and Communication Manager, Bureau of Meteorology in WA and agencies involved in heatwave incidents as the Expert Panel.

Key stakeholders included State Emergency Public Information Coordinator (SEPIC), State Recovery Coordinator, North Commander WA Police Force and Professor Doctor Judy Esmond Curtin University.

An independent evaluation of the exercise is being conducted by Executive Risk Solutions and Edith Cowan University and will be distributed to the 4 DEMCs and forwarded to the State Exercise Coordination Team for information.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RECOVERY IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Financial Counsellors' Association of WA

The Association received funding in the 2020 AWARE grants for the above project.

The project stems from a report from a financial counsellor who assisted residents affected by the Yarloop fires. As the financial counsellor was not employed until 6 months after the disaster, they noted that there were multiple issues that could have been prevented if people had been assisted with financial counselling immediately after the fire.

For example, 137 individual insurance claims missed out on secondary payments due to miscalculated losses.

Highlighted was the need for financial counselling to be an integral part of future emergency management planning and included as a resource at disaster recovery centres.

The project will consult and code sign with community, financial counsellors and emergency response personnel across a variety of disaster prone regions to design a series of tools to support workers to assist members of the community in financial distress.

TRAINING

Climate Disaster Resilience, Risk, Mitigation & Response Summit 13-14 May

The **Climate Disaster Resilience, Risk, Mitigation & Response Summit**, taking place in **Sydney** from **13-14 May 2020**, focuses on how climate change is increasing the intensity and frequency of natural disasters in Australia and what disaster mitigation and resilience measures we can put in place to protect communities, lives and infrastructure.

- Hear from the **Bureau of Meteorology** on what **future bushfire conditions** will look like with a changing climate and mitigation measures that need to be put in place.
- Find out what lessons the **ACT Emergency Services Agency** and **SA Fire & Emergency Services Commission** have taken from the recent bushfire season and how they're planning for future climate-related natural disasters
- Hear how **local government** in disaster-prone areas are engaging with local

communities during disasters and guiding them during the rebuilding and recovery process.

To support Australians affected by the bushfires, **10% of the proceeds from the Summit** will be donated to the **Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund**.

The early bird ends **28 February** saving you **\$400**. Register aventedge.com/events

ANZDMC Disaster Management Conference 1 -2 June Gold Coast

The theme of this conference is "Leadership, Communication and Community Engagement". <https://anzdmc.com.au>

AFAC Conference 25-28 August 2020 Adelaide

The theme of this conference is "Connecting Communities. Creating Resilience." <https://www.afaconference.com.au/afac21>

LOCAL NEWS

Disaster and Emergency Management Executive Education Workshop - Curtin University 2 April 2020

The workshop will be focused on **Community-Led Disaster Recovery** and considers what really happens behind the scenes, the connections between response and recovery, what needs to be considered, what works, what doesn't, etc. It will be informative, interactive and with some controversy.

A flyer will be sent out shortly with further information.

CONSIDERING ANIMAL WELFARE AS PART OF EMERGENCY RISK PLANNING

Having these plans in place not only improve Local Governments' ability to respond to animal welfare issues during an emergency, but will support DPIRD, when the [State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies](#) is activated, to know key local information such as where animal evacuation shelters can be held.

Local Governments can seek support from the WALGA Emergency Management team or DPIRD to develop local AWE plans.

Although Local Governments are encouraged to have animal welfare plans in place, it is ultimately the owner or carer of an animal who is responsible for the welfare of that animal and should consider its welfare in preparedness for, response to and recovery from an emergency.

A wealth of emergency planning information aimed at animal owners/carers is available from the [DPIRD website](#). Local Governments can direct residents to these resources via their communications channels and encourage animal owners/carers to integrate animal welfare into their household emergency plans.

DPIRD

During an incident or emergency, please use the following sequence of notification when requesting a DPIRD representative as part of an ISG/OASG.

- 1) Contact the nominated DPIRD DEMC representative
- 2) If unavailable – contact the Proxy DPIRD DEMC representative
- 3) If unavailable – contact the DPIRD EM Branch On Call Coordinator **9368 3132**

STRATEGY FOR COMMUNITY DISASTER RESILIENCE

The Recovery and Community Subcommittee secured NDRP funding to prepare a strategy for Community Disaster Resilience in order to address gaps identified in the 2018 State Preparedness Report. In particular the project seeks to build more effective engagement and collaboration across agencies, with non-traditional EM players and with the not-for profit and community sectors in order to increase community capacity and capability to respond to, and recover from, disasters and respond to systemic vulnerability.

- The WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy has been initiated by the State Emergency Management Committee with support from the Commonwealth Government of Australia to create a strategic and practical framework for building resilience across the State. It is supported by DFES and Red Cross as co-leads.
- The purpose of the project is to identify strategies and actions to improve the resilience of WA communities.
- The project responds to the National Disaster Resilience Strategy (2011) and the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (2018),
- The project is taking a broad view of resilience because the evidence is that communities with strong networks and social capital as well as strategies to manage vulnerabilities will have more capacity to cope with and recover from a disaster. It will also consider resilient attributes and behaviors across the PPRR spectrum.
- The project will start with a strengths-based approach – what is working well in communities – and also has a principle of identifying things that can change and improve rather than adding new things to do.
- We are commencing engagement across the State now to draw on the experience, initiatives and ideas of community stakeholders including local governments and their communities, as well as stakeholder groups from social services, business and industry, and volunteering sectors.
- Local governments who are interested in getting involved in development of the strategy can contact the project officer Su Groome or their District Advisor.

2019 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

6 March 2020
9 October 2020

8 May 2020
04 December 2020

14 August 2020

District Emergency Management Advisor
Metropolitan Operations Department of Fire and Emergency Services