



MINUTES

**LEMC MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 15 May 2008
AT MAIN ROADS WA
120 PEEL TERRACE
NORTHAM
COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Attendance

Bert Llewellyn	Chairperson	Shire of Northam
Peter McLean		Northam Police
Dave Flaherty		Northam Police
Mick Walker		Northam Police
Linton Mincherton		FESA
Colin Brown		FESA
Yvette Grigg		FESA
Phil Steven		Shire of Northam
Ron Van Welie		Shire of Northam
Ulo Rumjantsev		Shire of Northam
Jeanne Lawler		Main Roads WA
Terry Brooks		Department of Water
Julie Brown		SES, Dept of Child Protection
Alan Kietzmann		Dept of Env & Conservation

Apologies

Gerald Morey	Main Roads WA
Kim Reader	Dept of Child Protection
Jenny Lee	Northam Hospital
Harry Lauk	Dept of Agriculture & Food

Visitors

Peter Burton	Rowland
Jocelyn Parsons	Rowland

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 February 2008 were acknowledged by the Chairperson.

Moved: J Brown

Seconded: P McLean

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The updated Emergency Management Arrangements including Recovery, which had been circulated to the Committee were discussed page by page, with changes noted for incorporation into the final document which will be brought to the next LEMC meeting. Mr Burton from Rowland explained how some of the requirements had come about.

Once finalised, the document will be adopted by the LEMC, adopted by the Shire of Northam, and forwarded to the DEMC for acceptance.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. UPDATES – MEMBER LISTING

The separate sheets for Committee Members, and the broader list of addresses were circulated by email after the meeting for updating. The amended listings are circulated with these minutes.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Northam Flooding (Julie Brown – Northam SES)

Mrs Brown played a short DVD of a television news report of the flooding in Northam. There were 2 fronts on Monday 31 March 2008 causing localised flooding, then a separate event on the following Saturday. A couple of suggestions for the future included an earlier activation of the LEMC, and provision of further phone lines for the SES. The SES membership is good at the moment with 30 members. Over 1600 sand bags were filled and laid, which took a couple of hours with 6 volunteers. One issue was the Northam Nursing Home which wanted to evacuate. The Northam Hospital was reluctant to expect these evacuees but did give the ok. In an emergency the Hospital would already be under pressure, and aged evacuees would not normally be unwell. In the future it is suggested that there is a MOU between Aged Care Facilities so that they can be cared for in a suitable environment, with carers sent with residents. FESA have conducted a post-incident analysis.

Thanks were extended to volunteers, Northam Fire & Rescue and the Shire of Northam for their response, in addition to other service teams. Mr Walker also complimented the Shire on their taking responsibility towards measures to mitigate this type of flooding in the future.

Mr Van Welie explained that there is a mitigation pump next to Minson Avenue which is too low during a storm, so will be raised. The open

drain in Bernard Park that was closed in 1990 has not helped the flooding issue. It is planned to install another mitigation pump behind the Commercial Hotel to pump stormwater from Minson Avenue into the River in a flooding event.

b. Introduction

Mr Peter McLean from the Northam Police introduced Sargent Dave Flaherty to the Committee.

c. UXO Maps (Yvette Grigg – FESA)

The updated mapping of unexploded ordnance areas is now completed. Some areas are zone 5 (likely occurrence of unexploded devices) but these are mainly constrained to bush on hilltops, which are therefore low risk.

d. Flood Study (Terry Brooks – Dept of Water)

The 100-year flood study for the area between Beverley and West-Toodyay is 98% complete. It will be presented to the DEMC in July 2008. When available electronically, it will also be available to the LEMC.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 August 2008 at FESA, Northam at 10am, and will incorporate a brief training session for the final Emergency Management Arrangements document.

9. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12 noon with a vote of thanks for attendance by the Chairperson.