

**MINUTES OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3
March 2017 IN THE BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CHANTER STREET,
BERRIGAN COMMENCING AT 10AM**

Meeting was chaired by – Fred Exton LEMO – Berrigan Shire

Present

Jinette Graham	NSW SES Berrigan D/Controller
Tina Hooper	NSW Ambulance (Berrigan)
Steve Hoare	Local Land Services (Deni)
Josephine Cusack	D/Team Leader (Red Cross)
Craig McIntyre	NSW SES D/RegCon-MYR
Ct. Andrew Romancewicz	NSW Police
Des Bradley	Team Leader (Red Cross)
Myles Humphries	D/LEMO (Berrigan Shire Council)
Scott Fullerton	REMO (NSW Police)
Daryl Manson	NSW Fire and Rescue
Greydn Davis	NSW RFS

Invitees

Mr John Shaw	Moira Shire EM (Vic.)
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1. Apologies

Kris Weiss	Tocumwal Search and Rescue Squad President
Justin Greateorex	NSW SES Berrigan Local Controller
Sgt Paul Jones	LEOCON - NSW Police (Tocumwal)
Marg Wehner	RFS-Southern Border
Patrick Westwood	NSW RFS

Moved: Jinette Graham
Seconded: Andrew Romancewicz

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of last meeting held on 21 October 2016

Moved: Josephine Cusack
Seconded: Myles Humphries

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Discussion of DRAFT Berrigan Shire Flood Plan**
NSW SES presented the Draft flood plan for signature by the LEMC Chair.
- **Progress of DRAFT EM Plan (LEMO)** – Referred to General Business
- **Transfer of Primary Rescue (VRA to SES)** – Jinette Graham advised the meeting that the Tocumwal Unit of the NSW SES has been appointed as the Primary General Land Rescue for Berrigan Shire.
- **Levee Upgrade Grant** - The Chair (Fred Exton) advised that a grant had been received to strengthen and raise the existing town levee at Tocumwal between the Tourist Centre and the Newell Highway road bridge. These works are expected to be completed in May 2017.
- **Disaster Relief Funding (Flood Damage)** – The Chair further advised that Council is awaiting relief funding to undertake flood damaged repairs on Lower River Road and Taylors Road
- **Road Closures at Stan Collie Causeway (November 2017 Flood Event)** - This item was discussed between The Chair and Mr John Shaw (EM Moira Shire) and agreed that local decisions were made without consultation with combat agencies and affected Shires. Mr Shaw advised that procedures on the Victorian side were being reviewed to ensure this did not occur in future. Both Council's EM staff again expressed frustration with the process and outcome.

3. AGENCY REPORTS

- **SES** – (JG) Storm Callouts – 5, Flood Callouts –General Land Rescue Callouts -2, Tocumwal SES still assisting Cobram SES with members, callouts and training.
- **Fire and Rescue** – (DM) Cat 7 Appliance now located at Tocumwal (2 crew). Community First Responder (CFR) callouts – 157, Deputy Finley Fire Captain appointed, 2 recruits from Berrigan to attend training in Sydney, Inspector Garry Tye has relocated and Paul Baxter is the new Fire Commissioner
- **Ambulance-** (TH) Assist Tocumwal F&R with CFR , totalling 204 since the last meeting. Berrigan has around 40 responses per month. Zone Manager appointed- Ms Lisa Huggins. Jerilderie now has Doctor On Call to minimise patient transport to Finley. Oaklands looking at Volunteer CFR capability.
- **Rural Fire Service-** (GD) 42 incidents including 5 mva's. Oaklands fire in December burnt 300Ha with air support and 65 appliances being deployed. Two separate fires on South Coree Road that threatened dwelling are suspicious. Council staff and machinery were welcome at second event with unreserved thanks to shire staff, Barnes and Moses.
BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD ends 31st March, with permits required to burn on farm after 4pm between 1st March and 31st March
- **Police** – (AR) Assisted RFS with incidents on South Coree Road. Spate of break-ins at Finley with numerous Beehives being stolen from a rural location between Berrigan and Finley.

- **VRA – RIP**
- **Red Cross – (DB)**

Activation. During the recent heavy rains our team was advised that there was the potential of flooding and consequent evacuation of Moulamein. A registration centre was established @ the Indoor Basket Ball centre @ Deniliquin. I understand that nobody registered or required assistance.

Team Membership. Since the last L.E.M.C. we have gained two new Team Members, one here in Berrigan and one in Corowa.

Team Training. It is a requirement that Red Cross members of the Disaster Team undertake a course entitled "Physiologic First Aid ". To comply with this requirement, six members of our Team participated in this course last Saturday @ Albury.

On the 1st April this year, Red Cross will be conducting a "Cultural Awareness "course again in Albury. This course is designed to make us aware of the diversity and cultural background of people who may have to register @ an Evacuation Centre or who the Team Members may meet while undertaking an Outlook operation.

- **Berrigan Shire Council – Covered in Business arising and General Business**
- **REMO –**
 1. NSW Water are continuing to supply any Blue Green algae updates for both the Murray and Murrumbidgee River system.
 2. NSW Police radio (VKG) are currently requesting any AEP to be forwarded for current contacts and emergency procedures.
 3. Local Emergency Management Plans Part III and the relative Consequence Management Guides continue to be a priority for LEMCs around the region. The deadline for these plans has been extended for amalgamated council until July 2017.
 4. Scheduled Training Course Dates for the Riverina Murray Emergency Management Region:
TRAINING – 10/11 May - Manage Evacuations – Tocumwal Golf Club.
Note: nommat1on for courses can be accessed on the web at:
www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.
 5. Emergency Operations: Flood recovery meeting are continuing for 2016 flood event. Thanks to all impacted LEMC for supplying impact assessment as requested.
 6. Exercises: The Riverina Murray Regional Rescue Committee is in the process of planning a second SAREX for May 20/21st 2017. This exercise will be based around the Murray River at Echuca and will involve a stranded paddle steamer and casualties.

7. Next Meeting Riverina Murray REMC: 11:00 hrs Wed 22/03/2017 Wagga
Wagga EOC, Fernleigh Rd

- **Local Lands Services (LLS)- (SH)- NTR**

- **Moira Shire Council (Vic)- (JS)**

Increasing numbers of MVA related fatalities within the shire causing concern for EM personnel.

2. On-going EM structural changes in Victoria based on Commissioner Lapsley's revised EM models

3. Road closures during recent flooding being followed up by SES Regional H/Q at Benalla.

4. Levee protecting towns located on and adjacent to the Murray River, traverses public and private lands. "Government" only responsible for maintaining levees within public lands

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- As per Agenda

Outwards

- Nil

5. EVENTS

- Mild to Wild Hot Rod Event - 10-11 March - Tocumwal Recreation Ground
- Berrigan Autumn Race Meeting – 18th March
- Show and Shine – 9th April – Finley Showgrounds
- Sheep Dog Trials – 8-12 June – Finley Showgrounds

6. UPDATE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS –

The contact list was circulated and amended by members.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

The adopted draft EM plan still require the completion of numerous consequence management guides (CMG) prior to proposed adoption at the next LEMC meeting in June.

Proceedings in Brief:

The committee revisited the current plan and discussed the Hazards and Risks Summary. A number of typographic changes and updates were suggested including a discussion related to the Dam Failure Hazard and consequences from this Hazard. The committee agreed to remove this Hazard and mention any additional risk as part of the Riverine Flooding Hazard.

Moved: Daryll Manson/Steven Hoare

That the Dam Failure Hazard item be deleted from the EM Plan Hazard and Risk Summary.

The committee further proceeded examine the EM plan and suggest additional items and information to be included to complete the document. The REMO and SES requested a draft document be circulated prior to the next meeting for proof reading.

8. NEXT MEETING – 2nd June 2017, 10am, Berrigan Shire Council Chambers, incorporating the Rescue Sub Committee.

There being no further business the LEMC meeting closed at 11:35am.