

**MINUTES OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 2 JUNE 2017 IN THE BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
56 CHANTER STREET, BERRIGAN COMMENCING AT 10AM**

Appendix "I"

Meeting was chaired by – Fred Exton LEMO – Berrigan Shire

Present

Jinette Graham	NSW SES Berrigan D/Controller
Bruce Purves	NSW Ambulance
Steve Hoare	Local Land Services (Deni)
Josephine Cusack	D/Team Leader (Red Cross)
Sup. Paul Condon	NSW Police (Deniliquin)
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
Craig Warwick	NSW RFS
Patrick Westwood	NSW RFS

Invitees

1. Apologies

Craig McIntyre	NSW SES D/RegCon-MYR
Kris Weiss	Tocumwal Search and Rescue Squad President
Justin Greatorex	NSW SES Berrigan Local Controller
Tina Hooper	NSW Ambulance
Sgt Paul Jones	LEOCON - NSW Police (Tocumwal)
Marg Wehner	RFS-Southern Border-(Retired)

Moved: Jinette Graham
Seconded: Craig Warwick

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of last meeting held on 3 March 2017

Moved: Steve Hoare
Seconded: Greydon Davis

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- **Progress of DRAFT EM Plan (LEMO)** – Referred to General Business.
- **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 now complete

3. AGENCY REPORTS

- **SES** – (JG) Storm Callouts – Nil, Flood Callouts – Nil, General Land Rescue Callouts -4 (2 Called off), Tocumwal SES still assisting Cobram SES with members, callouts and training.
- **Fire and Rescue** – (DM) Total Callouts Shire Wide – 73, including . Community First Responder (CFR) callouts –, Tocumwal and Finley quiet.
- **Ambulance**- (BP) Staff changes at Berrigan and Finley.
- **Rural Fire Service**- (CW) 62 incidents comprising 361 man-hours. Insp. Marg Wehner is on LSL until March 2018, then retiring from the service. New grasslands tanker to be deployed to Berrigan. Village Firefighter and Advanced Firefighter training continuing.
- **Police** – (PC) REOCON MR Warboys has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner (Regional). Interviews underway for replacement REOCON. Police service is undergoing a state-wide restructure of Local Area Commands.
- **VRA** – Non-Operational and liaising with Council for disposal of excess plant
- **Red Cross** – (DB)

A number of conference were held since the last LEMC including: Zone 29 Conference at Finley, World Red Cross meeting/forum at Albury, Greater Western Region Team Forum at Wagga, Administrative team meeting at Berrigan.

Disaster Welfare Service and Police have adopted a new Disaster Victims Registration (DVR) form that will require some bedding in over the next 12 months.

- **Berrigan Shire Council** –

The chair expressed some frustration with the street renaming project that Council undertook some 2 years ago. There are still gaps in maps and addressing still being used to guide emergency service personnel. In particular a reliance on “Google Maps” is less than satisfactory as this database has no integrity and can be edited by the general public. It was noted that SES rely on Google Maps for task locations (TBC).

The chair and the REMO agreed that “SIX MAPS” employed by the NSW government is the only reliable source of street addressing.

MOTION:

That Council (LEMO) write to Emergency Response Agencies Regional H/Q and confirm that current street mapping system include the updated changes to street addressing in the Shire (attached)

Moved: Scott Fullerton

Seconded: Greydon Davis

- **REMO –**

1. REOCON Mr Warboys has been appointed to the newly created position of Deputy Commissioner – Regional
2. EM NSW have requested that all EMPLANS be completed by July 2017, The REMO asked that a copy be submitted for adoption at the next meeting in October 2017.
3. The NSW State Rescue Board is implementing reforms to Rescue Accreditation in remote areas and in particular a new category called Road Crash Rescue (RCR) with acceptable response times being reduced from 90m to 60m.
4. Scheduled Training Course Dates for the Riverina Murray Emergency Management Region:

TRAINING

- 15th Aug – Intro to EM – Temora SES
- 16th Aug – EOCC – Temora SES
- 13th Sept – Intro to EM – Corowa
- 14th Sept – EOCC – Corowa
- 28/29 Nov. – Evacuation Management - Narrandera

Note: nominations for courses can be accessed on the web at:
www.emergency.nsw.gov.au.

5. Emergency Operations: Nil
6. Exercises: The Riverina Murray Regional Rescue Committee held a remote area marine exercise on the 21st May. There were approx. 85 participants and outcomes will be tabled at the next REMC meeting at Griffith.
7. Next Meeting Riverina Murray REMC: 11:00 hrs Wed 26 July 2017 Griffith FCC/EOC, Wakenden St.

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

LLS (Murray) will hold an emergency animal disease exercise on 29th June at Finley Saleyards. The aim is to test the response to a livestock standstill using the Livestock saleyard standstill plan for Finley Saleyards. The exercise will begin at 9.30am and conclude at approximately 3:30pm.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- As per Agenda

Outwards

- Nil

5. EVENTS

- Finley B&S Ball -20th May – Police have flagged proposed changes to licence conditions for any future event.

6. UPDATE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS –

The contact list was circulated and amended by members.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The adopted draft EM plan was displayed and the committee agreed that Council's recreation reserves can serve as primary evacuation centres in all four towns within the shire. Consequence management guides (CMG) were discussed and the REMO will supply guides for major bridge collapse and major road crash incidents on state highways within the shire.

2. Retirement of Inspector Marg Wehner – The committee agreed that a letter of appreciation be prepared and sent to reflect this members input into the LEMC over a number of years.

MOTION:

That the LEMO write to Inspector Wehner to express the committee's gratitude for her valued input into LEMC matters over the past 7 years.

Moved: Paul Condon

Seconded: Greyd'n Davis

8. NEXT MEETING – 6th October 2017, 10am, Berrigan Shire Council Chambers, incorporating the Rescue Sub Committee.

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

9. Rescue Sub Committee Meeting.

Members of this Sub- Committee met immediately after the LEMC meeting. Discussion centred around the time taken to accurately locate the site of a semi-trailer rollover on the Riverina Highway between Berrigan and Savernake. The D/LEMO undertook to compile draft minutes of this meeting and circulate to the LEOCON for approval. The minutes concluded at 11:45am.