



SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP

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LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2020 COMMENCED AT 4:30PM

SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

The Chair Fiona Gaze declared the meeting open at 4:39pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Fiona Gaze	Shire of Gnowangerup Shire President (Chair)
Bob Jarvis	Shire of Gnowangerup Chief Executive Officer
Ian Graham	Shire of Gnowangerup Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Yvette Wheatcroft	Shire of Gnowangerup Manager of Works (left the room at 17:19)
Anrie van Zyl	Shire of Gnowangerup Corporate Risk Officer (Agenda and Minutes Officer)
Neville Blackburn	Department of Communities
Owen Gaze	Fire Control Officer – Shire of Gnowangerup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade
Lex Martin	Recovery Coordinator
Julie Hankinson	Acting CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital - Nurse Practitioner (Katanning Hospital) - Department of Health (entered the room at 17:30)

3. APOLOGIES

Andrew Brooker	Community Paramedic – St John Ambulance
Helen Mackay	CNM - Gnowangerup Hospital - Nurse Practitioner (Katanning Hospital) - Department of Health
Kirsty Buchanan	Community Development Coordinator – Shire of Gnowangerup
Randall Moulden	OIC, Gnowangerup Police Station
Robyn Millar	Director of Nursing / Health Service Manager, Katanning Health Service, WACHS Great Southern
Vince Hilder	District Fire Coordinator, DBCA, Albany District
Les Nayda	Gnowangerup SES
Cr Keith House	Gnowangerup Shire Councillor

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Moved: Yvette Wheatcroft

Seconded: Neville Blackburn
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1. State Risk Project – Adam Smith

Discussions in regards to treatments of identified risks.
(Risk Assessment Results Summary)

Due to Adam not being in attendance, Anrie will contact him to set a date to run a separate workshop to complete the State Risk Project on Local Level.

5.2. Review and Tabling of Local Welfare Plan (attached) – Neville Blackburn – Department of Communities

Background: Plans are currently in a transitioning period into the new format for Local Welfare Plans for all local governments.

First part of the plan is in relation to the responsibilities of the Department of Communities.

Second part is mostly the contact information of everyone involved.

The Plan will be activated in the case of the Shire experiencing an emergency event (like the recent fires in the Stirling Ranges) where members of the community were given the option to either evacuate to an identified evacuation centre or to evacuate and stay with relatives or friends.

Copies of the updated Welfare Plan will be made available on the Shire website.

The **LOCAL EMERGENCY
WELFARE PLAN
SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP**

was tabled at the meeting held by the Shire of Gnowangerup Local Emergency Management Committee on the 5th March 2020.

5.3. Shire of Gnowangerup Emergency Animal Welfare Plan

- Animal in Emergency Preparedness Guidelines – WIP
Anrie is currently working on formalising an Emergency Welfare Plan for the Shire.

5.4. Shire of Gnowangerup Community Emergency Awareness Project

It was decided that the Orange Pouch Project will be sent out with the rates later this year. By sending it out with the rate notices, the Shire will be able to reach as many residents as possible.

People that are not ratepayers, but residents within the Shire will be able to collect an Orange Pouch from selected business within the Shire.

5.5. LEMC Exercises for 2019/2020 – proposals for exercises required from LEMC members

- Suggestions so far:
 - Paraquat scenario/hazmat spill for a live exercise. Exercise can be done at the SES Building in 2020.
 - Desktop exercise for an evacuation centre
 - Air crash
 - Tourist bus crash
 - Stirling Ranges Fire December 2020be used for the 2020 exercise?

It was decided by the LEMC members present at the meeting that the Stirling Ranges Fires will be used for the exercise for 19/20.

Anrie will complete a Post Exercise Report for tabling at the LEMC meeting in June 2020.

6. Identifying Water Sources for Bushfire Season

- Bob to provide an update on Shire water situation.

All the water that was taken from dams around the Shire during the Stirling Ranges fires has now been replaced by either Water Corporation or DWER.

Two new water tanks have been installed at the Highenup and Formby South bores, respectively. Installation will hopefully be completed today.

Owen Gaze commented that they had trouble getting close enough to the tanks that morning to fill their trucks – a very long pipe for connection was required. Yvette stated that she will go down and investigate the above.

Once the tank installations have been completed, a text message will be sent out to residents to inform them about the availability and usage of the two bores. The installation of the tanks will ensure a faster fill time for the farmers.

In addition to the above, Water Corporation is still putting water into the No.1 Gnowangerup dam, but people need to go fill their tanks at the Highdenup and Formby South tanks as Water Corporation will cease to add water to the Gnowangerup dam soon. The water level of the No.1 dam is also still very low.

Ongerup has received some rain over the past couple of weeks which helped to keep the Toompup dam water level steady (low, but steady). With the \$1m grant, the Shire will be looking at extending the silt trap at Toompup dam, which will in return help with better water catchment at the dam.

Investigations has been made into the suitability of the water of Mallee springs, but found that it is totally unsuitable for usage and treatment would be very expensive.

7. Funding for a CESM (Community Emergency Services Manager)

- Bob to provide an update on progress.

Fiona and Bob had a meeting with Minister Fran Logan about the possibility of a CESM for the Shire and the requiring of a 4th fire truck. Minister Logan is in full support of the application.

The joint application signed by the Shire of Gnowangerup, Shire of Cranbrook and the Shire of Kojonup will be submitted later this week. This application is also being supported by Murray Hatton from DFES.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS:

- 8.1. Impact Statement – Mts Success Complex Fire, Stirling Range National Park, December 2019.
- 8.2. WALGA Emergency Management News - January 2020
- 8.3. 2020 Local EM Forums, received on the 16th January 2020.
- 8.4. Consultation Request - WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guidelines, received on the 6th January 2020.

- 8.5. Consultation Request - SHP HAZMAT Annex B Space Re-entry Debris (SPRED), received on the 17th February 2020.
- 8.6. Post Operation Report for Stirling Range Fire (Mt Success Bushfire Complex) sent by Neville Blackburn on the 9th March 2020.

OUTWARDS

- 8.7. LEMC Minutes distributed to all members on the 6th January 2020.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1. Reported Bushfire Incidents for the period December 2019 to February 2020

- **December 2019** – Stirling Ranges and Camel Lake fires – both started by lightning.
- **January 2020** - 5 pole top fires
- **February 2020** – 3 fires started by lightning in the Shire of Gnowangerup; Gnowangerup crew assisted with 1 fire in Katanning that was started by lightning.

10. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Ian Graham

Nil.

Neville Blackburn

It was a busy time for the Department with the fires at the Stirling Ranges and at Katanning. Evacuation centres had to be opened in both instances.

Please see attached “Post Operation Report for Stirling Range Fire (Mt Success Bushfire Complex)” for more information in relation to the opening of the evacuation centre in Gnowangerup.

The question was raised about who made the decision to open the evacuation centre in Gnowangerup? Neville replied that the decision was made at State level and that they had no input into the decision. Same for the fires in Katanning.

With the threat of the spread of the Coronavirus, the Department will have a role to play to ensure that no infected community members enters into an evacuation centre.

No cases of COVID-19 has been reported in the Great Southern this far.

The Department will be assisting vulnerable people placed in home isolation, looking after their welfare needs and ensuring that they have adequate food for the duration of the isolation period.

Owen Gaze

During the Stirling Ranges fire, all the crews worked together really well. Good structure of command and everything worked well with no lives or big infrastructure losses.

The only negative, was the oversupply of catering. The catering should have been more structured and should have been done with one person being in control of it. Food was good, but a lot of waste due to over catering.

Lex Martin

Nil.

Julie Hankinson

Julie introduced herself to LEMC. She has been a nurse for 25 years and will standing in for Helen McKay at Gnowangerup Hospital for the next six weeks until the new Nurse Manger, Mr Sing starts.

Julie provided LEMC with an update on the current situation with the Coronavirus (see attached Agency Advisory #6 – Covid-19 (Coronavirus disease)).

11. OTHER

Ian Graham has agreed to be the Recovery Coordinator for the Shire and will be attending training at WALGA in October 2020. In the interim Lex Martin will be the designated Recovery Coordinator.

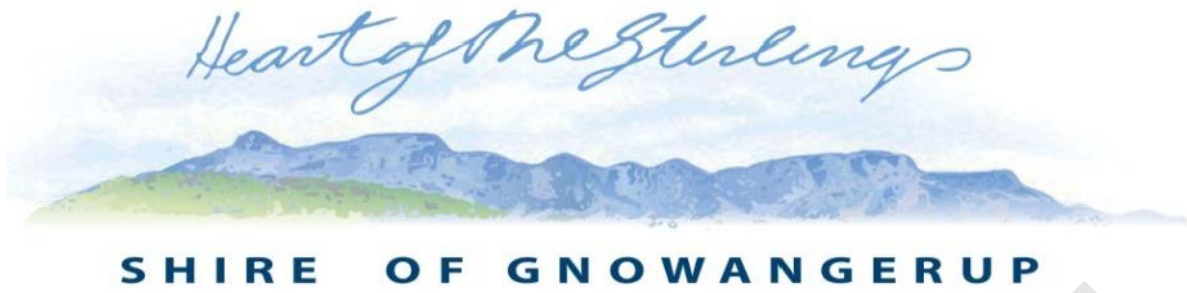
12. CLOSING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 17:48pm.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th June 2020

Unconfirmed



Shire of Gnowangerup
Local Emergency Management Committee
Risk Assessment Results Summary

Unconfirmed

Background:

Under the Emergency Management Act 2005 and State Emergency Management Policy, each local government is required to undertake an assessment of the hazards likely to occur within its district. The Gnowangerup Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) had identified the hazards of Flood, Fire (bushfire) Chemical substance (Hazmat), Roadcrash, Storm and Biosecurity as the most likely to occur within the district.

On the 10th April and the 6th September the committee attended workshops to determine the level of risk from each hazard. The following agencies attended the workshop;

Workshop 1	Workshop 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Floods• Storm• Biosecurity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roadcrash• Bushfire• Hazmat
Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Keith House (LEMC Chair)<input type="checkbox"/> Fiona Gaze<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Smith<input type="checkbox"/> Lex Martin<input type="checkbox"/> Neville Blackburn<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brooker<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Bruce<input type="checkbox"/> Janette Hindmarsh<input type="checkbox"/> Casandra Hughes<input type="checkbox"/> Robyn Millar<input type="checkbox"/> Yvette Wheatcroft<input type="checkbox"/> Tracey Keown<input type="checkbox"/> Vin Fordham Lamont<input type="checkbox"/> Yvette Wheatcroft<input type="checkbox"/> Anrie van Zyl	Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Fiona Gaze<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Smith<input type="checkbox"/> Les Nayda<input type="checkbox"/> Carli Rooney<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Tholen<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Bruce<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Brooker<input type="checkbox"/> Tracey Keown<input type="checkbox"/> Vince Hilder<input type="checkbox"/> Robyn Millar<input type="checkbox"/> Robyn Mortem<input type="checkbox"/> Vin Fordham Lamont<input type="checkbox"/> Yvette Wheatcroft<input type="checkbox"/> Anrie van Zyl

The workshop utilised the WA Risk Register Tool and the tailored Consequence Table for the Shire of Gnowangerup provided on the State Emergency Management Committee website.

Assessment Outcomes & Profile Analysis

A total of 240 risks were examined across the six hazards. Risks were rated as follows;

Risk Rating	Number of Risks
Extreme	14
High	60
Medium	45
Low	85
Very Low	6
Not Applicable	13

Table 1: Risk Rating Snapshot

Number Requiring Treatment	Number to Consider Treating	Monitor & Review
74	45	31

Table 2: Risk Status

Risks in relation to the State Core Objectives are;

Level of Risk	State Core Objectives				
	People	Economy	Public Administration	Social Setting	Environment
Extreme	6	7	1	0	0
High	11	23	17	5	0
Medium	1	14	17	10	3
Low	1	10	20	35	11
Very Low		3	2	1	

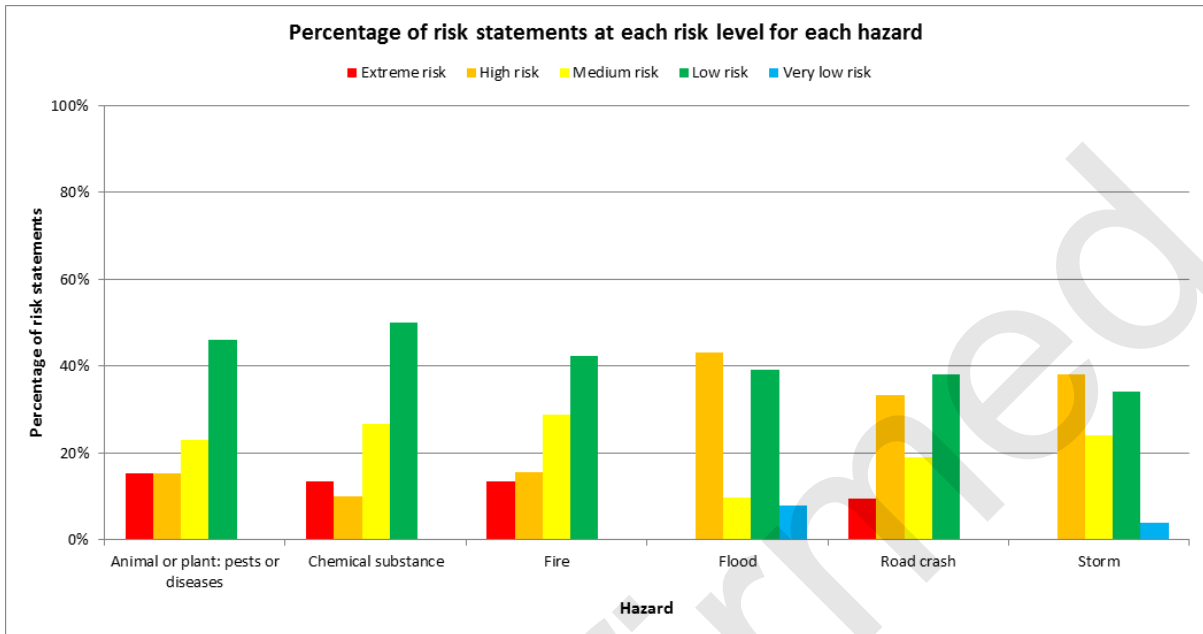
Common Themes

Common themes relating to **extreme** risks include;

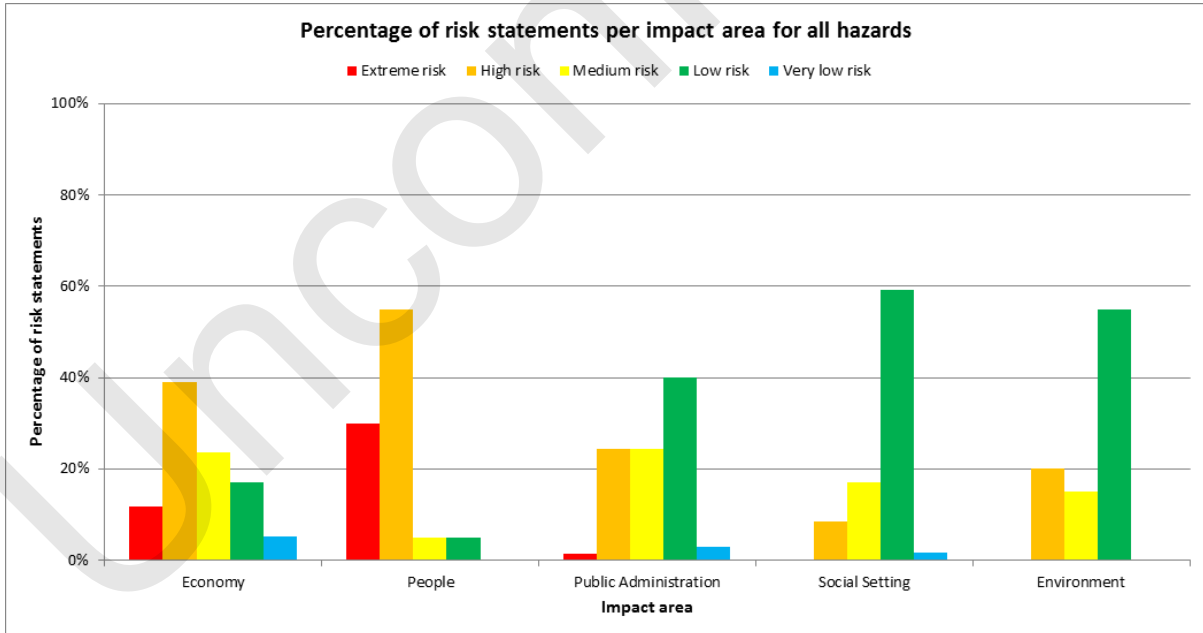
- Risks to the **economy** through assets, infrastructure, crops and livestock as a result of fire.
- Risks **people** through a significant chemical substance (hazmat) incident in town.
- Risk to the economy through the impact of a biosecurity event impacting local businesses and crops.

Id	Risk statement	Hazard	Impact area	AEP	Maximum consequence	Percentage likelihood of risk statement occurring	Confidence level	Auto generated likelihood level	Auto generated risk level		Auto generated priority level		Risk assessment comments	Treatment action	
									Sort risk	Unsort risk	Sort priority	Unsort priority		Sort treatment	Unsort treatment
53	will impact commercial buildings, contents and services, resulting in financial losses.	Fire	Economy	0.01980	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
59	will result in recovery activities, resulting in costs to local government.	Fire	Economy	0.01980	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
62	will impact agricultural industry infrastructure (e.g. fencing, machinery, grain stores etc.), resulting in recovery costs and/or financial losses.	Fire	Economy	0.01980	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
63	will impact on livestock (e.g. through death/injury/lack of pasture), resulting in financial losses.	Fire	Economy	0.01980	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
64	will impact on crops/cropping/plantations (and consequently expected harvests), resulting in financial losses.	Fire	Economy	0.01980	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
79	will impact the health of people and cause injury and/or serious illness.	Fire	People	0.01980	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
114	will impact emergency service response buildings and facilities, impacting the ability to maintain core services.	Chemical substance	Public Administration	0.01600	Catastrophic	100%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2	SJA & WaPol cant access buildings		Treat (Recommended action)		
121	will impact the health of people and cause injury and/or serious illness.	Chemical substance	People	0.01600	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
122	will cause emergency services (including ambulance and medical transport services such as RFDSWA) to be overwhelmed, resulting in further deaths directly attributable to the hazard event.	Chemical substance	People	0.01600	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
123	will cause health services (e.g. ICU units, hospitals, remote nursing posts, small country hospitals, clinics) to be overwhelmed, resulting in further deaths directly attributable to the hazard event.	Chemical substance	People	0.01600	Catastrophic	75%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
151	will impact the health of people and cause death(s).	Road crash	People	0.03036	Catastrophic	90%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
152	will impact the health of people and cause injury and/or serious illness.	Road crash	People	0.03036	Catastrophic	100%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
217	will impact on crops/cropping/plantations (and consequently expected harvests), resulting in financial losses.	Animal or plant: pests or diseases	Economy	0.01324	Catastrophic	100%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		
218	will disrupt business activities, resulting in financial losses.	Animal or plant: pests or diseases	Economy	0.01324	Catastrophic	100%	High	Unlikely	Extreme	2			Treat (Recommended action)		

Table 3: Risk Statements for the Shire of Gnowangerup rated Extreme.



Graph 1: Showing the percentage of risk statements rated for each hazard



Graph 2: Showing the percentage of risk statements per impact area for each hazard



Graph 3: Showing the risk profile for the Shire of Gnowangerup. This graph shows the risks plotted against the risk matrix. Along the top is the consequence level from Insignificant to Catastrophic. Along the left side is the likelihood level from Extremely Rare (less likely) to Almost Certain (more likely). In the top right corner of each box is the Risk Level. The boxes in the lower left are Very Low Risk going to Extreme Risk in the top right corner. The bars show the percentage of risk statements for each hazard for that box's consequence and likelihood level.



Graph 4: Showing the number of risk statements requiring action

Next Steps:

There are now two further stages required to continue the risk management process for the Shire of Gnowangerup:

Step 1: 45 risks have been identifies as 'Consider Treating', this means the LEMC will need to consider each risk at determine if it will either 'Treat' the risk or 'Monitor and Review' the risk.

Step 2: Treat Risks – this will be the process of determining and selecting treatments for the identified risks which require treatment.

Attachment 1: Shire of Gnowangerup Consequence Table

Gnowangerup Consequence Table

		Gnowangerup Consequence Table				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
People*						
Mortality	Not Applicable	At least 1 death	At least 1 death	At least 1 death	At least 1 death	At least 1 death
Injuries / illness	1 serious injury or any minor injuries.	1 person critically injured with long-term or permanent incapacitation or 1 person seriously injured.	1 person critically injured with long-term or permanent incapacitation or 1 person seriously injured.	1 person critically injured with long-term or permanent incapacitation or 1 person seriously injured.	1 person critically injured with long-term or permanent incapacitation or 1 person seriously injured.	1 person critically injured with long-term or permanent incapacitation or more than 2 serious injuries
Economy**						
Loss in economic activity and/or asset value	Decline of economic activity and/or loss of asset value less than \$4,480	Decline of economic activity and/or loss of asset value between \$4,480 and \$44,800	Decline of economic activity and/or loss of asset value between \$44,800 and \$448,000	Decline of economic activity and/or loss of asset value between \$448,000 and \$4,480,000	Decline of economic activity and/or loss of asset value greater than \$4,480,000	Decline of economic activity and/or loss of asset value greater than \$4,480,000
Impact on important industry	Inconsequential business sector disruption	Significant industry or business sector is impacted by the emergency event, resulting in short-term (i.e. less than one year) profit reductions	Significant industry or business sector is significantly impacted by the emergency event, resulting in medium-term (i.e. more than one year) profit reductions	Significant structural adjustment required by identified industry to respond and recover from emergency event	Failure of a significant industry or sector	Failure of a significant industry or sector
Environment***						
Loss of species and/or landscapes	No damage to ecosystems at any level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor damage to ecosystem/species of state significance Significant damage to ecosystem/species of district/local significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor damage to ecosystem/species of national significance Significant damage to ecosystem/species of state significance Severe damage to ecosystem/species of district/local significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant damage to ecosystem/species of national significance Severe damage to ecosystem/species of state significance Permanent destruction to ecosystem/species of district/local significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent destruction to ecosystem/species of national, state and district/local significance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent destruction to ecosystem/species of national, state and district/local significance
Loss of community environmental value	Inconsequential damage to item of interest	Minor damage to item of interest	Significant damage to item of interest	Severe damage to item of interest	Permanent destruction to item of interest	Permanent destruction to item of interest
Public Administration						
Governance Functions	Governing bodies' delivery of core functions is unaffected or within normal parameters	Governing bodies encounter limited reduction in delivery of core functions	Governing bodies encounter significant reduction in the delivery of core functions	Governing bodies encounter severe reduction in the delivery of core functions	Governing bodies are unable to deliver their core functions	Governing bodies are unable to deliver their core functions
Social Setting						
Community wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community social fabric is disrupted Existing resources sufficient to return the community to normal function No permanent dispersal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community social fabric is damaged Some external resources required to return the community to normal function No permanent dispersal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community social fabric is broken Significant external resources required to return the community to normal function Some permanent dispersal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community social fabric is significantly broken Extraordinary external resources are required to return the community to functioning effectively Significant permanent dispersal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community social fabric is irreparably broken Community ceases to function effectively, breaks down Community disperses in its entirety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community social fabric is irreparably broken Community ceases to function effectively, breaks down Community disperses in its entirety
Community Services	Inconsequential / short term impacts	Isolated / temporary reductions	Ongoing reductions	Reduced quality of life	Community unable to support itself	Community unable to support itself
Culturally important objects	Minor damage to objects of cultural significance	Damage to objects of identified cultural significance	Damage or localised widespread damage to objects of identified cultural significance	Widespread damage or localised permanent loss of objects of identified cultural significance	Widespread and permanent loss of objects of identified cultural significance	Widespread and permanent loss of objects of identified cultural significance
Culturally important activities	Minor delay to a culturally important community event	Delay to or reduced scope of a culturally important community event	Delay to a major culturally important community event	Temporary cancellation or significant delay to a major culturally important community event	Permanent cancellation of a major culturally important community activity	Permanent cancellation of a major culturally important community activity

*Criteria for people have been rounded up to the nearest whole number and is based on a population of 1,284

**The economy category is based on a gross area product of \$112,000,000

***Environmental damage descriptors are over the page.

Where there are dot points, only one point needs to be met for that consequence level

Population - Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2015/16

Economy - National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR)©, 2015/16.

Attachment 2: Credible Worst Case Scenarios

Biosecurity

AEP: 0.01324

Possible Scenario

The Great Southern region is currently experiencing unseasonably higher than normal winter temperatures and lower rainfall. Day temperatures are averaging 15°C and rainfall has been limited to less than 30mm in the past few weeks.

A local Ongerup farmer, seeding approximately 5000ha of wheat and 2000ha of barley, noticed that a majority of his wheat in the early stage of booting and some in the soft dough period had strange curled or rolled leaves. The leaves also showed signs of discoloration with distinct yellow, white and purple streaks. On closer inspection of one of the plants he noticed multiple small aphids at the base and sheaths of the younger leaves and inside the curled leaves of other plants.

The farmer phones his agronomist to enquire about his observations. After an initial inspection by the agronomist, he informs the farmer that he suspects that the tiny aphids could be Russian Aphids, but due to the fact that they have never been identified in WA, he needs to contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (former Department of Agriculture and Food WA). He takes samples and multiple photos to be sent to Department. Infestation seems severe with more than 20% of plants infested.

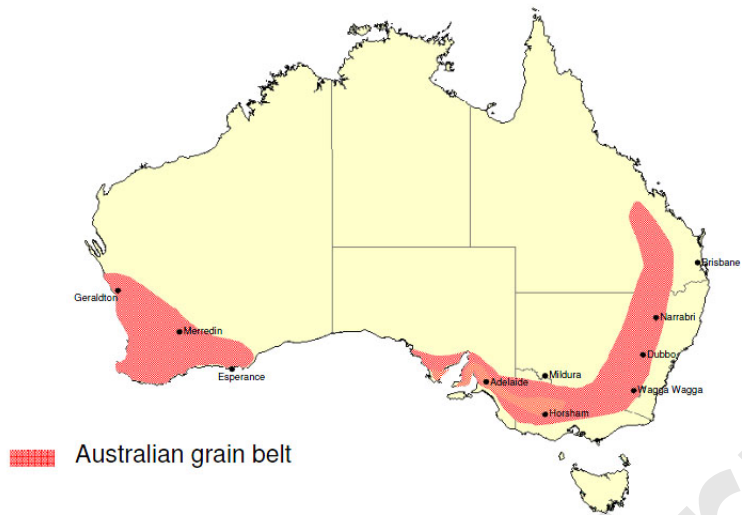
The farmer recently employed 2 backpackers that travelled from South Australia and were previously employed by a broadacre farm in Tarlee, SA.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development confirms the RWA and declares RWA a Declared Pest under section 22(2) of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007.

Impacts & Vulnerabilities

- Lower yields = less income
- Economic impacts on local businesses and suppliers of agricultural products
- Wheat export markets
- Impact on other cereal crops, i.e. barley
- Job losses
- Loss of population in already vulnerable small country towns
- Closure of schools due to lack of numbers
- Higher input costs, due to spraying of infected crops if infestations exceeds the thresholds of 10% of plants through the high risk period of early booting to soft dough.

- Environmental impact: spraying for Russian Aphids could be harmful to other beneficial insects and killing of natural predators of aphids, allowing remaining aphids to multiply rapidly under the correct conditions.
- Possible increased aphid resistance if there is an increase in spraying.



Fire (Bushfire)

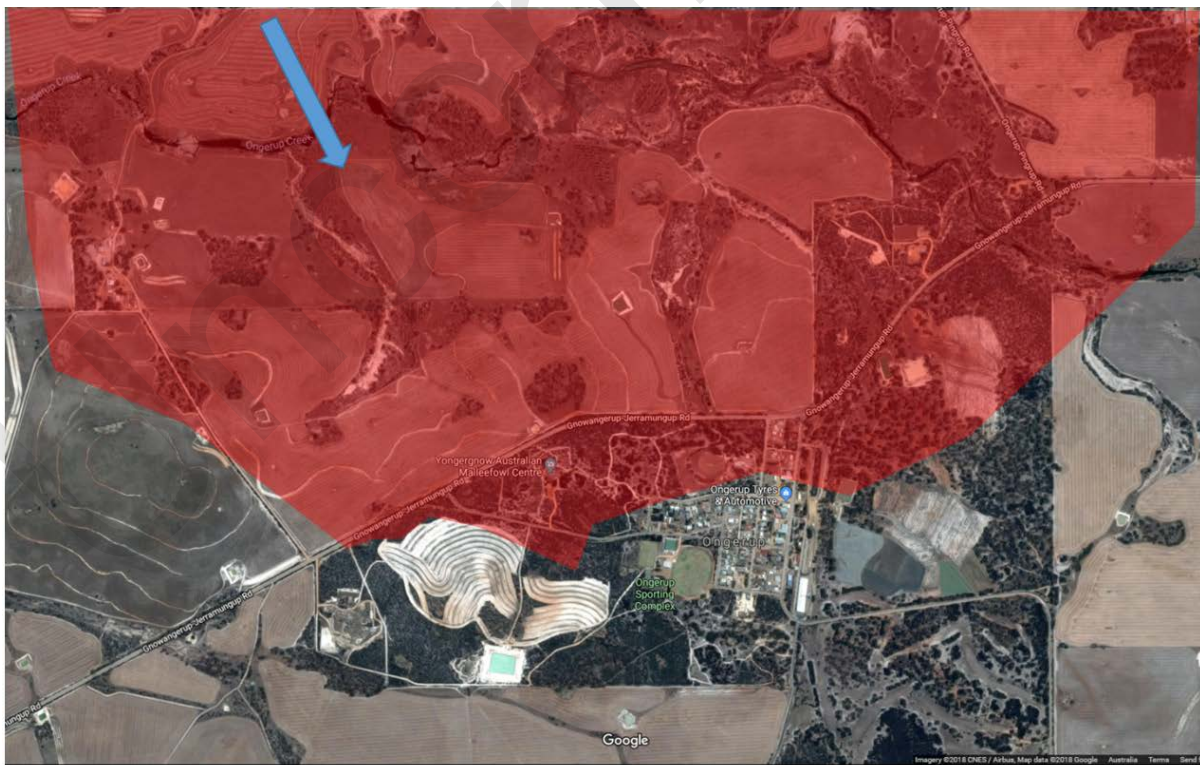
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Scenario:

- Mid February morning
- Fire weather warning issued
- FDR - Catastrophic
- Total Fire Bans & Harvest Ban in place
- Dry lightning belt moves through the Shire
- Multiple grass fires north of Ongerup Township
- Minimal response resources available
- Winds strong and viable with trough line movement
- Students from Ongerup Primary evacuated to Ongerup Sporting Complex

Impacts & Vulnerabilities

- Road transport operators using networks
- Tourists with caravans and visitors to the Yongergnow Centre
- All small vehicle road commuters
- Farm owners
- Townsite residences or buildings in close proximity of dense bush
- Wildlife and domestic livestock
- Lack of turn around areas that can accommodate road trains
- Parking bays too small to handle a large number of road trains or heavy vehicles at the same time



Chemical Substance (HazMat)

AEP: 0.01600

Scenario

- A chemical delivery truck hitting an out of control 4-wheel drive on the main street of Gnowangerup, jack-knifed, spilling about 550 litres of liquid herbicide onto the road. The liquid herbicide has been identified as Paraquat.
- The accident occurred opposite the Shire of Gnowangerup's Administration Building and a local agricultural service supplier business.
- Approximately 550 litres of herbicide spilled onto the road and pavement of the local agricultural service supplier business on Yougenup Road. Approximately 10 to 15 shuttles of Paraquat are scattered on the road.
- The two occupants of the 4-wheel drive were not seriously injured, while the truck driver has been flown to Perth due to ingestion of the liquid pesticide while trying to stop the leakage of one of the shuttles. His condition is listed as critical.
- There is a possible threat to the community as liquid Paraquat is highly toxic if ingested.
- Businesses and residents in a 500m radius have been evacuated.
- The accident happened during one of busiest time of year – pre seeding in the district.
- Local Police, DFES, SES and St John Ambulance are assisting with incident.

Impacts & Vulnerabilities

- General public and staff of local businesses
- Temporary closure and evacuation of Gnowangerup District High School
- Access to fuel
- Tourists visiting the town
- Residents located in close proximity of the accident scene
- Environment being impacted by the hazardous material
- Emergency personnel involved in handling the incident
- Road network as Yougenup Road is main access route through town to access surrounding towns.
- Increased demand on emergency services, impacting on their availability to maintain core services
- Time for Fire & Rescue Response (Katanning, Albany)
- Time for clean-up (ex-Perth)



Road Crash

AEP: 0.03036

Scenario

- A school bus carrying 22 students and 2 adults driving from Katanning to Gnowangerup collided with a sheep carrier truck approximately 7km out of Gnowangerup, on the Gnowangerup-Broomehill Road, causing the livestock carrier to lose control and overturn. The school bus rolled multiple times before coming to a stand in a paddock.
- The accident happened around 4pm on a very cold Friday afternoon.
- Multiple injuries have been reported, with 7 students and the bus driver listed as critical. Fifteen other students and one adult are being treated for lacerations and broken bones.
- The most critical injured patients are being flown by helicopter and the RFDS to Perth for medical treatment. The driver of the livestock carrier only sustained minor injuries.
- Multiple injuries and deaths of livestock have been reported.
- It is further reported that escaped sheep are being herded to a secure location by a local farmer where they will be examined for any signs of injuries and stress by a veterinarian.

Vulnerabilities & Impacts

- Gnowangerup-Broomehill Road closed and traffic being diverted via gravel road, creating additional risk of accidents due to unfamiliar route, size and current condition of road
- Ambulance services are at capacity and assistance has been requested from neighbouring towns
- Gnowangerup hospital/ health services not equipped to handle amount of casualties involved in accident
- SES and bushfire volunteers on scene to assist with accident, leaving other core services vulnerable
- Difficult terrain with limited space to land emergency helicopter (trees)
- Communication problems due to lack of mobile coverage
- Darkness setting in and appropriate lighting a problem
- Emotional and stressed parents of students trying to reach the scene of the accident.
- Delay in available ranger and veterinarian services due to traveling from another location
- Exposure to the elements – cold
- Specialist services required to clean up scene of accident. Heavy machinery needed to lift truck and trailers off the road

Severe Storm

AEP: 0.01980

Scenario

- Mid Summer – 10:00am Tuesday 25 January 2018
- A low pressure system from the North moves over far SW of state early morning, extending to a line from Bunbury to Esperance later in the morning.
- A rain band extends through parts of the Great Southern and South Coastal districts with steady rainfall continuing through the area. The rainfall is expected to become Heavy again in the warning area overnight tonight and during tomorrow.
- Destructive wind gusts due to cyclones could exceed 150km/h.
- Daily rainfall totals up to 100-150mm are forecast.
- Heavy rainfall may cause localised flash flooding.
- Event likelihood: Likely to Possible, ~ once per 50 years.

Vulnerabilities & Impacts

- Major transport route closures – Borden-Bremer Bay Road, Chester Pass Road from Albany to Ongerup, Broomehill-Tambellup Road, Borden-Jerramungup-Gnowangerup Road and Formby South Road
- Fuel disruptions due to loss of power caused by fallen power lines
- Lack of ability to mobilise machinery needed to repair roads and remove fallen trees
- Lack of resources to undertake repairs
- Localised flooding of Gnowangerup Main Street and properties along the Gnowangerup Creek
- Temporary closure of hospital due to flooding
- Damage to Public Facilities and Services
- Residents isolated and some vehicles stranded in-between sections of roads due to impassable creeks and rivers
- Livestock in areas exposed to the elements without protection or cover
- Emergency response personnel



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To activate this Plan call the Department of Communities :

During Office hours on 9841 0777 or

After hours - Crisis Care on 1800 199 008.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Outline

The Local Emergency Welfare Plan is to be read in conjunction with the State Emergency Welfare Plan, both prepared by the Department of Communities (Communities).

The State and Local Emergency Welfare Plans are support plans which document the strategic management and coordination of welfare services in emergencies, as part of the Western Australian State Emergency Management (EM) Arrangements.

The scope of this local plan includes:

- Communities responsibilities for the planning, response and recovery stages for the management and coordination of welfare services, including resources, within the identified geographical boundaries;
- agreed responsibilities of emergency management partnering agencies, coordinated by Communities to provide welfare services during emergencies.

1.2 Exercise and review period

This plan is to be exercised at least annually, and will be reviewed every two years, with Appendices and contact details reviewed quarterly and after each activation.

1.3 Welfare services definition

The provision of immediate and ongoing supportive services to alleviate, as far as practicable, the effects on people affected by an emergency. To assist in coordinating the provision of welfare services, six (6) functional areas have been identified:

- **emergency accommodation including welfare centres** – see Appendix 5
- **emergency catering** – see Appendix 7
- **emergency clothing and personal requisites** – see Appendix 8
- **personal support services** – see Appendix 9
- **registration and reunification** – see Appendix 6
- **financial assistance** - in Western Australia there are a number of financial assistance programs that may be put in place following a major emergency. Communities has the provision of some financial assistance being available for assessed immediate needs. This is determined at the time of the emergency using the principle of needs on a case-by-case basis for affected persons, as approved by Communities State Welfare Coordinator/ Communities Emergency Services Coordinator.

2. Preparedness and Operation of this Plan

2.1 Organisational responsibilities

The development and maintenance of this plan is allocated to the Communities District Emergency Services Officer, in consultation with members of the Emergency Welfare Coordination Group (EWCG), if there is one, and the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC). A contact list of the organisations that constitute the EWCG is provided in Appendix 2 and their agreed organisational responsibilities are provided in Appendix 3.

2.2 Special considerations

LGs plan for special considerations as per the State EM Policy 4.6.1 –

EM planning must consider where special arrangements will be required. For example any groups within the community whose circumstances may create barriers to obtaining information, understanding instructions, or reacting to an emergency. This includes but is not limited to:

- children and youth;
- older people;
- people with disability;
- those who are medically reliant;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders;
- individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds;
- isolated individuals and communities; and
- transient individuals and communities.

In addition, EM planning must consider special arrangements for animals as per the State Emergency Welfare Plan 2.3.6 -

Animals in welfare centres

For health and safety reasons no animals, including pets, are permitted in welfare centres with the exception only of Assistance animals e.g. Guide Dogs, “Hearing” Dogs and Disability Aid Dogs. Some local governments may have an Animal Welfare Plan for them to coordinate the management of animals and pets in emergencies.

Services specifically for children and families, including child and family friendly spaces at Welfare Centres, are to be considered at the local level and included in local emergency management arrangements. Also see Appendix 5 Emergency Accommodation, point 5.5 Children, organisations, educational and care facilities.

Communities prioritises its response in line with its operational capacity, and relies on those agencies or organisations which provide support to these groups having suitable plans and response capabilities in place, prior to an emergency to cater for these groups’ needs.

2.3 Resources – Preparedness and Operational

Communities has primary responsibility for managing and coordinating welfare services resources. This plan is based on the utilisation of resources existing within a community and to supplement those resources when required at the State level. In some emergencies interstate/national resources may be required. Requests for additional resource support should be made by the Local Welfare Coordinator to the State Welfare Coordinator/Emergency Services Coordinator. Communities is responsible for appointing Welfare Coordinators as follows:

Welfare Resource	Responsibilities during Preparedness, Operation and Recovery
Communities State Welfare Coordinator (SWC)	The title “State Welfare Coordinator” used throughout this plan is the Communities representative appointed by the Communities Director General (DG). This role is delegated to the Director Emergency Services. Responsibilities

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Welfare Resource	Responsibilities during Preparedness, Operation and Recovery
	<p>include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Coordination of all emergency welfare support services at the State level; (b) Represent the DG on the State Emergency Coordination Group (SECG) and State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) as required; (c) Act as the DG's representative on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEMC Response and Capability Subcommittee; • SEMC Recovery Subcommittee; • SEMC Community Engagement Subcommittee; • Other State and national level committees as appropriate. (d) Chairing the State Welfare Emergency Committee (SWEC); (e) Coordination of all partnering agencies within the State Welfare Coordination Centre.
<p>Communities Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC)</p>	<p>This role may be delegated by Communities Emergency Services (ES) Director to the rostered Communities ES On Call Officer during activation and operations to carry out Communities emergency management functions. The ESC is the link between the Local Welfare Coordinators and the State Welfare Coordinator and, where applicable, with the relevant HMA/Controlling Agency. The ESC is authorised to activate responses to emergencies and approve emergency expenditure and utilisation of resources to meet the emergency welfare requirements. Responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Establish the State Welfare Coordination Centre and manage centre functions during operation; (b) Activate responses to emergency situations, authorise emergency expenditure and utilise resources to meet those responses; (c) Assist the State Welfare Coordinator with their functions as required; (d) Manage emergency welfare services functions as required; (e) Provide support to country staff/offices involved in emergencies; (f) Represent Communities on the State Emergency Coordination Group (SECG) and State Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) as required.
<p>Communities District Welfare Representatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Represent Communities on District Emergency Management Committees (DEMCs) to address emergency welfare support matters (Communities District Director or proxy); (b) Ensure the arrangements of this plan are clearly understood at the district level; (c) Clarify Communities policy on emergency welfare matters where required;

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Welfare Resource	Responsibilities during Preparedness, Operation and Recovery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (d) Refer matters of a contentious nature to Communities Emergency Services for resolution; (e) Ensure development, testing and maintenance of Local Emergency Welfare Plans for the district in which the Local Government (LG) areas fall; (f) Appointing Local Welfare Coordinators for each Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC); (g) Represent Communities on Operational Area Support Groups (OASGs) as required.
District Emergency Services Officer (DESO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) As a local emergency management resource, develop local arrangements, procedures and resources eg EM Kits; b) Develop, test and maintain the Local Emergency Welfare Plans for the district in which the Local Government/s (LG) areas fall; c) Ensure staff and volunteers of Communities and partnering agencies are trained and exercised in their welfare responsibilities by conducting training sessions and exercises annually; d) Liaise and establish networks and partnerships with agencies; e) Assist with activations if available; f) Assist and support the District Welfare representatives and Local Welfare Coordinators to carry out their roles.
Communities Local Welfare Coordinators (LWC)	<p>Local Welfare Coordinators (LWCs) shall be nominated officers of Communities within an LG area/s.</p> <p>A Communities LWC responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Establish and manage the activities of the local Emergency Welfare Coordination Groups (EWCG), where determined appropriate by the District Director; (b) Represent Communities and the emergency welfare function on LEMCs and Local Recovery Committees; (c) During activation, manage and coordinate emergency welfare services, including establishing and managing welfare centres, and if further welfare assistance is required request for additional support services via the Communities Emergency Services; (d) Represent Communities on the Incident Support Group (ISG) when required.
Communities Welfare Centre Coordinator (WCC)	<p>In some circumstances Welfare Centre Coordinators (WCCs) are appointed. They shall be nominated officers of Communities and the WCC responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Establish and manage the operations of the welfare centre/s, including coordinating staff and partnering agencies staff and volunteers, to provide appropriate welfare services to the evacuees in the welfare centre. (b) Communicate regularly with the LWC, and if further welfare assistance is required request for additional

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Welfare Resource	Responsibilities during Preparedness, Operation and Recovery
	<p>support services via the LWC;</p> <p>(c) Remaining at the centre to manage the centre operations.</p>
<p>Local Government Welfare Support</p>	<p>a) When an emergency event takes places within the boundaries of an LG, they may be activated by the HMA or by Communities to provide the initial welfare response to evacuating community members. This is primarily due to their close proximity to the emergency event and their ability to quickly identify and open a pre-determined welfare centre. If the activation request is from the HMA the LG should contact Communities to inform and consult with them of the activation to open a welfare centre. The role of the LG in these early stages would be to ensure that evacuees have a safe location to relocate to, and that they can be provided with basic needs and services until such time as Communities can arrive to take on the coordination role of the welfare centre. Basic needs and services may include refreshments, registration, basic information, and personal support. On arrival of Communities, the LG would then provide a handover to the designated Communities Welfare Coordinator, and take on the LG Welfare Liaison Officer role as a support to Communities.</p> <p>b) In some circumstances the emergency event may not escalate to a significant level, and the LG may determine that they are able to continue to operate the welfare centre without the need for deployment of Communities staff. If this situation arises the LG must seek approval from Communities to retain the coordination role and have this decision documented formally.</p> <p>c) In some circumstances it may not be possible for Communities to attend the welfare centre due to geographical distances, road conditions, conflicting events, or other unforeseen circumstances. In these cases the LG may be asked to continue to provide the coordination role for the welfare centre, with support and advice being available from Communities via telephone or other means. In these situations Communities would approve in advance any required expenditures in relation to operating the welfare centre, and would meet these costs if required.</p> <p>If LGs elect to undertake their own welfare arrangements without Communities consultation, LGs are responsible for their own costs.</p>

2.4 Training

Training, both internally and inter-agency, will be determined by Communities and Emergency Welfare Coordination Groups. All training is to ensure staff and volunteers of Communities and partnering agencies have the necessary skills to provide appropriate welfare services under this plan, and in accordance with their roles and responsibilities.

2.5 Plan Activation Procedures

Communities will activate this plan from two sources:

- (1) As per State Emergency Management Policy 5.3.4 'A Support Organisation is responsible for specific activities in support of the Controlling Agency/HMA, and may also support Combat Agencies and other Support Organisations upon request'.
- (2) The State Welfare Coordinator/Emergency Services Coordinator based on information provided internally and/or externally, may identify the need to activate this support plan.

Regardless of who first identifies the need, the HMA/Controlling Agency and Communities State Welfare Coordinator (SWC), Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) or Local Welfare Coordinator shall confer and agree that this plan should be activated; discuss the safe location of welfare centres and welfare services required. If activated at the local level the Local Welfare Coordinator will advise Communities SWC/ESC.

Once this decision is made the State or Local Welfare Coordinator shall assess the immediate welfare services required and activate Communities and partnering agencies if required and available. See Appendix 1 Communities Standard Operating Procedures for activation procedures.

Communities, representing partnering agencies, should be included as a member of the ISG and OASG, if formed, and will appoint an appropriate Communities representative accordingly.

2.6 Plan Activation Stages

The plan will normally be activated in stages. In an impact event for which there is no warning period, these stages may be condensed with stages being activated concurrently.

Activation Stage number	Activation Stage name and actions
Stage 1	<p>Alert: By the HMA/Controlling Agency or by Communities SWC/ESC based on information provided from within Communities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Partnering agencies are alerted by the SWC/ESC or Local Welfare Coordinator; (b) Partnering agencies alert their own personnel; (c) Additional information allowing partnering agencies time to arrange preliminary preparations is provided; (d) Key personnel are briefed on action to be taken; (e) Establish liaison as appropriate with the HMA/Controlling

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Activation Stage number	Activation Stage name and actions
	Agency and/or Emergency Coordinator.
Stage 2	<p>Activation: By the HMA/Controlling Agency or by Communities SWC/ESC based on information provided internally and/or externally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) On behalf of the HMA/Controlling agency, and in consultation with the welfare centre owners, the Local Welfare Coordinator organises for the designated welfare centre to be opened if required. The safest and most appropriate centre needs to be agreed on by the HMA, LG and Communities; (b) Required partnering agencies are activated by the SWC/ESC or Local Welfare Coordinator and proceed to the welfare centre; (c) Welfare services are provided under the coordination of the Local Welfare Coordinator with partnering agencies assisting as required; (d) Communications are maintained with the HMA/Controlling Agency, Emergency Coordinator, Local Welfare Coordinator and partnering agencies; (e) Welfare services requirements are continuously monitored and reviewed by the Local Welfare Coordinator and adjusted accordingly. (f) If required, requests for additional resource support at the local level should be made by the Local Welfare Coordinator to the SWC/ESC.
Stage 3	<p>Stand Down: HMA/Controlling Agency to officially notify Communities to Stand Down; or SWC/ESC or Local Welfare Coordinator to request of HMA/Controller Agency to Stand Down if they assess welfare services no longer required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Partnering agencies are informed of the Stand Down by the SWC/ESC or Local Welfare Coordinator; (b) Partnering agencies stand down in accordance with relevant procedures for their agency; (c) Partnering agencies are to advise the SWC/ESC or Local Welfare Coordinator when stand down has been completed; (d) Communities to officially hand back the welfare centre facility to the owner and coordinate cleaning and any repairs required whilst the facility operated as a welfare centre; (e) The SWC/ESC or Local Welfare Coordinator advises partnering agencies of debriefing arrangements which will be conducted as soon as practicably possible; (f) Post operation reports to be written by Communities – see 2.9.

2.7 Public Information Management

The HMA/Controlling Agency is responsible for the provision and management of media and public information during emergencies, and all non-welfare matters will be referred to them. Communities and partnering agencies to this plan should only provide information to the public and the media on issues that are directly their responsibility, and with approval from the Communities SWC/ESC.

If the **Register.Find.Reunite. system** is activated, Communities SWC/ESC will give approval for Australian Red Cross to provide R.F.R. information to the HMA/Controlling Agency, or the State Emergency Public Information Coordinator (SEPIC).

2.8 Exchange of Information

During a state of emergency or emergency situation, emergency management agencies can share personal information relating to persons affected by the emergency, State EM Plan 5.2.5. Communities Local Welfare Coordinator is to contact Communities SWC/ESC to seek approval before there is any exchange of information.

2.9 Debriefs and Post Operation Reports

The Local Welfare Coordinator conducts a debrief of participating staff and agencies as soon as practical after all agencies are stood down. This is to identify lessons learnt through the activation for continuous improvement of any future activations. Following this, the Local Welfare Coordinator, or appointed Communities officer, writes the Post Operation Report.

3 Recovery

3.1 Recovery Definition

The Emergency Management Act 2005 (s. 3) defines recovery as the support of emergency affected communities in the reconstruction and restoration of physical infrastructure, the environment and community, psychosocial, and economic wellbeing.

As per the State Emergency Management Plan and the State Emergency Welfare Plan, it is the responsibility during recovery for the Department of Communities to coordinate the welfare components of recovery in line with the services outlined in this Plan for people affected by an emergency.

3.2 Emergency relief and assistance in recovery

Where possible, all offers of assistance and donations, including donated goods and services, should be coordinated through the Local Recovery Committee to avoid duplication of effort and confusion, State EM Policy 6.9.

Communities, as a support organisation, is not responsible for the coordination or collection of monetary donations or donated goods or services; restocking perishables or transporting people to/from homes and communities.

3.3 Financial Assistance in recovery

Sourced from State EM Plan 6.10 –

Through **Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA)**, the State Government provides a range of relief measures to assist communities recover from an eligible natural event

Department of Communities may provide some financial assistance in recovery for individuals and families if WANDRRA is activated. This assistance is to alleviate the personal hardship or distress arising as a direct result of an eligible natural disaster, and is assessed on a case by case basis by Communities SWC/ESC. Some categories are subject to income and/or assets testing.

Other financial assistance that may be available after an emergency are:-

- **Department of Human Services Centrelink (Centrelink)** – will ensure payments to its existing clients in the area affected by the emergency are not disrupted. It can often provide financial assistance to any person whose livelihood has been affected by the emergency. Where possible, Centrelink should be invited to join the Local Recovery Coordination Group.
If activated by the Australian Government, Centrelink can administer –
 - **Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP)** - a one-off payment to assist people who have been significantly affected by a disaster. It is not for minor damage or inconvenience.
 - **Australian Government Disaster Recovery Allowance (AGDRA)** - a short term payment to assist individuals who can demonstrate their income has been affected as a direct result of a declared disaster. .
- **Public Appeals – Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund** – City of Perth established and manage this fund to provide relief of personal hardship and distress arising from natural disasters occurring within Western Australia.

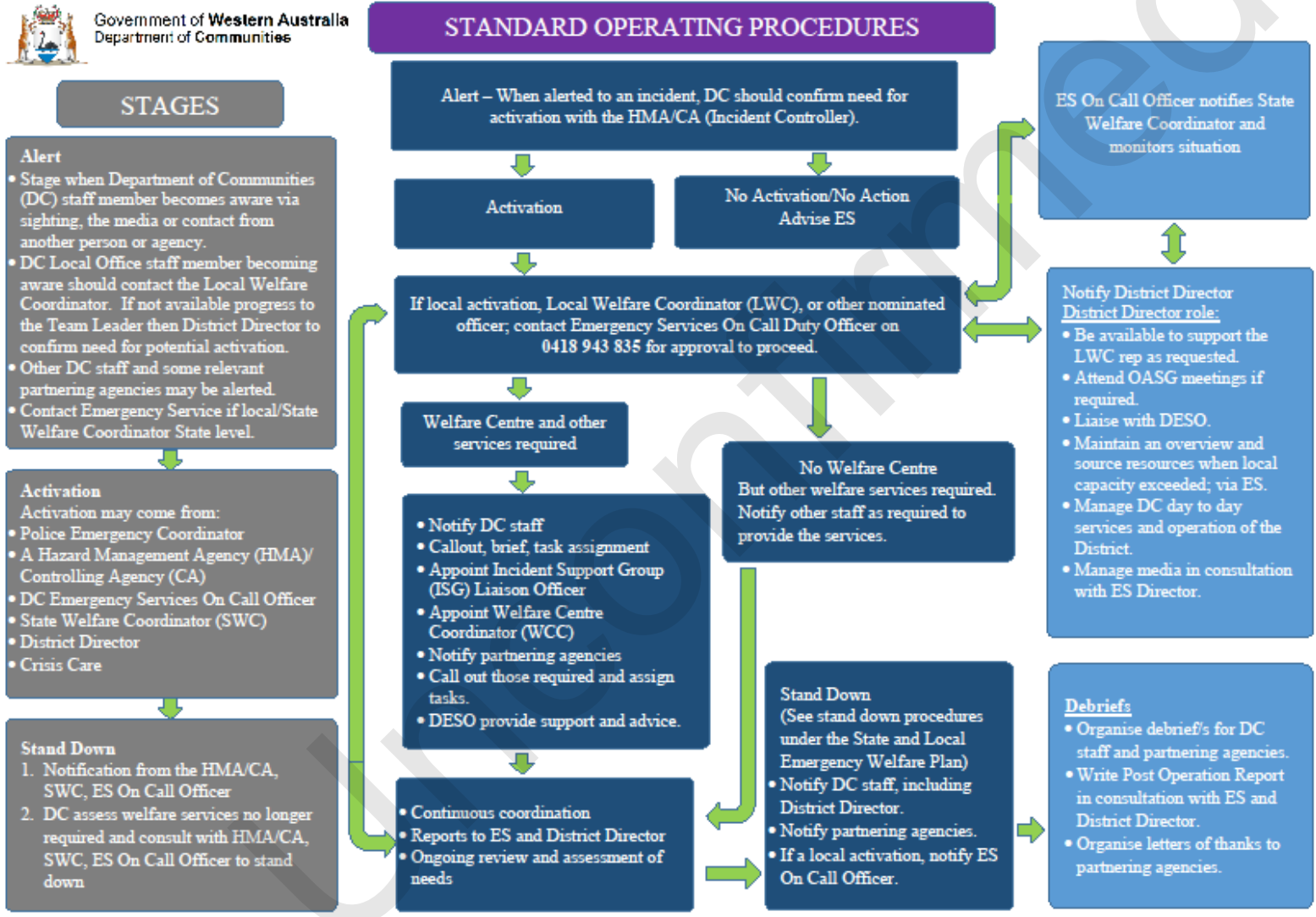
3.4 Cessation of recovery

Communities cessation of welfare services in recovery will be dependent on community needs, access to existing community services, and individuals’ and communities’ resilience. Accordingly Communities cessation may vary from other recovery services.

3.5 Review of recovery activities

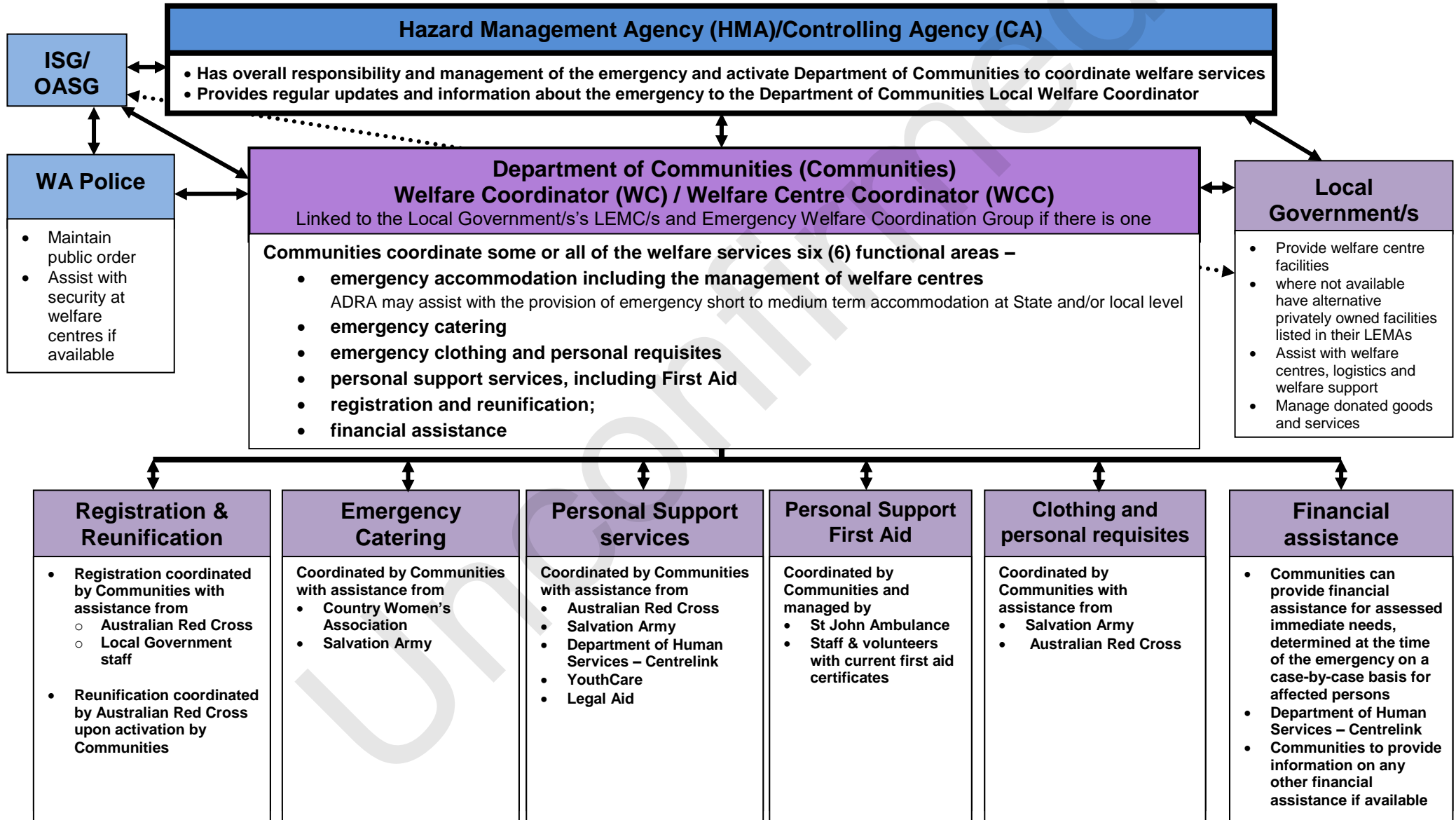
Communities will undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of its own recovery activities including an assessment of preparedness for any future event.

Appendix 1 – Department of Communities Standard Operating Procedures



Appendix 2 – Local Emergency Welfare Coordination

Please see Appendix 4 – Organisational Responsibilities for details of each partnering agency’s responsibilities.



Appendix 3 –Emergency Welfare Partnering Agencies

- All partnering agencies staff and volunteers assisting Communities in accordance with this plan are required to comply with Communities policies, including those relating to working with children, volunteers, Occupational Health and Safety and emergency management.
- In multi-agency responses Team Leaders for each functional area may be appointed, i.e. Registration Team Leader, Emergency Catering Team Leader.

Organisation	Representative	Day Contact Details	A/H Contact Details	Postal/Email Address
Department of Communities GS - Child Protection	Kellie Jaworski Local Welfare Coordinator	0428 384 355	9853 1174	Kellie.jaworski@communities.wa.gov.au
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	Kirsty Buchanan Community Development Coordinator	0448 228 107		kirsty.buchanan@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au
Department of Communities – GS Disability Services	Fiona Taylor	0429 154 524	0429 154 524	Fiona.taylor@communities.wa.gov.au
Department of Communities – GS Housing	Ann Marie Johnson	9845 7101	0407 084 068	AnnMarie.JOHNSON@housing.wa.gov.au
Department of Communities – GS Regional Director	Neila Williams	0423 298 147	0423 298 147	Neila.WILLIAMS@housing.wa.gov.au
Country Women's Association				
Australian Red Cross Perth Local Emergency Volunteers	24 hour EM Control (24/7 Duty Phone)			0408 930 811 – ring to activate local team. Emails during activations, wadutyofficer@redcross.org.au .
Salvation Army	AuxLt Colette Albino	9841 1068 0405 860 071	0405 860 071	colette.albino@salvationarmy.org.au
YouthCare	YouthCare Chaplain Callout Brent Finlay Area	0407 413 855 0417 071 886		brentf@youthcare.org.au

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	Chaplain Albany			
Centrelink	Wendy Tysoe - Manager	6819 6530 0427 426 553		wendy.tysoe@humanservices.gov.au
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WA Police Force – Gnowangerup	OIC	9827 2800	0436 863 957	gnowangerup.police.station@police.wa.gov.au
DFES	Charlotte Powis Community Preparedness Advisor	9845 5000	0418 802 762	Charlotte.powis@dfes.wa.gov.au
DFES (DEMA)	Adam Smith District Emergency Management Adviser	9845 5007 0429 104 007	0429 104 007	Adam.smith@dfes.wa.gov.au
St. John Ambulance - Call Communities Emergency Services -0418 943 835 to approve cost before contacting SJA	Communication Centre - Perth	9334 1234	Emergencies 000 / 112 / 106	
Local Contact (Albany)	Emma Doughty Regional Mgr. GS	9334 1330 0409 328 381		RM.greatsouthern@stjohnwa.com.au
Gnowangerup Sub-Centre	Robyn Crabbe	0487 569 673		gnowangerupsjachair@gmail.com
Community Paramedic	Andrew Brooker	0417 127 889		Andrew.Brooker@stjohnambulance.com.au
Department of Health Statewide Duty Officer - can organise a doctor at a welfare centre and/or write out prescriptions	Disaster Preparedness & Management Unit	08 9328 0553 Duty Officer 24/7	08 9328 0553 Duty Officer 24/7	
	Gnowangerup Health Service	9827 2222		
	Robyn Millar DON Katanning Health Service	9821 6222 0439 202 344		Robyn.millar@health.wa.gov.au
Health Department – Mental Health	GS Mental Health Albany Team Clinic Manager	9892 2440 0428 699 271		
Albany and Regional Volunteer Service	Tracy Sleeman (Manager)	9841 3588	0488 060 088	volinfo@arvs.org.au

Appendix 4 – Organisational Responsibilities

- Partnering agencies that may be engaged by Department of Communities (Communities) to assist in fulfilling their welfare obligations as part of the Local Emergency Welfare Plan.
- Communities as an emergency management support organisation coordinates emergency welfare services when activated via this plan – the Local Emergency Welfare Plan.
- To coordinate emergency welfare services requires the support of a number of statutory, private and voluntary organisations, known as partnering agencies. These responsibilities are allocated on a state-wide basis and have been determined by agreement between the respective agencies at the State level via the State Welfare Emergency Committee and Communities.
- At the local level these responsibilities may be varied to suit the capabilities and availability of welfare organisations. The responsibilities are negotiated between Communities and the agency at the local level and are reflected in this Appendix.
- The allocated responsibilities do not restrict one agency from assisting another, regardless of its primary role.
- Should a partnering agency not be able to manage its primary responsibilities, support with those responsibilities may be requested from the Local Welfare Coordinator. Ultimately, Communities is responsible for these functions where no partnering agency assistance is available.

Agency / Organisation Name	Normal role if engaged
Department of Communities (Communities) – Lead Welfare Agency	(1) Coordinate all functional areas of an emergency welfare response during emergencies; (2) Appoint the Local Welfare Coordinators to support each Local Government area; (3) Provide staff and operate the Welfare Centres if required; (4) Coordinate all welfare resources utilised under this plan; (5) Coordinate the welfare functional areas of: (a) Emergency Accommodation; (b) Emergency Catering; (c) Emergency Clothing and Personal Requisites; (d) Personal Support Services; (e) Registration and Reunification; (f) Financial Assistance; (6) Provide representatives to various emergency management committees and coordination groups as required.
Department of Communities - Disability Services	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Provide access to staff to assist with Personal Support Services where agreed and available; (3) Provide strategic policy advice regarding the provision of welfare services to people with disabilities; (4) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Department of Communities - Housing	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Provide access to staff to assist with Personal Support Services where agreed and available;

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Agency / Organisation Name	Normal role if engaged
	(3) Provide strategic policy advice regarding the provision of emergency accommodation; (4) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Australian Red Cross	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Assist with Registration at Welfare Centres; (3) Manage and operate the Register.Find.Reunite. system; (4) Assist with the provision of Personal Support Services; (5) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Country Women's Association	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Assist with the provision of Emergency Catering at Welfare Centres; (3) Assist with the provision of Personal Support Services; (4) Assist with the provision of Emergency Clothing and Personal Requisites; (5) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Community Liaison Unit	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Engage "face to face" two way communication and liaison with affected communities through a point of public interface e.g. at a welfare centre distributing relevant incident information such as traffic management information, and support the facilitation of public meetings and other community based communications.
Department of Health	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Provide a comprehensive response to mental health effects of an emergency, as outlined in the Mental Health Disaster Subplan; (3) Provide health response as outlined in the State Health Emergency Response Plan; (4) Assist with the provision of Personal Support Services at Welfare Centres; (5) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Department of Human Services – Centrelink	(1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Provide Financial Assistance to people affected by the emergency in accordance with DHS Centrelink guidelines, policies and the Social Security Act; (3) Provide support services or referral advice to appropriate agencies; (4) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Local Government Welfare Support	<i>Negotiate at the local level with individual Local Governments any additional responsibilities eg Ranger Services.</i> (1) Provide a Local Government Welfare Liaison Officer as required;

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Agency / Organisation Name	Normal role if engaged
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2) Assist with the welfare functional area of Emergency Accommodation by utilising Local Government facilities as Welfare Centres, and where not available have alternative privately owned facilities listed in their LEMAs; (3) Assist Communities to provide the initial welfare response to evacuating community members. See above 2.3 Local Government Welfare Support Response. (4) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Salvation Army	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Provide Emergency Catering at Welfare Centres; (3) Provide Emergency Clothing and Personal Requisites such as toiletries and other incidentals to those affected as required; (4) Assist with the provision of Personal Support Services; (5) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
St John Ambulance	<p>Please call Communities Emergency Services - 0418 943 835 to approve cost before contacting SJA. If an ambulance is required please call 000/112/106.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Provide a Support Agency Officer /s as required; (2) Provide qualified First Aiders at Welfare Centres, where required and available; (3) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
Albany and Regional Volunteer Service Volunteering WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Provide strategic policy and advice regarding the provision of volunteering services within the welfare emergency management environment; (3) Manage affiliated and spontaneous non-affiliated Volunteers; (4) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
WA Police Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Maintain public order where required; (3) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed.
YouthCare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Provide a Support Agency Officer/s as required; (2) Assist with the provision of Personal Support Services at Welfare Centres where available including practical support, emotional support and pastoral care support. (3) Assist with other welfare functional areas where agreed

Appendix 5 – Emergency Accommodation

The provision of temporary shelter for persons rendered homeless by an emergency, or due to evacuation from an emergency, ranging from short to medium term accommodation, is coordinated and assessed by Communities.

Please note - in the event of an evacuation, people may make their own accommodation arrangements eg stay with family or friends locally (if this is safe) or in another town.

Points of clarification:

5.1 Establishment of welfare centres

As per State EM Policy -

- (a) 5.7.3 - The Controlling Agency is responsible for the management of evacuation during an incident, and this continues during an emergency response.
- (b) 5.7.4 - Local governments, HMAs, relevant EMAs (i.e. Support Organisations and Controlling Agencies), in consultation with relevant Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs), must identify and advise of refuge site and welfare centres including evacuation centres appropriate for the hazard. The welfare centres should be documented in the LEMA, and are also recorded on the State Welfare Centre Database which HMAs and Controlling Agencies have access to.
- (c) 5.9.5.5 - LEMCs must ensure that LEMA identify appropriate facilities and existing infrastructure within their boundaries are available for use by EMAs or note where there are no facilities.

Therefore the establishment and management of welfare centres by Communities is on behalf of the HMA or Controlling Agency, in consultation with welfare centre owners. This could be local governments or private facility owners. Welfare centres are established as emergency facilities from which Communities coordinate accommodation, food, clothing, financial assistance, registration, personal support and other welfare services until alternative arrangements can be made.

5.2 Welfare centres definition

In Western Australia welfare centres are a facility that may provide for evacuation, reception, accommodation and relief and recovery (commonly referred to as a 'one-stop-shop') for an impacted community. Welfare centres may continue the extended provision of services into the recovery phase where LGs take responsibility as the lead agency in recovery. For the purposes of this plan all such facilities are classified as Welfare Centres.

5.3 Safety considerations

To ensure the safety of evacuees and welfare centre staff and volunteers, Communities will not establish welfare centres –

- in Bushfire Emergency Warning areas, and will only establish welfare centres in Bushfire Watch and Act areas with the assurance of the HMA/Controlling Agency that it is deemed safe to do so;
- if there is not safe access routes to the welfare centres;
- if there are structural concerns about the facility, and/or health concerns eg no running water, no drinking water, non-functioning sewage system, gas or chemical leaks in the area.

5.4 Children, organisations, educational and care facilities

As per State EM Plan 5.3.2 Community Evacuation, Stage 4: Shelter –

Children and vulnerable people in Evacuation Centres
Unaccompanied children, without direct parental or responsible adult supervision, should be evacuated into the care of the Department of Communities at the evacuation centre.

The preferred option for agencies, organisations or educational and care facilities such as women's refuges, men's hostels, group homes, is for them to have arrangements in place to either evacuate to a similar facility or shelter in place if safe.

If it is necessary to evacuate to a welfare centre, supervisory staff or members with responsibility for the care, supervision or provision of services to children and their clients must remain at the centre and continue to supervise and provide services until such time as alternative arrangements are made. This may include children being returned to parents or other responsible adult approved by that agency, organisation or educational and care facility.

Agencies, organisations and educational and care facilities at evacuation centres should liaise with the welfare coordinator at these centres for further advice and assistance in relation to unaccompanied children.

Services specifically for children and families, including child and family friendly spaces at Welfare Centres, are to be considered at the local level and included in local emergency management arrangements, State EM Plan 4.6.1 Special Considerations.

5.5 Animals in welfare centres

For health and safety reasons no animals, including pets, are permitted in welfare centres with the exception only of Assistance animals e.g. Guide Dogs, "Hearing" Dogs and Disability Aid Dogs. Some local governments may have an Animal Welfare Plan for them to coordinate the management of animals and pets in emergencies.

5.6 Responsibility for the welfare centre premises

Communities will take responsibility for the premises utilised as welfare centres from the time of their operations until their closure. Communities shall exercise reasonable care in the conduct of its activities, and agree to replace or reimburse for supplies used in the operation of welfare centres.

As Communities operate welfare centres on behalf of the relevant HMA/Controlling Agency, in the event of any claim for unusual damage incurred as a result of the use of a facility as a welfare centre, Communities will facilitate processes with the HMA/Controlling Agency to respond to the claim. The owner/s of the facilities agrees to utilise their building insurance in the event of damage resulting from the actual disaster event to the structure of the building.

Communities will utilise contract cleaners or pay for the use of the facilities' cleaners to restore the facilities directly utilised as welfare centres back to serviceable condition, if requested.

5.7 School evacuations

If a school needs to evacuate upon receiving advice/instructions from the Incident Controller or HMA, they should try to evacuate to another school as a first option, or self-

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manage in a Communities designated welfare centre. Schools can evacuate to the community welfare centre with the schools' students under the duty of care and responsibility of the evacuated school.

Schools should use resources within the school such as gym mats, blankets if they have them, any food in school canteens etc. However if these resources are not available and Communities have spare items, these items will be shared with the school. If schools and Communities do not have these resources available, Communities will share any information on sourcing items as listed in the Local Emergency Welfare Plan.

5.8 State Welfare Centres

In some circumstances, particularly in larger State level sized emergencies, facilities in a local area in which an emergency or disaster has occurred may not be suitable/sufficient to ensure the safety of all evacuees, welfare staff and volunteers. In these circumstances local governments or private facility owners may be asked for use of their facility as a 'State Welfare Centre' to assist affected members of other local government areas. At these times it would be the expectation that the State Welfare Centre would operate in a similar manner with the same procedures as if operating as a Local Welfare Centre as outlined in this plan.

See over for the list of Pre-determined Welfare Centres.

Appendix 5A - List of Pre-Determined Welfare Centres

Primary Centres

Centre : Gnowangerup Sports Complex, Gnowangerup	Contact : P: 9827 2100 (Gnowangerup District High School) Wendy Gordon P: 9827 1386 M: 0427 253 757
Address : Strathaven Rd Gnowangerup	
General Purpose Capacity : Standing 750; Sleeping 500; Duration - unlimited	
Comments : Adjoining Oval, space for caravans, Male/Female Toilets and Showers, Commercial Kitchen, cool room, disabled access, pet friendly.	

Centre : Borden Sports Pavilion, Borden	Contact : Pip Moir – Borden Pavilion Coordinator M: 0401 915 016 Sandy Smallwood – Access (keys) M: 0439 884 161
Address : Stone St, Borden	
General Purpose Capacity : Standing 600; Sleeping 400; Duration - unlimited	
Comments : Adjoining Oval, space for caravans, Male/Female Toilets and Showers, Commercial Kitchen, cool room, disabled access, pet friendly. No mobile phone coverage.	

Centre : Ongerup Sports Complex Ongerup	Contact : President Jan Slee P: 9828 2013 M: 0428 503 535
Address : Jaekel St, Ongerup	
General Purpose Capacity : Standing 600; Sleeping 400; Duration - unlimited	
Comments : Adjoining Oval, space for caravans, Male/Female Toilets and Showers, not Commercial Kitchen, disabled access, pet friendly. Has mobile phone coverage.	

Alternative Primary Centres (Outside the Shire of Gnowangerup)

Centre : Katanning Leisure Centre	Contact KLC: 9821 4399, Jenny Cristinelli, Centre Manager 0407 442 149
Address : Pemble St, Katanning	
General purpose capacity : 2500 (standing); 1000 (sleeping); Duration - up to 5 days	
Comments : Large facility with multiple showers and toilets, commercial kitchen and multiple rooms. Low fire or flood risk surrounded by ovals and in high area of town. Pet friendly with stables and stock pens on site, also large grass areas. 500 parking bays plus potential parking on oval.	

Appendix 5B – Alternative Temporary Accommodation Services

In the event of an evacuation, people may make their own accommodation arrangements eg stay with family or friends locally (if this is safe) or in another town.

If a small number of people were required to evacuate, or there is extenuating circumstances for some individuals and families, Communities Emergency Services would explore alternative arrangements, depending upon the situation at the time. This may include a range of options such as commercial facilities. **Note: accommodation providers requiring payment need to have ABNs** – providers cannot receive payment without one.

Contact the Emergency Services On Call Duty Officer to seek approval for use of commercial accommodation – 0418 943 835.

In a larger emergency Communities Emergency Services may need assistance in organising accommodation for evacuees and ADRA can assist with this in designated areas. If additional help is required please contact the **Emergency Services On Call Duty Officer – 0418 943 835** and the Officer will activate ADRA if appropriate.

Name	Address	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
Gnowangerup Accommodation			
Gnowangerup Hotel Motel	7 Allardyce St, Gnowangerup	9827 1013	
Ongerup Accommodation			
Ongerup Hotel (4 units)	Jaekel St, Ongerup	9828 2001	
Ongerup Caravan Park (on site vans)	Walker St, Ongerup	9828 2090	
Other Accommodation Options (Katanning)			
New Lodge Motel	172 Clive St, Katanning	9821 1788	
Katanning Motel	38 Albion St, Katanning	9821 1657	

Appendix 6 – Welfare function of Registration and Reunification

- This functional area enables individuals within an emergency affected community to be traced, families reunited and inquiries about individuals coordinated, intrastate, interstate or internationally.
- To facilitate the accounting of persons affected by such incidents, Communities may use the registration and reunification Register.Find.Reunite. system or other options as appropriate. The Register.Find.Reunite. system has been developed at the State and national level. In Western Australia this system is activated by Communities and managed by the Australian Red Cross on behalf of Communities.
- The system provides for the registration and reunification of affected persons using standardised forms. Stocks of these forms are held by Communities offices, the Australian Red Cross State Inquiry Centre and its local teams and some local governments to be readily available for immediate use at welfare centres.
- In addition, impacted individuals may choose to register themselves online using the Register.Find.Reunite. system once it has been activated.

See over for Communities Standard Operating Procedures for the welfare function of Registration and Reunification.

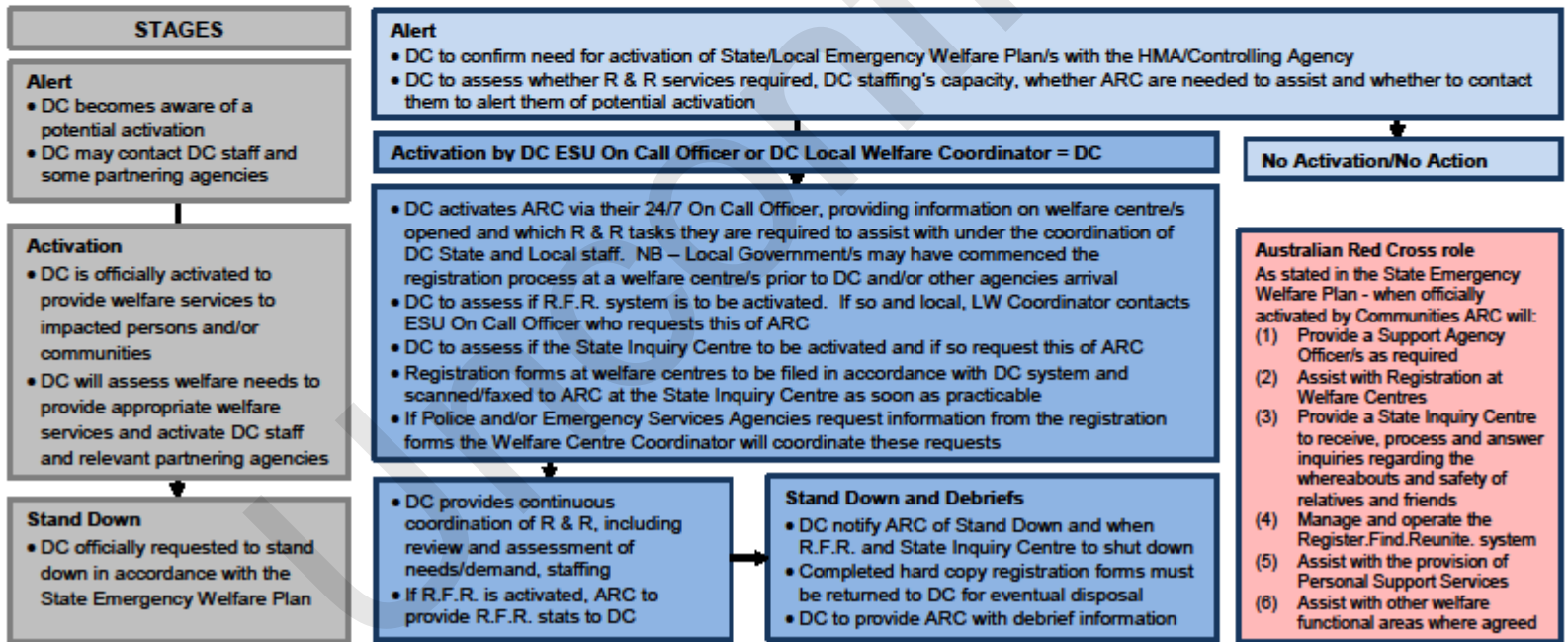
Communities Standard Operating Procedures for the welfare function of Registration and Reunification



Department of Communities Emergency Services - Standard Operating Procedures for the welfare function of Registration and Reunification Dec 2017

Registration and Reunification (R & R) is one of the 6 welfare functional areas Department of Communities (DC) is responsible for under the WA Emergency Management Act 2005 and State Emergency Management Arrangements. Welfare arrangements are detailed in the State Emergency Welfare Plan and Local Emergency Welfare Plans. Registration and reunification enables individuals within an emergency affected community to be traced, families reunited and inquiries about individuals coordinated, intrastate, interstate or internationally. To facilitate the accounting of persons affected by such incidents, DC may use the registration and reunification Register.Find.Reunite. (R.F.R.) system or other options as appropriate. R.F.R. has been developed at the State and national level. In Western Australia this system is activated by DC as the commissioning agency and managed by the Australian Red Cross (ARC) as a partnering agency, on behalf of DC. ARC operates the State Inquiry Centre when authorised by the DC State Welfare Coordinator.

Registration and Reunification Standard Operating Procedures – State and Local Levels



Appendix 7 – Emergency Catering Services

Communities will coordinate the establishment of an emergency catering service for those rendered homeless, evacuees and welfare workers engaged during an event. Dependent on the catering requirements, Communities may engage a variety of service providers to provide this service, such as voluntary groups, fast food outlets or hospital, hotel, motel or public catering services. **Communities cannot accept other prepared food e.g. sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls, unless the person/organisation has a Food Handling Certificate issued by the local government.**

Responsibility for the provision of meals for non-welfare emergency workers is the responsibility of the HMA/Controlling Agency.

A resource list of catering agencies and other options is included below.

Name	Address/capabilities	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
Albany			
Voluntary Organisations			
Salvation Army Emergency Services Unit 152-160 North Rd Albany	AuxLt Colette Albino	9841 1068 0405 860 071	0405 860 071
Country Women's Association (CWA)			

WATER SUPPLIERS

Name	Type of Supplies	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
Water Corporation Manager Control Centre Operations (MCCO)	Can assist with water and waste water infrastructure, Water Corp assets, access to key personnel, reps at All Hazard Liaison Group meetings, support for ISG, OASG and IMT, other support or info during operational situations	1300 483 514	1300 483 514

Appendix 8 – Emergency Clothing and Personal Requisites

Communities coordinates the provision of essential clothing and personal requisites, to persons affected by an emergency. This function includes the provision of basic necessities such as toiletry packs, blankets, towels, mattresses, pillows, bedding, disposable nappies, and sanitary needs, as required.

Where possible, new clothing, or financial assistance for the purchase of new clothing, should be provided to eligible persons as soon as practicable. The use of ‘recycled’ clothing is a last resort.

A resource list of emergency clothing and personal requisites suppliers and options is included below. This lists organisations and retail outlets who agree to participate in these arrangements, and ensures that acceptable procedural matters have been established.

Name	Address	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
Supermarkets/General Stores Gnowangerup, Borden and Ongerup			
IGA Gnowangerup	Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup	9827 1109	
Gnowangerup Roadhouse	6 Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup	9827 1239	
Sadlers Butchers	Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup	9827 1254	
Borden General Store	9 Moir St, Borden	9828 1045	
Ongerup Farm Supplies and General Store	Eldridge St, Ongerup	9828 2072	
Katanning			
Woolworths	Clive St, Katanning	9820 8500	
Mattresses, Bedding, Clothing etc			
Communities Emergency Services	Mattresses from stores in Perth. Allow 6-12 hours	ON CALL PH	0418 943 835
Hardware Stores			
Primaries Gnowangerup Hardware	24 Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup Rd	P: 9827 1252	
Katanning			
Makit Hardware (BKW Coop)	Broome St, Katanning	9821 2211	
Katanning H Hardware	5 Claude St, Katanning	9821 1411	0448 211 411
Thrifty-Link Hardware - Katanning Stock	68 Austral Tce Katanning	9821 1955	
Fuel Outlets			
Gnowangerup Roadhouse	6 Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup	9827 1239	
Gnowangerup Fuel Supplies	Cnr of Formby and Cecil St's (industrial area)	9827 1124	0427 271 432

Appendix 9 – Personal Support Services

Communities will coordinate and provide personal support services, and where necessary, will work with other specialist agencies to ensure affected persons receive the necessary personal support to cope with the effects of loss, stress, confusion, trauma and family disruption. These include specialised counselling and psychological services and other appropriate services.

Personal Support Services can include practical assistance, emotional support, information, referral to other services, advocacy, advice, counselling and psychological services.

Information and advisory services may include other relief measures not necessarily provided by Communities, such as availability of grants and other forms of financial assistance, healthcare, provision of child care and financial counselling.

A list of relevant agencies and services is included below.

Advocacy and Counselling Services

Name	Contact Person and Address	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
Communities Psychological Services	Contact Communities Emergency Services	On Call phone	0418 943 835
CPFS Psychology Services, Albany	Mahsa Anderson	9841 0777	
Department of Health – Great Southern	GS Mental Health Albany Team Clinic Manager	9892 2440 0428 699 271	
Dept of Human Services - Centrelink	Wendy Tysoe - Manager Andrea Parker - Snr Social Wkr	6819 6530 0427 426 553 6819 6582 0429 121 849	
Salvation Army Emergency Services Unit 152-160 North Rd Albany	AuxLt Colette Albino	9841 1068 0405 860 071	0405 860 071
YouthCare	YouthCare Chaplain Callout Brent Finlay Area Chaplain Albany	0407 413 855 0417 071 886	
Anglicare		9845 6666	
Southern Agcare	Shannon Cooper - Coordinator	9827 1552	
Telephone Help Services			
Rural Link Dept of Health Statewide Services	Availability 4.30pm – 8:30am Monday to Friday and 24 hours Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. During business hours connected to local community mental health clinic	1800 552 002 1800 720 101 -TTY	
HealthDirect		1800 022 222	
WA Poisons Information Centre (WAPIC)	24hr advice on the management of poisonings or suspected poisonings, poisoning prevention, drug information and the identification of toxic agents.	13 1126 – 24 hour service	

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Beyondblue Support Service	24 hour telephone service Chat online (3pm - 12am) - https://www.youthbeyondblue.com	1300 22 4636	
Lifeline Crisis support, suicide prevention	24 hour telephone service Crisis support chat 7.00pm – midnight (Sydney time) 7 days. Outside of these hours call Lifeline - https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/online-services/crisis-chat	13 11 14	
Samaritans Crisis Line Anonymous Crisis Support	24 hour telephone service	135 247	
Suicide Call Back Service Telephone, video and online professional counselling	For at risk, carers and the bereaved Online chat and video counselling – https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au/need-to-talk/	1300 659 467	

Special Needs Interest Groups

Disability Services Freecall – 1800 998 214 (Freecall) TTY - 9426 9315 DC Disability Services Albany – Area Manager 6167 8667 or 0429 154 524	Albany Migrant Service - 9841 1190
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Translation, Interpretive and Hearing (AUSLAN) Services

<p>Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) 24/7 Some groups may be eligible for TIS' free interpreting services – ring TIS on 131 450 for more information. Costs are a guide only as they may change –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate phone interpreting including ATIS phone interpreting: 131 450 - 15mins @ \$34.22 - 4.1.18 • Pre booked Service – 1300 655 081 - 30mins @ \$82.89 – 4.1.18 <p>Text Emergency Calls TTY – Dial 106</p>	
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Medical Treatment

Gnowangerup Health Service 9827 2222	Katanning Health Service 9821 6222
St John Ambulance Emergency Calls – Phone 000 Community Paramedic : Andrew Brooker : 0417 127 889	Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Medical Emergency Calls (24 hours) 1800 625 800, Satellite phone calls – 08 9417 6389 Admin - 9417 6300

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Chemists/Pharmacists

Gnowangerup Pharmacy – 9827 1046	Katanning Pharmacy – 9821 1677
Katanning Hospital - 9821 6222	

Medical Supplies and Equipment including Wheelchairs

Calibre Care (Can hire equipment) 13 Cockburn Rd, Albany 9841 4200	Australian Medical Supplies 85 Cockburn Rd, Albany 1300 770 921
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Medical Waste Contractors

SUEZ medical and clinical waste specialist division – Perth – 13 13 35 1-7 Felspar Street, Welshpool	
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Community and Aged Care Services and Facilities

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Children Services

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Taxi/Bus Services – HMAs/Controlling Agency are responsible for transporting evacuees to and from Welfare Centres

No Taxi Service	
Trans WA Rail and Coach - 1300 662 205	

Appendix 10 – Key Local Contact List

Organisation	Name	Work contact	After hours contact
Department of Communities Albany District Office	Kellie Jaworski Local Welfare Coordinator	9841 0777 0428 384 355	9853 1174
District Director	Jan Wilkinson	0400 113 412	
District Emergency Services Officer	Neville Blackburn	0438 934 827	
Aboriginal Practice Leader	Rebecca Khan	0427 779 538	
Communities Emergency Services	Kim Dean, Director	6217 8194 Fax: 9221 6065	0439 934 175
Communities ES On Call Phone – all hours	Emergency Services	0418 943 835	0418 943 835
Department of Communities	Crisis Care	9223 1111 1800 199 008	9223 1111 1800 199 008
	Corporate Communications	0418 951 460	0418 951 460
Shire of Gnowangerup	Shire Office	9827 1007	
	Bob Jarvis Shire CEO	0428 982 710	
	Ian Graham Deputy CEO – Recovery Coordinator	0499 009 829	
	Lex Martin Backup Recovery Coordinator	0417 969 944	
	Yvette Wheatcroft Manager of Works	0439 791 925	
	Anrie Van Zyl Corporate Risk Officer	0499 515 733	
	Kirsty Buchanan Community Development Coordinator	0448 228 107	
WA Police Force GS District	Ian Clarke District Superintendent	9892 9300 + option 4	
Gnowangerup Police Station	IOC	9827 2800	0436 863 957
Office of Emergency Management – Great Southern Region	Adam Smith District Emergency Management Adviser	0429 104 007	
DFES Great Southern Regional Office	Wayne Green District Superintendent	9845 5000 (Duty No. – 24hrs)	
Dept of Health –	Katanning Health Service Robyn Millar (DON)	9821 6222	0439 202 344
	Helen McKay Gnowangerup Health Service	9827 2222	

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Dept of Health–Mental Health	GS Mental Health Albany Team Clinic Manager	9892 2440 0428 699 271	
Dept of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (Consumer Protection – tenancy issues)	Great Southern Regional Office	9842 8366	

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Lifelines

LIFELINES – PUBLIC INFORMATION	PHONE/FAX
Life threatening emergency	Emergencies 000 / 112 / 106
DFES Public Information Line	13 DFES (13 3337) www.dfes.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx
Emergency WA website for emergency warnings	https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/
Bureau of Meteorology website	http://www.bom.gov.au/index.php
WA Tropical Cyclone Information	1300 659 210
WA Land Weather and Flood Warnings	1300 659 213
WA Coastal Marine Warnings	1300 659 223
Australian Tsunami Threat Information (1300 TSUNAMI)	1300 878 6264
Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) - Primary public contact point for road closure information	Phone: 138 138 Fax: 9323 4400 www.mainroads.wa.gov.au
National Broadband Network (NBN)	1800 687 626 https://www.nbnco.com.au/ https://www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/what-happens-in-a-power-blackout/emergencies-and-outages.html
Western Power	Faults – 131351 Enquiries – 131087
Optus	131 344
Public Transport Authority	Emergency (public no) – 9220 9999 Head Office – 136 213
SES – Public assistance Communities making requests to SES go through the DFES Communication Centre (COMCEN) – 9395 9210 or 9395 9209. NB – SES may have limited capacity to assist due to other DFES operational requirements	132 500 Les Nayda, Unit Manager Gnowangerup 9827 1330 Mob. 0447 271 753 Gary Logan – Albany District Manager 9845 5000 Mob. 0428 100 483
Telstra	Faults – 13 20 00 Head Office – 13 22 03
Emergency Services Liaison Officer – Albany	Brad Nelson 0419 977 160
Water Corporation – Public assistance Water Corporation - Manager Control Centre Operations (MCCO) - 9395 9210 or 9395 9209 Can assist with water and waste water infrastructure, Water Corp assets, access to key personnel, reps at All Hazard Liaison Group meetings, support for ISG, OASG and IMT, other support or info during operational situations	Faults (public no) -13 13 75 Head Office – 9420 2420 Accounts and General

Appendix 11 – Sanitary, Waste Disposal, Hire Services:

Name	Type of Supplies	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
Rubbish and Waste Removal			
Shire of Gnowangerup		9827 1007	
Water Corporation Manager Control Centre Operations (MCCO)	Can assist with water and waste water infrastructure, Water Corp assets, access to key personnel, reps at All Hazard Liaison Group meetings, support for ISG, OASG and IMT, other support or info during operational situations	1300 483 514	1300 483 514
Sanitary Disposal / Bins			
G & M Detergents & Hygiene Services		9841 5944	
Hire Services			
Katanning Handy Hire	980 Daping St, Katanning	9821 2153	

CLEANING SERVICES

Name	Contact Details	After Hours Contact
If required to clean Shire premises used as a welfare evacuation centre will utilise cleaning contractor/s employed by the Shire of Gnowangerup and DC will cover the cost.	9827 1007	

Appendix 12 – Security Companies:

For security assistance at welfare centre if WA Police are not available.

Name	Address	Contact Details Day & After Hours
Southcoast Security Service	Static Guards, Security Patrols & Crowd Control 8 Sandford Rd, Albany	9841 2691 0417 964 102 (24 hours)

Appendix 13 – District Emergency Kits :

Contact Neville Blackburn, Great Southern DESO – 0438 934 827

Unconfirmed

Appendix 14 – Distribution List:

This plan has been distributed electronically to:

Department of Communities

- District's Local Emergency Welfare Coordinator
- Great Southern District Emergency Services Officer
- Emergency Services SharePoint site
- District 'S' Drive / LOCAL EMERGENCY WELFARE PLANS / Shire of Gnowangerup - December 2019

Local Emergency Management Committee

- Shire of Gnowangerup

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IMPACT STATEMENT

Mt Success Complex Fire Stirling Range National Park December 2019

An Impact Statement is compiled by the Controlling Agency as a concise summary of known and emerging impacts resulting from all level 3 incidents and level 2 incidents where there are impacts requiring recovery activity. They may be required for some level 1 incidents where the impacts require a local government recovery effort, due to slow onset large scale natural hazard events e.g. large scale flooding.

The Impact Statement is designed to enable collation of impact information in a format that can be utilised by local government and Local Recovery Coordination Groups to better understand impacts and inform recovery activities.

Impact information will continue to emerge throughout the response and recovery phases of an incident and requires ongoing assessment.

The Impact Statement provides an overview for local government including –

- known and emerging impacts,
- management actions currently in place,
- responsible agencies,
- future management actions required, and
- changes to responsibility for impact management.

The Impact Statement facilitates the transfer of responsibility for management of recovery to the relevant local government(s).

Note: This document should be compiled using the Impact Statement Guide, which provides detailed guidance on required information, consultation and data gathering regarding impacts.

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Incident controller OR Commander from HMA or Controlling Agency	
Name:	Stefan De Haan
Position:	Incident Controller
Agency	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Time and Date:	18:00 hr on 30 December 2019
Signature:	

COPY TO:

State Recovery Coordinator / Deputy State Recovery Coordinator	
Name:	Graham Swift
Position:	State Recovery Coordinator
Agency:	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Time and Date:	
Signature:*	

* May not be present to sign in person

2. INCIDENT DETAILS

Incident name:	Mt Success Complex Fire
Incident number:	463288
Incident address/location:	Stirling Range National Park
Affected EM district / region	Great Southern Region

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Incident type/description:	Bushfire		
Incident level:	Level 3		
Date commenced:	26 December 2019		
Controlling Agency:	Department of Fire and Emergency Services		
Commander / Incident Controller:	Stefan De Haan		
Local government(s) affected:	City of Albany, Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, Shire of Cranbrook, Shire of Gnowangerup, Shire of Plantagenet		
Additional information attached? (refer to section 13 of Guide)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Maps attached:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Incident Management Team stood down (where applicable)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	LG recovery arrangements activated?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Incident Support Group stood down?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Local Recovery Coordination Group activated?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

3. INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

<p>Brief overview of incident:</p> <p>The fire was caused by lightning on night of 26th December 2019 within the Stirling Range. The complex includes the incidents at Camel Lake area and Mt Success area. The Pre Formed Team Charlie was mobilised to manage the incident once declared Level 3. Chester Pass Road through the National Park has been closed throughout the duration of the incident, this is a Main Road.</p>

4. CHECKLIST OF IMPACT AREAS

Tick all items where there are known, emerging or anticipated areas of impact.

Details of all ticked items must be included on the following pages.

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Deaths	<input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable people needing assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Home and Community Care
<input type="checkbox"/> People unaccounted for	<input type="checkbox"/> Injuries	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical / health services
<input type="checkbox"/> People isolated	<input type="checkbox"/> Disease, illness or contamination	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transport
<input type="checkbox"/> People evacuated	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant issues with pets/assistance animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Community activities/interactions impacted
<input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation centres		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural heritage impacts		
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water catchments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Threatened or iconic species
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/> State forests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastline	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserves and parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Marine areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclusion areas	
ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture / horticulture / vineyards incl. livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining / industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Small / local business
<input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/> Retail incl. food suppliers, banking services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry / forest products	<input type="checkbox"/> Other large employers	<input type="checkbox"/> Workforce implications
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other
BUILT ENVIRONMENT		
Buildings	Hazardous materials	Utilities (services)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity supply
<input type="checkbox"/> Water tanks / contamination	<input type="checkbox"/> CCA treated timber	<input type="checkbox"/> Gas supply
<input type="checkbox"/> Community buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemicals / hazardous materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel / oil supply
<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage/cultural buildings/sites	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine hydrocarbons	<input type="checkbox"/> Water supply
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/industrial/retail buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Firefighting foam	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewerage infrastructure incl. waste water / re-use
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste management
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency service buildings		<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals	Transport infrastructure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Main roads	
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential group homes / aged care homes	<input type="checkbox"/> Local roads	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclusion zones
<input type="checkbox"/> Correction centres / prisons	<input type="checkbox"/> Bridges	
<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare centres	<input type="checkbox"/> Rail – passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Rail – freight	
<input type="checkbox"/> Training centres / universities	<input type="checkbox"/> Ports	
<input type="checkbox"/> Local government offices	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfields	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Major drainage	

5. SUMMARY OF KNOWN, EMERGING OR ANTICIPATED IMPACTS

* Refer to Section 5 of the Impact Statement Guide for help with completing this section.

<p>Social environment: N/A</p>	<p>Responsible Agency N/A</p>
<p>Natural environment: There has been a significant impact on threatened flora, most of which is endemic to the Stirling Range, with populations of at least 11 Critically Endangered species impacted by fire as of 29th December. The last unburnt patches of 'Montane Heath and Thicket of the South West Botanical Province' Critically Endangered Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC) are believed to have burnt, and there have also been significant fire impacts on the 'Montane Mallee Thicket of the Stirling Range' TEC. Populations of threatened fauna impacted include a number of Critically Endangered Short-range endemic invertebrates and the habitat for threatened vertebrates including the quokka, mallee fowl and Carnaby's black-cockatoo.</p>	<p>Responsible Agency DBCA</p>
<p>Economic environment: There are some tourism impacts due to the closure of the National Park as a result of the fire. Café and campsites have been closed to the public. Chester Pass Road was closed for the duration of the incident.</p>	<p>Responsible Agency DBCA</p>
<p>Built environment: An uninhabited Ranger's house at Moingup Springs was completely destroyed by the fire. There is an asbestos risk in the area due to that material used in the construction of the property.</p> <p>A DBCA Ranger's private vehicle was destroyed by fire at Moingup Springs. No further details are available at this time.</p> <p>A member of the public's camping equipment (Dome tents and "eski") were destroyed by fire at Moingup Springs.</p> <p>Park trail infrastructure associated with Bluff Knoll carpark and trail was damaged by the fire.</p> <p>A communications tower at Moir Hill was damaged by the fire.</p> <p>One Western Power power pole was damaged affecting supply to 14 customers.</p> <p>Bluff Knoll Road has been damaged due to heat from fire impact.</p>	<p>Responsible Agency DBCA</p>

6. EMERGING RISKS

** Refer to Section 6 of the Impact Statement Guide for help with completing this section.*

Overview:

The western perimeter of the bushfire is yet to be contained. This may present a risk should fire weather deteriorate in coming days. Once the fire is contained further work will be required to confirm impact on TEC and all threatened species to determine appropriate recovery actions.

Agricultural private property was burnt on the northern side of the National Park by farmers to create a buffer zone. This may result in erosion issues and fencing loss, and requires a full assessment in coming days. There is a potential economic impact on the farmers due to lack of feed within these paddocks and a potential loss of production in the future.

Through the OASG, the Shire of Gnowangerup has raised water shortage concerns within the Shire. This is being assessed by DWER for potential declarations and remediation.

7. POLITICAL AND LEGAL MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

** Refer to Section 7 of the Impact Statement Guide for help with completing this section.*

Overview:

The Critically Endangered Montane Heath and Thicket TEC was impacted by fire in 2018 with 86% of the TEC burnt. Bushfires in 1991 and 2000 resulted in 74% of this TEC experiencing a fire interval of only 9 years, which is close to the threshold of collapse for re-seeding species in this community. The current fire has had a significant impact on the remaining unburnt Montane Heath and Thicket TEC with aerial intelligence suggesting that the remaining unburnt patches on Mt Success, Moongoongoonderup and were burnt overnight on the 28th December 2019.

A Total Fire Ban has been declared for 31 December 2019 for the local government districts listed below:

Great Southern Region:

- Albany - All Day
- Broomehill Tambellup - All Day
- Cranbrook - All Day
- Denmark - All Day
- Esperance - All Day
- Gnowangerup - All Day
- Jerramungup - All Day
- Katanning - All Day
- Kojonup - All Day
- Plantagenet - All Day
- Ravensthorpe - All Day

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8. RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The following risks have been identified as a result of this emergency. An assessment of these risks has determined that they have been reduced sufficiently to allow the community to return with appropriate controls in place, however residual risks remain that require treatment. This list is not exhaustive and some risks may have existed before the emergency. Care should be taken to continually assess residual and new risks and develop appropriate strategies for their management. These should be communicated to the affected community where appropriate.

** To complete this section, refer to Risk Assessment process, matrix and description in the Impact Statement Guide Section 8.*

Alternatively, use your organisation's Risk Assessment matrix or template and attach to this document.

Risk	Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Level of Risk	Responsible Agency	Treatments/Mitigation (e.g. controls undertaken, further actions required – by who and by when)
Asbestos	There was asbestos found in the Park Ranger's House damage at Moingup Springs.	Likely	Moderate	High	DBCA	Contractor is being arranged by DBCA to demolish the remaining structure and safely remove
Communications Tower – Power Loss	Mains Power was lost to the Communications Tower at Moir Hill.	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Western Power	Main power to the site has been restored and all infrastructure is operating correctly. The generator has been removed from the site and DBCA Radio technicians will be completing a secondary assessment of the site tomorrow.

Alternate Risk Assessment matrix attached.

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9. COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA OFFICERS – CONTACT DETAILS

** May be referred to as Public Information Officers in some instances*

Organisation	Name	Position	Location	Email	Mobile	Alt. phone
Controlling agency (if not DFES) DBCA	Peter Hartley	DBCA District Manager	DBCA Albany	Peter.hartley@dbca.wa.gov.au	0427 423 657	
DFES	Selina Young	Community Preparedness Advisor	DFES Bunbury	Selina.young@dfes.wa.gov.au	0429 986 480	
Local government	N/A					
Local media	N/A					
Other <insert org name>						

* Add rows as needed.

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10. CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

This Impact Statement should be compiled in close consultation with agencies, community service providers and other emergency management and recovery personnel. Include details for all agencies that need to, or have contributed to the compilation of this Impact Statement.

Organisation / agency	Name	Position	Phone	Email	Contact made?	Info rec'd?
<input type="checkbox"/> Aqwest (water supplier in Bunbury)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Assoc. of Independent Schools of WA					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ATCO Gas					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Red Cross					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Arc Infrastructure					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Busselton Water					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Education WA					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dampier Bunbury Pipeline (gas)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Primary Industry & Regional Dev.					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Communities					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Defence					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Education					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Fire and Emergency Services					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Health					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept of Biodiversity, Conserv. & Attractions	Greg Mair	DBCA Regional Manager	0427 532 555	Greg.mair@dbca.wa.gov.au	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Planning, Lands & Heritage					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dept of Transport Marine Safety					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Horizon Power					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Local government (specify)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Organisation / agency	Name	Position	Phone	Email	Contact made?	Info rec'd?
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Recovery Coordination Group					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Main Roads WA					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> NBN Co.					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Transport Authority					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telstra	Shane Kinnear	Telstra ESLO	0419 887 936	Shane.kinnear@team.telstra.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Verve Energy					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> WA Housing Authority					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> WA Police Force					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Corporation					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Power					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Add others as needed					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. community groups					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> e.g. other service providers					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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For level 2 incidents with no significant recovery impacts, no further Impact Statement information is required.
 To make this determination, consultation with the State Recovery Coordinator, local government(s) and Incident Controller is required.
For all other level 2 and level 3 incidents, the information on the following pages MUST be compiled.

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11. IMPACT STATEMENT

Where necessary, use the **Agency contributions template** to source relevant information from contributing agencies. This table template can be found in section 13.3.2 of the Impact Statement **Guide**.

11.1 SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

* For help with completing this section, refer to the Guide Section 11: Impact Statement (11.1 Social environment).

Ensure that all ticked items from the checklist in Section 4: Social impacts, are transferred to this table. Add more rows as required.

Category (from checklist)	Agency/ Source	Key contact: Name, position, email, phone, mobile.	Impact: what has happened and what are the implications?	Current status: what is happening now, who is managing it and how long for?	Next steps: what needs to happen next, who will be involved and how long for?	Related attachment(s)?
N/A						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information on completed actions is attached to this document.

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11.2 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

* For help with completing this section, refer to the Guide Section 11: Impact Statement (11.2 Natural environment).

Ensure that all ticked items from the checklist in Section 4: Natural impacts, are transferred to this table. Add more rows as required

Category (from checklist)	Agency/ Source	Key contact: Name, position, email, phone, mobile.	Impact: what has happened and what are the implications?	Current status: what is happening now, who is managing it and how long for?	Next steps: what needs to happen next, who will be involved and how long for?	Related attachment(s)?
Threatened Ecological Communities	DBCA	Sarah Comer, DBCA Regional Ecologist, 0418 912 280 Sarah.comer@dbca.wa.gov.au	Flora and fauna significantly impacted by the fire.	Awaiting further detailed assessment once the area is declared safe.	Assess the damage to scientific equipment within the area.	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information on completed actions is attached to this document.

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11.3 ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

* For help with completing this section, refer to the Guide Section 11: Impact Statement (11.3 Economic environment).

Ensure that all ticked items from the checklist in Section 4: Economic impacts, are transferred to this table. Add more rows as required.

Category (from checklist)	Agency/ Source	Key contact: Name, position, email, phone, mobile.	Impact: what has happened and what are the implications?	Current status: what is happening now, who is managing it and how long for?	Next steps: what needs to happen next, who will be involved and how long for?	Related attachment(s)?
Tourism	DBCA	Peter Hartley, DBCA District Manager	Campsites and Café closed	Operators of the café have been allowed back in to assess impact.	Further consideration of opening park to the public once declared safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	DBCA	Greg Mair, DBCA Regional Manager	Up to 400 ha of Private Property agricultural land burnt as a buffer to prevent further fire spread.	Assessment of Private Property	Potential erosion issues and fencing repairs may be required.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	Shire of Gnowangerup DPIRD, DWER, Water Corp	<u>Shire of Gnowangerup</u> 9827 1007 <u>Water Corporation</u> Katrina Burton - 0467 766 038 <u>DPIRD</u> Sue Skirrow - 0459 024 899 <u>DWER</u> Tracy Culvert - 0428 180 420	Through the OASG, a water shortage was raised within the Shire of Gnowangerup, this may result in potential stock losses.	Assessment underway by DWER	If this is a declared water shortage, Water Corp will cart water to affected farmers.	

Additional information on completed actions is attached to this document.

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11.4 BUILT ENVIRONMENT

* For help with completing this section, refer to the Guide Section 11: Impact Statement (11.4 Built environment).

Ensure that all ticked items from the checklist in Section 4: Built impacts, are transferred to this table. Add more rows as required.

Category (from checklist)	Agency/ Source	Key contact: Name, position, email, phone, mobile.	Impact: what has happened and what are the implications?	Current status: what is happening now, who is managing it and how long for?	Next steps: what needs to happen next, who will be involved and how long for?	Related attachment(s)?
Ranger's House	DBCA	Peter Hartley, DBCA District Manager	House destroyed	Asbestos marked for recovery	Contractor to be engaged to remove all asbestos and debris from the property.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bluff Knoll Park Infrastructure	DBCA	Peter Hartley, DBCA District Manager	Signage and trail markers damaged by fire.	Full assessment underway.	Planning to be undertaken for replacements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moir Hill Communications Tower	DBCA	Peter Hartley, DBCA District Manager	Mains power was lost to the tower. Switchboard and power dome damaged.	Generator in place to power repeaters.	Western Power to repair power infrastructure.	
Road	DBCA	Peter Hartley, DBCA District Manager	Bluff Knoll Road has been damaged by fire/heat impact	Requires full assessment	Once assessed repairs will be arranged.	

Additional information on completed actions is attached to this document.

NOTE:

- Details of all *Rapid Damage Assessments* should be attached to this document as applicable. Include maps and photographs as appropriate.

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12. NIAM INDICATORS

National Impact Assessment Model indicators are used by the State to negotiate disaster relief funding with the Commonwealth. Complete this table using data captured above.

These columns indicate the relevant recovery environment for each indicator.

No.	Impact Indicator	Measure	# or %	Social	Built	Economic	Natural
1	INDIVIDUALS	# In evacuation centres					
2		# Injured					
3		# Fatalities					
4		# Unaccounted for					
5		# Isolated					
6	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES	# Destroyed	1				
7		# Damaged					
8	EMERGENCY SERVICES	# Destroyed					
9	Police, fire, ambulance, aviation, other	# Damaged					
10	HOSPITALS & PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES	% Destroyed					
11		% Hospital functional					
12	EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES Schools, training centres, universities, child care centres	# Destroyed					
13		# Damaged					
14		# Closed					
15	CORRECTION CENTRES Incl. prisons	# Destroyed					
16		# Damaged					
17	OTHER – RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOME, AGED CARE FACILITIES	# Destroyed					
18		# Damaged					
19	OTHER BUILDINGS	# Destroyed					
20		# Damaged					
21	BUSINESS BUILDINGS Incl. commercial and industrial (excludes rural)	# Destroyed					
22		# Damaged					
23		# Closed					
24	RURAL BUILDINGS	# Destroyed					
25		# Damaged					
26	STOCK LOSSES Livestock	# Fatalities					
27		# Unaccounted for					
28		Ha Destroyed					
29	AGRICULTURAL LAND	Ha Damaged					
30		AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION	% Lost				
31	AIRPORTS / HELIPORTS	% Functional					
32		# Damaged					
33		# Destroyed					
34	ROADS / BRIDGES	# Main roads closed	1				
35		# Other roads closed					
36	PORT	# Facility destroyed					
37		# Facility damaged					
38		# Ships impacted					
39	RAILWAY	# Passenger lines closed					
40		# Freight lines closed					
41	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	# Customers impacted					
42	GAS	# Customers impacted					
43	ELECTRICITY	# Customers impacted	14				
44	SEWAGE	# Customers impacted					
45	WATER – POTABLE SUPPLY	# Customers impacted					
46	WATER – CATCHMENTS	km ² contaminated					
47	NATIONAL PARKS	Ha affected	37000				
48	ANIMAL WELFARE	# Injured					
49	COASTLINE AFFECTED	km affected					
50	MARINE AREA AFFECTED	Km ² affected					

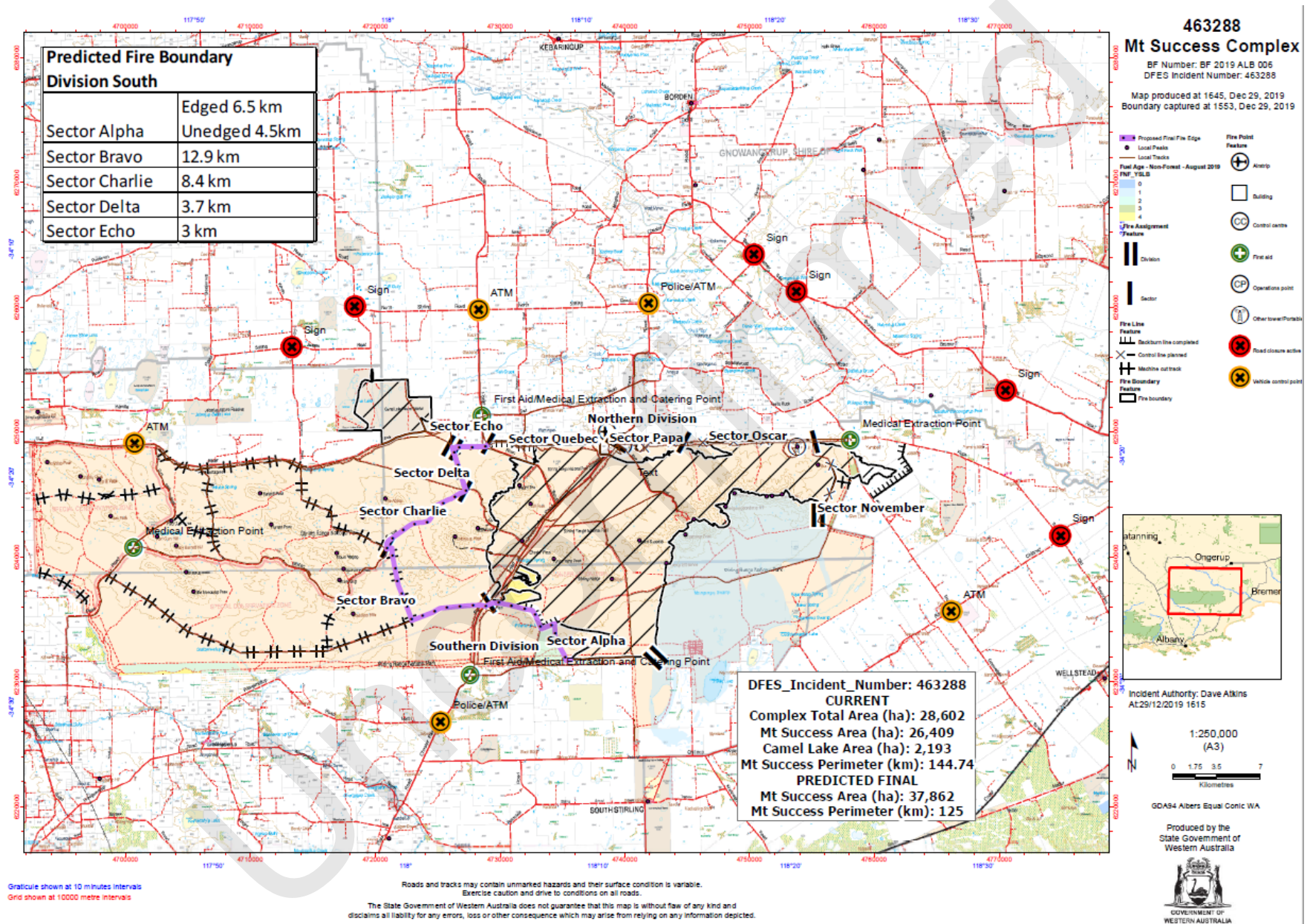
13. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

List all attachments to this Impact Statement

Attachment No.	Title & description (e.g. map, report, photo)
1	Incident Overview map
2	Moir Hill Communications Tower – Western Power board damage.
3	Moir Hill Communications Tower
4	Campsite/Park Ranger's house damage at Moingup Springs
5	Destroyed camping equipment at Moingup Springs
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Moir Hill Communications Tower – Western Power board damage.



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Campsite/Park Ranger's House damage at Moingup Springs



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Destroyed camping equipment at Moingup Springs



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Emergency Management News



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Happy New Year! We are keen to hear more from our Members so that we can showcase initiatives, learnings and case studies to further support the sector in their activities before, during and after an emergency. We encourage you to get in touch via [email](#), and share what you are doing to create and support resilient communities throughout WA.

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\$1.1m Jandakot Fire Station First to Feature Firewise Garden

The Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade's (JVBFB) new home is not just a shed for storing fire trucks but a high-tech training and communications hub for volunteers in Cockburn's rural east.



City of Cockburn Fire and Emergency Management Officer, Janaya Meneghini; Chris Ferreira (Forever Project); City of Cockburn Mayor, Logan Howlett; Councillor, Lara Kirkwood; Jandakot VBFB Capt, Jarrad Fowler; City of Cockburn Rangers & Community Safety Manager, Michael Emery; and City of Cockburn Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Shane Harris.

The new \$1.1 million facility includes a communications room to track volunteers' locations during deployment, plus an incident management station equipped with a Western Australian Emergency Radio Network (WAERN) base station.

The new 625sqm facility replaces a 1988-built 15m x 15m farm shed, enabling the 53-year-old brigade to securely store its 12.2 litre Bulk Water Tanker, a 3.4 litre Urban Tanker, a light tanker plus support vehicle and trailers in a purpose built 225sqm bay.

In a first for WA, the station is surrounded by a Firewise native garden designed to increase its protection against bushfire, and inaugural workshops to share this knowledge with the community are planned for the coming winter.

The FireWise garden was installed by the Forever Project. The plants are natives

that do not build up high fuel loads or release large amounts of volatile organic compounds, so are naturally resilient to heat from fire, limiting their ability to burn and create additional embers that could endanger the station. The garden features over 20 tonnes of recycled bricks, tiles and metal that helps to create a safe and welcome respite for staff, as well as stand as an important educational resource for local residents keen to reshape their own landscapes.

Funding for the Banjup facility on the corner of Liddelow and Oxley roads, includes \$570,000 from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the remainder contributed by the City of Cockburn.

The Forever Project will create their next demo FireWise garden with the Shire of Denmark in April.

Click [here](#) for more information on the fire station. The Jandakot Fire Station Firewise Landscape flyer can be accessed [here](#).

Donations for Bushfire Affected Areas

The unprecedented fires so far this season have led to significant property losses and human impact in many communities in Australia's eastern states.



WALGA has been contacted by a number of Local Governments who would like to make donations in support of their counterparts in affected communities.

WALGA has compiled a list of organisations who are accepting donations to provide aid to firefighting efforts, or to disaster relief and recovery. Some of these organisations provide the opportunity to donate directly to fire brigades.

This list is not exhaustive and Local Governments and individuals are

encouraged to research further if they would like to donate to specific causes not listed below, such as wildlife rehabilitation.

State Fire Services and Brigades

NSW - The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) provides the ability to [donate](#) to the RFS as a whole, or to specific brigades.

VIC - To donate to the State's Country Fire Association, or to a specific brigade, [click here](#).

QLD - QLD Fire and Rescue advise that donations of both money and items can be made through [Givit](#)

SA - In South Australia, the Country Fire Service accepts donations through the [CFS Foundation](#)

Disaster Relief Funds

- [Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund](#)
- [St Vincent De Paul Vinnies Bushfire Appeal](#)
- [Salvation Army Disaster Appeal](#)
- [Foodbank](#)
- [Victorian Bushfire Appeal](#)
- [Kangaroo Island Mayor's Relief and Recovery Bushfire Fund](#)
- [Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Disaster Resilience and Recovery Fund](#)

For more information, please contact the [WALGA Emergency Management Team](#).

DRAFT Local Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies Guide and Template - Open For Comment

The Draft Guide and Template was developed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) as a result of the inaugural WA Local Government Animal Welfare in Emergencies (AWIE) Workshops.



The AWIE workshops were held in August 2019 and attended by more than 100 participants. The workshops introduced participants to the importance of considering animals and their welfare in emergencies, highlighting the unique and sometimes challenging issues that arise.

The Draft Guide and Template has been prepared to assist Local Governments to develop a Local Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (PAWE) that is relevant to their area of responsibility, the risks they face and the community they support.

The Guide and Template will provide support in development of a Local PAWE, and Local Governments will be encouraged to use the guidance to develop a PAWE that best suits their needs.

Local Governments are invited to provide comment on any aspect of the Guide and Template by Tuesday, **18 February**.

Click [here](#) to access the Guide and Template.

Please send feedback to WALGA Senior Policy Advisor Emergency Management, Evie Devitt-Rix via [email](#) or telephone 9213 2082.

Expression of Interest - Harnessing People Power: Increasing Local Government Support for Volunteers Event

WALGA will be hosting a full-day event on Harnessing People Power: Increasing Local Government Support for Volunteers on Tuesday, 24 March in the Perth metropolitan area.



Volunteers assisting at a Shire of Harvey recovery event.

The event will provide information to assist Local Governments to effectively support, direct the efforts of, and grow the community volunteer resource. The event will showcase a number of approaches that Local Governments from across the State are using to successfully engage with volunteers.

Case studies will focus on volunteering programs in environment and sustainability, however the general principles of overcoming the barriers to volunteering, nurturing partnerships and retaining volunteers will apply to many volunteering areas. Information on directing volunteer effort following bushfires, including assistance for affected residents, wildlife rescue and landscape recovery, will also form part of the event.

Please indicate your interest by emailing the [Environment Team](#). More information can be accessed on the [WALGA website](#). Please note the final program and online registrations will be available in February.

DPIRD Release Fact Sheets to Assist Animal Owners and Carers to Prepare for Emergencies

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is responsible for the State-level Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (PAWE), the State Support Plan - Animal Welfare in Emergencies.



Local Governments are encouraged to have a Local PAWE to support their communities to prepare for, and respond to hazards they face. DPIRD has developed a Draft Local PAWE: Guide and Template, currently out for consultation with Local Governments, to be made available online in 2020 (see item above).

Owners and carers of animals are encouraged to develop their own PAWE as part of their Emergency Plans for hazards they face. Advice on what to include in an owner or carer PAWE is included in the document [Bushfire - Plan for your Animal's Welfare in an Emergency](#).

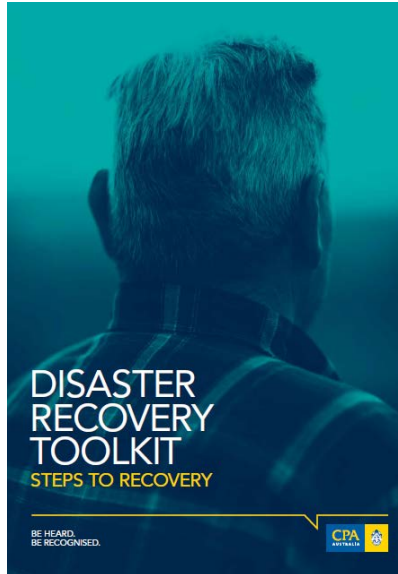
The following fact sheets are also available to help owners and carers of animals prepare for emergencies. They are available as both a single sided fact sheet or with the PAWE on the reverse side for printing at home.

- [Bushfire - Companion animals](#) | [Companion animals + PAWE](#)
- [Bushfire - Horses](#) | [Horses + PAWE](#)
- [Bushfire - Livestock](#) | [Livestock + PAWE](#)
- [Returning home after a bushfire](#)

Click [here](#) to access DPIRD's Animal Welfare in Emergency Page, or contact the [State Animal Welfare Emergency Coordinator](#) for more information.

CPA Australia Release Disaster Recovery Toolkit

The Toolkit is designed to assist small businesses impacted directly and indirectly by a disaster – especially where they do not have a continuity plan, or their continuity plan proves insufficient.



CPA intend the Toolkit to help such businesses take a considered approach to the many elements of recovery following a disaster.

This Toolkit focuses on business issues that CPA recommends those affected by a disaster should consider, and covers:

- What to do immediately following a disaster
- Taking stock – guidance on how to analyse and evaluate the state of the business
- A new business plan – guidance on developing a new business plan to help recovery and how to fund that new plan
- Long-term disaster recovery – guidance on additional activities that may help a post-disaster business operate better than the pre-disaster business.

The guide provides checklists and templates to assist in the disaster recovery process for businesses, as well as further references that can be reviewed if required.

Click [here](#) for more information and to access the Toolkit.

DFES Resilience and Recovery Newsletter

The DFES Resilience and Recovery Newsletter provides information on the activities of the State Recovery Directorate.

The Recovery Directorate will circulate the publication quarterly in 2020.

Click [here](#) to access the newsletter.

Resources

[Animal Welfare in Emergencies Factsheets for Owners and Carers](#)

[Emergency WA](#) - Alerts and warnings about cyclones, fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, hazardous material incidents and more.

[Main Roads WA Travel Map](#)

[Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements \(DRFA-WA\)](#)

Emergency Management Training and Events

[Harnessing People Power: Increasing Local Government Support for Volunteers](#)

Tuesday, March 24. Please express your interest by emailing the [Environment Team](#).

[Participate in Local Government Emergency Management Preparation](#) - One-day course

Thursday, **5 March**

Monday, **8 June**

Monday, **21 September**

[Manage Recovery Activities for Local Government](#) - One-day course

Friday, **6 March**

Tuesday, **9 June**

Tuesday, **22 September**

[Local Recovery Coordinator](#) - Two-day course

Monday & Tuesday, **30 & 31 March**

Thursday & Friday, **25 & 26 June**

Monday & Tuesday, **26 & 27 October**

[Emergency Management Fundamentals](#)

Available online

[AIIMS Awareness](#)

Available online

Who Should Attend WALGA Training? CEOs, Elected Members, Managers and Officers who would like to enhance their role in emergency management and/or learn more about the recovery requirements for Local Government.

Member Representation

Month of January

- All Hazards Liaison Group Meetings
- State Emergency Coordination Group
- State Exercise Coordination Team

Contact

If you have any questions or require more information, please email:

- Emergency Management, Manager - [Melissa Pexton](#)
- Emergency Management, Senior Policy Advisor - [Evie Devitt-Rix](#)

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Post Operation Report Mt Success Bushfire Complex (Stirling Range NP)

Event Details

Name of Event: Mt Success Bushfire Complex (Stirling Range NP)

Date: 28 & 29 December 2019

Cost Centre Code: 03768

Emergency Type: The bushfire was caused by lightning on the night of the 26th December 2019 within the Stirling Range National Park. The complex included the incidents at Camel Lake and Mt Success area.

Authorised Emergency Code: The Red Cross online enquiry system was activated for this event.

DC Activated By: DFES to the ESU On Call Officer Steph Williams on the 28th December, 2019. At 5:13 pm the On Call Officer contacted the GS District Emergency Services Officer (DESO), Neville Blackburn and advised that the Department had been activated and requested to open 2 Welfare Evacuation Centres in Albany and Gnowangerup.

Initially, the GS DESO had difficulty identifying District Staff who were available to be deployed immediately to the 2 Welfare Evacuation Centres. The GS DESO and one District Staff member were able to open the Albany Centre at 7pm.

In consultation with the ESU On Call Officer, S/DESO Ryan Hamblion and 2 ERT members were deployed from Perth with an emergency trailer to the Gnowangerup Centre. The GS DESO arranged for Staff from the Shire of Gnowangerup to open the Centre until such time as the ERT team from Perth arrived.

Location of Event: Stirling Range National Park. The complex of bushfires includes incidents at Camel Lake and Mt Success.

Location/s of the Welfare Evacuation Centre/s if opened: Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre (ALAC), Barker Rd Centennial Park (Albany) and the Gnowangerup Sports Complex, Strathaven Rd Gnowangerup.

DC Office/s Activated: DC CPFS Office and Early Response Team (ERT)

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre (ALAC)

Position/Title	Name of staff members
Case Support Officer, Albany DC CPFS	Sarah Jovanovic
GS DESO	Neville Blackburn

Gnowangerup Sports Complex

Position/Title	Name of staff members
S/DESO	Ryan Hamblion
ERT Member	Chadd Williams
ERT Member	Vanessa Zamboni
Business Manager, Albany DC CPFS	Denise Vaughan
Field Worker, Albany DC CPFS	Ken Fielder
Parent Visitor, Albany DC CPFS	Alisia Coyne

Three GS DC Staff, Debbie Lee, Rick Mantell and Alisia Coyne were placed on standby to travel to Gnowangerup on the afternoon of the 29th December to relieve the 3 DC GS Staff at the Gnowangerup Centre at 4pm if required.

Duration of Activation:

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre (ALAC)

The Centre was opened at 7pm on the 28th December and closed **3 hours** later at 10pm when approval was gained from the IC to close the Centre as no one had registered. A sign was placed on the door of the Centre to contact the Disaster Response Hotline if requiring assistance.

Gnowangerup Sports Complex

The Centre was opened at approximately 9pm on the 28th December and closed at 4pm on the 29th December, a total of **19 hours**. No persons registered at the Centre. Approval to close the Centre was gained by the GS DESO at the OASG meeting earlier in the day. After closure of the Centre a sign was placed on the door to contact the Disaster Response Hotline if requiring assistance.

Community/Communities Impacted: Mainly farming properties adjacent the Stirling Range National Park in the Shires of Gnowangerup, Cranbrook, Plantagenet, Jerramungup and the City of Albany.

Services Provided

- **Emergency Accommodation including Welfare Evacuation Centre/s; hotel/motel; other:**
Nil
- **Emergency Catering:**
Nil

- **Personal Requisites:**
Nil
- **Personal Support Services:**
Nil
- **Registration and Reunification:**
Nil
- **Financial Assistance:**
Nil

Expenditure Incurred

- Unaware of total cost of event to the Department at this time.

Resources Utilised

Nil

Follow up action required by DC in relation to:

1. **Accommodation:**
Nil
2. **Emergency Catering:**
Nil
3. **Personal Requisites:**
Nil
4. **Personal Support Services:**
Nil
5. **Registration and Reunification:**
Nil
6. **Financial Assistance:**
Nil

General Comments:

Despite GS DESO having a comprehensive list of all GS DC CPFS Staff who had made themselves available to assist if we were activated over the Christmas/New Year period, very few were available immediately when we were activated late afternoon on Saturday the 28th December. Most people I contacted had either plans for the evening or were already committed entertaining with family and friends.

The GS DESO had no trouble finding GS Staff available to assist from the Sunday Morning.

The importance of the ERT was highlighted in this activation when the ESU On Call Officer was able to muster a team from the ERT to travel to the Gnowangerup Sports Complex late on the 28th December when the GS DC CPFS were unable to do so.

The GS DESO remained in the Albany, 25 Duke St Office all day Sunday, 29 December, to initially brief GS Staff departing to the Gnowangerup Centre in the morning, attend OASG meetings, arrange rosters and generally coordinate the Department's response at a District level.

At the OASG in Albany for the event on the 1st January 2020, Police and St John Ambulance expressed concern about the welfare of some farmers impacted by the bushfires. After contacting the Director, Emergency Services, Kim Dean, the GS DESO arranged with Southern Agcare, who provide counselling and support services for rural people in the Great Southern, to assist impacted persons if required. A notice was placed on the Shire of Gnowangerup's Facebook Page offering counselling services for those impacted by the bushfires and to contact the Director, Emergency Services if they required assistance. The Director, Emergency Services has only received one enquiry to date from a person impacted by the bushfires and they were referred to Southern Agcare for assistance.

Recommendations/Actions :

Nil

Post Operational Report completed by:

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Date: 15 January 2020

On Call Officer, Emergency Services Unit Review

GENERAL COMMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

Name of On Call Officer: Steph Williams

Date: 15/01/2020

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Agency Advisory #6

COVID-19 (Coronavirus disease)

Tuesday 3 March 2020 14:00 Hours

This advisory has been authorised by the PHEOC Coordinator, Dr Revle Bangor-Jones

New Information

- As of 3 March 2020, there are two confirmed cases in WA, associated with the Diamond Princess cruise ship. On 1 March the first coronavirus related death in Australia was reported, in a 78-year-old man from WA, who was a passenger on the Diamond Princess cruise ship.
<https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Media-releases/2020/WA-confirms-first-novel-Coronavirus-death>
- An additional 713 Western Australians tested for COVID-19 in WA have returned a negative result.
- As of 06:30 AEDT 03 March 2020, there have been 33 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Australia, and one death. Of the 33 confirmed cases, there have been nine cases from NSW, nine cases from QLD, three cases from SA, nine cases from VIC, two cases from WA and one case from Tasmania. Fifteen of these cases are reported to have recovered. The remaining cases are in a stable condition.
- According to the most recent WHO Situation Report dated 3 March 2020, in the past 24 hours:
 - Worldwide: 1,804 new confirmed cases were reported (88,948 total);
 - In China: 206 new confirmed cases were reported (80,174 total); 42 new deaths were reported (2,915 total). Note that from 13 – 20 February 2020 China included “clinically diagnosed” cases, some of these may have been revised later pending laboratory outcomes. This may affect case numbers reported during and following that period;
 - Outside of China: 1,598 new confirmed cases were reported (8,774 total). Six new countries (Armenia, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, Iceland, and Indonesia) reported cases. Twenty-four new deaths outside of China were reported (128 total).
- Federal Minister for Health and Chief Health Officer Media Release 1 March 2020.
<https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/western-australian-covid-19-case>
- In WA, the Chief Health Officer has formally escalated the Infectious Disease Emergency Management Plan to INITIAL ACTION PHASE and the State Hazard Plan Human Biosecurity has been activated to STANDBY PHASE.

- **TRAVEL ALERTS** - All travel alerts regarding COVID-19 can be followed at [Smartraveller](#). Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade travel advice in summary:
 - Iran and Mainland China 'level 4 - do not travel'.
 - Northern Italy (Lombardia and Veneto regions) Japan, Mongolia and South Korea 'level 2 - exercise a high degree of caution'. It is also advised that travellers reconsider the need to travel to Daegu and Chengdu in South Korea due to significant outbreaks of COVID-19 in those cities.

Returning Travellers

- The following travel restrictions are in place **until 6 March 2020** for people entering Australia having left **mainland China on or after 1 February 2020:**
 - foreign nationals (excluding permanent residents of Australia) will not be allowed to enter Australia until 14 days after they have left or transited through mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan);
 - Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family will still be able to enter Australia, as well as airline crews who have been using appropriate personal protective equipment;
 - all travellers who have left or transited through mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) on or after 1 February 2020 must isolate themselves until 14 days after leaving China.
- The following travel restrictions are in place for people entering Australia having left **Iran on or after 1 March 2020:**
 - foreign nationals (excluding permanent residents of Australia) will not be allowed to enter Australia until 14 days after they have left or transited through Iran;
 - Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family will still be able to enter Australia, as well as airline crews who have been using appropriate personal protective equipment;
 - all travellers who have left or transited through Iran on or after 1 March 2020 must isolate themselves until 14 days after leaving Iran.
- **Countries considered to pose a risk of transmission as at 3 March 2020:** This list is based on the risk of the person having been exposed to COVID-19 due to travel to a country with sustained community transmission and/or based on the patterns of travel between those countries and Australia, and/or the other epidemiological evidence.
 - **Higher risk:** Mainland China, Iran, Italy, South Korea
 - **Moderate risk:** Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, Thailand

The most up to date list can be accessed at:

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm>

- All returned travellers who have travelled in or transited through **the remaining listed higher risk countries or a country considered to pose a moderate risk** of transmission in the last 14 days should self-monitor for symptoms and immediately isolate themselves if they become unwell. Further advice regarding additional measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission is imminent.
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN HOSPITALS OR RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS** - Healthcare workers who have returned from any *higher risk country* should be advised not to undertake work in a hospital or residential care setting, including aged care facility, for 14 days since leaving the higher risk country.
- Australian Health Protection Principal Committee <https://www.health.gov.au/news/australian-health-protection-principal-committee-ahppc-coronavirus-covid-19-statement-on-29-february-2020>

Summary of other key information

- On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations Emergency Committee declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- In Western Australia the Communicable Disease Control Directorate within the WA Department of Health Public and Aboriginal Health Division is leading the response to COVID-19 with the instigation of the Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC), in collaboration with the State Health Incident Coordination Centre (SHICC), and with support from the Population/Public Health Units and Health Service Providers.
- The best way to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 is to practise good hygiene. WA Health does not recommend the use of facemasks for the general community (who have no symptoms of respiratory illness), to prevent the risk of contracting COVID-19. See our [fact sheet](#) for further information.
- WHO Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331215/WHO-2019-nCov-IPCPPE_use-2020.1-eng.pdf
- WA Health has developed a fact [FAQs](#) sheet that is regularly updated as information changes.
- Biosecurity officers from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, with the support of WA Health staff, continue to meet all passengers arriving in Australian airports who have travelled to mainland China in the past 14 days, undertaking assessment and providing information on testing and isolation as appropriate.

More information

National Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080

- International information and updates: [World Health Organization](#)
- [WHO COVID-19 Rolling Updates](#)
- Various resources for employers, schools and higher education, health, aged care, childcare, transport, travel and hotel sectors are available at the following websites:
 - [WA Department of Health](#)
 - [HealthyWA](#)
 - [Commonwealth Government](#)
 - [COVID-19 MythBusters](#) (World Health Organisation)

Next advice - The next agency advisory will be issued on Friday 6 March 2020.

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