Clarence Valley Council (CVC)

Clarence Valley Local Emergency Management Committee (CV LEMC)



Monday 26 February 2024 – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Clarence Valley Council Chambers, 2 Prince St, Grafton and MS Teams

Minutes of meeting_confirmed

Attendance: Jo Schultz (LEOCON) – NSW Police (NSWP), Sally Scott – NSWP, Vicki Marsh - Alternate LEMO – CVC, Adele McGeary – Clarence Valley Council (CVC) Chair, Robyn Monk (LEMO) – CVC, Leonie Williamson – Local Land Services (LLS), Greg Lewis – Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), Kieran McAndrew – NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSWRA), Belinda Devine – State Emergency Service (SES), Lacy Loloa – SES, Susan Chapple – SES, Lisa O'Brien – Corrective Services NSW, Mark McGrath – Recovery Support Services, Tony Voss – SERCO, Bree Hiatt – SERCO, Neil Gendle – TfNSW, Ben Burbidge (alternate LEMO) – CVC, Peter Sweetman - Surf Life Saving (SLS), Chris Bond - SLS, Sharon Monaghan - Local Aboriginal Land Council (Baryulgil), Dan Madden – NSW Health

Online: Leanne Gollan – Department of Communities & Justice (DCJ), Mark Sekulic – SES, Stuart Watts- Rural Fire Service Rural Fire Service (RFS), Christine Gurman – Department of Education (DoE), Kylee Harrison (DCJ), Michael Reid - Port Authority, Maryanne Sewell – NSW Health, Glen Byrnes – NSW Police (REMO)

Minutes: Julie Wilks

| Item | | Discussion/ Comments | Additional Notes |
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| 01 | Welcome | Acknowledgement of Country | Meeting commenced at 10:03am |
| 01.01 | Apologies | Richard Garrels - NSWP, Joanna Jones - SES, Nerida Evans - DCJ | |
| 01.02 | Quorum | Quorum: 8 (CV LEMC currently has 14 members and 14 observers) | Total voting members at today LEMC, 8 – quorum reached |

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| 02 | LEMO Membe | rship & | Structure | | | Additional Notes | | | |
| 02.01 | | nded to | include the below char | minated to the LEMC memb nges in LEMC representation | | Christine Gurman from the DoE introduced herself and provided a quick overview of the role the Emergency Response Team will undertake to identify risks to DoE assets from Natural Hazards including floods and fires. | | | |
| 02.02 | NAME | | ORGANISATION | TITLE | MEMBER/ | Kylee Harrison replaces Tracy Forster from DCJ. | | | |
| | | | | | OBSERVER | Robyn Monk advised Council has appointed 2 new | | | |
| | Tracy Forster | Department of Communities & Justice | | Manager Client Services (Deputy WELFAC) | Member | alternate LEMOs to support her role. She added that the LEMC members were sent correspondence before Christmas regarding the new 24/7 number to contact the LEMO which is included on the contact list. Agencies and | | | |
| 02.03 | Incoming LEM | C Repre | esentatives: | | functional areas have been asked to share this number to relevant staff in their teams and use this to contact LEMO outside normal office hours. This number is diverted to | | | | |
| | NAME ORGAI | | ORGANISATION | TITLE | MEMBER/ OBSERVER | the on-call LEMO. | | | |
| | Sally Scott | | NSW Police | Alternate LEOCON | Member | Sally Scott was recently appointed as one of the Deputy LEOCONs (Richard Garrels is the other). | | | |
| | Kylee Harriso | viee Harrison Department of Communities & Justice Department of Department of Education | | Deputy WELFAC | Member | Chris Bond was recently appointed to SLS as the | | | |
| | Christine Gur | | | Leader, Emergency Response | Member | Emergency Management Coordinator North. He has requested his inclusion in email distribution lists and may assist the committee and represent SLS in emergency | | | |
| | Ben Burbidge | | Clarence Valley Council | Alternate LEMO | Observer | operation centre as required. | | | |
| | Vicki Marsh | Marsh Clarence Valley Council | | Alternate LEMO | Observer | | | | |
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| 03 | Confirmation | of Prev | ious LEMC Minutes | | Additional Notes | | | | |
| 03.01 | Ordinary Meeti Microsoft Tean | | Monday 9 October 202 | 23 at Clarence Valley Counci | l Chambers Prince St & via | Mover: Jo Schultz Seconder: Kieran McAndrew | | | |

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| 03.02 | Outstanding a | action Items: | |
| | | - Proposed Clarence Valley Recovery Supporting Plan in consultation with NSW n Authority and Council and present to LEMC for endorsement. | In Progress – Pre-event Recovery Plan working group Kieran McAndrew, Mark McGrath, Amanda Causley & Robyn Monk. At risk community profiles to be developed over the next few months. A draft will likely be presented to the LEMC in June. |
| | | | The state recovery plan is under review & NSWRA will advise if there are any issues that might impact local planning. |
| | 28 November the Cangai can | 2022 - SES to provide Council with preferred site options for flash flooding signage at mpground. | In Progress – SES advised original signs not appropriate, investigating alternate options and funding base. |
| | 28 November strategy | 2022 - Review Landslip CMG in consultation with LEOCON to incorporate Pilot Hill | In progress – See item 06.01. |
| | | 23 - Arrange an offline meeting with DCJ and ICOPE to discuss the CMEC action plan n with current WELFAC arrangements. | Complete – DCJ, LEMO and ICOPE met 23 October 2023 to discuss arrangements. |
| | 9 October 202 Modelling whe | 23 - Update evacuation centre audits to reflect the 2022 Lower Clarence Flood re required. | Complete – Evacuation audits have been updated to include the latest flood model data. |
| | 9 October 202 | 23 - Obtain licencing numbers for the Pacific Hotel Yamba. | Complete – Correspondence received from Police and included in the CMG |
| | 9 October 202 the next meeti | 23 - Include licencing numbers in the Pilot Hill CMG and present for endorsement at ng. | Complete – See item 07.01. |
| | | 23 - Develop CMG review based on Hazards & Risks assessment included in the ence Valley EMPLAN. | In progress – See item 08.01 |
| | 9 October 202 Sweetman's e | 23 - Follow up on Yamba SLS closures during orange & red alerts per Peter nquiry. | Complete – correspondence highlighting the recommendations from the Yamba Coastline Interim Emergency Strategy – Pilot Hill sent to Peter Sweetman 12 October 2023. |

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| | 9 October 2023 to the LEMC for | | | nmunity co | ssemination | Complete – email to LEMC participants sent 10 October 2023. | | | |
| | 9 October 2023 - LEMO to disseminate proposed LEMC dates for 2024 for feedback by 1 November 2023. | | | | | | | | Complete – dates determined (26 February, 24 June & 14 October 2024, disseminated to LEMC participants. |
| | 9 October 2023 Rd, Lavadia. | - Notify SEF | RCO of 2024 | 1 LEMC da | tes to plan si | te visit & LE | EMC meeting | at Avenue | Complete – Liaised with Bree Hiatt, June meeting will be held at SERCO and will include site visit. |
| | | | | | | | | | LRC first, LEMC then Site Visit – attendance required in advance so SERCO can arrange. |
| | 9 October 2023 | - LEMO will | circulate C | √ Flood sub | oplan for con | nment once | review is co | mpleted. | Complete – Volume 2 circulated 9 December 2023. Has been signed off and updated on SES & CVC websites. |
| 04 | LEMC Represer | ntative Rep | orts (Agend | ies & Fun | ctional Area | ıs) | | | Additional Notes/Action Items |
| 04.01 | Written Reports written reports to | | | | eived as 17 J | uly 2023. A | ny issues ide | entified in | Issues/action items arising from reports: |
| | LEMO | 7/22 | 11/22 | 03/23 | 07/23 | 10/23 | 02/24 | | Nil issues identified in agency reports. LEMO requested |
| | Busways | | | | | | | | that agencies submit reports 2 weeks prior to meeting to |
| | Clarence Valley Council | | | | ✓ | ✓ | √ | | allow sufficient time for review and have a response collated in time for the meeting. |
| | Coffs Clarence Police | √ | ✓ | | | | | | Health & NSWRA have since submitted reports. |
| | Essential Energy | | | | | | | | |
| | Fire & Rescue NSW | | √ | ✓ | √ | | ✓ | | |
| | Marine Rescue | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| | NSW Health | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| | NSW Ambulance | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| | NSW DPI/LLS | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |

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| | NSW RFS | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | NSW SES | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| | Port Author of NSW | ity 🗸 | | | | | | | |
| | Transport 1 | for | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| | Surf Life Saving | | | | | | | | |
| | NSW Reconstruction | on | | | √ | | | | |
| 0.5 | Comm Staffir Emerg Emerg Issues Any other info | the same for assets gency Exercipency Responsion can | ormat as writted Procedures gency Education changes is es/Training onse activities discussion be held over un | n reports, don campaigr | etailing: ns Business | y the Chair | If they are | accepted, | |
| 05 | Proposed Em | | anagement & | Rescue ex | ercise | | | | Additional Notes/Action Items |
| 05.01 | SES – Lacy Loloa SES were successful in applying for a grant via the Premiers Department to run a multi-agency exercise. SES want to run a scenario involving the Shannon Ck Dam that will test their operational capacity including flood rescue and evacuations. Proposed date - Saturday 4 May 2024. | | | | | | ACTION: Agencies to contact Joanna Jones directly if they have a scenario, they want included in the exercise. | | |
| | Planning has consider runni | | | | ek. SES als | o invited th | e LEMC me | embership to | |

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| | | har several plans including the Shannon Ck Dam Emergency Plan, Clarence Valley EOC SOPS have all been reviewed in the last 12 months and this is a good opportunity | |
| 06 | Clarence Vall | ey Flood Emergency Sub Plan Vol.3 | Additional Notes/Action Items |
| 06.01 | SES – Belinda | a Devine | |
| | inclusion of the contacts, consthe plan, the C | ne Clarence Valley Flood Emergency Sub Plan has been under review with the e 2022 Lower Clarence Flood Study update. Volume 3 includes information on alerts, sequences, warnings (gauges), caravan parks, evacuation triggers and response. In Clarence Valley LGA is broken into 13 sectors with relevant evacuation centres, road areas of isolation included. | ACTION: SES will send the authorised Volume 3 to the LEMO for further distribution to the Committee. |
| | Grafton would | Lower Clarence Flood Study (2022) indicates that a probable maximum flood (PMF) in see an increased flood level from 9.7 to 13.9m. This will see some assets previously fe now impacted in a PMF event including some significant community assets. | |
| | | SES Vol.3 plan takes into consideration structures such as the upgraded highway and the (new) Grafton Bridge which both impact historical road closure data and anning. | |
| | | rim document and will be continually built upon. It covers response arrangements, ment plans that inform evacuation plans. | |
| | An electronic of committee. | copy will be distributed to the membership and will be a support document for the | |
| | | nighlighted that the increase in heights will impact all agencies and SES will need to gencies, so they understand these impacts in relation to their assets and response | |
| 07 | Pilot Hill Land | dslip Consequence Management Guides (CMG) review | Additional Notes/Action Items |
| 07.01 | Pilot Hill CMG | tabled for review and endorsement. | The Pilot Hill CMG was endorsed in principle by the LEMC members. |

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| | summary reviel landslip CMG Council monitor (Pilot Hill) and warnings are it triggers. This aproperties. SES raised the NSW SES Clatheadquarters committee. The Team and the Historically, the Services build located at the this matter offle. | as circulated to the LEMC for review and endorsement. During the hazards & risks are well as part of the local EMPLAN update, Pilot Hill was separated from the general due to both historical events & the high risk of land slip at this site. OUTS Pilot Hill in accordance with the Yamba Coastline Interim Emergency Strategy records daily rainfall to determine when triggers are met. Orange and red alert sesued to landholders on the Eastern side of Pilot Street based on antecedent rainfall area includes the Pacific Hotel. Council maintains a contact list for impacted et issue of the primary Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) being co-located at the area includes the Pacific Hotel. Council maintains a contact list for impacted et issue of the primary Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) being co-located at the area includes the Pacific Hotel. Council maintains a contact list for impacted et issue of the primary Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) being co-located at the area values as documented in the draft CMG presented to the ey advised that the proposed site is not suitable for both the Incident Management Emergency Operations Centre. The primary Clarence Valley EOC was documented as being located at the Local Landing at Mulgi Drv, South Grafton. During the March 2022 flood event the EOCs was co-NSW SES Clarence Valley Local Headquarters. The LEMO and LEOCON will discuss ine, identify a suitable location and update both the Clarence Valley EMPLAN and so, and obtain formal agreement from the preferred sites. | ACTION: The LEMO will make changes to the primary EOC location in consultation with the LEOCON and Local Land Services once determined. |
| 08 | Consequence | Management Guides (CMG) review | Additional Notes/Action Items |
| 08.01 | With the risks November me a list of CMGs the hazard risl Historically, so (bush/grass). FRNSW indicates remain groupe as usual. They | & hazards assessment updated as part of the EMPLAN review, it was noted in the eting that this is an appropriate time to review EMPLAN CMGs. Robyn Monk presented resulting from this review, including established CMGs and required CMGs based on coprofile. The lead agencies were asked whether we keep risks grouped together. The lead agencies were satisfied that the CMG for Fire (commercial/residential/industrial) and Fire atted that they were satisfied that the CMG for Fire (commercial/residential/industrial) and as these incidents usually remain in the control of FRNSW as part of their business of also added that is up to the LECON to determine what information is necessary for each these documents inform their decision making. Retain as is. | |

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| | RFS advised t | hat Bush/Grass Fire should also remain combined for the same reason. Retain as is. | |
| | LLS advised the | nere is a new Bio Security CMG from State which will be updated. Leonie Williamson local version. | ACTION: LEMO to send current biosecurity CMG to LLS for update based on state CMG. |
| | risks to be add | gested that new CMGs can be reviewed as they arise. Some of the possible new dressed immediately include: s failure rave – we can draw information from the State CMG | ACTION: LEMO to bring together relevant information for Utilities Failure and Heatwave for LEOCON review and presentation at next LEMC. |
| | FRNSW also noted that large scale battery facilities may require CMG based on their risk profile and impact on emergency services. Need to investigate if Council has any such facilities under development of for consideration. | | |
| | LEOCON added they confirm if there are any large chemical warehouses in the area that may also require consideration. | | ACTION: LEOCON to identify if there are any large chemical storage facilities in the Clarence Valley LGA |
| | At this stage a | possible building collapse can be dealt with as a BAU incident. | |
| 09 | General Busi | ness | Additional Notes/Action Items |
| 09.01 | A new RE starting at Training w Casino, C The new S released. Robyn Monk (a 10th function) | Regional Emergency Management Officer) advised: MO Matt Johnston has been appointed and will commence duties on 12 March 2024 Lismore Station. vill be available to LEMC participants at the following locations on the North coast – offs Harbour and Grafton. State Emergency Management Plan and State Recovery Plan have been endorsed and LEMO) – In respect of the updated State Emergency Management Plan, its noted that all area, Department of Education (DoE) has been added. It's proposed that the LEMC | ACTION: LEMO to update LEMC documentation to reflect the addition of the Department of Education as the |
| | | rter, contact list and distribution list be updated to reflect this change and include the der, Emergency Response, Crisis, Response & Recovery with DoE in all future LEMC ce. | 10 th functional area under the State EMPLAN. |

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| | Emergency Op a flood event | ES) - The new State EMPLAN items 809 and 810 – the wording indicates that the eration Centre be co-located with the Incident Control Centre. This would mean during that SES would have 5 EOCs co-located which cannot be accommodated at Further to comments in action item 07.01, this is not suitable for as SES | ACTION: See action from item 07.01. |
| | and flood safe previous incide a 300-hectare tower installed prepared to sh Stuart Watts fr | dvised that the Balund-a (residential diversion program) site has updated their bush fire ty plan. This facility is in the northwest corner of the Clarence Valley LGA. During ents communication has been an issue as the centre has no mobile coverage and it's parcel of land with up to 80 people on site. It is hoped there will be a communication in the future. Currently the plan is that during an incident residents & employees are elter in place as a first option. The plan will be distributed to the LEMC members. Om RFS to will be undertaking an assessment of the site. Currently getting fire trials king in conjunction with the Local Aboriginal Land Council. | ACTION: LEMO will disseminate updated Balund-a bush fire and flood safety plan to LEMC members once received. |
| | is a significant | ew from the NSWRA stated the State Disaster Mitigation Plan has been released. This document which has a comprehensive list of actions including planning controls, as etc. A report will be submitted to the next meeting. | |
| | agencies have | lvised that Council is undertaking a Coastal Management Plan review. Relevant been sent the Costal Zone Emergency Action Subplan for review and comment and prespond by close of business 8 March 2024. | |
| | June 2024 in to (online) is a pr | Emergency Management and Working in EOC training will be held in Grafton on 5/6 he Prince St Council Chambers. Note: the NSW Emergency Management Program erequisite. The LEMO will send a link to training will be forwarded with the minutes. | |

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| 25 July 2022 | Progress proposed Clarence Valley Recovery Supporting Plan in consultation with NSW Reconstruction Authority and Council and present to LEMC for endorsement. | Kieran McAndrew, Robyn Monk, Amanda Causley, Mark McGrath | June 2024 |
| 28 November 2022 | Cangai Campground flash flooding signage. | SES, Clarence Valley Council | TBC |
| 9 October 2023 | Develop CMG review based on Hazards & Risks assessment included in the endorsed Clarence Valley EMPLAN. | Robyn Monk | By next meeting |

New Action Items:

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| 26 February 2024 | SES will send the authorised Volume 3 to the LEMO for further distribution to the Committee. | LEMO | ASAP |
| 26 February 2024 | The LEMO will make changes to the primary EOC location documented in the Pilot Hill CMG in consultation with the LEOCON and Local Land Services once determined. | LEMO | 1 April 2024 |
| 26 February 2024 | LEMO to send current biosecurity CMG to LLS for update based on state CMG. | LEMO | ASAP |
| 26 February 2024 | LEMO to bring together relevant information for Utilities Failure and Heatwave for LEOCON review and presentation at next LEMC. | LEMO | ASAP |
| 26 February 2024 | LEOCON to identify if there are any large chemical storage facilities in the Clarence Valley LGA | LEOCON | 26 June 2024 |
| 26 February 2024 | LEMO to update LEMC documentation to reflect the addition of the Department of Education as the 10 th functional area under the State EMPLAN. | LEMO | 26 June 2024 |
| 26 February 2024 | LEMO will disseminate updated Balund-a bush fire and flood safety plan to LEMC members once received. | Lisa O'Brien & LEMO | ASAP |