

Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date

13 November 2013 at 6.30pm

Venue

Wagait Shire Council Community Meeting room

Attendance

Chris Tyzack, Michael Campaign, Kim Dye, Fred Gillis, Peter Clee, Lorna Manning, Ian Hinchliffe, Nic Barclay Belyuen Clinic Manager, Barry Demasson, Trish McIntyre.

Apologies

Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 25 September 2013.

Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

- Fred and Michael to get updated information to Chris for recovery plan. This was completed and plan updated
- Chris to revise plan and supply to council for endorsement at its next meeting. This action was complete but as there is new Act for Emergency management about to be promulgated it was suggested it be endorsed after this occurs.
- Michael to place EOI advert in paper. Action completed and no response
- Michael to investigate future process of SMS messaging for local community. See discussion below
- Conducting first aid course in community to be investigated. Not completed

General Business

A revised and up to date contact list for committee was provided. Nick from Belyuen clinic advised of incorrect mobile and will provide asap. Ian also indicated email address incorrect. List to be updated and then circulated to members only.

Fred was asked to check with Bushfires group on any changes to equipment for the plan.

General discussion about SMS messaging in context of disaster management occurred. It was agreed council would need specific approval from each individual to use their mobile number for SMS. The Cox club has this capacity but we couldn't use their data set as in would be a breach of privacy. Sea link ferries also has the ability and uses it in case of adverse conditions affecting the ferry. Michael agreed there may be value in being able to use this form of communication with residents so he will place an advert in local paper to seek resident agreement.

The link to the new legislation was circulated to members under email. Some have had a chance to review. General discussion indicates it would appear there are some changed functions for NTES and there are also some protections for the actions of committees such as our. There is a need for a briefing from NTES, Chief Ministers and LGANT on the introduction of the new legislation. A request for briefings will be made.

New Business

Issues regarding response and recovery in context of NSW fires and Philippines Tornado were discussed.

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Chris provided a scenario and an example of a recovery action plan should we need to develop one. Reviewed by committee out of session.

Committee are reminded given cyclone season to let Chris and in her absence Michael know if you are unavailable over the coming three months.

Belyuen clinic manager advised group that clinic (Wagait Beach clinic area attached to Community Centre) now had the cyclone medical kit available for the shelter.

Michael raised issue of need for deputy shelter manager. It was suggested this was not this groups remit but we did make some suggestions for him to follow up.

Business arising from this meeting

- Chris to finalise plan once new legislation is enacted and Bushfires equipment list correct.
- Michael to place advert in local paper to gain resident agreement for SMS messaging service for council/council sponsored information including emergency management information
- Conducting first aid course in community to be investigated.
- Shelter capacity to be raised with relevant people
- Committee member to advise Chris /Michael if unavailability for next 3 months
- Chris to recirculate contact list via email once amendments received

Next meeting

The next meeting is proposed for Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 6.30.