

Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

Final Minutes

Meeting Date

16 January 2013 at 6.30pm

Venue

Wagait Shire Council Community Meeting room

Attendance

Chris Tyzack, Lorna Manning, Nick Barclay, Fred Gillis, Trish McIntyre, Geoff Handicott, Peter Clee

Apologies

Kim Dye, Ian Hinchliffe, Barry Demasson, Karen Duncan,,

Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 11 November 2012 accepted.

Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

Chris to speak with Chief minister regarding new "welfare member"-outstanding

Chris to identify if local radio station operational and include in resources-not operational

Committee to suggest volunteer for web design if needed-a suggestion was made and will be followed up by Chris Matt Swanson will be contacted

Chris to update full plan when new census data available for area-outstanding

Geoff to put the plan on the council web site

Chris advised of article in last paper to inform community of committee

General Business

The group discussed the emergency recovery principles using the Tasmania bushfires scenario.

Property and infra structure damage mainly although there was some concern about the hill shanties and people who may have been in them. Power outages caused by timber poles. Not a problem in NT where we have metal. Twitter site established by community member to respond to donations. Recovery coordinator not appointed for 2 weeks after the event (considered late). Debate about insured Vs non-insured and who gets what support. Issues around letting people back into their property. Issues of potential safety concerns and even though desirable to let people back in it may not be safe to do so. Pasture issues-takes 4 years for soil to recover from fire so pasture and restocking will be slow.

New Business

General discussion about using SMS messages to let community know about response and recovery. Fred to ask NTES if has been implemented in NT.

Donation of goods and services. A format to be agreed that can be used as the basis for the web page. Chris to draft proforma.

Ochre cards: this issue was raised in the context of operating the shelter and any other activities in which children are engaged. The group considered it would be desirable but impractical. Given the situation is an emergency may be able to gain waiver.

Next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be Wednesday 13 March at 6.30.

Meeting closed at 2000