

# Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

## Minutes

### Meeting Date

19 February 2014 at 6.30pm

### Venue

Wagait Shire Council Community Meeting room

### Attendance

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

### Apologies

Ian Hinchliffe

### Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 13 November 2013.

### Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

- Chris to finalise plan once new legislation is enacted
- Bushfires equipment list to be correct -Fred advised no change.
- A briefing on the new legislation will be requested once enacted.
- Conducting first aid course in community. Michael to investigate.
- Shelter capacity to be raised with relevant people. Michael advised he had discussed this with the NT Shelter manager and will seek clarification about capacity for community at Belyuen to cater on site for their needs. Nic indicated Belyuen has new plan and he will provide link to copy.
- Committee member to advise Chris /Michael if unavailable over next 3 months. Member to email chris with their dates absent.
- Chris to recirculate contact list once amendments received-done
- Michael to place advert in local paper to gain resident agreement for SMS messaging service for council/council sponsored information including emergency management information-see discussion under general business

### General Business

Further discussion about SMS messaging in context of disaster management occurred. Michael placed an advert in local paper to seek resident agreement but has had no response.

The Cox club has this capacity and Sea link ferries also has the ability and uses it in case of adverse conditions affecting the ferry.

It was agreed to pursue this issue further and several options were canvassed. Michael to contact shop (use their email list) Cox Club and Ferry to ask them to send out a message seeking resident involvement in council sponsored SMS. Also at all three location a flyer be placed with sheet and box so that residents can complete a form and submit. A flyer also placed under car windscreens and attendance at next Firies BBQ on 28 February at jetty discussed.

There was also agreement some form of information about SMS messaging should be on council web site.

Succession planning and new members: It was thought a public meeting around the new act may help gain interested members as the advert run by council in local paper had no response.

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Use of council buildings for recovery: General discussion about use of community centre for recovery activity or council offices. Trish advised council was very aware of restrictions caused by library in using that building for disaster response and recovery. They are attempting to gain funding for alternate building. Similarly a generator for that building is being considered.

### **New Business**

#### **Business arising from this meeting**

- Chris to finalise plan once new legislation is enacted
- A public meeting to be conducted and promoted when new emergency management act to advise community and to recruit members
- Michael to develop message to go to Shop, Cox Club, and Ferry seeking support to encourage residents to take up SMS messaging service for council/council sponsored information including emergency management information. Michael to develop flyer for car windscreens and shop/ferry/club.
- Attend firies BBQ at jetty on 28 February and hand out flyer.
- Conducting first aid course in community to be investigated. Michael to advise
- Nic indicated Belyuen has new emergency plan and he will provide link or copy.
- Committee members to advise Chris by email if unavailable in next 2 months and she will circulate to all.

#### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is proposed for Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 6.30.