

Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date

25 June 2014 at 6.30pm

Venue

Wagait Shire Council Community Centre

Attendance

Chris Tyzack, Fred Gillis, Peter Clee, Lorna Manning, Barry Demasson, Lisa Marie Stones

Apologies

Ian Hinchliffe, Michael Campaign, Kim Dye, Nic Barclay Belyuen Clinic Manager

Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 19 February 2014.

Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

- Chris to finalise plan once new legislation is enacted-done see general business
- A public meeting to be conducted when new emergency management act implemented to advise community and to recruit members. Chris has contacted Collene Bremner Chief Minister Department about public meeting
- 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. Michael advised he plans to download from Cox Club SMS system. To discuss further.
- Conducting first aid course in community to be investigated. Michael noted on agenda that it was not possible. Fred to discuss with NTES head office and see if course can be sponsored by them on cost recovery basis.
- Nic indicated Belyuen has new emergency plan and he will provide link see
- <http://www.belyuen.nt.gov.au/Emergency%20Management%20Plans.html>
- Committee members to advise Chris by email if unavailable in next 2 months and she will circulate to all-done.

General Business

Lisa Marie was welcomed to replace Trish McIntyre's who has resigned from council.

The group was advised of several grant applications that were put in for disaster resilience funds. Out come not yet known. One application for a NTES training room/library was rejected but council were advised to talk more with Allison Health at NTES. Fred and Jason Murphy (new Captain of Cox NTES) were both involved in the process. The other 2 applications were for a generator for council building and satellite phones for emergency personnel.

This committee would like to acknowledge the untimely death of Gary Carrington and commend him on the work he undertook in emergency response work for the peninsula.

Peter raised issue of minutes of this meeting being on council web site. This has been requested in the past but not actioned.

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The revised emergency recovery plan was tabled and committee advised the only changes were those regarding the new Emergency Management Act replacing the Disasters Act in the text. Lorna highlighted a couple of minor edits. Committee agreed to endorse the plan for submission to council for approval and placement on council web site.

Business arising from this meeting

- Chris to arrange plan to be submitted to council for approval
- A public meeting to be conducted and promoted about new emergency management act to advise community and to recruit members - suggested in September
- Further discussion on SMS messaging for council and emergency management business
- Fred to follow up with NTES regional office about possibility for cost recovery senior first aid course locally

Next meeting

The next meeting is proposed for Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 6.30.