

Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date

11 May 2016 at 6.30pm

Venue

Wagait Shire Community Centre

Attendance

Chris Tyzack, Fred Gillis, Kym Dye, Nic Barclay, Barry Demasson, Ian Hinchliffe, Peter Clee

Apologies

Lorna Manning, Deb Allen

Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 10 February Agreed.

Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

- The meeting scheduled for 13 April was cancelled and rescheduled
- Recovery operational principle list to be maintained by Chris. Chris re circulated to each committee member an updated document, advising this will be updated as required and the principles are not a set of hard and fast rules but notes that may be suitable depending on circumstance
- Local Phone Directory Chris to follow up. Chris advised that she was aware more work had been done on the local phone book and Fred mentioned that it was expected to be published and available shortly
- Action Plan Template Chris to circulate. A sample recovery action plan was circulated with the papers and will be useful in the context of recovery. The discussion determined that the checklist concept was more about a start up tick off document that could be used to ensure we cover all bases. Each agreed to have a look in their own work/interest area to see what they had and bring to next meeting

General Business

2016 census. Chris reminded the group the census will be conducted in August. The first Wagait Shire recovery plan was signed off by this group on the 18 May 2011 five years ago. It has been updated once in 2014 and will need updating once census data is available. Peter asked when this group got started and he was advised that it grew out of a public meeting sponsored by PFES that was held in Wagait in September 2010.

Kenbi settlement. The group discussed some of the potential issue for emergency/disaster management and the role of this group in the context of the settlement of the Kenbi land claim. One issue in particular is fire management of some of the peripheral town boundaries may become a problem if the local group is unable to do controlled burns on land under the claim

New Business

Peter advised the satellite phones that are available for emergency management are costing council \$30 per month per phone. Council has decided to cancel the carrier and will reinstated just prior to cyclone season. All agreed this made sense.

Peter advised he has established and purchased CB radio base station and plans to make this available for emergency management and recovery. He sought this groups agreement to sponsor an application for grant money from the Community Benefit

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fund for the purchase of extending the range of signal. The group agreed and Peter will put together the application. Chris to provide Peter with grant application templates.

Kym raised the issue of communication with the public in this community. She acknowledged there is face book, council notice board and shop notice board but suggested that people still seemed not to know what is going on. She suggested that an electronic display/notice board could be placed in front of council and regularly be changed to display meeting, events, critical information. The group agreed to investigate the cost of such a board and if suitable look at applying for grant funding. Peter mention there is a power point out front of council driveway. Peter agreed to follow up and cost one of the units.

Business arising from this meeting

Committee members to identify check list form
Peter to prepare grant application for CB radio funding
Peter to find prices for electronic notice board

Next meeting

The next meeting - Wednesday 12 July 2016 at 6.30.