

Wagait Shire Emergency Management Recovery Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date

25 February 2015 at 6.30pm

Venue

Wagait Shire Council Office

Attendance

Chris Tyzack, Lorna Manning, Ian Hinchliffe, Kim Dye, Michael Campaign,
Lisa Marie Stones, Nic Barclay Belyuen Clinic

Apologies

Fred Gillis, Barry Demasson, Peter Clee

Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 19 November 2014.

Business Arising/Action arising from previous minutes

- Wagait Shire Council to develop an information brochure for residents that includes information about emergency management arrangements action to be taken by CEO still outstanding
- Revised committee list circulated-action completed
- Information on council web site about emergency kits-action to be taken by CEO still outstanding

General Business

The committee had a general discussion regarding the cyclone effect in February and recovery effort in the East Arnhem region where over 100 houses were destroyed, and power out for some time.

The interesting features of this event where that the military was not called in because NTG believed they could manage without them.

Also they evacuated over 300 residents from one area and then when all clear given had difficulty returning them to home location. A point of concern was the relief funds these families were legitimately given was not necessarily spent to aid in response and recovery.

Another feature was NTES volunteers were called in from a number of sources to aid in the clean up. A recovery coordinator was appointed very quickly with the main task of resolving the intermediate and long term housing issues.

Nic Barclay, Manager Belyuen clinic advised nurses had been asked to assist in the cyclone affected areas.

Also discussed were the floods in Rockhampton QLD and one of the interesting features of this event was the very clear advice that NTES would not be available during the event. Also there were issues of communication difficulties because of telecommunications black spots a similar to Wagait Beach.

New Business

Business arising from this meeting

- Wagait Shire Council to develop an information brochure for residents that includes information about emergency management arrangements action to be taken by CEO still outstanding
- Information on council web site about emergency kits-action to be taken by CEO still outstanding

Next meeting

The next meeting Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 6.30 in council office.