

PRESENT

Members:

LEMO - Jeffery Sharp
DEMO - Peter Davidson
NSW Police
Fire & Rescue NSW
NSW Ambulance
NSW Rural Fire Service
SES - PMQ Hastings
SES - Wauchope
Marine Rescue CH
Hastings Macleay Network
Dept of Human Services – Disaster Welfare
PMHC Airport
PMHC Environmental Health Officer

Other Attendees:

Surf Life Saving MNC

The meeting opened at 10.30am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies from SES - Camden Haven (James Riddock), SES - Mid North Coast Region (Stephen Hart), National Parks & Wildlife Service (Steve Atkins), NSW Ambulance (Steven Towle), Fire & Rescue NSW (David Gray), PMHC Airport (Doug Page), NSW Rural Fire Service (Guy Duckworth), Department Human Services - Disaster Welfare (Jim Brock) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Hastings Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2012 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Business Arising from previous minutes be noted.

06 PROGRESS REPORTS

1. DEMO - report received. Changes to the SERM Act attached to the report. DEMO mentioned there have been several course cancellations due to low numbers. NSW Police enquired how they could be notified that numbers were low so they can nominate additional attendees. DEMO advised a reminder for courses is sent and that supervisors were meant to receive a copy of the confirmation. DEMO & NSW Police agreed to discuss further outside LEMC meeting and DEMO to investigate notifications to supervisors further. Any agencies holding/running exercises to notify DEMO.
 2. LEMO - report received.
 3. LEOCON - report received.
 4. Fire & Rescue NSW - Aluminium phosphate canisters operation bulletins provided. Incidents where canisters have washed up on beaches and agencies to be aware.
 5. NSW Ambulance Service - report received. Incident with Marine Rescue PM identified need for boat familiarisation for ambulance members.
 6. NSW Rural Fire Service - report received. Incident occurred last night, Toms Creek, rescue of trapped person. Issues with communication (signal) in the remote area. DEMO advised that due to the recent fires, LEOCONs to identify vulnerable areas. Discussion held regarding providing advice/brief to LEMC meeting prior to bushfire
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season on the high risk vulnerable areas. NSW Rural Fire Service advised that the risk management plans by area are available on the RFS website.

7. NSW SES Mid North Coast Region - no report
8. NSW SES Port Macquarie - report received. Michael Ward introduced as the Port Macquarie Deputy Controller.
9. NSW SES Camden Haven - no report
10. NSW SES Wauchope - report received
11. Marine Rescue Port Macquarie - report received
12. Marine Rescue Camden Haven - report received
13. Department of Human Services - Disaster Welfare - report received. Allan Rogers on 2 months leave (returning 2 April 2013), Jim Brock acting in Allan's role. Phone contact details remain the same. St Vincents have exited with the agency and there is now a gap in emergency provision, however in process of negotiating with other agencies for emergency response.
14. Hastings Macleay Network - no report. Quite time. Construction activities with large cranes, however contingencies and discussion with PMHC Airport in place.
15. NSW Department Investment & Trade - Regional Infrastructure & Services - no report
16. National Parks & Wildlife Service - report received
17. Department Human Services - no report
18. Essential Energy - no report
19. Telstra - no report
20. NSW Tafe - no report
21. Port Macquarie Airport - report received
22. PMHC Environmental Health Officer - no report. Camden Haven estuary still closed in relation to Noro Virus, waiting for clear results. Oysters have been relocated. PMHC Environmental Health Officer will advise agencies when clear.
23. Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch - report received.

CONSENSUS:

That the NSW Rural Fire Service present a brief overview of the high risk vulnerable areas for bush fire across the Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA to the next LEMC Meeting.

07 MAJOR EVENTS

Fire & Rescue NSW requested that the Traffic Management Plans for events be forwarded prior to the event and that Fire & Rescue NSW be consulted in the development of the Traffic Management Plan. NSW Police advised that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council hold pre-event planning meetings for major events and that NSW Ambulance and Fire & Rescue NSW should be invited to those meetings.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the date for the Ironman Australia event be amended to 5/5/2013.
2. That the event Anzac Day be noted for 25/4/2013.
3. That NSW Police requested the NSW Ambulance and Fire & Rescue NSW be invited to the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council event planning meetings.

That Port Macquarie-Hastings Council forward the approved Traffic Management Plan to the LEMC.

08 EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING

CONSENSUS:

That the LEMO schedule a meeting to review the Emergency Risk Management Plan.

09 NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES

CONSENSUS:

That the report be received and noted.

10 LEMC CONTACT LIST

CONSENSUS:

That the LEMC contact list be received and noted.

11 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Port Macquarie Hastings Local Emergency Management Sub Committee will be held on Thursday 16 May 2013.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

LEMO raised the communications tower at Mt Caincross. Council no longer hold any assets at this location and have received a request to maintain the bushfire risk in this location. LEMO requested LEMC to advise if agencies hold any assets/equipment at this location and to check if any formal agreement with Crown Lands identifying maintenance requirements.

CONSENSUS:

That the LEMO send an email requesting LEMC agencies to review if any assets/equipment are located at the Mt Caincross communications tower and further investigate and advise if LEMC agencies hold a formal agreement with Crown Lands identifying maintenance requirements.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.