

PRESENT

Members:

LEMO Deputy – Jason Doyle
LEOCON – Paul Fehon
REMO - Peter Davidson
NSW Police
Fire & Rescue NSW
NSW Ambulance
SES - Camden Haven
SES - Port Macquarie
SES - Mid North Coast Region
Marine Rescue - Port Macquarie
Dept of Family & Community Services
Local Land Services North Coast
Dept Human Services
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast
Australian Lifeguard Service
PMQ Airport (PMHC)
PMHC Environmental Health Officer
Essential Energy
RMS Maritime Division

The meeting opened at 10:34am.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the following apologies received be accepted:

- Jeffery Sharp – LEMO
 - Rod McDonagh – RMS Maritime Division
 - Steve Atkins – NPWS
 - Guy Beresford – Essential Energy
 - Alan Pretty – MNCLHD
 - Kam Baker – RFS
 - Guy Duckworth - RFS
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- Alan Malcolm – Camden Haven MR
 - Ken Rutledge – Camden Haven MR
 - Scott Anderson - DPI
 - Dean Moore - RMS Maritime Division
 - Andre Uljee - RMS Maritime Division
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03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2017 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the updates provided be noted and outstanding items be carried forward to the next meeting.

06 PROGRESS REPORTS

State Emergency Management Rescue Act is currently being reviewed.

Emergency Management courses being held in Port Macquarie-Hastings during September 2017.

SES PMQ recently completed road crash rescue training.

New portable tactical repeater installed at Wauchope which will be useful in search and rescue situations.

LLS investigating one case of Hendra virus in Lismore. New Biosecurity Act has come into effect.

Department of Human Services - Centrelink will distribute a new Emergency Plan following office refits.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the reports provided and request the following late reports tabled at the meeting be distributed with the minutes:

- Report 1 – REMO
- Report 3 – Police
- Report 10 – MR PMQ
- Report 16 - LLS

Report 12 - FACS

07 MAJOR EVENTS

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the events listed in this report.

08 LEMC CONTACT LIST

CONSENSUS:

That the LEMO distribute an updated copy of the contact list with the minutes.

09 MAJOR EVENT CONTINGENCY PLANS

NSW Police have written to Council regarding traffic management for the NSW State Touch Cup event to ensure that future events have sufficient traffic control in-situ.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee note the information provided in this report.

10 EMPLAN AND CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT GUIDES

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee endorse the final draft Port Macquarie-Hastings Emergency Management Plan and Consequence Management Guides for presentation and adoption of the Regional Emergency Management Committee noting:

1. Endorsement of the Utilities Failure, Building Collapse, Transport Emergency - Air, Earthquake and Landslip CMG's;
2. Removal of the Dam Safety CMG in lieu of accepting the Dam Safety Plan;

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3. Removal of the Bridge Collapse CMG making specific changes to the EMPLAN Annexure B as noted in the report; and
 4. Exclusion of the Terrorism CMG until such time as the ERM is reviewed.
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11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.01 DRONES

Civil Aviation Service Australia (CASA) have investigated 16 incidents of drones impacting with aircraft across Australia in the last 12 months. This is a growing concern for CASA.

11.02 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE - PAPPINBARRA FIRE EVENT

EOC was not activated during the Pappinbarra fire event as the RFS as the lead agency determined there was no need to activate given the resources provided on hand by other agencies were sufficient to manage the event and the early warnings provided by BOM in the lead up to the event did not indicate significant events in this area. Support agencies were briefed throughout the event and liaison officers were activated at the RFS offices in Wauchope or onsite during the event.

11.03 LEMC LIAISON OFFICER

Alan Pretty has taken a new position with MNCLHD and will no longer be the LEMC liaison officer.

11.04 REGIONAL EVENTS CONFERENCE

PMHC staff recently attended a Regional Events Conference that spoke to the heightened risk of terrorism activities at large events, for example, trucks driving through crowds, and the need to be prepared.

11.05 HENDRA VIRUS

No general proposals to further publicise the outbreak of Hendra virus. Training has been provided to SES staff and local vets.

11.06 MID NORTH COAST REGION SES MULTI-AGENCY EXERCISE

Mid North Coast Region SES are planning a multi-agency exercise for 9 September 2017 in Kempsey.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee request the SES send invites for the Kempsey SES exercise activity to the LEMC.

11.07 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - CYBER ATTACKS

Department of Human Services are currently receiving a number of cyber attacks at present and this is being experienced by a number of Federal Government agencies.

11.08 NEXT MEETING

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee Note the next meeting is scheduled for 16 November 2017.

The meeting closed at 11:12am.