
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 22 JUNE 2022
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. REPORT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022 at the Narromine Shire Emergency Services is attached (**See Attachment No. 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations from the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2022 be adopted.

**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
NARROMINE SHIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX ON
THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2022**

PRESENT: André Pretorius (Chair)(LEMO)(Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services, NSC), Cr Craig Davies (Mayor, NSC), Anthony McEachern (Captain, Narromine VRA), Graham Millgate (Deputy Captain, Narromine VRA); Rod Coombes (NSW VRA Rescue); Inspector William Russell (LECON, NSW Police Force Orana); Ewen Jones (NSW Fire and Rescue); Wade Haines (NSW Fire and Rescue); Peter Treseder (NSW Fire and Rescue); Anthony Hojel (NSW Fire and Rescue); Mark Pickford (NSW Rural Fire Service); Ben Loiacono (Inspector, NSW Ambulance Service); Lani Farnigie (NSW Ambulance Service); Simon Bracht (Fire NSW); James Didovich (Tomingley Gold Operations); Tony Coen (Tomingley Gold Operations); Sanu Thekkumpurath (Narromine Health Service); Sarah Masonwells (Resilience NSW); Erica Tudor (ARTC); Ben Madgwick (ARTC); Rowena Burke (Minute Taker)

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

2. APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED by consensus that the apologies of John Sevil (CEO, Timbregongie House) and Scott Heckendorf (NSW Police Force, Narromine) be accepted.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED by consensus that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2022 are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- "No Parking" signage at the front of the Emergency Services Building has been installed.

Ben Madgwick of ARTC provided a powerpoint presentation on the Narromine to Narrabri (N2N) Project.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- May 2022 REMO Report (**Attachment No. 1**) was circulated via email by Andrew Elms

6. CONTACT LIST

- Contact list to be updated and distributed once correct information has been received.

7. AGENCY REPORTS

(a) NSW Fire and Rescue (Andrew Hojel)

- Business as usual
- Scout Hall Fire only major event
- New recruits being trained for Narromine and should be on line in a couple of months
- Open day this Saturday 14 May

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7. AGENCY REPORTS (Continued)

(b) Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association (Anthony McEachern)

- 4 incidents since last meeting
 - Missing child
 - Drowning in a dam
 - MVA persons trapped
 - MVA persons trapped

(c) NSW Rural Fire Service (Mark Pickford)

- 21 jobs since last meeting
- 3 staff away assisting with flood work in the north of the state
- Annual tanker servicing program underway
- New respirator program underway
- Will remain acting in Manager's role until July 2022

(d) NSW Police Orana – Narromine (Inspector William Russell)

- New officer has started at Trangie
- One officer has resigned from Narromine station
- Currently one officer down
- Concern with accidents in and around LGA
- Traffic and highway patrol to assist
- Reminder for matters to be reported to the police and not on social media

(e) Local Land Services LLS

- No members in attendance

(f) Narromine Shire Council (Cr Craig Davies)

- Materials distribution centre has commenced construction on Narwonah Road
- 500 man work camp will be constructed at Narwonah
- Up to 750 man work camp will be close to Narromine
- Council attempting to get a housing program up and running to accommodate workforces associated with these significant projects
- Could be between 500-1000 new homes built in the LGA in the next decade
- The impact on emergency services of such a large increase in population will be significant
- Health and education system will be put under strain. Council working to secure funding to assist these areas. The State Government has recognised the growth and the impact it will have on the community.

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(g) Resilience NSW (Sarah Masonwells)

- Disaster Risk Reduction Fund has gone live
- Recovery planning workshops have been delayed due to staff reallocation
- Training is always available on line at www.emtraining.nsw.gov.au
- The provision of hampers to Covid affected community members is winding down due to the easing of restrictions
- Recent events in Northern NSW highlighted importance of LEMC meetings

(h) Narromine Health Service (Sanu Thekkumpurath)

- Narromine Health Service Emergency Management Plan endorsed and copy submitted
- Narromine Health Service Business Continuity Plan has been updated and is awaiting endorsement
- HSQHS and WHS audit due in Aug/Oct 2022
- No media issues to report
- Current vacancy for registered nurse
- Dr Andrew Caldin will work 4 days a week commencing 23 May 2022
- New casual registered nurse commences next week
- Virtual Rural GP service is continuing after hours
- Two new registered nurses are undergoing FLECC training
- Drive thru Covid testing clinic continues to operate
- Hospital Auxiliary have provided generous donation for the purchase of a bladder scanner and various furniture items
- No Covid transmission among the staff/patients
- No serious incidents reported in February, March or April 2022
- Aboriginal arts and signing strategy working party meeting underway – 3 artwork submissions received
- Health worker accommodation to be built – site visited by capital works team manager

(i) NSW Ambulance (Lani Farnigie)

- Trangie MVA and Rawsonville Road MVA – mulita agency events
- Actively training Trangie volunteers
- No staffing issues at Narromine
- Paramedic upskill training underway
- One vehicle temporarily offline

(j) Tomingley Gold Operations (James Didovich)

- Tailings dams – New legislation has come into effect in regard to preparations for emergency events
- Practical exercises need to be undertaken with relevant agencies
- Further details on the extent of the exercises required will be provided
- Further details to be provided for the next meeting

RECOMMENDED by consensus that the agency reports as presented be received.

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8. RESCUE SUB COMMITTEE

Inspector William Russell confirmed the meeting was held at 8.30am prior to the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting.

Future Meetings will commence at 8.45am

9. REMO REPORT

- Tabled (**Attachment No. 1**)

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

Narromine Fire and Rescue open day Saturday, 14 May 2022.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair advised a morning tea would be held at the conclusion of the meeting to thank Graham Millgate for his years of service as Chair of the LEMC.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 11 August 2022**, commencing at 9.30 am; to be preceded by a Rescue Sub Committee Meeting commencing at 8.45 am, to be held at the Narromine Shire Emergency Services Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35am

The Minutes (pages 1 to 5) were confirmed at a meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2022, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 12 May, 2022.

Chair



RRC

The next Region Rescue Committee (RRC) meeting will be in Dubbo at 1030hrs on Thursday 2 June 2022. This will be a face-to-face meeting with light lunch afterwards.

REMC

The next Central West REMC is scheduled for Dubbo at 1300hrs on Thursday 2 June 2022.

OPERATIONS

The REOC status is currently at 'Monitoring'. Issues currently being monitored are COVID19, flooding, Japanese encephalitis. The REOC is not currently supporting any operations but remains available if required.

La Nina continues to impact the region. Flooding in Queensland continues to make its way into the Far West region.

There are currently no local EOCs operating within the Central West.

LEOCONs

Narromine LGA welcomes INSP [REDACTED] as the LEOCON and SGT [REDACTED] as the Deputy LEOCON.

Lachlan LGA welcomes SGT [REDACTED] as the LEOCON.

REMOs

The REMO position for the north zone of the Central West, based in Dubbo, has been filled with the successful applicant commencing on Monday 2 May 2022. An introductory email will be sent with details after the new REMO commences.

[REDACTED], REMO Far West based at Broken Hill, retired in March. Central West REMO has been assisting Far West and will continue to do so until the position has been filled. [REDACTED] REMO New England is currently on extended leave and Central West REMO has also been assisting for that area as required.

TRAINING

Training courses are resuming for face-to-face delivery. I am currently working with ResNSW and other REMOs to be approved to deliver courses and become familiar with facilitating courses. Once approved, I will advise the dates of planned courses within our region.

The NSW Emergency Management Programme is available online through the ResNSW website (emtraining.nsw.gov.au). There are eight modules available to complete and anyone working or with an interest in EM is strongly encouraged to complete these modules. These modules are a pre-requisite for other ResNSW courses. Other useful online courses are also available.

EXERCISES

Conducted
Nil

Planning
NSWPF Western Region Business Continuity Plan discussion exercise date TBA

The REOCON, A/C Greentree encourages LEMC to recommence planning and conduct of emergency exercises as part of the PPRR cycle of emergency management.

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Central West (South Zone) Region Emergency Management Officer
26 April 2022