

**TOWN OF BASSENDEAN
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

STATE NEWS

STATE CONSULTATION REQUESTS

There are several plans that are scheduled for consultation in the second half of this year:

- State Hazard Plan – Severe Weather
- State Emergency Management Roles and Responsibilities Review
- Funding in Emergencies Arrangements

To give feedback on the above plans, visit the [State Emergency Management Consultation page](#), find the relevant consultation tile and select 'Get Involved'.

Current Consultation

The Department of Health has completed a review of the **State Hazard Plan (SHP) – Heatwave**. The new proposed SHP – Heatwave has a more robust model of monitoring for heatwaves for areas in the State that have traditionally not experienced the Plan activated in their area, specifically localities in the north of the State. Furthermore, the new SHP – Heatwave will adopt the Australian Warning System for natural disasters with Alert, Watch & Act, and Emergency Warning.

On the State Emergency Management Policy Branch Consultation Homepage, you can view the State Hazard Plan Heatwave, <https://dfes.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/heatwave>

AMENDMENTS TO STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

There are several amendments that have been approved by the State Emergency Management Committee to the suite of State Emergency Management Documents including:

- The **WA Community Evacuation in Emergencies Guideline** redesign and statement of fact amendments. This also includes statement of fact amendments to word versions of Appendix B (Emergency Evacuation Planning Template) and Appendix C (Operational Evacuation Plan Template).
- The revocation and removal of **All-Hazards Evacuation Flagging Guideline**.
- The removal of Evacuation Flagging from State EM Plan section 5.3.2.
- The revised **Traffic Management During Emergencies Guidelines**. This includes updated word versions of the Traffic Management Checklists and Templates and revised Traffic Management Aide Memoire.
- Statement of fact amendments were made to the State Support Plan – Emergency Public Information to add St John Ambulance to the response responsibilities for this Plan.

Full details of these changes can be found on the amendments page on the SEMC website.

SEMC CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK REVIEW – LG SURVEY AND WORKSHOP

The DFES State Capability Team on behalf of the State Emergency Management Committee is undertaking a review of the of the capability framework, the capability survey, and its associated data products. The purpose of this review is to ensure the capability framework and products are:

- fit-for-purpose in driving improved EM planning and preparedness
- relevant to stakeholders' EM needs
- consistent with emergency management best practice

Items included in this review:

- Capability Framework
- Annual and Preparedness Capability Survey
- Capability Summary Reports

Please find below the link to the **SEMC Capability Framework Review Survey**. The survey closes on **12 September**.

https://qplus.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_56YfPITcP8ojNrM

SEMC Capability Framework Review Workshop for Local Government.

The aim of the workshop will be to understand key themes arising from the capability review survey, Local Governments' emergency management information needs, and what the capability framework and survey could look like going forward.

Workshop details:

Date: 28 September

Time: TBA

Format: Microsoft Teams

Audience: Local Government representatives

Please email your interest to semc.capability@dfes.wa.gov.au. For further information contact: Neville.ellis@dfes.wa.gov.au

DEMC AND LEMC REVIEW

At its August meeting the SEMC endorsed the proposed project scopes to review the local and district committee structure. The objectives of the review are to:

- Establish clear roles, responsibilities, functions, and governance for DEMCs and LEMCs so they can achieve the strategic objectives of SEMC.
- Identify improvements to the governance arrangements and capabilities that will increase effective and efficient management outcomes.
- Create a shared understanding of the SEMC expectations of DEMCs and LEMCs.

DISTRICT NEWS

2022 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (DEMC)

The next round of District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) meetings and district exercise are scheduled for:

- Tuesday 18 October – South DEMC (East and South DEMC)
- Thursday 20 October North DEMC (Central and North)

The DEMC meetings will be Chaired by the metropolitan WA Police Force Commanders. The theme of the meeting will be Climate Change. Agencies and local government will be required to provide a strategic update on what your agency or local government is doing to support the 2020 Western Australian Climate Change Policy.

The discussion exercise will take place after the meeting and address core capabilities of the State Emergency Management Capability Framework and explore preparedness for the hazard of severe weather (cyclone).

DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HANDBOOK

A DEMC Members Handbook has been developed by the DEMC Executive Officers (also the DFES District Emergency Management Advisor's) as an attachment to the State Emergency Management Procedure 3.6 *District Emergency Management*. This handbook is an important reference for members of the District Emergency Management Committee. The DEMC Members Handbook was approved by SEMC at the 4 August 2022 and is available on the SEMC website.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (LEMA) REVIEW

In late 2019 SEMC approved a sector-led review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) requirements and responsibilities. SEMC and the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) have engaged Project Leads who will work together with key stakeholders to identify issues with LEMA and investigate and develop options for streamlining the process.

The LEMA review aims to:

- develop fit for purpose and adaptive local level emergency arrangements
- streamline LEMA processes
- encourage currency

The review consists of the following key activities:

- consultation and engagement with key stakeholders to obtain feedback on LEMA
- prepare a draft consultation and recommendations report, based on feedback.
- pilot projects or exercises to test new LEMA approaches.
- produce a LEMA Improvement Plan including an implementation plan.

As the LEMA review is not due until mid-2023, if your Local Government's LEMA is scheduled for review before this date, it is recommended to proceed as planned so your obligations under

the EM Act are maintained. Feedback and questions can be sent to LEMAreview@dfes.wa.gov.au.

WALGA is inviting local government to share feedback at a LEMA Review Workshop held:

- Monday, 12 September 2022
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Registration from 8:30 AM)
City of Stirling Administration Centre, 25 Cedric Street, Stirling
- Friday, 16 September 2022
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Registration from 8:30 AM)
Function Room, Town of Victoria Park, 99 Shepperton Rd, Victoria Park

To register for a workshop, please click through to the website [here](#). Read more in the [WALGA LEMA Review Issues Paper](#). Local Governments are also encouraged to provide written feedback by COB Friday 15 October 2022. For further information contact LEMA Project Lead, Simone Ruane, at sruane@walga.asn.au.

Your feedback is integral to help shape the future of Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

GRANT PROGRAM UPDATES

The National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) grant program is established under a National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Disaster Risk Reduction (2019-2024). It seeks to proactively reduce the risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards on Western Australian communities and economies. The 2022/23 grant round is progressing, and announcements will be made following the completion of the State and Commonwealth approval process.

The 2022-23 round of the All-West Australians Reducing Emergencies (AWARE) grant program is in the final stages of approval.

The SEMC endorsed a two-year schedule for both grant programs:

Year Program	2023-24		2024-25	
	NDRR	AWARE	NDRR	AWARE
Round Open	24 April 2023	16 August 2023	25 April 2024	16 August 2024
Round Close	29 May 2023	20 September 2023	29 May 2024	20 September 2024
Assessment Anticipated announcement	3 July 2023 September 2023	24 October 2023 January 2024	3 July 2024 September 2024	25 October 2024 January 2025

Further information on the NDRR and AWARE grant programs is available at <https://semc.wa.gov.au/funding>.

Please contact semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au for further information on the grant programs.

EVENTS AND TRAINING

- WA Fire and Emergency Services Conference - 9-10 September- Perth
- LEMA Review workshop – 12 September – City of Stirling
- LEMA Review workshop – 16 September – Town of Victoria Park
- Emergency Management for Local Government - 29 September – WALGA
- Community Disaster Recovery for Local Government - 30 September- WALGA
- Emergency Management for Local Government Leaders - 6 October – WALGA
- Recovery Coordinators Course for Local Government - 24 & 25 October – WALGA

2022-2023 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- 13 October 2022
- 1 December 2022
- 8 March 2023
- 3 May 2023
- 2 August 2023
- 4 October 2023
- 6 December 2023

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