



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
 29 February 2024 – 9.00AM
 MR – Function Room

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Margaret Thomas at 9.03am

2. ATTENDING MEMBERS

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| Cr Margaret Thomas – City of Kalamunda – Mayor | MT |
| Freya Ayliffe – City of Kalamunda – Manager Community Health & Safety | FA |
| Amanda Widjaja – City of Kalamunda – Manager Asset Maintenance | AW |
| Tim Parry – City of Kalamunda – Coordinator Community Safety | TP |
| Grant Howatson – City of Kalamunda – Senior Fire & EM Officer | GH |
| Nick Wilkinson – City of Kalamunda – Coordinator Recreation Facilities | NW |
| Kath Parkinson – City of Kalamunda – Manager Customer & PR | KP |
| Emma Morgan – City of Kalamunda – CRO Community Safety (Secretary) | EM |
| Mike Ward – KAL/DFES – Acting District Officer | MW |
| Michael Hall – KAL/DFES – Acting CESM | MH |
| Steve Lake – KAL/DFES – Deputy Chief BFCO | SL |
| Cate Willey – DFES – DEMA | CW |
| Brad Robinson – WA Police – OIC Forrestfield | BR |
| Helen Deacon – Kalamunda SHS – Principal | HD |
| Kerry Chipchase – Lesmurdie SHS – Principal (Proxy in attendance) | KC |
| Tony Moiler – KVFRS – Captain | TM |
| Cheryl Gole – Red Cross | CG |
| John Caniglio – St John WA | JC |
| Georgia Teather – St John WA | GT |
| Peter Van Der Vaart – Water Corporation | PV |

GUESTS

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| Meredith Chidlow – Department of Health | MC |
| John Coles – Department of Health | JC |
| Yashvee Manrakhani-Field | YM |

APOLOGIES (MEMBERS)

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| Gary Ticehurst – City of Kalamunda – Director Corporate Services | GT |
| Nathan Ritchie – City of Kalamunda – A/CEO | NR |
| Chris Lodge – City of Kalamunda – A/Director Development Services | CL |
| Sinead McGuire – City of Kalamunda – Director Asset Services | SM |
| Regan Travers – City of Kalamunda – Manager Approval Services | RT |
| Ryan Hamblion – Dept of Communities – Senior District ESO | RH |
| Wendy Jackson – Kalamunda Hospital – Emergency Management Coordinator | WJ |
| Michael Pasotti – DBCA – Fire Coordinator | MP |
| Warwick Martindale – SES – Deputy Unit Manager | WM |
| Natasha Bamber – Karingal Green – Executive Director of Nursing | NB |
| Cherie Sandilands – DPIRD – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator | CS |
| Nicholas Pagonis – Perth Airport | NP |



3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

30 November 2023
 Moved – Freya Ayliffe
 Seconded – Steve Lake
 Passed Unanimously

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 LEMC Members reviewed the LEMC TOR (Terms of Reference) and no feedback has been received.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Department of Health – WA Health & Emergency Management
Presentation is available on request

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

- 6.1 **IN** December Monthly Preparedness Topic – Total Fire Bans
- 6.2 **IN** Round Two of the Disaster Ready Fund Opens Today
- 6.3 **IN** Australian Red Cross LEMC Report – February 2024
- 6.4 **IN** Next scheduled LEMC
- 6.5 **IN** Updated Evacuation Resources and Local Plans
- 6.6 **IN** EOI Received – resources to support your application
- 6.7 **IN** WALGA – Emergency Management News – January 2024
- 6.8 **IN** 17th IFEH World Congress Draft Programme
- 6.9 **IN** Disaster Ready Fund – application support
- 6.10 **IN** Emergency Management Sector Adaption Plan Consultation
- 6.11 **IN** DRF R2 – Indicative Budget Template update; projects claiming past investments as part of co-contributors
- 6.12 **IN** Department of Communities – 3rd Quarter Agency Update – *To be circulated with Minutes*
- 6.13 **IN** DFES DA Report 29 February 2024 – *To be circulated with Minutes*



7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 There was no general business.

8 AGENCY UPDATE

8.1 CITY OF KALAMUNDA – SENIOR FIRE AND EM OFFICER GH

- 8.1.1 Fire Assessments – over 2000 properties have been completed with 94% compliance.
- 8.1.2 Only 19 properties that have had to be infringed so far.
- 8.1.3 Bushfire Preparedness Officers have been working well with the community and it is good to see the compliance rate coming off the back of the pre-season work done.
- 8.1.4 Emergency Management – looking to upgrade the fire signs to electronic sides through a possible Grant opportunity.

8.2 DFES – DEMA CW

- 8.2.1 Introduction/Background – not completely new to the Emergency Management side of things spent 18 months with SEMC and about 8 years in DFES working in Metro Operations now working as DEMA. From an operational perspective been on every team you can imagine. This is a really exciting time for me and to come back to old knowledge whilst updating and learning and understanding my role.
- 8.2.2 SEMC are working with WALGA – they have had a Webinar and a number of workshops.
- 8.2.3 Understand the City of Kalamunda is putting an application in on Disaster Ready Fund – going through the steps.
- 8.2.4 No DEMC Meetings are scheduled yet until the other position is filled.
- 8.2.5 **Action - Review attached DEMA Report sent with the Minutes.**

8.3 KVFRS TM

- 8.3.1 Business as usual.
- 8.3.2 VMB Boards are excellent at public education – we are not getting so many calls people seem to be cleaning up so doing a great job there.

8.4 CITY OF KALAMUNDA – MANAGER CUSTOMER & PUBLIC RELATIONS KP

- 8.4.1 Support role at the moment getting the City of Kalamunda messaging and education out there about what’s happening – total fire bans, fire related information.



- 8.5 CITY OF KALAMUNDA – A/MANAGER COMMUNITY HEALTH & SAFETY TP
 - 8.5.1 In terms of EM grant has said we are working on grants aware will be opening soon we are trying to take every opportunity for funding. Ranger team been busy with assisting with fire compliance team, complaints by neighbours etc and it has been surprisingly very compliant this year 3 or 4 percent up on last year. Pre-season work fire season finished we don't stop continue year around now so educating.

- 8.6 CITY OF KALAMUNDA – A/DIRECTOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FA
 - 8.6.1 Exciting news there is the International World Health Congress Conference in May comprising of emergency management and risk reduction. There is a US presenter coming for that – will send link and encourage anyone interested in attending. **Action – to send link/information with Minutes**
 - 8.6.2 Health are also doing an interesting program called Feral Pig Program with DBCA. We haven't managed to get any yet, but once a pig is caught you send off their tonsils to be analysed for disease - look for trends and if we need to do anything. Stay tuned first LG area to do that.
 - 8.6.3 There was a small incident on Monday with a Contractor Waste Vehicles on fire after someone put a mower with fuel in their skip bin. DFES were called and the Environmental Health Team and Rangers attended to assist with clean up.

- 8.7 WA POLICE – FORRESTFIELD BR
 - 8.7.1 Not a lot to update on – there are a lot of plans, Police are ready to respond 24/7. The only thing to note is that we are getting a new police station in Forrestfield which is being built for tomorrow and not today. The building will have capacity for about 100 officers with the hope to increase staffing and therefore response. It will be a real centre piece for Forrestfield and the City of Kalamunda as well – would love to have you down there one day.
 - 8.7.2 Crime rates could be discussed all day –one of the biggest problems is domestic violence and repeat attendances at the same places is a big burden. Cars getting broken into is another one, such as people leaving valuables in cars, burglaries doing alright and stolen motor vehicles tracking alright. Retail theft is a big thing for us. Mostly in this area we are very lucky.



8.8 KALAMUNDA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HD

- 8.8.1 It has been a relatively smooth start to the year. Our biggest challenge has been extreme heat impact on students, classes, physical education in particular. Students can't go on the oval and outside when there is a heatwave which has been a challenge. We have dealt with air conditioning breakdowns and we have had to rework the timetables to have classes open during recess and lunch, roster staff to supervise. Biggest challenge so far.
- 8.8.2 In relation to the building site - we are back on track for that after our previous builder went into receivership. We have dealt with some disruption to water, power, water in old asbestos pipes, every time they hit a pipe it causes problems for us.

8.9 LESMURDIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL KC

- 8.9.1 We have experienced similar issues to Kalamunda Senior High School and have had to invoke the extreme heat policy. It has been a hot start to the year. There has been a lot of cleaning up around the school to reduce fuel load, we have gardeners working overtime to manage that.
- 8.9.2 We do a bushfire plan annually - this has been done and lodged which ticks off on requirements.
- 8.9.3 When I was away, a water pipe burst and the Deputy Principal had a challenge at the school. This gave a different view of risk management, our processes are very governed by the Education Department and we had to evacuate the school as we didn't have toilets, drinking water. There was no immediate solution so the school was evacuated. It was interesting to note how the evacuation process worked, the school has a strict mobile phone policy but when the kids were told they could ring their parents, students were right onto their phones. They were quick to evacuate.
- 8.9.4 We did another scenario for fire and DFES has been wonderful in the past supporting us with these but we actioned a different scenario to respon to which adds reality. Practice has improved each time. It took 8 minutes this time which was very impressive.

8.10 CITY OF KALAMUNDA – ASSET MAINTENANCE AW

- 8.10.1 Asset maintenance the main challenge has been heat and having to reschedule work, staff not getting heatstroke etc. Otherwise, in terms of asset services it has been business as usual.



- 8.11 CITY OF KALAMUNDA/DFES – ACTING CESM MH
 - 8.11.1 Most of the council workers will know that land for Pickering Brook Fire Station has been rezoned by Landgate. The Grants process has begun including council submissions for this.
 - 8.11.2 Fire brigades will have 13 new recruits by end of year.
 - 8.11.3 No major bushfires in Kalamunda but had fair bit of involvement around the state, such as in Serpentine, Jarrahdale and Keysbrook.

- 8.12 DFES – DEPUTY CHIEF BFCO SL
 - 8.12.1 Pickering Brook Fire was discussed – it was a busy day around the area. Myself and Mike Hall along with the Incident Controller were on site, we had some limited support on site from DFES as their were career firefighters doing a Rural Urban Interface nearby on the same day. The biggest thing is to speak to is Tim and Grant’s team in relation to the preparation work they do in mitigation as well. These fires have a lot of potential, but we have also worked to reduce the risk. The Pickering Brook fire raced very far in an hour 137 hectares were burned by the end. It ran very fast in the first hour, but the rest of it put itself into trickling along due to the low fuel loads. Without that it would be a very different outcome. Definitely thankful for preparation work the City of Kalamunda and DBCA are doing.

- 8.13 DFES – ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER MW
 - 8.13.1 Steve’s sentiments are exactly right. Resources were stretched at the time of the Pickering Brook fire. Thunderstorm came through causing 8 significant fires at one time. Serpentine/Jarrahdale was complex and took significant resources. Steve was right, it was one of those bad fire days, easterly wind, dry, rate and speed was it was going to be down the hill by the end of the day. It is great that DBCA do the work they do with their burning program – it is quite significant and gave us opportunity to get around the fire and hold it. Without that hazard reduction burn, it would have been much worse. Everyone from council right through to mitigation is a must to promote. In the past it has been frowned upon to burn off but the greater good is fuel reduction.

- 8.14 WATER CORPORATION PV
 - 8.14.1 Mopping up after the storm in Mundaring currently. There is probably about another 4 weeks of tree loppers out there.
 - 8.14.2 Peter would be interested to talk to Freya about feral pig program, liaise with peter if you need to get some samples they have 120 this year of trapping and culling. 3.5 sq kms of bush land.
 - 8.14.3 Council is involved in rubbish dumping in pristine bush land and people displaced they set up home in the bush so we work with community groups to get them relocated.



8.15 RED CROSS

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- 8.15.1 Red cross always have a busy emergency management season working in response and recovery. There are people in evacuation centres today at Wanneroo. Red Cross are currently working in recovery with the City of Wanneroo working in outreach there. People cannot be in the field on very hot days which does limit Red Cross sometimes. We have been knocking on doors in emergency areas there. The idea of outreach is we do a wellbeing check to see how people are going since the fire and give them any information required or that they need.
- 8.15.2 Red Cross also works closely with Department of Communities for wellbeing referrals so soft and hard referrals.
- 8.15.3 We have closed most preparedness activities until after the season finishes but Red Cross does consider high risk communities.
- 8.15.4 Red Cross haven't had to do any work in City of Kalamunda this year. Red Cross will be doing Pillowcase Programs for schools again soon.

8.16 ST JOHN WA

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- 8.16.1 Thanks for the presentation.
A lot of learnings from Mundaring's storm, such as storage of medication, depot garage doors not working to get out and about, we had to relocate to Midland so there are few learnings from that – now looking into generators etc.
- 8.16.2 Waves program - in future meetings I could do a presentation on this.
Action - Grant Howatson to follow up for future presentation.
- 8.16.2 St John WA has new processes in place whereby patients can be referred on to a Doctor or Nurse who sit in a smaller area of the Belmont office to review patients without having to take them to the Emergency Department. There are now also virtual ways to refer, provide scripts, we can now give them medications and other such referrals without patients having to leave home. This is working really well for the vulnerable. It is also a benefit to the Emergency Department in that it is keeping people who don't need to be there from increasing the wait times & queues.

NEXT MEETING

30 May 2024

9 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 10.42am

**CITY OF KALAMUNDA
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISOR REPORT
29 FEBRUARY 2024**

STATE NEWS

STATE CONSULTATION REQUESTS

WA Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan Discussion Paper

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) is developing the Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP) to support Local Governments advance climate change adaptation and emergency management goals together.

The EM-SAP will be one of seven sector-based plans delivered to help implement the [Western Australian Climate Adaptation Strategy](#). An [EM-SAP Discussion Paper](#) has been released to gather input from EM stakeholders about sector-specific adaptation actions.

WALGA coordinated a targeted consultation with Local Governments to inform this pivotal SEMC initiative. WALGA held an **EM-SAP Information Webinar on 14 February** and **Interactive Workshops for Local Governments on 20, 21 and 26 February** to collaboratively explore the questions posed in the [EM-SAP Discussion Paper](#).

For more information about WALGA's EM-SAP consultation or to provide written feedback, before the 8th of March please contact Simone Ruane via SRuane@walga.asn.au

Broader community consultation on the discussion paper is open until the 29th of March with the delivery of the final EM SAP expected in mid-2024.

AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DURING EMERGENCIES GUIDELINE

The SEMC Executive Officer has approved a statement of fact change to the Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline in support of the Wooroloo Bushfire Review Recommendation 8: *DFES should consider establishment of road clearing capability to complement bushfire response, with the sole purpose of clearing roads to provide safe return of residents as soon as possible after fire.*

The latest version of the [Traffic Management During Emergencies Guideline](#) and [details of the amendment](#) are available on the SEMC website.

For any queries, please email semc.policylegislation@dfes.wa.gov.au

SEMC UPDATE - DECEMBER 2023

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) has recently approved changes to the suite of State Emergency Management (EM) Documents within the State EM Framework. These changes include the development of an All-Hazards Restricted Access Permit System (RAPS) Guideline, a detailed review of the interim State Hazard Plan – Severe Weather, and a new State EM Risk Management Guideline.

In addition to the documents mentioned above, the following State EM documents have been amended:

- State EM Policy – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline and Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Plan – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline

- State EM Procedure – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Glossary – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State Hazard Plan Fire – Consequential amendments resulting from the new Risk Management Guideline
- State EM Traffic Management in Emergencies Guideline – Consequential amendments resulting from the new RAPS Guideline.

These documents are now available on the [SEMC website](#).

DEMC AND LEMC REVIEW NEXT STEPS

The review into District and Local Emergency Management Committees, to evaluate their effectiveness in achieving the strategic objectives of the SEMC, was completed in December 2023.

There are more than 20 key findings in the consultant's report on the Review into District and Local Emergency Management Committees.

SEMC will examine the report's key findings and undertake further discussions with stakeholders, to create actionable insights to inform the development of a forward-looking plan.

Employing targeted improvements and changes to the current structure of DEMCs and LEMCs will create a shared understanding of SEMC expectations and increase effective and efficient emergency management outcomes.

LEMA REVIEW OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS

Following the finalisation of the LEMA Review in August 2023, the LEMA reform journey has reached a significant milestone, with the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) approving the LEMA Improvement Program and implementation approach.

To deliver on the commitment of a sector-led LEMA improvement process, the WA Local Government Association ([WALGA](#)) is partnering with SEMC. WALGA will work on behalf of local government, making sure that the sector is consulted, and their feedback guides the reform of local emergency management.

During the LEMA Improvement Program, consideration will be given to the SEMC strategic project, Review into District and Local Emergency Management Committees ([DEMC and LEMC Review](#)). The initial outcomes from the DEMC and LEMC Review have close links with the LEMA Improvement Program. Given the relationship between the two projects, the outcomes from the DEMC and LEMC Review will be taken into account when planning the LEMA Improvement Program activities.

It is important to note that if your local government's LEMA is scheduled for review, we advise that you proceed as planned to maintain your obligations under the EM Act.

If you have any queries in relation to either of these reviews, please email: info@semec.gov.au

DISTRICT NEWS

There are currently no District Emergency Management Committee meetings scheduled for 2024. Once the other DEMA Metropolitan role is filled planning and preparation for these meetings will get underway.

More information can be found by contacting the DEMC Executive Officer's:

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| Cate Willey M: 0427 162 486 E: cate.willey@dfes.wa.gov.au | Vacant M: Nil E: Nil |
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LOCAL NEWS

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.

Applications for the latest round of National Disaster Risk Reduction grant program (NDRR) closed 5 February 2024.

The NDRR is for projects aimed at reducing disaster risk and improving community resilience to natural hazards in Western Australia. The NDRR is funded by the Australian Government via the National Partnership Agreement on Disaster Risk Reduction. In Western Australia the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) coordinates the distribution of this funding via the NDRR. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) administers the NDRR on behalf of the SEMC.

The 2024-25 final NDRR grant round will make a total of \$2.5 million available for eligible projects under 2 funding streams.

Stream 1 - \$1.0 million to fund projects aimed at reducing disaster risk and building community resilience in alignment with the NDRRF.

Stream 2 - \$1.5 million to fund projects aimed at enhancing disaster resilience within communities in alignment with the recently released WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy in addition to the NDRRF.

[Apply for a National Disaster Risk Reduction grant \(www.wa.gov.au\)](http://www.wa.gov.au)

The [All-West Australians Reducing Emergencies \(AWARE\)](#) grant program for 2022-23 has been finalised and recipients can be found at:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2022-11/AWARE-recipients-2022-23.pdf>

The SEMC endorsed a two-year schedule for both grant programs below are the relevant dates for 2024/25:

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| | NDRR | AWARE |
| Round Open | 25 April 2024 | 16 August 2024 |
| Round Close | 29 May 2024 | 20 September 2024 |
| Assessment | 3 July 2024 | 25 October 2024 |
| Anticipated announcement | September 2024 | January 2025 |

Further information on the NDRR and AWARE grant programs is available at <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/state-emergency-management-committee/apply-grant-the-all-west-australians-reducing-emergencies-aware-program>

The **Disaster Ready Fund (DRF)** is an Australian Government initiative that will deliver up to \$200 million in funding over five years from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2028, to fund projects that support natural disaster resilience and risk reduction.

The Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) – Round Two applications opened on Monday 22 January 2024 and will close at 5pm on Wednesday 20 March 2024.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is the Lead Agency for Western Australia. Western Australian applicants must submit their application to DFES via the [online application portal](#).

If your organisation has already submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI), you will be contacted separately with further information on next steps for your application. EOIs closed at midnight Monday 22 January 2024.

Please ensure you have read and understood the DRF [Round Two Guidelines](#) and reviewed the FAQs and Factsheets available on the [DRF website](#) before commencing your application.

Applicants have been contacted to confirm that they are proceeding, some local governments have withdrawn their application.

SEMC have been speaking with the Dept of Communities regularly about the evacuation centre related projects and they have they are planning to work with WALGA in the coming year to try and take a more strategic approach to these types of projects.

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

NATIONAL NEWS

AUSTRALIAN DISASTER RESILIENCE CONFERENCE 2024

The Australian Disaster Resilience Conference running as a stream concurrently within the AFAC conference will be held in Sydney NSW from 04 - 05 September 2024. The theme is 'Maintaining momentum: Driving systemic change to create a more resilient future' and calls for abstracts are now open.

The 2024 Australian Disaster Resilience Conference will showcase and celebrate the exceptional work taking place across our country and explore the systemic disaster risk mindset that will enable us to create a more resilient future.

2024 SEMC MEETING SCHEDULE

- 6 March 2024
- 7 August 2024
- 4 December 2024
- 8 May 2024
- 2 October 2024

Complied by:
District Emergency Management Advisor
Metropolitan Operations
Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORTING**

Agency Update:
3rd Quarter 2023-2024 **Department of Communities
(Communities)**

Date: February 2024

EXERCISES AND TRAINING:
 Please see notes below.

| Date: | Title | Objectives | Location |
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Department of Communities – Emergency Relief and Support Update

ERS Capability Audit:

- Communities commissioned Nous Group to conduct an audit to establish the baseline capability of the Emergency Relief and Support sector in WA, with a view to identifying critical capability gaps across the state.
- The project focused on establishing a baseline of how well equipped the State is to prepare for, respond to, and recovery from emergencies and critical events in the six functional areas of ERS that Communities is responsible for.
- The findings have presented valuable insights and opportunities to increase the current emergency relief and support services to respond during an emergency event more effectively.
- A new internal capability framework is being developed to assist with bridging some of the gaps identified from the audit.

ERS New Structure:

- In late 2022, the Department of Treasury sanctioned additional funding to bolster the resource capacity of the ERS to 36 full-time equivalents (FTE).
- Stream 1 is responsible for Regional Response and Coordination
 - Immediate Response
 - Metropolitan and Regional Preparedness
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Regional Training
 - Locally led Recovery
 - Special Projects
- Stream 2 is responsible for Strategy and Capability
 - Capability Mapping, Intelligence and Reporting
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Stakeholder Engagement and Specialist Practice
 - Training and Development
 - Recovery
 - National and State Level Committees
 - DRFA and Special Projects
- Stream 3 is responsible for Business Services
 - Human Resources including the coordination of Emergency Response Teams and Surge Workforce personnel

- Finance
- Business Support and Administration
- ERS Systems
- Procurements, Grants, and Contracting
- Logistics
- Disaster Response Hotline
- DRFA Acquittals

Emergency Management Preparedness:

- **Evacuation Centre Audits:**
 - In collaboration with Local Governments and emergency management agencies, Communities continues to identify and assess suitable evacuation centres state-wide.
 - We have enhanced our evacuation centre risk assessment process and commenced a state-wide audit of these centres for better-informed risk assessment during emergency incidents.
- **Exercises, Training, and Partner Engagement:**
 - ERS Regional Coordinators are continuing Evacuation Centre Training and Desktop Exercises across the state, focusing on effective response and support during regional emergency events.
- **State Support Plan:**
 - Based on feedback received, the plan has been renamed to 'State Support Plan – Emergency Relief and Support'.
 - The State EM Policy Branch at DFES has updated the State EM Framework documents, including revisions to welfare references and other consequential amendments.
 - Local Emergency Relief and Support Plans (formerly Local Emergency Welfare Plans) are being updated to reflect the new terminology.

Recovery Update

- **Kimberley Floods**
 - The Department of Communities (Communities’) continues to provide emergency relief and support services to residents impacted by the Kimberley Floods.
- **Mariginiup Bushfire**
 - The Department of Communities (Communities’) continues to provide emergency relief and support services to residents impacted by the fire.
 - A Local Recovery Hub has been established by the City of Wanneroo at the Wanneroo Civic Centre