## **Clarence Valley Council (CVC)**

Clarence Valley Local Emergency Management Committee (CV LEMC)



Monday 9 October 2023 – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Clarence Valley Council Chambers, 2 Prince St, Grafton and MS Teams

## Minutes of meeting - confirmed

Attendance: Adele McGeary – Clarence Valley Council (CVC) Chair, Jo Schultz – NSW Police (LEOCON), Robyn Monk – CVC (LEMO), Amanda Causley – Department of Communities & Justice (DCJ), Bree Hiatt – SERCO, Ruby Driscoll-dyer – Transport for NSW (TfNSW), Joanna Jones – State Emergency Service (SES), Kristine McDonald, – SES, Mark Sekulic – SES, Susan Chapple – SES, Stuart Watts- Rural Fire Service, Glen Byrnes – NSW Police (REMO), Maryanne Sewell – Health, Dan Madden – NSW Health, Greg Lewis – Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), Elle May-Sullivan – Local Land Services (LLS), Catherine Pattison - LLS, Kieran McAndrew – NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSWRA), Scott Acton – NSW Ambulance (NSWA), Jim Bub - Surf Life Saving (SLS), Peter Sweetman - SLS, Leanne Gollan – DCJ, Nerida Evans – DCJ, Cheryl Dimmock – Iluka Community Organisation Planning for Emergencies (ICOPE) guest, Tony Belton – ICOPE (guest).

Minutes: Julie Wilks

Item		Discussion/ Comments	Additional Notes	
01	Welcome	Acknowledgement of Country	Meeting commenced at 10:08am	
01.01	Apologies	Lauren Kaloran – NSW Reconstruction Authority Richard Garrels – NSW Police Mark McGrath – Recovery Support Services (New School of Arts) Tracy Forster - DCJ		
01.02	Quorum: 12 (CV LEMC currently has 14 members and 14 observers)		Total voting members at today LEMC, 12 – quorum reached	
02	LEMO Membe	ership & Structure	Additional Notes	

02.01	has been amended to include the below changes in LEMC representation.			Peter Sweetman introduced Jim Bubb, recently appointed Zone Emergency Management Officer with SLS for the North & Far North Coast area. These are new roles for SLS, and Jim will advise of the finalised structure including LEMC representation once established.		
02.02	NAME	ORGANISATION	ORGANISATION TITLE			
				OBSERVER		
02.03	Incoming LEMC Rep	oresentatives:				
	NAME	ORGANISATION	TITLE	MEMBER/ OBSERVER		
	Jo Schultz	NSW Police	Superintendent	Member (LEOCON)		
	Adele McGeary	Clarence Valley Council	Manager Strategic Infrastructure	Member (Alternate Chair)		
03	Confirmation of Pro	evious LEMC Minutes			Additional Notes	
03.01		eld Monday 17 July 2023	3 at Clarence Valley Cound	cil Chambers Prince St & via	Mover: Stuart Watts	
	Microsoft Teams.			Seconder: Kieran McAndrew		
03.02	Outstanding action Items:					
		oosed Clarence Valley R pority and Council and p	In Progress – Pre-event Recovery Plan working group Kieran McAndrew, Mark McGrath, Amanda Causley & Robyn Monk. At risk community profiles to be developed over the next few months.			
			The state recovery plan is under review & NSWRA will advise if there are any issues that might impact local planning.			
	28 November 2022 at the Cangai campo	- SES to provide Counc ground.	In Progress – SES advised they have signage that may be appropriate for the site (see 17 July minutes – Item 10, general business). SES advise signage will be installed both ends of the camping ground and at the shop. Still awaiting approval before signage can be installed.			
	28 November 2022 strategy	- Review Landslip CMG	In progress – See item 07.01.			

LEMC Represen	tative Rep	oorts (Ager	ncies & Fun	ctional Are	as)		Additional Notes/Action Items
	<b>Written Reports:</b> Table below indicated those received as 17 July 2023. Any issues identified in written reports to be raised by reporting agency.						issues/action items ansing nom reports.
LEMO	4/22	7/22	11/22	03/23	07/23	10/23	Nil specific issues raised in reports received from Agencies & Functional areas.
Busways							
Clarence Valley Council					✓	✓	LEMO invited issues for discussion from agencies/functional areas who had not yet submitted a report:
Coffs Clarence Police	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				FRNSW advised will submit their report as a late report
Essential Energy							due to their focus providing support for current fire activity Notified the committee that they are currently experiencin staff shortage issues and challenges keeping all stations
Fire & Rescue NSW			✓	✓	<b>√</b>		on line.
Marine Rescue		✓					
NSW Health					✓		
NSW Ambulance		✓		✓		✓	
NSW DPI/LLS	✓					✓	
Dept. of Community & Justice	4				<b>√</b>		
NSW RFS	✓	<b>→ → →</b>					
NSW SES					✓		
Port Authority of NSW		✓					
Transport for NSW				✓			
Surf Life Saving							

	NSW Reconstruction Authority  Verbal Reports: will not generally be accepted unless allowed by the Chair. If they are accepted, they will follow the same format as written reports, detailing:  • Emergency Plans/Procedures • Community Emergency Education campaigns • Staffing or assets changes • Emergency Exercises/Training • Emergency Response activities • Issues for LEMC discussion Any other information can be held over until General Business	
05	ICOPE update	Additional Notes/Action Items
05.01	Progress of ICOPE & Community Managed Evacuation Centre action plan.	
	<b>Discussion</b> : ICOPE celebrated its 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary this week. Their priority objectives are refining the ICOPE action plan and Process and Procedures of the Community Managed Evacuation Centre (CMEC). They are working on developing documentation that outlines positions and roles for volunteers and equipping the CMEC for activation. ICOPE was successful with a grant application for \$22,342 to spent on CMEC equipment such as bedding, lighting, UHF radios and base station radio, etc. This equipment is being stored at the centre, but Committee is working with Council to have a permanent site for storage. An exercise was conducted to set up the evacuation centre, which was vey successful.	DCJ and ICOPE to discuss the CMEC action plan & its integration with current WELFAC arrangements.
	The Iluka Community Hall has been audited and endorsed as an evacuation centre by the LEMC. ICOPE Volunteers have undertaken training with Red Cross, including training in the Register.Find.Reunite process.	
	ICOPE plan to run exercises every three to four months followed by a SWOT analysis to identify areas of improvement. The next drill is planned to be at Club Iluka.	
	ICOPEs other focus is community connectedness. They have received grant funding to hold community parties, launch a website and run balance connection, a program for older adults. This grant also provided the funds to install an AED onsite and air conditioning in the front section of the hall.	
	Once website up and running a calendar of events will be available to the public. The next ICOPE meeting will be held on 11 October 2023 at 10:00am which includes first anniversary celebration off ICOPE.	
	Amanda and Robyn to meet with ICOPE offline to discuss set up of CMEC.	

06	Lawrence Golf Club Evacuation Centre	Additional Notes/Action Items
06.01	Presentation of the Lawrence Golf Club & Copmanhurst & District War Memorial Hall evacuation centre audits for endorsement & inclusion in EMPLAN.	
	<b>Discussion:</b> Both sites have been audited and the evacuation centre summary completed. Both audits were circulated prior to the meeting and Robyn Monk is seeking endorsement of these sites by the committee for inclusion in the Clarence Valley EMPLAN.	ACTION: Robyn Monk will update all other evacuation centre audits to reflect the 2022 Lower Clarence Flood Modelling as required.
	DCJ raised a query regarding the number of toilet facilities available at the Lawrence Golf Club. SES advised that during a recent visit, they were made aware that a toilet and shower block is being constructed at the site which will include disabled toilet facilities.	
	Robyn advised that she will review the site with DCJ once amenities are completed. They will also review the Grafton Golf Club following completion of renovations.	
	Robyn pointed out that the site map for the Lawrence Golf Club has been updated since the original circulated document to incorporate the 2022 Lower Clarence Flood Modelling recently adopted by Clarence Valley Council.	
	Copmanhurst War Memorial Hall and Lawrence Golf Club were endorsed by the Committee as evacuation centres.	
07	Consequence Management Guides (CMG)	Additional Notes/Action Items
07.01	Landslip CMG – Pilot Hill	
	<b>Discussion:</b> During the last LEMC meeting & review of the hazards & Risks summary, Pilot Hill was identified as a high risk landslip site requiring a separate CMG. In accordance with the Yamba Coastline Interim Emergency Strategy 2021, CVC monitor antecedent rainfall and groundwater levels at the site and notify property owners when orange & red level alert triggers are met. All information regarding Council's alert procedure, at risk property addresses & maximum occupation are listed. The Pacific Hotel is one of the properties which has accommodation, restaurant and	ACTION: Jo Schultz to enquire about licencing numbers for inclusion in CMG.  ACTION: Robyn Monk will add licencing numbers to the Pilot Hill CMG and present for endorsement at the next
	public bar, so numbers can vary. Police to investigate licencing requirements for the Pacific Hotel for inclusion in the CMG.	meeting.
	Once received, licencing numbers will be included in CMG & presented again for endorsement.	
	Following the Hazards & Risks review at the last LEMC meeting, Robyn Monk suggested abandoning the previous agreed CMG review schedule & replace with a new plan based on this review.	ACTION: Robyn Monk will formulate a CMG review plan for endorsement at the next LEMC meeting.
	SLS raised concerns regarding the access road and Yamba Surf Club during orange & red alerts and asked about Councils actions in relation to this.	ACTION: Robyn Monk to follow up on Yamba SLS closures during orange & red alerts per Peter Sweetman's enquiry.

08	TfNSW presentation	Additional Notes/Action Items
08.01	<b>Discussion:</b> Transport advised that Bawden bridge is expected to close for approximately 2 weeks for re-building & re-paining. Looking for feedback from emergency service agencies on consequences of this closure. The proposed detour is via Old Glen Innes Road which will be a 90-minute detour. Pedestrian access only will be available during the closure. Currently looking at conducting works being during the second quarter of the year. Transport will forward information.	ACTION: TfNSW will forward community consultation information to LEMO for dissemination to the LEMC for feedback submissions.
09	Proposed LEMC dates for 2024	Additional Notes/Action Items
09.01	Proposed LEMC meeting dates of 26 February, 24 June & 14 October 2024 (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon, except October) or 4 March, 1 July & 14 October (1st Mon Month, except October).  2024 REMC dates 20 March, 17 July & 16 October	ACTION: Robyn Monk will disseminate proposed 2024 dates with members to review and advise of preferred dates within 2 weeks.
10	General Business	Additional Notes/Action Items
10.01	RFS advised they are being kept busy with current conditions.  Police advised of a restructure within the region with Jo Schultz appointed as the Deputy REOCON and Clarence Valley LEOCON. Following a review of Inspectors, the proposed appointment of two alternate LEOCONs has been adopted. Richard Garrels has been appointed as one of two alternate LEOCONS with confirmation of the second later in the year.  Police are currently updating procedures for working with RFS during bush fires and staffing arrangements during emergencies. Also working on public order matters relating to the voice referendum and the Israel conflict.  Ambulance advised planning is underway for the holiday peak including schoolies and Christmas, as well as other events such as Jacaranda festival.	
	SERCO offered to host a LEMC meeting at the Avenue Rd, Lavadia site with a tour following. The LEMC welcomed the offer and will relay LEMC dates once determined.  SES have recruited over 35 staff across Grafton and Goonellabah since the split of zones earlier in	ACTION: Robyn Monk will notify SERCO of the adopted LEMC dates for 2024.
	the year. The Clarence Valley Flood Sub Plans Vol. 1 is complete & endorsed, Vol. 2 is under review currently and will be disseminated to the LEMC later this year for comment. Vol. 3 will follow next year once SES incorporate the 2022 Lower Clarence flood study in incorporated into their planning. Multiagency exercises on flood rescue and dam failure have been undertaken & SES are looking for opportunities to conduct an exercise in the Clarence Valley. Tsunami Plan up for	ACTION: Robyn Monk will circulate Vol. 2 for review & comment when SES advise it is ready.

		tate level. In the process of appointing Unit commanders for the next two years, d at Copmanhurst.	
	impacted areas to	tion Authority are embarking on a community outreach program across flood get feedback on the recovery journey. This process will occur in the Clarence -6 December. Kieran will provide an update at the next meeting.	
		management team has been set up at SLS and will be work through developing od response & recovery in collaboration with other agencies.	
		the Road have a new team dedicated to the site. A roll out of extra licences for the trip being offered during times of emergency. Information will be disseminated to nembers shortly.	
	several issues in	review fire fatality at Palm Lakes Resort, Yamba on 27 June 2023 has raised cluding security gate access and updating of emergency site procedures. il involve licencing requirements for developments with gated communities.	
	holiday period. Th preparedness pla	se they are focus on summer preparedness including schoolies and Christmas ey note that historically a list of events across region was circulated and aided in nning. Note fire ants heading South with presentations at hospitals more likely. ss for DPI/LLS notification of infestations or any incidents to be reported to Health.	
		ncy Management Officer informed that Emergency Management Training will Dates are now available <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/rescue-and-emergency-ing">https://www.nsw.gov.au/rescue-and-emergency-ing</a> .	
11	Meeting Close / N	lext Meeting	
11.01	Next meeting 10:0	0 am TBC	Clarence Valley Council Chambers, 2 prince St, Grafton
11.02	Meeting Close	11:27am	

## **Action Items:**

Date requested:	Outstanding action Items:	Who:	Completion:
25 July 2022	Progress proposed Clarence Valley Recovery Supporting Plan in consultation with NSW Reconstruction Authority and Council and present to LEMC for endorsement.	Robyn Monk	TBC
28 November 2022	Cangai Campground flash flooding signage.	SES, Clarence Valley Council	TBC
28 November 2022	Review Landslip CMG in consultation with LEOCON to incorporate Pilot Hill strategy.	Robyn Monk, LEOCON	March 2024

## **New Action Items**

Date requested:	New action Items:	Who:	Completion:
9 October 2023	Arrange an offline meeting with DCJ and ICOPE to discuss the CMEC action plan & its integration with current WELFAC arrangements.		By next meeting
9 October 2023	Update evacuation centre audits to reflect the 2022 Lower Clarence Flood Modelling where required.	Robyn Monk	ASAP
9 October 2023	Obtain licencing numbers for the Pacific Hotel Yamba	Jo Schultz	By February 2024
9 October 2023	Include licencing numbers in the Pilot Hill CMG and present for endorsement at the next meeting.	Robyn Monk	By next meeting
9 October 2023	Develop CMG review based on Hazards & Risks assessment included in the endorsed Clarence Valley EMPLAN	Robyn Monk	By next meeting
9 October 2023	Follow up on Yamba SLS closures during orange & red alerts per Peter Sweetman's enquiry.	Robyn Monk	ASAP
9 October 2023	TfNSW to forward community consultation information to LEMO for dissemination to the LEMC for feedback submissions.	TfNSW & Robyn Monk	ASAP
9 October 2023	LEMO to disseminate proposed LEMC dates for 2024 for feedback by 1 November 2023.	Robyn Monk	ASAP
9 October 2023	Notify SERCO of 2024 LEMC dates to plan site visit & LEMC meeting at Avenue Rd, Lavadia.	Robyn Monk	1 November 2023
9 October 2023	LEMO will circulate CV Flood subplan for comment once review is completed.	Robyn Monk	TBC