

# SHIRE OF MT MARSHALL



## **Local Emergency Management Committee**

**Minutes of the Mt Marshall Local Emergency  
Management Committee meeting held in  
Council Chambers, 80 Monger St, Bencubbin on  
Tuesday 16 February 2016,  
commencing at 3.35pm.**

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Cr Rachel Kirby      Chairman

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**1.0 Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors**

Cr Kirby welcomed committee members to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 3.35pm.

**2.0 Record of Attendance / Apologies**

**In Attendance**

Cr Rachel Kirby	Shire President / Chair
Cr Stuart Faulkner	Deputy Shire President
Mr Jack Walker	Regulatory Officer
Mr Peter Geraghty	SJA Co-ordinator
Mrs Kary Sachse	Bencubbin Silver Chain
Mrs Wendy Evans	Beacon Silver Chain
Mr Damian Tomas	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Mrs Karen Tabner	Principal Beacon Primary School
Mr Shaun Betley	Community Paramedic

**Apologies**

Mr Dirk Sellenger	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Gary Cope	DFES Area Manager
Mr Robert McArdle	Principal Bencubbin Primary School
Sgt Dave Thirlwell	Bencubbin Police / Deputy Chair
Mrs Joanne Spadacinni	DCPFS

**3.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

**3.1 Minutes of the Mt Marshall Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10 November 2015**

**LEMC2015/004 COMMITTEE DECISION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the minutes of the Mt Marshall Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings subject to the "Senior" being deleted from the rank of Sergeant Thirlwell.**

**Moved Cr S Faulkner**

**Seconded Mr P Geraghty**

**Carried 9/0**

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<b>4.0</b>	<b>Reports of Officers</b>
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<b>4.1</b>	<b>Regulatory Officer</b>
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Mr Walker will continue to liaise with the Beacon Primary School in regards to holding an evacuation as our exercise for 2015/2016. The suggested date is early in the second term.

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Other Reports</b>
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<b>5.1</b>	<b>Chief Bush Fire Control Officer</b>
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Mr Tomas reported that the following incidents occurred since the last meeting:

12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – fire at Gavin Poole’s, 50 plus fire fighters on the scene, some communications issues with volunteers not switching to UHF channel 5 on the fire ground and several volunteers reporting that they were unable to contact anyone when calling on channel 5. Fire was caused by a lightning strike.

1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – car fire in Monger Street, Bencubbin, cause of fire unknown and no issues.

14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – grass fire at the Marshall Rock railway crossing, cause of the fire is unknown. Location of the fire was badly reported.

17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 – Total Fire Ban and Harvest and Movement of Vehicles in Paddocks Ban.

29<sup>TH</sup> December 2015 – Harvest and Movement of Vehicle in Paddocks Ban

14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Harvest and Movement of Vehicle in Paddocks Ban due to the fire at the Marshall Rock railway crossing.

<b>5.2</b>	<b>St John Ambulance Services</b>
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Mr Geraghty reported on the following issues;

As a result of a recent RFDS fly out from the Beacon airstrip it was suggested that the airstrip could be used for “mercy flights” at night if lights were installed and some vegetation was removed. It was recommended that shire staff contact RFDS to discuss this matter and suggest an on-site meeting.

There is a potential 4 – 6 fly outs from Beacon per year.

Beacon has a new ambulance and the second ambulance will be replaced once Bencubbin has received its new ambulance.

Upgrades to the two way radio repeaters at Wialki and Mt Grey will be carried out in the near future.

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**5.3 Fire & Emergency Services Authority of WA**

Nil

**5.4 Department of Child Protection and Family Services**

An update of the Local Emergency Management Plan for the provision of Welfare Support for the Merredin district was tabled for the committee's information.

**5.5 Education Department**

Nil

**5.6 Bencubbin Police**

Nil

**5.7 Silver Chain Nursing Association**

**Bencubbin** – as a result of a motor vehicle accident in Beacon on 13/12/2015, three patients were transported to the Kununoppin airstrip and flown out by the RFDS. Due to the retirement of Kary Sachse on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 the nursing post will be staffed by relief staff for the first week and a permanent appointment will be made the following week.

**Beacon** – fly out from the Beacon airstrip on 2 January 2016 and 1 ambulance trip to Mukinbudin.

**5.8 Disabilities Service Commission**

Nil

**5.9 Community Development**

Nil

**6.0 New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by Decision of the Meeting**

Nil

**7.0 Next Meeting – Tuesday 10 May 2016 commencing at 3.30pm in Council Chambers, 80 Monger Street, Bencubbin**

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<b>8.0 Closure of Meeting</b>
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.25pm.

*These Minutes were confirmed at the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2016.*

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Date

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Cr Rachel Kirby

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Chair