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STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SEMC)



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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Acknowledgement of Country

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia (WA) and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities, their cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Aboriginal people should be aware this publication may contain images or names of deceased persons in photographs or printed material.



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for the year ended 30 June 2021



The Hon. Reece Whitby MLA
Minister for Emergency Services

To the Hon. Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Emergency Services

In accordance with section 25 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, I hereby submit for your information and presentation to Parliament the Annual Report of the State Emergency Management Committee for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron F Edwards'.

Dr Ron F Edwards
Chair, State Emergency Management Committee
26 November 2021

From the SEMC Chair



Dr Ron F Edwards
Chair, State Emergency
Management Committee

It is a pleasure to present the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Annual Report for 2020/21 and to report on the excellent work done right across the emergency management sector in these challenging times.

On behalf of the SEMC, and the entire sector, I express sincere thanks to the Hon. Fran Logan MLA for the leadership he showed in his time as Minister for Emergency Services. I also congratulate the Hon. Reece Whitby MLA on his appointment as Minister for Emergency Services. The SEMC looks forward to working with Minister Whitby to apply the learnings of the past years to prepare for challenges ahead.

It has been another busy year with the ongoing COVID-19 response, the significant impacts of the Wooroloo Bushfire and Tropical Cyclone Seroja and changes arising from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements. As evidenced in this report, the sector has progressed the work and agenda of the SEMC despite these pressures.

The significant contributions made by the non-government sector this year, including non-profit organisations, businesses, volunteers and community groups, have also been welcomed and appreciated across our State. They have

epitomised the spirit and resilience of Western Australians. I know these generous contributions lessened the impacts of COVID-19 and are now helping communities impacted by the Wooroloo Bushfire, Carnarvon Floods and Tropical Cyclone Seroja to recover.

In September, the committee welcomed the appointment of Ms Emma Cole as Deputy Chair and Ms Melissa Pexton as Executive Officer. I acknowledge the contributions of Mr Malcolm Cronstedt, who served as Executive Officer for over six years. In May, Ms Michelle Andrews and Ms Rebecca Brown stood down from the SEMC due to a change in their roles. I thank them for their contribution and extend a warm welcome to Mr Mike Rowe and Ms Emily Roper to the SEMC membership.

It remains a privilege to chair the SEMC in these changing times. I am grateful to my fellow SEMC members for the knowledge and wisdom they bring to the table. I also extend my gratitude to the many people who participate in SEMC's subcommittees, reference groups and to the District and Local Emergency Management Committees for their commitment to ensuring a better prepared, more resilient and safer State.

From the SEMC Executive Officer



Ms Melissa Pexton
Executive Officer, State Emergency
Management Committee

The SEMC 2020/21 Annual Report advises the Minister for Emergency Services on the compliance, governance and outcomes of the SEMC throughout the 2020/21 financial year.

The work of the SEMC and its subcommittees, reference groups, and District and Local Emergency Management Committees is fundamental to ensuring that Western Australia maintains contemporary policy and capability to manage emergencies.

The SEMC has addressed a broad range of strategic and policy issues during the year, in addition to monitoring emergency incidents, recovery efforts and the operating environment.

The subcommittees and reference groups have resumed their normal meeting cycle after the disruption of COVID-19. Many committees report they are considering the lessons of the past year and setting a new work agenda.

The District and Local Emergency Management Committees (DEMCs and LEMCs) have also fulfilled their meeting obligations and are resuming exercising and risk assessment processes. Many districts continue to hold regular Operational Area Support Group (OASG) meetings in relation to COVID-19.

In the year ahead, the SEMC aims to adopt a new Strategic Plan with a focus on governance, collaboration, capability and resilient communities.

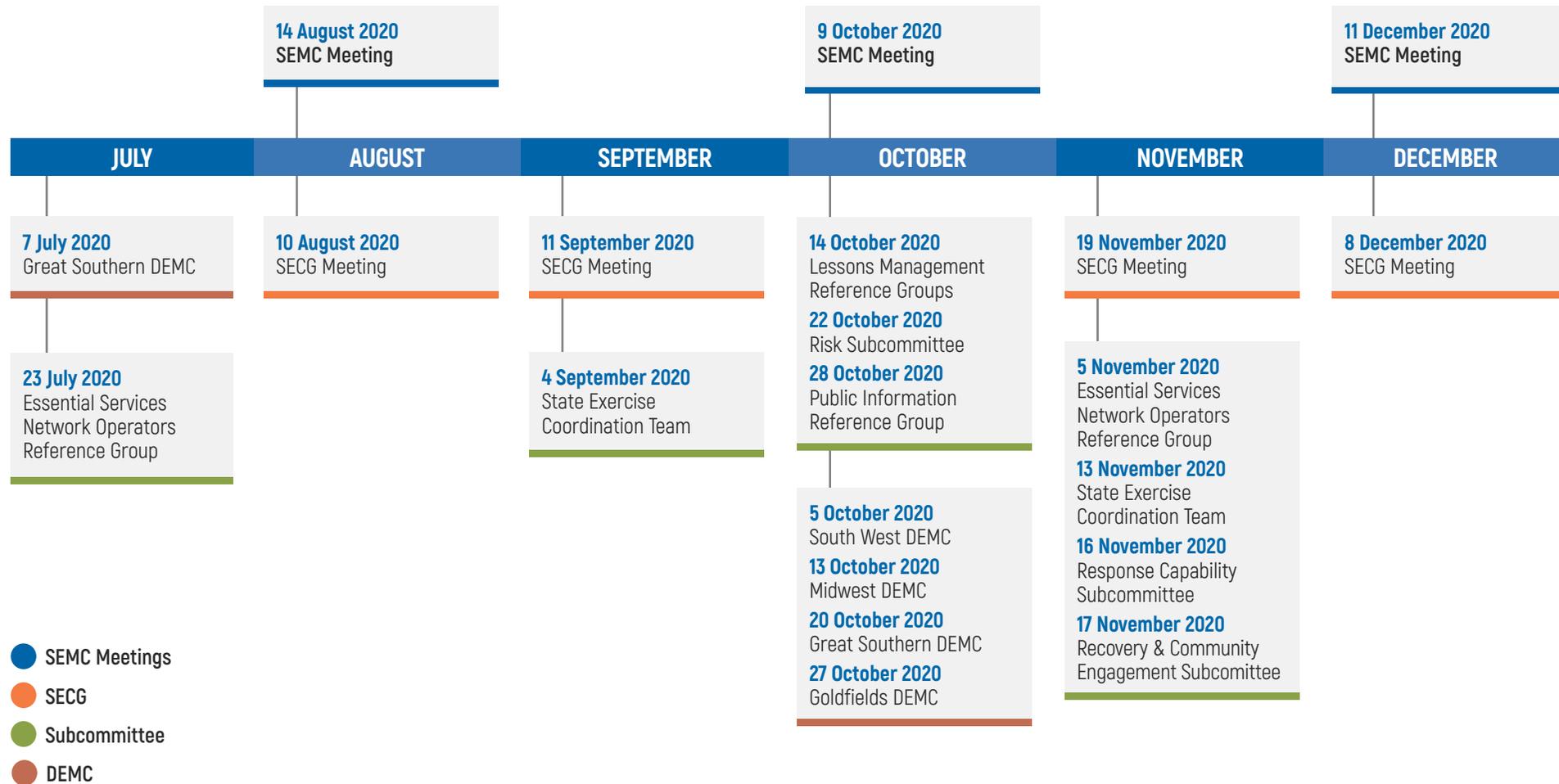
The SEMC also plans to:

- identify and apply lessons arising from COVID-19, the Wooroloo Bushfire and Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- progress improvements in the reliability of telecommunications
- refine lessons management and assurance activities
- navigate changing arrangements with the Commonwealth Government.

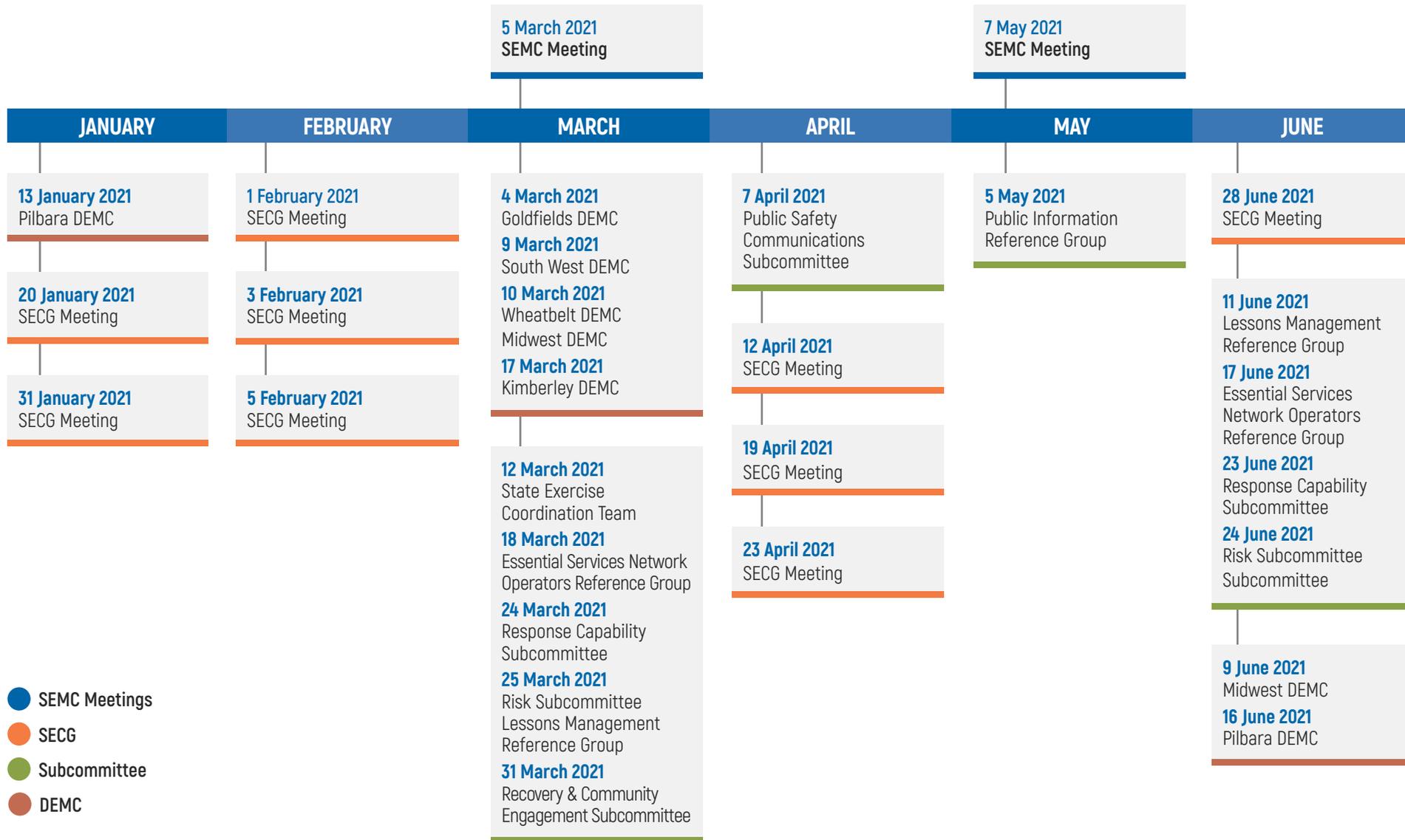
The SEMC will also facilitate new risk reduction projects through the \$12.5 million National Partnership Agreement.

I extend my thanks to the SEMC members for their support, and to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services for the provision of administrative and expert support to SEMC.

2020 SEMC and Emergency Management Support Activities



2021 SEMC and Emergency Management Support Activities



- SEMC Meetings
- SECG
- Subcommittee
- DEMC



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Introduction

Introduction

The State Emergency Management Committee has a strategic advisory role in relation to emergency management in Western Australia.

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) is established under Section 13 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (the EM Act) as a standing committee to provide strategic advice to the Minister for Emergency Services.

The SEMC meets five times a year to monitor activity, consider strategic issues, make recommendations to the Minister and provide oversight to the emergency management sector. The SEMC Chair meets with the Minister on a monthly basis.

The SEMC's primary responsibilities are to:

- advise the Minister on emergency management and the preparedness of the State to combat emergencies
- advise and support public authorities, industry, commerce and the community to plan and prepare for efficient emergency management
- provide a forum for community coordination to ensure the effects of emergencies are minimised
- provide a forum for the development of community-wide information systems to improve communications during emergencies
- develop and coordinate risk management strategies to assess community vulnerability to emergencies
- arrange for the preparation of State emergency management policies and plans.

The Emergency Management Structure in WA

The emergency management structure in Western Australia follows a three-tiered hierarchy, as established by the EM Act. The following pages explain the role of the SEMC subcommittees and reference groups, District Emergency Management Committees (DEMCs) and Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs).

The structure illustrates the number of agencies that participate across the State, district and local levels to minimise the impact of emergencies on the community. SEMC works to strengthen the connection and communication between these committees and how they interact in the Emergency Management Framework.

STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE										
Lessons Management Reference Group			State Exercise Coordination Team			Essential Services Network Operators Reference Group			Response Capability Subcommittee	
Risk Subcommittee			Public Information Reference Group			Recovery and Community Engagement Subcommittee			Public Safety Communications Subcommittee	
Kimberley District Emergency Management Committee	Pilbara District Emergency Management Committee	Midwest Gascoyne District Emergency Management Committee	Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee	Goldfields Esperance District Emergency Management Committee	Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee	South West District Emergency Management Committee	North Metropolitan District Emergency Management Committee	East Metropolitan District Emergency Management Committee	Central Metropolitan District Emergency Management Committee	South Metropolitan District Emergency Management Committee
4	9	17	25	9	23	12	2	7	5	7
Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees	Local Emergency Management Committees

○ State Level ● District Level ○ Local Level

Figure 1: Western Australian emergency management structure.



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SEMC Members and Meetings

SEMC Members

The EM Act establishes the membership structure of the SEMC, including four positions designated in the EM Act and up to seven other members as nominated by the Minister. The current membership is shown on the right.



Chair
Dr Ron Edwards*



Deputy Chair
Ms Emma Cole*
From October 2020



Executive Officer
Ms Melissa Pexton*
From October 2020
(Mr Mal Cronstedt AFSM prior to Oct)



Local Government Representative
Mr Nick Sloan
Chief Executive Officer, WALGA



SEMC member
Ms Linda Savage*
Independent Member



SEMC member
Mr Chris Dawson APM
Commissioner of Police



SEMC member
Mr Darren Klemm AFSM
Fire and Emergency Services
Commissioner



SEMC member
Ms Emily Roper (from 31 May)
Director General, DPC
(Ms Rebecca Brown prior to 31 May)



SEMC member
Mr Mark Webb PSM
Director General, DBCA



SEMC member
Dr Andrew Robertson CSC PSM*
Chief Health Officer, DoH



SEMC member
Mr Mike Rowe (from 31 May)
Director General, DoC
(Ms Michelle Andrews, prior to 31 May)

*Directly appointed members. All other members are ex officio appointments. Individuals noted in brackets were members for part of the reporting period but not members at 30 June.

SEMC Meetings

Meeting Attendance

The SEMC meets five times a year in August, October, December, March and May.

The attendance of members in the reporting period is summarised in Figure 2.

NAME	14 AUG 2020	09 OCT 2020	11 DEC 2020	05 MAR 2021	07 MAY 2021	DEPUTY
Dr Ron Edwards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ms Emma Cole	-	-	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Malcolm Cronstedt	✓	✓	-	-	-	
Ms Melissa Pexton	-	-	✓	✓	x	
Mr Chris Dawson	✓	Deputy	✓	✓	✓	Mr Col Blanch
Mr Darren Klemm	Deputy	✓	✓	✓	✓	Mr Craig Waters
Ms Rebecca Brown	✓	✓	✓	Deputy	Deputy	Ms Helen Gladstones
Mr Mark Webb	✓	✓	✓	Deputy	Deputy	Mr Peter Dans
Dr Andy Robertson	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ms Linda Savage	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ms Michelle Andrews	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Nick Sloan	Deputy	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ms Joanne Burges
Mr Ralph Addis, DPIRD	Observer		Observer		Observer	
Minister Logan	-	-	-	Visitor	-	
Minister Whitby	-	-	-		Visitor	
Ms Mia Onorato-Sartari - Office of the Minister				Observer	Observer	

✓ attended x apology - not SEMC member at time of meeting

Figure 2: Attendance at the SEMC ordinary meetings.

SEMC Meetings

Out of Session Meetings

During the year the SEMC progressed key projects and items for discussion through out of session meetings.

The attendance of members in the reporting period is summarised in Figure 3.

NAME	16-21 Jul 2020	16-20 NOV 2020	02 DEC-08 JAN 2021	DEPUTY
Dr Ron Edwards	✓	✓	x	
Ms Emma Cole	-	✓	✓	
Mr Malcolm Cronstedt	✓	-	-	
Ms Melissa Pexton	-	✓	✓	
Mr Chris Dawson	✓	x	x	
Mr Darren Klemm	✓	✓	✓	
Ms Rebecca Brown	✓	✓	Deputy	Ms Angela Kelly
Mr Mark Webb	✓	✓	✓	
Dr Andy Robertson	x	✓	✓	
Ms Linda Savage	✓	✓	✓	
Ms Michelle Andrews	✓	✓	✓	
Mr Nick Sloan	Deputy	✓	✓	
Mr Ralph Addis, DPIRD	Observer	Observer	Observer	
Ms Mia Onorato-Sartari - Office of the Minister	Observer	Observer	Observer	

✓ attended x apology - not SEMC member at time of meeting

Figure 3: Attendance at the SEMC out-of-session meetings.



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**Strategic
Context,
Challenges,
Priorities and
Outcomes**

Strategic Context, Challenges, Priorities and Outcomes

The SEMC is required to establish a plan to guide strategic priorities and investment. At 30 June 2021, the SEMC was finalising a new Strategic Plan for the 2021-24 period, in consultation with the Minister.

In the 2020/21 year, the SEMC has continued to work within the framework established in the 2017-20 Strategic Plan, which includes the following focus areas:

- risk
- capability
- recovery
- assurance
- governance and Investment.

The SEMC undertakes the following activities to fulfil its responsibilities across these areas:

- actively seeks advice on current and emerging issues and risks, and lessons being identified, and supports agencies to take action where required
- participates in, and facilitates, government and stakeholder forums on emerging issues
- establishes and sponsors subcommittees and reference groups to provide expert advice on aspects of emergency management and take carriage of strategic projects

- undertakes an annual capability survey and reports to the Minister on the preparedness of the State
- monitors the activity of DEMCs and LEMCs and their compliance with obligations defined in the EM Act
- ensures the State Emergency Management Framework (which includes legislation, policy, plans and procedures) remains up to date and reflects the current context
- administers grant programs for risk reduction, resilience and capability development.

Risk

Goal

Develop an emergency management risk profile of the State and promote targeted investment in mitigation activities that reduce the State's risk profile.

Context

Some of the events experienced over the past year were similar to high-risk scenarios evaluated in the State Risk Project, including:

- human epidemic
- plant and animal biosecurity
- more intense bushfires
- atypical severe weather events.

The State was able to utilise existing plans and capabilities to manage and respond to these events. The SEMC has monitored responses to these events, the efficacy of planning, the State's capability and emerging lessons.

The events also identified the ongoing profile of essential services, including telecommunications and power supply networks.

Key Activities and Outcomes

- The final State Risk workshops for terrorist acts and hostile acts were completed
- more than 90 per cent of local governments have been introduced to the State Risk Project
 - » 14 local risk assessments were conducted
 - » approximately 54 per cent of local governments report having a current risk register for disaster risk and emergency management
 - » 36 per cent of local governments have started to develop a risk register for disaster risk and emergency management
- the SEMC received regular advice on the carriage of dangerous materials throughout the State.

Capability

Goal

Develop an emergency management capability profile of the State and promote targeted investment in the State's emergency management capabilities.

Context

The capacity of state agencies has been tested by the events of the past year, but capability continues to be strengthened from these experiences.

The SEMC noted the efforts of emergency services who continued to provide a high level of service to the community in February during a COVID-19 lockdown, the Wooroloo Bushfire and flooding in Carnarvon and the Gascoyne.

This high level of service to the community was again demonstrated in April when Tropical Cyclone Seroja crossed the Kalbarri coast with support and expertise being provided from across the State to strengthen the capacity and capability of the response and on-going recovery.

Key Activities and Outcomes

- Convened the Public Safety Communications subcommittee with a mandate to progress telecommunications issues
- progressed projects to improve telecommunications resilience
- undertook the 2021 Capability Survey
- published the State Exercise Framework on the SEMC website
- commenced the review of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements to improve emergency management planning at the local government level
- prepared and disseminated Capability Reports to Hazard Management Agencies, local governments and DEMCs.

Recovery

Goal

Enhance the level of emergency recovery capability at the State and local level. Ensure the provision of coordinated recovery support to emergency-affected communities.

Context

Over the term of the Strategic Plan, the SEMC has broadened its scope to consider community resilience and engagement. This aligns with the recommendations of the 2018 State Preparedness Report.

The State is simultaneously managing the recovery from three significant emergencies: Wooroloo Bushfire, Tropical Cyclone Seroja and the COVID-19 pandemic. A State Recovery Controller was appointed for each event. Lessons are being identified from these events to improve future recovery arrangements and capability.

The Department of Communities has kept SEMC informed of extensive work being undertaken to identify new arrangements to better engage the community services sector to meet community need.

Key Activities and Outcomes

- Contributed to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee COVID-19 hearings
- updated the Community Evacuation Guideline in response to COVID-19
- prepared a draft Discussion Paper for Community Disaster Resilience Strategy
- awarded National Disaster Resilience Program funds to projects to build capability in recovery
- developed new arrangements for the management and disposal of waste, including hazardous materials after a natural disaster. These new arrangements were successfully tested in the Wooroloo Bushfire.

Assurance

Goal

Develop and maintain an emergency management assurance framework, which enables the State's emergency management arrangements to be reviewed and improved.

Report on the preparedness of the State in emergency management.

Context

The capability survey was not undertaken in 2020 due to impacts of COVID-19. The capability survey has been undertaken in 2021, and an Emergency Preparedness Report will be prepared.

With the closure of the "Reframing Rural Fire Management" Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire, the Lessons Management Reference Group recommended the SEMC investigate more contemporary approaches for lessons that are aligned with an assurance approach.

Key Activities and Outcomes

- Received a review of the 2020 Norseman Complex Bushfire, in particular the risks and impacts arising from closure of transport routes
- compiled a lessons identification database of recommendations from major fire events over the past 10 years
- recorded progress and closure of recommendations and moved to close the final recommendations of the "Reframing Rural Fire Management" Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire.

Governance and Investment

Scope

The Strategic Plan outlines the following objectives for Governance and Investment:

- ensure robust emergency management arrangements are in place
- ensure there is clarity on roles and responsibilities for emergency management
- foster relationships and networks to facilitate coordination of emergency management
- provide guidance on emergency management arrangements
- administer and manage the provision of funds to eligible groups and individuals for programs to enhance capability to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters.

Key Activities and Outcomes

- Chair and Executive Officer attended meetings of the State Emergency Coordination Groups. There were 10 COVID-19 meetings, 3 Wooroloo bushfire meetings and 6 TC Seroja meetings
- provided advice on proposed amendments to the EM Act
- provided advice to the State Government regarding the recommendations of the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements
- co-facilitated a post-COVID-19 lessons workshop in relation to business continuity planning for the public sector
- awarded \$14 million funding for risk reduction and resilience projects under the National Disaster Resilience Program
- opened a \$2.5 million grant program for the National Disaster Risk Reduction program.
- awarded \$230,000 for 19 projects under the All West Australians Reducing Emergencies program
- adopted a new governance framework for the management of grants
- refreshed the presentation of the Emergency Management Framework on the SEMC website, including upgrades to meet accessibility inclusion standards.

COVID-19

The SEMC also monitored risk, capability, recovery and governance for the COVID-19 pandemic to understand the preparedness and capacity of the State to respond and identify areas for improvement.

Regular updates were provided by WA Police Force Commissioner Chris Dawson APM, in his capacity as State Emergency Coordinator, regarding the directions and controls implemented by the State Government. Regular advice was also provided by Chief Health Officer and SEMC member, Dr Andy Robertson CSC PSM.

At several meetings, SEMC members considered the impacts of COVID-19 in terms of planning for the high threat period, including the impact on evacuation centres.

In addition, the following presentations were received during the year:

- Dr Robyn Lawrence, Incident Controller, on the COVID-19 Response, 14 August 2020
- Professor Tarun Weeramanthri, on lessons observed from the Victorian COVID-19 outbreak, 14 August 2020
- Mr Gary Dreierbergs, Deputy Commissioner Western Australian Police Force, on quarantine arrangements, 14 August 2020
- Mr Howard Gretton, the State Emergency Public Information Coordinator, advised on daily media conferences and lessons learnt in engaging with culturally and linguistically diverse communities, 14 August 2020

- Mr Andrew Sanders, Department of Communities, on welfare response to COVID-19, 14 August 2020
- Ms Geraldine Carlton, Executive Director Emergency Management, Department of Communities advised on planning to manage the risks of COVID-19 in evacuation centres, 9 October 2020
- Mr Trenn Ritchie, Director, Biosecurity Operations Division, Inspections Group, DAWE advised on Human Health Reporting for International Commercial Vessels, 5 March 2021
- DFES provided analysis of the use of the EM Act and *Public Health Act 2016* to assist with management of the COVID-19 response, 7 May 2021.

In many districts, Operational Area Support Group (OASG) were convened throughout the year to monitor and respond to COVID-19 related issues arising at the district and local level.

Use of the Emergency Management Act to respond to COVID-19

The EM Act provides powers that assist in the management of emergency incidents arising from prescribed hazards and establishes the responsibilities of State and local agencies.

Emergency situation declarations (section 50) and State of Emergency declarations (section 56) provide additional powers for specific

circumstances. The State of Emergency provision was used for the first time in March 2020, in response to COVID-19. Since that time over 260 directions have been made under the EM Act and *Public Health Act 2016*.

The SEMC has been monitoring the use of the powers under the EM Act to understand the ways

in which it is used and the effectiveness of the legislation.

Figure 4 illustrates the number of times the EM Act and Public Health Act were used to make, amend or revoke Directions during travel, and the purpose of those Directions.

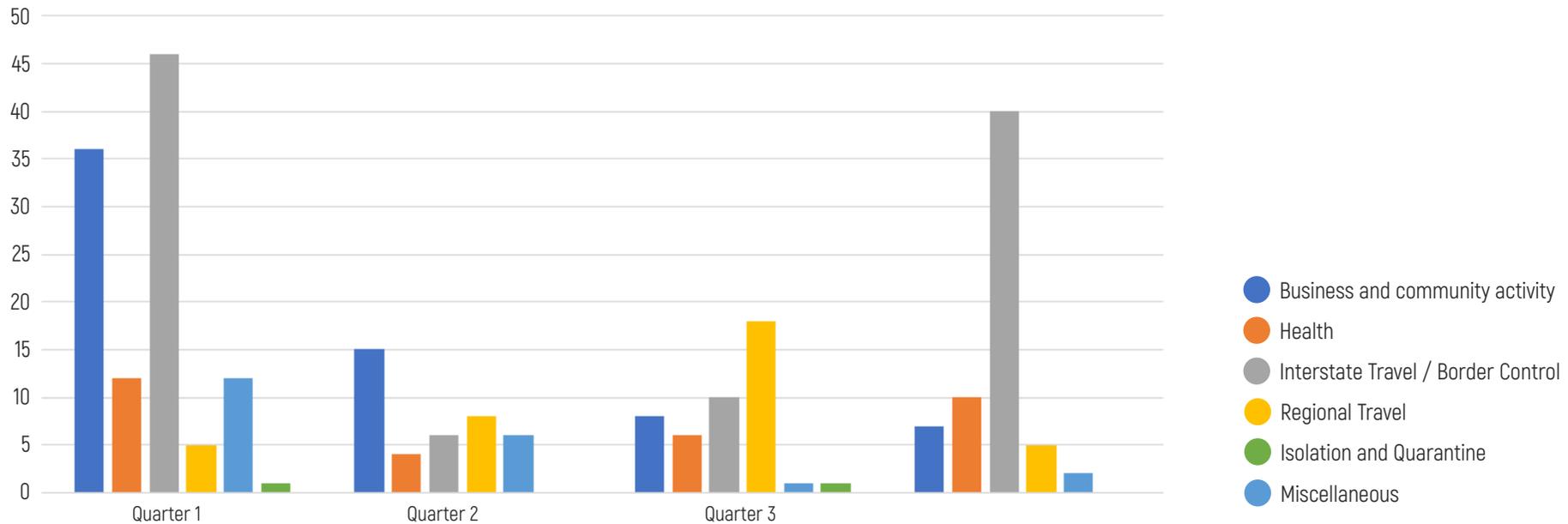


Figure 4: Public Health Act for COVID-19 March 2020 - March 2021.



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Subcommittees and Reference Groups

The SEMC maintains a structure of subcommittees and reference groups to provide expert advice on various aspects of emergency management and take carriage of strategic projects. The activities of the subcommittees are summarised in the following pages.

Public Safety Communications Subcommittee

Objective

To support the development and operation of effective and efficient Public Safety Communications in WA.

Chair Mr Greg Italiano, DPC

Sponsor Ms Emily Roper, DPC

Meetings:

Inaugural meeting on 7 April 2021

Proposed Scope

The Committee will monitor and participate in the following projects:

- national project to trial nationwide Public Safety Mobile Broadband capabilities
- pilot project to investigate application of low-orbit satellites in an emergency services context
- national 'Next Generation Triple Zero' project to enable connection to emergency services through any device, anywhere at anytime
- statewide project to address critical risks in the Government Radio Network.

Telecommunications Working Group

In addition to the new Subcommittee, a working group of staff from DFES, DPIRD, WALGA, Telstra, TPG, NBN Co, Optus, Western Power and Horizon Power meets fortnightly to progress solutions to improve the reliability of telecommunications base stations in high-risk areas.

Key activities of this group include:

- exercise to test Telstra capability in the context of the 2015 Esperance bushfires
- implementation of the Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND) package to increase battery backup at 108 base stations
- 20 locations trialled between October 2020 and July 2021
- 108 locations have had their batteries upgraded to the 12 hour service
- the nbn™ Sky Muster™ truck commenced in January and was deployed to Geraldton and Kalbarri during Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- ongoing engagement with NBN Co to improve data sharing arrangements.

Recovery and Community Engagement Subcommittee

Objective

To support the SEMC in strengthening the State's resilience through enhancing emergency management recovery and community engagement capabilities.

Chair Ms Emma Cole, Deputy Chair SEMC

Sponsor Ms Emma Cole

Executive Officer Ms Suellen Flint, DFES

Meetings

17 November 2020

26 March 2021

25 June 2021

Activities and Outcomes

- The WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper is nearing completion and due to be considered by SEMC in August 2021
- the draft Emergency Waste Management Report was submitted in late 2020. It is now being updated with learnings from the Wooroloo bushfire clean up
- the Waste Management Report undertaken by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has supported the Residential Clean-up Program for communities impacted by the Wooroloo Bushfire
- a full and comprehensive review of the Local Recovery Guidelines was undertaken by State Recovery, which included a full consultation process. These were endorsed by the Recovery and Community Engagement (RCE) Subcommittee
- additionally, the annual review of the Impact Statement was undertaken across the sector with minor changes made for endorsement by the RCE Subcommittee
- the Subcommittee's focus is currently directed towards building on lessons learnt from the Waroona Yarloop bushfires, COVID-19, Wooroloo Bushfire and Tropical Cyclone Seroja, which were discussed at the June 2021 meeting. The challenges and opportunities experienced through the contemporary recovery situations will inform the development of the work plan for the RCE Subcommittee.

Response Capability Subcommittee

Objective

To provide a forum that promotes collaborative and strategic dialogue to consider and promote strategies to address the State's emergency response capability gaps.

Chair Mr Gary Dreiberger,
Western Australian Police Force

Sponsor Commissioner Chris Dawson,
Western Australian Police Force

Executive Officer
Mr Matthew Verney, DFES

Out of Session Meetings:

13 – 23 July 2020

10 - 16 February 2021

Activities and Outcomes

- The Western Australian Police Force conducted a multi-agency exercise to test capability to effectively respond to, and resolve, an extremist threat. The exercise also observed key interoperability and interdependency linkages, and highlighted opportunities for improvement
- an Emergency Management Information Systems working group was established to progress negotiation of a new Memorandum of Understanding for the interoperable communications via WebFusion
- the Response Capability Subcommittee established a working group with representatives from DBCA, DFES, and the Western Australian Police Force to analyse and review the inconsistencies of incident level criteria within the State Emergency Management Framework. The review resulted in the development of amended incident level criteria descriptors. In addition, the working group also completed a review of the Incident Level Declaration Form (EM Form 23)
- the Response Capability Subcommittee approved the all Hazards Traffic Management Plan template and Vehicle Control Point checklist.

Risk Subcommittee

Objective

To act as a reference group to consult and advise on ways to improve the coordination and application of an evidence-based approach to emergency risk management for all hazards.

Chair Mr Damien Pumphrey, DFES

Sponsor Commissioner Darren Klemm, DFES

Executive Officer Mr Justin Whitney, DFES

Meetings:

22 October 2020

24 June 2021

Activities and Outcomes

The Committee completed all outstanding items on its action list in October 2020, and the State Risk Project is largely complete.

The following presentations were received by the Committee:

- State Risk Project/State Capability Team update. Peta Turner, DFES
- Seasonal Outlook – Spring/Summer 2020-21. James Ashley, Bureau of Meteorology
- State Risks for the High Threat Period 2020-21. Damien Pumphrey, DFES
- overview of Bushfire Risk Management. Tim McNaught, DFES Office of Bushfire Risk Management
- COVID-19 Risk Management in WA. Tudor Codreanu, State Health Incident Coordination Centre, Department of Health
- Australian Climate Service. Mark Edwards, Geoscience Australia
- increased insurance for contractors and organisations undertaking planned burning activities. Tim McNaught, DFES Office of Bushfire Risk Management

- Earthquake Risk Program – Status update: Earthquake Impact and Risk Assessment for Perth and Supporting Infrastructure and Next Steps. Mark Edwards, Geoscience Australia
- Tropical Cyclone Seroja Report Building Impacts. Geoff Boughton, Cyclone Testing Station, James Cook University.

Essential Services Network Operators Reference Group (ESNORG)

Objective

To provide a forum for the exchange of information that will assist or improve the operation of essential services or functions in relation to emergency management, for the benefit of the community.

Chair Mr Mark Vassilou,
Main Roads WA

Executive Officer Ms Sarah Clarke,
Water Corporation

Meetings:

5 November 2020

18 March 2021

23 July 2021

Activities and Outcomes

- A half-day preparedness event was held on the 3 October 2020, with stakeholders across the emergency management sector, including updates from the SEMC, DoH on COVID-19 and BOM
- a common platform was established for notification of local government Harvest Vehicle Movement Bans (HVMB)
- Essential Services Network Operators Reference Group (ESNORG) sought protection under the EM Act for actions undertaken at the direction of health maintenance organisations in good faith
- ESNORG shared learnings from incidents and exercises within the group
- ESNORG provided representation on the Response and Capability, Recovery and Community Engagement and Risk Subcommittees
- the group attended a State risk workshop and participated in exercises as requested.

Lessons Management Reference Group

Objective

To improve the State's emergency management capabilities through the evaluation of lessons and promotion of a continuous improvement ethos. To integrate lessons management activities into the emergency management sector as a normal course of business.

Chair and Sponsor Ms Linda Savage
Independent Member, SEMC

Executive Officer
Ms Tracy Smith, DFES

Meetings

14 October 2020

25 March 2021

17 June 2021

Activities and Outcomes

- The group conducted research and multi-agency workshops to explore requirements for a lessons management database
- the closure of the remaining "Reframing Rural Fire Management" Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire recommendations was enabled by the robust process put in place by the Lessons Management Reference Group
- the group commenced review of the application of lessons learnt in the context of the Wooroloo Bushfire through mapping the impact of work undertaken in response to historical inquiries and reports
- the Chair initiated a review of the functions of the Lessons Management Reference Group and recommended the purpose and role of the group be reviewed. The SEMC has requested the review consider ways to establish a consistent approach, common language and contemporary methods to facilitate knowledge sharing.

Public Information Reference Group

Objective

To provide advice and support to the SEMC and its subcommittees in relation to arrangements for the provision of emergency public information and public awareness.

Chair Mr Howard Gretton,
Western Australian Police Force

Sponsor Commissioner Chris Dawson,
Western Australian Police Force

Executive Officer Ms Sarah Best,
Western Australian Police Force

Meetings:

28 October 2020

15 March 2021

12 April 2021 (cyclone response)

19 May 2021

Activities and Outcomes

- Established a pandemic working group to advise on public information during the pandemic and monitor learnings
- updated Terms of Reference and inducted St John Ambulance as a member of the Public Information Reference Group
- undertook planning for the fire season, including the impacts of COVID-19
- established a working group to review the State Support Plan – Public Information
- provided practical support during COVID-19, Woorloo Bushfire and Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- assisted with planning and delivery of Exercise Navitas
- planned for Exercise Phoenix (postponed to 3 August 2021).

COVID-19 Pandemic Working Group (PWG)

- The PWG replaced the COVID-19 Public Information Team and acts as an ongoing Incident Management Team for communications staff across government agencies
- PWG members assist the Hazard Management Agencies and other controlling agencies with outbreak planning and to push out emergency response messaging to various sectors of the community
- PWG members have a diverse range of skills that they use to improve their reach into minority or vulnerable populations who may not necessarily rely on daily press conferences, government websites or call centres for updates.

State Exercise Coordination Team (Reference Group)

Objective

To be the coordinating body for emergency management exercises in WA, providing expert advice, assistance and guidance to emergency management agencies and non-government agencies in the preparation, coordination, delivery and evaluation of emergency management exercise activities.

Chair Mr Alf Fordham, Water Corporation
(Retired May 2021)

Executive Officer Ms Krissy Jangi, DFES

Meetings:

4 September 2020

13 November 2020

12 March 2021

1 July 2021

Activities and Outcomes

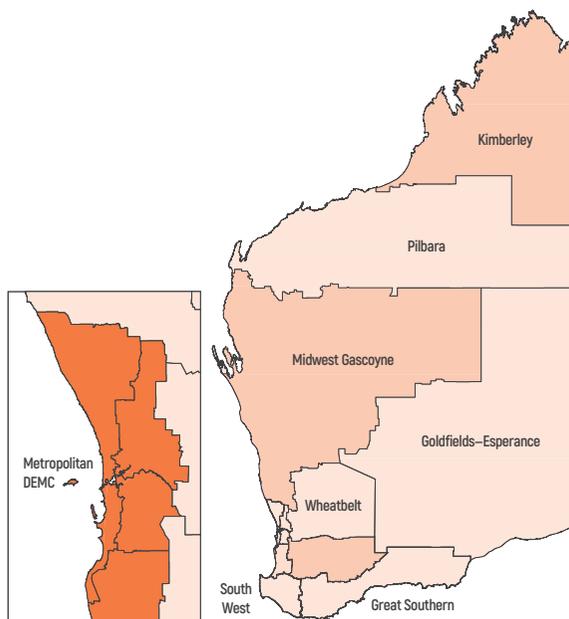
- The group developed a revised exercise schedule for the upcoming three-year period, considering the impacts of COVID-19 on the previous schedule
- the group developed a concept for a major 'Earthquake' exercise that could be scaled to different regions and contexts
- the group recommended that, where practical, agencies utilise the events of the past 18 months as learning opportunities similar to an exercise.



06

District and Local Emergency Management

District and Local Emergency Management



Kimberley

Pilbara

Midwest Gascoyne

Wheatbelt

Metropolitan DEMCs

North and Central Metropolitan DEMCs

East and South Metropolitan DEMCs

South West

Great Southern

The EM Act establishes District Emergency Management Committees (DEMCs) and Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs).

The function of a DEMC is to:

- assist in the establishment and maintenance of effective emergency management arrangements for the district for which it is constituted.

The functions of a LEMC are to:

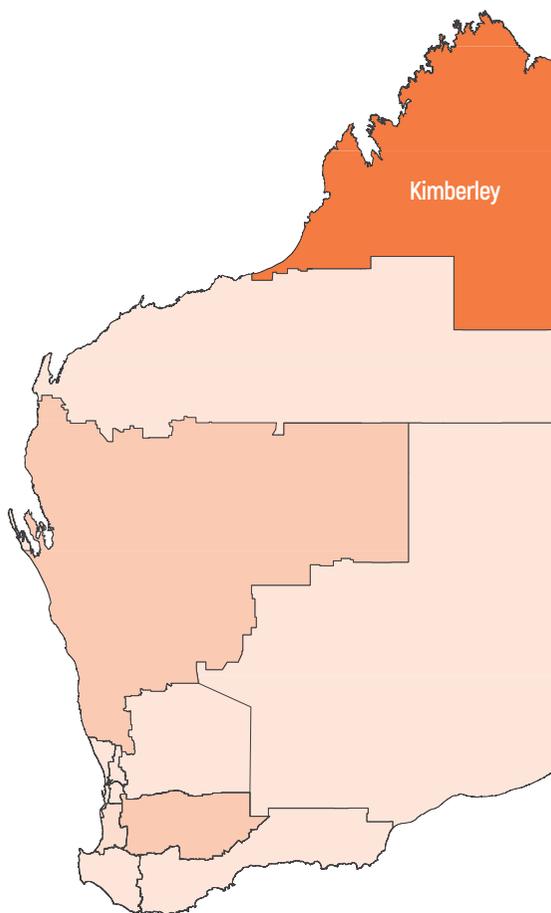
- advise and assist the local government to prepare local emergency management arrangements for its district
- develop, review and test local emergency management arrangements in consultation with state agencies and other stakeholders
- carry out other emergency management activities as directed by the SEMC or prescribed by the regulations.

The EM Act requires that DEMCs and LEMCs meet regularly to plan for emergency management in the district or locality. The Emergency Management Policy and Plan describe further requirements for DEMCs and LEMCs in terms of meeting agendas and reporting to SEMC.

The EM Act requires that each local government prepare Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) for their jurisdiction. LEMA are monitored and reviewed by the relevant LEMC and DEMC and endorsed by the SEMC. It is a requirement that LEMA be updated at least every five years.

The activities of DEMCs and LEMCs are reported at a district level in the following pages.

Kimberley



The year at a glance

- Expanded the membership to include the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service
- COVID-19 interagency scenario exercises held for remote Aboriginal communities and tourists, and the Dampier Peninsula
- rollout of the Commonwealth Government program, STAND, with a number of facilities benefitting from the improved resilience of telecommunication networks.

Meetings of the District Emergency Management Committee

Meeting dates	Attendance
26 August 2020	14
12 October 2020	16
13 January 2021	12
14 April 2021	12

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in district	4
Number of LEMCs	4
LGs with current LEMA	0
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	2
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

Note: All LGs in the district are in the process of updating their LEMA.

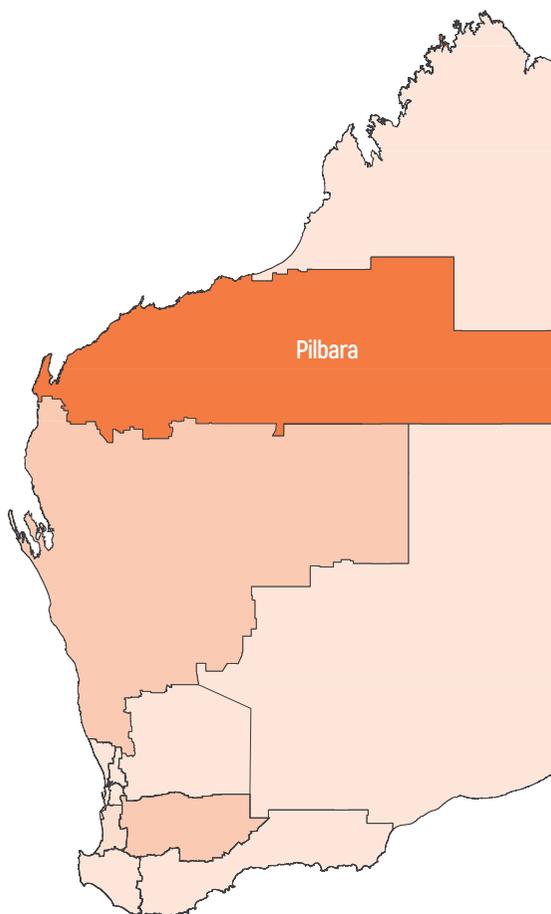
Activation of the OASG

Ongoing	COVID-19
March 2021	Flooding and resupply

District OASG Exercises

10 November 2020 Exercise Tahoroa

Pilbara



The year at a glance

- Expanded the membership to increase representation of Aboriginal people, communities and culture
- worked collaboratively to manage the COVID-19 risks associated with international vessels arriving in port, and management of increased tourism during the high threat period.

Meetings of the DEMC

Meeting dates	Attendance
14 October 2020	18
16 June 2021	14

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	5
Number of LEMCs	9
LGs with current LEMA	2
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	2
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

Note: LGs are in the process of updating their LEMA.

Activation of the OASG

Ongoing	COVID-19
December 2020	Tropical Low TL02U
January 2021	Tropical Low TL12U
January 2021	Tropical Low TL18U
April 2021	Tropical Cyclone Seroja

District OASG Exercises

Nil

Midwest Gascoyne



The year at a glance

- An increase in tourism numbers in remote locations, resulted in agencies working together to manage the increase and associated risks
- conducted local COVID-19 exercises with several local governments
- issues with Telstra blackspots continue to be a concern
- active response to the impact of flooding events and Tropical Cyclone Seroja.

Meetings of the DEMC

Meeting dates	Attendance
14 October 2020	17
10 March 2021	21

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the District	19
Number of LEMC	17
LGs with current LEMA	17
Number of LEMCs that exercised in the year	12
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

Note: Local governments are in the process of updating their LEMA.

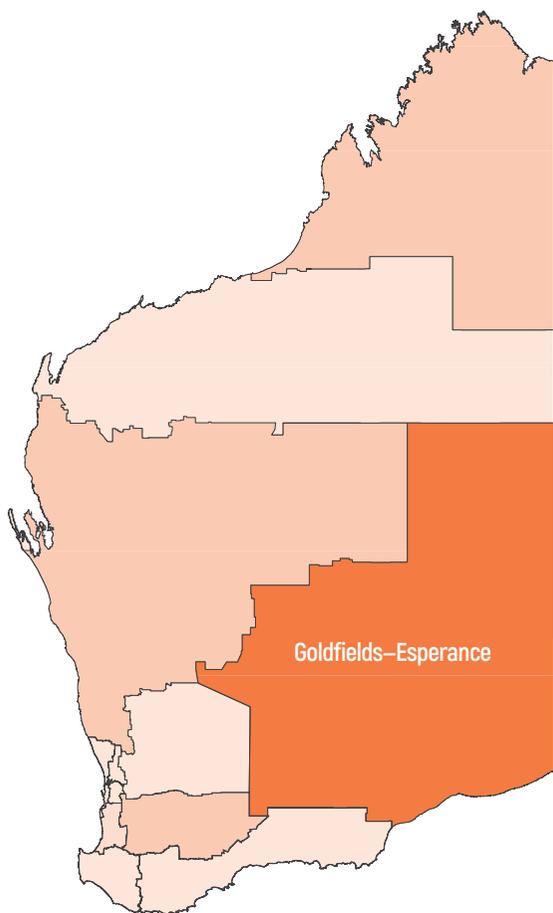
Activation of the OASG

Ongoing	WACHS COVID-19
Ongoing	Dept of Communities Remote Communities COVID-19
April 2021	TC Seroja

District OASG Exercises

Nil

Goldfields–Esperance



The year at a glance

- Preparation of a strategy to provide emergency communications to predetermined areas within their communities, including travellers, businesses, State and non-government welfare services, culturally and linguistically diverse groups and other specific groups as applicable
- finalised a District Plan for Rail Crash (East of Kalgoorlie)
- finalising a District Plan for Fixed Wing Medical Retrieval
- three-year business plan endorsed.

Meetings of the DEMC

Meeting dates	Attendance
4 November 2020	21
24 March 2021	19

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	10
Number of LEMCs	9
LGs with current LEMA	9
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	4
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

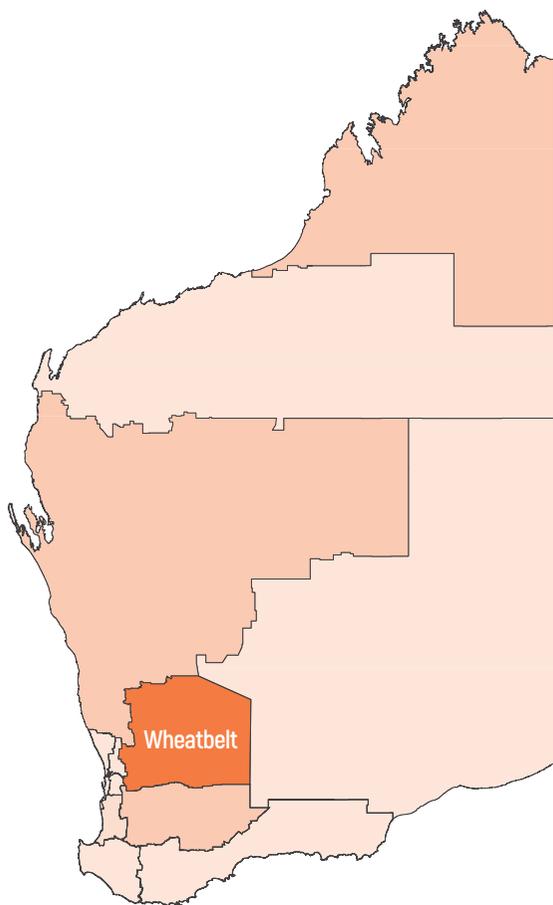
Activation of the OASG

30 meetings	Convened by WA Health for COVID-19
12 April 2021	Closing of the Highway for Tropical Cyclone Seroja

District OASG Exercises

Nil

Wheatbelt



The year at a glance

- Training and exercising with a focus on recovery, with 15 LEMCs and approximately 85 attendees participating
- DFES presented on the potential impacts and consequences of a fire the size of the Wooroloo Bushfire on Wheatbelt community and a multi-agency exercise was held, exercising both the local and district level across several capability areas
- DEMCs and LEMCs considering their capabilities in managing animal welfare, displaced residents, extended power loss and mental health during emergencies
- three-year business plan endorsed.

Meetings of the DEMC

Meeting dates	Attendance
21 October 2020	17
10 March 2021	19

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	28
Number of LEMCs	27
LGs with current LEMA	27
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	6 exercises involving 18 LEMC
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

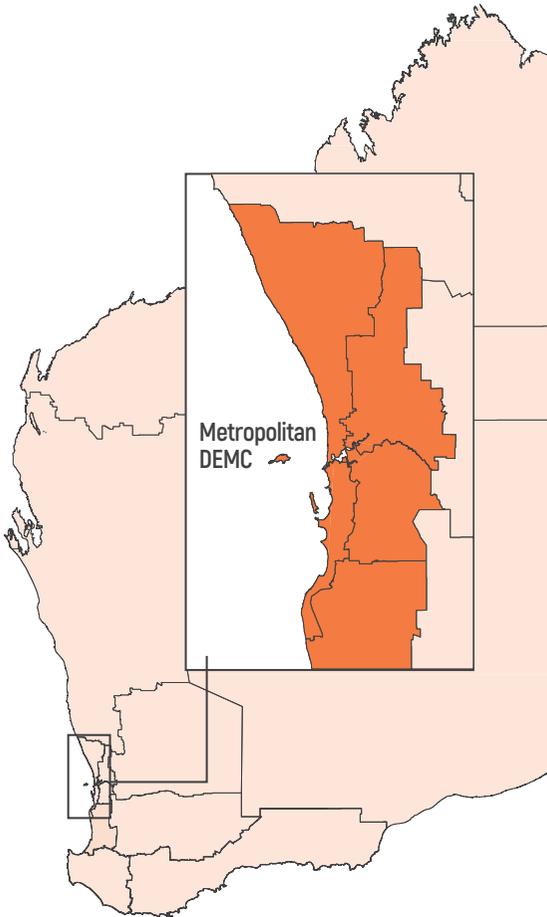
Activation of the OASG

15 meetings	Convened by WA Health for COVID-19
13 April 2021	Tropical Cyclone Seroja impacts on northern wheatbelt local governments

District OASG Exercises

16 June 2021	Exercise Black
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The Metropolitan DEMCs



Increased Collaboration

The Metropolitan DEMCs launched and utilised a combined MS-Teams site for OASG during COVID-19. The shared platform was used by DEMC members and local governments to share and obtain information. An Issue Register was developed to capture, track and monitor all Metropolitan COVID-19 matters. The register was shared with WALGA and the State Health Incident Control Centre.

Following the collaboration of Metropolitan DEMCs during COVID-19, a trial of combined DEMC meetings were held for North (Central and North) DEMC and South (East and South) DEMC.

Exercise Navitas was conducted with the four Metropolitan DEMCs. The exercise explored preparedness for energy supply disruption. It focused on the key capability areas defined in the State Emergency Management Capability Framework. Local governments and agencies have since reviewed their arrangements, and some local governments have used the exercise at LEMC meetings.

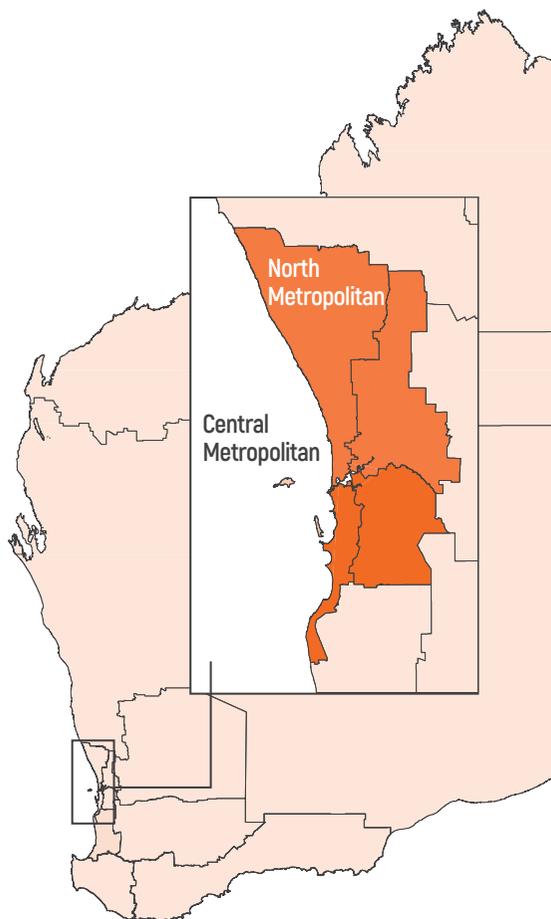
Activation of the OASG Combined Metropolitan DEMC

3 April 2020	COVID-19
17 April 2020	COVID-19
1 May 2020	COVID-19
15 May 2020	COVID-19
29 May 2020	COVID-19
12 June 2020	COVID-19
3 July 2020	COVID-19

District OASG Exercises

Exercise Navitas	1
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North and Central Metropolitan DEMC



The year at a glance

The Wooroloo Bushfire efforts built a strong relationship between the City of Swan and the Shire of Mundaring, who continue to have joint Local Recovery Committees and shared community activities and events. The local governments have developed recovery tools, databases, resources and learnings that will be an asset to other local governments for future incidents and during a long-term recovery.

Meetings of North and Central Metropolitan DEMC

North Metropolitan DEMC	Attendance
22 September 2020	25
North Metropolitan DEMC	Attendance
14 October 2020	21
Combined North and Central Metropolitan DEMC	Attendance
18 May 2021	43

District OASG Exercises (North and Central)

20 April 2021

North Metropolitan Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	3
Number of LEMCs	2
LGs with current LEMA	3
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	2 COVID-19 post-incident reports received
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

Central Metropolitan Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	14
Number of LEMCs	7
LGs with current LEMA	5
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	11 COVID-19 post-incident reports received
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

East and South Metropolitan DEMC



Meetings of East and South Metropolitan DEMC

South Metropolitan DEMC	Attendance
20 October 2020	27
East Metropolitan DEMC	Attendance
20 October 2020	33
Combined East and South Metropolitan DEMC	Attendance
18 May 2021	44

District OASG Exercises (East and South)

18 May 2021

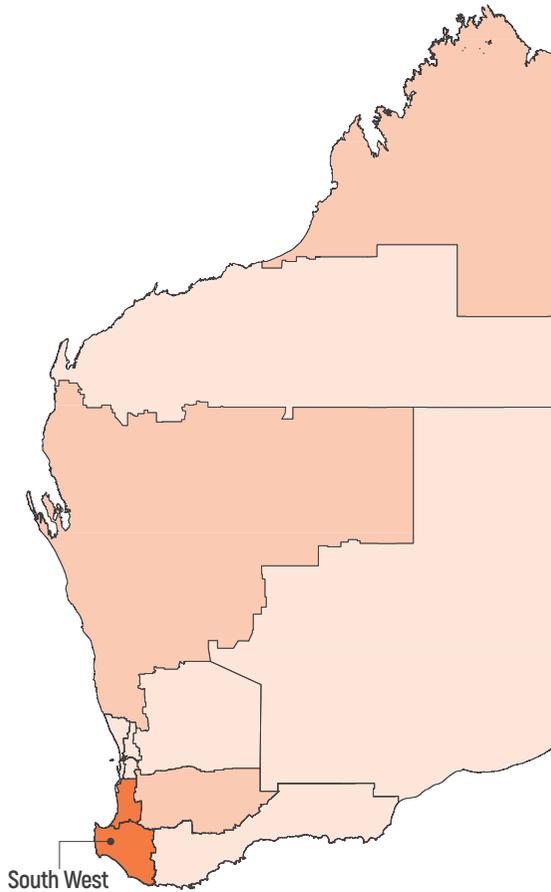
East Metropolitan Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	7
Number of LEMCs	5
LGs with current LEMA	6
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	4 COVID-19 post-incident reports received
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

South Metropolitan Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	10
Number of LEMCs	8
LGs with current LEMA	6
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	4 COVID-19 post-incident reports received
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

South West



The year at a glance

- The 2020 LEMC Incident Support Group Exercise Project, the facilitation of 12 preparedness exercises with LEMCs
- 2020 Multi-agency Pre-Season Forum, a bushfire forum led by DFES with the Western Australian Police Force, DBCA and St John Ambulance
- COVID-19 resulted in improved cooperation between State agencies and local governments and increased local government participation in the DEMC.

Meetings of the DEMC

Meeting dates	Attendance
13 October 2020	26
16 March 2021	29

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	12
Number of LEMCs	12
LGs with current LEMA	12
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	1
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	1

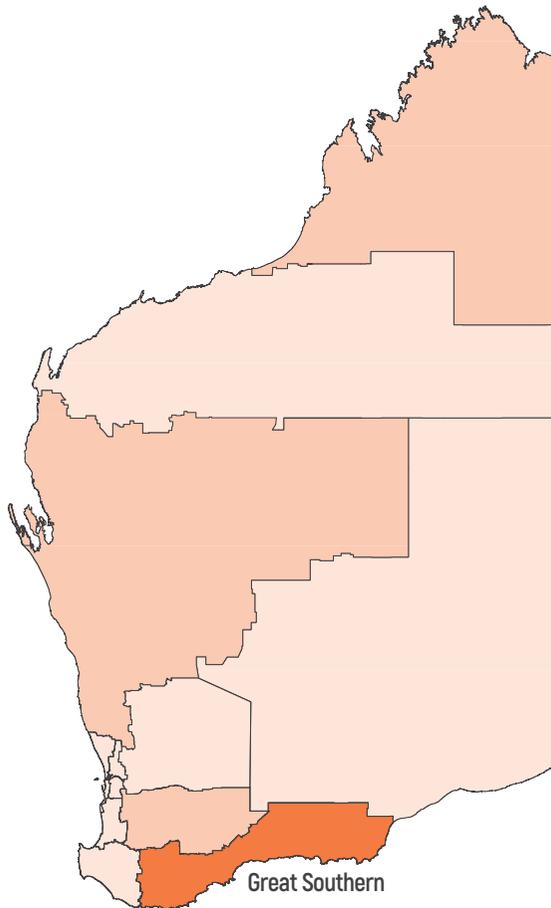
Activation of the OASG

Ongoing	COVID-19
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District OASG Exercises

Nil

Great Southern



The year at a glance

The region has completed extensive testing of the multi-agency Marine Communication Plan and has offered it as a guide for use in other regions. The plan has significantly improved communications during marine search-and-rescue operations.

The Great Southern holds regular Local Emergency Management Forums for local government staff and Councillors. The forums aim to improve local understanding of emergency management with participants sharing learnings and experiences, working collaboratively on emergency management activities.

Meetings of the DEMC

Meeting dates	Attendance
1 July 2020	22
18 November 2020	21
24 March 2021	19

Local Governments and LEMCs

Number of LGs in the district	27
Number of LEMCs	23
LGs with current LEMA	27
Number of LEMC that exercised in the year	10
Local Emergency Risk Management Reports tabled at DEMC	Nil

Activation of the OASG

2020/2021	COVID-19
21 June 2021	Albany Storms

District OASG Exercises

Nil



07

State Emergency Management Framework

State Emergency Management Framework

Overview

The State Emergency Management Framework is comprised of legislation, policy, plans and procedures to facilitate effective management of emergencies. Emergency management arrangements in WA are established through the State Emergency Management Framework, which incorporates the suite of SEMC approved documents.

The State emergency management documents are maintained and managed by the DFES State Emergency Management Policy Branch on behalf of the SEMC Business Unit. The documents are published on the SEMC website and comprises:

- State Emergency Management Policy
- State Emergency Management Plan
- State Emergency Management Procedures
- State Hazard Plans
- State Support Plans
- State Emergency Management Guidelines
- State Emergency Management Glossary.

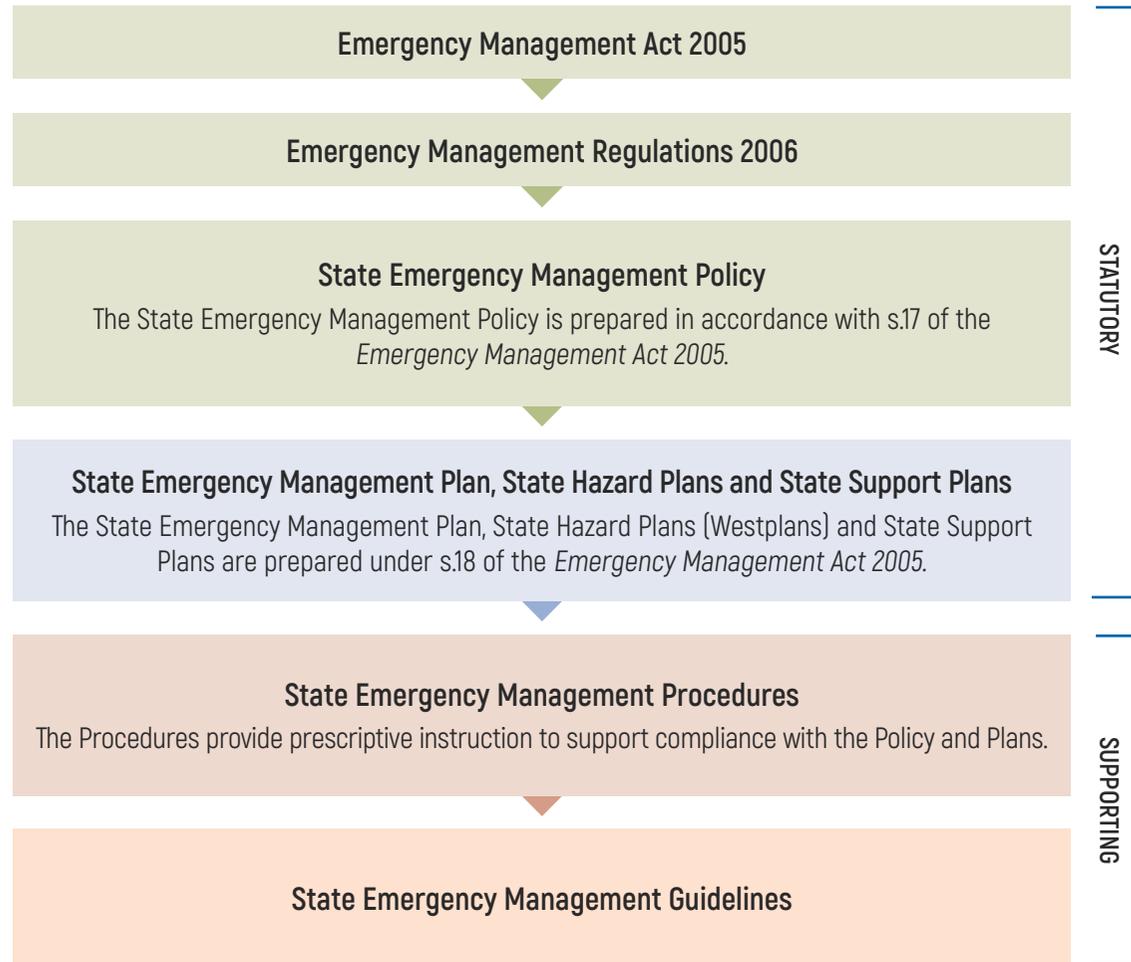


Figure 5: The State Emergency Management Framework

State Emergency Management Framework

Emergency Management Legislation and Regulations

Amendments were made to the EM Act in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These amendments were subject to a sunset clause. Two further amendments were made in the 2020/21 reporting period to extend this sunset clause, as the powers provided by the amendments were required for the ongoing COVID-19 response.

The amendments are as follows:

- *COVID-19 Response Legislation Amendment (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Act 2020* was assented to on 19 November 2020
- *COVID-19 Response Legislation Amendment (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Act 2021* was assented to on 2 June 2021.

Updates and Amendments

The SEMC approved several amendments to the State emergency management documents throughout 2020/21. This is consistent with the principle of continuous improvement and to maintain the accuracy and currency of State emergency management documents. These amendments included policy content and statement of fact (factual accuracy) changes and correction.

Guideline Reviews

The State Emergency Management Local Recovery Guidelines were reviewed by the DFES State Recovery Team in consultation with stakeholders during 2020. A revised version of the Guidelines was approved by the SEMC in March 2021. The Guidelines aim to assist local governments and communities prepare a Local Recovery Plan and manage the recovery process once it has commenced.

The SEMC requested a review of the State Emergency Management Evacuation Guidelines. This was led by the State Emergency Management Policy Branch in collaboration with the District

Emergency Management Advisors and local governments. The amended guidelines include a new section requiring Hazard Management Agencies to consider quarantine, physical distancing and health requirements during human epidemic or pandemic, animal or plant pests or diseases, and hazardous material emergencies.

Accessibility and Inclusion

An accessibility audit of the State emergency management documents was undertaken in 2020. The audit identified that the documents did not meet the State Government's Accessibility and Inclusivity Standard, which requires all digital content to adopt the internationally recognised standards for web content accessibility (WCAG 2.1).

Following the findings of the audit, the State Emergency Management Policy Branch redesigned the suite of documents. The updated State Emergency Management Policy, State Emergency Management Plan, State Emergency Management Procedures, and State Emergency Management Glossary were approved at the May meeting of the SEMC and subsequently published on the SEMC website on 10 June 2021.

State Emergency Management Framework

The remaining documents within the suite, including the State Hazard Plans currently under review, will be progressively converted into the new accessible designs as the updated documents are adopted and uploaded.

State Hazard Plans

The State Hazard Plans describe arrangements for managing and responding to the 28 specific hazards defined in the EM Act and *Emergency Management Regulations 2006*. The SEMC has delegated responsibility to develop, maintain and review the Hazard Plans. The prescribed Hazard Management Agencies provide advice and expertise for the development of the Plans.

The Westplan Rationalisation Project is an initiative to rationalise the suite of plans through the development of unified plans for hazards that have similar requirements in preparedness and response, such as combining the Hazard Plans for storm, cyclone and flood into a new Severe Weather Plan. This project is nearing completion.

The SEMC also oversees a suite of State Support Plans that describe arrangements for supporting services across all hazards, such as emergency public information, human welfare, animal welfare in emergencies and health support. These plans are developed by nominated lead agencies.

A summary of each plan and its current status is provided in the following pages. The following plan updates were approved this year:

- State Hazard Plan Hazardous Materials Emergencies – Annex B Space Re-Entry Debris
- State Hazard Plan Hazardous Materials Emergencies – Annex A Radiation Escape from Nuclear Powered Warship.

Emergency Management Plans

Hazard specific plans have been developed to support the all hazard focused State level Policy, Plan and Procedure. Hazards are defined in both the *Emergency Management Act 2005* and the *Emergency Management Regulations 2006* to include 28 specific hazards.

The SEMC has delegated responsibility for the development, maintenance and review of all relevant State Hazard Plans (SHP) to the hazard management agencies.

There is a range of support functions and services that are not hazard specific but support emergency management arrangements across all hazards. These include emergency public information, welfare, and health support. These services may be required regardless of the type of hazard that occurs and are detailed in State Support Plans (SSP).

The SHP highlighted in green boxes have not yet been converted to the new SHP format.

SHP - Crash Emergency			
Hazard			
	Air Crash	Rail Crash	Road Crash
HMA	Commissioner of Police	Public Transport Authority and Arc Infrastructure*	Commissioner of Police
Last Review Date	2018		
Plan Review Date	Aug 2023		

*Sections 20 and 21 of the *Emergency Management Regulations 2006* detail the areas of the State for which each is HMA.

SHP - Animal and Plant Biosecurity	
Hazard	
	Animals and Plants
HMA	Agriculture Director General
Last Review Date	2016
Plan Review Date	Aug 2021

SHP - Collapse/Earthquake* - Name of plan still to be determined	
Hazard	  <p>Injury or threat to life of persons trapped by the collapse of a structure or landform (collapse)</p> <p>Earthquake</p>
HMA	Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner
Last Review Date	2016
Plan Review Date	Oct 2021

SHP - Severe Weather	
Hazard	   <p>Cyclone</p> <p>Flood</p> <p>Storm</p>
HMA	Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner
Last Review Date	Interim Plan approved May 2021
Plan Review Date	Oct 2022

SHP - Fire	
Hazard	 <p>Fire</p>
HMA	Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner
Last Review Date	2019
Plan Review Date	Nov 2024

SHP - Energy Supply Disruption			
Hazard	 <p>Loss of or interruption to the supply of electricity that is capable of causing or resulting in loss of life, prejudice to the safety, or harm to the health, of a person (electricity supply disruption)</p>	 <p>Loss of or interruption to the supply of natural gas, that is capable of causing or resulting in loss of life, prejudice to the safety, or harm to the health, of a person (gas supply disruption)</p>	 <p>Loss of or interruption to the supply of liquid fuel as defined in the Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984 section 3(1), that is capable of causing or resulting in loss of life, prejudice to the safety, or harm to the health, of a person (liquid fuel supply disruption)</p>
HMA	Coordinator of Energy		
Last Review Date	2018		
Plan Review Date	Dec 2023		

SHP - Human Biosecurity	
Hazard	 <p>Actual or impending spillage, release or escape of a biological substance that is capable of causing loss of life, injury to a person or damage to the health of a person, property or the environment.</p>  <p>Human Epidemic</p>
HMA	Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health
Last Review Date	2019
Plan Review Date	May 2024

SHP - Maritime Environmental Emergencies	
Hazard	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Actual or impending spillage, release or escape of oil or an oily mixture that is capable of causing loss of life, injury to a person or damage to the health of a person, property or the environment (marine oil pollution)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Actual or impending event involving vessel (including a collision, a stranding or an incident of navigation) that is capable of causing loss of life, injury to a person or damage to the health of a person, property or the environment (marine transport emergency)</p> </div> </div>
HMA	Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Transport
Last Review Date	2017
Plan Review Date	Aug 2021

SHP - Search and Rescue	
Hazard	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Land Search – for persons lost or in distress, that requires a significant coordination of search operations</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Marine Search – for persons lost or in distress in waters or on a vessel in waters within the limits of the State, all coastal waters of the State within the meaning given in the <i>Coastal Waters (State Powers) Act 1980 (Cth)</i> and areas within the limits of a port as provided in the <i>Shipping and Pilotage Act 1967</i>, and the <i>Port Authorities Act 1999</i></p> </div> </div>
HMA	Commissioner of Police
Last Review Date	2018
Plan Review Date	Aug 2023

	SHP Hazardous Materials Emergencies (HAZMAT)	SHP HAZMAT Annex A: Radiation Escape from a Nuclear Powered Warship (NPW)	SHP HAZMAT Annex B: Space Re-Entry Debris (SPRED)
Hazard	 <p>Actual or impending spillage, release or escape of a (a) chemical, (b) radiological or (c) other substance (HAZMAT) that is capable of causing loss of life, injury to a person or damage to the health of a person, property or the environment</p>	 <p>Radiation Escape from a Nuclear Powered Warship</p>	 <p>Space Re-entry Debris</p>
HMA	Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner	Commissioner of Police	Commissioner of Police
Last Review Date	2018	2021	2020
Plan Review Date	Aug 2023	Mar 2026	Aug 2025

SHP - Heatwave	
Hazard	 Heatwave
HMA	Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health
Last Review Date	2018
Plan Review Date	May 2023

SHP - Terrorist Act	
Hazard	 Terrorist Act
HMA	Commissioner of Police
Last Review Date	2018
Plan Review Date	Aug 2021

SHP - Hostile Act	
Hazard	 Hostile Act
HMA	Commissioner of Police
Plan Review Date	In development

SHP - Tsunami	
Hazard	 Tsunami
HMA	Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner
Last Review Date	2016
Plan Review Date	Oct 2021

State Support Plans		
SSP - Emergency Public Information	Public Information Reference Group	Dec 2023
SSP - Animal Welfare in Emergencies	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Nov 2024
SSP - Emergency Welfare Interim	Department of Communities	Jul 2020
State Health Emergency Response Plan	Department of Health	Sep 2022



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Disclosures and Compliance

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Regulatory Matters

Enabling Legislation

The SEMC is established by section 13 (1) of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Responsible Ministers

The Hon. Francis Logan MLA,
Minister for Emergency Services;
Corrective Services.
Retired March 2021

The Hon. Reece Whitby MLA,
Minister for Emergency Services;
Racing and Gaming;
Small Business; Volunteering.
From 19 March 2021

Administered Legislation

The SEMC assists the Minister for Emergency Services in the administration of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

Shared Responsibilities With Other Agencies

The SEMC relies on the work of multiple organisations to undertake its functions.

DFES supports the SEMC, three subcommittees and two reference groups.

The Western Australian Police Force supports the Public Information Reference Group, DPC supports the Public Safety Communications Subcommittee, and Main Roads and the Water Corporation jointly support the Essential Services Network Operators Reference Group.

Each subcommittee and reference group comprises organisational executives and senior personnel from a range of public sector agencies and private organisations.

The ongoing collaboration and integration of all parties is critical to the success of the SEMC and the progression of emergency management arrangements across the State.

Ministerial Directions

On 15 July 2020 the Hon. Fran Logan, Minister for Emergency Services, wrote to the SEMC directing it to amend the State Emergency Management

Framework in order to temporarily suspend four sections for a twelve-month period. The purpose of the amendment was to facilitate the state-led recovery arrangements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other Disclosures

The SEMC has a Service Level Agreement with DFES for the provision of staff and other resources to enable the SEMC to fulfil its duties. The DFES Annual Report contains information on how the Department meets the following requirements:

- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan outcomes
- compliance with public sector standards and ethical codes
- record keeping plans
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Occupational Safety and Health.

The Service Level Agreement is due for review following adoption of a new Strategic Plan.

Remuneration of Members

Position	Name	Type of remuneration*	Period of membership**	Base Salary	Gross remuneration 2019/2020
Chair	Dr Ron Edwards	Per annum	Full Year	\$66,290	\$66,290
Deputy	Ms Emma Cole	Nil	Appointed 19/10/2020	\$49,718	\$37,289
Executive Officer	Mr Malcolm Cronstedt	Nil	Resigned October 2020	\$0	\$0
Executive Officer	Ms Melissa Pexton	Nil	Appointed 19/10/2020	\$0	\$0
Member	Mr Chris Dawson	Nil	Full Year	\$0	\$0
Member	Mr Darren Klemm	Nil	Full Year	\$0	\$0
Member	Ms Linda Savage	Per annum	Full Year	\$33,145	\$33,145
Member	Mr Mark Webb	Nil	Full Year	\$0	\$0
Member	Dr Andy Robertson	Nil	Full Year	\$0	\$0
Member	Mr Nick Sloan	Nil	Full year	\$0	\$0
Member	Ms Michelle Andrews	Nil	Until May 2020	\$0	\$0
Member	Mr Mike Rowe	Nil	From 1st June 2020	\$0	\$0
Member	Ms Rebecca Brown	Nil	Until May 2020	\$0	\$0
Member	Ms Emily Roper	Nil	From 1st June 2020	\$0	\$0
Total				\$149,153	\$136,724

Figure 6: Remuneration of Members

Appendix

Acronyms

AFSM	Australian Fire Service Medal	LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee
APM	Australian Police Medal		
CSC	Conspicuous Service Cross	LG	Local Government
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	OASG	Operational Area Support Group
DEMC	District Emergency Management Committee	PSM	Public Service Medal
DFES	Department of Fire and Emergency Services	RCE	Recovery and Community Engagement subcommittee
DoC	Department of Communities	SEMC	State Emergency Management Committee
DoH	Department of Health	SECG	State Emergency Coordination Group
DPC	Department of Premier and Cabinet	SHP	State Hazard Plan
DPIRD	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	SSP	State Support Plan
EM Act	Emergency Management Act 2005	STAND	Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters
ESNORG	Essential Services Network Operators Reference Group	WA	Western Australia
HVMB	Harvest Vehicle Movement Bans	WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
LEMA	Local Emergency Management Arrangements		



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