

SHIRE OF DALWALLINU LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

For the meeting to be held

Meeting Date: 4 May 2026
Location: Shire Administration Centre, 58 Johnston St Dalwallinu
Time: 3.30pm
Videoconference link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/49533823118019?p=KVVD0hZGXYqulsX3Sb>

Emergency Management Act 2005 (Section 39) - Functions of local emergency management committees:

- a) to advise and assist the local government in ensuring that local emergency management arrangements are established for its district.
- b) to liaise with public authorities and persons in the development, review and testing of local emergency management arrangements; and
- c) to carry out other emergency management activities as directed by the SEMC or prescribed by the regulations.

1. MEETING OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson opened the meeting at ____ pm.

2. ATTENDANCE RECORD

2.1 Present

Hanna Jolly	Shire of Dalwallinu
Jemma Counsel (Chair)	Shire of Dalwallinu – Councillor
Jean Knight	Shire of Dalwallinu
Keith Carter	Shire of Dalwallinu – President
Elize Pronk	Dalwallinu Hospital
Sam Dickins	Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service
David Hughes	Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service
Stewart Benton	St John Ambulance
Ricki Hathway	St John Ambulance
Aaron Mills	Bushfire Brigade
Justin Burt	Dalwallinu District High School
Kate McCreery	Kalannie Primary School
Angela Mills	One School Global
Mark Schorer	Department of Communities
Michael Phillips	Department of Communities
Steve McCrea	Dalwallinu Police
Shelby Robinson	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Matt Chomiak	Department of Fire & Emergency Services

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Identify real, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest experienced by any member in relation to the items on the agenda. These should be declared now and if possible, raised with the Chair prior to the meeting to determine the appropriate way to manage the conflict.

4. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Committee approve the minutes of the Shire of Dalwallinu LEMC meeting held on 9 February 2026 be confirmed.

6. REVIEW OF ACTION LIST AND BUSINESS ARISING

Item	Owner	Status
Nil	Nil	Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence In

Response from Telstra/Boyd Brown received 2 March 2026:

'I want to acknowledge at the outset the seriousness of the incidents you have described, including those on 23 October 2025 and 20 January 2026. Telstra recognises that continuity of communications, especially the ability to make 000 calls, is critical to community safety, and I understand the frustration and concern these outages have caused residents, businesses and essential services across the Shire.

Following your correspondence, we undertook a detailed review of power and equipment logs at the Dalwallinu Exchange. This review identified an underlying intermittent fault with the site's permanent backup generator. While the site has several hours of battery reserve, the generator was not consistently starting following some mains power failure events. This resulted in the batteries being depleted before field technicians could reach site with a temporary generator, particularly given the site's significant electrical load and the challenges in sourcing a suitably sized mobile generator at short notice. Our investigations indicate this issue contributed to the service disruptions experienced during the October 2025 and January 2026 outages.

I have since confirmed with our maintenance partner, Ventia, that a Cummins generator specialist attended site and replaced fuel system components that were identified as the root cause of the generator start failures. Post-repair testing has been undertaken, including a recent power routine during which the generator was run under load, and initial indications are that the generator is now operating as expected. We are continuing to closely monitor the site to ensure the effectiveness of these repairs is sustained.

In parallel, Telstra is reviewing contingency arrangements for high-load regional sites such as Dalwallinu to improve resilience during extended power outages, including the logistics of temporary generation support. We are also continuing our engagement with Western Power, recognising the role that prolonged mains power interruptions play in compounding service impacts across regional communities.'

7.2 Correspondence Out

Nil

8. REVIEW OF LEMC MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT LIST UPDATES

Hanna Jolly recently attended LEMC Executive Officers meeting. Discussion was held regarding LEMC membership. LEMC should be contributing to resilience building and knowledge of risks and vulnerabilities with local solutions. With that in mind, should the membership be extended to:

- Dalwallinu CRC
- Kalannie CRC
- Staying in place coordinator
- Any others?

9. LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Standing Items to be considered at each meeting)

9.1 Post Incident Reports

Planning and preparation for Tropical Cyclone Narelle.

This cyclone was downgraded to a tropical low before it was due to impact Shire of Dalwallinu. No impacts were reported in the Shire of Dalwallinu.

Despite the incident not eventuating the way predicted, I hope you can all see value in your preparatory activities and discussions as a great exercise.

Any other feedback?

9.2 Post Exercise Reports –

Nil

9.3 LEMC exercise

Annual LEMC exercise to be undertaken at the conclusion of this meeting. Duncan Astley from Water Corporation will run a desktop exercise 'Western Tree Drella'.

Hanna Jolly has been in contact with Richard Powel at Wubin Site. He is still keen to deliver an exercise which we can hopefully schedule for 2026/2027.

9.4 Review Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Nil

9.5 Risk Management Update

(Monitor and review, emerging risk, mitigation)

Nil

9.6 Review LEMC Business Plan

To be reviewed. Sample requested to be used for Dalwallinu.

9.7 Review Funding Opportunities

Nil

9.8 Any Incident Support Group (ISG) activations or incidents – debrief

Nil

9.9 Training – future dates

Nil

10. AGENCY / MEMBER REPORTS & UPDATES

10.1 Agency

Members to consider:

- *Capability and limitations for the coming season (resources/staffing)*
- *Any known emerging risks*
- *Any scheduled exercises*
- *Outcomes or lessons learnt from any incidents or exercises.*

Shire of Dalwallinu – Hanna Jolly

Dalwallinu Hospital – Elize Pronk

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Bush Fire Brigade – Aaron Mills

Dalwallinu District High School – Justin Burt

Kalannie Primary School – Kate McCreery

One School Global – Angela Mills

Department of Communities – Michael Phillips

Dalwallinu Police – Steve McCrea

Department of Fire & Emergency Services – Shelby Robinson/Matt Chomiak

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Any General Business

12. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

12.1 LEMC CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Venue	Comment
3/8/2026 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	
2/11/2026 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	
8/2/2027 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	
3/5/2027 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at ____pm.