

**SHIRE OF DALWALLINU
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

For the meeting held

Meeting Date: 9 February 2026
Location: Shire Administration Centre, 58 Johnston St Dalwallinu
Time: 3.30pm
Videoconference link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/49505611543248?p=73asn1SBsw9zIR5GZy>

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

In the absence of the chair, Jean Knight was nominated to chair the meeting.

Chairperson opened the meeting at 3.32pm.

2. ATTENDANCE RECORD

2.1 Present

Hanna Jolly	Shire of Dalwallinu
Jean Knight	Shire of Dalwallinu (Chair)
Elize Pronk	Dalwallinu Hospital
Sam Dickins	Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service
David Hughes	Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service
Ricki Hathway	St John Ambulance (via Teams)
Justin Burt	Dalwallinu District High School
Kate McCreery	Kalannie Primary School (via Teams)
Michael Phillips	Department of Communities (via Teams)
Steve McCrea	Dalwallinu Police

2.2 Apologies

Jemma Counsel (Chair)	Shire of Dalwallinu – Councillor
Shelby Robinson	Department of Fire & Emergency Services
Stewart Benton	St John Ambulance
Keith Carter	Shire of Dalwallinu
Aaron Mills	Bushfire Brigade
Angela Mills	One School Global

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: Steve McCrea
Seconded: Sam Dickins

That the Committee approve the minutes of the Shire of Dalwallinu LEMC meeting held on 3 November 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6. REVIEW OF ACTION LIST AND BUSINESS ARISING

Item	Owner	Status
Nil	Nil	Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence In

Correspondence from Western Power received 23 January 2026.

"Through Regional Connect, Western Power is implementing initiatives to reduce the duration of unplanned outages in targeted regional areas supplied by long feeder lines. I am pleased to inform you that Dalwallinu is one of the next locations that will benefit from Regional Connect.

Proposed improvements

As part of Regional Connect, Western Power will be implementing reliability improvement works to Regional Feeder MOR610 including:

- Installation of protection devices and switches which improve network flexibility to reduce outage area and speed up fault-finding to reduce outage duration*
- Improve remote automation ability to reduce outage duration*

While the network upgrades may seem minor in isolation, they will compliment other work underway in the area improving the overall feeder reliability and safety.

These upgrades are expected to be completed over the next six months."

7.2 Correspondence Out

Shire wrote Telstra Regional General Manager Boyd Brown a letter in January regarding recent Telstra outages. Letter has been acknowledged but no response has been received to date.

7.3 Information Tabled

Nil

8. REVIEW OF LEMC MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACT LIST UPDATES

David Kelly (Acquirian) is no longer in charge of Wubin site. Richard Powel is the new contact. To be updated to LEMA.

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

9.1 Post Incident Reports

Nil

9.2 Post Exercise Reports

Nil

9.3 LEMC exercise

Planning in process. Hanna Jolly has been in contact with Richard Powel at Wubin Site. It has been proposed that the exercise is in May however Acquirin need to be on board to present a scenario that could happen on the site.

9.4 Review Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Nil

9.5 Risk Management Update

(Monitor and review, emerging risk, mitigation)

Telstra and power outages discussed in November 2025. Further comments were provided regarding the January outage which caused similar issues than the previous outages. Concerns raised again around 000 calls not working.

9.6 Review LEMC Business Plan

To be reviewed during 2025/2026. 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

- LEMC Officers network has been established. Looking forward to share any ideas or exercises they have used with this LEMC.
- Just a reminder regarding communications – During outages, Shire does have Fibre, NBN and Starlink options available for any emergency communications.

- Dalwallinu Recreation Centre and Kalannie Recreation Centre have been open for public during long power outages. Dalwallinu requests to Shire office and Kalannie requests to Kalannie CRC.

Dalwallinu Hospital – Elize Pronk

- Update regarding Pioneer House.
- Remaining good levels staffing and emergency department has been very busy over the last couple of months.
- Red Cross has got a service to contact vulnerable members of the community during emergencies. Hospital staff can organise the sign in.
- Trying to upgrade generator as had issues with the current during recent outages.

Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service – Sam Dickins

- Fire & Rescue has been very busy attending call outs in the recent months.
- Juniors hasn't started for 2026 but will shortly commence the program. 11 Juniors in training.
- Volunteer numbers are good.

St John Ambulance – Rikki Hathway

- Higher volume of call outs in the recent months.
- Have got some new volunteers.
- Volunteer numbers are good.
- Promoting purchase of local StJohn membership.
- Will attend Wheatstock concert in Kalannie 28 February 2026.

Dalwallinu District High School – Justin Burt

- Practical car crash exercise ran well that was organised in late 2025. Looking to run another one in 2026.
- December power outages caused problems for school. There is no generator on site so children were supported to stay home for two days.
- No water at the tanks currently for emergency purposes and issues with water pressure.

Kalannie Primary School – Kate McCreery

- December power outages – Kalannie School was allocated 2 generators but neither of them arrived.
- Kalannie Primary School bushfire risk level has been upgraded, and school will closed automatically for the days that the Fire Danger Rating is catastrophic.

Department of Communities – Michael Phillips

- Department of Communities have been very busy. They have had 23 activations since November.
- More detailed report shared with LEMC members.

Dalwallinu Police – Steve McCrea

- Will attend Wheatstock concert in Kalannie 28 February 2026.
- Steve McCrea shared a report relating to current staffing and communications during power outages in the meeting.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Any General Business

Sam Dickins shared a concern regarding a recent incident of drone usage on emergency scene and impacts it had.

12. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

12.1 LEMC CALENDAR

Date	Activity	Venue	Comment
4/5/2026 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	
3/8/2026 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	
2/11/2026 – 3.30pm	LEMC Meeting	Shire of Dalwallinu Council Chambers	

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 4.05pm.