



Committee Minutes

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15 November 2016

ITEM NO: 3.1
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: STATUTORY AND SECTION 355 COMMITTEES - MINUTES
OF MEETINGS THAT REQUIRE COUNCILS ENDORSEMENT

Submitted to Council's Ordinary Meeting held on: 15 November 2016

Minutes from Committee Meetings:

3.1-1	Newell Highway Task Force Meeting	11 April and 5 October 2016
3.1-2	Lake Talbot Environs Advisory Committee Meeting	5 October 2016
3.1-3	Parkside Cottage Museum Committee Meeting – GENERAL	10 October 2016
3.1-4	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	11 October 2016

NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE MEETING

Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force (NHTF) meeting held at the Bland Shire Council Chambers on Monday 11 April 2016

The NHTF meeting commenced at 10:00am

1. Welcome, Attendees, Apologies

The Chair Ken Keith was an apology and Cr Michael Greenwood would chair the meeting. Michael thanked the Bland Shire Council for hosting the meeting.

Ray Smith the General Manager at Bland Shire Council welcomed all the Newell Highway Taskforce attendees to West Wyalong. Ray mentioned that West Wyalong is a vibrant community located at the junction of the Newell and Mid Western Highways and Goldfields Way.

In 2011 the Bland Shire has the most gross value agricultural production in the Murray Murrumbidgee and Central West and Orana Regions of \$328 million (figures inserted at the end of the minutes). Recent projects and activities in the Bland Shire include:

- Evolution Mining \$694 million
- GrainCorp \$14 million
- GrainFlow \$4 million
- Hanlon Enterprises \$1.1 million
- Sandfire Resources \$8 million
- Argent Minerals – exploration activities
- Thomson Resources – exploration activities
- Royal Freemasons Benevolent Institution

Attendees:

The Chair Michael Greenwood welcomed the following attendees:

Name	Organisation
Stewart McLeod	Dubbo Regional Council
Mark Stacey	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
Jeff Stien	Bland Shire Council
Ray Smith	Bland Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
Michelle Sleeps	Narrandera Shire Council
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance
Ron Collins	NRMA
Cr Michael Greenwood	Parkes Shire Council
Steve Warrell	RMS South West
Tina Langridge	RMS South West
Dane Hendry	Area Maintenance Manager
Cr Denis Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council
John Zannes	Forbes Shire Council
Verdel Maclean	Forbes Shire Council

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Attendance
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains	Apology
Cr Conrad Bolton	Narrabri Shire Council	Apology
Cr Lloyd Finlay	Narrabri Shire Council	Apology
Libby Lantz	Narrabri Shire Council	Apology
Rob Howse	National Road Transport Association' (NRTA)	Apology
Fiona Simson	NRMA	Apology
Cr Ken Keith	Parkes Shire Council	Apology
Lindsay Tanner	RMS South West	Apology
Phil Standen	RMS Western Region	Apology
Bruce Bates	RMS Western Region	Apology
Rachel Rice	RMS Western Region	Apology
Susie Mackay	RMS Western Region	Apology
Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council	Apology
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council	Apology
Melissa Bennett	Warrumbungle Shire Council	Apology
Cr Doug Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council	Apology
Verdel Maclean	Forbes Shire Council	Attending

Resolution

That the apologies be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Michael Greenwood

Seconded: Kevin Morris

All in favour

Carried

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The secretary mentioned that as the end result of hitting a kangaroo and subsequent damage sustained to the motor vehicle the draft minutes and notes were misplaced and no minutes have been able to be prepared. The secretary also mentioned the increased workloads of the LGAs.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

As above

4. Business Arising

As above

5. Correspondence

The secretary has distributed copies of all correspondence

6. RMS Update

Steve Warrell provided the following Roads & Maritime Services update:



Report to Newell Highway Task Force 11 April 2016

Project	Comments
Heavy Duty Pavement:	
Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla	Contractor engaged to carry out investigation, planning and design
North of Moree	Not started
Narrabri to Moree	Not started
Town Bypasses:	
Boggabilla	Not started
Coonabarabran	Not started
Parkes	Traffic study complete and strategic designs being developed
Realignment and widening:	
Trewilga	Contract awarded, start site works soon
Coonabarabran to Narrabri (Pilliga Forest)	Planning started
Boggabilla to Goondiwindi	Not started
Flooding and traffic issues:	
New bridge over Macquarie River at Dubbo to resolve flooding and traffic issues	Traffic study and strategy option development in progress
Other works:	
Overtaking lanes at selected locations Safety works	Locations for works being selected
Total funds reserved	\$500,000,000



Report to Newell Highway Task Force

11 April 2016

South West Region Projects

Maintenance program	Approved funding (\$)	Comments
Including:		
West Wyalong Heavy Vehicle Bypass		Crompton Street works complete Showground Road works to start in next few weeks Planning for next section (16/17) commenced
Finley south of shops		Rehabilitation works complete
Total (2015/16FY)		
Overtaking lanes	Approved funding (\$)	Comments
<i>Morundah realignment and overtaking lane (1)</i>		<i>Commenced January 2016 due for completion mid-year</i>
Overtaking Lanes (2) north of Finley (16/17)		Planning commenced
Total (2015/16FY)	\$5,800,000	
Realignment	Approved funding (\$)	Comments
Grong Grong realignment		Detail design almost complete. Tenders will be invited once all documentation is completed

After Steve's information the following points were mentioned:

- Ron – NRMA could assist with communicating road works
- Phyllis – side tracks around road works to assist with traffic movement. Forbes Shire Council is also planning a route connecting the Lachlan Valley Way to the Newell Highway with a new bridge over the Lachlan River. They are also looking at the connectivity of the roads and the Central West Livestock Exchange.

7. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

Jeff provided an update on the Newell Highway promotions activities and will send out a copy of the Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee (TASAC) Tourist Signposting manual.

8. General Business

- Ron Collins mentioned the NRMA road safety video featuring Rod Hannifey. Ron mentioned that we had discussed rubbish on the Newell Highway previously and the RMS litter campaign and now the NSW Government is introducing the Container Deposit Scheme. Ron mentioned that the first international flight into Canberra will land on 4 September. Tesla car stations are being rolled out with 20 in Canberra.
- Tony Lord mentioned that the Free Cuppa campaign.
- John mentioned safety cams in NSW's and electronic log books.
- Stewart McLeod asked if there has been a time frame allocated the \$500 million spend on the sale of the poles and wires (5 years). Dubbo projects includes the sale yards, Fletchers Intermodal and the rare earth mining project to the south of Dubbo.
- Last and first mile issues.

9. Next meeting, date and venue

Tuesday 12 July in Dubbo at 9:30am for a 10:00am start.

Meeting Closed 12:25am

NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE MEETING

Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force (NHTF) meeting held at the Dubbo Regional Council Chambers on Wednesday 5 October 2016

The NHTF meeting commenced at 10:00am

1. Welcome, Attendees, Apologies

The Chair Ken Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Dubbo Regional Council for hosting the meeting. Ken also congratulated the recently elected council representatives.

Michael Kneipp the Administrator for Dubbo Regional Council welcomed the Newell Highway Task Force (NHTF) Committee members to Dubbo. Mr Kneipp acknowledged that the Newell Highway is an important arterial link between Melbourne and Brisbane. The freight transport and business sectors as well as the tourism industry rely heavily on the north/south route for travel between Melbourne and Brisbane.



L-R: Cr Dennis Todd Warrumbungle Shire Council; John Morris NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance; Mark Stacy Dubbo Regional Council; Lila Fisher Moree Plains Shire; Craig Moffitt General Manager Murrumbidgee Council; Cr Ken Keith OAM Mayor Parkes Shire Council; Kevin Tighe Warrumbungle Shire Council; Cr Doug Batten Mayor Gilgandra Shire Council; Cr Graeme Miller Mayor Forbes Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies Mayor Narromine Shire Council; Stewart McLeod Dubbo Regional Council.

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Michael Kneipp	Dubbo Regional Council
Stewart McLeod	Dubbo Regional Council
Mark Stacey	Dubbo Regional Council
Jeff Stien	Bland Shire Council
Lila Fisher	Moree Plains
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance
Cr Ken Keith	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Denis Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Graeme Miller	Forbes Shire Council

Name	Organisation
Craig Moffitt	Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Craig Davies	Narromine Shire Council
Phil Standen	RMS Western Region

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
Cr Katrina Humphries	Moree Plains
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains
Cr Catherine Redding	Narrabri Shire Council
Alan Lawrance	Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
Julian Geddes	Narrandera Shire Council
Lindsay Tanner	RMS South West
John Zannes	Forbes Shire Council
Merran Socha	Berrigan Shire Council

Resolution

That the apologies be confirmed.

Moved: Steward McLeod

Seconded: John Morris

All in favour

Carried

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held in West Wyalong on Monday 11 April 2016

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force Committee meeting held in West Wyalong at the Bland Shire Council Chambers on Monday 11 April 2016 which were distributed to members of the Task Force be confirmed.

Moved: Steward McLeod

Seconded: Mark Stacey

All in favour

Carried

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

4. Business Arising

Nil

5. Correspondence

The secretary has distributed copies of all correspondence and had received emails from Ron Collins indicating that with a change of employment circumstances at the NRMA, he will no longer be attending the Newell Highway Task Force Committee meetings. The secretary will send Ron a letter thanking him for his contribution to the Committee. Steve Warrell mentioned that he will be retiring from the Roads and Maritime Service and hence the Newell Highway Task Force.

6. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

Jeff provided an update on the Newell Highway promotions activities and mentioned that as a result of the Newell Highway being closed on Thursday 22 September between West Wyalong and Forbes due to flooding, the businesses, events and communities on the flood affected Newell Highway have seen a major economic impact with traffic being diverted around the flood affected areas. Jeff also mentioned that to get this meeting he had to take a significant detour through Temora, Young, Grenfell, and Eugowra then onto Parkes to get to Dubbo. This route was 455 kilometres and took 5hrs 30mins and extra 193 kilometres and 2hrs 30mins. When the Newell Highway is open this distance is 262 kilometres and takes 3hrs.

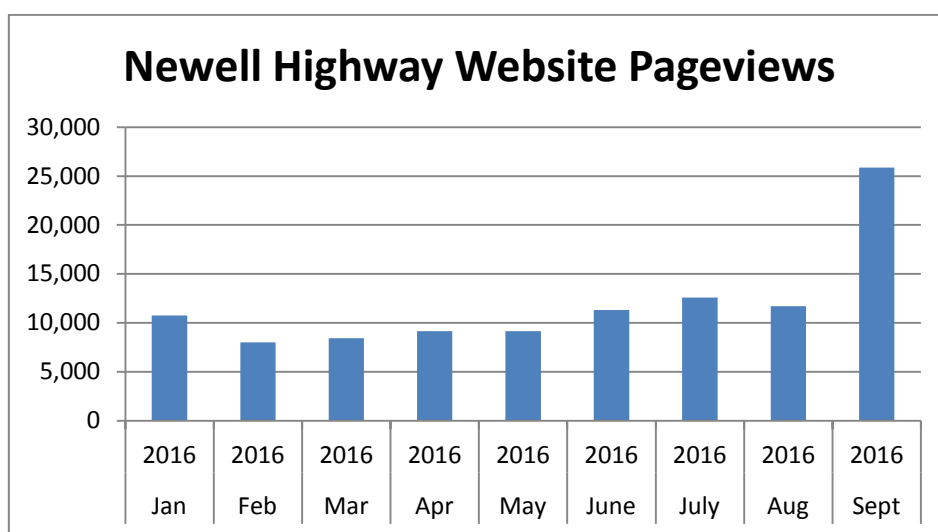
The Newell Highway has been flooded and or closed at Marsden north of West Wyalong in 1950, 1952, 1956, 1962, 1974, 1983, 1990, and 2012 and now in 2016.

Jeff presented the following photos taken on the Newell Highway north of West Wyalong on Friday 30 September:



The Newell Highway Promotions Committee website analytics were tabled and September had seen an increase of 15,716 page views over the monthly average of 10,145. Drilling down in the data revealed that the travellers were seeking information on the flooded Newell Highway. Jeff also mentioned that the Councils on the Newell Highway were also fielding a large number of requests for information on the road closures. The Councils and the travellers had also mentioned that the live traffic website had some issues.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
Pageviews	10,767	8,001	8,434	9,150	9,164	11,328	12,594	11,718	25,861
Visits	4,104	3,026	3,284	3,527	3,463	4,576	4,569	4,357	12,811
Visitors	3,101	2,285	2,467	2,667	2,583	3,442	3,488	3,303	10,081
Desktop	37.7%	44.6%	44.9%	40.2%	41.4%	41.0%	38.6%	42.5%	31.9%
Mobile	41.2%	34.1%	35.5%	36.8%	34.2%	36.0%	38.1%	36.1%	47.1%
Tablet	21.1%	21.3%	19.6%	23.0%	24.4%	22.9%	23.3%	21.4%	21.0%



Jeff tabled information on the NSW Governments changes to the existing Regional Tourism Organisations and the formation of Destination Networks. The four new regional destination networks are:

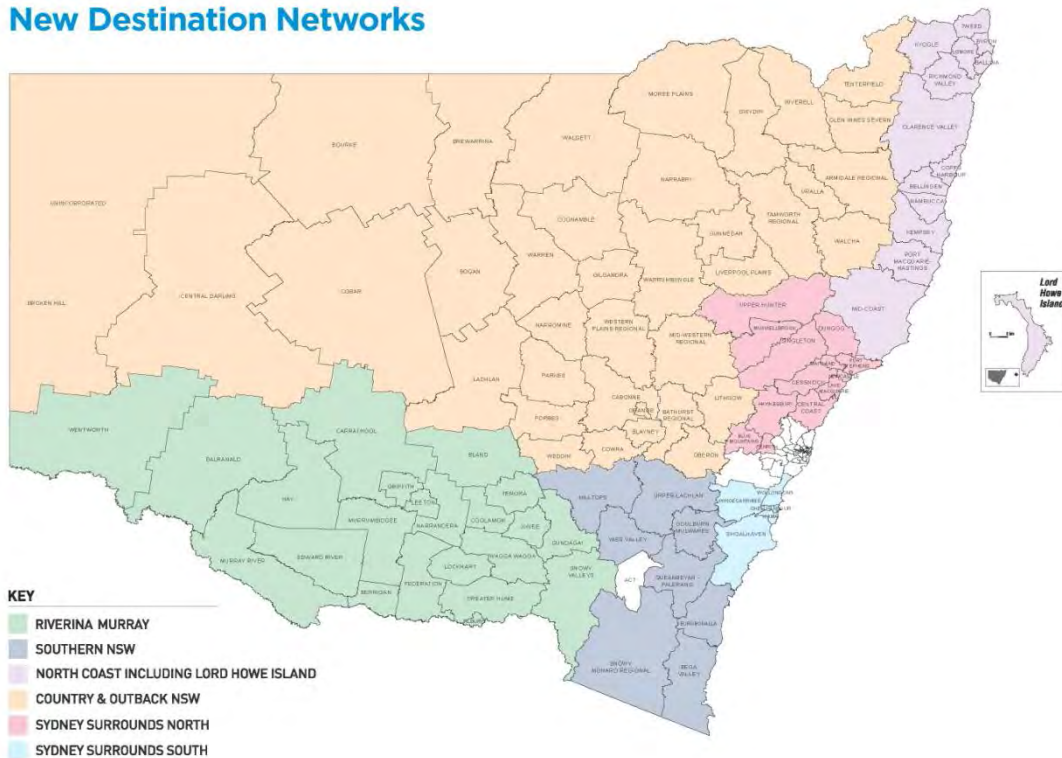
- Destination Riverina Murray;
- Destination Southern NSW (including the Snowy Mountains and Far South Coast);
- Destination North Coast (from Mid-Coast to Tweed Heads including Lord Howe Island); and
- Destination Country and Outback NSW.

The two Sydney Surrounds destination networks will include:

- Destination Sydney Surrounds North (including Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Hunter); and
- Destination Sydney Surrounds South (including Southern Highlands, Wollongong and Shoalhaven).

At a recent Newell Highway Promotions Committee meeting, it was expressed that the new Riverina Murray and Country & Outback NSW Destination Networks were far too large and diverse. The Committee Members also mentioned that they had not seen the final report of the RTO Review. The Committee were also disappointed with the lack of information being provided by DNSW on the formation of the Destination Networks.

New Destination Networks



7. Roads and Maritime Services Update

Phil Standen provided an update on the floods. The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) kept the Newell Highway open for productivity and closed it at the last minute. The RMS has been in response mode and has been working closely with Councils and the SES. The RMS has been diverting the traffic on the State Roads and has been monitoring the condition of the roads. Phil mentioned that the diversion route is suffering but is holding up. The work that is being undertaken to reopen the Newell Highway is being performed by dedicated road teams. Phil mentioned that the West Wyalong to Marsden section is close to being reopened and the damage is much less than expected. The condition of the Mid Western Highway east of Marsden will be assessed this afternoon (5 October) and the RMS is being updated on a daily basis. There is still 400 – 500mm over the Newell Highway at Marsden. The previous strategy at Marsden has been on maintenance and strengthening the road and there has been no recent spending on flood mitigation or raising the levels of the cause ways. The Newell Highway was closed at Marsden for six weeks in 1990 and the RMS are hoping that this 2016 flood will be less than six weeks. The strategy is to get the road open with a temporary fix.

Phil mentioned that the NSW Government had appointed retired NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Dave Owens as the State Recovery Coordinator to oversee the flood recovery and clean up.

Minister Duncan Gay had visited Forbes and Parkes and is planning further visits this week with the Deputy Premier. Following the Ministers visit to Forbes and Parkes the Minister made a commitment to fund the flood section of the Newell Highway between Forbes and Parkes at Tichborne and a consultant had been engaged. It was also mentioned that there was a flood study undertaken in 2001 on the Lachlan River.

There was a general discussion regarding the flooded Newell Highway and the committee acknowledged that as a result of the Newell Highway being closed between West Wyalong and

Forbes, the businesses, events and communities on the flood affected Newell Highway have seen a major economic impact with traffic being diverted around the flood affected areas. It was also mentioned that the State Roads and the Local Government Areas that the Newell Highway traffic was being diverted to was also being impacted on and this includes the local and regional road network. With the Newell Highway being closed there will also be a significant cost to the national freight task. A comment was made that there is a significant amount of money being allocated to the WestConnex compared to the amount being spent on the Newell Highway, the third largest freight corridor in NSW.

The NHTF Committee resolved to prepare report on the costs associated with the Newell Highway being closed between West Wyalong and Marsden and beyond Marsden to Forbes including the Caragatel floodway. In preparing this report the NHTF Committee will seek assistance and work with the RMS, the Australian Trucking Association, NatRoads, Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association, LGA's etc.

The NHTF Committee, Trucking Associations and LGA's make representation to the Federal Government for natural disaster assistance or other funding to flood proof the Newell Highway between West Wyalong and Marsden and beyond Marsden to Forbes including the Caragatel floodway.

Moved: Cr Doug Batten **Seconded: Cr Craig Davies**
All in favour
Carried

The NHTF Committee endorses the NSW Governments flood investigation that is being undertaken at Tichborne.

Moved: Cr Graeme Miller **Seconded: Cr Doug Batten**
All in favour
Carried

Phil mentioned that the RMS have been undertaking safety improvements on the Newell Highway and other projects that are being worked on or are in the planning phase include:

- The Parkes Bypass
- The LH Ford Bridge in Dubbo
- Heavy duty pavement (Narrabri, Moree and Boggabilla)
- Overtaking lanes
- Grong Grong realignment and the West Wyalong heavy vehicle route
- Planning for the Coonabarabran bypass will not commence in the not to distance future

8. General Business

John mentioned the Trangie Truck Stop should be completed by the end of October and that it would feed into the Newell with B-Triples running down from Bourke. West of Nevertire the width of the road is not up to standard and John will discuss this further with the RMS.

Ken Keith attended an inland rail meeting at Parliament House in Canberra three weeks ago with the Federal Government Infrastructure Minister. The Federal Government will spend \$594 million on researching and acquiring land for an inland rail network connecting Brisbane to Melbourne. The Inland Rail project will be delivered through the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) in partnership with the private sector.

The following information was distributed as an agenda item from Murrumbidgee Council:

I seek to discuss with the Newell Highway Task Force, the level of support for Murrumbidgee Council's plan to seek more work from the RMS for asset maintenance of the roads that RMS are responsible for, in this case specifically the Newell Highway.

A common theme for us has been to utilise Local Government capabilities to engage with RMS as a preferred contractor to carry out routine maintenance and deliver project work within our capabilities. We have been a successful contractor under the RMCC on the Kidman Way, have carried out work on the Newel Highway within Jerilderie over the years. We seek to have RMS engage Local Government west of the Great Dividing Range generally for the maintenance of assets like the Newell Highway.

I seek your agreement to have this issue discussed at the Task Force Meeting, when we would seek support from the Newell Highway Councils to not only be the preferred contractor for improvement works but also the routine maintenance. With all the damage caused by recent weather, it is clear that the RMS will need some additional support to carry out catch up maintenance. Obviously there will need to be some commitment by RMS which will give Council's confidence that this will be an ongoing relationship as we all will be faced with similar catch-up work on our own road assets. However a 'maturing' of the relationship has the potential of being a win-win for both Councils and RMS as we ramp up our capabilities and deliver more timely maintenance work at a potentially competitive lower cost.

There was a general discussion regarding LGAs and the RMS. Relationships and personalities varied between the different LGAs and the RMS Regions as well as the level of work being undertaken with and on behalf of the RMS.

The NHTF Committee endorses Murrumbidgee Council's efforts to engage with RMS to mature the relationship with Rural and Regional Councils where appropriate to achieve an expansion of contract work on RMS maintained roads.

Moved: Craig Moffit

Seconded: Cr Dennis Todd

All in favour

Carried

Ken mentioned that during Minister Gays visit to the flood affected areas of Forbes and Parkes he raised the question if there could be some flexibility around the Regional Road Block Grant Program and this could be an agenda item to be discussed at the RMS Conference.

On Tuesday 27 September 2016, the Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant today announced disaster assistance for flood affected communities across New South Wales. The 21 local government that will receive NDRRA assistance are: Bathurst, Bland, Blayney, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Cowra, Forbes, Gilgandra, Hilltops, Lachlan, Mid-Western, Narromine, Orange, Parkes, Temora, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle, Western Plains and Yass Valley.

9. **Next meeting date and venue**

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at the Forbes Shire Council Chambers - 9:30am for a 10:00am start

10. 2017 meeting dates and venues

- Wednesday 1 March 2017 Narrabri Shire Council Chambers - 9:30am for a 10:00am start
- Wednesday 7 June 2017 Murrumbidgee Council Chambers
- Wednesday 6 September 2017 Gilgandra Shire Council Chambers
- Wednesday 6 December 2017 Parkes Shire Council Chambers

Meeting Closed 11:50am

ITEM NO: 3.1-1
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE
MEETING DATE: 11 April and 5 October 2016
MEETING VENUE: Bland and Dubbo Shire Council Chambers

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 November 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force Committee meetings held in West Wyalong on Monday 11 April and Dubbo on 5 October 2016.

Committee Members:

Councils along the Newell Highway route, the NRMA, National Roads, Orana Regional Development Association and Roads & Maritime Services.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide information on progress of matters being addressed by the Newell Highway Task Force Committee and for Council to receive and note the Minutes of those meetings.

BACKGROUND

The Newell Highway Task Force was established in early 2009. Formation of the Task Force was one of the key outcomes of the Newell Roundtable convened by the then Member for Dubbo, Dawn Fardell MP in Parkes in April 2009.

Since then, a clear sense of expectation has been developed around the Taskforce and its charter to develop and upgrade this major national inland motoring corridor.

Meetings are held several times throughout the year with members from Councils along the Newell Highway route, the NRMA, National Roads, Orana Regional Development Association, Roads & Maritime Services and the Newell Highway Promotions Committee.

Member Councils host the meetings on a rotational basis. Narrandera Shire Council delegates to this Taskforce are the Mayor of the day, Cr Morris and Deputy General Manager Infrastructure Services.

Narrandera Shire Council was represented at the 11 April meeting by Cr Morris and the Economic Development Manager with no attendance and apologies noted to the 5 October meeting. Minutes of those meetings are now attached.

RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND OTHER STRATEGIES / MASTERPLANS / STUDIES

This report aligns with the Narrandera Shire Community Strategic Plan:-

<u>Key Direction</u>	5.2	A strong relationship between government and community
<u>Objective</u>	5.2.2	A strong local and regional presence
<u>Action</u>	1	Take a leadership role in matters of regional significance

OPTIONS AND PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council receive and note the contents of the Newell Highway Task Force Committee held at West Wyalong on 11 April and Dubbo on 5 October 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Newell Highway Task Force Committee - Minutes 11 April 2016
2. Newell Highway Task Force Committee – Minutes 5 October 2016

COMING MEETINGS – Held at Shire Council Chambers - 9:30am for 10am Start

Wednesday 14 December 2016 – AGM - Forbes

2017

- Wednesday 1 March 2017 Narrabri
- Wednesday 7 June 2017 Murrumbidgee
- Wednesday 6 September 2017 Gilgandra
- Wednesday 6 December 2017 Parkes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force Committee meetings held in West Wyalong on Monday 11 April and Dubbo on 5 October 2016.

ITEM NO: 3.1-2
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – LAKE TALBOT ENVIRONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 5 October 2016
MEETING VENUE: Narrandera Ex-Servicemen’s Club

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 November 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Lake Talbot Environs Committee Meeting of 5 October 2016.

Committee Members:

Cr Lewis, Cr Payne, Rex Evans, Ken Murphy, Peter Beal, Vince Mercuri, Jeff Kirk, Alistair Hayward, Darren Knagge, Troy Lee, Roger Evans, Julian Geddes

~~ This Item is submitted for Council’s Information ~~

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **6pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Narrandera Shire Councillor	Cr Payne
Representing Committee	Darren Knagge
Representing Committee	Ken Murphy
Representing Committee	Rex Evans (Chair)
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Roger Evans
	(Open Space & Recreation Manager)
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Julian Geddes
	(Deputy General Manager Infrastructure)

Observers Nil

Item 2 - APOLOGIES Cr Lewis, Peter Beal, Vince Mercuri

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 7 September 2016

Moved: Darren Knagge **Seconded:** Ken Murphy **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Discussions and resolution took place on the following agenda items.

1. Lake Talbot Hydrological Study
Open Space & Recreation Manager (OSRM) reported that Committee representatives had met with Council representatives including the CEO to discuss concerns relating to the draft study. The following day a meeting had been held with the consultants to discuss all issues which had been identified in earlier discussion with the committee. Council is presently waiting for a response from the consultants.
2. Walking/Cycling Tracks
Item to be retained on Agenda but to be called "Existing Walking Tracks – inspection and rejuvenation". In discussion of this item, the Committee agreed to organise an inspection of the existing walking track as a basis for developing a maintenance program.
3. Control of Willow Infestation
OSRM reported that he had discussed the matter with Geoff Shaw from Murrumbidgee Irrigation and once conditions are suitable some control works will be undertaken.
4. Council Signage Planning – Lake Talbot
It was noted that once the branding project has been finalised a strategy relating to signage will be developed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Working Bee to replace damaged fabric bags
Darren Knagge has organised a ski club working bee for the Sunday 23 October commencing at 8am to replace damaged fabric bags. Safety arrangements were discussed. OSRM to assist by lodging an application with DPI for this work.

Darren Knagge advised that in addition to voluntary assistance by the ski club other organisation and individuals had donated materials and time. This work will assist in presentation of the lake for the wooden boat festival the following weekend.
2. Future Works on Retaining Wall Structure
Rex Evans asked if the feasibility of widening the access road to the lake could be considered when future replacement of retaining walls was planned.
3. Weed Harvesting
OSRM advised that the weed harvest contractor had been booked for works on the 5 December 2016. The Committee discussed the arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 2 November 2016 – 6pm – Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club

MEETING CLOSED 7pm

Approved by Chairperson: O.R. Evans.

JG/re – CM/16-11

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Lake Talbot Environs Committee Meeting of 5 October 2016.

ITEM NO: 3.1-3
REPORT FROM: Executive Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES - PARKSIDE COTTAGE MUSEUM COMMITTEE
GENERAL
MEETING DATE: 10 October 2016
MEETING VENUE: Parkside Cottage Museum

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 November 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Narrandera Parkside Cottage Museum Committee General Meeting held 10 October 2016.

Committee Members:

Cr Bryon, Graham Minchin, June Hulands, Roy Wade, Robert Sloan, Geoff Sullivan, Lyn Browne and George Patterson

~~ This Item is submitted for Council's Information ~~

The Chairperson opened the meeting at **8.10pm** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Representing Committee	Graham Minchin (Chair)
Representing Committee	Lyn Browne (Secretary)
Representing Committee	Roy Wade
Representing Committee	Robert Sloan (Caretaker)
Representing Committee	Geoff Sullivan
Representing Committee	June Hulands
Representing Narrandera Shire Council	Cr Bryon

Guests Mayor Cr Kschenka, Chief Executive Officer Judy Charlton

Item 2 - APOLOGIES George Patterson

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST No Interest Declared

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 8 August 2016

Moved: Roy Wade

Seconded: Geoff Sullivan

CARRIED

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Alarm System

It was noted that the current alarm system requires four members having their own codes. The alarm system went off on 17 October 2016. A Narrandera Security Systems representative contacted committee members J Hulands and R Sloan. A check of the museum determined everything was as it should be. The Narrandera Security Systems representative contacted Narrandera Shire Council. A Council staff member treated around the alarms with bug deterrent.

It was moved that consideration be given to a simpler alarm system that allows for quick access to turn off and reset.

Moved: Geoff Sullivan

Seconded: June Hulands

CARRIED

ITEM 6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers Report as at 30 September 2016 read and tabled:

Total Income	\$294.00
Total Expenditure	\$638.46
Bank Balance	\$1,091.48

RECOMMENDATION Item 6

That the Treasures report be accepted.

Moved: Roy Wade

Seconded: June Hulands

CARRIED

ITEM 7 COUNCIL'S DELEGATE REPORT – No report for 10 October meeting

ITEM 8 FUNCTION OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

A letter expected from Council was followed up on 19 August with Council staff and a copy provided.

Committee members expressed the need to know how the committee should function until a decision was made in relation to becoming a Section 355 Committee of Council.

To assist in writing an accurate report to Council and in determining how best the Council could be of assistance, the Chief Executive Officer asked the Committee to elaborate on its reasons for seeking to become a Section 355 Committee of Council.

It was noted that:

- Council owns and insures the museum building
- The contents are owned by the museum and are not insured due to difficulties around valuing irreplaceable items
- The process of becoming a Section 355 Committee would be a lengthy one
- The Chief Executive Officer's report to Council was in progress

The Mayor expressed interest in gaining a greater understanding of the workings of the museum and its committee.

Cr Bryon embraced her role as representative Councillor to the committee and will advise of any changes that will have an effect on the group. A copy of the committee's constitution and collection policy were provided to Cr Bryon who will assist the committee with any requests to Council.

ITEM 9 CARETAKERS REPORT

Due to ongoing problems with the outside toilet a sign has been placed on the door advising to use the conveniences in the Marie Bashir Park.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Firearms

Roy Wade contacted the Narrandera Police in regards to the firearms that have been offered to the museum and was advised that the firearms are now in Wagga Wagga with a firearms dealership.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS Nil

NEXT AGM MEETING Monday 12 December 2016 – 12 noon – Murrumbidgee Hotel

MEETING CLOSED 8.50pm

Approved by Chairperson: *Mr Graham Minchin*

Mr.GM/VKM/jr – CM/16-11 & 60/20/8-104

ITEM NO: 3.1-4
REPORT FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: MINUTES – LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE: 11 October 2016
MEETING VENUE: Emergency Operations Centre

Submitted to Ordinary Council Meeting held on: 15 November 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting of 11 October 2016.

Committee Members:

Kate Johanson	Volunteer Officer	Australian Red Cross
Warren Boyce	Station Officer	Ambulance Service of NSW
Andrew Long	Duty Operations Manager	Ambulance Service of NSW
Alex McCormick	Paramedic	Ambulance Service of NSW
Neal Tait	Station Commander	Fire & Rescue NSW
Dean Emery	Duty Commander	Fire & Rescue NSW
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor	Narrandera Shire Council
Fred Hammer	LEMO	Narrandera Shire Council
Judy Charlton	CEO, <u>Chair LEMC</u>	Narrandera Shire Council
Bruce McBean	Alternate LEMO	Narrandera Shire Council
Helen Ryan	Manager Development & Environment	Narrandera Shire Council
Daryl Cooper	Leader, Qld Fruit Fly Control & Monitoring	NSW Dept. of Primary Industries
Karen Absolom	Nurse Manager	NSW Health
Darren Wallet		Office of Environment & Heritage
Owen Plowman	REMO	NSW Police Force
Brett Roden	LEOCON	NSW Police Force
Kim Traynor	LEOCON	NSW Police Force
Wal Lingen Service	Local Controller	NSW State Emergency
Wal Lingen	Regional Coordinator, Secretary	NSW Volunteer Recue Association
Justin Langley	Station Commander	NSW Rural Fire Service
Michael Borg	District Technical Officer	NSW Rural Fire Service
Matthew Ross	Inspector, District Officer	NSW Rural Fire Service
Jonathon Crocker	Traffic Operations Manager	Roads & Maritime Services

~~ This Item is submitted for Council's Information ~~

The regular chairperson, Judy Charlton was an apology. In her absence Fred Hammer chaired the meeting. The Chairperson opened the meeting at **9.45am** and thanked committee members for attending.

Item 1 - PRESENT

Warren Boyce	Station Officer	Ambulance Service of NSW
Neal Tait	Station Commander	Fire & Rescue NSW
Fred Hammer	LEMO	Narrandera Shire Council
Bruce McBean	Alternate LEMO	Narrandera Shire Council
Karen Absolom	Nurse Manager	NSW Health
Owen Plowman	REMO	NSW Police Force
Kim Traynor	LEOCON	NSW Police Force
Wal Lingen	Local Controller	NSW State Emergency Service
Justin Langley	Station Commander	NSW Rural Fire Service
Matthew Ross	Inspector, District Officer	NSW Rural Fire Service
Jonathon Crocker	Traffic Operations Manager	Roads & Maritime Services

Observers

Julian Geddes	Director Infrastructure	Narrandera Shire Council
Wayne Heidtman	Captain	VRA.

Item 2 - APOLOGIES

Kate Johanson, Alex McCormick, Andrew Long, Dean Emery, Cr Neville Kschenka, Judy Charlton, Helen Ryan, Daryl Cooper, Darren Wallet, Brett Roden, Michael Borg

Item 3 - DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST Nil

Item 4 - CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of Previous Meeting held 14 June 2016

Moved: Bruce McBean **Seconded:** Justin Langley **CARRIED**

Item 5 - BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. REMO Report

- Flood conditions remain across the region
- Dams are still quite full but draining to provide reserve capacity. This will keep river levels high for some time
- The regional situation is stable and well controlled
- SES have managed issues very well and communicated well
- There is significant road disruption and damage
- Many rail branch lines are closed due to land slips or engineering concerns
- Incident management teams have been established
- Griffith & Wagga EOCs are on standby
- EMOS (Emergency Management Operations System) is being continually updated with emergency management details
- A round of LEMC meetings this week. Matters related are –
 - Flooding at Albury & Wagga are easing
 - Impact assessment and recovery is about to commence
 - Some missing and lost stock has been reported in the region
 - Large areas of crop have been affected by flooding
 - David Owens has been appointed to oversee recovery from this event

- A natural Disaster Declaration has been made. Authorities will roll the rain and flooding events from the last few months into a single event for administrative purposes
- 50 houses have been isolated by flood water at Doctors Point in Albury
- A major gas pipeline supplying Albury passes through an old quarry about 10km to south. There is concern about land slips affecting supply, which would have a significant effect on Albury businesses and residents
- During the flooding at Albury & Wagga, there have been evacuations from less than 10 properties

2. LEOCON Report

- LEOCON commented that the flood situation has been well managed without the need to open the EOC. Opening was considered but it was decided not necessary.
- LEOCON congratulated Wal Lingen for regularly observing river heights and making accurate predictions by comparing levels at Berembred to forecast subsequent levels at Narrandera.
- LEOCON welcomed Karen Absolom from NSW Health and Jonathon Crocker from RMS.
- Narrandera police to assist with capability during the flooding. Officers have been instructed not to drive into flood waters.

3. LEMO Report

- LEMO notes the wet weather has lasted since April. Much damage has been done to roads. Thanks were passed to SES for reports and alerts.
- A meeting was held with residents of Barellan who were concerned about the town being flooded – residents were reassured this is unlikely and there was no need to build levee banks. The height Mirooll Creek rose to during 2 rain events caused some concern.
- The draft Barellan Flood Study report is currently with Office of Environment & Heritage for a technical review. Flood Risk Management Committee will be called in October for the consultants to present updates

4. Agency Reports

SES

- Some residents during this event have made unrealistic requests e.g. wanting “road lowered”. This has parallels with 2012 event
- So far no rescues performed in area. Residents in low lying areas left well in advance
- One resident seeking welfare
- A few residents in low lying areas did not leave. They are doing OK
- SES assisting with feeding 150 cattle. The matter is being passed to DPI
- Most flooding has been similar to situation in 2012 though some differences along the Sturt Hwy

VRA

- So far no evacuations have been done
- Some checks on flooded houses have been done using boats
- A small number of residents have refused to leave after being advised. VRA is checking those remaining who allow this

RFS

- Please refer to attached report from RFS.

NSW Ambulance

- Due to Sturt Highway being closed, they are diverting via Canola Way. This adds about 10 minutes to the trip and it was noted as being a bit rough due to road damage.

NSW Fire & Rescue

- There have been 9 calls since last meeting. One house fire in Audley St.
- The district has 2 new inspectors, Dean Emery and Superintendent Bob Sayer.
- New touch-screen tablet PCs have been installed in trucks.
- Swift water rescue teams have been deployed to the region during the flood event.
- F&R is using drones in the area to monitor flooding.
- A water transfer truck with substantial pumping capacity has been assigned to the region during the flooding.

NSW Health (Narrandera Hospital)

- NSW Health is using the Flood DISPLAN – checking patients at risk. So far none have needed to be moved.
- Once waters subside, mosquitos will become a significant problem.
- New duress alarms have been installed at the hospital. Some teething problems have been experienced.
- The hospital now has a security assistant for troublesome periods such as weekends.
- Hospital's emergency generators have been checked and are ready to use.
- All staff are receiving violence and its prevention training.
- The hospital is receiving road closure information daily from Wagga head office.

Office of Environment & Heritage

- No Report

NSW Dept of Primary Industries

- No Report

RMS (Roads & Maritime Service)

- Sturt & Newell Hwy closed at Gillenbah at time of meeting. They may remain closed for some time after flooding abates to allow for repairs.
- The pavement of the highways is seriously damaged and needs to be fixed before re-opening.
- An issue arising is that some locals are not accepting “shut means shut” and are attempting to use closed roads.
- RMS is monitoring Canola Way daily. This road is being used as an alternative route to/from Wagga.
- Trucks are diverting from the Newell Hwy to Kidman Way. However this route will be affected next week when the flood peak passes through. Kidman Way may close for some days.

Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC)

Emergency Management Planning – Nil
Training & Development

- a. Intro to emergency management 26th October Wagga
- b. EOC concepts 27th October Wagga
- c. Evacuation management 20th & 30th November Tocumwal

5. Airport Incidents - No Report

6. Airport Emergency – Desktop Exercise

This will be arranged for December. Proposal is for an incident with a landing aircraft running off the end of the runway into adjacent paddock. Agreed time of exercise is 5:30PM for around 1 hour, date to be confirmed. LEMO to work with airport officer to prepare scenario and facilitate exercise.

7. Recovery after Flood Event

- It was noted that some residents may attempt to “scam” and obtain financial assistance they are not entitled to.
- Wal Lingen advised he will call 1-2 daily meetings if flood level rises again. Officers from the Narrandera RMS office should attend these meetings.
- If “prepare to evacuate” text messages are sent, the wording should be carefully chosen so as not to cause confusion and panic. For example include the words “low lying land” or similar.
- REMO confirmed the protocol for opening the EOC – if a combat agency requests this, the EOC must be opened.
- VRA captain requested trees be cleared at lizard Drive so VRA & SES can launch boats into the river.

CORRESPONDENCE Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. LEMC Report, October 2016
2. Report from REMO

NEXT MEETING 14 February 2017 – 9.30 am – Narrandera Emergency Operations Centre

MEETING CLOSED 11:41am

Approved by Chairperson:



JG/bm - CM/16-11

RECOMMENDATION

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LEMC Report, October 2016

NSW Rural Fire Service - MIA District

Bushfire Risk Management Plan

The Draft BFRMP has been endorsed and submitted to the BFCC. It is now waiting on approval. These approvals have been put on hold until the legalities of the recent local government amalgamations are finalised.

Bush Fire Season

Bush Fire Danger Period commenced on the 1st October 2016 this year due fuel conditions. This has been done in consultation with other land managers and the local Group Captains, Captains at our pre season meetings.

Seasonal Bushfire Outlook 2016 - 2017

We are looking at a delayed start to the bush fire season due to the above average rainfall over the last three months; this rainfall is predicted to end and a shift to the typical summer conditions of hot dry periods. Along with the higher than average rainfall we are experiencing prolific growth that is contributing to the total fuel loads we are seeing around our district. These conditions are leading to a higher potential for wildfire to occur across our district.

Incidents 1st July 2016 – 7th October 2016

DISTRICT	Fire	MVA	Other	Total
Carrathool	6	2	1	9
Griffith	9	0	9	18
Hay	0	4	0	4
Leeton	5	0	4	9
Murrumbidgee	1	1	0	2
Narrandera	1	4	3	8
TOTAL	22	11	17	50

Attachment 2: Report from REMO



**Riverina Murray
Emergency Management Region**

Deniliquin Office (Riverina Murray West) - Region EMO - Scott Fullerton
Wagga Office (Riverina Murray East) - Region EMO - Owen Plowman

Riverina Murray REMO Report to LEMC Meetings & Functional Area Committees – October 2016.

Riverina Murray EM Region Rainfall Event, NSW SES Ops and other OPs

As at: 12:00 hrs Monday 10/10/2016 Combat Agency: NSW SES

- NSW SES Actions: Murrumbidgee SES Region IMT established at Wagga Wagga.
- NSW SES Actions: Lachlan SES Region IMT established at Parkes.
- NSW SES Actions: Murray SES Region IMT established at Albury.

SITUATION:

The general flood condition across the Riverina Murray EM Region remains **Stable and Well Controlled**. With the storages near capacity, releases are being managed to create airspace in the dams to provide for future predicted rainfall events and snow melt inflows. With ongoing rainfall events predicted for the month of October this means that river levels will continue to be high, near or at Minor, Moderate or in some case Major Flood levels for some time.

- Burrinjuck Dam: 97% Falling
- Blowering Dam: 101% Falling
- Hume Dam: 98% Falling
- Wyangla Dam: 99% Falling

For detailed information on Storage Levels, River Heights and Flow see the **NSW DPI Office of Water** site: <http://realtimedata.water.nsw.gov.au/water.stm>

AROUND THE REGION:

Lachlan NSW SES Region: Situation well controlled.

Conditions remain stable at Ungarie in Bland Shire. The NSW SES Lachlan IMT is monitoring this location in consultation with Bland Shire Council and other local resources. Flooding on the Lachlan River system continues to cause concerns for communities within the Central West EM Region (not covered in this EM Update).

Murrumbidgee NSW SES Region: Situation well controlled.

Several precautionary flood evacuations (< 10 properties) were conducted at Wagga on Saturday 01/10/2016. LEOCON advised. Functional Area support has been managed by direct liaison with the Combat Agency and via the REMO, No Evac Centre or EOC activation has been required.

Murray NSW SES Region: Situation well controlled.

Several precautionary flood evacuations (< 10 properties) were conducted at Albury on Sunday 02/10/2016. LEOCON advised. No Functional Area support required, No Evac Centre or EOC activation has been required.

IMPACT ISSUES:

The catchments remain saturated across the Riverina Murray EM Region. River levels are expected to remain high for an extended period.

Transport Disruption Road:

The **Newell Hwy**: Newell Hwy is open between West Wyalong and Marsden (remains closed between Marsden and Forbes), diversion now via Grenfell.

The **Newell Hwy** is also closed to **all traffic** at Gillenbah south of Narrandera.

The **Sturt Hwy** is now closed to all Traffic between Wadi and Collingullie. Please refer to RMS live traffic for updates and diversions. See Website: <https://www.livetraffic.com/desktop.html>,

The **Goulburn Valley HWY** on the Victorian side of the Murray River at the Tocumwal Bridge is closed to all traffic.

Cross border road closures are impacting communities on along the Murray below Albury (Tocumwal) ESO,s in particular have been advised to assess the impact and are advised to manage contingencies for interruption of standing cross border arrangements. NSW Police VKG also advised re: 000.

For local roads refer to the respective LGA websites.

Transport Disruption Rail: Widespread and numerous closures of Branch Lines across the John Holland controlled Riverina Area.

CONTROL STRUCTURE/CURRENT ACTIVITY:

NSW SES Lachlan, Murray & Murrumbidgee IMTs are managing Flood Operations and related Public Information.

• **Griffith EOC** remains at **Stand By** (Yellow Status – unmanned but ready). The Griffith EOC may be activated to Operational status for Flood/Storm activity if required.

• **Wagga EOC** remains at **Stand By** (Yellow Status– unmanned but ready). The Wagga EOC may be activated to Operational status for Flood/Storm activity if required.

• **EMOS : Now includes REMO issued Riverina Murray EM Updates and other REMO inputs.**

• **LEMC Meetings:** Some Riverina Murray based LEMC are meeting as scheduled next week and are asked to discuss ongoing/current flood mitigation, preparation & response and to also discuss future **Recovery** needs including **Impact Assessment processes** and possible requirement for **Recovery Coordination strategies and structures**. I would ask that LEMCs take the time to review the NSW Reconvey Toolkit for Local Government; Copy available at NSW Office of Emergency Management site: www.emergency.nsw.gov.au

• Albury LEMC conducted an extraordinary meeting of the LEMC at 14:30 of Friday.

Albury Local Issue: Increased Level of Threat to Albury Gas Supply: Partial flooding to a sand quarry west of Wodonga in Victoria. The concern is that the level of water is causing subsidence / erosion of supporting foundations of infrastructure in the area. The quarry is adjacent to lateral gas supply pipeline serving Albury and (Aust. Gas Networks) Wodonga – Jindera 330kV transmission line. (AusNet – Victoria). Pipeline: supply would be cut off to Albury and Jindera, including the Albury Wodonga Hospital, Norske Skog paper Mill at Albury, Any potential impact from the current event would be local to Albury LGA only. The area is flooded and described as a low probability local impact event.

•As at: 15:00 hrs yesterday the REMO was advised by Albury LEMO that landslips were occurring in the quarry and that the easement holding the Gas Supply (300mm pipeline) was under an increased level of risk of failure due to landslips on the easement. If the pipe fails the Wodonga ICC will open, it is envisaged that Albury Local EM LOs will operate from that ICC if required. REMO phone call with Hume Region (Vic) ICC (EOC) confirmed that the level of risk of pipe failure has increased and that the supply will only be isolated if the pipe fails.

•As at 10:30 hrs today, No pipe is exposed as yet, Hume Region ICC (Vic EM) at Benalla is developing an IAP for Gas Line failure in the quarry.

•NSW PIFac has been advised through the SEOC DO and requested to provide NSW Public Information requirements to the Victorian ICC IC established at Benalla. Coordination of Vic /NSW Public Information messaging and strategy is seen as a **High Priority**.

•Both the Albury Wodonga Hospital and the Norske Skog paper Mill at Albury has contingency gas supplies in place (Back fill/Tanks/Tankers).

•There is no risk to general NSW/Sydney gas supplies.

•There is a redundancy/line management strategy in place for the Wodonga - Jindera 330 kV Electrical Transmission Lines.

•REMO in contact today with Albury LEMO, Albury LAC), REOCON, SEOC Ops, and EMV ICC & REMT Benalla.

Albury Local Issue: Traffic / access management for isolated residents at Doctors Point Albury.

- Wagga LEMC is conducting an extraordinary meeting of the LEMC at 14:00 Mon 10/10/2016.
- Other LEMC Chairs/LEMOs/LEOCONs should determine if an extraordinary meeting is required.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIONS REQUIRED:

LEOCONs, LEMOs, REMC ESOs and F/Area Coordinators should remain contactable.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIONS OUTSTANDING:

Input into Public Information and Media Strategy for Threat to Albury Gas Supply.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

• LEMCs should be determining **now** if impacts thus far or expected will require any formal Recovery effort/structure. It is already apparent that there will be significant and widespread impact to crops /rural landholders and to the regional and local road networks across the region.

• Continue to closely monitor weather impacts:

- Major Storages at close to capacity and potential for further Rainfall events.
- Potential impact on Major Storages as Snow Melt occurs as the average daily temperatures increase, or a warm weather rainfall event causes rapid Snow Melt.
- Impact on Storage Releases by Snowy Hydro power generation.
- Increasing potential for Storm (Electrical/Wind) events as we move further into the spring season.

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