



MINUTES

**LEMC MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 12 February 2008
AT NORTHAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LOT 12 YORK RD
NORTHAM
COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Attendance

Bert Llewellyn	Chairperson	Shire of Northam
Peter McLean		Northam Police Station
Yvette Grigg		FESA
Don Sullivan		FESA
Phil Steven		Shire of Northam
Ulo Rumjantsev		Shire of Northam
Todd Jones		St John Ambulance
Steven Douglas		St John Ambulance
Jenny Lee		Northam Hospital
Jeanne Lawler		Main Roads WA
George Tiedtke		Western Power
Anne Foyer		WA Public Health
Harry Lauk		Dept of Agriculture & Food
Terry Brooks		Department of Water
Julie Brown		SES

Apologies

Alan Kietzmann	Dept of Env & Conservation
Gerald Morey	Main Roads WA

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 October 2007 were acknowledged by the Chairperson.

Moved: P McLean

Seconded: H Lauk

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Committee expressed disappointment that the consultants from Rowland were not at the meeting, and that the document had not been updated satisfactorily for presentation to the Committee for this meeting.

The Committee asked whether Mr Steven and the Chairman could follow up on this matter, with the updated document to be brought to the next meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. UPDATES – MEMBER LISTING

The separate sheets for Committee Members, and the broader list of addresses were circulated for correction and updating. The amended listings are circulated with these minutes.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a.** Mrs Anne Foyer gave a presentation on the issue of an influenza pandemic, and how it may affect the community. The government response may include surveillance at airports, quarantine, and immunisations. Business continuity planning would be required to keep services such as rubbish collection going. Final details of responsibilities and plans are being progressed. Flu immunisations are also being promoted.
- b.** It was noted that there have not been any major fires in the Shire so far this season and it is hoped that will continue.
- c.** Mr Terry Brooks from the Department of Water advised that a flood study has now been completed for the area between Beverley and West-Toodyay. Previously only the towns were covered. The study looks at bridges and crossings and their capability in flood events (1 in 10 year, 1 in 100 year). A hard copy is available. An electronic version will be available soon. The question was raised whether there were any floodgates in Northam to which the response was no. The Avon catchment is a big water catchment but fortunately it doesn't usually rain on the whole catchment at once, so the risk of flooding is reduced. The long-term climate trend is for more rain inland in WA.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at Main Roads WA on 120 Peel Terrace Northam at 10am.

9. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11:20am with a vote of thanks for attendance by the Chairperson.