

# OBERON COUNCIL

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## **Present**

Ian Tucker, Oberon LEMO (in the Chair); Kim De Govrik, NPWS; Snr Const Peter Thompson, NSW Police; Ashley Slattery, Essential Energy; Andrew Sterling; Department of Corrective Services; Jeff Roche, Fire and Rescue NSW; Craig Ronan, SES Central West Division; Jim Young, Oberon SES; Shane Bennett, Burruga SES; Karen Matthews, Oberon Health Service; Glenn Sligar, Oberon Ambulance; John Kanne, Oberon Ambulance; Grant Commins, Jenolan Caves Trust Reserve; Dael O'Neill, Forests NSW.

## **Apologies**

John Mayfield, DEMO; Eric Ford, Oberon Health Service; Supt. Steve McGuinness, Fire and Rescue NSW; Michael Wykes, Essential Energy; Marilyn Staines, Community Services; Insp. Anthony Hoolahan, NSW Police.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2011 were accepted. (Sterling/Commins)

## **Oberon Interim Local Flood Plan**

Craig Ronan advised that Oberon's Flood Plan is currently an annexure to the Displan. An interim stand-alone plan has now been developed, using the same information from the annexure. This interim plan will be in place for approximately two years, and during this time a full review will be carried out.

The Committee resolved to adopt the Oberon Interim Local Flood Plan. (Thompson/Sterling)

## **Essential Energy Boundaries**

Ashley Slattery advised that Essential Energy has at times been called out to problems which turn out not to be in their area of responsibility. He advised that their boundary is located at:

- Duckmaloi River on Duckmaloi Road
- Caves House at Jenolan Caves
- Tarana
- Mutton Falls Bridge

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## **General Business**

### **NSW Police**

Peter Thompson advised that the DEMP has expressed concern about LEMC meetings not being held on schedule. The LEMC explained that meetings have been cancelled only when no items of business have been notified to go on the agenda.

There was also some discussion about nominating the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), and the need to open it at least once per year. This will be discussed at the next LEMC Meeting.

### **Department of Corrective Services**

Andrew Sterling raised concerns about visitors to the Correctional Centre when snow occurs, and the potential for them to be stuck there or somewhere along the road.

Grant Commins has similar concerns about visitors to Jenolan Caves.

There was some discussion about Council and Police procedures for inspecting, and opening and closing roads during snow, and about how this information is communicated. This is particularly relevant to schools and bus services when snow occurs during the day.

The Committee decided to invite Steve Darlington from the RTA to the next meeting to further discuss this, particularly in relation to the Jenolan Caves Road.

### **Fire and Rescue NSW**

Jeff Roche submitted an agency report. He also commented that they are having ongoing problems attracting and retaining staff.

### **SES**

Jim Young provided an agency report.

He also raised concerns about the adequacy of signposting along the Kanangra to Katoomba walking track. This was deferred to the Rescue Committee.

He also questioned the design of the concrete median barrier at The Mount. Ian Tucker will pass on those comments to the RTA, but also explained that the barrier is intended to reduce the potential severity of accidents, if not the frequency.

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## Ambulance

John Kanne advised that he has been appointed as the Officer in Charge at the Oberon Ambulance Station. He also stated that they now have a new 4WD vehicle, and a support helicopter is available 24 hours. He raised concerns about the conditions of the helicopter pad at Kanangra, which Kim De Govrik will check.

## Forests NSW

Dael O'Neill advised that Forests NSW has sold their helicopter, with this function now going to contract. They are now starting their pre-season preparation for the fire season commencing on the 1 October.

The next meeting date is scheduled for 17 November 2011.

This concluded the business of the meeting, the meeting closed at 5.05pm.

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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