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Thursday, 23 July 2020 commencing at 12:00pm Caboolture Hub Level 1, 4 Hasking Street, Caboolture - <u>View map</u>

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Agency	Name	LDMG	DDMG	Attended
APA Group	Josh Hankey	Advisor	N/A	No
APA Group	Derek Boo	Advisor	N/A	No
APA Group	Brad Armstrong	Advisor	N/A	Apology
Australian Defence Force	Lt Col Campbell Paine	N/A	Member	No
Australian Red Cross (Qld)	Sarah Bradley	Member	N/A	Yes
Australian Red Cross (Qld)	Sally Randall-Simpson	Deputy	N/A	Apology
Australian Red Cross (Qld)	Eleanor Carter	Guest	N/A	No
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Paul Willett	N/A	Advisor	No
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Craig Mathisen	N/A	Advisor	No
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Mathew Johnston	N/A	Advisor	No
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Zane Nicholls	Advisor	N/A	Apology
Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women	Sandy Wilson	N/A	Member	Apology
Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women	Julie Smith	N/A	Deputy	Apology
Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors	Chantal Devereaux- Larkin	N/A	Member	Yes
Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors	Marketa Chlebova	N/A	Deputy	Apology
Department of Education	Rob Baker	Member	N/A	Yes
Department of Education	Brenda May	Member	N/A	No
Department of Education	Trevor Schulz	Deputy	N/A	No
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	John Suthers	N/A	Member	No
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	Tim Cunnington	N/A	Deputy	No
Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	Katrina Hunt	N/A	Deputy	No
Department of Environment and Science	Matt Karle	N/A	Member	Yes
Department of Environment and Science	Peter Cavendish	N/A	Deputy	No
Department of Environment and Science	Leonie Clough	N/A	Advisor	No
Department of Environment and Science	Andrew Kingston	Advisor	N/A	No
Department of Housing and Public Works	Greg Smith	N/A	Member	No
Department of Housing and Public Works	Chris Short	N/A	Deputy	No
Department of Housing and Public Works	Luke Benstead			No
Department of Housing and Public Works	Matthew Carswell	N/A	Guest	No
Department of Housing and Public Works	Peter Shillam	N/A	Guest	No
Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning	Frances Bottle	N/A	Member	Apology
Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning	David Licence	N/A	Deputy	Apology
Department of Transport and Main Roads	Vacant	N/A	Member	No
Department of Transport and Main Roads	Gary Carr	N/A	Deputy	No
Department of Transport and Main Roads	Gerard Logan	Advisor	N/A	Yes
Department of Transport and Main Roads	Anthony Bougoure	Advisor	N/A	No
Energex	Andrew McCook	Member	N/A	No

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Agency	Name	LDMG	DDMG	Attended
Energex	Steven Lynch	Deputy	N/A	No
Maritime Safety Queensland	Keith Vince	N/A	Member	Apology
Maritime Safety Queensland	Captain Glenn Hale	N/A	Advisor	Apology
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Mayor Peter Flannery	Member	N/A	Apology
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Cr Matt Constance	Deputy	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Cr Mark Booth	Observer	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Cr Tony Latter	Observer	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Anthony Martini	Member	Advisor	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Andrew Ryan	Deputy	N/A	Apology
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Bill Halpin	Member	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Mark McCormack	Deputy	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Carl Peterson	Member	Member	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Chris Barnes	Deputy	Deputy	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Vicki Anderson	Deputy	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Joshua O'Keefe	Advisor	N/A	Apology
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Kathrine Crocker	Support	N/A	Apology
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Larissa Kerrisk	Support	N/A	Yes
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Sophie Kent	Support	N/A	Yes
National Broadband Network	Marcello Massi	Advisor	N/A	Yes
Phoenix Resilience	Jason Cameron	Guest	N/A	Yes
Phoenix Resilience	Lisa Cameron de Vries	Guest	N/A	Yes
Queensland Ambulance Service	Pat Lynch	Member	N/A	No
Queensland Ambulance Service	Ronald Cunningham	Deputy	N/A	No
Queensland Ambulance Service	Darren Darlington	N/A	Deputy	Yes
Queensland Ambulance Service	Matthew Green	N/A	Member	Apology
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	David Brazel	Member	Member	Yes
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	John Hannan	N/A	Member	No
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Konrad Sawczynski	Advisor	N/A	Yes
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	Benay Patterson	Advisor	N/A	No
Queensland Health	Adam Whitehead	N/A	Guest	No
Queensland Health	Jael Phillipe-Janon	Deputy	Deputy	No
Queensland Health	Christian Pattison	Deputy	Deputy	No
Queensland Health	Diane Bretherton	Member	Member	Apology
Queensland Health	Carla Bailey	Deputy	Deputy	Apology
Queensland Health	Janene Farr	Advisor	N/A	No
Queensland Health	Bevan Marks	Advisor	N/A	No
Queensland Police Service	John Hallam	N/A	Member	Yes
Queensland Police Service	Lee Jeffries	N/A	Deputy	Apology
Queensland Police Service	David Ebbott	N/A	N/A	Apology
Queensland Police Service	Paul Ready	Member	N/A	No
Queensland Police Service	Richard Kroon	Deputy	N/A	No
Queensland Police Service	Craig White	Deputy	N/A	No
Queensland Police Service	Gavin Marsh	N/A	Member	Yes
Queensland Police Service	Melissa Bicanic	N/A	Deputy	No
Queensland Police Service	Peter Thompson	N/A	Deputy	No
Queensland Rail	Dean Hutchesson	N/A	Member	Apology
Queensland Reconstruction Authority	Stuart Head	N/A	Advisor	No

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Agency	Name	LDMG	DDMG	Attended
Redcliffe Coast Guard	Ed Endicott	Advisor	N/A	No
Seqwater	Elizabeth Jackson	Guest	N/A	No
State Emergency Service	Henk van den Ende	Member	N/A	Yes
State Emergency Service	Alan Peterson	Deputy	N/A	No
Surf Life Saving Queensland	Calan Lovitt	Advisor	N/A	No
Surf Life Saving Queensland	Greg Cahill	Advisor	N/A	No
Telstra	May Boisen	N/A	Advisor	No
Telstra	Gary McCulloch	N/A	Advisor	No
Unitywater	Ashley Lorenz	Member	N/A	Apology
Unitywater	Greg Burnett	Deputy	N/A	Yes
Unitywater	Mathias Reif	Advisor	N/A	Apology
Unitywater	Craig Timms	Advisor	N/A	No
Unitywater	Ray Aspey	Advisor	N/A	Apology
Volunteer Marine Rescue	Graham Gibb	Advisor	N/A	Yes
Volunteer Marine Rescue	Liz Radajewski	Advisor	N/A	Yes

# 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson for the meeting held on 23 July 2020 is the Chairperson of the Moreton Bay LDMG. Chairing of the combined LDMG and DDMG meeting is held on a rotational basis.

The meeting opened at 12.35pm by Cr Matt Constance in the absence of Cr Peter Flannery (Mayor) who was an apology. Cr Matt Constance welcomed the LDMG and DDMG and noted this was the first meeting since the 2020 elections. Supt John Hallam, District Disaster Coordinator (DDC) - welcome joint LDMG/DDMG. Cr Tony Latter and Cr Mark Booth represented Council as observers.

Agency representatives introduced themselves to the meeting.

Apologies were received and noted in the attendance list above.

# 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

# 2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 (pages 465 to 490) are provided for confirmation.

# RECOMMENDATION:

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That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 be confirmed.
Moved - John Hannan
Seconded - Graham Gibb
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# ADOPTED

# 2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Nil

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That there was no Business Arising from previous minutes.

ADOPTED

# 3. CORRESPONDENCE

# 3.1 Correspondence In/Correspondence Out

Moreton Bay LDMG

Correspondence In

DATE	FROM	ТО	SUBJECT	COMMENT
20/02/20	IGEM	CEO / Mayor	Office of the Inspector- General Emergency Management release the Queensland Bushfires Review Report 2: 2019-20	
28/02/20	QFES Hazard Risk Unit	DM	QERMF Local Government Forum update and report.	Information on Forum outcomes
23/03/20	IGEM	CEO MBRC	Postponement of Queensland Disaster Management Research Forum 2020	
08/04/20	State Govt	Mayor	Queensland Whole of Government Pandemic Plan	
17/04/20	Regional Director DAF	CEO MBRC	DAF LDMG Liaison Officer	Advice of appointment of DAF LDMG Liaison Officer
24/04/20	Chair QRA	Mayor	Launch of QRA Recovery Hub website	Advice of launch of recovery hub at www.gra.gld.gov.au/our- work/recovery-hub
01/05/20	QFES RFS Assistant Commissioner	CEO MBRC	Consultation Draft- Queensland Bushfire Hazard Specific Plan	Feedback provided
13/05/20	D-G DLGRMA	Mayor	Cleaning of Council Playground, Skateparks and other recreational facilities	Advice that there is no COVID related health directive which would require additional cleaning / sanitation of playground or skate park facilities
21/05/20	SDCC Watch Desk	CEO MBRC	DAF COVID-19 Compliance Strategy for the Seasonal Workers	

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DATE	FROM	ТО	SUBJECT	COMMENT
			Health Management Plan Direction	
27/05/20	CEO QRA	CEO MBRC	2020-21 Get Ready Queensland grant program	Advice on Council's allocation of Get Ready funding for 2020/21
03/06/20	QRA	CEO / Mayor	Applications open for Disaster Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding in Queensland (QRRRF).	Grant application submitted 14/07/20
08/06/20	Mt Nebo RFS Brigade	CEO and others	Mt Nebo RFB - Early Warning System (EWS)	Proposed changes to EWS tones and processes
08/06/20	Hon Cameron Dick MP Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning	Mayor	Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF)	Advice applications for the QRRRF are now open. Closing date is 22 July 2020.
09/06/20	CEO QRA	Mayor	Covid-19 regional recovery representatives	Council nominations submitted to QRA
09/06/20	CEO QRA	CEO MBRC	Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF)	Advice applications for the QRRRF are now open. Closing date is 22 July 2020.
03/07/20	IGEM	Mayor	Disaster Management Plan assessment process for 2020	

### Correspondence Out

DATE	FROM	то	SUBJECT	COMMENT
18/03/20	Moreton Bay	LDMG / DDMG	27 Situation Reports from	
-	LDCC		Moreton Bay LDCC	
03/07/20			regarding COVID-19	
			activities	
14/05/20	Coordinator DM	QFES RFS	MBRC/QPS/QHealth	
	MBRC	Assistant	feedback on consultation	
		Commissioner	draft- Queensland Bushfire	
			Hazard Specific Plan	
23/06/20	Chair LDMG	LDMG	Moreton Bay LDMG-Flying	
			Minute Endorsement of	
			Pandemic Influenza Sub-	
			Plans	
23/06/20	CEO MBRC	QRA	Delegation of authority by	
			CEO for key staff to access	
			QRA Management and	
			Reporting System (MARS)	

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DATE	FROM	ТО	SUBJECT	COMMENT
26/06/20	CEO MBRC	QRA	Submission of proposals for Get Ready Queensland 2020/21 funding allocation	
29/06/20	Coordinator DM MBRC	MT Nebo RFS Brigade	Mt Nebo RFB - Early Warning System (EWS)	Response to proposed changes to EWS tones and processes
06/07/20	Deputy CEO MBRC	QRA	2020/21 QRRRF grant application for additional fire weather and flood warning systems	

# Moreton DDMG

# Correspondence In:

DATE	FROM	то	SUBJECT	COMMENT
25/02/20	QRA	DDMG	Resilience Qld in action	
21/04/20	HPW	DDMG	HPW Appointment	Email
01/05/20	QPS DMU	DDMG	Draft Bushfire Hazard Plan	Email
13/05/20	MBRC	DDMG	Appointment of Chair and Deputy	Email and attached letter
03/07/20	IGEM via QPS DMU	DDMG	Plan Assessment 20-21	Email

Correspondence Out:

DATE	FROM	то	SUBJECT	COMMENT
NIL				

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the correspondence for LDMG and DDMG be noted.

### ADOPTED

# 4. AGENDA ITEMS

# 4.1 African Swine Fever Update

Renee Thompson, Senior Veterinary Officer DAF; Chris Barnes, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator MBRC and Cecily Draper, Program Leader Pest Management MBRC, provided an update on preparedness planning to ensure an effective response to protect Australia's pig industry if African Swine Fever (ASF) was detected in Australia (20 minutes).

The DAF trace animals and the requirement to trace mostly comes from the European market. The DAF has a traceability database of 2,100 producers of which 700 are backyarders and nationally there are 4.85 million pigs in Australia.

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ASF origins were in Africa and now those pigs have evolved with the virus and do not necessarily show symptoms. Australian pigs have not been exposed to the ASF and would get critical symptoms with catastrophic consequences. Symptoms of ASF include high fever which can present as the pig being depressed and off their food. It attacks the blood vessels and can present differently among the pig population.

An AFS outbreak occurred in Georgia because swill was dumped into the Black Sea and as pigs came into contact with the swill the ASF spread. Australia became more aware in 2019 when ASF broke out in China as before that it was only slowly moving across Europe. Late last year it moved into Indonesia and is now present in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Border security is now critically important.

The feral population will be a huge consideration and there has been significant work undertaken recently to prepare in case ASF is discovered in the feral pig population within Australia. The feral pig population will require observation as it will be about noticing pig's behavioural changes or them acting unusually (changes to normal behaviour).

Import into Australia is the largest risk from discarded products or contaminated products fed to pigs as swill. Recently two pig farmers in WA brought in Danish pig semen which could have introduced ASF or other issues into the Australian market (though this did not occur this time).

DAF have action plans in place. A Response Plan would be initiated if something happens in Australia; however, the pig industry may get less funding because the size of the industry is worth less compared to other industry types. This is part of the risk assessment process. The Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) response in 2001 provides an example of a response process. If FMD is found, then everything must come to a standstill until an epicentre is identified (assessment and containment). Eradication of the disease is the next priority. The animals need to be destroyed and decisions made on how to dispose of them correctly. In the UK they decided to bury the carcasses in an airfield, and they are still dealing with the impact of that decision because of the impacts on the local water tables etc.

DAF consider partner roles and the links between government, non-government and industry to be important in addition to education of persons in charge of animals. The General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) means that anyone who keeps animals has an obligation to provide a duty of care and manage the risk of disease. Anyone who produces will have high standards of care. In an ideal world people would have fences around their pigs but in practice this doesn't work.

As an organisation DAF used to be more prescriptive on how to proceed however, they now offer more guidance and advice. DAF was keen to educate Council on how to deal with biosecurity matters such as African Swine Fever. Council's and the State have an obligation and need to understand their risks.

# 4.2 Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan for Brisbane North

Konrad Sawczynski, Acting Regional Manager, Rural Fire Service Queensland QFES, provided an update on the QFES Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan for the Brisbane North area (20 minutes).

It is envisaged that Area Fire Management Group meetings are undertaken prior to 'Operation Coolburn' (planned burn period) and prior to the fire season. Following last year's fires one of the

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recommendations from the IGEM review is for the Chief Fire Warden (QFES Area Inspector) to attend the LDMG/DDMG meetings and present the Fire Mitigation Plan for that calendar year.

The Fire Mitigation Plan has been provided to Council and is available to all (note: this was issued to member agencies prior to this meeting). The Plan is formulated in conjunction with all stakeholders who come together and identify their program of works. This year 146 hotspots were identified in the Brisbane Region. There are a number of ways to address these hotspots, burning isn't the only way. Other strategies include community engagement, community education, fire trails and fire break management.

For example, the Jimna township (Somerset Regional Council) was evacuated last year due to large bushfire and QFES utilised a lot of council, rural and urban resources to manage this fire. A large firebreak was required around Jimna which meant 2 x D9 dozers were utilised to create the firebreak. This year, additional trees need to be removed to reduce the risk prior to fire season.

Satellite imagery is used to ascertain risk areas, but this is not 100% effective and needs to be ground proofed. Vegetation types are summarised. Unlike Peregian Springs which is coastal scrub and burns very hot, the MBRC area has a large variety of vegetation types. There are bushfire prone areas in the D'Aguilar and there is also high potential on Bribie Island. For example, the mitigation plan shows that MBRC has 30 activities to be undertaken. So far 11 have been achieved with 19 still to do. Brisbane Region is leading the state in completions despite the Covid-19 outbreak.

Recent forecasts predict an average fire season, with possible rain through October onwards. Mainly expecting running grass fires with the Drought Indicator generally at 120 throughout the region. 196 has been rated on the western faces on the D'Aguilar range. For comparison there were 30 fires in Brisbane region last year and the Drought Indicator was 189.

In 2020 planned burns were impacted because of Covid-19 restrictions i.e. only have two crew per truck and other restrictions on the ground. Hazard reduction work has a very small timeframe to undertake the work. When Covid-19 came in QFES ceased operations and after 4-5 weeks were able to commence doing burns however, these were restricted. Community education work has been undertaken where possible. This was undertaken door to door rather than getting the community together.

It is planned that the Area Fire Management Group will meet in mid-August to allow the new Regional Manager to join.

# 4.3 COVID-19 Recovery Plan

Jason Cameron and Lisa Cameron de Vries Phoenix Resilience, and Vicki Anderson, Disaster Resilience and Recovery Coordinator MBRC, presented to the group on the Moreton Bay Region COVID-19 Recovery Plan (45 minutes).

The recovery program has been running for 8 weeks now and the situation changes daily. There have been many agencies involved and complex networks of relief to provide support at all levels.

The stakeholder engagement strategy involved surveys, the community, and task forces to get maximum input in a very short amount of time and to contextualise the information locally. An impact assessment informs the Mission Objectives, which in turn provides the actions plans: Human Social Action Plan and Economic Action Plan. Following on will be performance management and finally

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an exit strategy. The Recovery Plan is the public facing document and is where the most acknowledgement will occur.

The Mayor, Councillors and management are driving for a Community-led recovery. The brief was very clear on this - that it was community led. We required an interface to understand what was happening in the community and this was effective because there are already strong relationships within MBRC e.g. MBRIT, Meals on Wheels etc. There are some very strong networks within the region.

The Human Social and Economic interdependence is critical. There are 5 key areas for human social recovery which are all interconnected: Community Support Organisations, Government, Health Organisations, Sports and Arts. The 5 key areas for economic recovery are: Regional Development Organisations (e.g. MBRIT, RDA Moreton), Government, Industry Bodies, Businesses and Universities.

The process followed in alignment with that developed by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). Context is understood as you know the economic and social baselines in the region, the therefore impacts need to be identified and assessed. The next is Recovery and Outcomes Objectives, this is evolving and changes all the time. The whole community is looking at us and asking how are you helping me? From a risk management perspective, if we say something, we need to implement it.

Impact assessments were undertaken by economic and human social surveys. A lot of data was provided, taskforces were put together and a lot of meetings held. Taskforces have been fantastic in giving local context and ideas for the future. All of the information received needed to be processed to inform the assessment and then the strategies. This is what informed what MBRC needs.

Many affected had not experienced financial hardship before and they did not know the pathway to support. In April 11,195 applied for jobkeeper, which comprises 30% of businesses within the region. Moreton Bay Tough and Innovate Moreton Bay has assisted in the recovery. There has been an emphasis on Buy Local and people have been made aware that there isn't an endless supply of consumables. There needs to be a push out of positive messages for consumers to look toward the future.

This will provide a platform for recovery and growth and expand the economy and create jobs.

Following the recovery strategy, action plans involve the nitty gritty into what will make things happen. That is so detailed. From a stakeholder point of view you want to see a strategy on a page.

NBN has been providing a lot of digital education and technology because of Covid and they have a lot of initiatives that could help the region. These will be provided. These are not only for small business but for the community as well.

There will be significant areas for investment for business - training businesses moved to online platforms or shops that went online have changed their strategies and have done well. Realistically will see businesses become insolvent. The reality is that they won't be safe. Estimates so far is that up to 6% of GDP downward.

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A number of organisations are looking to accelerate. There is a register which lists all initiatives in there, who is running it and a timeline. We need to consider balancing demand on industries. If we all build buildings, we will run out of capacity to undertake these projects, so we need to spread across multiple industries.

The Moreton Recovery Plan is with the Moreton Recovery Group for review and will be submitted to Council for consideration on 19 August. Following this briefing, a Flying Minute will go to LDMG. Along with the Plan will be the Action Plans which is the detail on how this works and focussed on the immediate, medium and long term recovery activities.

# 5. AGENCY/COMMITTEE REPORTS

# 5.1 APA Group

An apology

# 5.2 Australian Defence Force

- Support has been extended until August at the airport.
- Getting ahead of bushfire season.
- IGM bushfire review largely leaning on more engagement.

# 5.3 Australian Red Cross Queensland

- This is now the longest activation ever in Qld for Red Cross.
- Continued outreach to those in hotel quarantine to 50 people per day.
- Following bushfire appeals there is activity distributing funds and assisting communities to recovery. There is a report on our website on how funds are distributed.
- The website includes new resources in respect to self-care and long-term stress following multiple emergencies over the last 12 months.
- Cr Matt Constance thanked Australian Red Cross Queensland for their outreach support in hotel quarantine.

# 5.4 Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Apology

# 5.5 Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

Apology

# 5.6 Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors

• Continue support to LDMG/DDMG across the state. Supporting people in hotel quarantine - most of the work is in the Brisbane DDMG area with 1,600 in quarantine, supporting domestic travel and Qld Health. Also assisting Red Cross, Lifeline, etc. who may require assistance and impacted.

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- The community recovery hotline remains open. While there has been a decrease the hotline will remain active.
- From a business as usual point of view, identify how to respond to the recovery issue and if there was an overlay of a flood or fire event to put strategies in place for that.
- Cr Constance noted for all agencies to be aware we are moving into bushfire season.

# 5.7 Department of Education

- All schools and early childhood centres are open and back to normal operations. There is support for those still at home with vulnerable persons.
- There is planning underway for second wave, if it happens.

# 5.8 Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

Apology

# 5.9 Department of Environment and Science

• Thanks to this group for meeting frequently at the commencement of the Covid-19 outbreak, this showed what the LDGM/DDMG is all about.

# 5.10 Department of Housing and Public Works

- Is continuing to review how to support the community, particularly people experiencing homelessness.
- Ongoing work is being undertaken to plan for bushfire and storm seasons.

# 5.11 Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure & Planning

• Awaiting the release of the State Recovery Plan.

# 5.12 Department of Transport and Main Roads

• Continuing in an advisory capacity for border control.

# 5.13 Energex

Apology

# 5.14 Maritime Safety Queensland

Apology

# 5.15 Moreton Bay Regional Council

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

• Several hazards have the potential to impact the communities of the Moreton Bay Region and are summarised in the table below:





OVERALL RISK	HAZARD
	Bushfire
HIGH	Flooding
	Severe Storm
	Chemical Incident
	Earthquake
	Heatwave
	Landslide
MEDIUM	Major Fire
	Major road, rail, air or marine transport incident
	Pandemic
	Storm Tide
	Tsunami

• Capability Strategy 2019-2020 Progress Report - Q4 2019/20

	Deliverable	Description
Essential Task	Disaster Risk Review	A QERMF compliant risk review - focused on high risks (risk- based approach).

- DM and DDMG XO have developed a tailored QERMF compliant risk assessment that covers all
  assessed High Risks. This is subject to continuous review and consultation with QFES Hazard Risk Unit.
- The Action Plan from the Assistant Commissioner, Emergency Management and Community Capability is being used to begin development of scenario-based risk assessment and contingency plan development to improve planned contingency responses for the LDMG.
- The DMU has is a key stakeholder and has agreed to provide part-funding to the Severe Wind Hazard Assessment for SEQ to further develop LGA risk appreciation and scenario development for a significant regional disaster event. This project is currently applying for part funding from the QLD Disaster Risk Reduction Fund prior to commencement in Q2 FY 20/21.

Preparedness and Planning

Capability Strategy 2019-2020 Progress Report

	Deliverable	Description	Progress Report
Essential Task	5-Pillar Approach	Align the operational Lines of Effort in Disaster Response with the 5-Pillars of Recovery - Economic; Environment; Human & Social; Built Environment; Roads & Transport.	<ul> <li>The 5-pillar approach has been used during the COVID-19 Pandemic event to focus Local Government responses to impacts.</li> <li>The activation of an immediate Community Relief Plan that has been superseded by the activation of the Moreton Recovery Group and the</li> </ul>

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development of a bespoke MBR
COVID-19 Recovery Plan has
used the 5-pillar model.
Publication and ratification of
2019 LDMP Recovery Plan has
been completed

Capability Integration

Capability Strategy 2019-2020 Progress Report

	Deliverable	Description	Progress Report
sk	Interagency Integration		<ul> <li>Training</li> <li>26 Feb 2020 Psychological First Aid - Library staff</li> <li>7 Mar 2020 Psychological First Aid - SES volunteers (Executive Team)</li> </ul>
Essential Task		Establish effective integration between all agencies through training, exercising, education, and resource allocation.	Exercises 25/26 Feb 2020 - Ex PINPOINT COORDINATION
			<ul> <li>Plans</li> <li>Management and reporting in support of LDMG through LDCC activation and publication of 27 SITREPs as part of Local Govt response to COVID-19 Pandemic</li> </ul>
Essential Task	Develop Disaster Management Plans and Procedures	Develop operationally efficient Disaster Management planning and execution processes compliant with EMAF good practice.	<ul> <li>Planning and Liaison</li> <li>Publication of LDMP and Recovery Plan Mar 2020</li> <li>Application and management of LDCC Procedures in support of COVID-19 activation: Mar 2020</li> <li>Development of MBRC Pandemic Sub-Plan including Evacuation in Pandemic Environment and Community Relief.</li> </ul>

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Deliverable	Description	Progress Report
Disaster Management Education	Review and improve District and Community educational plans, products & procedures to align with contemporary good practice and lessons-learned.	<ul> <li>Community Engagement</li> <li>2 engagement events have been run since the last LDMG with approx. 40 community members involved. Severe limitations due to COVID-19</li> <li>School Presentations have been ceased due to COVID-19.</li> <li>DMU has played a full role in supporting MBRC interactions with Moreton Bay community support organisations and supporting the development of effective public communications strategies and channels during the COVID-19 crisis.</li> </ul>

Planning - Local Disaster Management Plan (LDMP) and Sub-Plans

Name of plan	Description	Last reviewed	Status
Local Disaster Management Plan (Version 5)	LDMP	Feb 2020	Published 28 Feb 2020
MBRC Disaster Recovery Plan (Version 1.0)	Plan	Feb 2020	Published 28 Feb 2020
Animal Management	Sub-Plan	Endorsed by LDMG (Flying Minute March 2012)	Update to incorporate national policy guidelines to commence
Evacuation	Sub-Plan	Endorsed by LDMG 6 February 2013 Adopted at council workshop 7 March 2013	Updated to incorporate Pandemic considerations
Evacuation Centre Management	Sub-Plan	Endorsed by LDMG (Flying Minute March 2012)	in May 2020
Evacuation Centre Management - Watson Park	SOP	Complete. Signed off by ADRA with MBRC Legal review complete	Endorsed
Public Health	Sub-Plan	May 2020	Superseded by Pandemic Sub- Plan Awaiting Endorsement by Flying Minute
Threat Specific - Bribie Island Isolation	Sub-Plan	Endorsed by LDMG (Flying Minute 11 January 2018)	Exercise delayed due to COVID-19

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Name of plan	Description	Last reviewed	Status	
Threat Specific – Narangba Innovation Precinct Response	Sub-Plan	Endorsed by LDMG (Flying Minute 5 November 2019)	Endorsed	
Threat Specific - North Pine Dam Response Plan	Sub-Plan	Complete. Sub-Plan, Messaging and Mapping complete. Reviewing risk appreciation for H4/H5 hazards to populations with DNRME	Letter DNRME confirming actions to taken 2020/21	to be Q1

**Emergency Communications** 

Capability Strategy 2019-2020 Progress Report

	Deliverable	Description	Progress Report
Essential Task	Enhance Situational Awareness at all levels	Refine the 'MBRC Disaster Portal' to establish effective community situational awareness during an event, supported by timely community warnings and "social-media domain" activity.	<ul> <li>MBRC Website updated and refined during recent events</li> <li>Development of COVID-19 Response specific pages for community information and all Council service information.</li> <li>Completion of MoretonAlert rebrand - preparing for 'Go Live' in Q1 FY20/21</li> </ul>

**Communication Systems** 

- As at 22 Nov 2019, council has 60,073 (Feb 20 59,424) residents registered to receive MoretonAlert messages an increase of 649 subscribers since February 2020. The trend of increases to the subscriber base as the MoretonAlert service continues increase but at marginally slower rate.
- Extensive ongoing social media engagement with the community via Facebook. New MBRC social media campaign approach of short Q&A videos will continue.

Response

- Council's Disaster Management Unit and LDCC have been operating at a high tempo and LDCC moved to Stand-Up on 23 March 2020 to support COVID-19 responses. It remained at Stand-Up until 12 May 2020 (51 days).
- Disaster Management staff in the LDCC delivered the following outputs:
  - Issued 27 SITREPS to the LDMG through Guardian IMS
  - o Managed 96 Incidents.
  - o Completed 1566 tasks.
  - Issued 28 Bulletins.

Relief and Recovery

- Publication of COVID-19 Community Relief Plan to LDMG Members for endorsement by Flying Minute.
- The Moreton Recovery Group have been activated to assist the Local Disaster Management Group and District Disaster Management Group and provide recovery guidance, endorsement, and oversight. The Moreton Recovery Group will ensure our community and economy can navigate the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 and recover effectively.
- The Human and Social and Economic Recovery Taskforces include membership from local organisations within commerce, community support, sports and arts organisations and through their local insights and expertise, have provided critical data that has informed the recovery plan.

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Capability Strategy 2019-2020 Progress Report

	Deliverable	Description	Progress Report
Essential Task	Cascade Disaster Management planning to local communities	Facilitate community-based Disaster Management planning to build the resilience of "at-risk" isolated communities and vulnerable populations.	Community Development <ul> <li>Support to community DM Groups during COVID-19 with SITREPS and updates</li> </ul> <li>Public Information / Awareness <ul> <li>SITREPS for COVID-19</li> <li>Bushfire Awareness and public information during Op COOLBURN 2020</li> </ul> </li>

# 5.16 NBN

- There was a large increase of bandwidth and the network held up fairly well.
- Covid-safe for installations, all non-essential work was cancelled and is now ramping up again.
- Provided many in the community with free wholesale broadband.
- There has been community outreach to let people know that we need to get their contact details, and this will be ongoing

# 5.17 Queensland Ambulance Service

Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Any unexpected surge of COVID 19 cases that may arise above BAU numbers.
- Aging population.

Hazard Mitigation and Risk Reduction

- Preparation of all managers through training to be utilised in the Local Ambulance Coordination Centre.
- Training in Multi casualty incidents
- Safety messages and information to the Public through social media and media agencies.
- Additional crews and vehicles for increased cases of COVID19 if required.

Preparedness and Planning

- The Emergency Management Unit remains ready to respond to major incidents and disasters state-wide.
- The QAS Inspector, Major Events and Planning is continually updating Event Plans (LEP) for the Greater Brisbane Region.
- Preparation to Stand up Local Ambulance Coordination Centre as required.
- Business Continuity Plans completed for all stations.

# Emergency Communications

• Nil change to previous communication strategies.

# Response

• The Emergency Management Unit has not had to be stood up in the Northern Corridor.

Relief and Recovery

• Systems are in place for the relief and recovery of QAS assets.

# 5.18 Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

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Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

• During the last Local Area Fire Management Group meeting in March we identified 62 areas of Hazard and risk throughout the Moreton Bay Council Area. (RFS)

Hazard Mitigation and Risk Reduction

- There will be more emphasis on Hazard Mitigation work and Fire Investigation that has already been identified from the on-going Royal Commission inquiry into the 2019/20 Bushfires. (RFS)
- Operation Cool Burn 2020 is a program of heightened strategic activity directed towards reducing the vulnerability and exposure of high-risk communities to potential bushfire impacts. Operational reporting is achieved from 1 April 2020 until 31 August 2020, unless varied due to weather conditions or operational reasons.
- Currently stakeholders and QFES have achieved over 60% of all works completed towards HRB's with
  a goal of 100% completed rate however it will be determined by the upcoming weather conditions which
  is expected to be wetter than originally thought around October. (RFS)

Preparedness and Planning

- Face-to-face disaster management training has been suspended during most of this period because of Covid-19 restrictions. This training recommenced in June with adherence to social distancing requirements. (EM)
- Some disaster management training was undertaken via video conferencing where appropriate. (EM)
- QFES DM staff participated in a number of planning workshops with QHealth and QPS, focussing on outbreak of Covid-19 in the greater Brisbane area. (EM)
- In Moreton Bay Regional Council Area, we have identified the following:
  - There were 57 areas identified for Prescribed burn treatment of risk
  - o 4 areas identified for Community Education for treatment of risk
  - o 1 area identified for Fire Break upgrades
  - We have used a number of the larger hazard mitigation works as inter departmental exercises in Incident Management and inter-operability to ensure we are prepared for the 2020/21 bushfire season. (RFS)
- An IMT has been established to manage the response and impact on Brisbane Region due to Covid-19. Brisbane Region has appointed a Covid-19 Incident Controller to coordinate related activities within the Region establishing procedures and policy.
  - The QFES response to Covid-19 is known as Operation Exigent, recognising the requirement for urgent and immediate action to address evolving and significant impacts.
  - Currently BR ROC is operational to facilitate and organise crews working at the Brisbane Airport in connection with border restrictions.
  - QFES is presently at stage 3 in the easing of restrictions of the QFES Pandemic State Plan 2020. (F&R)
- QFES Brisbane Region ICC's and Divisional Command Facilities and plans are being checked for functionality and operations to ensure if required during bush fire season they are operational immediately. Facilities within MBRC area being located at: Burpengary; Bribie Island; Kilcoy and Woodford. (F&R)

Response

• QFES DM staff participated in border security operations at Brisbane Airport. (EM)

Relief and Recovery

• A QFES representative participates as a member of the Moreton Recovery Group. (EM)

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### **General Business**

 A new pod for a specialist 4WD vehicle at Caboolture for bush fires has been retrofitted to include a new CAF's pump for vegetation fires. (F&R)

# 5.19 Queensland Health

Apology

# 5.20 Queensland Police Service

### Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

- Queensland Emergency Risk Management Framework (QERMF) attend meetings with MBRC and South East Qld LDMG's around Wind Impact study to better inform risks around Tropical Cyclone and wind impacts on the South East Qld.
- Work with council to develop draft QERMF documents for top 3 risks (Storm, Bushfire, Coastal inundation. Meeting with QFES Risk Unit to review QERMF process and spreadsheet. Risk Unit to develop an action document based around scenarios.
- Examination of Pandemic response planning focused on Covid-19 specific

### Hazard Mitigation and Risk Reduction

- Further meetings in relation to examining the operations of warning sirens for Mount Nebo/ Mount Glorious to examine simplification of operations. MOU still in negotiation with MBRC, QFES (Rural), QPWS and QPS.
- Conduct Aged Care Forum at North Lakes with excellent attendance. The first meeting was successful with robust discussion around improved risk-based analysis.
- Review of Area Fire Management Group with MBRC. Discussions with MBRC and TMR around hazard reduction burns adjacent to main roads with negotiated support to enable safe managed strategy for community.
- Involvement in Covid-19 discussion exercises with SDCG and Brisbane DDMG (evaluator).

# Preparedness and Planning

- Planning for Deputy XO and DDC course with State DMU-cancelled due to Covid-19 Response
- Coordination of resources to Moreton Island (early Covid 19 response) in relation to closures and state lockdown.
- Planning around Covid-19 response capabilities- Rostering and staffing of DDCC, consideration of balance between DM response and BAU.
  - Working with Sunshine Coast XO to review current District Plan structure.
    - Legislation and Policy review
      - Review of Disaster Standard, updated EMAF and review documents
    - o Literature review from other jurisdictions to examine contemporary practices across Australia

# Response

- Moreton Police support provided to district to support Covid-19 response re border closures and at risk communities.
- Covid-19
  - o DDMG and DDCC stood-up in line with all districts to support Covid-19 response.
  - o Daily updates provided to LDCC, QFES etc re Covid-19 updates by email.
  - Twice weekly meetings with MBRC, Health, essential services, Communities, DES, DHPW etc. This scaled back to once a week and not has transitioned to Recovery.

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- o Regular shifts with MBRC in LDCC with support from QPS Intel and DCPC for Covid-19.
- XO and District coordinated response in support of Tier 1 closures which impacted Moreton Island. Negotiated support from Brisbane Region to engage with Barge service provider. Supported Parks with engagement of visitors and patrols of island to facilitate compliance.
- Engagement with nearby XO's to engage and share activities.
- DDC has partnered with local radio for a Podcast to inform the community of Covid-19 related information and promote the CHO directions, compliance and dispel rumours.
- KPOC appointed to support Covid-19 compliance and taskings. Crews tasked for isolation compliance checks
- Meetings with council and event organisers to support the safe re-opening of markets and similar in line with CHO directions.
- Discussions about early deployment of District XO and Intel in planning for known events such as predicted weather.

# Relief and Recovery

- Recovery Group Economic and Social have been activated with MBRC engaging Phoenix Resilience to develop a recovery plan and facilitate engagement strategy with businesses and community groups.
- Council have established an economic and human & social taskforce to develop and monitor Covid-19 recovery in the Moreton Region.

### **General Business**

- District has supported Coronavirus response with staff rostered in the SDCC and SHECC.
- Ongoing examination of Police District boundaries as part of the QPS re-alignment strategy. Consideration of Moreton Police District boundary to be more aligned with Local Government Boundaries.
- It was appreciated the way LDMG and DDMG came together at the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak as there were a lot of unknowns. The engagement of the group was very high, there was a lot of planning for preparedness even though we didn't know what we were planning for.

# 5.21 Queensland Rail

Hazard Mitigation and Risk Reduction

 Queensland Rail conducts regular maintenance on the Caboolture, Redcliffe and Sunshine Coast lines which includes a proactive program to ensure that Queensland Rail can recover from any natural events in a timely manner.

### Preparedness and Planning

• Queensland Rail works with organisations / agencies this include training and exercises. The program includes training sessions with emergency services working in the rail corridor.

### Response

- Queensland Rail has a mature emergency management framework that trains and exercises the specific teams within the framework.
- Rail Management Centre (Rail Control Centre) is equipped to deal with any disruptions on the rail network.

### General Business

COVID:

• Majority of Regional Services have returned to full service.

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- SEQ train operations continue to operate in accordance with the Queensland Rail SEQ timetable.
- Queensland Rail is monitoring the increase in patronage on services as a result of easing restrictions.
- Ongoing enhanced cleaning and social distancing measures are helping to ensure the safety for staff and customers.

# 5.22 State Emergency Service

- The SES have been involved in a number of searches.
- The Murrumba 'Operations' Group has formed and is up and running.
- Cr Constance offered his congratulations to Henk on his re-employment as Local Controller

# 5.23 Telstra

Apology

# 5.24 Unitywater

Hazard Mitigation and Risk Reduction

- Unitywater maintains a risk management framework including a management policy and procedures which detail the processes for the identification of risk and assignment of mitigation actions in line with the requirements of ISO 31000.
- All Unitywater personnel are responsible for assessing and managing risk and are supported in undertaking this responsibility through training and consultation.
- Unitywater has implemented Active Risk Management software to assist in proactively managing, monitoring and communicating risk.
- Unitywater assesses risk regularly. Reports are compiled quarterly on risk management activity and changes (in accordance with defined tolerance levels) for consideration and action by the Audit and Risk Management Committee – a Unitywater Board subcommittee.
- Unitywater's capital and operational planning processes include the requirement to develop, implement
  and maintain plans to mitigate the impact of failure of critical assets (e.g. the sewage rising mains that
  transport sewage from Ningi to the Bribie Island Sewage Treatment Plant and which are attached to the
  Bribie Island bridge.)

# Preparedness and Planning

- The Unitywater Incident Management Plan outlines our command, control and communication procedures to respond efficiently and effectively to any incident while eradicating or minimising impacts on Unitywater employees, customers, the environment, assets and reputation.
- The Unitywater Business Continuity Management Plans (Plan) for each of its operational centres outline the Business Continuity Management process Unitywater applies to develop plans and systems which ensure continuity of essential services and critical business functions following an incident or disruption, until it can recover and return to normal operations.
- Unitywater has recently provided training for new liaison officers and rostered incident management
  personnel on their roles and responsibilities in managing and recovering from an emergency incident.

### Response

• Unitywater is a member of the Noosa, Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMG) and the Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast District Disaster Management Groups (DDMG).

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- A Unitywater member and deputy, including advisors appointed to represent Unitywater on each of these groups, who are also on Incident Management Team (IMT) roster.
- Unitywater maintains a weekly IMT roster that rotates on an 8-week cycle and operates on a 24/7 basis through a centralised Control Room.
- Unitywater staff availability participate on the IMT roster cycle or as activated by the relevant LDMG.

General Business

- Unitywater's COVID 19 response team remains at stand-up. The team is managing and coordinating a range of activities with the aim of:
  - Ensuring Unitywater continues to deliver its essential services to our customers; and
    - Keeping our people and the community safe from harm.
- The activities being managed currently include:
  - o Co-ordinating resources and logistics to keep our people safe from harm;
  - o Ensuring supply continuity of essential products, materials and services; and
  - o Getting our workplace ready for a gradual return of team members.

# 5.25 Volunteer Marine Rescue

- Thank you to Council for the work in providing regular updates and allowed us to put into the Covid-19 plan.
- The coast was closed to public but business as usual, we did have solid members who maintained 24/7 on the water.
- In May saw increase in business when the Minister announced that people could go fishing, we had more rescues at Cape Moreton than we have ever had. We had extra social distancing issues to contend with. In June 853 calls and 30 assists.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the reports be received and noted.

ADOPTED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

# 6.1 MoretonAlert Severe Weather and Flood Warnings Update

- Chris Barnes MBRC provided an update on recent changes to the MoretonAlert Severe Weather and Flood Warnings.
- Encouraged all to subscribe to MoretonAlert.
- A lot of work has been done to update recently and these changes were presented to the group. This included new templates for the Storm, Flood and Bushfire warnings.
- Cr Constance advised that other agencies should use this system to get the message out to the community. Various agency planned burn alerts are not being issued to the community or other stakeholders at all or in time.
- Council has policy on what can and cannot be issued through MoretonAlert. This is an opportunity to see what can and cannot be issued using the MoretonAlert system.
- DES advised they would raise the matter with QPWS and requested that community notifications be added to the next bushfire discussion exercise.

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# 6.2 Recovery Plan - Next Steps

- Council advised the group they will all receive an email with the draft recovery plan and templates for the action plans.
- All agencies were requested to review these action plans and provide feedback.
- Specifically look at the mission, strategy and objectives and provide feedback by the due date.

# 6.3 Queensland Disaster Management Training Framework

- If you have any issues with training get back to QPS or Council.
- There are training requirements that need to be maintained.
- QFES has sent emails in relation to that. If you want to check what you haven't completed, you can get back to us.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

### That the other business items be noted.

### ADOPTED

# 7. REFERRAL

# 7.1 To SDCC / SDCG / QPS DMU

• Nil

# 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

# 9. NEXT MEETING

The next LDMG/DDMG meeting is scheduled to occur from 12pm on Thursday, 26 November 2020.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

The next meeting will occur from 12pm on Thursday, 26 November 2020.

# ADOPTED

# 10. CLOSE

Cr Constance thanked the group for their efforts over the last six months and the work that will be undertaken in the months to come until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

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