

# Local Emergency Management Committee

## Terms of Reference

### 1. Name

The name of the committee is the Shire of Koorda Local Emergency Management Committee.

### 2. Head of Power

The committee is established by Council under section 38 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

### 3. Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
<b>Act</b>	The <i>Emergency Management Act 2005</i> .
<b>Council</b>	The body consisting of all council members sitting formally as the Council of Shire of Koorda (“ <b>the Shire</b> ”).
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire of Koorda.
<b>Committee</b>	Shire of Koorda Local Emergency Management Committee.
<b>Council Member</b>	A person elected under the Act as a member of Council. Shire of Koorda council members include the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Councillors (as defined by the Act).
<b>DFES</b>	Department of Fire and Emergency Services.
<b>External Member</b>	A person who is not a council member appointed to the committee with requisite skills, knowledge and experience that compliment the committee’s objectives.
<b>HMA</b> s	Hazard Management Agencies.
<b>LEC</b>	Local Emergency Co-ordinator.
<b>LEMA</b>	Local Emergency Management Arrangements.
<b>Member</b>	A person appointed to this committee.

### 4. Objectives

The aim of the LEMC is to collaborate with local support organisations, hazard management agencies, and industry representatives, to collectively build a resilient community that is prepared to respond and recover from an emergency.

The LEMC objectives are to;

- Develop local emergency management arrangements (LEMA) that are practical to all stakeholders and service agencies.
- Ensure that LEMA are contemporary and relevant to the community and addresses all possible risks and scenarios.
- Participate in inter-local government relations to further emergency management cooperation within the emergency management district.
- Build resilience and engage with the community through safety and awareness campaigns, and by disseminating information through social media, media outlets, and public events.
- Participate in interagency training exercises that improve the capabilities and knowledge of the LEMC, local stakeholders, and hazard management agencies.
- Exercise the LEMA to test their effectiveness in practical applications, and actively strive for continuous improvement.
- Share meeting minutes, committee member experiences and proposed actions with local government elected members, State agencies and the local community.
- Strategise ways to mitigate potential emergencies and to improve recovery arrangements.

Key duties and responsibilities include providing advise and assist the Shire of Koorda in ensuring that local emergency management arrangements are established for its district.

- Liaise with public authorities and other persons in the development, review and testing of local emergency management arrangements.
- Carry out other emergency management activities as directed by the State Emergency Management Committee or prescribed by the regulations.
- Perform at least one emergency training exercise a year to assist improve the capabilities of their community to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.
- Prepare and submit an annual report on activities undertaken by the LEMC during the financial year to the District Emergency Management Committee for the district.

## 5. Powers

The Committee is a formally appointed committee of Council and is responsible to that body.

The Committee has no delegated authority and no authority to implement its recommendations without resolution of Council.

The Committee does not have any management functions and cannot involve itself in management processes or procedures.

The Committee recommendations are advisory only and shall not be binding on Council.

## 6. Membership

The membership of the LEMC includes the President (as the local government representative), the Local Emergency Coordinator and representatives, as nominated, from relevant government agencies and other statutory authorities.

- Special guests may be invited to attend committee meetings as determined by the LEMC Executive Officer, in consultation with the LEMC Chair.
- Each voting member should nominate a proxy to the Executive Officer within their agency or organisation to attend if the appointed member is absent.
- Non-attendance at meetings of voting members without a justifiable apology, or that have not been represented by their proxy will be asked to provide an explanation to the Chairperson. Repeated non-attendance may result in the Chairperson notifying the District Emergency Management Committee.
- Members representing agencies and organisations that can no longer participate in the committee should advise the Executive Officer of their resignation and nominate an alternative representative for membership.
- Committee membership will be reviewed at each meeting by the LEMC Executive to ensure that it is representative of the community and the potential risks and scenarios.
- New members may join the LEMC via resolution of the committee.

A full membership list can be found in Schedule 1, at the end of this Terms of Reference.

## 7. Presiding Member

The LEMC Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member are determined within the “Shire of Koorda – Local Emergency Management Arrangements 2020 – V01.”

Position	Incumbent
Chairperson	Shire of Koorda President, Deputy, Councillor or CEO
Deputy Chairperson	Koorda Police Station Officer in Charge/LEC

The role of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are also included in the LEMA.

<b>Local Role</b>	<b>Description of Responsibility</b>
Chairperson	Provide leadership and support to the LEMC to ensure effective meetings and high levels of emergency management planning and preparedness for the Local Government district is undertaken.
Deputy Chairperson	Provides leadership and support to the LEMC in the absence of the Chair.

## **8. Meetings**

A meeting will be held at least once per quarter throughout the financial year. These meetings are generally the last Thursday of; March, June, August and November.

The schedule will be advised by the Executive Officer and any additional meetings will be convened if and as required at the discretion of the Chairperson.

## **9. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded and prepared as per the provisions of section 5.22 of the Act.

The content of the minutes shall be in accordance with regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

## **10. Reporting**

Recommendations recorded in the minutes arising from the Committee's deliberations shall be presented to the earliest available ordinary meeting of Council.

In the event of a tied vote, where the Presiding Member has exercised a casting vote, the matter will be referred to Council for deliberation.

## **11. Terms of Appointment**

Appointment to the Committee will be determined by the Council following ordinary local government elections, for a term to expire on the date of the subsequent ordinary local government elections.

If a member of the Committee resigns prior to an ordinary local government election, Council will appoint a replacement.

## **12. Code of Conduct**

The Shire's Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates applies to all members of the Committee.

## **13. Voting**

Shall be in accordance with section 5.21 of the Act.

Each voting member of the Committee present at a meeting is entitled to one vote and are required to vote, subject to the provisions of the Act regarding interests.

In the event of a tied vote, the Presiding Member will have a casting vote.

## **14. Alterations to Terms of Reference**

The Committee is to conduct a review of its terms of reference providing Council with recommendations for any changes, in the first instance after twelve months of operation, with subsequent reviews to be held every two years prior to the local government ordinary election.

## 15. Termination of Committee

Termination of the Committee shall be at the discretion of Council and in accordance with the Act.

### Review History

Date	Council Resolution	Description of review/amendment
18/12/2023	RES: 071223	Terms of Reference Adopted
30/11/2023		Terms of Reference endorsed by LEMC
23/10/2023	RES: 191023	Committee re-established

### Schedule 1 - Membership

Executive	
Chairperson ( <b>Voting</b> )	Shire of Koorda President, Deputy President or Councillor
Deputy Chairperson ( <b>Voting</b> )	Koorda Police Station Officer in Charge/Appointed LEC
Executive Officer	Shire of Koorda DCEO or staff member
Local Recovery Coordinator	Shire of Koorda CEO
Administrative Support	Koorda Community Resource Centre/Shire of Koorda Manager/Staff Member
HMAs	
Shire of Koorda ( <b>Voting</b> )	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
Parks and Wildlife	District Fire Coordinator
DFES	District/Area Officer
Dept. of Transport	Regional Manager
Dept. of Health	Regional Director
Dept. of Agriculture and Food	Site Manager
WA Police	Officer in Charge, Koorda Police Station
Welfare Support	
Centrelink	Team Leader
Community Services ( <b>Voting</b> )	District Emergency Services Officer
Red Cross	Representative, Koorda Branch
Salvation Army	Lieutenant
CWA	Representative, Koorda Branch
Utilities	
Main Roads WA	Local Manager
Additional Members as directed by the Shire of Koorda	
St John Ambulance ( <b>Voting</b> )	Regional Manager/Community Paramedic Koorda and Wyalkatchem Subcentre
Shire of Koorda	Works Supervisor
DFES	Regional Superintendent
WALGA	Representative
Department of Education	Koorda Primary School
CBH Group Koorda	Koorda Area Manager
Great Southern Fuel Services	Koorda Depot