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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 13 DECEMBER 2023  
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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**1. REPORT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 9 November 2023 at the Narromine Shire Emergency Services Complex are attached **(See Attachment No. 1)**.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the recommendations from the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 9 November 2023 be adopted.

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**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE  
NARROMINE SHIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMPLEX ON  
THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**PRESENT:** Melanie Slimming (Chair)(Narromine Shire Council, Director Infrastructure & Engineering Services); Cr Craig Davies (Narromine Shire Council, Mayor); Anthony McEachern (Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association, Captain); Inspector William Russell (LECON, NSW Police Force Orana); Graham Millgate (Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association, Deputy Captain); Tony Coen (Tomingley Gold Operations); Jason Gavenlock (Local Land Services); Annabelle Watson (NSW State Emergency Service, Deputy Zone Commander)); David Dickey (Transport for NSW, Customer & Network Operations Coordinator); Sarah Masonwells (NSW Reconstruction Authority, Coordination Officer); Michael Cubillo (NSW State Emergency Service, Local Commander); Wade Haines (NSW Fire & Rescue, Trangie); David Minehan (Welfare Services Functional Area, Senior Regional Disaster Welfare Officer); Rod Coombes (Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association); Kerrie Edwards (Australian Red Cross, Regional Emergency Service Officer); Geraldine Prince (Minute Taker).

### **1. WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** by consensus that the apologies of Doug Moorby (Chair)(LEMO)(Manager Utilities, NSC); Jacob Munday (NSW Ambulance Service, Station Manager); Ben Loiacono (NSW Ambulance Service, Duty Operations Manager); Chris Cusack (NSW Fire and Rescue); Mark Pickford (NSW Rural Fire Service); Michael Harvey (NSW Fire and Rescue); Lucas Walsh (NSW Fire and Rescue) Sargeant Scott Heckendorf (NSW Police Force, Narromine); John Sevil (Timbembongie House, CEO); Ken Bermingham (Tomingley Gold Operations); James Didovick (Tomingley Gold Operations); Sanu Thekkumpurath (NSW Health Service, Health Service Manager); Lynette Harris (NSW Health Service, Health Service Management); Maree Young (ARTC, Stakeholder Engagement Lead); Steve Miller (NSW Fire & Rescue, Volunteer Representative) be accepted.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** by consensus that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2023 are a true and accurate record.

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

- Agency Emergency Day – recruitment and information open day, demonstrations etc. Geraldine to liaise with Agencies to set up a date in the new year.
- EMPLAN has been put forward to be endorsed.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- NSW Reconstruction Authority Report (**Attachment No.1**)
- NSW State Emergency Services Report (**Attachment No. 2**)
- Agricultural & Animal Services Functional Report (**Attachment No. 3**)
- Welfare Services Functional Area Report (**Attachment No. 4**)
- ARTC Inland Rail Report (**Attachment No. 5**)
- VRA Rescue NSW Narromine Report (**Attachment No. 6**)

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**6. AGENCY REPORTS**

**(a) NSW Fire and Rescue (Steve Knight)**

- The New Commissioner, Jeremy Fewtrell, who is locally trained will commence in his new position. Inspector Steve Knight will be transitioning to retirement.
- Highlighting recruitment in Dubbo with a few promotions. Having trouble filling the positions for retained fire officers.
- All hydrants must be accessible and working. Council to look at hydrants in and around Trangie.

**(b) Narromine Volunteer Rescue Association (Anthony McEachern)**

Report Attached

**(c) NSW Rural Fire Service (Mark Pickford)**

Apology

**(d) NSW Police Orana – Narromine (Inspector William Russell)**

- Staff Movement update provided.
- Difficulty with recruitment continues.

**(e) Local Land Services LLS (Jason Gavenlock)**

- Stock out on the roads, having a few problems with Drovers leaving cattle behind. Drovers are not to walk the cattle back through town, must get in touch with the local Council to obtain approvals for all droving within the LGA.

**(f) Transport for NSW (David Dickey)**

- Incident response plans have been developed for Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC).

**(g) SES (Annabelle Watson)**

Report Attached

- Michael Cubillo is the Local Commander Officer, Tracy Small is Unit Commander of Narromine.
- Narromine unit has been working closely with other units in the cluster, re storm capability.

**(h) ARTC (Maree Young)**

Report Attached

**(i) Narromine Shire Council (Melanie Slimming)**

Upcoming events in Narromine

- Venetian Carnival – 6 December 2023
- New Years Eve Party – Narromine Showground
- Australia Day – 25 January 2024

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**6. AGENCY REPORTS (Cont'd)**

**(j) Narromine Shire Council (Cr Craig Davies)**

- Welcome to Melanie Slimming, Council's new Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services.
- Cr Davies attended the Country Mayors Association which discussed rural crime. The rates of crime in the Regional, Rural and Remote NSW are substantially higher than the Metropolitan LGA's. Police staffing in the Rural areas are significantly lower than it is in the city. Hopefully the Police Minister will take on board to promote more recruitment in the area.
- Narromine Shire Council has been awarded Regional Emergency Road Repair Funding for the regional and local road network (including sealed and unsealed) managed in the LGA.

**(k) NSW Reconstruction Authority**

Report Tabled

**(l) Narromine Health Service (Sanu Thekkumpurath)**

Apology

**(m) NSW Ambulance**

Apology

**(n) Tomingley Gold Operations (Tony Coen)**

- Business as usual.
- The last 12 months have been spent on construction of the tailings dam, the new dam section is about 80ha, this will be updated on the plan.
- Also looking at the new Emergency Response plan and how that fits in. Emergency Response building on site to house the equipment.
- ERT (Electrical Resistivity Tomography) is currently in the building phase, a tool to map the mine waste tailings.

**RECOMMENDED** by consensus that the agency reports as presented be received.

**7. RESCUE SUB COMMITTEE**

Inspector Russell confirmed the meeting was held at 9.00am prior to the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting. **(Report Attached)**

**8. REMO REPORT (Inspector William Russell)**

- Tabled **(Attachment No. 1)**  
Written report submitted. Training is highly encouraged.

**9. UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates to be held</b>
World Gliding Championships	2-16 December 2023
Venetian Carnival	6 December 2023
NYE Party – Narromine Showground	31 December 2023
Australia Day	25 January 2024

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## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- NSW Fire and Rescue (Wade) were called to a job at Trangie, there are some access issues with trees that are overgrown and accessing hydrants. John Street hydrant has not been fixed. Gravel is covering the hydrants in the laneways. CRM to be lodged with Council to have these issues resolved.
- Evacuations centres – at LECON request. EOC's to be active.
- Combined agency emergency services information / recruitment day in the park. Geraldine to organise a date and venue for this.

### **11.1 EMERGENCY EXERCISE**

- Combined agency rescue – RFS, Narromine Shire and NSW Police – 23 October 2023.
- World Gliding Championships – interagency training completed.
- Emergency Operations Centre training to be conducted. Flood emergency disaster would be beneficial to run. Desktop exercise. Date to be decided by next meeting in February 2024.

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

The next Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 8 February 2024**, commencing at 9.30am; to be preceded by a Rescue Sub Committee Meeting commencing at 9.00am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 4) were confirmed at a meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 9 November 2023.

**Chair**

# NSW Reconstruction Authority

## Central West, Orana and Far West (CWOFW)

### Report - Local Emergency Management Committee

Monday 23 October 2023

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#### **NSW Reconstruction Authority**

The NSW Reconstruction Authority is currently undergoing a restructure to better serve communities in all aspects of the disaster cycle. New legislation has required the organisation to adapt and better reflect the responsibilities and approach required to deliver the skills and function which have not previously been applied. This will mean an increase in staff across the organisation and the inclusion of identified staff in the Regions to better serve Indigenous communities. NSW Reconstruction Authority are pleased to announce the Deputy CEO – Simone Walker. Simone is formally from the NSW Department of Education and has also previously held the roles of Deputy Secretary, Strategy, Policy & Commissioning and Deputy Secretary, Operations, Child Protection & Out of Home Care at the Department of Communities and Justice. In these roles she led key program areas including housing, homelessness, disability support, child protection and out-of-home care, and domestic and family violence protection. Simone started her career as a frontline social worker and has a deep understanding of the critical interface between the public sector, service providers and NSW communities.

Two Executive Directors have been appointed for Regional Delivery – Susie George and Stephen Wills. Stephen previously held the position of Executive Director Regional Programs at the Department of Regional NSW. Stephen has previously held executive leadership roles across the NSW public sector including in the former Department of Premier & Cabinet, Crown Lands and as the CEO of the Lord Howe Island Board.

Stephen will represent the Far West, Orana, Central West, New England, Hunter, Central Coast, Illawarra - Shoalhaven and Southeast. Susie will represent Sydney Metropolitan, North Coast and Riverina-Murray.

A review and update of the NSW Recovery plan continues after extensive consultation and training for all Regional Delivery Teams will commence late October. The plan is due for delivery at the end of 2023.

#### **Relaunch of Get Ready NSW**

Our Get Ready NSW campaign was launched last Friday and is designed to help thousands of households across NSW take the guesswork out of planning for natural disasters.

We've worked in partnership with the Department of Customer Service to develop the Get Ready NSW website [nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready](https://nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready) as the go-to resource that will guide families on how to better protect themselves from all types of natural disasters including bushfires, storms, and floods.

#### **Damage Assessment & Reconstruction Monitoring (DARM)**

The DARM program originated from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. The programs' purpose is to monitor the recovery and reconstruction of an area following a natural disaster by returning at intervals in time, monitoring the progress of recovery of the Local Government Area. This is accomplished by speaking directly to affected residents in their homes and assessing the properties on their recovery status.

On 8 August 2023, the NSW Reconstruction Authority undertook a Damage Assessment &

Reconstruction Monitoring (DARM) Program door knock in Parkes as a pilot program. From the success of this program further DARM's have been carried out in the Northern Rivers and surrounds, with further DARMs planned for November and December in the Northern Rivers due to the extent of the flood damage.

## Pre-Event Recovery Plans

Pre Event Recovery plans continue to be rolled out across the state with many LEMC's close to a draft stage for review from their respective LEMC's. Target dates are the 31 December that all LEMC's have a draft plan ready for review and approval

## 2023/2024 Bushfire Season

NSW RA staff are on standby to assist communities that maybe affected by bushfires. NSW RA staff have been involved with a community meeting at Ulan, north of Mudgee in the past couple of weeks providing information to affected residents that require assistance in recovery.

## Disaster Ready Fund (DRF)-Round 2

Over 11 million dollars was allocated in NSW in Round 1 from the DRF. Round 2 of the DRF has been announced with EOI's opening on the 6 November 2023 and closing on the 8 December 2023. Successful EOI's will be required to submit a final proposal early 2024. Funding will become available in 2024/2025.

Refer to the NSW Reconstruction Authority website for further information or the National Emergency Management Agency website.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/nsw-reconstruction-authority/disaster-ready-fund>  
<https://nema.gov.au/programs/disaster-ready-fund/round-one>

## LEMC Primary Contacts

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### REMC Contacts

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Report prepared by Simon Curry for distribution in November 2023 CWOFW LEMC Committee Meetings

## NSW State Emergency Service – Narromine Unit

Reporting Period: 28 July 2023 – 26 October 2023

- 1. ACTIVITY**
- Narromine Unit has attended to 1 incident this reporting period.

Storm	Support	Resupply	Med Resupply	Flood Misc	Evac	FR	Total
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

*NSW SES Operational Management System - Beacon*

- 2. CAPABILITY**
- Narromine Unit is working with other units within the Mitchell Cluster to run and attend cluster-based training to improve operator capabilities.
  - Narromine Unit has recruited 3 new members, including some who have transferred from other units with existing capabilities.
  - Narromine unit has been undertaking joint training with Dubbo SES Unit, building on general capabilities of the unit.
- 3. PLANNING**
- Volume One of the Local Flood Plan is currently in draft stage with the aim to table at the next LEMC meeting.
- 4. OTHER**
- Tracy SMALL has recently been appointed to the position of Unit Commander
  - Superintendent Annabelle Watson, Deputy Zone Commander for NSW SES – Mid West Command has commenced on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. Superintendent Watson is based in Dubbo.
- 5. ACTION**
- Nil.

Report Prepared & Submitted By	Date:
David Cox Zone Operational Readiness Officer Western Zone   NSW SES <a href="mailto:wtz.ops@ses.nsw.gov.au">wtz.ops@ses.nsw.gov.au</a>	1/11/2023  Back to Report





## Central West Emergency Management Region

### LEMC Meeting Information Report

Submitting Agency / Functional Area / LEMC:		Agricultural and Animal Services Functional Area	
Report Prepared By:	Tristan Cameron	Date Prepared:	31/10/2023

Update on any actions arising from LEMC allocated to agency / functional area / LEMC:	
Action Required	Information Update
N/A	

Issues requiring LEMC consideration:
LLS would like to update Contact details for each LEMC committee to provide reports.

Risk & Mitigation		
Are there any new hazard reduction or mitigation activities in your area of operation?		
No		
Are there any new significant risks in your area of operation?		
Yes, Increased fire Risk and potential Fire ant Incursion.		
Are there any mass crowd gathering events planned in your area or that you are aware of?		
Event Name	Location	Approximate Attendance
No		

Exercises or Joint training		
Exercises proposed		
Date	Location	Exercise Type & Summary
Exercises conducted since last report: 1		
Key Learnings or Debrief issues for LEMC to note:		
N/A		

Plans / Preparedness Status	
	N/A



## Central West Emergency Management Region

Any other information?

A busy time for LLS in Emergency management

Current Bushfire Response.

### Situation summary

- AASFA continues to monitor fires across NSW impacting landholders.
- AASFA Hotline 1800 814 647 remains active for landholders to request assistance.

### Actions taken.

- Across NSW 107 requests for assistance have been received for 122 properties since fires commenced on 16 October.

North Coast LLS region: 8 requests for assistance have been received (+4 since last report).

- 83% are requests for fodder.
- 13% are for water re-supply.
- 93% RFAs are complete (17 RFAs ineligible, 8 fodder and 9 water).

Other areas of NSW including Hunter, Central Tablelands, South East and Northern Tablelands LLS regions:

- 9 requests for assistance have been received
- 56% for fodder
- 33% for water re-supply
- 11% transport of displaced stock

**Fire Ants****At this point there are no positive detections of Fire Ant in NSW**

On 20 July, NSW DPI received a report from the National Fire Ant Eradication Program (NFAEP) of the detection of a fire ant nest in Queensland, 5.5km from the NSW border. NFAEP have commenced surveillance and additional nests have been detected nearby. Fire ants are prohibited matter in NSW under Schedule 2 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015. An IMT has been established to manage and prepare for the increased risk. A Biosecurity Control Order is currently in place that restricts the movement of fire ant carrier materials into NSW from the fire ant biosecurity zone or from areas within 5km of known fire ant infested areas.

**Current Objectives**

- 1 To develop an emergency Order and compliance strategy to improve the ability to monitor and manage the movements of fire ant carriers into NSW
- 2 To improve the clarity of requirements of materials transiting through the Qld Fire ant zone into NSW
- 3 To develop and implement a Communications Plan to raise awareness and engagement stakeholders and the community of the risks fire ants pose to NSW
- 4 Increase awareness and consistency to operational management of fire ants between NSW DPI and the national fire ant program
- 5 Strengthen engagement with the National Fire Ant Eradication Program

24 October 2023

## Natural disaster assistance guide for primary producers

### NSW Bushfires (AGRNs 1052, 1056, 1070, 1075, 1076, 1077) - Category B Declarations

NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) and Local Land Services (LLS) coordinate and provide assistance, resources and advice to landholders and primary producers impacted natural disasters.

#### Emergency Assistance for Agriculture and Animals Hotline

**Phone: 1800 814 647**

Request assistance for animal welfare related issues including:

- emergency fodder
- emergency stock water (where there is an immediate animal welfare concern)
- animal assessment and veterinary assistance
- stock euthanasia and burial
- livestock feeding and management advice and care of animals including pets and companion animals in evacuation centres.

#### Staying up to date

Information, resources and support on emergency response and recovery for NSW primary producers.

For bushfires visit:

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/bushfires](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/bushfires)

[www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/emergency-management/bushfires](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/emergency-management/bushfires)

#### Reporting damage

Primary producers affected by a natural disaster are encouraged to fill out the natural disaster damage assessment (PiNDDA) via this link

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/emergency/community/primary-industries-natural-disaster-damage-survey>. These surveys are used to determine the scale and severity of the impact of the disaster and what assistance and resources are required.

Agricultural industry representatives can fill this in on behalf of farmers with their consent. This form cannot be used to request assistance.

## Animal management advice and resources

Assistance	Details	Contact
Local Land Services	<p>Planning and preparing for bushfires.</p> <p>You may have legal responsibilities for minimising risk on your property.</p> <p>Assistance is available to complete a Farm Fire Plan.</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/emergency-management/bushfires">www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/emergency-management/bushfires</a></p>
Local Land Services	<p>information on looking after stock before a fire, such as relocation plans, and looking after stock following a fire.</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/emergency-management/bushfires/managing-livestock-after-a-fire">www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/emergency-management/bushfires/managing-livestock-after-a-fire</a></p>
Local Land Services	<p>Technical support including on-going livestock feeding advice.</p>	<p>Phone: 1300 795 299            Website: <a href="http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/">www.lls.nsw.gov.au/</a></p>
NSW Department of Primary Industries	<p>Range of resources and information on managing primary production after a fire.</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/bushfires">www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/bushfires</a></p>
Feed Cost Calculator	<p>Calculate and compare protein, energy, and other components for different mixes of livestock feeds.</p> <p>You can use the calculator online or download the app 'Drought Feed Calculator'.</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/nutrition/costs-and-nutritive-value/feed-cost-calculator">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/nutrition/costs-and-nutritive-value/feed-cost-calculator</a></p>
Integrity Systems	<p>Assistance with emergency National Vendor Declarations (NVDs), Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) advice and National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) transfers.</p>	<p>Phone: 1800 683 111            Email:  <a href="mailto:support@integritysystems.com.au">support@integritysystems.com.au</a>            Website:  <a href="http://www.integritysystems.com.au/">www.integritysystems.com.au/</a></p>
Wildlife	<p>Contact your local rescue group.</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-animals/helping-wildlife-in-emergencies">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/native-animals/helping-wildlife-in-emergencies</a></p>

## Financial assistance, support and advice

Assistance	Details	Contact
Disaster Relief Grant: Always on assistance for eligible applicants in any emergency	The Disaster Relief Grant helps people to recover from the effects of a disaster and re-establish a basic standard of living. It is not provided to replace insurance or compensate for losses.	<p><u>Service NSW</u> Phone: 13 77 88 Website: <a href="https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-the-disaster-relief-grant">https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-the-disaster-relief-grant</a> Ask about the Disaster Relief Grant administered by the NSW Reconstruction Authority.</p>
Services Australia	Help for people directly affected by a natural disaster in NSW, such as fires, storms. Note: check their website for current information on support available.	<p><u>Services Australia</u> Phone: 180 22 66 Website: <a href="https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-natural-disaster-support?context=60042">https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-natural-disaster-support?context=60042</a></p>
Natural Disaster Transport Subsidy	The Natural Disaster Transport Subsidy is available to eligible farmers who are affected by a declared natural disaster event. This subsidy pays for the cost of transporting: fodder and/or water to an affected property; stock to sale or slaughter; stock to/from agistment	<p><u>Rural Assistance Authority</u> Phone: 1800 678 593 <a href="http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/natural-disaster-transport-subsidy">www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/natural-disaster-transport-subsidy</a></p>
Natural Disaster Relief Loans	Natural disaster assistance is available to help communities and individuals directly affected by flood, fire, storm damage or any other declared natural disaster. To support relief and recovery following a declared natural disaster a range of measures may be made available by the NSW Government.	<p><u>Rural Assistance Authority</u> Phone: 1800 678 593 Website: <a href="http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance">www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance</a></p>
Rural Financial Counselling Services	<p>Rural Financial Counselling Services (RFCS) is a free and impartial financial counselling service to help with financial planning and applying for assistance.</p> <p>Note: the northern region extends from Greater Sydney to the QLD border and west to Moree Plains; the southern/central region covers the rest of NSW.</p>	<p><u>RFCS NSW Northern Region</u> Phone: 1800 344 090 Website: <a href="http://www.rfcsnr.org.au">www.rfcsnr.org.au</a></p> <p><u>RFCS NSW</u> Phone: 1800 319 458 Website: <a href="http://www.rfcsnsw.com.au">www.rfcsnsw.com.au</a></p>

Assistance	Details	Contact
Farm Household Support	A payment for farming families facing hardship. Eligible industries: Agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, apicultural or aquaculture industries.	<u>Farmer Assistance Hotline</u> Phone: 132 316 Website: <a href="http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance">www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance</a>
Rural Aid	Provides support to farmers affected by natural disasters through financial, wellbeing and fodder assistance.	Phone: 1300 327 624 Email: <a href="mailto:contact@ruralaid.org.au">contact@ruralaid.org.au</a> <a href="https://www.ruralaid.org.au/about/">https://www.ruralaid.org.au/about/</a>
Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner	Small Biz Connect is a personalised and highly subsidised business advisory program for small businesses in NSW, including agribusinesses.	Phone: 1300 134 359 Website: <a href="http://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/business-advice-and-support/about-business-connect">www.nsw.gov.au/topics/business-advice-and-support/about-business-connect</a>
Australian Taxation Office	The ATO also offers assistance with meeting tax obligations for businesses impacted by natural disaster.	Phone: 1800 806 218 Website: <a href="http://www.ato.gov.au/General/Support-in-difficult-times/Natural-disaster-support/">www.ato.gov.au/General/Support-in-difficult-times/Natural-disaster-support/</a>
Bank Support	Many major financial institutions can assist their customers affected by natural disasters.	Contact your bank.

## Other assistance

Assistance	Details	Contact
Disaster Response Legal Service NSW	Free legal assistance for NSW residents.	Phone: 1800 801 529 Website: <a href="http://www.disasterhelp.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/">www.disasterhelp.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/</a>
Insurance	Insurance Council of Australia can be contacted with any questions, complaints or concerns about insurance.	Phone: 1800 734 621 Website: <a href="http://www.insurancecouncil.com.au/consumers/help-in-disasters/">www.insurancecouncil.com.au/consumers/help-in-disasters/</a>
NSW Farmers Association	Updates on assistance available can be viewed on the NSW Farmers website.	Phone: 02 9478 1000

Assistance	Details	Contact
	Contact Regional Services Managers with any issues or concerns.	Website: <a href="http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/">www.nswfarmers.org.au/</a>
Disaster Welfare Assistance Line	Evacuation centres, disaster welfare points, register to find & reunite with family, other household assistance.	Phone: 1800 018 444
Disaster Customer Care Service	For information on all available disaster assistance. Also contact Service NSW for replacement of documents such as licenses, permits, and certificates.	Phone: 13 77 88 Website: <a href="http://www.service.nsw.gov.au">www.service.nsw.gov.au</a> .

## Health and wellbeing

Assistance	Details	Contact
Need Help Now?	Lifeline	Phone: 13 11 14
Having a tough time and need someone to talk to right now? The following services are there to listen and help you out. They are confidential and available 24/7	Suicide Call Back Service	Phone: 1300 659 467
	Beyond Blue	Phone: 1300 224 636
	Mental health hotline (NSW Health 24/7)	Phone: 1800 011 511
	13 YARN (indigenous led crisis support)	Phone: 13 92 76
	Mensline	Phone: 1300 789 978
	Domestic Violence	Phone: 1800 737 732
	Kids Helpline (to 24 years old)	Phone: 1800 551 800
Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP)	RAMHP provides a range of information services to individuals, communities and service providers to link rural and remote people to the help they need.	Website: <a href="http://www.ramhp.com.au/find-ramhp-coordinator/">www.ramhp.com.au/find-ramhp-coordinator/</a>



Assistance	Details	Contact
Online resources	Head to Health An Australian Government website that offers multiple ways of searching for digital mental health resources.	Website: <a href="http://www.headtohealth.gov.au/">www.headtohealth.gov.au/</a>
	BeyondBlue	Website: <a href="http://www.beyondblue.org.au/">www.beyondblue.org.au/</a>
	Podcast about disasters, trauma, and mental health.	Website: <a href="http://www.crrmh.com.au/get-help-now/self-help-resources/podcasts/disasters-trauma-mental-health/">www.crrmh.com.au/get-help-now/self-help-resources/podcasts/disasters-trauma-mental-health/</a>

## Charities and other support\*

Assistance	Details	Contact
Rural Aid	Rural Aid provides critical support including water, fodder (hay), financial and counselling assistance to help farmers (primary producers) who endure natural disasters.	Phone: 1300 327 624 Website: <a href="http://www.ruralaid.org.au/">www.ruralaid.org.au/</a>
Lions Need for Feed	Donated fodder available through Lions. Register through website.	Website: <a href="http://www.needforfeed.org">www.needforfeed.org</a>
GIVIT is the NSW Government lead charity in co-ordinating donations	If you have been impacted by a disaster and require donated goods or services.	To register for assistance or donate. Website: <a href="http://www.givit.org.au/">www.givit.org.au/</a>
Blaze Aid	Rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed.	Phone: 0418 990 267 Email: <a href="mailto:admin@blazeaid.com.au">admin@blazeaid.com.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.blazeaid.com.au/">www.blazeaid.com.au/</a>
The Salvation Army	Generic contact details	Phone: 13 72 58 Website: <a href="http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/">www.salvationarmy.org.au/</a>
St Vincent de Paul	Assistance with food & groceries, clothing, blankets & essentials. Bill	Phone: 13 18 12

Assistance	Details	Contact
	assistance, interest free loans for household items & referral to other crisis providers.	Website: <a href="http://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/Disaster_Recovery/">www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/Disaster_Recovery/</a>
Red Cross	Practical help and resources to use before, during and after emergencies.	<a href="http://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/">www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/</a>
Aussie Hay Runners	Support with transporting fodder in emergencies	Contact: Linda Widdup Phone: 0421 972 332 Email: <a href="mailto:aussiehayrunners@gmail.com">aussiehayrunners@gmail.com</a> Facebook: @aussiehayrunners

\* Check direct with charities for up to date information on support available.

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## Narromine Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting Agency Report

**Agency name:** Welfare Services Functional Area (WSFA - Disaster Welfare) –  
Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)

**District:** Western

**Meeting date:** 9 November 2023

**Reporting Period:** August to November 2023

**Submitted:** 6 November 2023

### Operational Activity:

- Mid-Western EOC – Disaster Welfare Liaison Officer provided. Commercial accommodation provided for one family (4 people) evacuated during bushfire event. October 2023.
- Nil evacuation centres opened in district during reporting period.

### Staff movements:

- The Western WelFAC role is currently vacant. Dennis wishes to advise the committee that after many years as WelFAC, he has relinquished his role as WelFAC to focus on his substantive core function, Kim Campbell is the interim point of contact until the WelFAC role is recruited to.

Note The on-call Duty Officer remains as the contact number for disaster welfare assistance and WelFAC email address remains current and is accessible by Kim and the other Deputy WelFACs.

### Disaster Welfare Staff Available:

- Currently 60 disaster welfare staff are available in Western District with an additional 9 new recruits undergoing disaster welfare training to work in evacuation centres. The district also has access to disaster welfare staff from across the state if required.

**Update of contact list required?:** Yes  No

- **On Call - Duty Officer: 0427 401 276**
- WelFAC  
[welfac.westernnsw@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:welfac.westernnsw@dcj.nsw.gov.au)
- Senior Disaster Welfare Officer  
David Minehan Ph: 0429 616 290  
[david.minehan@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:david.minehan@dcj.nsw.gov.au)

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## Status Report

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<b>Prepared for</b>	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting
<b>Date</b>	8 November 2023
<b>Title</b>	<b>Inland Rail Narrabri to Narrabri (N2N) – Project Update</b>

### Inland Rail program delivery status

The Australian Government has confirmed that Inland Rail is an important project to meet Australia's growing freight task, improve road safety and help decarbonise our economy.

In line with the Government's response to the Independent Review of Inland Rail in mid-2023, we are taking a staged approach to deliver Inland Rail.

The sections of Inland Rail between Beveridge in Victoria and Parkes in New South Wales have been prioritised for completion by 2027. Major construction on the Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 project was completed late last month.

Our immediate focus for Inland Rail north of Narromine and into Queensland is acquiring property and land access and gaining environmental approvals in areas which are not yet under construction.

Future decisions by the Australian Government on the delivery of sections north of Narromine and into Queensland will be considered when the Government has more certainty about the delivery schedule and full cost of Inland Rail.

### What's next?

The Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) has determined the Narromine to Narrabri project to be a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*. Now that State approval has been received, the Project will be determined by the DCCEEW under an accredited assessment process. A decision is expected later this year.

To learn more about upcoming project activities, visit <https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/where-we-go/projects/narromine-to-narrabri/status/>.

### Narromine's Narwonah Material Distribution Centre update

The 400ha Narwonah Material Distribution Centre (MDC) is located on ARTC-owned land adjacent to the existing Narwonah siding, off Narwonah Siding Road, approximately eight kilometres south of the Narromine township.

Australian owned company, Martinus Rail, is constructing the Narwonah MDC and is the preferred contractor to deliver the broader Rail Corridor Program (RCP).

Martinus has now completed the first stage of construction at the Narwonah MDC.

Planning and approvals for future stages of work at Narwonah MDC is underway.

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There will be minimal personnel on site during this period; however, our Inland Rail team are still in Narromine.

We will provide an update on the timing of future construction at the Narwonah MDC as this information becomes available.

**Keeping you informed**

Keeping you informed about the Project's design development, potential impacts, and proposed mitigation is important to us. We remain committed to working with the community to ensure the best outcome for the region.

If you'd like to arrange a formal briefing for any of the above, please call one of our Stakeholder Engagement Advisors on 1800 732 761 or email [inlandrailsw@artc.com.au](mailto:inlandrailsw@artc.com.au). You can also speak with us face to face, pop by our community shopfront in Narrabri, which is open every weekday.

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<b>Incidents</b>	19/09/2023 Domestic – Gain Access 07/10/2023 Vertical – Vertical Rescue	
<b>Other Squad Activity</b>	Dolly Parton Festival - Car Parking Community Engagement @ Narromine Christmas Carnival	
<b>Other Information</b>	<p>VRA Rescue NSW - Narromine to contact a joint training with NSW Ambulance on the LUCAS automatic CPR machine</p> <p>1 Narromine Member now trained in Snake handling total of 4 members in the Western Region</p> <p>2 More Members now GLR Accredited total of 16 GLR, 1 in Training</p> <p>6 monthly vehicle familiarisation and joint operations training with NSW Ambulance - December</p> <p>Future RCR event 2024 at planning stages with NSW Ambulance</p>	

