



MINUTES

Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026, Nungarin Recreation Centre, commencing at 4:30 pm

The Shire of Nungarin and Trayning LEMC meets at least three times per year, generally on the third Tuesday of every February, August, and October.

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| Committee Members | Cr Melanie Brown SC Dan Back Cr Pippa de Lacy David Nayda Luke Yates Bryce Mullins Vicki MacDonald | Chairperson/Shire President Trayning OIC - Bencubbin Police Station Deputy Chairperson/Shire President Nungarin Recovery Coordinator/CEO- Nungarin CBFCO – Trayning/Captain / VFES Lieutenant – Trayning VFES/DCBFCO Principal - Trayning Primary School |
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| | Joanne Randell Scott Fitzpatrick | DON – Kununoppin Hospital St John - Community Paramedic |
| Staff | Belinda Taylor Pauly Healy Selena Sergeant | Manager of Corporate Services – Trayning Manager of Works – Trayning Manager of Corporate Services – Nungarin |

**Shires of Nungarin and Trayning
Local Emergency Management Committee**

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Minutes

**Meeting held at Nungarin Recreation Ground commencing at 4.30pm on
Tuesday 24 February 2026.**

1. Declaration of Opening/Announcement of Visitors

The Chairperson, Cr Melanie Brown, declared the meeting open at 4:30pm.

2. Record of Attendance/Apologies

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| Guests | Nil | |
| Apologies | Cr Pippa de Lacy David Nayda Luke Yates Bryce Mullins Vicki MacDonald Karen Tabner Scott Fitzpatrick | Deputy Chairperson/Shire President Nungarin Recovery Coordinator/CEO- Nungarin CBFCO – Trayning/Captain / VFES Lieutenant – Trayning VFES/DCBFCO Principal - Trayning Primary School Principal – Nungarin Primary School St John WA - Community Paramedic |

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved D Back

Seconded P Geraghty

That the Minutes of the Trayning Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting held 14 October 2025 as circulated, be confirmed, as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Nil

5. Agency Reports

5.1 Shire of Nungarin

Nil

5.2 Shire of Trayning

DFES Grant Funding

- Are you able to advise when the next round of funding is likely to be released?
- We are interested in seeking funding for the purchase and installation of electronic fire warning signs to replace the old manual type; and
- Funding for the purchase of generators to be utilised throughout the shire in an emergency resulting in the loss of power to important infrastructure.

CESM Program

- We are interested in the possibility of engaging a CESM to work with 2 – 3 (or more) shires in the NE Wheatbelt.

Kununoppin Airstrip

- The possibility of having a water hydrant, and suitable water supply source, at the airfield to support the loading of water bomber planes.

Future Training and / or

- To be held in Kununoppin at the community centre prior to the 2026 fire season and incorporating neighbouring Shires and agencies, ie DFES, SJA, Police, Hospital, Shire staff, etc.

5.3 WA Police

Mukinbudin now fully Staffed, Bencubbin soon to be fully staffed.
Motorist stranded at Eagle Stone (bogged). Might pay to put signs up regarding road conditions.

5.4 District Emergency Management

Evyn

- The bushfire High Threat Period for the region is ending Thursday 5th of March 2026.
- Most Local Governments have entered, or are shortly entering, the Restricted Burning Period and prescribed burning for crop preparation is expected.

- A number of training courses are planned for Trayning VFES and the Shire of Nungarin. Trayning courses are in response to increased engagement from the VFES and several new members.

Items during other reports/discussions

- In response to a query regarding the CESM position. DFES confirmed there is funding for an additional 4 CESM positions across the state in the 26/27 financial year, although no announcements have been made on where they will be allocated. Local Governments must submit EOIs to be considered. AO Upper Wheatbelt to send the process through following the meeting.
- In response to a query re grant funding for generators and electronic fire danger rating signs. These items are unfortunately not eligible for LGGS funding. Shelby advised the LG should consider applying for an upcoming Commonwealth grant and/or the Aware grant funding.
- In response to a query re the potential use of the Kununoppin airfield as a water bomber reload location. DFES and DBCA aviation departments set the specifications and training requirements for reload locations and select them strategically to service approx. 100km distances from each forward operating base. Merredin airfield is currently being investigated, which if suitable would be able to service the Shires of Trayning and Nungarin. AO Upper Wheatbelt will communicate to those involved that Kununoppin is also an option should Merredin not be suitable.
- In discussions about an upcoming LEMC exercise. AO Upper Wheatbelt will prepare a scenario to work through. Likely a bushfire incident with other elements and complexities. The Local Governments will coordinate a date/time for the exercise, likely in Kununoppin and involving a meet and greet post exercise.

Shelby DEMA

- The Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee met on 25th February for the first meeting of 2026. Two presentations occurred, one from WACOSS on a Digital Inclusion and Emergency Preparedness partnership being piloted across the Goldfields and Wheatbelt. The other presentation was from Telstra. All DEMC stakeholders were contacted ahead of time and encouraged to submit questions to be answered by Telstra.
- Wheatbelt DEMC meetings will be held on 13 May 2026 (annual exercise – water sustainability & redundancy), 2nd September 2026 (annual forum), 18 November 2026. Reports from LGA/LEMC are encouraged to be tabled at every meeting – this supports annual report requirements.
- Following the success of 2025's EM Webinar Series, this will be continuing monthly from March 12th 2026. Please subscribe to the mailing list via this link [here](#).if you wish to receive invites to these webinars.
- The Wheatbelt & Goldfields LEMC Executive Officer Network met for the first time in early Feb. This is an exciting initiative to build capacity and capability across the LEMCs of the Goldfields & Wheatbelt and encourage continued professional development.
- The Wheatbelt EM District continues to support Shires undertaking Disability inclusive emergency management activities from 2025.

5.5 Department of Communities

Nil

5.6 Nungarin Bush Fire Brigade

No Fires reported.

5.7 Trayning Fire and Volunteer Emergency Services

Luke Yates - CBFCO – Trayning/Captain – Trayning VFES
Presented by Peter Naylor – CEO Trayning on behalf of.

- The Brigade attended two to three minor fire incidents.
- One road traffic crash was attended.
- The process for reporting a fire needs to be clarified amongst our VFES members and will be raised at our next catchup.
- A catch-up is scheduled for Friday, 13 March, which will include a BBQ and truck cleaning.

We would like to formally acknowledge and thank Peter Barnes, who has recently stepped down from his role as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the KTY Community. We greatly appreciate the time, effort and leadership he has provided throughout his tenure. Peter will remain involved with VFES, and we are grateful for his continued commitment.

5.8 Kununoppin St John Ambulance Sub-Centre

- Received new van
- Next new van to go to Nungarin
- 3 new Volunteers signed up to Trayning
1 Volunteer interested from Nungarin
- There are big issues around Mental Health patience. Disorganisation and paperwork not being carried out.
- Having to write off costs (15k) for non-payment of transfers.

5.9 Kununoppin Hospital

Nil

5.10 Nungarin Primary School

Nil

5.11 Trayning Primary School

- Trees have been removed that were a Fire hazard.

5.12 Other Agencies in Attendance

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| 6. Matters for Discussion |
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Nil

7. General Business

Nil

8. Readiness Exercises – Practical or Desktop

Joint Training /Social Day – Desktop Eryn to assist. Raise March VFES Meeting.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th August 2026 at Trayning Shire Council Chambers

10. Closure

There being no further business the Chairperson Cr Melanie Brown thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5:08pm.