

DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

MEETING NOTICE

The next Lockyer Valley Regional Disaster Management Group meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Gatton Administration Office, Corner North & Railway Streets, Gatton on Friday, 18 September 2009, commencing at 2.00pm.

ATTENDEES

Mayor Steve Jones (Chair), Cr Graham Moon (Deputy Chair), Colin O'Connor (LVRC), Howard Karl (LVRC), Jason Cubit (LVRC), Richard Lewin (SES), Tom Missingham (Police), Jim McDonald (Police), Glen Barron (QAS), Ross Breckenridge (QAS), David Caughley (QFS), Craig Smith (QFS), Karen Abbott (Gatton Hospital), Erica Fletcher (Laidley Hospital), Janelle Zahmel (UQ), Steven Kohler (DME), David Fraser (EMQ), Marisol Alamos (Telstra), Adam Currie (DMR), Andrew Keen (DMR), Gary Chalmers (Energex)

BUSINESS

- (a) Review of Local Government Disaster Management Plan
- (b) Retirement Villages
 - Consideration for membership of DM committee
 - Management in the event of a disaster
- (c) Escalation process for bushfire or flooding event.
- (d) Education of community.
- (e) General Business

Please advise of attendance or apologies by contacting Madonna Brennan on [REDACTED] or by emailing [REDACTED]

HOWARD KARL
DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

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LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

The Lockyer Valley Regional Disaster Management Group meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Gatton Administration Office, Corner North & Railway Streets, Gatton on Thursday, 23 September 2010, commencing at 2.10pm.

ATTENDEES

Mayor Steve Jones (Chair), Cr Graham Moon (Deputy Chair), Ian Flint (LVRC), Justin Fischer (LVRC), Jason Cubit (LVRC), Jim McDonald (QPS), Glen Barron (QAS), Ross Breckenridge (QAS), David Fraser (EMQ), Gary Chalmers (Energex), Ken Dennien (QUU), Madonna Brennan (LVRC), Stephen Gardiner (QRFS), Ann-Louise Adams (QLD Health – Gatton), Paul Newman (Qld Health – Laidley) and Garry Tyler (UQ).

APOLOGIES

Garry Dorr (SES), Glen Maule (QAS), David Caughley (QFS - Urban), Craig Smith (QRFS), Karen Abbott (Qld Health - Gatton), Erica Fletcher (Qld Health - Laidley), Janelle Zahmel (UQ), Steven Kohler (DME), Marisol Alamos (Telstra), Adam Currie (DTMR), Andrew Keen (DTMR) and Tom Missingham (QPS).

BUSINESS

ITEM A

REVIEW OF LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members and affiliates were issued with an updated plan for the local group, it was requested for everyone to review the plan and ensure that their organisations key responsibilities are correct. Attendees were advised to forward any changes to Madonna Brennan at the Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) within two weeks to allow the plan to be adopted at a future Ordinary Meeting of Council.

It was also requested that the contacts list be reviewed quarterly to ensure that it is kept current.

Discussions were also held on the need for establishing detailed sub plans, especially in the event of a bushfire or flooding. LVRC has made steps towards producing sub plans for Council related activities.

The Group were also advised about the upcoming legislation changes that were in front of parliament awaiting approval. The major effect these changes would have on the LDMG would be the change of the Executive Officer title to a Local Disaster Co-ordinator. It was advised that the requirement for this position was that it was to be an employee of the Council.

The function of the Local Disaster Coordinator (LDC) is to coordinate disaster operations for the local group, to report regularly to the group about disaster operations and to ensure, as far as practicable, that any strategic decisions of the local group about disaster operations are implemented. David Fraser from EMQ recommended that the Chief Executive Officer of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council be appointed as the LDC and the Deputy Co-ordinator be appointed from the Engineering area to assist with the coordination requirements of the disaster.

The Chair of Lockyer Valley Regional Disaster Management Group, Cr Steve Jones nominated Lockyer Valley Regional Council's Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ian Flint to the position of Local Disaster Coordinator, which was accepted by Mr Flint and that Gerry Franzmann be appointed as the Deputy Local Disaster Coordinator.

ITEM B

REVIEW OF LEVELS OF GROUP MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCKYER VALLEY DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Attendees were advised that as part of the plan review a membership review was also undertaken. As part of this review EMQ has advised to convert some of the members to affiliate members, this advice was mainly focusing on the quorum requirement for the Group to meet and make recommendations. Please refer to page no xx in the Lockyer Valley Regional Disaster Management Plan for the membership amendments.

ITEM C

ESCALATION PROCESS FOR BUSHFIRE OR FLOODING EVENT

Advice was sought from David Fraser from EMQ in relation to the trigger point to call the LDMG together in the event of a disaster. David advised that the trigger point for calling the group together is normally when a co-ordinated response is required and it is important not to wait for a dollar figure.

ITEM D

EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY

A request was put to the members of the group on any suggestions on providing education to community in the event of a disaster. Stephen Gardiner from Queensland Rural Fire Services (QRFS) advised that they had provided brochure information to the Visitor Information centre at Plainland. It was requested that QRFS also provide this information to the Visitor Information Centre at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre and to the Council Office, with a master copy of all educational information that is available to be provided to Council for reference information.

Stephen also advised that they have undertaken a practice exercise in the Range Crescent area in Laidley, which they have done each year prior to fire season. This year prior to undertaking the exercise members of the Local Brigade undertook a door knock of all residents in the area to advise them of the exercise and provide them with information on preparedness. He advised that this had a positive effect as they had an increase in residents from the area participating at this year's exercise.

ITEM E

EXERCISE ORKO – DISASTER MANAGEMENT EXERCISE TO BE HELD FROM THE 2 TO 4 NOVEMBER 2010

David Fraser from EMQ gave an overview of what the exercise involves and in general who will be affected and what is likely to occur on each day of the exercise. Nomination forms have been provided to members should they wish to participate and they are to be forwarded to EMQ as soon as possible.

ITEM D

GENERAL BUSINESS

Stephen Gardiner from Queensland Rural Fire Services (QRFS) advised that at present the water tanks that are located around the region for fire fighting purposes are not keyed alike and requested could they please all be padlocked with a standard 007 fire service lock.

It was also highlighted that these tanks needed to be identified on a mapping system. Justin advised that Council has identified the location of the tanks on Council's GIS system.

Cr Steve Jones queried Stephen (QRFS) on the necessity of a total fire ban in place in current conditions. Stephen advised that at present you are still able to light a fire that is 1x1 metre in size without a permit.

Justin requested QRFS to provide any information relating to Council's level of involvement in a fire situation. Including protocols/procedures for Rural Fire Brigades to use Council resources etc, responsibility of Council staff, communication with Council plant and whether or not a fire service vehicle/crew will team with Council's plant or equipment item.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Meeting Date: 23 September 2010

Location: Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Gatton Council Chamber.

NAME	POSITION/ REPRESENTING	SIGNATURE/APOLOGY
Steve Jones	Chair (LVRC)	
Graham Moon	Deputy Chair (LVRC)	
Ian Flint	CEO (LVRC)	
Justin Fischer	A/DEO (LVRC)	
Jason Cubit	Media & Com (LVRC)	
Garry Dorr	SES – Local Controller	
Tom Missingham – apology	QPS – OIC – Gatton	
Jim McDonald	QPS – OIC – Laidley	
Glen Barron	QAS – OIC – Gatton	
Ross Breckenridge	QAS – Laidley	
David Caughley -apology (Noel Einam) – proxy	QFS – Area Director	
Craig Smith - apology Stephen Gardiner - Proxy	QFS – Area Director Rural	
Karen Abbott <i>Ann Louise Adams</i>	Medical Services – Gatton	
Erica Fletcher – apology (Paul Newman) - proxy	Director Nursing – Laidley	

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Ken Dennien	Queensland Urban Utilities	
Janelle Zahmel – apology Garry Tyler – proxy	Campus Manager – UQ	
Steven Kohler – apology	Department of Mines	
David Fraser	EMQ – Area Director	
Marisol Alamos	Telstra	
Adam Currie	DMR	
Andrew Keen	DMR	
Gary Chalmers	Energex	

*denotes an affiliate, not a full member

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BUSINESS

- (a) Review of Local Government Disaster Management Plan.
- (b) Review of membership of the Lockyer Valley Disaster Management Group.
- (c) Review of meeting minutes from Disaster Management Working Group.
- (d) Escalation process for bushfire or flooding event.
- (e) Education of community.
- (f) Upcoming Disaster Preparation Exercise (Exercise Orko) in November 2010 – David Fraser from EMQ will present on this item.
- (g) General Business

Please advise of attendance or apologies by contacting Madonna Brennan on (07) [REDACTED] or by emailing [REDACTED]

JUSTIN FISCHER
A/DIRECTOR ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

Agenda

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Thursday 13 January 2011 commencing at 1600 hours

Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Please ensure you all sign on in the sign in sheet

Confirmation of Minutes

Did everyone receive the meeting minutes? Any changes?

Report on current situation with flood event:

Update from this mornings DDMG meeting

Road Report:

As per attachment

Outstanding Actions:

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| Department of Communities | -Team deployment for the day including Q Health staff
-Update on the model Communities put in place |
| Queensland Health | -Urgent Request for pharmaceutical supplies |
| Queensland Urban Utilities | -Update on water situation <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Generators for Postmans Ridge- Lowood Switchboard- Tanking of water to the Woodland Road Reservoir |
| Transport and Main Roads | -Currently a 5T limit on the Warrego
-Report on Warrego by structural engineer |
| Energex | -Assessment of the damage
-Power to the University
-Access major issue at present |
| LVRC | -Waste Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tip is not operational at present- Laidley is the main functioning station -Evacuation Centre update <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Gatton-Helidon-Forrest Hill-Laidley-Postmans Ridge-Murphys Creek-Glenore Grove-Grantham |

General Business

Update on Communications services
Missing persons update
Agency updates

Next Meeting:

Agenda

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Tuesday 8 March 2011 commencing at 1400 hours

Council Chamber, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton,

Attendees:

Please ensure you all sign on in the sign in sheet

Apologies

Kelvin Haak – QR, David Fraser Bob Bundy

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of meeting minutes for meetings held from 12 January 2011 to 14 February 2011.

Report on current situation with flood event:

A report on the community recovery process to be provided by Hayden Wright.

Outstanding Actions:

- Review of Disaster Management Plan.
- Disaster Management Sub Plans.
- Evacuation Centre – Evacuation kits – DOCS.
- Disaster Response De-brief – set of date and time.
- Queensland Week – Queensland Disaster Heroes Nominations.
- Thank you to the agencies involved with the event.

General Business

Next Meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Wednesday 12 January 2011 commencing at 05.00pm
Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Steve Jones, Chairman LDC
Gerry Franzmann, LDC
Libby David, EMQ
Michelle French, EMQ
Grant Platts, QFRS
Lary Cullen, QFRS
Alex Pelvin, TMR
Bev Frost, Department of Communities
Craig Panagiris, TMR
Steven Muller, TMR
Todd McLeod, TMR
Richard Katt, QUU
Karen Abbott, Director Nursing Gatton
Paul Mudra, QAS
Cr Graham Moon, LVRC
Mike Lisle, LVRC
Nina Bertram, LVRC
Gary Chalmers, Energex
Gary Dorr, SES
David Caughley, QFRS
John Cresty, QFRS
Breeana Nibbs, LVRC

Apologies:

David Fraser, EMQ

Introduction:

LDC Gerry Franzmann welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

First meeting since disaster. Started as a minor event and now a serious disaster with lives lost.

Report on current situation with flood event:**QFRS:**

- Incident Control Centre, Gatton is manned from 6am-8pm
- Skeleton crew working at night
- Will be tasked by LDCC and Fire Comm
- Aside from local resources there is significant amount of resources available throughout region
- Urban search & rescue team flew in today at 2100. Structural assessment searches in Withcott and Forest Hill to commence tomorrow and then heading to Laidley

Police

- 20 additional police have arrived in addition to Gatton's crew of 18
- Searching for deceased in Grantham & Murphys Creek
- Deceased persons found in Lockrose
- 20-30 welfare jobs backed up

LVRC Community Services Department

- Evacuation centres at Withcott, Postman's Ridge, Glenore Grove, Grantham, Gatton Sports Centre, Gatton Shire Hire, Laidley State High School, Helidon
- Gatton Sports Centre no displaced persons, now at Gatton Hall (approx 35 people)
- Laidley State High School no displaced persons
- Helidon approximately 60-70 people last night, numbers dropped today
- Waste Management – 3 vehicles will be throughout town tomorrow-general waste collection
- Any agency personnel to locate to Sports Centre

LVRC Gerry Franzmann

- Major devastation in Southwest part of region (Mt Sylvia, West Haldon, East Haldon, Junction View)
- Maybe up to 6 months before roads can be reconstructed.
- Discussing evacuation of residents in this area on Friday with residents being notified in person tomorrow via Helicopter as there is no phones or roads to the affected people

Bev Frost Department of Communities

- Situated in Toowoomba
- EMQ arranged for vehicles to come down Toowoomba Range today
- Red Cross arrived today to co ordinate evacuation centres
- Reached capacity (Hospital)
- High risk patients from retirement villages in Gatton sent through to Toowoomba
- Nursing homes being returned to Gatton
- Second doctor has been received at Withcott
- QLD Health sending down trained Social Workers to Gatton, Helidon & Withcott – Bev to supply Brad Domrow with information
- Supplies starting to become low, called Steve Jones and a truck will be getting there to supply linen, Manchester etc tomorrow
- Need to discuss which model will be used further into the recovery eg outreach, relief centre

Department Transport & Main Roads

- QFRS convoy arriving at 2000 hours, co-ordinating with Steve Smith 0414 262 437

Alex Pelvin

- Concentrating on Warrego Highway. Decision to close highway after Monday justified
- Rockslides and landslides on Marburg Range along Warrego Highway

Steve

- Section from Brisbane Valley Highway to Toowoomba closed
- Gatton Bypass passable

- Passable from Gatton to Marburg except at Marburg Range (due to landslides)
- Many scours on embankment
- Highway open one lane each direction during daylight
- Concern for bridges along Highway. These are to be inspected by structural bridge Engineer tomorrow. Worried about sub-structure damage.
- Only vehicles less than 5 tonne allowed over bridges at a time until inspections completed
- No access to Brisbane end due to Dinmore being cut
- Helicopter leaving Toowoomba at 8am and to land at Gatton Show grounds
- QFRS USAR Task Force coming out tonight from Brisbane to Gatton. TMR maybe required to escort through Marburg Range

Ambulance

- Experiencing no staff shortage
- Managing fatigue issues
- No major issues at this stage

SES

- Two groups operating in Laidley & Gatton
- SES crews kept busy in the Laidley evacuation centre
- Gatton SES responding to requests
- More volunteer staff unable to access Gatton to help (yesterday)
- 20 additional SES members due to arrive in Toowoomba today and will be tasked to Murphys Creek under QPS to search for deceased
- Transport & Main Roads advised that SES volunteers need to work safely near damaged road edges, traffic etc

Energex

- Power lost at Grantham, Murphys Creek, Ma Ma Creek, Postman Ridge, Placid Hills
- Placid Hills should be resorted tonight
- Working on Postmans Ridge, 25% restored
- Access to feeders creating a problem
- Working daylight hours only as night work is too dangerous

EMQ

- Working with LVRC to co-ordinate resupply operations
- Three helicopters at moment, looking at up to 6 helicopters
- QLD Health running short of supplies, EMQ to help to re-supply

Graham Moon

- Would like to thank on behalf of Mayor and Councillors all that have worked over the last days

QUU

- Asset flood damage throughout Shire
- Bottled water supplied to Withcott area
- Lowood is under water, minimal supply available
- Minimal supply left in Gatton & Laidley
- LVRC co-ordinating with QUU

General Business:

- LDMG will meet twice daily

Summary and conclusion:

Mr Franzmann thanked everyone for their attendance and their response over the past few days and weeks.

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: 0900 hours Wednesday 13th January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Thursday 13 January 2011 commencing at 0900 hours
Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Ian Flint LVRC (LDC)
Derek Sellers, LVRC (DLDC)
Libby Davis, EMQ
Michelle French, EMQ
Alex Pelvin, TMR
Paula Jansen, TMR
Karen Abbott, Director Nursing Gatton
Mike Lisle, LVRC
Gary Chalmers, Energex
Gary Dorr, SES
David Pinchem – Qld Health
Robert Sutherland-McLeod, QUU
Maureen Brosnan, Department of Communities
Brian McPherson, QLD Health (Gatton Hospital)
Madonna Brennan, LVRC

Apologies:

David Fraser, EMQ
Steve Jones, Chairman LDC
Gerry Franzmann, LDC
Queensland Fire and Rescue
Cr Graham Moon, LVRC (Deputy Chairperson LDC)

Introduction:

LDC Ian Flint welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

Second meeting since disaster and confirmed that the first and second meeting minutes will be forwarded today.

Report on current situation with flood event:

Queensland Health (Health)

- David Pinchen is in Toowoomba from Brisbane with a team of 20 psychological staff situated in Toowoomba ready to be despatched into the necessary areas in the Lockyer Valley Region.
- Urgent request required to get pharmaceutical supplies and other medical supplies from the main central pharmaceutical supply at Richlands, Brisbane. Toowoomba has been supplying areas both east and west and is getting to extremely low levels. It was suggested that if there are army trucks coming into the area perhaps this could be transported by them.

- Michelle French from EMQ advised that she would work with Karen Abbott from Queensland Health to coordinate this.

Department of Communities (DOCS)

- Team of 24 people to be deployed to the area 14 from DOCS and 10 from Lifeline to provide supply of counselling services etc to the residents in the area.
- The need to identify the model of service required being a one stop shop or an outreach service.
- Gatton Hospital advised that they are providing some of these services.

Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU)

- Water Situation for the area is as follows Withcott – 0, Gatton – ½ day, Helidon – 0, Murphys Creek – 0, Laidley area 2-3 days supply.
- Power has been restored to the Lowood pumping station, but significant damage has occurred to the pump station switchboard. Technicians have been flown onto site and are working to get the pumping station up and running.
- Arrangements are being made for diesel generators to be delivered to pumping station at Postmans Ridge.
- QUU are also seeking to tanker water into the Woodlands Road Resvoir.
- Paul Quinlan is coming into The Local Disaster Coordination Centre to act as a liaison for QUU.

Transport and Main Roads (TMR)

- Currently a road limit on the Warrego Highway of 5 tonne.
- They have despatched a Structural Engineer Bob Barrett to do assessments on the bridges along the Warrego Highway. It is hoped that assessment will be available for the next meeting of the LDMG.

Energex

- Advised that the Lowood Water Treatment Plant and Pumping Station now have power.
- Additional crews are coming from Beaudesert, Boonah and Ipswich. The extent of this is pending on the access they can get.
- An assessment of the damage in the area is being undertaken at present.
- Power should be re-instated to the University of Queensland sometime today.
- Access major issue at present – bridge limit may be an issue.

Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)

- No issues to report at present.

State Emergency Service

- Local crews rested overnight.
- Additional taskforces are being deployed to the area of 20 from northern region (expected today in Toowoomba)
- LDMG to advise the area where these can be best utilised.

Emergency Management Queensland

- Currently is assisting Council with re-supply and request for assistance.

Gatton Hospital

- In-patient numbers have decreased with the re-deploy of the aged care residents to their own facilities.
- Expected to have an influx over the next couple of days of walk in patients as access to areas become more available.
- Have scheduled extra staff for the weekend to cope with this.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

- 40 people in Gatton evac centre.
- 47 still in the evacuation centre at Helidon and these will be transferred to Gatton today.
- There are also people at the Glenore Grove facility (only a couple) and they will be transferred to Gatton today as well.
- Grantham Evacuation Centre is still operating but mainly as a place of congregation for the residents.
- The Sports Centre is currently housing 40 QFRS and 120 army personnel (yet to arrive).
- Waste services for the areas are endeavouring to be maintained throughout the region, the Gatton Tip is not operational at present, the Laidley Transfer station is the main functioning station. Investigations into large temporary skips are being proposed.

General Business:

- Teleconference to be arranged between Queensland Health and Department of Communities to coordinate mental health recovery plan for the region.
- LDMG will meet twice daily.

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

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Next meeting of Core Group: 1600hours 13 January 2011.

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General Business

Update on Communications services
Missing persons update
Agency updates

Next Meeting:

Madonna Brennan

From: Mitchell Bichel
Sent: Thursday, 13 January 2011 2:11 PM
To: Madonna Brennan; Helpdesk; Jason Cubit; Stuart Hannaford; Ian Flint; Gerry Franzmann
Cc: Engineering
Subject: Road closures
Attachments: Copy of Road Closures and Water Over Road January 13-01-2011 1.47AM.xls

Hello all,

Please find an update of the road closures that we currently have information for. Madonna can you please notify everyone in the LDMG contacts. Helpdesk can you please post these closures on the website.

Our crews are currently in the following areas:

Laidley
Crew 1 – Long Gully Road and Summerholm
Crew 2 – Mt Berryman and Blenheim
Crew 3 – Steinkes Bridge, Kents Bridge
Crew 4 – Lockrose
Crew 5 – Boral loader currently cleaning debris in south Laidley

Gatton
Crew 1 – Ingoldsby
Crew 2 – Ropeley Rockside
Crew 3 – Working on access from Stockyard through to Preston

Regards

Mitch

Mitchell Bichel

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**Main Roads - Water Over Road Use with Caution and
Reduce Speed**

Mulgowie Road water over road and debris
Murphys Creek Road, Murphys Creek

Postmans Ridge Road

Caffey Connection Road, Caffey

Main Road Closures

Gatton-Helidon Road

Mt Sylvia Road (Mt Sylvia School)

Gatton - Clifton Road between Doyles Camp
Bridge and McGinley's Road. There is a 5
tonne load limit between McGinley's Road
and the New England Hwy.

Mt Sylvia Road is closed from the second
last floodway due to road damage

Forest Hill-Fernvale Road closed between
Glenore Grove and Lake Clarendon Way

Road Closures Council	Estimated Time
Amos Road, Withcott	<i>Landslides on both up and down side. To dangerous for traffic</i>
Berlin Road, Mt Berryman	
Black Duck Creek Road, Junction View	
Blanchview Road, Withcott	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
Bonnells Road, Thornton	
Caffey Connection Road, Caffoy	
Carey Road, Blanchview	<i>Culverts failed</i>
Curtin Road, Crowley Vale	
East Haldon Road (unsafe - can not access to view) Junction View	
Edward Street Laidley (at gully crossing)	<i>This part of Edward Street is closed indefinitely</i>
Fifteen Mile Road, Murphys Creek	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
Flagstone Creek Road, Flagstone Creek	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
Fords Road near Bonrick Road	
Halls Road, Ingoldsby	
Howman Road, Upper Lockyer	
Ingoldsby Road, Upper Tenthill	
Jones Road, Withcott	<i>Under repair today, may not be able to repair for a week or so</i>
Kammholz Rod, Lockrose	
Left Hand Branch Road, Lefthand Branch	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
Lockrose Road North, Lockrose	
Main Camp Creek Road	<i>Road is not closed 4WD access only and extreme caution</i>
Manteufal Road, Woodlands	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
McCarringal Road, Blenheim	
Minton Road, Hatton Vale	
Mt Berryman Road, Mt Berryman	<i>Closed on gravel section due to power lines being down</i>
Neithe Road, Lockrose	<i>Under repair today, may not be able to repair for a week or so</i>
Old Laidley-Forest Hill Road, Forest Hill	
Old Ropeley Road	
Old Mulgowie Road	
Pagle Road, Lockrose	<i>Starting repair work today</i>
Penderest Road, Murphys Creek	
Peters Road, Thornton	<i>Detour through Lockrose School Road unknown time frame before open - several months</i>
Postmans Ridge Road	
Redbank Creek Road, Adare	
Ropeley Rockside Road, Ropeley	<i>Will inspect today may be within a week - will be made a priority</i>
Ryan Road, Laidley	
Sippels Road at Glen Cairn (creek crossing)	
Spa Water Road, Helldon Spa/redale	<i>Creek crossing is blocked and road surface missing</i>
Taylor Road, Townson	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
Turner Street, Helldon	<i>Floodway potentially failed.</i>
Twidales Road, Helldon Spa	
Upper Flagstone Creek Road, Upper Flagstone	<i>Closed for an indefinite time</i>
Wessling Road, Ropeley	<i>Floodway potentially failed.</i>
Whitehouse Road, Laidley Heights	<i>Creek crossing is blocked and road surface missing</i>
Whiteway Road, Forest Hill	<i>Inpassable road surface is missing</i>
Winwill Connection Road, Grantham	
Winwill Grantham Rd	
Zabel Road, Lockrose	<i>Under repair today, may not be able to repair for a week or so</i>

Water Over Road Council

Weiers Road, Ropeley
 Krugers Road, Adare
 Thallon Rd, Kensington Grove
 Niemeyer Rd, Hattonvale
 Hoise Rd, Hattonvale
 Woolshed Crk Rd, Summerholm
 Grantham Scrub Rd, Veradilla

Lorikeet Rd, Glenore Grove

Forest Hill-Blenheim Rd, Glen Cairn
 Lake Clarendon Way, Lake Clarendon
 Kentville Rd, Kentville
 Greenswamp East Rd, Morton
 Whitehouse road

Kentville Rd, Kentville
 Lake Clarendon Way, Lake Clarendon

Laidley Creek Road West, Laidley Creek West

Coates Street, Laidley
 Brightview Rd to Staatz Quarry Road

Bridges Closed/Damaged

Laidley	Road Bridge is along	Damage
Peters Bridge, Laidley	Peters Road, Thornton	Washed away
Clarks Bridge, Thornton		Missing Bitumen
Quinns Bridge (Harm Drive)	Closed due to water over road	
Middlatons Bridge (Lockrose)	Closed due to water over road	
Steinke Bridge	Cleaning today may be finished today	

Gatton

Road Bridge is along	Damage
Old Toowoomba Road, Laidley Heights	Decking units failed - Unkown time frame
Allan Street, Gatton	Abutment subsided
Grantham Winwill Road, Grantham	Approach washed away
Mantaufel Road, Woodlands Road	Half of bridge washed away
Flagstone Creek Road, Helidon	Approaches washed away
Stockyard	Giveway, traffic pushed to the centre
Lockyer Siding Road, Lockyer	Approaches washed away
Spring Bluff	Requires repair untrafficable
Postmans Ridge Road, Helidon Spa	Closed down to one lane
	Closed down to one lane, edges and guardrails are gone
	Locals have put tree stumps across and gravel to cross Council needs to put down to one lane when time permits
Seventeen Mile Road	

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Thursday 13 January 2011 commencing at 1600 hours
Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Gerry Franzmann (LDC)
Ian Flint LVRC
Libby Davis, EMQ
Michelle French, EMQ
Alex Pelvin, TMR
Karen Abbott, Director Nursing Gatton
Mike Lisle, LVRC
Gary Chalmers, Energex
Gary Dorr, SES
David Pinchem – Qld Health
Robert Sutherland-McLeod, QUU
Maureen Brosnan, Department of Communities
Brian McPherson, QLD Health (Gatton Hospital)
Stephen Muller, TMR
Craig Panagiris, TMR
Nina Bertram, LVRC
Jason Cubit, LVRC
Glenn Barron, QAS
Graham Moon, LVRC
Scott Stahlhut, QPS
Patrick Murphys, Qld Health
Janis Parrish, Qld Health Recovery Team
Jason Harm, LVRC
David McGrath, FRNSW
Robert Sutherland-McLeod QUU
Paul Quinlan QUU
Darryl Bell Energex
John Grism QFRS
Robin Lewis QUU
Steve Jones LVRC
Beveley Frost, DOCS
Scott Denner, SEQWater
John Bradley, Acting Director General DERM
Erica Fletcher, Qld Health
Cameron Jackson, QUU
Lawrence Cullen, QFRS
Madonna Brennan, LVRC

Apologies:

David Fraser, EMQ

Introduction:

LDC Gerry Franzmann welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation. Advised that the number one issue for discussion this afternoon is the water situation in the region.

Report on current situation with flood event:

SEQWater

- Advised that the pumping station at Lowood was submerged under the flood waters.
- Mains power restored to the pump station. Significant damage to the switchboard
- Technician have been deployed via air to the area to work on restoring operations at the pump station.

Queensland Urban Utilities

- Water is being tankered into the Lowood Clearwater tank from the Ipswich region. Due to the weight restriction on the road only 10,000 litre tankers being used this will continue for 24/7 until the network is fully operational.
- QUU are collating Media releases to advise residents of water situation and bottle water available.
- 3 helicopters coordinating water drops into the region and will continue until no longer required.
- Currently the supply to the areas in the region are as follows: Gatton, Grantham and Helidon is 0. Laidley, Forest Hill, Hattonvale and Glenore Grove areas are 2-3 days.
- The bottle water supply pick up points are as follows and 3 x 600ml bottles are available per person per day at these points: Hattonvale State School, Laidley Council Depot, Helidon Community Centre, Withcott State School, Gatton Sports Centre. These pick up points will be open until 9.00pm on the 13 January 2011.

Transport and Main Roads

- Preliminary structural assessment undertaken on the bridges on the Warrego Highway for preliminary results of this assessment are:
 - No weight limit on the bridge at the Forest Hill – Fernvale Road Cross Road
 - 20 tonne weight limit on the Lockyer Creek Bridge at Helidon, under controlled conditions (one vehicle crossing at a time)
 - 20 tonne weight limit on the Jordans Bridge on the Gatton-Esk Road at Gatton.
 - Both these bridges will be monitored by Transport Officers.
 - Further assessments will be required before the limits are raised.
- The Marburg range is currently open during daylight hours – one lane only and will be closed at night and during bad weather conditions.
- Advised access to Brisbane at present is: Marburg to Rosewood, Rosewood to Amberley, Amberley to Yamanto, Yamanto to Springfield, Springfield to the Logan Motorway and Logan Motorway to Gateway.

- A flyover was conducted with a Council Engineer of the region. Further assessments will be undertaken in the region as access and resources become available.

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)

- USAR taskforce team arrived at 2200 hours on the 12 January 2011 and were dispatched at 0800 hours to undertake structural assessments in Withcott and Forest Hill reports will be received at completion of the day they have viewed 200 houses today.

Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)

- Not major issues to report. Attending to general medical issues.

Queensland Health

Gatton and Laidley Hospitals:

- Mental Health Workers on site at the Gatton Hospital and are working in the area doing outreach. With more staff available
- Preparations being made in relation to the water loss including arrangements for port-a-loo for onsite.

Department of Communities (DOCS)

- Deployed staff to Grantham, Helidon and Gatton with further employees to be deployed in coming days waiting on advice from the LDMG on further areas to be deployed into.

State Emergency Service (SES)

- Extra teams deployed 21 into Laidley area (10 in Laidley township and 10 to the Regency Downs/Glenore Grove area). Michael Bauer from EMQ is coordinating this. 20 Staff have been deployed to the Murphys Creek and Grantham area working under the direction of the Qld Police Service.
- 10 volunteers working in Gatton area for general requirements.

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)

- Provide advice to the LDMG on the request for assistance for the relief of Local Government Staff and the requirements for this request and that the Michael Dickinson from LGAQ is the contact for arranging this.
- Reported that initially this morning they were possibly going to be a need for a re-supply of food and fuel for the region. A check was undertaken with suppliers of this and confirmation was that they were still able access to supplies.

Queensland Police Service (QPS)

- Advised that there is a command post set up at Grantham undertaking the recovery tasks in the Grantham, Murphys Creek and Postmans Ridge areas.

Searches are being undertaken on structures, cars and water courses, which could mean further damage sustained to these areas.

- Also advised that the military are providing assistance with these searches.
- QPS also recommended that all the agencies from the LDMG coordinate a media releases on the event and suggested a Community newsletter or community meeting. Also update information on Council's website.
- Advised the LDMG if any issues or concerns any of the agencies come across working in the disaster areas to contact the QPS directly.
- Search and recovery and Identification could be at least from between 7-21 days.

Energex

- Additional crews working in the region from Beaudesert, Boonah and Ipswich.
- Power has been restored to the University of Queensland.
- Grantham State School has been provided a generator.
- The feeder service to Helidon has been restored to 60% and a excavator dispatched to site to further restore power to the feeder area.
- The Ingoldsby area the Energex areas are experiencing access issues.
- A crew is scheduled to be dispatched to the Carpendale/Flagstone area.
- Full power has not be restored to the Withcott area but endeavouring to ensure this is undertaken as soon as possible.
- Lockrose area will be evaluated on Thursday 14 January 2011.
- Majority of area could be out for 2-3days.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

- Current evacuation centres in operation are the Gatton Shire Hall, Helidon, Grantham and Murphys Creek.
- Waste services operating the Gatton area to try and maintain some waste services in the region
- Gatton tip is not operating but the Withcott, Grantham , Lockrose and Helidon transfer stations are manned and operational, Lockyer Waters is not being maintain. Laidley Transfer station is the main tipping point for the region.
- Investigations are required to be undertaken into rubbish removal in the Junction View area.

General Business:

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: 0900hours 14 January 2011.

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Friday 14 January 2011 commencing at 0900 hours
Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Gerry Franzmann (LDC)
Ian Flint LVRC
Libby Davis, EMQ
Michelle French, EMQ
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David McGrath, FRNSW
Paul Quinlan QUU
Darryl Bell Energex
John Grest QFRS
Beveley Frost, DOCS
Erica Fletcher, Qld Health
Lawrence Cullen, QFRS
Dannielle Bermingham (SQIT comms)
Ally Martell, Freelance media
Madonna Brennan, LVRC

Apologies:

David Fraser, EMQ

Introduction:

LDC Gerry Franzmann welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

Report on current situation with flood event:

Queensland Health

Gatton and Laidley Hospitals:

- Situation at Laidley hospital is reasonable, this could deteriorate if the water situation becomes worse.

- Some supplies are low but sourcing restocking today.
- Majority of staff back on deck and working, a few still unable to gain access.
- A & E enquiries still on the increase to the Gatton Hospital.
- Staff to be dispatched to the Helidon and Grantham areas to undertake dressing and appropriate vaccinations.
- 4 mental health worker stayed in the area overnight and are on site working today.
- Portable loos arrived at hospital in preparation for water loss.

SEQWater

- No member available from SEQwater to provide update of Lowood pumping station

Queensland Urban Utilities

- Water situation at Laidley is still 2-3 days supply if the current usage remains.
- Trucking of water into the reservoirs in the Gatton area is maintaining the levels in the area but is not increasing the supply.
- Bottled water is still being supply to the region and the pick up points remain in place additional 60,000 are being arranged by the state disaster management coordination centre.
- Military tankers are also assisting with the re-supply of the reservoirs.

Transport and Main Roads

- It is likely that the weight limit on the Warrego Highway from Ipswich to Toowoomba will be increased to 42½ tonne this morning. Final checks this morning will be undertaken before this is confirmed
- Access to Brisbane for heavy vehicles is to River Road to Ripley Road to Centenary Highway to Logan Motorway.
- The commencement of the clean up and assessment Ipswich motorway will be underway today and they are hoping to have it open by the end of the day.

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)

- USAR taskforce team will working in the Laidley area today until the Grantham area is cleared for access, if this is the case the priority will change to Grantham being the number one priority area and then back to Laidley on completion of Grantham.
- QFRS taskforce has 15 vehicles in operation in the region, they are working in the Withcott and Murphys Creek area today undertaking clean up, no potable water is being used in the process. The taskforce are not based in the area they are coming in and out of the region on a daily basis.
- A fire service chaplain is in the area specifically for Fire Service personnel but is also available to anyone who requires his services.

Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)

- Preparations are being made for gastric issues in relation to stocking specific drugs and water supplies.

- Case loads are increasing but staffing levels are being maintained.

State Emergency Service (SES)

- SES taskforce returned today 30 have been deployed to the Laidley and Glenore Grove area to assist with the clean up and 30 have been deployed to assist with the recovery effort in the Grantham and Murphys Creek.
- Additional 10 volunteers are available for deploy from the Gatton area for general request for assistance.

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)

- No additional advice provided to the LDMG

Queensland Police Service (QPS)

- Tasks for today are as per what was occurring on the Thursday the 13 January.
- It is unlikely that the taskforce will be vacating the Grantham area today and it is likely they will continue to there for a couple more days.

Energex

- 80% power restored to the area west of Helidon , including Helidon Spa up to the Postmans Ridge Area, 5 crews from Gatton area attending. Access to pole site across creek difficult
- 80% power restored to area between Grantham and Helidon, 3 crews for Gatton area attending. Expect that power will be 100% restored by the end of day.
- 90% of power restored to area west of Gatton including Gatton Industrial Estate, Placid Hills and Grantham. Expected that the network will be 100% restored by the end of the day.
- Area to the east of Gatton to the University of Queensland including Lake Clarendon and College View power has been 100% restored and no further action is required.
- Area west of Tenthill to Winwill and Ma Ma Creek , Fordesdale, Mt Whitestone and West Haldon. One main across creek to supply pump station will be repaired at later date.
- Area west of Carpendale including Blanchview, Flagstone Creek, Middle Ridge and Silver Ridge have 6 crews from Beaudesert working in the area this area currently does not have power but expected to have 100% by the end of the day.
- Area south of Carpendale including Flagstone Creek has one crew from Gatton working in the area – the area currently does not have power main issue being worked on in the area is on the Carpendale Substation.
- Area west of Postmans Ridge substation including Six Mile Creek and Postmans Ridge, currently has no power 5 crews working from Boonah working in the area.
- Area north of Postmans Ridge Substation including Upper Lockyer, Spring Bluff and Ballard currently has no power, eight crews from Southport working in the area.
- Area south of Lockrose Substation including Kensington Grove and Hattonvale currently has 80% power two crews from Gatton attending at present with additional crews from Gympie providing assistance today.

- 11kv Generator was installed and connected to the network at a subdivision just west of Helidon.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

- 4 additional Environmental Health Officers coming today from West Moreton Public Health working today in the areas of Withcott, Murphys Creek, Helidon, Forest Hill and Laidley areas working on public health matters and waste management issues.
- Council plumbing inspectors being deployed to inspect septic systems for residents in the non-sewered inundation areas in Postmans Ridge.
- Additional Media Officers provided Danielle Bermingham and Ally Martell on board and will be working on a community newsletter and flyers to provide information to the community.
- Fuel supply update smaller suppliers are running very low and they have placed and are hoping to be re-supplied today. BP College View and Freedom Fuels at Hattonvale still have supply. Carpenter Ford in Gatton received a supply of fuel this morning.
- Food supplies are still being received.

General Business:

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: 1600hours 14 January 2011.

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Friday 14 January 2011 commencing at 1600 hours
Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Gerry Franzmann (LDC)
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Michelle French, EMQ
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Graig Panagiris TMR
Graham Moon LVRC
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Nina Bertram LVRC
Jason Cubit LVRC
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Darryl Bell Energex
John Gresm QFRS
Glen Barron QAS
Brian McPherson Gatton Hospital
Robin Lever QUU
Steve Jones LVRC
Madonna Brennan, LVRC

Apologies:

David Fraser, EMQ

Introduction:

LDC Gerry Franzmann welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

Report on current situation with flood event:

Department of Communities

- Teams -12 Staff with cash supplies

- Are in Helidon, Gatton, Laidley, Forest Hill & Grantham providing outreach and recovery work

Queensland Health

- A team has been in Grantham assisting with vaccinations and dressings to a number of residents
- A central location for teams has been set up in Gatton commencing tomorrow, at the Gatton Hospital
- Mental Health had 16 staff in Forest Hill, Gatton, Laidley, Grantham & Helidon providing outreach services working in with Council Staff, Stanbrooks, Docs, Red Cross, Lifeline
- Laidley Hospital – They have double their normal activity and have doubled their staff over the weekend to cope with the extra demand. They are well prepared pending further information regarding the water.
- Assessment of public health issues for people going back into properties for liveability – USAR team undertaking these to a degree, reports to be brought to next meeting

SEQWater

- SEQ sourced a pump required to restart the plant, they have had staff working on it all day, they will continue to work and anticipate a finish time early tonight, QUU will then have to be available for any failures discovered when repressurising the system
- The new pump will ½ a mega litre per hour

Queensland Urban Utilities

- 6 crews are on standby for the repressurising of the system
- Qld Health has issued a precautionary boil water notice which will remain in place for a couple of days after the reticulated water supply is returned
- QUU is continuing to issue media releases regarding water on all available media, including a release relating to conservation notice
- Continue to distribute bottled water to Gatton & Helidon
- Water should be available at Withcott Saturday evening
- Laidley is still ok for water at this stage
- Testing of water – Tankers are from registered suppliers with a 24 hour testing regime – Water is accredited water
- DDMG – Informed that there would be fines for people ignoring road closures
- The Community Centre in Laidley has bedding available in Mary Street
- Gatton Sport Centre is receiving a truck of Whitegoods tomorrow

Transport and Main Roads

- Warrego Highway – Load limit has been removed and both lanes opened
- Minden and Marburg – Range open with 24 hour monitoring remaining on the one lane each way – Roadtek is working at present on landslips
- Speed limit to 80km per hour with due care
- Structural assessments on Ipswich Motorway are being undertaken, possibly opened between 0600 -2000hrs
- Additional engineering and technical field staff are in the area
- Inspections on structures and pavements – there is currently a 20 tonne load limit on the Gatton Esk road, assessments are due back this afternoon

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)

- USAR taskforce completed structural assessments Laidley, Glenore Grove, Regency Downs undertaken today, if all remaining areas are completed by tomorrow, the NSW USAR team will re-deploy on Sunday
- Murphys Creek and Grantham are still awaiting access, if these are not available tomorrow a small team can be deployed from Brisbane to perform the structural assessments
- USAR plans to visit Kentville, Lockrose and Kensington Grove tomorrow unless Murphys Creek or Grantham become available tomorrow, then these would take precedence.

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- DEEDI Bus available in Laidley tomorrow for businesses throughout Laidley and Forest Hill

State Emergency Service (SES)

- A taskforce of 30 volunteers in continuing in the Laidley area. Areas completed today include: Laidley, Glenore Grove, Forest Hill, Hattonvale, Lockrose and Kensington Grove.
- 8 Members in Gatton assisting with specific requests received from LVRC
- 30 at Murphys Creek available until Sunday
- 20 Small generators have been donated for use throughout the community, generators are to remain the property of SES for use in future events.

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)

- Emergency Alert for drinking only will be going out at the completion of this meeting
- Welfare checks on taskforces in Grantham, Gatton and Laidley were completed today

Queensland Police Service (QPS)

- Road network -- map and Energex map required for assessment by police
- Seeking clearance for USAR for Ballard
- Search still happening – unsure of the resources from Brisbane into the area
- Communication with people in the affected areas an issue – LVRC and Police to work on a solution
- Planning for handover from Police to LVRC needs to be undertaken for Grantham, Police and LVRC to offer assistance
- Mt Sylvia situation with QPS recon today with LVRC Paul Thomas – Road is destroyed, power is there, but there is no phones, they visited about half the residents with the remainder to be completed tomorrow. There are no health issues and none want to be evacuated so far. Contact with residents by email, only one resident has mobile phone access. There is no structural damage in the area. Landslip at rear of one dwelling and a damaged dam, there is no damage to the dwelling and it is thought that it is not a threat (he has two other buildings on the property he can move to if he feels threatened). Discussions on the possibility of a dry weather track for the area

are ongoing. All residents have at least 1 week of food left. Another visit will be made in approximately 4 days for an update. Provision is being made for 4 Sat phones to be available for resident throughout Mt Sylvia (LVRC Justin to confirm). The dry track access is a priority as aerial resupply is not sustainable in the long term.

Energex

- 37 crews are working in the area
- Power to Helidon 1 is at 97% as at 1800hrs tonight, the 11kva generator is still there, an excavator will be on site tomorrow to assist with further restoration
- Helidon 2 is at 80%
- Additional generators are available at the Energex depot, 6 small for residents and 4 large for small commercial businesses, Energex to will liaise with LVRC to determine locations for the generators
- There is power to Mt Sylvia, however there are no phone lines for communication, residents are communicating via email
- Site inspections can be carried out on properties as a second phase of assistance from Energex, faults would be reported on a Form 3 to forward to Masters Electrician

Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

- Gastro outbreak in Grantham
- Now sourcing a large supply of hand sanitiser (approx 500 personal bottles) by RFA
- Enviro Staff are assessing in Withcott, Murphys Creek & Helidon, Forest Hill, Laidley and Plainlands, this includes the food shops etc
- The newsletter for council residents was prepared today, to be distributed tomorrow – agencies to check contact numbers etc overnight
- Waste Management – Is operating as normal
- Advice has been sent to local grocery and pharmacy retailers of approval for Sunday trading

General Business:

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: 1400hours 15 January 2011.

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Saturday 15 January 2011 commencing at 1400 hours
Stubbersfield Room, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

David Kay (Acting LDC)
Ian Flint LVRC
Libby Davis, EMQ
Graig Panagiris TMR
Dave Neuendorf (LVRC)
Janice Holstein (LVRC)
Gary Chalmers Energex
Nina Bertram LVRC
Scott Stahlmt QPS
Gary Dorr SES
Larry Cullen QFRS
Patrick Murphy QLD Health
Jason Harm LVRC
David McGrath FRNSW
Robert Sutherland Macleod QUU
John Gresm QFRS
Glen Barron QAS
Brian McPherson Gatton Hospital
John Denny (FRNSW)
Warwick Kidd (FRNSW)
Mark Wilson (TMR)
Matt Smith (TMR)
Mitch Bichel (LVRC)
Miles Vass (TMR)

Introduction:

Acting LDC David Kay welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

Report on current situation with flood event:**Department of Communities**

- Mobile banking system through Westpac has opened from 10.00am to 4.00pm today situated at Gatton and will move to smaller communities in the future.
- Outreach teams including Lifeline, QLD Health, Red Cross etc are currently in Withcott, Helidon, Helidon Spa, Grantham, Laidley and Forest Hill. These teams will be in fixed locations everyday in the foreseen future.
- Centerlink is currently located at Laidley today and will be located at Forest Hill on Monday.
- There are currently 17 unoccupied houses at Helidon Spa where evacuees could reside.

- Problem with Helidon Spa location is that the on site sewerage system may not be able to handle capacity and may become a health issue.
- Department of Community Safety, Council and DERM to discuss on site sewerage situation.
- Generators from Energex are being delivered to Helidon Spa.
- Department of Housing are assessing evacuees situation and advising that the first point would be to go with family and friends and then assessing the further needs.
- Information booths have been set up at the evacuation centres. Council will liaise with Department of Communities on how to get this information out.

Queensland Health

- There are no further outbreaks of Gastro
- 225 vaccinations arrived this morning and are currently available at the Gatton Hospital.
- More vaccinations will be delivered if needed
- 500 bottles of sanitisers have been delivered to Gatton Sports Centre. Bottles need to be distributed.

Queensland Urban Utilities

- Lowood Water Treatment Plant production levels are increased.
- There is still 0% supply at Withcott and Helidon
- Murphys Creek should be repaired this afternoon
- Media release has been issued stating that water is still to be boiled.
- Water samples taken around Gatton and Laidley have come back clear.

Transport and Main Roads and Department of Main Roads

- Working on access to Mt Sylvia Road
- Council and Main Roads to have a meeting to discuss the roads in the region on Monday.
- Gatton-Esk Road no longer has a load restriction
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Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)

- In final stages of tasking and nearing completion
- The past two days have been spent inspecting 2224 houses which have found that 54 are unsafe and unoccupied and 19 are unsafe and occupied.
- NSW taskforce is being demobilised tomorrow.
- LVRC have a Planning, Building and Plumbing inspector assessing unstable structures.
- Have had crews out at Murphys Creek helping with cleanup actions

DEEDI

- Will be set up out the front of the Laidley Council office on Monday then will continue onto Gatton.

State Emergency Service (SES)

- Teams working in Gatton, Murphys Creek and 50 members are working in Grantham today
- 60 staff will be leaving which will leave mainly local units
- 20 small generators donated and distributed mainly around Murphys Creek.
- 12 more generators have been offered.

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)

- Libby Davis will be finishing today
- David Fraser and Michelle French will be working together on Monday

Queensland Police Service (QPS)

- Qld Fire and Rescue, Engineering and Police to conduct and inspection and if needed evacuate residents. Two people have been evacuated due to medical conditions and no forced evacuations have been necessary.
- Telstra have offered to provide satellite phones.
- Helidon Community concerns are being raised today
- LDMG will need to discuss strategies on how to relocate evacuees.

Energex

- Communication from Energex will be broadcasted to River 949, 4GR and ABC this afternoon.
- There are still 700 customers around Murphys Creek and Postmans Ridge without power.
- Aiming to restore power to affected areas by 6.00pm tomorrow afternoon.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

- JJ Richards are able to resume normal operation in area.
- Grantham had a rubbish collection today and there is a skip located at Grantham School and Murphys Creek Tavern.
- There is currently a workforce of four EHO's from West Morton and will remain until next week for health issues.
- Currently looking for another location for donations as the Sports Centre is full and finding it hard to manage.
- Most roads in the Laidley end of the Shire, namely Forest Hill, Mulgowie, Kensington Grove, Lockrose will be able to be accessed as of next week.
- At Mt Sylvia and connection roads have had extensive flood damage
- Access to Flagstone Creek and Stockyard area is available via Toowoomba and Gatton

Ambulance Service

- Ensure water is boiled and hygiene is kept a priority
- Still running at level required
- Liaising with State partners.

General Business:

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: 1200hours 16 January 2011.

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Sunday 16 January 2011 commencing at 1200 hours
Council Chambers, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Galton.

Attendees:

Jason Harm (Acting LDC)
Ian Flint LVRC
Mike Lisle (LVRC)
Michelle French (EMQ)
Graham Moon (LVRC)
Craig Panagiris (DTMR)
Glen Barran (QAS)
Bernie Wilce (QPS)
David Caughley (QRFS)
Simon Dawson (QRFS)
Steve Jones (LVRC)
Dave Neuendorf (LVRC)
Daryl Bell (Energex)
Janice Holstein (LVRC)
Gary Chalmers Energex
Scott Stahlmt QPS.
Gary Dorr SES
Michael Youngberry (QPS)
Alan Pemberton (Murweh SC)
Jill Usher (Murweh SC)
Neil Polglase (Murweh SC)
Andrea Turner (TMR)
Rick Bollinger (QPS)
Peter Rekers (Toowoomba DDMG PI)
Tanya Milligan (LVRC)
Janis Parrish (Qld Recovery Team)
Bec Riggs (Toowoomba Recovery Team)
Brian Mesken (LVRC)
Patrick Murphy QLD Health
Jason Harm LVRC
Robert Sutherland Macleod QUU
Brian McPherson Gaffton Hospital
Scott Buckholz (Federal Member)
Alex Pelevin (TMR)
McKenzie Smith (DEDI)

Introduction:

Acting LDC Jason Harm welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

Report on current situation with flood event:

Department of Communities

- Outreach teams including Lifeline, QLD Health, Red Cross etc are currently in Withcott, Helidon, Helidon Spa, Grantham, Laidley and Forest Hill. These teams will be in fixed locations everyday in the foreseen future.
- Shipping containers have been delivered to Grantham, some angst amongst residents as to allocation of same
- A need for First Aid Stations around communities
- Problem with snakes in the Murphys Creek area
- Require a stockpile of rubber gloves required for cleanup
- Is it possible for residents to be escorted in to see properties ?

Queensland Health

- A nurse was sent in to Grantham today
- Recovery workers can make way to hospital at any time if needed
- Toowoomba Hospital sent Doctor & Nurse into Helidon & Murphys Creek today
- Immunisation clinic is available after hours if required
- Graham Moon attended meeting at Laidley Hospital and was advised of lack of communication from Council and their office. Very few situation reports. Complaining of dirty water. Sending their sincere thanks to Garth Lester for his assistance during this disaster. Counselling service required for famers and business holders – Rural Finance Counselling.

Queensland Urban Utilities

- Pumping water to Withcott
- Plainland Reservoir – little low – refilling today
- Have crews from Ipswich & Brisbane and will have most water connections completed hopefully by Monday if not definitely Tuesday
- Assistance from Army to install fencing around pump stations
- QUU recovery centre will be relocating back to Ipswich
- All sewerage treatment plants are operational
- Boiling of water to continue as a precautionary measure

Transport and Main Roads and Department of Main Roads

- Access issues to Stanbroke Beef to be discussed
- Roadtek will be working on smaller roads and contractors will be assisting with major roads
- Aim to get all state and council roads up and running asap
- Heavy equipment available in Laidley
- Council and Main Roads to have a meeting to discuss the roads in the region on Monday.
- Gatton-Esk Road no longer has a load restriction

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)

- Operational 24 hours
- Simon Dawson will be the Liason Officer for this area
- Strike Teams available NOW 5 vehicles with the personnel in each
- Need requests for teams or they will be deployed somewhere else
- Teams clean up house by house – defence, ses, rural teams and resident teams

- Calls or assistance should be logged and then given to Simon
- Need "taskings"
- Teams do not use reticulated water and available 8am to 6pm
- Here until recover period complete

DEEDI

- Will be set up out the front of the Laidley Council office on Monday then will continue onto Gatton.
- Will be relocating to Gatton Cultural Centre

State Emergency Service (SES)

- 60 staff will be leaving which will leave mainly local units
- 20 small generators donated and distributed mainly around Murphys Creek.
- 12 more generators have been offered.
- 20 Generators delivered to Murphys Creek area yesterday

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)

- David Fraser and Michelle French will be working together on Monday
- Local Recovery Groups need to be created. Council to consider groups at Council Meeting on Monday

Queensland Police Service (QPS)

- Bernie Wilce advised that some hostility from residents keen to get back to properties
- Police are providing a large presence at night time as well as doing extended shifts
- Residents working on own recovery
- Grantham ongoing
- Scott introduced Peter Rekers works for DDMG and will be working with Council in relation to communication throughout the region
- Advised that a "One Stop Shop" is required with all Emergency Departments represented under one roof

Energex

- Withcott 99% restored by 2.30pm

Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

- JJ Richards are able to resume normal operation in area,
- JJ Richards will be assisting with kerbside clean up
- Ron Wanless advised that unlimited skip bins can be provided
- Perishable food supply running low
- Nolans have provided a 40ft fridge van to assist in refrigerating foods
- BCC still taking after hour calls
- Most calls are now "recovery calls"
- Working on communication to communities

- DPI & RSPCA at Grantham School today
- Mayor advised that burnable rubbish needs to be burnt as tips cannot take quality of rubbish being dumped. Mayor to speak with Premier today
- Governor General visiting at 2.30pm today to inspect damage

Ambulance Service

- Ensure water is boiled and hygiene is kept a priority
- Still running at level required

General Business:

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: 14.00hours 17 January 2011.

Minutes of Meeting of
Core Group -
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Monday 17 January 2011 commencing at 1400 hours
Council Chambers, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Neil Polglase, Acting Local Disaster Coordinator (relieving)
Robert Sutherland-McLeod, QUU
Erica Fletcher, Queensland Health (Laidley Hospital)
David Fraser, Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)
Adam Brown, Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)
Gary Chalmers, Energex
Robert Evelyn, Army
Mick Youngberry, Queensland Police Service (QPS)
Simon Dawson, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)
Aerron Patterson, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS)
Craig Panagiris, Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
Gary Dorr, State Emergency Service (SES)
Allan Pemberton (MSC)
Scott Stahlhut, Queensland Police Service (QPS)
Bill Jordan, Department Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
Andrea Turner, Department Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)
Pat Murphy, Queensland Health
Jason Harm, Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)
Brian Meskel, Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)
Pam Lane-Deep, Queensland Health
Bev Frost, Department of Communities (DOCS)
Madonna Brennan, Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC)

Introduction:

Acting LDC Neil Polglase welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for their participation.

Report on current situation with flood event:

Apologies for the LVRC Mayor and CEO.

Neil Polglase introduced himself to the LDMG and advised that he will be assisting the Council on the LVRC Flood Event.

Organise a transition from response into recovery is the main aim of the Coordination Centre now.

Current Situation Issues:

- Reticulation areas are being worked on Withcott – Withcott reservoir at 60% reticulation supply has been switched on am – crews working in area to attend to any issues that may arise from the re-charge of water.

- 2000 low priority in Laidley area water supply switched off to assist in the re-supply of the reservoirs. This area is low priority because it is an area that is supplied by tanks. Once the reservoirs have been re-charged the reticulation supply will be switched back on.
- Grantham south of railway line unable to get access. Crews ready to go once access is granted.
- Boiled water notice – water network in supply – tests being undertaken all different areas – 24 hour turn around on testing so boil water notice should continue for at least 2 days.
- Bottle water supply is no longer required - QUU to confirm that the supply in specific 100 pallets from Carlton and United breweries is no longer required and will need to be distributed to Nolans Transport.
- Sewerage systems is 100% operational.
- Gatton Helidon Road to remain closed for indefinite time in Grantham.
- Transport and Main roads are undertaking an induction of staff working in the field if they discover a deceased person. TMR are also undertaking an induction for field staff on what to do if they encounter snakes whilst working in the field.
- Transport and Main Roads also raised the issue of access for school buses to the restricted areas as school will resume in a week.
- 11kv network is fully restored as of – low voltage network is being worked on a priority basis.
- Energex Electrician have disconnected supply to damaged houses in the region but highlighted that some houses that have solar network are still live houses.
- Major Evelyn working as a LDMG liaison person. Advised that Army works best with direct tasking not adhoc work. This will be directly between the LDMG and the army.
- Core police arrangements is working through the normal district (Gatton Police Station).
- Establish a master plan for the recovery period awaiting the approval of the LVRC.
- Further vector control requirements in the future with the assistance from the army.
- Immunisation for the public being available at the Gatton Hospital.
- Evacuation centres are getting crowded (especially at Helidon) with it being a evacuation centre and a recovery centre all in the one location.
- Reports on gastro outbreaks especially in Grantham area – no outbreak confirmed by Queensland Health – will be advertised.
- QFRS have 5 strike teams working in LV Region helping out wash out houses etc – work in priority area – indication that work is drying up and requirements need to be identified to keep crews in area.
- SES tasking has winded back.
- Department of Communities have seen 4,219 from the Toowoomba district region disbursed \$1,502,560 to the region.
- Sports tour is coming to the area Thursday - Friday to the Gatton area and Grantham tba at this stage. indigenous people will be coming to the area for spirit lifting.
- Coordination of a Separate sub committee for recovery contacting areas is being arranged shortly could all agencies to provide contact details for the recovery process. 4 sub groups proposed. Further details on these committees will be advised at the next meeting of the LDMG.

Summary and conclusion:

LDMG remains activated.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting of Core Group: Meeting at 1400 18 January 2011.

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Tuesday 18 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Tuesday 18th January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Neil Polglase – LDMG
Ian Flint – LVRC
Simon Dawson – QFRS
Aerron Patteson – QFRS
Dean Payne – QPWS
Robert Evelyn – ADF
Graham Moon - LVRC
David Fraser – EMQ
Gary Dorr – SES
Gary Chalmers – Energex
Scott Buchholz – MP
Mike Lisle – LVRC
Greg Birkbeck – Federal office Wright
Allan Pemberton – MSC
David Kay – LVRC
Todd McLeod – TMR
Bev Frost – Dept. Communities
Maureen Vincent – Dept. Communities
Scott Denner – SEQ Water (phone)

Introduction:

Neil Polglase introduced himself, he asked the agencies to please keep responses to issues and current situation. Neil advised that a full recovery committee will be set up to include lead agencies e.g. Dept. Communities, Qld Health etc.

Reports on Current Situation:

SEQ Water

- Lowood emergency pump is currently offline and being relocated and are hoping that it will be back online this afternoon.
- Overall local reserves currently have approx. 3 days supply and there are no issues with water supplies.
- The boil water alert is still in force and will probably be so for another 4-5 days.

Energex

- 100% of the network is back up. Customers with problems are advised to call 136 262 for the most efficient response to power supply problems.
- Problem with the 11kv network approx. 11km N of Gatton Prison but this should be rectified this afternoon.

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- Issues with transformers - 2 @ Helidon2, 9 @ Helidon 1 and 1 @ Laidley3 (this should be rectified this afternoon)
- People with solar panels may still have live power from those even though disconnected by Energex. Neil advised that the Evac. Centres at Helidon and Gatton will need to be advised of this.

QFRS

- 4 QFRS strike forces remaining at Helidon, Laidley, Withcott and Postman's Ridge, working with ADF
- Word of Mouth tasks are running out and they do need to be tasked.
- QFRS advised they can assist with cleaning out of water tanks depending on the size of the tanks.
- QFRS can also assist with the cleaning of driveways etc.
- More strike teams are available if required.

Neil advised the meeting that they need to be aware that some areas have been locked down for reasons and will be subject to coronial enquiry. This will make the clean up process slower. Particularly in areas of Murphys Creek and Grantham. When a clean up is able to occur assistance will need to be ramped up for those areas.

Energex

- Power is on in some unaffected areas of Grantham such as the school.
- Power crews have switched power to affected houses and a form 3 has been left in the power box to advise the residents of the reconnection process.

Cr Moon requested that a team of electricians be available for the residents when the time comes for them to get power back on.

QPWS

- Crews arrived to day and are doing reconnaissance at the moment but are able to be assigned.

ADF

- Primarily the 8 & 9th battalions are stationed at Grantham
- More troops and resources are being made available.
- Meeting to discuss ways in which the ADF can assist will be held with LDMG

SES

- 2 groups are still active at Laidley and Gatton.
- Most SES personnel are being rested.

Scott Buchholz

- Asked for 24 hours grace to allow residents of Grantham back to allow them preliminary checks on the residences and businesses.
- Residents are being issued with armbands to allow access at checkpoints.

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- Those living in short term accommodation have a need for mid term accommodation whilst repairs/building is being carried out.
- Murphys Creek residents would like to know where they stand and Murphys Creek requires assistance.

LVRC Waste Manager

- Kerbside collections are happening and they are moving into the Lockrose, Brightview and Glenore Grove areas.
- Septic and treatment systems are an area for concern and people are asked to keep themselves and animals away from any overflow.
- Currently distributing gloves, masks etc for clean up

Neil advised the meeting that the LVRC directors have been asked to supply intelligence on the situation on areas of damaged infrastructure, what their capabilities are and what is needed for them in each community additional to their own resources.

Mayor of LVRC

- Concerned that machinery may be used for putting pads down for Containers and other tasks whilst people are in the area. Need to be aware of this due to the traumatic situation of the residents and their safety.
- Generally everyone involved is assisting to the best of their ability.

TMR

- Mt Sylvia and Murphys Creek Roads are the main focus at the moment.
- Geotechnical work is being carried out on the Murphys Creek and Gatton-Clifton roads.
- Working with LVRC on other roads in the area.
- Warrego Highway from Withcott to Helidon – works will commence this week to get the road back up to speed limits.
- Neil requested that the LDMG be updated on the condition of individual roads, so that residents isolated are keep informed.
- Meeting with Council staff to prioritise roads.

Scott Buchholz

- There is a community meeting to be held at 6pm tonight at the Murphys Creek tavern.

DOCS

- Visited 5519 people in the Toowoomba region so far and have distributed \$2M to date.
- DOCS will be in attendance at the community meeting.
- DOCS requested to coordinate with the Murphys Creek publican regarding relief efforts and people who may need assistance. (meeting had been advised he has been giving residents in need money as a private citizen).
- Evacuation centres at still operating at He3lidon and Gatton.
- Community points are at Grantham and Murphys Creek.

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- Liaison with LVRC Council to establish a community recovery centre so it can relocate from the evacuation centre at Laidley.

Julie from Red Cross asked if the Evacuation Centre at Helidon was closing and was advised that this is currently not the case and Helidon is still operational.

The meeting closed at 2:45pm

Next meeting Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 2pm in Council Chambers at LVRC.

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Wednesday 19 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Wednesday 19th January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Neil Polglase – LDMG
Simon Dawson – QFRS
Aerron Patteson – QFRS
Dean Payne – QPWS
Robert Evelyn – ADF
Graham Moon - LVRC
David Fraser – EMQ
Gary Dorr – SES
Gary Chalmers – Energex
Scott Buchholz – MP
Mike Lisle – LVRC
Allan Pemberton – MSC
David Kay – LVRC
Todd McLeod – TMR
Bev Frost – Dept. Communities
Matt Kelly – Dept. Communities
Scott Denner – SEQ Water
Derek Sellars – LVRC
Michael Bauer – EMQ
Glen Barron – QAS
Julie Boucher - Red Cross
Anita Eggerton – Red Cross
Todd McLeod – TMR
Brian McPherson – Q Health Gatton Hospital
Tony Wehlow – LVRC
David Swan – LGAQ
Amy Cass - USQ Media
Francis Quinlivan – Council of Mayors
Jenny Thompson – Council of Mayors
James Spence – TMR
Brian Meske – LVRC
Mick Youngberry – QPS
Adam Brown – EMQ
Adam Brown – EMQ
Scott Stahlhut – EMQ

Apology:

Leon Ost – Energex

Deputy Mayor Graham Moon chaired the meeting.

Reports on Current Situation:**Energex:**

- Not much has changed since yesterday, All customers that can be supplied have been,
- Crews that are not from the Lockyer Valley are being pulled back to their normal area of operation.
- Customers are advised that 136 262 is the best contact for any issues regarding electricity supply.
- A one page document has been produced by Energex regarding the process for restoration of power. This flyer has been made available to the Council reception, and community centres.

LVRC – Waste Management:

- Kerbside and road collections are occurring in Lockrose, Brightview, Glenall Rd.
- Reconnaissance in other areas is underway so collection can resume.
- Forest Hill and Laidley collections have been completed with additional pick ups as required.

Communities:

- Please pass any housing issues onto them.
- Please pass onto them information about residents who are identified as in need.
- Would like a site identified to be able to set up a 'one stop shop' so they can move in within a day or two to relocate from the evac. Centre.
- People are starting to exhaust family/friends options for evacuation and some are coming to the centres.
- Query regarding the register of offers to assist and what happens with this.

QPWS:

- Working in the Murphys Creek and Postmans Ridge areas with 28 officers and tractors, gurneys etc.
- Sandy Creek Rd, there appear to be no issues.
- Involvement will be scaled down from tomorrow.

SCOTT BUCHHOLZ:

- There are fuel issues at Murphys Creek – Chair confirmed that fuel has arrived from Council and deliveries are in hand.
- A coordinated approach is needed with the volunteers as the weekend approaches and there may be a surge in numbers.

ADE:

- The army reserve will cease operation as of now.
- Engineer Squadron is moving in to Grantham today, ready to start tomorrow.
- There will be no demolition carried out unless approval is given.
- Requested that Council have an officer placed in Grantham.

Q: Deputy Mayor asked regarding the mental health of residents in Grantham. ADF advised that there is an army chaplain but they have limited resources and lifeline would be the best agency for those matters.

LVRC (David Kay):

- A survey of houses in lower Grantham has been undertaken. There is no intention to demolish any houses, there may be some demolition in outlying buildings but only with written permission of owners.
- School – there are 2 staff taking RFA's from residents for the army.
- Grantham has been divided into 3 sectors; Sector 1 – Citris St West, Sector 2 – Citris to William St, Sector 3 – William St east.
- There was a request to provide trucks for the collection of rubbish – Neil advised that this has been actioned.
- A debrief with ADF and Council is to be held at 4pm. Waste Management requested to be involved in that meeting.

Discussions regarding the need for electricians to be astute when connecting houses and inspecting same. Reminded the meeting that there is a process in place for residents for the reconnection of power.

The meeting was reminded that before any demolition occurs, consent must be gained from home owners, insurance providers etc.

Discussion was also held regarding the need to be mindful of asbestos and that it may be an issue in Grantham.

QUU:

- Reserves are currently full.
- There is an issue with the treatment plant at Lowood and they are looking at getting tankers into Gatton as a precautionary measure.
- The boil water alert is still in place and they are hoping to lift it by Friday.
- Water connections in Grantham – the North side of the rail is connected. Crews are ready to open valves and close individual valves off as needed (where pipes are missing)
- Checking the water supply for QFRS. A property owner with a full turkeys nest has offered water may be obtained from there for use in clean up.

QFRS:

- 5 teams working today.
- Operating in Grantham tomorrow – looking at basing out of the Grantham rural fire station.
- Council liaison point would be appreciated.
- QFRS do have appropriate PPE available for the handling of asbestos.
- 2 strike teams with 10 vehicles are available and more if needed. It was suggested to perhaps divide manpower up into the three sectors that Grantham has been divided into.

QPS:

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- Locals and volunteers allowed into Grantham with an armband system.
- A media ban remains in place in Grantham at the communities request.
- a 24hr police presence remains in Grantham for normal policing activities and will do so for at least a month.
- Road blocks will be manned until at least Monday.
- A/Superintendent Ben Marcus is in Grantham as liaison.

Communities

- Does anyone know about the donger in Murphys Creek? Neil P believe it is a donation meant to be used by the volunteers and suggested Peter from the Tavern would be the best contact.
- Please advise DOCS when demolishing may occur so they can be on hand for the residents.
- They are going to have a look at a building that has been made available for possible rental in the CBD of Gatton to establish a one stop shop.

RedCross:

- 18 people in Gatton last night, 5 expected to move out today and 10 – 12 people coming in. 24 people in Helidon last night.
- A representative from Housing will be in Helidon tonight to meet with people and discuss options.

Q Health:

- 2 nurses are being based at Murphys Creek from 9 – 2 each day until 28th January possibly. They are then going to Helidon for approx. an hour each day.
- Gatton Hospital is sending a Dr and nurse to Grantham each week and then will assess the situation further as to what is needed.

The meeting closed at 2pm Thursday 20th January in Council Chambers.

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Thursday 20 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Thursday 20th January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Robert Evelyn - ADF
Matt Kelly – Communities
Craig Panagiris – TMR
David Pinchin – Qld Health
Greg Eustace - Qld Health
Glenn Barron – QAS
Brian Mesken – LVRC
Ann Knowles – RedCross
Thea Zupp – Downs Disaster Management Group
Amy Pampney – USQ media
Jenny Thompson – COMSEQ
Francis Quinlivan – COMSEQ
David Fraser – EMQ
Adam Brown – EMQ
Tanya Milligan – LVRC
Janice Holstein – LVRC
Derek Sellars – LVRC
David Kay – LVRC
Ian Flint – LVRC
Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC
Anita Eggerton – Red Cross (phone)
Bev Frost – Communities (phone)
Robert Sutherland Macleod – QUU (phone)

Ian Flint chaired the meeting until Cr Jones took over.

QFRS:

- 3 strike teams in Grantham undertaking clean up
- 1 strike team in Helidon, Murphys Creek and Forest Hill

TMR:

- A number of roads have been closed due to rainfall overnight including Forest Hill to Fernvale Rd
- Comms are working with Council to get information out to the public re: road closures.
- Currently working on the Warrego highway to open both lanes up and there will be roadworks occurring for some time. Advise residents to use local networks where possible.
- There have been a few incidents of residents with access issues.
- There has been a report received through TMR of 3 houses at Mt Sylvia being in danger as they are on the very edge of a creek and landslides are a danger. Advised TMR to pass this information to DERM for their urgent attention.
- Asked for a contact list for members to be send out.

Question: regarding slide tippers which were sent to Grantham not being allowed into by Police. QPS advised that the tippers were idle for a long period of time and QPS officers

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approached and were told they had not been tasked and they didn't know who was the Council reps out there.

Qld Health:

- 10 officers at the recovery centres in the area.
- Clinic has been held at Grantham for 3 hours per day and one daily at Murphys Creek.

QAS:

- A lot of recovery workers are suffering with heat. Asked agencies to inform workers they need to be aware and take their own water etc.

Communities:

- A donga is going into Grantham to be located near the school as a recovery centre.
- The Helldon evacuation centre is starting to slow down and they will start to make plans for this.
- They are moving into an outreach phase of operations.
- 997 emergency grants totalling \$413K
- 203 applications for Household assistance received.
- 43 Structural assistance applications received.
- A suitable location needs to be advised for a longer term option for a location of a donga at Murphys Creek.
- Asked other agencies to please forward information through on people they know who are requiring help from Communities. Council advised they are preparing a database of residents who have been affected by flooding or are isolated.

QPS:

- A commendable job is being done by all the agencies.
- There have been a number of large gas cylinders displaced and are on the sides of roads and near rail lines which are of concern. The same for hazardous substances and poisons.
- The first 3 of the shipping containers have arrived in Grantham.

ADF:

- Another company of reserves (approx. 120) are due to arrive in Grantham and will be there approx. a week.
- Contact for the ADF – 0434 659581 which is manned 24 hours.

Q Health:

- Murphys Creek will be reviewed tomorrow as to requirements there.
- Approx. 30 vaccinations were administered at Grantham today (supplies ran out)
- Looking at doing a vaccination clinic on the weekend for the influx of volunteers.

QUU:

- Have opened a stand pipe in Grantham for tankers to draw water from. Noted that this is hard to access because the trucks can't get under the railway bridge. Mayor suggested the stand pipe next to the old butchers shop.
- No requests for water connection have been received from Grantham but they are ready for when these come in
- The boil water alert should be removed on Friday they are only waiting upon one more clear test result. Will notify Council as soon as results are received.
- Question from TMR regarding water for schools when they start back on Monday. EMQ advised to go through DDMG as that is where Ed Qld sits in disaster management contact.

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RedCross:

- 15 people overnight in Gatton, numbers appear stable at the moment.
- 2 people left the Haldion centre due to an incident which was dealt with by QPS. They will follow up on this due to the high support needs required.
- Helidon, 24 people overnight
- Slowly trying to assist families find accommodation.
- Liaising with Jason Harms regarding location of a one stop shop, the first venue was unsuitable and they are now looking at the showgrounds.

Mayor:

- Thinks that things are starting to come together and that council staff are working well and doing a good job.
- Roads – access to the meat works at Grantham is a concern, due to the large number of staff employed there. The Ma Ma Lilydale Rd or Harts Rd?
- Removal of rubbish is well underway.
- Asked what was happening with packaging waste. Waste management advised that an area has been designated for same.
- Road access needs to be addressed due to further rainfall in the area to keep roads open - Laidley to Plainlands for access to the Warrego Highway.
- Need to be aware of significant cuts in the hilly and scrub country which may lead to landslides.
- Council has exhausted its supply of road signage and witches hats etc.

CEO:

- Advised the meeting to ensure that requests went through the proper channels.
- Advised that a request had been sent through for signage.
- Murphys Creek assistance needs to be conducted properly and advised that controllers will be placed in 4 places in the district.
- There will probably be a public memorial service held on Australia Day.
- The next public meeting in Murphys Creek will be held on Saturday at 10am due to a funeral service being held tomorrow in Laidley.

QPS advised they are currently organising the distribution of containers and it is in hand. Someone is needed to look after the containers to make sure they are allocated and positioned safely on the ground.

LVRC:

- Who is responsible for authorisation of the removal of cars? QPS advised that a QPS presence should be required and that all necessary authorisation from owner, insurance etc is obtained.
- Possibility of a compound for cars to be taken to behind the servo has had discussion with the owner and he is happy for this to be placed there.
- Clarification needs to be sought on the powers of the LDMG for the removal of cars.
- Concerns have been raised on the safety around the school at Grantham where cars are parking, especially for when school commences. TMR advised that they will work on those safety issues.
- The donation of fuel and its tanker have been placed in front of village motors. LVRC community services have been tasked with the coordination and publicity of that fuel.

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- A community ablution block has been established at Grantham and Council now need to put cleaning of it into place.

LVRC (waste):

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Friday 21 January 2011

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Friday 21st January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council staff lunch room, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

David Fraser – EMQ
Adam Brown – EMQ
Ian Flint – LVRC
Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC
Garry Humphries – Communities (phone)
Robert Sutherland Macleod – QUU (phone)
Simon Dawson – QFRS
Karl Bulpin – QFRS
Lewis Winter – EMQ guest
David Caughley – CQFRS
Craig Panagiris – TMR
Sue Hewitt – Red Cross
Francis Quinlivan - Council of Mayors
Joanne Sander – QAS
Nahil Fegan – ADF
Ian D'arcy – ADF
Mike McKay – QPS
Scott Stahlhut – QPS
Carola Wahbourne – CCRC
Cheryl-Lee Fitzgerald – Cairns RC
Iain Burns – SES
Rebecca Weppver – USQ
Jamie Simmonds – LVRC
Mike Lisle – LVRC
Tim Steele – Sunshine Coast RC
Shelley Squires – Sunshine Coast RC
Mark Kelly – QPS

Cr Jones chaired the meeting

ADF:

- Approx. 450 soldiers within the region including 100 in Condamine.
- Assisting QPS with recovery and clean up with properties and property owners
- Decrease will occur in general duties and move to more specialist duties.
- There is a need in the community for information regarding safety in clean up e.g. asbestos
- David Kay has been liaison with Council and ADF
- Communication needs to improve between Council and ADF. Meeting to be held after the LDMG
- ADF are currently happy with the ways things are going and they are ahead of where they expected.

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QPS:

- Need gravel bed for where the motor vehicles are to be stored. Neil P advised that Council has been tasked with this matter.
- The insured cars are going out from today, with the consent of owners and insurance companies.
- Linfox are due back next Thursday
- The media that came into Grantham today seem to be happy with the material they got.
- There are still some issues in Murphy's Creek – The Mayor advised he is aware of this and discussions were taking place this afternoon.
- Volunteers – QPS are talking to the community in Grantham with regard to how they want volunteers to be allowed access. Some families are bringing in their own large groups of volunteers.
- Neil P discussed with the meeting that there will come a point where access has to open more.
- There is an issue with safety on the roads as well.

QFRS:

- 50 people with 24 vehicles are in Grantham that are being coordinated.
- There needs to be a forward control point for coordination and tasking.
- There are at least 60 more personnel tomorrow in Grantham for cleaning of fridges etc.
- They have pretty much finished the rest of the Lockyer Valley and would like to now concentrate on Grantham.

EMQ:

- 150 SES is working with QPS on search detail Saturday and Sunday.
- A recovery plan was put out to the Directors last night and they and agencies will get together from Monday.

TMR:

- Changeover in contact from Grant to David
- Main issue at Murphy's Creek is asphalt which they are working on.
- There is a technical issue with access as alternative for Warrego Highway and Cunningham's Gap. The Mayor expressed concern with heavy vehicles using the Murphy's Creek Road.
- TMR will double check children are able to get to school on Monday and that Murphy's Creek school bus has a permit. They are still working on access for children living at Mt Sylvia. There are no access issues for children at Grantham, cars parking in the area using the community centre may become an issue.

Communities:

- Questioned when the evacuation centres at Helidon and Gatton would close
- They currently have 7 operations in the area.
 - Murphy's Creek – has stabilised.
 - Withcott – has stabilised.
 - Helidon – has stabilised.
 - Laidley - stabilised and are scaling back to 11am to 2pm
 - Grantham and Gatton are still busy

Red Cross:

- 15 in Evac Centre at Helidon and 13 at Gatton
- Seeking advice from Council for other ways they may assist.

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QUU:

- The number of sampling points in the area has increased from 14 to 21.
- Qld Health and the group manager from QUU are meeting regarding the boil water alert.
- Reservoirs are operating at normal levels or slightly above normal levels.
- Boiled Water – there have been 9 pallets issued across 4 schools in the region. The other schools should have deliveries this afternoon.
- The Mayor requested that QUU called Nolans.
- Neil P asked the meeting about the status of schools opening as he had heard some schools weren't opening due to the boil water alert. QUU were not aware of this.
- QUU will follow up and report to the Council today on this matter.

QAS:

- No current issues.

QFRS:

- Need and LDMG/Council rep. to coordinate.
- Will meet with the ADF later as well
- There is a need to keep their crews moving and tasked.

Neil P – due to staffing issues within Council, however there is a team of 6 coming in today to act with Council as coordinators in the area at outlying points in Murphy's Creek and Grantham. There will be a works foreman positioned at Murphy's Creek and Grantham. Council equipment is now going out and coordinating with ADF, QPS and QFRS.

General discussion - Logistics need to be looked at for coordination of volunteers and agencies. Coordinate with the Salvation Army re food supply and counselling. There has been a lady doing this and council is ensuring she is resupplied as she has only enough supplies for today now.

Murphy's Creek - issues in Murphy's Creek are being resolved Coordinators should assist with this. There are up to 200 volunteers expected in Murphy's Creek and Postman's Ridge. There has been a large taskforce in Murphys Creek already assisting with private access on properties. A lot more LVRC equipment is due into the area which will show people they are working.

LVRC CEO – Staff and Councillors are feeling the effects of the event workload which has effectively been going since boxing day. There are community newsletters now coming out on a regular basis. They are now able to get out to areas and get staff into them. The additional resources are now largely in place. Stressed that the communication between agencies and Council needs to be working effectively.

QPS: Raised a question regarding how do they know if homes are structurally sound and able to be habitable? Advised that Council has teams working with Aurocon on this.

LVRC:

- Council EHO's are working with ADF engineers in Grantham regarding issues such as asbestos and poisons and they have licensed contractors on hand.
- Flyers have been made available with information to assist people in cleaning up of their homes.
- They have an EHO on site for a couple of hours and hope to have more next week.
- Kerbside cleaning is continuing to happen.

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- The Mayor stressed the need for PPE on site and that he is working towards the need for more permanent housing.
- There is a public meeting in Grantham tomorrow at 12 noon.

The next meeting will be held Saturday in Council Chambers at 3pm.

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Saturday 22 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Saturday 22nd January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC
Garry Humphries – Communities
Simon Dawson – QFRS
Karl Bulpin – QFRS
Lewis Winter – LG Recovery
David Caughley – CQFRS
Sue Hewitt – Red Cross
Nahil Fegan – ADF
Ian D'arcy – ADF
Mike McKay – QPS
Iain Burns – SES
Mick Youngberry – QPS
Neil Poiglse - LDMG

Neil advised the meeting of the latest boil water alerts;

Boil water alerts remain current for these regions where water supply was cut due to flood damage to essential infrastructure:

Lockyer Valley- Kensington Grove, Regency Downs, Hatton Vale, Plainlands, Glenore Grove, Withcott, Murphy's Creek, Lockyer, Tabletop, Postman's Ridge, Grantham, Lockrose and surrounding areas on town supply.

Somerset - Minden, Brightview, Coolana, Helenvale Estate, Tarampa and surrounding areas on town supply.

BOIL WATER ALERT HAS BEEN LIFTED FOR THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS

Ipswich – Marburg.

Lockyer Valley - Gatton, Laidley, Forest Hill, Placid Hills, Helidon.

Somerset - Lowood, Fernvale, Vernor.

ADF:

- 257 based in Grantham, approx. 30 are involved in search
- 16 priority 1 houses have been completed (priority 1 are houses that people can be moved into) – these premises are to be checked by electricians etc.
- 158 properties that require work, 90 premises have been rated unsafe.
- A review of the search areas will be undertaken within the next couple of days, this will be done in cooperation with QPS
- There will be a transition policy put into place in the next 3-4 days where the general force will move to a more specialised force.
- At the moment Murphy's Creek and Postman's Ridge are of a lesser concern, given the ADF's limited asset and they are concentrating on Grantham but are willing to take advice.
- There is a need for Council's presence in Grantham.

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- There are no concerns with ablutions at the current time.
- Thanks to the other agencies for their liaison with the ADF.
- Regarding rumours of buildings being demolished, the ADF have not destroyed any buildings.

QFRS:

- 38 appliances with 111 staff from many locations throughout the region.
- This operation will scale back from Sunday afternoon; there will be approx. 130 people Sunday.
- Monday they will scale back the number of personnel and configure what assistance can be offered for the longer term.
- Removal of rubbish – there is a lot of debris which is creating a bit of havoc; the rubbish doesn't seem to be getting out of town. The Mayor advised that JJ Richards were meant to be collecting it but that this isn't happening. Council is doing it now and has 4-5 bobcats and machinery operating on this.
- The Mayor advised that he will sort out getting more bottled water to Grantham this afternoon as well.
- QFRS advised they have sent the assessment reports through to the LDMG.
- They have been advised that there is no need for QFRS teams in Murphy's Creek but will make contact with Corola the LVRC coordinator in Murphy's Creek.

The Mayor exited the meeting.

Cr Janice Holstein asked about the 50 man tent for Murphy's Creek. Neil Polglase advised that this has been unable to be resourced.

QPS:

- How is the holding yard for cars going? Neil advised that the area behind Marty's servo was deemed to be unsuitable, Steve Jones thought it to be unsuitable for the long term and a regional base at Helidon would be a better option. They are however still proceeding with the area at Marty's and this will happen Monday.
- QPS advised that not having an area available was hindering the recovery process in Grantham with cars not being able to be moved from people's properties and houses. The area at Marty's may be too small for the number of cars (approx. 200) and they may just keep the cars locally that are identified as belonging to Grantham.
- Tried to make contact with the LVRC EHO who was not answering regarding reports they had received about asbestos in dwellings. They made contact with the QFRS who advised that they don't deal with it. QPS then advised the residents not to touch the asbestos until it can be assessed.
- Neil Polglase advised the meeting that 2 EHO's were currently being sourced.
- Craig Evans from BCC is offering available signage for use, they called today but are unable to progress this any further until Monday when Council starts work.
- ADF asked to be made aware when asbestos is found, even if it is just signage being put on those properties.

Red Cross:

- Aiming to close Helidon evac. Centre tonight. Neil requested that Red Cross advise them first if they do this. They advised they are aware of the issues in Gatton and that the closing of Helidon won't have an effect in Gatton.
- Gatton evac. Centre is still open as there is still a need for it to be.

Communities:

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- Attendance at Community Centres - Murphy's Creek and Withcott are stabilising, Helidon is on the decline and Gatton and Grantham are on the rise.
- At those centres there are 14 staff with 7 lifeline staff, 10 Qld Health staff and 3 staff from housing. The staff from housing on the ground now have authority and are able to implement solutions on the spot.
- Reminder that all accommodation for government purposes is to go through Damian Latrembe.
- The Qld Premiers appeal has been opened, there is \$2000 per adult and \$1000 per dependant available.
- The Murphy's Creek community is very resilient but have said no one from the government has been near them, Communities reminded them that they had been in Murphy's Creek since the event minus 3 days.

QPS:

- Advised that the hostility of residence in Grantham may increase and to be aware of that.

LVRC:

- The Coordinators are in place, there are 3 placed at Murphy's Creek and 3 at Grantham.
- There are SES people at Murphy's Creek and Grantham but this will scale back in numbers from Monday. There has been difficulty in fulfilling the QPS request for an SES presence for 2 months, volunteers may have to be utilised but Council will need to know how to manage issues such as accommodation and food.
- Council does need to get more equipment on the ground and to be seen.
- Shovels and gloves are needed in Grantham.

QPS:

- Asked what Council resources were available today, Council advised that there will be a presence of Council staff available tomorrow.

ADF:

- Noted that the community in Grantham was split regarding volunteers, some wanted them in the town and others didn't.
- Suggested that a clean up Grantham day in the style of "Clean up Australia" day be held when the houses etc have been attended to so that the paddocks streets etc can be cleaned and debris picked up. It was suggested a community organisation may like to take over the coordination of this as a large weekend event.

Cr Janice Holstein asked about what corrective services was doing and was advised they are working on government buildings and infrastructure.

The Islamic community from Newcastle is sending a large contingent of tradesmen to Murphy's Creek soon.

Neil advised the meeting that the King Lake (Victoria) community who suffered in the bush fires were on their way up to Grantham with donations to be handed to the Grantham people and to speak with them about their survival stories. They will also be accompanied by a crew from Channel 9's A Current Affair.

The next meeting will be Sunday at 2pm in Council Chambers.

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Sunday 23 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Sunday 23rd January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC
Ian Flint – LVRC CEO
Garry Humphries – Communities
Lewis Winter – LG Recovery
David Caughley – CQFRS
Sue Hewitt – Red Cross
Iain Burns – SES
Mick Youngberry – QPS
Neil Polgise – LDMG
Cr Janice Holstein – LVRC
Alan Rimmer – BCC
Les Schneider – LVRC
Carols Washbourne – CCRC
Cheryl-Lee Fitzgerald – CRC
Chris Steinfort – Red Cross

Cr Steve Jones chaired the meeting.

Mayor:

- Concerned with the lock down situation in Grantham, he has had some discussion with the community and agrees it may be premature due to the amount of debris and movement of so many trucks and heavy machinery. Would like to see it continue another 3-4 days.
- Introduced Alan Rimmer from Brisbane City Council, who will be coordinating works from the Council Van in Grantham.
- The focus is now on rubbish collection. Fairly certain that the last of the meat, food and fridges had been taken to the tip.
- People are concerned about their possessions which have been washed into paddocks. Worried the farmers may think its rubbish and get rid of it. One farmer has said he is putting personal possessions into one area for people to go through to find their stuff. Most farmers have had discussions and should do the same thing, rubbish will be removed but the personal items won't be touched. Council has been liaising with the landholders.

QPS:

- Thought the farmers keeping the possessions in a separate area was a good solution. The QPS are still conducting patrols of the area.
- The state traffic control support will be pulling out on Monday at 8am. Cr Holstein questioned this as the QPS in Grantham said that it would continue.
- The Mayor offered to sort something out overnight as it would need to be in place to continue past 8am. There may be a solution where council traffic controllers could be used.
- The hard gravel area for a car compound is in place.

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- Council advised they are seeking advice on the removal of vehicles.
- QPS advised they do have a data base of the vehicles which have been located.

Neil Polglase:

- Concerned with the unsafe premises in Grantham. People are seeing work done on other houses and are becoming distressed, they are wanting to be able to go into their own houses and retrieve what personal belongings they may have. Is there any way of shoring up the houses so they may enter to do this? Does the meeting have any possible solutions on how to move this along?
- QFRS – USAR have identified the premises under rapid damage assessment, however to go in to the premises the premises would need to be inspected by an engineer, USAR are only able to shore the house up for entry by their own personnel. If the premises are insured believes it is the responsibility of the insurance company to organise this. Otherwise may be able to take advantage of the ADF and perhaps they can go into the premises and bring stuff out for people.
- Cheryl-Lee advised that some residents are going in to the premises although they have been advised against it.
- Due to the number of unsafe buildings in the area it would be hard to police entry to each of the premises on an individual basis.
- Neil suggested that the residents of the unsafe houses be gathered in a meeting and discuss this issue with them.
- There are 90 properties declared unsafe in Grantham alone.
- QPS believe there is a document that is available that can be put up on the premises with the appropriate warnings.
- Council would like to seek legal advice as soon as possible regarding what notices are required and what responsibilities are.
- 3 things need to occur;
 - Meet with the residents of unsafe properties.
 - Put notices out onto properties.
 - If there is a presence available get them posted to the unsafe properties.

Mayor:

- Asked how the fuel is being distributed and asked that Council ensure that proper records are kept. Council also needs to keep track of the private contractors being used.
- Questions about fuel and safety. Advised there is no large volume of ULP, it is being distributed from 44gal. drums. The diesel is being kept in larger tanks.

CEO:

- Crime Investigation Police called him today and they have a question regarding cars which have been damaged as to what is a flood and what is an insurance matter, they need clarification on the status of the moved and unmoved vehicles. QPS advised they will liaise with the officers to clarify what information they were seeking.

QPS:

- RFA for asbestos removal has been requested and forwarded to the DDMG. They did question if any Council workers has a Class 5 demolition ticket? No one has. The CEO thought that Mike Lisle had knowledge of contacts to source specialist asbestos removalists.
- The RFA will progress as planned.

The waste at the tip needs to be checked to ensure rotting foodstuffs separated from general waste.

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Running low on food supplies in Grantham Ozcare have had a resupply today. Food parcels have been delivered to the residents of Grantham. An RFA (request for assistance) will be sent up to the Salvation Army to operate in Grantham to supply the volunteers and residents of Grantham with meals. Department of Communities offered to liaise with the Salvation Army.

QFRS:

- 42 vehicles and 132 personnel are currently in place. They have been asked to look at the size of the team and due to their normal work commitments and school starting etc. they will be scaling back.
- Asked that an RFA be put up through the LDMG for them to be able to source the same manpower. Ask that they "continue with previous support"
- There has been other work done in outlying areas including Dorrs Road.
- Conflicting reports have been coming out of Murphy's Creek. Their liaison has said they are not required and although there is a massive amount of work to be done, the services that QFRS offer isn't required. There are military engineers in Murphys Creek from this morning.

Carola Washbourne requested a meeting with the Mayor and CEO

Communities:

- 7 recovery centres are operating in the Lockyer Valley, demand is growing in Grantham and Gatton but decreasing and stable in other areas.
- There are a number of sports stars and athletes moving through the Valley for morale visits.
- Discussed with Red Cross about closing the Helidon centre down, the recovery centre side will still continue to operate.
- The Centrelink truck will move from Grantham on Friday.
- Essential Services Safety Reconnect funding has now been made available. There is up to \$4000 for reconnection of services such as water, electricity, sewerage etc. Details are available at the recovery centres.

Red Cross:

- Most of the issues were covered by Communities.
- Gatton evacuation centre is continuing to operate.
- Will check if the bus service is still running from Gatton to Grantham for meetings.
- QPS advised it was about a week ago but then no one at Council could find the keys to the bus.
- Red Cross will organise to pass information on for people that have been rehoused for the short term so the bus can collect those residents.

Mike Lisle:

- Public Works is to get back to him with a list of licensed asbestos removalists.
- The waste collection will ramp up from tomorrow and during the week. The Grantham tip has been prepared and a large area of it is ready.
- Unaffected areas of Grantham will receive normal wheelie bin collections this week.
- Will check on the 3 skips (food) that they have been cleaned
- There is a parking issue with the school reopening on Monday.
- There is a school oval which may be used for long term parking (all day) if the condition of the ground is suitable.

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- The LVRC coordinator (Cheryl-Ann) offered to liaise with Council and Education Qld to facilitate this. There will be 40km signs needed and a space left clear at the end of the oval for helicopter landings.

QPS:

- Even though the main response is winding back the QPS and ADF are still committed to searches of the wider area.

A community announcement will go out from Council regarding the road closures in Grantham.

Lawler Rd doesn't need to be closed anymore and the others left in place and one at the rail bridge.

The meeting closed at 3:20pm

The next meeting will be held at 2pm Monday 24th January

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Monday 24 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Monday 24 January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC (Chair)
Ian Flint – LVRC CEO
Ian Burns, SES Recovery (TAS)
Lewis Winter, LG Recovery (WA)
Tom Missingham, QPS
Ian Darcy, ADF
Joanne Sander, QAS
Scott Stahlhut, QPS
David Kay, LVRC
Francis Quinlivan, Council of Mayors
Melissa Botha, Brisbane City Council
Barbara Ryan, University Southern Queensland
Carl Reichelt, Disaster Management Australia
Derek Sellers, LVRC
Bob Bundy, EMQ
David Fraser, EMQ
Mike Lisle, LVRC
Jason Cubit, LVRC
Jamie Simmonds, LVRC
Neil Polglase, LVRC (Acting LDC)
Lt Fegan, ADF
Mike McKay, QPS
Mick Youngberry, QPS
Carola Washbourne, CCRC
David Hubner, DTMR
Cr Graham Moon, LVRC (Deputy Chair)
Nigel Fanning, DOCS
Brian McPherson, QLD Health (Galton Hospital)

Cr Steve Jones chaired the meeting.

Local Disaster Coordinator – Neil Polglase

Debrief on Grantham Community Meeting Midday 24/1/11

The overall tone of the meeting was 'reserved'.

- The Salvation Army are co-ordinating the catering for the volunteer area.
- A request was made by the residents for QPS to undertake traffic control (road blocks) for the school opening.
- The residents have concerns about unauthorised media entry. It was recommended that the media only be allowed in at the request of residents as some residents want to "tell their story".
- The recovery and clean up are continuing, major concern at present is unsafe houses.

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- The residents want to be able to collect their belongings, even where the houses are unsafe and this issue will have to be thought through.
- Early discussions have occurred with Housing department on the re-accommodation of residents.
- Coordinators on-site are working well.
- Brisbane City Council crew are helping with the cleanup.

Action Items:

Local Disaster Co-ordinator or delegate tasked to discuss with QPS ongoing need for traffic management at Grantham.

LDC or delegate tasked to work with LVRC engineers to ensure that houses that are deemed unsafe can be rendered sufficiently safe to allow residents access to remove personal affects.

- It is important that residents are kept informed about the progress of this item to ensure that potential safety issues are covered.

Mayor LVRC:

- Raised the issue of the rubbish removal at Grantham – has safety concerns about the types of rubbish, including farm chemicals, asbestos and other dangerous items.
- Improvements have occurred with coordinating but it needs to keep progressing.
- Also raised the issue of privacy/safety issues in relation to the rubbish removal at Grantham.
- Requested a meeting be scheduled with the Education Department in relation to the use of Grantham School Oval.

Action Items:

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service tasked to supply HazMat crews to properly identify and contain chemicals on site.

LDC or delegate tasked, in consultation with QFRS, with arranging and co-ordinating the removal of the chemicals from the site.

LDC or delegate tasked with ensuring asbestos is removed from site.

LDC or delegate is tasked to establish availability and suitability of oval for storage

Deputy Mayor LVRC

- Raised concerns about media 'influence' in area. He has received a complaint from a resident who lost 3 members of her family and is extremely upset.
- Cr Moon advised that Grantham needs to be 'locked up' for 3-4 weeks and asked does Council have the authority to keep people out?
- A 'lockout' would allow Council to be in a better position to coordinate the clean up of Grantham.
- There is a need to respect wishes of residents.
- Sydney Company has offered whitegoods to Grantham as part of the recovery. They contacted the Premiers Department and apparently the white goods were redirected to Brisbane.

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Action Items:

LDC or delegate is tasked with establishing with QPS how/if media and sight seeker 'exclusion' can be maintained for 3-4 weeks.

CEO or delegate tasked with establishing if LVRC has powers under LG Act to exclude people from area.

LDC or delegate to develop procedures for the acceptance and distribution of donations, in conjunction with local and state based community organisations.

Chief Executive Officer LVRC

- Highlighted the need for works coordination in Grantham and Murphys Creek, assistance has been received from Brisbane City Council.
- Engineering assessment is being undertaken to prioritise jobs.
- Assistance has been received from other Council to arrange for local people to be best utilised.

Action Items:

LDC or delegate to report on proportion of engineering assessments completed and outcomes of these assessments at each LDMG meeting.

Queensland Police Service

- Mike McKay advised that Council has the ability to shift cars on public land and can move cars on private land with permission of owner.
- There has been no progress on the issue of asbestos removal
- Roadside rubbish is becoming a health issue.
- There is an issue with the identification of chemicals that are part of the debris.
- There are also gas bottles in the debris.
- The QPS needs a procedure for communicating with contractors working for LVRC.
- The QPS will maintain roadblocks until 27/1/11 and then hand control to LVRC.
- A complaint had been made about QPS questions at Grantham. QPS advised that there was a team of officers investigating the storm damaged vehicles following assertions that some had been damaged in the recovery process, and this was accepted as finalising this issue.

Action Items:

LDC or delegate is tasked to establish legal position of cars on public and private land and to put in place procedures that will ensure that they are removed legally, quickly and at minimum cost to LVRC.

LDC or delegate is tasked to deal with the asbestos removal issue as a matter of urgent priority and report to each LGDM meeting as to progress on the issue.

LDC or delegate is tasked with following up on roadside rubbish issue and removing it as quickly as possible.

QFRS is tasked to identify and secure chemicals. LDC or delegate is tasked with removal of secured chemicals. This task is a priority.

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QFRS is tasked with advising LVRC on removal of gas bottles. Specialist contractors may be required, depending on their advice.

LDC or delegate is tasked with developing a procedure to ensure QPS and LVRC contractors are in touch with each other.

See previous action item about QPS and roadblocks.

LDC to report back to residents about the role of police in investigating complaints of damage to vehicles during recovery.

ADF

- The ADF has 250 persons in the field, mainly infantry, but including 50 engineering specialists.
- Their main issue has been getting people back into their houses.
- As part of this process they have uses a 4 level priority system for assessing the properties:
 1. Houses that residents can get into quickly;
 2. houses with some damage;
 3. houses that have been destroyed; and
 4. houses where the owner cannot be contacted.

- 100% of P1 houses have been done, and have services connected
- 80% of P2 houses have been finalised
- P3 and P4 are being left, but where owners of P3 houses can be contacted ADF will remove debris.
- In addition to the residences, 100 soldiers have been doing methodical searches of the area.
- The ADF have serious concerns about chemicals, snakes, heat and asbestos.
- The ADF will work on 26/1 and is keen to be involved in any local celebrations.
- ADF asked for a way to identify property that residents wanted to retain.

The Mayor acknowledged the role of the ADF.

Action Items:

The issues about chemicals and asbestos are dealt with above.

LDC or delegate is tasked with developing a simple way to identify residents property that is to be retained, eg red tape on items.

EMQ

- 90 SES volunteers on weekend and 65 on 24/1
- Search is their priority

QFRS

- Small contingent of 22 persons and 8 vehicles
- Activities are slowing
- Their ICC may close 25/1/11

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- Have had good co-ordination with ADF and the joint effort was 'absolutely fantastic'.

Action Items:

QFRS agreed to provide HazMat teams for LVRC.

DOC

- DOC provided a report on the number of staff deployed, the number of affected residents they have seen and the amount of money they had distributed.

DTMR

- Main roads access is 'being increased'.

Australia Day

- LVRC is encouraging communities to have their own Australia Day celebrations and the Mayor will endeavour to attend as many as possible.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2pm Tuesday 25th January 2011.

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Tuesday 25 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Tuesday 25 January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC
Ian Flint – LVRC CEO
Ian Burns, SES Recovery (TAS)
Tom Missingham, QPS
Ian Darcy, ADF
Joanne Sander, QAS
Scott Stulhut, QPS
Adam Brown, EMQ
Matt Kelly, DOCS
Nigel Fanning, DOCS
Garry Humphries, DOCS
David Fraser, EMQ
Karen Abbott, Qld Health
Carl Reichelt, Disaster Management Australia
Lewis Winter, LG Recovery
David Kay, LVRC
Kahlil Fegan, ADF
Heather Smith, DIP
Francis Quinlivan, Council of Mayors
Glen Preston, QAS
Melissa Botha, BCC
Brian McPherson, Qld Health (Gatton Hospital)
Peter Waldron, Brisbane City Council

Cr Steve Jones chaired the meeting.

Local District Coordinator – Neil Polglase

Briefing on Progression of Works in Grantham area:

- Main outstanding issue is the recovery and distribution of vehicles in the area -- QPS to identify the owner of the vehicle and if it is a vehicle of interest. ADF to assist with the recovery of the vehicle.
- Temporary housing will be arriving in the area in coming days.
- Residents to be advised of a Bus service for back to work requirements.
- HASMET team working on the ground in the area locating and identified chemicals in the region.
- Temporary fencing for chemical stores being undertaken today and contractual arrangements to be made with JJ Richards for the removal of these chemicals.
- Asbestos issues – asbestos needs to be searched for in the entire area not in just nominated private properties.

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Briefing on Progression of works in the Murphys Creek area:

- Council Technical Officer now on site working with Gerry Keogh, Peter Souter and the ADF.
- Public needs to be advised of the ADF's role in the area.
- All the current relevant issues in Grantham also apply to Murphys Creek ie, Chemical removal, asbestos issues etc.
- Working to establish a recovery centre at the Sports Centre away from the Murphys Creek tavern so that the tavern can return to normal activities.
- Salvation Army are providing refreshments to the ADF, QPS and volunteers working in the area.

LVRC Chief Executive Officer:

- Identified that all resources that have been provided to the Council are now being fully utilised.
- Logistic Coordinator has arrived from Brisbane City Council.
- Council still require extra resources and will be identified in coming days.

Australian Defence Force

- Good progress has been made in past 24 hours, the role of the army is continuing mainly in a search and recovery phase.
- Transitional phase will occur in coming days with 100 soldiers to leave and 50 soldiers will be deployed in teams in a constructional type role.
- Confirmation that media reports stating that the ADF had demolished houses is incorrect and confirmed that the process will be owners consent/ insurance consent/ Council consent then the ADF will then proceed on any demolition works.
- The ADF advised that although they are appreciative that volunteers are providing the troops with refreshments, needed to clarify that the ADF are self sufficient, basically wanted to clarify that it is not a requirement but will happily accept any offers of refreshment.
- The ADF also advised that works will continue tomorrow (Australia Day) until 1330 where they will cease work for the memorial service and will return to work on completion.

QPS

- Advised that correctional services teams had mowed the area for where the memorial service will be conducted tomorrow. Advised that these teams are available across the region for any mowing services.
- Also advised that the skip bins located at the school had been emptied today, but advised that this should occur on a more regular basis at present then once a week.

DTMR

- DTMR advised that it has been predicted that the uphill section of the range will be fully operation by Monday and the downhill later in the week.
- The issue of Blanchview Road being utilised as an alternative route for the range was raised and what DTMR can do to assist in repair to a suitable standard the road.
- It was requested that DTMR contact LVRC Engineering Department today to work on a solution for Blanchview Road.
- It was advised that DTMR inspectors have been monitoring the roads for load limit invasions.

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- It was requested for DTMR to update on the status of the provision of 4WD buses to be provided to Mt Sylvia residents to provide transport for children to school.
- It was requested of DTMR to provide an update on the next meeting of the LDMG the status of and requirements of Mt Sylvia Road.

DOCS

- Community Meeting to be held this evening at Murphys Creek, commencing at 7.00pm all agencies will be in attendance.
- The Gatton Evacuation Centre is now empty and needs to be signed off by Council.
- DOCS have teams still working in Murphys Creek, Helidon, Gatton and Laidley areas and also outreach teams working across the region. They are now working on dispersing the Premiers Relief funds.
- The first meeting of the Human Social Recovery Sub Group will be held this week, Cr Tanya Milligan is the chair of this committee
- DOCS reported that the Red Cross were asked to leave the Murphys Creek area by a disaster management representative of the LDMG. It was stated that this was not the case and that the support of the Red Cross in the area is needed and appreciated.
- The Sheikh Hilaly is in the Helidon Spa district working with the clean up activities and is looking to help disadvantaged people in the area.

QAS

- No current issues to report.
- State the only concern that they have is transferring emergencies to Toowoomba and the time involved in this process.

QLD HEALTH

- The vaccination clinic is no longer being held, but vaccinations are still available at the hospital during the day.
- Health recovery team is still in the region.
- Advised that St Johns Ambulance would be the most suitable First Aid officers for the Grantham and Murphys Creek area.

QUU

- The boil water notice has been lifted for most of the region, they were just waiting on one more clear test from Grantham.

EMQ

- Have been working on the Recovery Sub Committee and Plans. The Human Social Committee held a meeting this morning and The Economic Recovery were possibly going to meet on Friday.
- Meeting held with Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) to discuss there processes in the event.

General Business

- Corrective Services have a mowing team available for use.
- An engineering Department update will be provided to the LDMG at Thursdays Meeting 27 January 2011

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Thursday 27 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Thursday 27 January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Cr Steve Jones – Mayor LVRC (Chair)
Ian Flint – LVRC CEO
Neil Polglase, Acting LDC
Lewis Winter, LG Recovery (WA)
Tom Missingham, QPS
Jim McDonald, QPS
David Kay, LVRC
Francis Quinlivan, Council of Mayors SEQ
Jenny Thompson Council of Mayors SEQ
Melissa Botha, Brisbane City Council
Richard Sara Brisbane City Council
Carl Reichelt, Disaster Management Australia
Derek Sellers, LVRC
David Fraser, EMQ
Adam Brown, EMQ
Karen Abbott, Queensland Health
Mike Lisle, LVRC
Craig Panagiriss, DTMR
Nigel Fanning, DOCS

Cr Steve Jones chaired the meeting.

Local Disaster Coordinator – Neil Polglase

Murphys Creek:

- the contractor is assisting QPS and ADF with a 2nd recovery effort for the vehicles.
 - This is difficult work as some of the vehicles are buried 1m deep and therefore it is a major project to retrieve them.
- The recovery centre is still located at the tavern but LVRC is making arrangements for it to be moved to a more suitable location.
- The contractor is to assist LVRC with the recovery/rebuilding.
 - Costs will be incorporated into the NDRRA claim.

Grantham:

- This is a more difficult situation, the crews are still undertaking removal of debris.
- LVRC is still getting legal opinion on the removal of cars.
 - Currently LVRC understands it is not empowered to remove vehicles from private property.
- The issue of unsafe houses is 'shire wide', but council, under the LG Act has only limited powers and limited capacity to offer assistance.
- Council has no powers to stop people putting themselves at risk by entering unsafe houses to retrieve possessions.
- The ADF is transitioning from cleaning up debris to the use of heavy equipment and specialists.
- Council is 'ramping up' its cleanup but it is 'very difficult' at present.
- Grantham residents still want the village to be closed, at least for the next few weeks.
- QPS have declared a disaster in the area till 9/2/11.

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- The community is concerned about insurance, especially the definition of the event.
- They have asked for LVRC assistance in getting clarity about how the insurance industry will classify the disaster.
- There will be a roundtable meeting between insurers, LVRC, asbestos removers and engineers to deal with issues like asbestos.
 - After the roundtable there will be a meeting with residents.

Action Items:

LDC or delegate is tasked with following up legal issues around removal of vehicles.

LDC or delegate is tasked with following up relocation of recovery centre at Murphys Creek.

LDC or delegate is tasked with following up issue of definition of the type of disaster that occurred in Lockyer Valley to clarify position of residents re insurance.

LDC or delegate is tasked with organising the roundtable and the subsequent community meeting.

Mayor LVRC:

- The Mayor met with Deputy Premier, Paul Lucas to discuss the issue of the type of disaster that occurred. He wants the definition to be provided by either the State or Australian governments. He is to speak with Federal Minister Simon Crean about the disaster and will raise the issue with him.
- Mayor met with CDF at Grantham and described it as a positive meeting.
 - He requested the continuing assistance of the ADF in the recovery from the disaster.
- The mayor raised the issue of the Blackburn Bridge, which needs to be reopened.
 - Discussions are to be held between council engineers and DTMR staff.

Action Items:

LDC or delegate is tasked with following up the reopening of the Blackburn Bridge.

Chief Executive Officer LVRC

- The dongas have arrived for the temporary accommodation for the engineering staff and the ops centre. They are currently being erected in the car park at the rear of the main building.

Mike Lisle LVRC

- The asbestos issue is becoming more important, particularly in relation to damaged/destroyed houses.
- Specialist crews will be visiting houses to survey asbestos in situ.
- Houses that need to be demolished will need a specialist crew if asbestos is present.
- The cleanup crews have the ability to clean up private residences if they are given permission by the owners.
- Council/contractor water trucks are on site to deal with dust.
- A chemical storage site has been established.
- Origin and other gas supply companies are now dealing with the LPG gas bottles.
- There are continuing issues with the access of the waste contractors to the dump sites.
 - Some of the access roads to the dump sites have been blocked, but these are the only sites that residents can dump at.
- Kerbside rubbish collections are continuing at Laidley, Helidon and Murphys Creek.

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Action Items:

LDC or delegate is tasked with ensuring waste contractor is aware of alternative routes available to drivers to access the dumps.

QUU

- The water alert has been lifted, water is safe to drink.
- QUU is stepping down from incident team to recovery team and the recovery team will deal with stakeholders as appropriate.

EMQ

- A meeting was held at Laidley that discussed:
 - Infrastructure issues
 - Debris in creeks
- EMQ are talking to DERM about processes to remove debris from creeks.
- The positions of debris risks further damage if not removed, eg logs against culverts.

QPS

- The search continues at Grantham.
 - The QPS has revisited most sites
 - They are trying to better identify sites need to be searched.
- QPS has a team of 7 officers dealing with vehicles, which is a 'huge task'.
- The QPS will be in Grantham till 3/2/11.
- The QPS is trying to solve the complaints about property damage during recovery.

DTMR

- Gatton to Toowoomba road should be open in a matter of days
 - Some of the distance may only be one lane.
- Currently auditing the speed limits on the Warrego Highway.
- Providing advice and assistance to LVRC staff about NDRRA main roads claims
- On Mt Sylvia Rd DTMR is working with school bus operators to get 15 kids to school.
 - The proposal is to use a 4wd bus.
- Telstra is putting temporary access into Mt Sylvia.
- The Warrego Highway to Toowoomba will have two lanes upward opened by end of next week and 2 lanes downwards in approximately 8 days, weather permitting.
- Currently working on Murphys Creek Rd.
- QR is also working on bridges on Murphys Creek Rd.

Qld Health

- There is an issue about first aid stations at Grantham.
 - The suggestion is that St John's Ambulance will provide the service.

QFRS

- Hazmat crews have arrived and are working at the sites.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2pm Friday 28th January 2011.

Lockyer Valley LDMG – Core Group Meeting
Friday 28 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of Core Group
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Friday 28 January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees:

Scott Stahlhut, Queensland Police Services (QPS)
Adam Brown, Emergency Management QLD (EMQ)
Lewis Winter, Recovery WA (LG)
David Fraser, Emergency Management Qld (EMQ)
Karen Abbott, Queensland Health
Peter Waldon, Brisbane City Council (BCC)
Francis Quinlvan, Council of Mayors (SEQ)
Peter Hillcoat, Brisbane City Council (BCC)
Jason Cameron, Brisbane City Council (BCC)
WOI Robert Cotter, Australian Defence Force
Major Tim Kuffer, Australian Defence Force

Cr Steve Jones was an apology for the meeting

Queensland Police Service

- Police road blocks at Grantham have been rostered until Thursday at this stage – this is not a confirmed finish date at this stage.
- Traffic control will only be required for the town centre.
- Search and recovery will continue at this stage.
- Aurecon contractors are working on re-instatement of bridges in the region QPS are onsite during any debris removal activities.
- Two detectives assigned to region to undertake damage assessments claims logged by residents in relation to damage that has occurred during the search and recovery operations and are seeking compensation. Information provided to the resident that the application has to be made within 90 days of the 10/1/2011 and directed through to the Director General of Department of Community Safety. Discussions are being held about a possible reference point to be made within Council for this.

Queensland Health

- A clinic of 2 nurses and a social worker is still being run at Grantham and also a vaccination clinic was undertaken today also for three hours.
- Mental Health recovery team still active in the area.
- The last health clinic was held in Murphys Creek today.

Local District Coordinator

- Apologies given on behalf of LVRC Mayor he is tied up with the Commission of Inquiry.

Murphys Creek Status:

- The Recovery Centre is being established at Murphys Creek Sports Ground.
- Department of Communities to relocate from marquees at Murphys Creek Tavern to the Murphys Creek Sports Ground.

- Department of Housing arranged some short term housing dongers at the Murphys Creek Ground.
- A major clean up activities have been undertaken at Postmans Ridge.

Grantham Status

- Asbestos has been identified in the debris removal on the street line and within damaged residences in the area. A request for assistance was forwarded to the DDC to provide a specialist to undertake inspections in the area for asbestos removal.
- A private contractor has been working in the area and has identified that 6 inches of landfill is required to be removed from the lower region of Grantham.
- Independent advice has been sourced on the asbestos issue from QBuild and the area has been inspected by Workplace Health and Safety and advised that lower grade asbestos has been identified at 14 Anzac Avenue and at the Grantham Hotel.
- Advice has been given to residents to ensure that whilst undertaking clean up work that they wear gloves, boots and P2 masks and that they take the proper personal hygiene ie washing of hands on completion.
- Issues of unlicensed contractors in the area residents advised at community meetings to be

Murphys Creek and Grantham Outstanding issues and tasks:

- Removal of damaged vehicles - QPS and LVRC working on identifying a process for removal of these from public land, road reserves and private land.
- Teams of structural engineers will commence inspections on residential dwellings in the Grantham area, once completed Grantham they will be then undertaking the same in Murphys Creek.
- Department of Housing are working with Grantham residents on housing solutions. Currently there is a 2 bedroom unit and a 3 bedroom house available in Grantham. A solution of housing people away from Grantham and offering a daily bus service back to Grantham for residents.
- Next stage for Grantham once a decision has been made on the outcome of the lower region's future will be to transition into general building activities ie. Carpenters, plumbers and electricians.

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

- Transition complete from search and recovery crews to specialist support for debris removal crews 80-110 personal to assist in Grantham and 50 working in the Murphys Creek/Postmans Ridge region.
- Assistance to Police in searching debris piles.
- ADF will stagger their withdrawal of troops as the assistance increases from Council.
- Advice to be provided to residents that advise of any jobs that they wish to have undertaken by the ADF.
- A handover package will be provided to Council which will include graphical and data packages on each lot within the areas that the ADF have been working advising what has been work has been done and what work hasn't been done.
- ADF have an environmental health team working out of the Gatton showgrounds every evening undertaking fogging over the Grantham area.

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ)

- Work has been undertaken to set up the Disaster Management Recovery Committee and its 4 sub committees being – Human Social, Built Environment, Economic and Natural Environment. The first meeting of the Human Social Group was held today, with the Built

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Environment to be held on Monday and the remaining two sub groups proposed for Tuesday.

- Noel Cass is working in Grantham as the works supervisor.
- The task now is to render the houses safe, the ADF is not reworking on private property.
- Contractor from m/c noted that a volunteer had done electrical work was not licensed and therefore the work was illegal. Licensed electrician sent in to check safety before the power is reconnected.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2pm Monday 31 January 2011.

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group Meeting
Monday 31 January 2011

Minutes of Meeting of the LDMG
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Monday 31 January 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Ave, Gatton

Attendees

Neil Polglase (LDC), Representatives from Australian Defence Force, Queensland Police Force, Transport and Main Roads, Department of Communities and the Lockyer Valley Regional Council
Dave Fraser, EMQ, by phone
Jenny Thompson, SEQCOM, by phone
Richard Sara (Brisbane City Council) Minutes Clerk

Guests

Kim Wilkie, CEO, Australian Childrens' Trust
Mal McDonald, Australian Childrens' Trust
Jude Munro, Jude Munro & Associates
Colleen Lazenby, Jude Munro & Associates

Welcome and apologies

Neil Polglase chaired the meeting. He welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

- Cr Steve Jones was an apology

Report from LDC

Murphy's Creek

- DOCS has recovery centre based at the recreation grounds.
- Tavern centre to be relocated to recreation grounds, with all contents to be moved by 2 February 2011.
- Contactor at Murphy's Creek has now been contracted by LVRC.

Postman's Ridge

- Issue identified as 'discomfort' of local residents
- Clean up completed, with services yet to be connected.

Action Item

- Services at Postman's Ridge to be addressed as soon as possible.

Grantham

- ADF continuing to work on debris clean up
- Recovery centre fully established and working well
- Met with residents regarding temporary accommodation to be located at either Toowoomba or Gatton
- Accommodation will not be located in affected areas, as Council is against the use of caravans and demountables, due to health issues

Asbestos issue

- Advice received from the Department of Works
- As issues are being attended to, risks associated are low and so long as precautions are maintained, it is unlikely to become a major issue.

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'Car issue'

- Issue felt across the valley
- Alan Pemberton (LDMG) currently working with QPS to locate car owners and establish what course of action owners wish to take

Helidon

- ADF looking for additional trucks to assist with removal of debris
- Council to continue coordinating with ADF

Structural Issues

- Engineers are currently working through the entire valley
- Attempting to identify ways in which structures can be temporarily made safe to allow residents to get possessions out
- Discussions with residents regarding 'how they move forward' still being addressed, in conjunction with insurers.

Road Block

- To be lifted lunchtime Friday
- Council will then need to control flow of traffic

Temporary housing onsite

- This will be a Council issue ACTION: Council to discuss this.

ADF

- Infantry left last week but effort has been ramped up with the deployment of new soldiers from the Construction Squadron
- Willing to continue working beyond Friday (anticipated date for standing down)
- Anticipated that most of clean up will be completed by Friday
- To discuss details of transition with LVRC
- Difficulties may arise with QPS departure
- Construction squadron between Murphy's Creek and Helidon also working on moving debris to central site and removing debris from this site
- Assisting with police search

QPS

- Search continuing (3 people remain missing)
- Keen to dismantle roadblocks y end of week
- Police presence to remain in Grantham at the police station until 19 February 2011
- Collating witness statements for coroner's
 - 20 additional QPS staff assisting with this task

EMQ

- 37 SES in area until 1 February 2011

TMR

- Offer of traffic inspectors for Grantham – to be discussed with Council
- Work on Warrego Highway
- Delays on Marburg Range expected
- Working closely with QR with regard to who is repairing rail
- Both lanes of Toowoomba range to be open by Friday
- 40km/h through Murphy's Creek put in place
- Commencing recovery stage

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DOCS

- Continuing to operate recovery centres

QH

- New team commenced Sunday (with staff based at Murphy's Creek, Helidon and Grantham)
- Immunisation Clinic at Grantham

LVRC (Waste)

- Will work with ADF
- Issues with local transfer stations
 - Close to reaching capacity at Grantham
- Organising barriers/signage regarding asbestos
- Environmental Health officers on site
- Concerns with regard to caravans – health issues

The next meeting of the LDMG will be held at 2.00pm on the 1 February 2011.

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group Meeting
Tuesday 1 February 2011 at 1400hours

Minutes of Meeting of the LDMG
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Tuesday 1 February 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Street, Gatton

Attendees

Neil Polglase (Acting LDC), Brian McPherson (Qld Health – Gatton Hospital), Tom Missingham, QPS), Brian Mesken (LVRC), Scott Stahlhut (QPS), Carl Reichelt (DMA), Adam Brown (EMQ), Major Tim Kuffer (ADF), WO1 Rob Cotter (ADF), David Fraser (EMQ), Nigel Fanning (DOCS), Jason Cubit (LVRC), Ian Flint (LVRC), Mike Lisle (LVRC), Cr Graham Moon (LVRC), Noel Cass (LVRC), Clinton Weber (LVRC), Justin Fischer (LVRC), Melissa Botha (BCC – LDMG) and Cr Janice Holstein (LVRC).

Welcome and apologies

Neil Polglase chaired the meeting. He welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

Grantham

- Roadblocks to be withdrawn Friday 4 February 2011, with signs to remain in place
- Local roads will be signed Road Closed
- Traffic controllers to be used on main road
- Community is reticent
- Whole of government response is required regarding housing issues in Grantham
 - Announcement to be made in following days in relation to outcomes (housing)
- Car issue progressing smoothly but slowly
- Discussions with ADF in relation to how to move forward at Grantham

Murphy's Creek

- ADF in place – working with LVRC
- Requests for assistance being undertaken.

Helidon

- ADF in place, with LVRC to assist with trucks

ADF

- 40 person based in Helidon
- 40 person in place Murphy's Creek undertaking creek clearance.
- Continuing to work in Grantham and have commenced on the rail line
- Developing transition strategy in Grantham
- Creekline sweeps being undertaken and will continue to assist QPS as needed
- Targeted searches of debris piles

QPS

- Roadblock continuing until midday Friday
- Search to continue
- Valuable Items that have been located will be on display at Gatton Police Station (advertisement placed in Gatton Star)
- LDMG to ask QR about cleaning of railway line easement
- LDMG to ask DERM about clean up of creeks.

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DOCS

- One full time centre located at Gatton, with 5 outposts operating.
- 1073 applicants from valley region.
- Lifeline distributing 100 donated refrigerators.
- Outreach undertaken to isolated properties.
- "Working with asbestos" workshops in Grantham and Murphy's Creek.
- Continuing to operate recovery centres

QH

- Clinic at Grantham

Next Meeting

Next meeting of the LDMG will be held on Thursday the 3 February 2011 at 2.00pm.

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group Meeting
Thursday 3 February 2011

Minutes of Meeting of the LDMG
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Thursday 3 February 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Street, Gatton

Attendees

Cr Steve Jones (Chair), Neil Polglase (Acting LDC), Tom Missingham (QPS), Cr Tanya Milligan (LVRC), Carl Reichelt (DMA), Karen Abbott (Qld Health), Jason Cubit (LVRC), Denny Brain (DOCS), Major Tim Kuffer (ADF), LTCOL Matt Galton (ADF), Ian Flint (LVRC), Noel Cass (LVRC), Nigel Fanning (DOCS), Garry Lawrence (TMR/Roadtek), David Fraser (EMQ), Scott Stahlhut (QPS) and Justin Fischer (LVRC).

Welcome and apologies

Cr Steve Jones chaired the meeting. He welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

LDC

The LDC noted for the minutes that the ADF had 'done an excellent job'.

Grantham

- Overall, progress is slow
- Removal of cars is slow
- The house in the paddock has asbestos, which has to be dealt with before its removal
 - The asbestos removal is to start at 6.30am 4/2/11 and following this the house can be demolished

Action

- LDC to tell property owner of progress on removal of the house.
- There is an issue at Grantham with a property in the main street, which is not habitable but has the owners in residence.

Actions

- The Mayor agreed to directly address this issue, and if necessary to get LVRC to issue a demolition order for the property
- Safety fences to be erected around the property

There was general discussion about the road blocks at Grantham involving the entire meeting.

- QPS is withdrawing its road blocks
- DTMR prefers that the road be reopened but while there are safety issues at the site they will staff road blocks using transport inspectors
- The QPS advised that there will also be increased mobile patrols in Grantham, as well as the temporary police station.

Action

- DTMR to provide staff for road blocks at Grantham prior to the full opening of the road to all traffic.

Murphy's Creek

- The recovery is 'moving along swiftly'
- The contractor who has been working in the area has now been engaged by LVRC
- An RFA has been sent to the DDC for the relocation of the Recovery Centre to the rec reserve

Helidon

- LVRC team with the ADF
- The scope of works necessary at Helidon is being conveyed to the residents

LDC advised that LVRC directors had been asked to look at the full scope of the damage to get a full overview of the whole shire to allow Council to:

- Address all the issues and
- Ensure that the residents get the support they need to recover.

ADF

- The local tips are either full or nearing full and alternative dumping sites will need to be established.

Action

- Mayor agreed that temporary tip sites would be identified for the ADF across the shire and then use 'high capacity trucks' to remove the debris.
- The ADF continue to assist QPS in the search for missing people.

DOCS

- Staff rotation has taken place
- Emergency assistance grants are still being processed, but are 'slowing down now'
- The publican at Murphys Creek is concerned about issues of liability, as he has been paying for containers out of his own pocket. He has requested that LVRC pay for them.
- Publican at Murphys Creek also requested that his premises be put back into the same state as previously.

Action

- LDC to follow up issues of liability and restoration to previous state and meet with the publican to discuss.
- DOCS is visiting outlying communities to provide information over the coming weekend.

DTMR

- DTMR provided an update on the roads that they control within the region.
- Re-instatement of bus zones should be in place by 10am at the 4 February 2011.
- Translink bus services to resume on the 4 February to timetable.
- Assessment of Gatton-Helidon Road undertaken and will require a few days work to repair.
- Gatton-Clifton Road remains closed
- Mt Sylvia Road – works continuing to bring it up to a 2wd standard.
- Works continuing on Warrego Highway speed limits are being reviewed to remove variability.

QH

- Another clinic was held at Grantham 2/2/11, where 39 people attended.
- 2 St Johns First Aid Officers at Murphys Creek and 2 on the way to Grantham
- There are 2 Qld Healthrecovery teams working in the region.

Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the LDMG will be held on Monday 7 February 2011 at 2.00pm.

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group Meeting
Monday 7 February 2011

Minutes of Meeting of the LDMG
Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Monday 7 February 2011 commencing at 1400hours
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Chambers, Railway Street, Gatton

Attendees

Ian Flint (LVRC) – Chair, Hayden Wright (LVRC), Craig Panagiris (DTMR), Colleen Lazenby (Jude Munro and Associates – Consultants), LT COL Matt Galton (ADF), Denny Braln (DOCS), Nicola Jeffers (DOCS), Tom Missingham (QPS), David Fraser (EMQ), Jim McDonald (QPS), Cr Graham Moon (LVRC), Karen Abbott (Qld Health), Cr Janice Holstein (LVRC), Cr Tanya Milligan (LVRC), Noel Cass (LVRC), Sue Hewitt (Red Cross) and Amanda Nixon (DOCS).

Welcome and apologies

CEO chaired the meeting. He welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

CEO noted work done by Neil Polglase as the LDC and thanked him.

CEO welcomed Hayden Wright and Colleen Lazenby, both from Jude Munro & Associates. Hayden will be the Recovery Coordinator and Colleen will be the Under-coordinator. Now that Hayden and Colleen have commenced the Recovery phase of the disaster and the Response phase has been completed.

Because the Recovery Coordinator had just commenced there was no report to the meeting by him.

DTMR

- DTMR provided an update on the roads that they control within the region.
- DTMR recommends that the LDMG have a position on the reopening of the Gatton-Helidon Rd.
 - The Infrastructure subcommittee has recommended that the main road be opened and traffic control continue on the side streets
 - There is a need to allow access to the meatworks, both for workers there and B Double trucks carrying cattle.
 - The committee also discussed the need for the Grantham community to begin 'getting back to normal'
- The Gatton-Helidon rd will be reopened with a continued police presence and traffic control in place.

Action

- LDMG endorses approach suggested by Infrastructure subcommittee.
- This approach is to be discussed at the Grantham community meeting at 4.30pm 7/2 and the community invited to provide their opinions about reopening the road.
- DTMR or LVRC to provide traffic controllers to allow a 'soft opening' of the road.

ADF

- The local tips are either full or nearing full and alternative dumping sites will need to be established.

Action

- Mayor agreed that temporary tip sites would be identified for the ADF across the shire

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and then use 'high capacity trucks' to remove the debris.

- The ADF continue to assist QPS in the search for missing people.

DOCS

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QH

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LDMG will be held on Monday 14 February 2011.

LOCKYER DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

MINUTES

MEETING

2.00pm Monday 14 February 2011

LDMG Meeting Room - LOCKYER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Attendees:

Cr Jim McDonald (Acting Chairman - LVRC, QPS), Tom Missingham (QPS), Karen Abbott (Qld Health), Major Tim Kuffer (Army), Denny Brain (DOC), Hayden Wright (LVRC), Craig Panagiris (TMR), Narelle Poole (Secretariat)
Late: Mayor Steve Jones (LVRC), Ian Flint (LVRC)

APOLOGIES:

ITEM NO.	ITEM
1	WELCOME
	ATTENDANCE - see above
	APOLOGIES - see above
2	AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision to stand down Committee• Tasks to complete• Mt Sylvia situation• Agency reports
3	AGENCY REPORTS POLICE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile police facility in Grantham since 12 January will be packed up on 18 February. Response and ownership will go back to Gatton and Helidon. Commitment by QPS at Grantham will be from 8am-4pm 7 days per week as well as Task patrols. This will run through until August.• Loss of life count currently 22 bodies recovered. Search will be ongoing for missing persons.• Valuable items handed in are stored at Gatton Police Station. Photos to go to Grantham Recovery Centre. HEALTH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery team ceasing on Friday. Planning for the future. Already seeing an increase into main services of mental health etc. RED CROSS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Going to Grantham to see the needs. Is there an agency to take over the Grantham centre? Meeting recalled for Tuesday night so decision was deferred until this meeting. Situation has improved in the last week.• Grantham committee has been doing the distribution of goods until this time. Grantham meeting 6pm. DOC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have allocated a Community Development Officer Bruce Turner to identify needs in community and help organisations to get up and running.• Total 15839 grants over \$6m. Numbers of applications are dropping. Providing outreach at Murphys Creek, Grantham, Gatton and Laidley. Do they need to be out of the Gatton hall on Wednesday? ACTION ASSIGNED TO CR JIM MCDONALD to check this.• Commissioner for enquiry is talking about having informal public meetings to discuss the experiences of residents.

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3 CONT	<p>ADF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have been withdrawn from Grantham for 6 days. Still have small group of 40 personnel in Murphys Creek and Helidon, but will finish on Wednesday. Support with logistic supplies to more remote areas ongoing in short term. This work is within scope of flood assist, but further requests as part of recovery will have to go through chain of command. <p>TMR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatton Helidon Road reopened. Reopened Gatton Clifton Road late last week. Mulgowie Road closed at end. Major issue is Mt Sylvia Road – meeting tonight will sort this out. Access for school kids and access to homes and supplies – crops in and cattle out. TMR and Council will gather needs from community and Army can respond. Forms have been prepared to assess needs.
4	<p>TONIGHT'S MEETING MT SYLVIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DERM need to be involved tonight and Graham Moon is inviting them. Problems should be overcome by communicating via this meeting. Fuel deliveries to properties may be solved easily. Steve Jones will chair. Update by LVRC, TMR, DOC, Telstra Inform community, Identify needs, do they want other communications?
5	<p>DECISION TO STAND DOWN COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate response phase has come to an end. Move onto the recovery. Informal meetings can be arranged. Most of these members are members of the sub committees. RECOMMENDATION to Recovery Committee is to stand this committee down.
6	<p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do they need to be out of the Gatton hall on Wednesday? ACTION ASSIGNED TO CR JIM MCDONALD to check this. <p>DOC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RECOMMENDATION to Recovery Committee is to stand this committee down after the next meeting
7	<p>NEXT MEETING 2.00PM MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2011</p>

Agenda

Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group
Tuesday 8 March 2011 commencing at 1400 hours

Council Chamber, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Please ensure you all sign on in the sign in sheet

Apologies

Kelvin Haak – QR,

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of meeting minutes for meetings held from 12 January 2011 to 14 February 2011

Report on current situation with flood event:

A report on the community recovery process to be provided by Hayden Wright.

Outstanding Actions:

- Review of Disaster Management Plan
- Disaster Management Sub Plans.
- Evacuation Centre – Evacuation kits - DOCS
- Disaster Response De-brief – set of date and time.
- Queensland Week – Queensland Disaster Heroes Nominations.
- Thank you to the agencies involved with the event.

General Business

Next Meeting:

Meeting Minutes
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Tuesday 8 March 2011 commencing at 1400 hours
Council Chamber, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Offices, Railway Ave, Gatton.

Attendees:

Cr Steve Jones (Chair), Ian Flint (LDC), Cr Graham Moon (Deputy Chair), Jim McDonald (QPS), Tom Missingham (QPS), Erica Fletcher (Qld Health – Laidley), Steven Kohler (DEEDI), Corey Bock (QFRS Rural Ops), Craig Panagiris (DTMR), Gary Chalmer (Energex), Michelle French (EMQ Delegate), Karen Abbott (Qld Health – Gatton Hospital), Tracy Ryan (LVRC), Justin Fischer (LVRC), Maureen Worrall (SES), Gary Dorr (SES), Mike Lisle (LVRC), Jason Cubit (LVRC), Janice Holstein (LVRC), Tanya Milligan (LVRC), Matthew Kelly (DOCS), Colleen Lazenby (Jude Munro & Associates), Hayden Wright – Recovery Coordinator (Jude Munro & Associates) and Madonna Brennan (Minutes Clerk).

Apologies

Kelvin Haak – QR, David Fraser and Bob Bundy (EMQ) and Gerry Franzmann (LVRC).

Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of meeting minutes for meetings held from 12 January 2011 to 14 February 2011.

Moved Jim McDonald seconded Cr Graham that the meeting minutes of the LDMG from the 12 January to 14 February 2011 be accepted with no changes.

CARRIED

Report on current situation with flood event:

Hayden Wright and Colleen Lazenby from Jude Munro and Associates provided an update on the progress on the community recovery. The community recovery plan was distributed for the attendees to view.

Hayden advised the Group that the community has mostly transferred into recovery mode with immediacies of the disaster response is over now.

Outstanding Actions**Review of Disaster Management Plan and Disaster Management Sub Plans.**

Discussions were held on the need to develop sub plans for the region and whether they are to be functional based or community based type plans. EMQ will be undertaking a presentation to Council for direction in relation to layout of plans. The LDMG will need to endorse the requirement for sub plans.

Moved by Jim McDonald seconded Michelle French that under new legislation the LDMG endorse the development of sub plans for the region and acknowledge any necessary changes in existing sub plans that have already been developed for some areas within the region. Further, that it be noted that the existing Disaster

Management Plan has proven its worth during the disaster flood events of the December 2010 and January 2011.

CARRIED

Evacuation Centre – Evacuation kits

Jim McDonald raised the need for the development of evacuation kits for evacuation centres throughout the region. It was highlighted that this is something that could be identified as part of the sub planning for evacuation centres.

Moved Jim McDonald seconded Tom Missingham that evacuation kits for evacuation centres be developed in conjunction with evacuation centre sub planning and the kits be implemented as soon as practically possible.

CARRIED

Department of Communities – Recovery Centres

Matthew Kelly from the Department of Communities proposed to the group the scaling back and closure of the recovery centres at Murphys Creek and Grantham and proposed the following:

- Full closure of recovery centres in both locations by the March 31 2011, with signage indicating contact information for the Department of Communities to arrange a home based one on one meeting for anyone in the community.
- The Grantham Recovery Centre be scaled back to operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- The Murphys Creek Recovery Centre be scaled back to operating Tuesday and Thursday.

Moved Karen Abbott seconded Erica Fletcher that the Department of Communities recommendation be approved and implemented.

CARRIED

De-brief of event set date and time

The chair put it to the group to ask for any recommendations of dates for the group to undertake the Flood Event Debrief. Various points were raised on the type of debrief that should be held whether is be one debrief or a series of regional debriefs. Discussions were held on the for the positives and negatives

Moved Graham Moon seconded Jim McDonald that a debrief date be set at a further date in liaison with David Fraser from EMQ to ensure appropriate representation is achieved.

CARRIED

People involved in the coalface should be involved.

Look at a divided approach within regions to report back to the whole LDMG debrief.

Queensland Week – Queensland Disaster Heroes Nominations.

The Chair advised the group for them to make any nominations of their own of people who they feel should be recognised. It was noted that Council will be making nominations of people who

Thank you to the agencies involved with the event.

Chair thanked the CEO and the members of the room for the commitment shown and has been handled well. Apologies from the chair for missed meetings, good effort. Formal thank you to Gerry Franzmann, Neil Polglase and Jude Munro and Associates.

General Business

Focus of the Commission is the preparedness of the community and the fact that we still hold our community meetings and interaction and participation in Exercise Orko. Well prepared but the obscured event. Mandatory meetings and reviews keep occurring

Dangerous Goods travel on roads after major event.

Next Meeting:

The LDMG to meet again in June or July, prior to fire season. A date will be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.50pm.