

NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON MONDAY, 17 JANUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.40 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Helen Thomas (WDRC), Tony Stout (OIC Miles QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Elizabeth Upton (WDRC), Julie Smith (DON Miles Health Service), Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre), Wayne Osburn (WDRC), Ben Wiltshire (QPS), Kylie Bourne (WDRC) and Michael Coutts (WDRC)

APOLOGIES

Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES)

BUSINESS

The following points were raised for discussion:

- Helen ran through the recovery strategy for Wednesday.
- Essential equipment for treatment plant is to be reinstalled. Possibly commencing tomorrow.
- Ergon Energy will be heading in first thing Wednesday (when the river is at the 13.5m mark)
- Q Build will send building engineers to assess housing requirements.
- Flexible habitat will be constructed on Wednesday and can be used by QFRS, Police, QAS, Red Cross, Q Health
- Food to supply town 48 - 72 hours and will be used as the evacuation centre until the weekend.
- 10 fire appliances have been scaled down to 5.
- Recover Centre will not be in the school but in a marquee near the SES Shed.
- 12 SES members from Stanthorpe will be coming.
- BOM anticipates below 13 m by late Tuesday.
- Potable water organized.
- SES cleaning floor of pump shed today.
- Food disposal pit has been dug.
- 9 portaloos remain in Condamine.
- Plenty of disinfectant in Condamine. Labels for bottles will need to be made and the MSDS will need to be available.
- PPE is coming.
- Immunisation of tetanus - Julie and Anne would be able to take the immunisation fridge down to carry out immunisations if required.
- Electricians and plumbers have been engaged for this Thursday.
- Fuels was fairly well stocked and diesel and ULP supply good.
- T & W equipment is down there.
- Inundated with offers. Bottled water, poppers, muesli bars etc.
- Cecily confirmed some donations available for food.
- Return of residents direction:
 - Most affected first and Windibri residents
 - affected businesses
 - Previously affected residents
 - Unaffected residents

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- Need to source a community building for use by the ADF. Suggested Catholic Church.
- Origin staff will be coming in again to assist with the clean up.
- Cecily advised that furniture was available and would like a list from residents as to wants and needs.
- Details of donations and volunteers to Cecily.
- Department of Communities have decided it is a 2 event and will pay twice \$170.00 per person. Centrelink have decided it is a 1 event and will only pay once.
- Michael Coutts will be here Wednesday and Thursday. He will talk to Darling Downs Main Roads Department before opening any roads.
- 4 Police will be present in Condamine.

The meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON SATURDAY, 1
JANUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Justin Bower (QPS), Shirley Walsh (Group Leader, Miles SES), Russell Priestly (WDRC), Helen Thomas (WDRC), Tony Stout (OIC Miles QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Elizabeth Upton (WDRC), Anne Hore (Acting DON Miles Health Service), Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre), Dr Pasi Maphosa (Miles Medical Centre), Wayne Osburn (WDRC) with Phil Berting (CEO - WDRC) in attendance via conference call.

APOLOGIES

Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES)

BUSINESS

The following points were raised for discussion:

- Helen advised latest flood warnings were as follows:
 - 15.25 metres at Condamine and would peak at Condamine Sunday afternoon at 15.5 metres. The Condamine River had peaked at Chinchilla last night at 15.4 metres last night.
- Helen advised that there is currently no communication with the town of Condamine. Ben Wiltshire (QPS) has a hand held radio for some communication. Helen was able to talk with Bill Power late last night after they has connected up some equipment.
- Helen confirmed that we lost landline communication with a number of landholders in the Condamine area yesterday but were able to contact a lot of them through mobiles.
- Helen confirmed that 2 food supplies and 3 medical supplies had been air delivered yesterday. 2 food supplies and 1 medical supply would be air delivered today.
- Phil enquired as to the fuel supply in Miles. Elizabeth confirmed that yesterday morning Choice Service Station had 13,000 ULP and 15,000 diesel and Caltex had 21,300 Diesel, 15,000 ULP and 4,700 premium unleaded. That did not include the depots or BP or Mobil Service station. Ray Duncombe advised that there was a concern regarding the possible access to avgas. There was 400 litres of avgas and 400 litres of Jet A1 which was being kept for EMQ machines. Ray confirmed that he was trying to secure access from Roma.
- Phil advised that the Warrego Highway was not open at this stage.

- Helen advised that she had received unofficial advice that MRD crew were repairing the culvert on the north side of Wandoan.
- Helen advised that Andrew Smith was evacuated to neighbours last night.
- Helen confirmed that she understood that some houses were not affected in Condamine.
- Helen advised that a number of offers to assist had been received.
- Tony confirmed that they were fine at QAS. He did have some staffing issues.
- Dr Pasi confirmed that they were fine at the moment. He was expecting a relieving doctor on Monday.
- Anne confirmed that staffing was fine at the hospital
- Anne confirmed that the supply of milk and food was good at the hospital. Anne advised that sandfly bites and implications of these were becoming a problem. Phil advised that he understood Environmental Health Officers would be circulated shortly to assist with some control measures.
- Anne confirmed that she had received advice that immunization required for clean up workers would be a current tetanus needle (past 10 years). Unless someone had an open, dirty wound. At this stage a hepatitis immunization was not necessary.
- Ray advised that his crews were asking when they will be required to help. Ray advised that it would be necessary for furniture and floor coverings to be removed prior to the fire brigade coming in. To request your house to be cleaned it would be helpful if requests could be coordinated through Council.
- Helen confirmed that the Council staff would be concentrating on roads and infrastructure rather than clean up.
- Cecily advised that a family had been enquiring about access to generators. Further discussions would be held later.
- Cecily advised that the Centrelink forms were available. ID would be required.
- Justin advised that they were stretched but were coping with the current situation. Justin advised that there was consideration being given to swapping the police to relieve the staff in Condamine.
- Shirley advised that the SES does not loan generators as they would need these. Wayne advised that there was a limited number of generators and we really can't afford to give them away.
- Anyone who wants to volunteer should contact Council for coordination.
- Set up an offer of assistance board.

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON SUNDAY, 2
JANUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Shirley Walsh (Group Leader, Miles SES), Helen Thomas (WDRC), Tony Stout (OIC Miles QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Elizabeth Upton (WDRC), Anne Hore (Acting DON Miles Health Service), Julie Smith (DON Miles Health Service), Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre), Wayne Osburn (WDRC), Richie Derksen (WDRC) and Michael Coutts (WDRC).

APOLOGIES

Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES)

BUSINESS

The following points were raised for discussion:

- Helen advised that the Condamine River at Condamine has peaked yesterday at 15.25 m and has been falling.
- Helen advised that a dozen or so men were being ferried in and out to help feed animals etc.
- Persons in the Evacuation centre concerned about animals and the animal care.
- Ergon may be able to go into town tomorrow and start checking their infrastructure. A pole on the creek bank was at risk early and could be an issue.
- BP Service station was still be connected and when the owner was leaving he would need to turn it off. Noone will have their electricity turned on and connected until Ergon is certain.
- Helen advised that she would be having a teleconference with Dalby and EMQ shortly.
- Counselors will be brought in to help out with the emotional stress of the situation.
- There is a crew of SES volunteers in Dalby and can be used.
- Insurance needs to be registered as soon as possible to ensure insurance companies are able to manage the assessment process as efficiently as possible.
- Food and medical supplies will be fine.
- Communication is still out at Condamine. The SES is using the satellite phone and it is not working very well.
- The Queensland Health Vector Team is coming to Dalby and Miles/Condamine shortly.
- Ray advised Council has 20 cans of aerogard, gloves etc at the depot. More will be required to be ordered in.
- The Treatment plant is Council's priority.
- Cecily raised the issue of people without electricity to the south of Miles.
- David Uebergang has offered the use of a generator should it be required.

- Ray advised that they cannot go in until the insurance, power and property owners have gone in. Belongings and floor coverings removed.
- Anne - Enquired as to the condition of roads between Miles and Wandoan. She is having some staff unable to get to work. Michael would seek clarification of the condition of the Leichhardt Highway and access availability.
- Richie - When will staff be required to go into Condamine.
- Tony - Staffing not a problem at the moment.
- Michael - Will clear up the situation with the Leichhardt Highway issue today with Main Roads and police.
- Wayne - Any offers of assistance please contact Wayne so they can be added to the list.

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 4
JANUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Shirley Walsh (Group Leader, Miles SES), Helen Thomas (WDRC), Tony Stout (OIC Miles QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Elizabeth Upton (WDRC), Julie Smith (DON Miles Health Service), Anne Hore (Miles Health Service), Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre), Wayne Osburn (WDRC), Ben Wiltshire (QPS), Kylie Bourne (WDRC), Ian O'Donnell (W

APOLOGIES

Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES)

BUSINESS

The following points were raised for discussion:

Evacuees will be taken to QGC first and will then be taken into town to their houses.

Kylie ran through a list of priorities that had been drafted at this stage.

Anne advised that a dirty wound would require an updated tetanus shot. Anyone with a current tetanus shot (past 10 years) would be covered at this stage. Information at this stage did not require a Hepatitis shot.

Julie enquired if Councillors would be part of the group of people coming back into town.

The creek was currently at 13.7 metres. The bridge is at 10.1 metres.

Michael gave an update of Leichhardt Highway condition. 12.00 p.m. today it will be open to all traffic to Wandoan. 3.00 p.m. today the road will be open to Taroom under load restrictions. However the road is cut north of Taroom.

Cecily is receiving an update everyday as to assistance that is available.

Enquiries regarding offers of assistance to be telephoned through to Council on [REDACTED] and financial assistance can be obtained at the Community Centre on [REDACTED]

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY
29 DECEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 11.00AM**

ATTENDANCE:

Ben Wiltshire (QPS), Steve Prigg (QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Anne Hore (Acting DON Miles Health Service), Shirley Long (Group Leader, Miles SES), Steve Long (Miles SES member), Richard Derksen (Acting Miles Works Co-ordinator, WDRC), Russell Priestly (WDRC), Helen Thomas (WDRC) with Phil Berting (CEO – WDRC), Tony Stout (OIC Miles QAS), Liz Drumm (WDRC Regional Disaster Co-ordinator) and Chris Artemieu (EMQ) in attendance via conference call.

APOLOGY:

Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES)

BUSINESS:

Helen Thomas raised the following points for discussion

- Resupply - Transportation of medication by Roma SES to patient in Miles had been undertaken this morning
- Access to Condamine township from Miles – Ray Duncombe advised that access to Condamine could be achieved this morning via Goombi-Fairymeadow Road. Access issues will arise when Condamine rises to certain level at “Tiereyboo”
- Flood level information – Wallan Creek and the Nine Mile had both subsided substantially
- Consideration to resupply milk for Miles and Wandoan townships – Chris advised that fresh milk was not on the resupply listing as it was a perishable item. Powder milk and UHT was recommended. All resupply issues requiring air assistance would be coordinated through Dalby
- Floodboat exchange – a risk assessment on the boat borrowed from Bruce McDougall was undertaken. Ben to forward request and risk assessment through QPS channels for DDC approval.
- Flood records for Miles – Helen queried as to whether any of the agencies had flood data in regards to the Dogwood Creek – Answer was no.

Miles

Steve Long advised the meeting that the water level at the RJ Simmons bridge over the Dogwood Creek was at 10.8m

Condamine

Helen provided an overview of the Condamine situation as per advice received from Bill Power. Levels had risen substantially overnight to 13.3m with one inundation emanate. Volunteers were sent to disconnect power and remove a pump from the river for a resident that was currently away from his property. Volunteers were also assessing Cr Andrew Smith's property for problems.

Wandoan

Helen advised that a food stock audit had been undertaken of the town this morning and bread had been organised to resupply the grocery outlets. Ferrying of the bread was required.

Tony Stout raised the issue that he was endeavouring to obtain a helicopter flight back to Miles to address limited staffing issues within the QAS in Miles. Ben Wiltshire advised that McMahon's were ferrying their personnel from Miles to Dalby and sought arrangements for Tony to come back to Miles on their return flight.

Anne Hore flagged that the blood supply for the hospital expires next week and would require to be addressed in the early portion of the week. Resupply would be possible out of Roma. Anne also advised that should blood tests be required, these too could be forwarded to Roma for assessment. Ferrying by flood boat would be required.

The issue was raised that sandbags and medication was required for Wandoan residents and arrangements were made for these items to be ferried on the 1.30pm boat run today.

Helen advised that she had received advice from Anthony York that he was able to source fresh milk for the town. Arrangements would be made for milk for Wandoan as well.

Helen advised that the Condamine Water Treatment Plant was not in danger from the floodwater.

Ray Duncombe advised that there did not appear to be damage to the ponds at the Miles Sewerage Treatment Plant.

There being no further issues the discussions concluded at 10.45 am.

Next meeting - 11am on Thursday 30 December 2010 - Council Committee Room.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION ON THURSDAY 30 DECEMBER 2010

- Opening of Warrego Highway over Dogwood Creek (RJ Simmons Bridge)
- Fresh milk for Miles and Wandoan townships – to be delivered around lunch time today
- Resupply of flour for Maces Hot Bread Shop approved by DDC – 750kg to be delivered today
- Medication resupply documentation submitted for residents at Condamine and Meandarra
- Resupply to Condamine township and possibly restocking Miles and Wandoan

NOTES FROM THE MILES LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION COMMITTEE'S FLOOD DEBRIEF HELD IN THE WORKROOM OF DOGWOOD CROSSING @ MILES ON MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 2.40 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Tony Stout (QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Ben Wiltshire (QPS), Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre), Bill Power (Local Controller SES) Glen Taylor (Local Deputy Controller SES), Shirley Walsh (Miles SES Group Leader), Liz Drumm, Kylie Bourne, Wayne Osburn and Helen Thomas (Western Downs Regional Council)

Helen commenced the meeting by welcoming attendees and thanking them for their assistance throughout the flood event. Helen particularly acknowledged the efforts of Bill Power, Glen Taylor and the Condamine SES for their work.

The following feedback was received:

Cecily Brockhurst

- that the recovery teams (Dept of Communities etc) for Condamine focused more on process than the people
- that the original evacuation to Dalby was not the desired location by residents – Miles or relatives would have been the preferred option
- Receipt of donations need to be a coordinated approach with all agencies working together. Cecily was approached by Council to co-ordinate during the flood event. Cecily commented on the task.

Bill Power and Glen Taylor (State Emergency Service - Condamine)

- Earlier warning mechanisms to be introduced – suggested that QGC and Origin Energy be approached to install monitoring stations so too the owner of "Eldervale" Chinchilla for the installation of a marker. Residents were upset in regards to the initial two hours notice being given to evacuate and furthermore with more advanced notice equipment/furniture would not have been required to be relocated a number of times.

Shirley Walsh (State Emergency Service – Miles)

- No notification on some websites that the Warrego Highway was closed at Miles due to flooding of the RJ Simmons bridge. Website notification needs to be more accurate
- Flood records for Miles – information needs to be sourced in regards to flood height records for the Miles township

Tony Stout – Queensland Ambulance Service

- Commented on the sharing of information through the event and congratulated the local team on their efforts
- The issue of immunisations was raised (eg. Tetanus) and the procedure taking during the event

Ray Duncombe, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

- Suggested ID No. for the Condamine appliances which would assist during events when contact is necessary
- Bog mats sourced from resource companies could be obtained for placement on either side of the river during floodboat operations to ensure better safety.