

# Shire of Kulin

## Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

<b>Date</b>	Thursday 26 March 2026
<b>Time</b>	3.00pm
<b>Location</b>	Shire of Kulin Council Chambers

#### 1. WELCOME AND RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Chair, Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Kulin, opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed all present, as named below:

- Alan Leeson, Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Kulin (LEMC Chair)
- Cr Jarron Noble – Shire of Kulin
- Cr Clinton Mullan – Shire of Kulin
- Judd Hobson – Executive Manager of Works - Shire of Kulin (*by Teams*)
- Taryn Scadding – Executive Manager of Community Services – Shire of Kulin
- Trent Nagtegaal – DFES Narrogin – Area Officer (East) (*by Teams*)
- Rod Diery – Chief Bush Fire Control Officer
- Barry Osborne – WA Police
- Lisa Biglin – WACHS Kondinin Hospital (*by Teams*)

#### 2. APOLOGIES

No apologies were recorded.

#### 3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

##### 3.1 Fuel Supply Situation – Rural / Regional Communities

The meeting was convened following concerns raised by WA Police regarding fuel availability and its potential impact on emergency service capability.

WA Police advised that there is growing concern at a regional level regarding fuel shortages and pricing, with a need to ensure adequate reserves are available for emergency response. It was also noted that there is an increased risk of fuel theft, with one significant incident (approx. 10,000 litres) recently reported in the region.

The Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of the current fuel situation, including engagement with the State Incident Controller. It was noted that there remains a lack of clarity regarding supply constraints affecting independent distributors, contributing to uncertainty within the agricultural sector.

The Shire's fuel reserves were outlined, with approximately 12,000 litres of ULP and between 22,000 to 30,000 litres of diesel currently held. Access is being managed through controlled hours and limits, with priority for emergency use.

Discussion occurred regarding trigger points for restricting fuel access, with indicative thresholds discussed between 5,000 and 10,000 litres.

Members noted concern regarding supply continuity into the seeding period and the lack of clear communication

from suppliers.

WACHS advised that health services are currently unaffected. DFES noted mobile fuel tankers can be deployed for extended incidents.

The Shire will continue to monitor the situation and circulate updates as available.

### **3.2 Weather Outlook – Tropical Cyclone Narelle**

DFES provided an overview of the forecast system, noting that Tropical Cyclone Narelle is expected to weaken to a tropical low by the time it reaches the region.

Forecast conditions include winds of 50–70 km/h with higher gusts and rainfall of 20–50mm. Potential lightning activity was also noted.

The primary concern is wind preceding rainfall, contributing to erratic fire behaviour. Brigades have been placed on alert and messaging issued to extinguish burns.

The Shire has issued community preparedness messaging, and SES resources are on standby.

Any significant changes will be communicated.

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Active Fire – Pyne Road**

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer provided an update on an active fire at Pine Road originating from a power pole failure.

Machinery has been deployed to knock down trees, with the fire being monitored and allowed to burn under controlled conditions due to the nature of the fuel load.

The site is contained with adequate firebreaks and low surrounding fuel loads. Ongoing monitoring will continue.

It was noted that fuel availability may become a factor in extended fire response operations.

## **5. NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

## **6. MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at approximately 4.00pm.