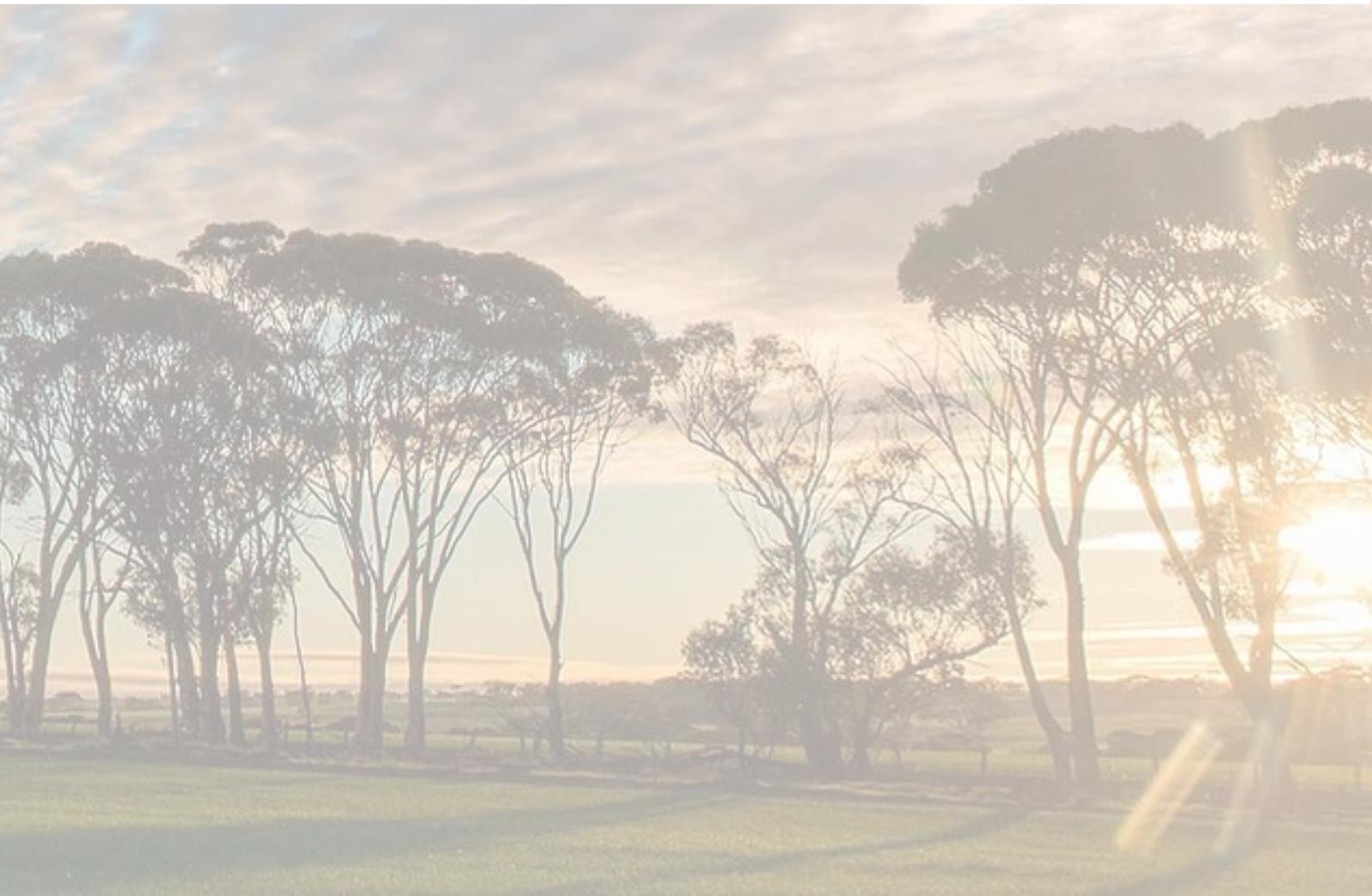




Shire of Dumbleyung

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# **ADVERSE EVENTS PLAN 2021**





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**An “adverse event” is the occurrence of an event that has a negative impact on the wellbeing of the community.**

The Shire of Dumbleyung Adverse Events Plan aims to build community resilience and community leadership capability and capacity to adapt and cope with chronic stresses and acute shocks.



## Introduction

The Shire of Dumbleyung Adverse Events Plan provides local community based planning for adverse events, including drought to improve preparation, management and recovery from those events and has been prepared as a requirement for acquittal of funding from the Drought Communities Program.

Developing this local adverse event plan increases community awareness, planning and leadership capability, building the communities' resilience to adapt and cope with chronic stresses and acute shocks.

The Shire of Dumbleyung Adverse Event Plan aims to:

Build community resilience and community leadership capability and capacity to adapt and cope with chronic stresses and acute shocks.

Initiate strategic actions to be undertaken by Council, shire staff and other relevant persons, to prepare for and manage local adverse events.

Outline the role of Local Government in dealing with adverse events

## Consultation & Adoption

This Adverse Events Plan has been prepared for the Shire of Dumbleyung in response to the requirements of the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme. This plan was compiled in consideration of Shire of Dumbleyung Strategic Community Plan and Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA). The Shire of Dumbleyung Adverse Events Plan was adopted by Council on 15 July 2021. This plan is scheduled to be reviewed every three years in response to 'Drought in Australia' Coordinator-General for Droughts advice on a Strategy for Drought Preparedness and Resilience .



# Communication

A range of communication techniques are used to provide the community with relevant information in relation to adverse events in accordance with Council Policy Communications and Social Media Policy. When the subject circumstance is determined, practical communication methods are activated to deliver information to the community. Common forms of communication delivery include website, online social media, local publications, Shire newsletters, letter drops and mailouts and emergency text message service.

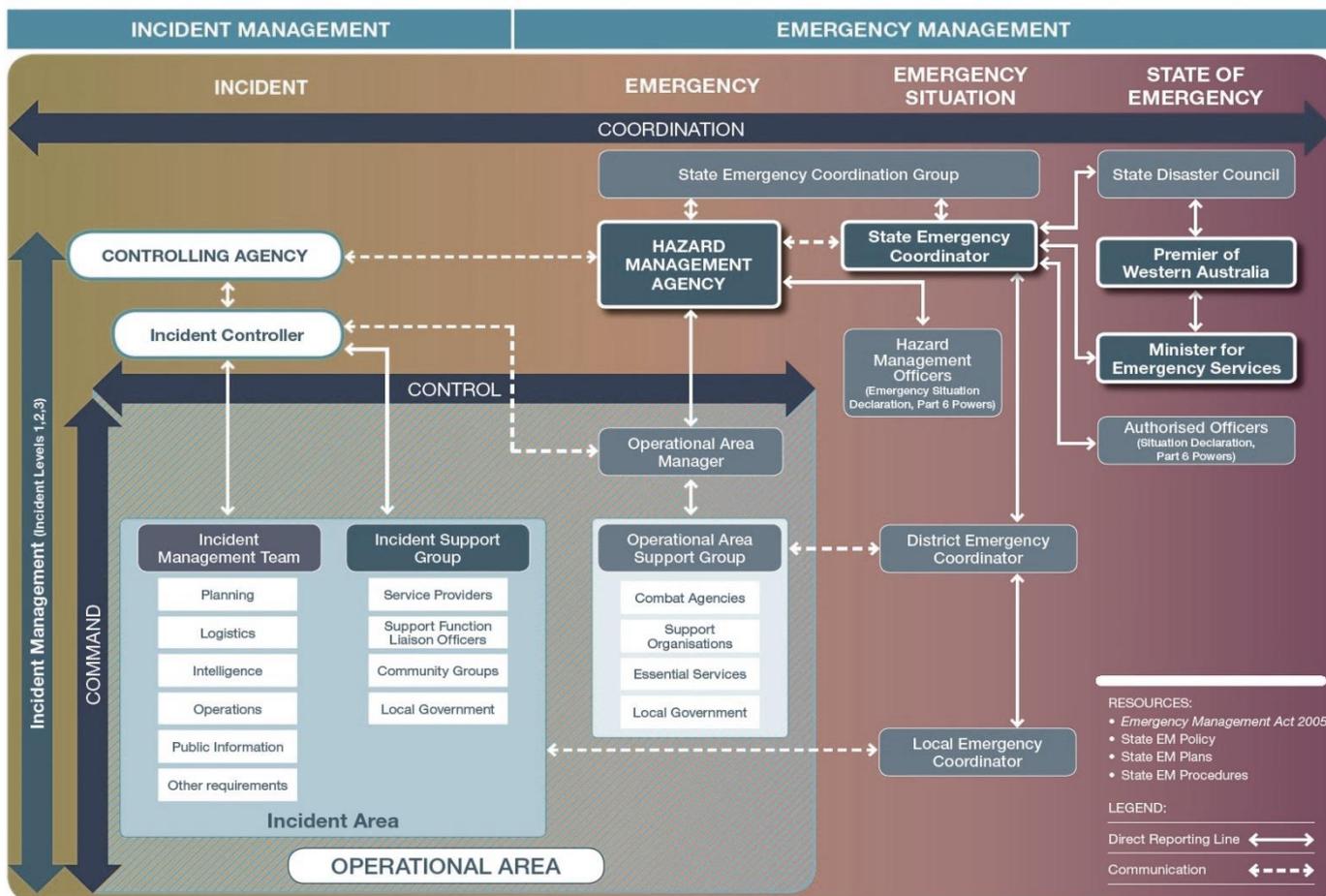
## Adverse Events Plan Responsibilities

Control of adverse event response and recovery operations is conducted at the lowest effective level.

The response of Council will vary in relation to adverse events depending on the nature of the event and therefore, should be proportionate to its scale, scope and complexity.

Responsibility for preparation, response and recovery rests initially at Local level. If Local agencies and available resources are not sufficient they are augmented by those at State and Federal level.

Figure 9 - State Emergency Management Plan



# Role of Local Government in Recovery

[Extract: 6.5 State Emergency Management Plan]

It is a function of local government to manage recovery following an emergency affecting the community in its district (s. 36 EM Act).

Local governments are guided by their Local Recovery Plan within their LEMA. Additional information that can assist local government develop local recovery plans can be found in the State Emergency Management Committee’s Local Recovery Guidelines.

The Local Recovery Coordinator coordinates local-level recovery activities in conjunction with the Local Recovery Coordination Group and in accordance with the plans, strategies and policies it determines. In large recovery events, additional local recovery subcommittees may be established to assist the Local Recovery Coordination Group to achieve its objectives (Figure 12).

When more than one local government is affected, a coordinated approach should be facilitated by the Local Recovery Coordinators and supported by the State Recovery Coordinator, as required.

The extent of recovery activity will depend on the nature and/or magnitude of the emergency. In some circumstances, it may be necessary for the State Government to have an increased level of involvement, through the State Recovery Coordinator or the establishment of a SRCG or State Recovery Controller, or both.

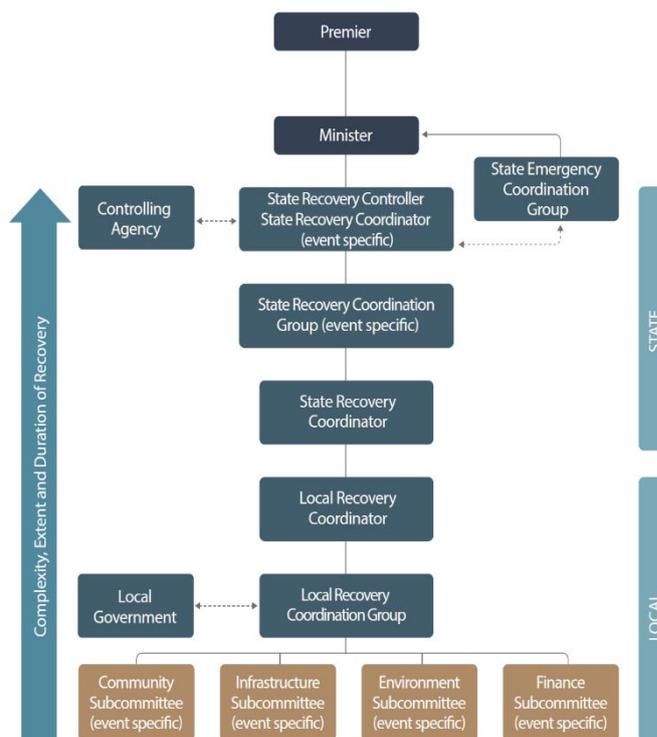


Figure 12: Recovery Coordination Structure

## Determination of State Involvement

[Extract: 6.6 State Emergency Management Plan]

In conjunction with the local government(s) and the State Emergency Coordinator, the State Recovery Coordinator is to consider the level of State involvement required, based on a number of factors pertaining to the impact of the emergency. These include:

- the capacity of the local governments involved to manage
- the recovery;
- the number of local governments affected; and
- the complexity and duration of the recovery.

A list of criteria to be considered as triggers for escalation of recovery activity is available in Appendix G of this Plan. A determination will then be made as to whether State support is provided through the State Recovery Coordinator, and whether the SRCG and State Recovery Controller are established.



# Local Plans, Policies, Committees and Agencies

(Relevant to this plan)

This plan outlines strategies and actions to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from adverse events. These events are often the responsibility of another agency (e.g. Department of Fire & Emergency Services), which may involve a commitment and assistance from Council, while the nature of some events may be full or partial responsibility of the Shire of Dumbleyung. By identifying and increasing awareness of other local plans, policies, committees and agencies it enables consultation and wider collaboration for more effective adverse events planning.

The Local Plans, Policies, Committees and Agencies listed below are complementary to this Adverse Events Plan and public release versions are available on the Shire of Dumbleyung website [www.dumbleyung.wa.gov.au](http://www.dumbleyung.wa.gov.au).

## COUNCIL POLICIES

- Risk Management Policy
- Communications Policy
- Occupational Health & Safety Policy

[\[READ\]](#)

## PLANS

- Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) [\[READ\]](#)
- State Emergency Management Plan [\[READ\]](#)

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Local Emergency Management Committee
- Bush Fire Advisory Committee

[\[READ\]](#)

## LOCAL AGENCIES

- Dumbleyung Police (08) 9893 7800
- Dumbleyung Hospital (08) 9863 5222
- Shire of Dumbleyung (08) 9863 4012

## STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Western Australia Police Force 131 444
- State Emergency Service (SES Emergency Assistance) 132 500
- Western Power 13 10 87
- Water Corporation 13 13 75
- Main Roads 138 138
- Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES Emergency Information) 13 3337

## EMERGENCIES 000



# Community Accessibility

## MAJOR ROADS

Dumbleyung-Lake Grace Road (State Route 107)

## RAIL ROUTES

East West – Wagin Newdegate Rail Route

## AIRPORTS

Wagin Airport (Asphalt Construction)

Coordinates: -33.31562383079181, 117.3590704189354

Dumbleyung Airport (Gravel Construction)

Coordinates: -33.3228380351024, 117.74914097342695

Kukerin Airport (Gravel Construction)

Coordinates: -33.175023436581945, 118.07964736862473

## DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS IN SHIRE OF DUMBLEYUNG

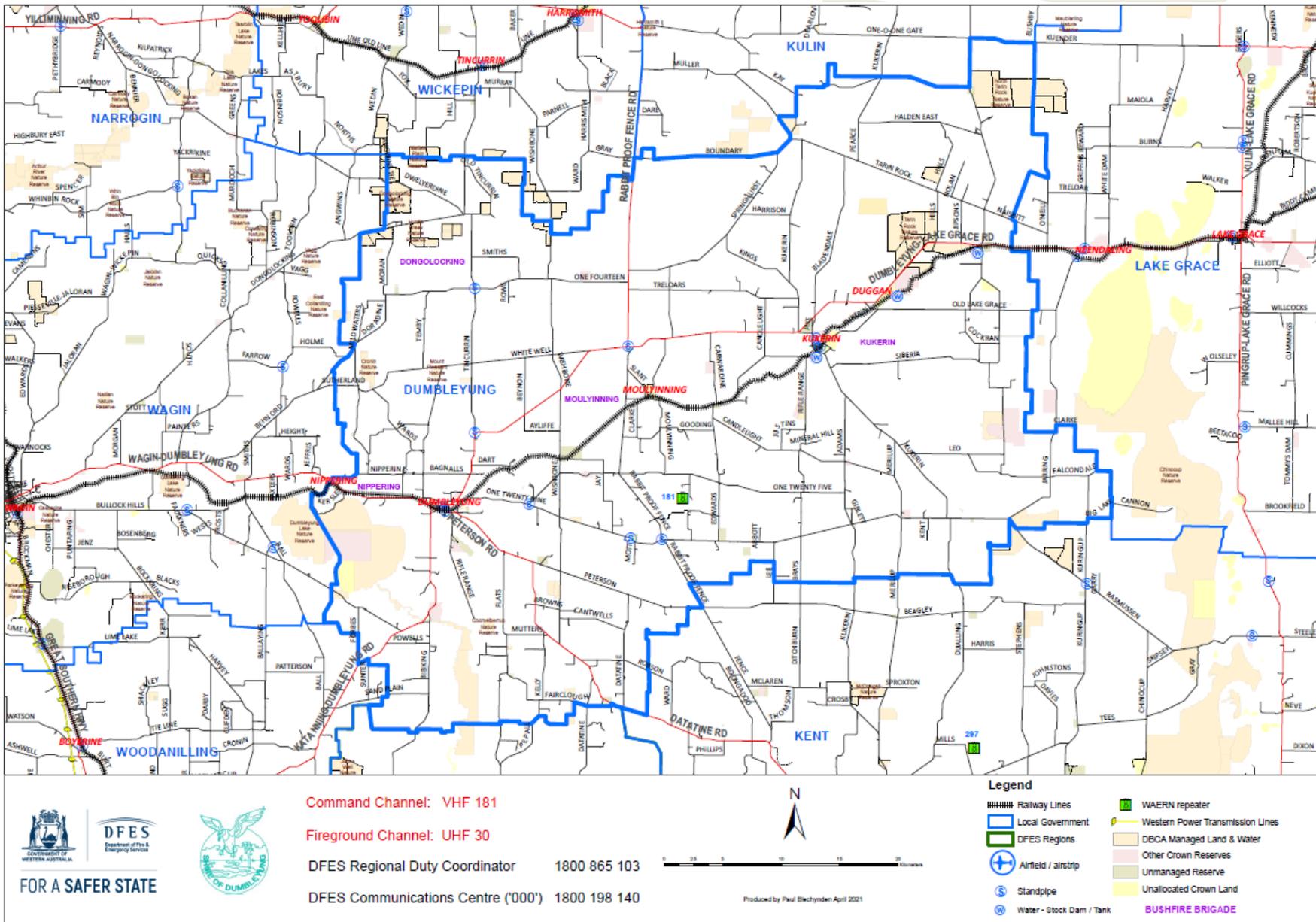
- St John Ambulance Sub Centre Dumbleyung
- Dumbleyung District Club Inc
- Dumbleyung Lake View Golf Club
- Dumbleyung Swimming Pool
- Dumbleyung Ag Supplies
- Dumbleyung Roadhouse
- The G.O.D.I Hotel Dumbleyung
- Stubbs Park - Oval Side of Pavilion (Tennis Club)
- Lake Dumbleyung Yacht/Sailing Club
- Lake Dumbleyung Ski Club
- Dumbleyung & Districts Men's Shed
- St John Ambulance Sub Centre Kukerin
- Kukerin General Store
- Kukerin Pistol Club
- Kukerin Town Oval - Nenke Park
- Bunge Grain Services Kukerin

## LOCAL ECONOMY

The Shire of Dumbleyung is a local government area in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia. The Shire covers an area of 2,540 square kilometres (981 sq mi) and is involved in grain and livestock production and various biodiversity industries. In the 2016 Census there were 671 people living within the Shire of Dumbleyung Local Government area.



# Transport Routes and Facilities [VIEW]



# Hazards and Risks

RISK RATING TABLE

RISK LEVEL	CONSEQUENCE	LIKELIHOOD/PROBABILITY			LIKELIHOOD / PROBABILITY LEVEL	
		L Likely	M Moderate	U Unlikely		
H (1) (High level of harm)	H (1) (High)	1	1	2	Could happen frequently	Likely
M (2) (Medium level of harm)	M (2) (Medium)	1	2	3	Could happen occasionally	Moderate
L (3) (Low level of harm)	L (3) (Low)	2	3	3	May occur only in exceptional circumstances	Unlikely

This Adverse Events Plan in line with the Shire of Dumbleyung Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) identifies the following hazards as having risk of causing loss of life, property, utilities, services and/or the capability for the community to operate as normal. These hazards have been identified as having the potential to create an emergency. The Local Emergency Management Arrangements should be referenced to identify the complete list of consequences and risk descriptions [READ].



# Hazards and Risks

HAZARD	LIKELIHOOD RATING	CONSEQUENCE RATING	LEVEL OF RISK	CONTROLLING AGENCY
Fire	Likely	High	High	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Storm /Flood	Unlikely	High	Medium	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Drought	Medium	High	High	Office of Drought Response (DPIE)
Heatwave	Medium	High	High	Shire of Dumbleyung
Dam break	Unlikely	High	Low	Shire of Dumbleyung
Air Transport emergency	Unlikely	High	Low	WA Police Service
Road Transport Emergencies	Unlikely	High	Medium	WA Police Service
Rail Transport Emergencies	Unlikely	High	Low	WA Police Service
Earthquake	Unlikely	High	Low	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Agricultural Disease	Unlikely	High	Medium	Department of Primary Industries
Fuel Shortage Emergencies	Unlikely	High	Low	Department of Consumer and Employment Protection
Hazardous Materials	Unlikely	High	Medium	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Explosion	Unlikely	High	High	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Human Epidemic	Medium	High	High	Department of Health



# Shire of Dumbleyung Community Aspirations

The below table is extracted from the Shire of Dumbleyung Strategic Community Plan outlining community aspirations derived from community surveys.

**1.**  
**MAINTENANCE OF SHIRE SERVICES**

- Roads
- Sport and Recreation
- Sewerage
- Waste Management
- Community Development
- Parks, Gardens and Townscape

**2.**  
**A STRONG AND IMPROVING ECONOMY**

- Water Security
- Tourism Development
- Land Assembly: Land, Power, Water, Sewerage
- New Businesses
- Improved Communications

**3.**  
**MAINTENANCE OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER EXTERNAL SERVICES**

- Health
- Education
- Emergency Services, Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue

**4.**  
**MAINTAIN LEVEL OF AGED CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

- Aged Friendly Towns
- HACC



# Strategic Actions

The strategic actions within the Shire of Dumbleyung Adverse Events Plan are intended to build community leadership capability, community resilience and capacity to adapt and cope with chronic stresses and acute shocks caused by adverse events. These adverse events affect businesses, natural resources and communities as well as impacting upon the productivity and profitability of farms, which is the main employment area within the Shire of Dumbleyung.

Local services and businesses suffer when farming experiences a decline as less money is spent locally. This could result in unemployment, closure of businesses, fewer employment opportunities and people leaving the community in search of employment.

Social and environmental impacts can be a result of adverse events. Stress affects health and wellbeing of the whole community. By identifying strategic actions, the Shire of Dumbleyung Adverse Event Plan prepares and assists the Council and the community to prepare for adverse events.

As Local Councils do not have the capacity to entirely respond to and prepare their communities for future adverse events, the support of Federal and State Governments is essential to this process. To best prepare for adverse events at a local level, strategic actions have been identified inline with the Australian Government’s drought policies and programs on five key priorities. By addressing all five priorities, we refine existing community strategies to encourage preparation and build resilience.

<b>PRIORITY</b> <b>1</b>	<b>STEWARDSHIP OF IMPORTANT NATURAL RESOURCES</b> To strengthen resilience in our agricultural sector and recognise the increasing challenge posed by a changing climate, a comprehensive understanding and strategic management of Australia’s soil, vegetation and water resources is critical.
<b>PRIORITY</b> <b>2</b>	<b>INCENTIVES FOR GOOD PRACTICE</b> The right research, regulatory and financial frameworks need to be in place to encourage farmers and communities to prepare and plan for adverse events.
<b>PRIORITY</b> <b>3</b>	<b>IMPROVING PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING</b> Farmers and local businesses struggling with adverse events must understand their options and have the capacity to make decisions about their future. This will ensure that those businesses that are sustainable will prosper.
<b>PRIORITY</b> <b>4</b>	<b>BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</b> Communities’ resilience is in large part driven through their ability to plan for shocks and stresses. Effective planning, involving the community, needs strong leadership. Building leadership capability, with a focus on planning should strengthen a community’s ability to cope and adapt to adverse events.
<b>PRIORITY</b> <b>5</b>	<b>INFORMING FARMERS, COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENT</b> Information that is accessible and can be applied at the local level is critical for preparation, planning and good decisions by farmers and communities



# Priorities & Strategic Actions Table

The Shire of Dumbleyung has identified the following strategic actions in order to prepare for and manage adverse events aligning local strategies in the Shire of Dumbleyung Strategic Community Plan with the priorities from ‘Drought in Australia’ Coordinator-General for [Droughts advice on a Strategy for Drought Preparedness and Resilience](#). The purpose of these strategies and actions is to increase community awareness, planning and leadership capability, building the communities’ resilience to adapt and cope with chronic stresses and acute shocks.

<p><b>PRIORITY</b></p> <p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>STEWARDSHIP OF IMPORTANT NATURAL RESOURCES</b></p> <p>To strengthen resilience in our agricultural sector and recognise the increasing challenge posed by a changing climate, a comprehensive understanding and strategic management of Australia’s soil, vegetation and water resources is critical.</p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>1.1</b></p>	<p>Take proactive steps towards water security to develop a level of water security in order to minimise impacts from a changing climate. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 2.6 Water Security]</a></p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>1.2</b></p>	<p>Support and encourage workshops and seminars organised by Government agencies, including Dumbleyung Landcare Inc to assist farmer and farm businesses, including feed and pest management.</p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>1.3</b></p>	<p>Promote the rectification of salinity problems as well as try to prevent new problems arising. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 2.5 Salinity Rectification and Improvement]</a></p>
<p><b>PRIORITY</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>INCENTIVES FOR GOOD PRACTICE</b></p> <p>The right research, regulatory and financial frameworks need to be in place to encourage farmers and communities to prepare and plan for adverse events.</p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b></p>	<p>Promote and advocate for local training opportunities to support the provision of additional skills for both on and off farm work opportunities</p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p>Pursue actions to improve telecommunications to prepare and plan for adverse events as well as make remote digital work opportunities possible. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 2.4 Telecommunications]</a></p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>2.3</b></p>	<p>Continue to support critical projects through the Bain Estate Future Fund to assist sporting groups, emergency organisations and hospital services within the shire. <a href="#">[REF: POLICY Bain Estate Future Fund]</a></p>
<p><b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b></p> <p><b>2.4</b></p>	<p>Continue to lease the land known as the ‘horse paddock’ to community and sporting groups/organisations as a fundraising means for periods of three years at a time. <a href="#">[REF: POLICY Lease of Horse Paddock]</a></p>



# Priorities & Strategic Actions Table

<p>PRIORITY</p> <p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>IMPROVING PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING</b></p> <p>Farmers and local businesses struggling with adverse events must understand their options and have the capacity to make decisions about their future. This will ensure that those businesses that are sustainable will prosper.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>3.1</b></p>	<p>Support awareness of, and encourage access to, the Rural Financial Counselling Service. <a href="https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service">https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p>Connect local people to relevant services through the Shire of Dumbleyung office and provide contact details for relevant organisation and service details through Councils social media and website.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>3.3</b></p>	<p>Support awareness of available Government assistance, including the farm household allowance. <a href="https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance">https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>3.4</b></p>	<p>Promote communication with local financial institutions and accounting firms to provide advice and work cooperatively with clients during times of adverse events.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>3.5</b></p>	<p>Provision of <a href="#">Council policy</a> COVID-19 Financial Hardship that allows for deferral of Council rates with no penalty for those landholders experiencing genuine hardship as a result of an adverse event, who have a good rates payment history. <a href="#">[REF: POLICY COVID-19 Financial Hardship]</a></p>
<p>PRIORITY</p> <p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</b></p> <p>Communities' resilience is in large part driven through their ability to plan for shocks and stresses. Effective planning, involving the community, needs strong leadership. Building leadership capability, with a focus on planning should strengthen a community's ability to cope and adapt to adverse events.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>4.1</b></p>	<p>Continue to maintain shire roads in accordance with maintenance schedules to manage impacts of minor adverse events, including minor storm events through drainage work maintenance including Increased level of road verge maintenance throughout the shire. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 1.1 Roads]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p>Transition to community facilities that meet the needs of a changing community. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 1.2 Community Facilities]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p>Encourage a strong community contribution and volunteer ethic in an attempt to maintain and increase numbers. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 1.3 Community Development]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION</p> <p><b>4.4</b></p>	<p>Facilitate the development of more industrial land to ensure it is available for new businesses. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 2.2 Industrial Land]</a></p>



# Priorities & Strategic Actions Table

<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.5</b></p>	<p>Diversify the Shire of Dumbleyung’s economic base to minimise impacts of adverse events. <a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 2.3 Economic Diversification]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.6</b></p>	<p>Maintain level of aged care services and facilities to ensure that the needs of an ageing population are being met allowing persons to remain in the Shire of Dumbleyung throughout their lifetime maintaining important family structures through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of Additional Accommodation</li> <li>- Supporting the provision of services of aged care for the aged within the shire.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">[REF: SCP Target 4.1 Provision of Additional Accommodation &amp; 4.2 Aged Services]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.7</b></p>	<p>Continuance of the Community Transport Service to provide a community driver transport service to allow residents to attend medical appointments outside of the Shire when they have no viable alternatives. This service is available to all residents of the Shire for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Journeys to specialist medical appointments.</li> <li>- Allied health appointments where the service in not available locally.</li> <li>- Compassionate reasons (separate fees apply).</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">[REF: POLICY Community Transport Service]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.8</b></p>	<p>Maintenance of State Government and other external services including: Health, Education, Emergency Services, Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue. Ensure that all local Bush Fire Control Officers and volunteers complete at least Modules 1-3 of FESA’s Bush Fire Training Program before being allowed to attend fires. <a href="#">[REF: POLICY Bush Fire Control Volunteers – Training Courses]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.9</b></p>	<p>Council provides assistance to community groups and organisations on an ongoing basis. The basis for deciding upon which assistance to be provided is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All community groups and organisations are to be treated equally.</li> <li>- Community groups and organisations must help in providing the assistance.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">[REF: POLICY Community Assistance]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.10</b></p>	<p>Support buy local campaigns and local businesses through regional price preference. In order to promote sub-regional development, the Shire of Dumbleyung will provide a price preference to local suppliers (located within the stipulated areas) when evaluating and awarding contracts with the Shire via the purchasing process. <a href="#">[REF: POLICY Regional Price Preference]</a></p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.11</b></p>	<p>Support continued advocacy by Councillors and the CEO towards Federal and State Government members of parliament in the interests of the Shire of Dumbleyung Community.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.12</b></p>	<p>Ensure shire staff has received training relevant to their area of work to assist and protect the community in adverse events, such as leadership, communication and co-ordination of adverse events as well as controlling and managing hazards safely in the field to avoid or lessen the impact of adverse events (E.g road access).</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.13</b></p>	<p>Actively pursue grant opportunities that benefit the Shire of Dumbleyung Community in the long term.</p>
<p>STRATEGIC ACTION <b>4.14</b></p>	<p>Support the strong connection with neighbouring shires, for the mutual benefits including 4WDL.</p>



# Priorities & Strategic Actions Table

<b>PRIORITY</b> <b>5</b>	<b>INFORMING FARMERS, COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENT</b> Information that is accessible and can be applied at the local level is critical for preparation, planning and good decisions by farmers and communities
<b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b> <b>5.1</b>	Promote the delivery of local project, programs and services to the community through a range of media sources, particularly through social media and emergency text messaging service. <a href="#">[REF: POLICY Communications and Social Media Policy]</a>
<b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b> <b>5.2</b>	Provide emergency information in hard copy with distribution of rates notices so that the community are kept informed with current information to assist them in coping through adverse events.
<b>STRATEGIC ACTION</b> <b>5.3</b>	Maintain regular contact with the community through local media publications and newsletters rotating regular emergency topics to establish awareness of services within the community.

