



AGENDA

Meeting details			
Meeting title:	STATE EMERGENCY MANGEMENT TEAM		
Meeting date:	Sunday 9 February 2014	Start:	1800hrs
Location:	SCC or dial in on 03 9037 8878 PIN-1259	End:	1835hrs

State Controller – FSC	Craig Lapsley	EPA	
Minister - Police and Emergency Services	Kim Wells	Energy – DSDBI	Peter Mason David Harris Marwa Khalif (T)
Chief Commissioner - VicPol	Ken Lay	Arterial Roads – VicRoads	Keith Weegberg
Chief Health Officer - DH		Public Transport - PTV	Kathryn Ng
State Health Coordinator - DH	Alison McMillan	Transport - DTPLI	Donovan Croucamp
State Health Command – AV	John Burne (T)	Local Gov - MAV	Martjin Gough
Recovery – DHS	Alan Hall Kim O'Shaunessy	Regional Development Victoria - DSDBI	Jess Fream
VicPol – Command & Control	Steve Fontana	Business / Industry - DSDBI	Barbara Collam
VicPol – SERC	Shane Patton	Work Safe	Nikos Likoresis
CFA Command	Joe Buffone John Haynes	Tourism – TV	Stuart Topliss (T)
DEPI Command	Andrew Graystone Adam Tenessey	Weather – BOM	Kevin Parkyn Tarini Casinader
MFB Command	David Youssef	DPC	Andrew Campbell Sue William
SES Command	Tim Wiebusch	DOJ	Heather Cook
Relief - Red Cross/DHS	Adam Dent	Media – EMJPIC	Marita Tabain
Education – DEECD	Jenny McKeagney	Emergency Call Taking - ESTA	Rod Petty
Public Land – PV	John Williamson	Defence - ADF	Travis Reddy
Agriculture (DEPI)	Jon Balfour	SCT Executive Officer	Mark Stephens
Water & Sewerage	Predeepa Adhittey	Deputy State Controller	Alan Goodwin Peter Rau Euan Furgeson



EMA	Justine Rixon	SCC Strategic Risk	Deb Jepsen
Melbourne Water	Craige Brown		
		Minutes	Ashlea Baker

No	Actions Arising from Previous Meetings	Assigned to	Actioned
1.	Nil		

Item	Subject
1.	<p><u>Weather Update</u></p> <p><u>Today:</u> Dry wind change moving through. South-westerly winds, currently moving through the far east part of the state. This will have a big impact on fires in the east. Change is expected to clear the east by 1900hrs, and will be in NSW by midnight. There has been lightning at fire complexes in the last hour (at 1800hrs).</p> <p><u>Tomorrow:</u> Very High FDR ratings. Mild in the south (temperatures around 20-25 degrees). No rain is expected.</p> <p><u>Extended Outlook:</u> There is a possibility of rain on Friday and Saturday however this is not confirmed.</p>
2.	<p><u>Situational Awareness</u></p> <p><u>Current</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire – Approximately a dozen areas of fire activity: Gisborne, Mickleham, Darraweit Guim, Warrandyte, Powell Town, Morwell and the Latrobe Valley, Yarram, and a number of complexes in the East Gippsland area (inc. Glenaladale, northwest of Buchan, northwest of Orbost, Deddick, Goongerah and Club Terrace). <p>East Gippsland fires are going to be long duration fire fights. The wind change reduces temperatures and increases humidity, however it will be a number of weeks until the situation there will be controlled.</p> <p>Latrobe Valley has had a number of fires. The Hernes Oak fire escaped control lines earlier today.</p> <p>There have been a number of suspected deliberately lit fires off the Strzelecki Highway which has resulted in a number of fire fronts burning in to the industrial area around Morwell. As a result, there is currently fire in the Morwell open cut, the Yallourn open cut, in plantations around Morwell, and on the north face of Hazelwood open cut.</p> <p>There is a meeting this evening with the power industry executives and emergency</p>



services to develop a plan for the protection of critical infrastructure in that area, and a separate division of that fire is being established.

There are a significant number of road closures, including the Hume Highway north of Melbourne, and a number of closures on the Princes Highway through Gippsland.

- **Health** –
A couple of facilities were under threat but this has passed.
- **AV** -
There is a strike team at the Craigieburn fire, and support in the community centre in Gisborne.
- **Relief** –
14 relief centres open.
The one in Craigieburn is not being staffed by agency commanders at the moment. Expecting 50 out of 100 people overnight in Orbost, 100-150 in Gisborne overnight, 19 overnight in Cann River, 12 overnight in Delegate, and potential for a few more at Yarram. While these numbers are not large, people are staying which might impact on crews getting access to these areas.
- **Police** –
There have been a number of reports of deaths today however there has been no confirmation, which might indicate that there have not been any at this stage. An impact assessment coordinator has been appointed.
Two teams have been deployed to Mickleham fire.
Local resources are sending information through for the Gisborne fire.
The Arson and Explosives unit has been deployed to 7 fires today. 3 of these are worrying in terms of fire ignition source. 4 are under investigation.
- **Vicroads** -
65-70 road closures. The key ones are the Princes Highway through Gippsland. The Hume has re-opened.
- **PTV** -
No services through Moe to Traralgon.
Southern Cross to Bendigo services are being replaced by buses.
Latrobe Valley are not able to run some of their services.
- **Transport** -
1 service temporarily delayed at Wallan. No additional impacts from a rail freight perspective.
Road diversions were adequate.
- **Energy** -
Spot fires burning overburden in the mines which are not concerning at the moment, but are being monitored for risks.
Fires are also threatening 2 transition lines out of Hazelwood to Rowville and to Cranbourne.



SP Ausnet had about thousand people offline due to fires in the vicinity. Some equipment has tripped at Morwell and the impact is on supply into one of the mines.

One of the lines to Moe has tripped, so they are now running on a single feed. SP Ausnet are working on this with CFA.

- **PV -**
2 more parks were closed in Gippsland this afternoon (Mitchell River and Tara Range).
- **Tourism -**
No issues. Watching the Princes Highway closure in Gippsland.
- **Education -**
East Gippsland will have 4 schools, 3 early childcare facilities will be closed tomorrow from 4pm. 13 bus routes servicing local schools in the area cancelled. Mickleham Primary School is being used as a staging area for CFA tomorrow and will be closed.
- Future
- **State Controller-** There is a need to get proper briefings to the Minister for Energy.
- Fire Command
 - **CFA -**
Resources have been shifted across the state. Have assistance from NSW and MFB.
Will be resetting tonight and then will look at moving into Gippsland. NE crews held in due to the wind change but were then pushed out to fires. 5 strike teams from NSW, as well as air support over the border. Increasing resources in Latrobe Valley, including the number of pumpers. There has been some report of property losses in the Morwell Township. There is a group setting up fire fighting in the mines and increasing resources needed for that which is being planned tonight.
 - **DEPI -** No issues.
 - **MFB -** No issues.
- **Relief -**
In terms of relocation, a disability community service was relocated in Yarram. This went quite well.
Evacuating aged care facilities in Morwell.
Vulnerable persons register is being utilised.
- **Recovery - Agriculture**
Priority tomorrow will be animal welfare and then asset damage in terms of agriculture.
Operating out of DEPI Atwood for animal relief.
Moving resources across to East Gippsland in Bairnsdale for access to the longer duration fires.



<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Messaging – EMJPIC</u></p> <p>No concrete information has been received regarding current situations and this needs to be rectified. Firm, clear information is needed. Issues today regarding messaging relating to energy Tomorrow will be looking at relief. There will be advertising around relief. Radio tomorrow afternoon and in the press on Tuesday. There is a lift-out coming out in the newspapers about Black Saturday and the Government’s work.</p> <p>All SEMT representatives need to communicate with their communications directors and get their messaging correct. Consider what the situations mean for people.</p> <p>EMJPIC are meeting at 0830hrs tomorrow and need key people prepared and online.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Items of Exception</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Strategic Risk Localised register of issues have been sent to SEMT members at 1600hrs. Asking for any input or comments. These will be categorised and can be sent out to the regions. Regarding communication: quality of information needs to be sourced and confirmed.</p> <p>• Impact assessment (VicPol)- Reaching through the ICC’s. Starting to engage with MFB and other agencies. This will be happening this afternoon. Expect people to give as much as they can. Report will be provided tomorrow morning in terms of where they are at.</p> <p>• Water catchments are ready to burn. This is a key issue.</p> <p>• Latrobe Valley fires are also an ongoing key issue. Steve Warrington – CFA Deputy Chief – is there at the moment to provide support to get the Latrobe Valley plan right in a fire suppression and management, and connecting industry sense.</p> <p>• Impact assessment is estimated at less than 10 houses.</p> <p>• Gippsland is an ongoing issue. Fires will be there for weeks and will take significant resources to contain.</p>

The next scheduled meeting will be: **0945hrs Monday 10 February**

No	Actions	Assigned to	Due date
1.	All SEMT members to go to their communications members to ensure they are connected and messaging is correct.	All	0830hrs - 10/02/14

