

Coal Mine Emergency Management Taskforce

Meeting # 11 – 14 April 2015

MEETING OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

Attendees:

Craig Lapsley (by phone)	EMC	Anne Bignall	DEDJTR	John Sammons	DHHS	Ron Mether	Energy Aust
Peter Schmidt (Chair)	EMV	Ross McGowan	DEDJTR	Rochelle Parker	DHHS	Emily Sanders	EPA
Lachlan Quick (by phone)	EMV	Nick Demetrios	AGL	Garry Wilkinson	GDF SUEZ	Cathy Wilkinson	EPA
Debbie Robson	EMV	Bill Johnstone	CFA	Kevin Hayes	Worksafe		

Apologies:

Mark Pearson	Energy Aust	Lance King	LCC	Sara Rhodes-Ward	LCC	Brad Miller	Energy Aust
Steve Rieniets	AGL	Rob Kelly	Worksafe	Tony Innocenzi	GDF SUEZ		

Item 2:	<p>Actions from Meeting #10 – 10 March 2015</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned from the fire season to be incorporated for planning purposes at the mid year Municipal Fire Committee Planning meeting. This action to be held over until the next meeting, 6 May 2015. • EMC met with Chief Officers regarding Operationalising CO and Smoke protocols. (See attached spreadsheet). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The objective is to develop a comprehensive and sector-wide training framework that supports the ‘detection, analysis and management of smoke and an atmospheric strategy’. ○ There is already a large amount of training material and programs in place that we can use as a foundation to build on. ○ We are attempting to capture the learnings from Hazelwood and other events, transmit and share these learnings across the sector. We have focused on formal training in this session and we can also utilise other methods such as case studies to inform and share these lessons. • The Aircraft contract arrangements are about to expire. FLIR flight conducted 14 April and are to be reviewed at the end of the month and CFA will make some decisions regarding ongoing and frequency of flights. • EMC met with DELWP Chief Officer to discuss approvals of fuel reduction burning within 70km radius of La Trobe Valley, current arrangements will be left in place until after the burn season and reviewed in May.
Item 3:	<p>Communications group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Status – business as usual • Community Connections meetings – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting #1 - 1 May 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update and achievements to date ▪ Discuss issues of interest to community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information transparency • Awareness of risks in La Trobe Valley • As per recommendation 11 & 12

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting #2 – TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop: Community Connection – systems approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHAT does Community want to know / hear /access • WHEN does Community want it • HOW dos Community want to find it ○ Meeting #3 – TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop: How will community plan, connect and communicate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for communities, business, health, school, etc • LCC paper community communication on framework assessment status held over until next meeting. • Three community meetings/briefings to be conducted prior to next fire season, key aim to advise what has been delivered and involvement of key community members to capture experiences and ideas as most appropriate for future direction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: TFD - Organise a Community workshops (one every 3mths) engaging trusted networks and principal community leaders. Action: TFD / Debbie – Check availability for EMC to attend a community meeting just prior to a Taskforce meeting
Item 4:	<p>Taskforce Status Report 31 December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from Stakeholders on report content: All support the report • The next status report will be as at 30 June 2015 and will focus in more detail on status of Agency initiatives including communications projects. <p>Action: TFD / Debbie to communicate with agencies on evidence collection prior to June 30 2015.</p>
Item 5	<p>Information Monitoring Equipment review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of review as directed by EMC to analyse monitoring of equipment and communications. See attached ‘Responding to the Morwell air monitoring equipment failure’ report.

Item 6	<p>DEDJTR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ross McGowan from DEDJTR presented a briefing on Earth Resources regulations and the mine licensing structure. See attached presentation. <p>Action: DEDJTR to provide a follow up briefing at next meeting on the status of the new Mine Licensing legislation implementation.</p>
Item 7	<p>Mines, Agency and LCC updates and other business</p> <p>EMC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taskforce to revisit work plan to ensure adequate preparedness for the next fire season? Community workshops to be scheduled. <p>TFD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officially thanks CFA for accommodating the Taskforce Director and Office Manger in their new location which is ideally located in Morwell. <p>CFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 April 2015 Minister Garrett officially launched the CFA new District 27. Working towards a new direction of building community connections. <p>DHHS (Health)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkages between Health and EPA messaging being investigated to ensure commonality of approach regarding community messaging and education. <p>DHHS (Recovery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsibility for recovery has been handed over to LCC. TFD and DHHS to arrange presentation to RMF re: Taskforce activities and direction. <p>EPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating implementation recommendations, following on from Hazelwood recommendations.

- Emily has been taken offline to do some strategic work around all the different works EPA is doing within the region.
 - Air quality monitoring is gearing up for rapid response network that is to be up and running for next fire season.
 - Two new air monitoring stations turned on at Churchill and Moe.
 - Focus has been on planned burns, a couple days of smoke around the La Trobe Valley pushed the air quality readings to poor and very poor, which resulted in a different level of response including over night monitoring.
 - Mobile technology was implemented for 5 days when one of the monitoring units failed.
 - A Community reference group in the Valley is to being set up focusing on air monitoring and broader environment issues.
- DEDJTR**
- Nothing further to previously reported.
 - Discussion held regarding communication protocols within Government.
- AGL**
- New CAFS Unit arriving shortly
 - A mine and wildfire training exercise was held 26 March 2015 with impressive results, all staff successfully managing their roles.
- GDF SUEZ**
- Recent 'familiarisation exercise' held at the mine. There is a new plan and system in place.
 - A visit from the implementation monitor is scheduled.
 - Significant progress has been made, aiming to have the recommendations implemented in six weeks.
- Energy Australia**
- Work continuing with additional pipe works, rehabilitation and upgrading the wall on the high level dam.
 - GHD are facilitating workshops for the new 'Risk management and fire plan' in conjunction with the three mines and agency groups. The second workshop is being held 17 April 2015. TFD attending and CFA OM Bill Johnstone to be invited.
- Worksafe**
- Officially thanked Loy Yang for hosting the Worksafe training 26/27 March 2015
 - Further systems training planned in line with recommendation 4 in acquiring expertise knowledge.
 - At Yallourn in May

	○ Interagency activity continuing.
Next Meeting: 0930 – 1100 – 6 May 2015 - CFA 23 Hazelwood Rd Morwell	