

NOTES FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2011 AT 4.00 PM

10 January 2011

Advised residents late that night of river levels and that bridge would be untrafficable - suggested voluntary evacuation or placing vehicles over western side of bridge - many did so

11 January 2011

Town meeting held at 11.45am and advised of voluntary evacuation - no objections by residents - fully willing to cooperation

Evacuation centre established in Miles at Leichhardt Centre with existing Windibri residents allowed to remaining at Windibri camp. 14 evacuees accommodated for the night and several stranded motorists. Received registrations from approximately 28 exacuees who have made arrangements to stay with friends.

Treatment plant shut down and items removed in readiness for flooding

Donations of furniture and clothing being managed the Murilla Community Centre and manned by volunteers out of Lutheran Hall.

12 January 2011

River level 11.9m at 7.45am
Dogwood Creek in Miles level 6.8m at 6.30am
Charley's Creek Chinchilla level 7.45m

Received advise from DDC that Police would remain in Condamine.

13 January 2011

River level 13.4m at 10.30am

Family Fund night organized for Saturday 15 January 2011 from 3pm to 9pm at the Football Oval.

Information supplied to travelers/truckies - Dogwood Crossing @ Miles set up

John Chaplain advised of meat resupply on Friday

21 SES personnel deployed to Dalby

Red Cross personnel returned to Brisbane - no replacements

Volunteer roster arranged for Evac Centre - Melissa McGrath assisting Council on voluntary bases - doing a great job.

Medical assistance for Collier attended to by Tara SES

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14 January 2011

Resupply issue for Miles and Wandoan - difficult to achieve. Supermarket proprietors have placed their normal order and have advised that they do not wish to submit resupply request choosing to hold out until roads are open early next week.

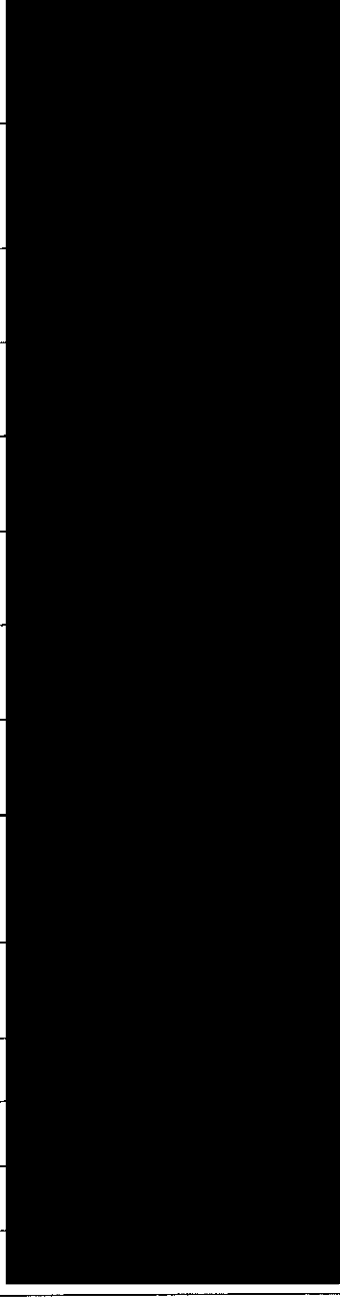
10 in evac centre last night.

Bureau of Meteorology anticipates peak in Condamine River at Condamine late on the weekend at 14.8m.

Queensland Health staff change over today. Two social works in Miles until next Thursday.

Have received advice from DG that an SES taskforce must be placed in Condamine prior to residents returning. Must link with QPS to get permission. SES must be part of welcome back and immediately on hand to start work. Bob Bundy has indicated that a small SES team out of Stanthorpe will be utilized for Condamine clean up. Miles SES will also be utilized. It is hoped this will satisfy DG's instruction without over populating Condamine during clean up. Details will be refined closer to activity.

MILES DISTRICT
LOCAL EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Member	Organisation	Contact Details
Sgt. Ben Wiltshire	Officer-in-Charge Queensland Police Service	
Tony Stout	Officer-in-Charge Queensland Ambulance Service	
Ray Duncombe	Captain Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	
Julie Smith	Director of Nursing Miles Health Service	
Bill Power	Local Controller State Emergency Service	
Shirley Walsh	Miles Group Leader State Emergency Service	
Shirley Long	Dulacca Group Leader State Emergency Service	
Cecily Brockhurst	Centre Manager Murilla Community Centre	
Helen Thomas	Miles Community Services Manager Western Downs Regional Council	
Other key personal from Council involved during event		
Elizabeth Upton	Community Services Officer Western Downs Regional Council	
Wayne Osburn	Facilities and Project Officer Western Downs Regional Council	
Lavinia Tyrrell	Community Development Co-ordinator Western Downs Regional Council	
Kylie Boume	DC@M Supervisor Western Downs Regional Council	

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON FRIDAY 31
DECEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Justin Bower (QPS), Erin Kill (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) and Wayne Osburn (WDRC).

APOLOGIES

Phil Berting (CEO WDRC), Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES), Ben Wiltshire (QPS)

BUSINESS

The following points were raised for discussion:

- Helen advised that the town of Condamine was evacuated last night. Contrary to media reports the only people left are 4 police and Bill Power.
- Helen advised that the Chinchilla Weir is currently 15.31m at 8.25 a.m. Could possibly be looking at 15.1 metres in Condamine and could be tomorrow afternoon.
- Ergon Energy has disconnected the power and a number of spur lines have also gone out. 811 consumers are currently down. The customers out include Teys Feedlot and Wallumba Feedlot.
- Helen advised that a number of requests for food and medication was coming in this morning.
- Helen was hoping to today to be able to contact the three affected landholders in the area and see what is required.
- Helen advised that we were hoping to get a fresh milk in tomorrow. However the bridge has a 5 tonne load limit and therefore would need help to ferry the milk across the bridge.
- MRD will not be out until Monday to inspect the bridge.
- Helen advised that there is local traffic only to Wandoan and nothing beyond there.
- Justin advised that there was a problem with communication between Miles and Condamine. Shirley suggested that the SES vehicle to vehicle communication may be an option that could be used. Justin confirmed that they are able to communicate with Ben Wiltshire in Condamine using the hand held radio however there was some concern as to how long the battery would last on that vehicle.
- Cecily gave an outline of what assistance is available through the Community Centre. The Department of Communities has a 1800 number that can be used to process matters and assistance with the completion of forms can be obtained in Miles. Cecily has some food vouchers available now.

If your insurance covers items you would be ineligible for assistance. You must prove financial hardship to receive assistance to cover the costs of food, medication etc. If someone's home is inundated there is no means test to seek assistance with the replacement of household items.

- Cecily is in the office each morning and has her mobile number listed on the door and on recorded message on the phone. Cecily will be able to call in further staff should the situation arise.
- Helen gave details of a possible medical incident phoned in to the Roma QPS.
- Resupply items for rural properties are coming from Chinchilla.
- The airport is open at Chinchilla
- Anne advised that the hospital has an issue with the supply of milk. Possibly will run out tomorrow.
- Anne enquired if anyone was travelling to Roma as she had a pathology item that needed to be taken to Roma.
- Cecily will deal with matters as they come in. No Centrelink money was available at this stage
- Ray Duncombe advised that signs had been removed and some people were travelling to Chinchilla only to discover that the road was closed. Discussions were held on where to access some replacement signs.
- Wayne confirmed that there was no power at the airport there was a generator there if lights were needed for night landing. Anyone should contact Wayne if this situation was to arise.
- Justin advised that the police at Roma may have stopped the flow of trucks into Miles with the useage of signage in Roma.
- Shirley Walsh advised that she had been contacted by some people who were irate about the Condamine residents being evacuated to Dalby. Helen advised that the opening of an evacuation centre was not just a matter of housing people. They must all be registered and accounted for, social services and Department of Communities etc needed to be activated. Tony Stout gave a quick summary of what was required in an evacuation centre and advised that it was a major operation to set up and receive evacuees.
- Shirley enquired should she give the flood boat back. Helen suggested not as yet and confirmed that the flood boat was Bruce McDougalls and had been loaned to us for the use during this recent flood.
- Shirley spoke about having a BBQ when the situation was over.
- Tony Stout advised that they were quiet at the moment however he could be having a staffing issue shortly but would work through that matter.
- Tony advised that if an emergency situation arose people need to call 000 and then the local QAS would be contacted to see if they are able to access the location and then further flood crossing assistance would be sought.
- Kylie Bourne called into the meeting to advise that Murilla Foodworks had contacted Council to advise that Roma residents were coming to Miles to restock and they had been forced to review their stocking levels and would not last until Tuesday.
- Helen confirmed 86 people were evacuated from Condamine last night.
- Ray sought direction from Q Health about immunizations for clean up. Definitely Hep B and tetanus should be current.

ITEMS FOR SATURDAY

- * Condamine River height this morning in Condamine was 15.25 - envisaged peak tomorrow afternoon at 15.5m - Chinchilla Weir peaked at 15.4m
- * Two food resupplies and three medical resupplies yesterday
- * Warrego Highway is not to opening today - when is unknown

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON THURSDAY,
30 DECEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 11.00 A.M.**

ATTENDANCE

Ben Wiltshire (QPS), Steven Long (Miles SES member), Shirley Walsh (Group Leader, Miles SES), Russell Priestly (WDRC), Helen Thomas (WDRC), Kylie Bourne (WDRC), Tony Stout (OIC Miles QAS), Ray Duncombe (QFRS), Elizabeth Upton (WDRC), Anne Hore (Acting DON Miles Health Service), 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:

- Warrego Highway over Dogwood Creek (RJ Simmonds Bridge) is now open to the west to Roma.
- Phil advised that he had heard that some heavy vehicles were going back roads around to Chinchilla and causing major damage to the roads. Compliance officers would be investigating this matter.
- The Leichhardt Highway north is not open due to major road damage.
- IGA & Foodworks are trying to access some wholesale transportation via Sydney and through western areas. They will come back to us shortly.
- Bill Power has conducted a food audit for Condamine and at this stage they are fine. However there is currently a medical request and this is for people in Condamine and Meandarra. This is being coordinated at the moment.
- Phil enquired what we had in place for an evacuation centre in Condamine should there be a need for one. Helen said she would work on that matter today.
- Kylie advised that she had spoken to Anthony York and he advised that he expected to receive a delivery of fresh milk. A delivery to Miles and Wandoan would be undertaken.
- Ray Duncombe advised that he believed the Dogwood Creek had started backing up.
- Helen advised that 3 houses were inundated at Condamine at this stage. The evacuees were being housed with friends/relatives.
- Helen advised that there was an understanding that the Condamine River at Condamine would peak at 15metres.
- Kylie advised that she had commenced gathering details of clusters of people that require assistance in the future to ensure a coordinated approach.
- Tony Stout advised that he had managed to get a lift back on a McMahon's helicopter yesterday. Tony advised that the QAS was quiet at this stage.
- Ray Duncombe advised that the airport was fine and Council was currently mowing around the lights.

Ben Wiltshire returned from receiving a telephone call from Bill Power and advised the following:

- The water level in Condamine was currently 14.25 m and rising. The water is currently knee deep in the hotel and Condamine Seeds. It is anticipated that once it reached 14.5 metres half the town would be inundated. At the anticipated peak of 15 metres the entire town will be inundated. It was suggested that we would need to look at evacuating the entire town of Condamine.
- Bill Power will contact Ben Wiltshire and advise exactly how many people would need evacuation at this stage it could possibly be 100 people.
- Phil suggested evacuating the people to Dalby.
- Ben enquired as to the drinking water supply in Dalby. Phil advised that he thought they may be able to survive.

Anne Hore joined the meeting.

Helen enquired as to the supply of blood at the hospital. Anne advised that they were sending some items through to Roma today and would enquire as to the blood supply at Roma.

Russell advised that some signs had been removed and requested that when any signs are removed Council ensure that the SES are fully informed.

Anne advised that they had the presentation of an aggressive person this morning. Anne advised that the supply of illicit drugs would be short and this could prove to be a problem.

Anne enquired as to how far west the road has been able to go. Steven advised that he understood it to be open to Morven but people would need to make enquires with relevant authorities further west.

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 28
DECEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 3.00PM**

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) and Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES) in attendance via conference call.

BUSINESS:

Helen Thomas advised that due to requests that were being received, the activation of the Local Emergency Coordination Committee was required.

Helen provided the following information to the attendees:

Miles

- Flooding at the RJ Simmons Bridge over Dogwood Creek in Miles peaked around 12.30am on Tuesday 28 December 2010 at 12.1m
- At 1pm today, level had slowly receded to 11.85m
- The Nine Mile and the Wallan Creek water levels peaked yesterday afternoon. At 9am today the Nine Mile was no longer over the Leichhardt Highway however Wallan Creek bridge water still had appropriately 0.3m flooding across pavement.
- Report was received that water levels at Luebbe's, being the headwaters of the Dogwood Creek had exceeded the 1983 flood record and was still rising.

Condamine

- Bill Power provided update on Condamine situation noting that level at the time of meeting was 11.9m
- One house in Condamine was inundated by flood water due to a block drain
- Ferrying of feedlot operation workers commenced this morning and will continue to occur until flood waters recede
- All roads to Condamine are cut – isolated

Wandoan

- Township had fared relatively well with no inundation reported due to flood waters
- Major road damage

Helen advised that four resupply enquiries had been received today for food stuff and medications. The Wandoan SES had carried out one resupply this morning with another resupply requiring the ferrying of supplies to the western side of the Dogwood which occurred at approximately 3pm. Phil queried in regards to

involvement in resupplying. Helen advised that the SES would provide means of delivery however it was the responsibility of the individual person to arrange for the purchase, payment and delivery of the goods to the SES and collection upon delivery.

Ben Wiltshire advised of a resident on the Myall Park Road that would require assistance in terms of food resupply within the next two days. This issue will be reassessed tomorrow.

Helen advised that a query had been received in regards to medication for an organ transplant patient and Helen asked Ann Hore to provide details of the arrangements made to date.

Helen queried Ann in regards to contract arrangements for Dr Ali. With Dr Pasi being confined to Toowoomba due to floodwaters and Dr Ali's contract with the hospital concluded today, Helen asked for update. Ann advised that due to the circumstances Dr Ali would continue to operate as per normal until Dr Pasi was able to return to Miles prior to taking up his placement in Tara.

Shirley Walsh advised that resupply runs would be occurring each day at 9am and 2pm to ferry goods across the Dogwood Creek. Problems were being experienced with the Miles flood boat. Helen asked that arrangements be made for repairs asap.

Bill Power advised that the Condamine township would require resupplying in appropriately 36 to 48 hours time. Medical supplies were reasonable for the time being. Ferrying of feedlot workers commenced this morning and would run twice daily. Phil advised that there had been big falls in the catchment of the Condamine River which would mean Condamine could be isolated for some time.

Tony Stout queried the staging points for the collection of QAS patients. There was discussion in regards to gaining access to Condamine should assistance be required by the QAS. Richard Derksen advised that he would have staff investigate the possibility of accessing Condamine via Fairymeadow Road on the Warrego Highway at Goombi first thing on Wednesday morning. Staging points for the Dogwood Creek in Miles would be the entrances to the flood water on the Warrego and Leichhardt Highways west of the Miles township.

There being no further issues the discussions concluded at 4.15pm.

Next meeting - 11am on Wednesday 29 December 2010 - Council Committee Room.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAY 29 DECEMBER 2010

- Resupply - Transportation of medication by Roma SES
- Assess to Condamine township from Miles
- Flood level information (provided by Kylie Bourne and Elizabeth Upton)
- Consideration to resupply milk for Miles and Wandoan townships
- Resupply requests eg. Columboola Creek resident (medication) and Myall Park Road residents (food)
- Floodboat exchange – risk assessment etc.
- Flood records for Miles – does any agency have any???

**NOTES FROM THE MILES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY
COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM OF THE MILES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE ON MONDAY, 3
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), Cecily Brockhurst (Murilla Community Centre), Wayne Osburn (WDRC), Ben Wiltshire (QPS)

APOLOGIES

Bill Power (Local Controller Miles District SES)

BUSINESS

The following points were raised for discussion:

- 14.4 m was river height this morning (still 4 metres 30 over bridge)
- Helen, Wayne and Elizabeth went to Dalby yesterday to start coordinating clean up
- Wayne is operations coordinator and will be going down today to look at it to assess current situation.
- Looking at utilizing the Condamine school.
- Evacuees are very keen to get back in and start the clean up process.
- Trying to get power on today however powerlines are still very dangerous over the water.
- Trying to do a coordinated approach with vehicles etc as ground is extremely wet and can't be driven around.
- SES recovery team in Dalby and will be moved to Condamine in time.
- Insurance Council number is 1300 738 228. Affected landholders should contact that number.
- Logistics are feeding people, accommodation
- Police link number is 131444 for any concerns regarding Condamine town.
- Anthony Clarke Paramedic went into Condamine yesterday.
- Julie enquired as to the level of snake activity. Ben confirmed additional antivenin had gone into Condamine yesterday.
- Ben gave a report on the level of water that did inundate the town of Condamine.
- Michael will follow through with Main Roads access
- Ben confirmed mobile coverage is working again
- Cecily advised Megan McNichol had contacted her regarding a facebook page for Condamine information.
- Ray advised that a fire smaller than 2m x 2m does not require a permit.
- Registration of volunteers through Council.
- Coordination Centre phone number [REDACTED]
- Megan McNichol is considering setting up a child minding service at the Sports Club in a week or so for anyone who needs assistance.