



# PLANNING FOR AN EMERGENCY

## **COUNCIL'S ROLE IN EMERGENCIES**

Council works in collaboration with Emergency Service Organisations to ensure the safety of the community. The roles and responsibilities of Local Government in Emergency Management are detailed in the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act.

Council is required to appoint a Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) who in the event of an emergency will act as a coordinator and will liaise with the other agencies such as NSW Police, Fire and Rescue and State Emergency Services.

Council also reviews and updates the Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN) which details arrangements for, prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies within the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area.

Dubbo Local Emergency Management Plan ( 15.3MB)

Wellington Local Emergency Management Plan ( 478.6KB)

## **EMERGENCY PREPARATION**

**Plan for an emergency**

Emergencies can happen at any time, it is vital that you know the risks within your area. If an emergency occurs there may be limited capacity of emergency services organisations to assist. It is important that you have a plan so you can be self-reliant.

### **Create a Household Emergency Plan**

Examples of household emergency plans can be found at:

- Australian Red Cross
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW Fire and Rescue
- State Emergency Services

### **Plan to Evacuate**

It is important that you consider the different emergency situations that you may find yourself in and where you might evacuate to if a particular scenario occurs. It is essential that you remain flexible during an emergency situation. Ensure that you follow any directions given to you from Emergency Service Organisations.

### **Reduce the Risk to your Home**

There are simple steps that you can take to reduce hazards on your property and so limit the potential harm to your home and its occupants.

- Clean out gutters and downpipes.
- Trim overhead trees and branches.
- Secure or put away loose items.
- Check the roof is in good repair.

- Do a home safety audit and check your smoke alarms are working.
- Make sure your home and contents insurance is up to date.
- Have a fire fighting and evacuation plan.

### **Act on your Plan**

During an emergency it is important to stay calm and follow directions given to you by the Emergency Services.

The agencies listed below provide useful information to help you stay informed in the event of a natural disaster or emergency.



**Emergency 000 is for life threatening emergencies. Phone**

**000.**



**State Emergency Services for storms, floods and tsunamis.**

**Phone 132 500.**



**NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) for bush fire related incidents.**

**Phone 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).**



**NSW Police Force for other matters contact the NSW Police**

**directly. Phone 000.**



**Fire and Rescue NSW for fire emergencies, hazardous**

**materials incidents and community fire safety. Phone 000.**

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