Policy ES2 – Emergency Management

Policy Intent

To outline a commitment by the Shire of Murray (Shire) for the broad principles of Emergency Management in the district to support the community.

Policy Statement

To achieve the policy intention the Shire will, through the Chief Executive Officer:

(a) Ensure committees/groups are established and functioning in order to meet the Shire's statutory emergency management responsibilities, such as:

- Local Emergency Management Committee;
- Local Recovery Coordinating Group; and
- Appropriate representation on the District Emergency Management Committee.

(b) Develop and maintain emergency management arrangements that meet the Shire's statutory emergency management responsibilities and provide for operational effectiveness, including but not limited to:

- Local Emergency Management Plan;
- Local Recovery Plan;
- Local Animal Welfare Plan;
- Local Resource Recovery Manual;
- Local Bushfire Management Arrangements;
- Bushfire Risk Management Plan; and
- Emergency Risk Management Plan.

(c) Actively encourage arrangements being developed and maintained to:

- enable business continuity preparedness, training and exercising to build and maintain individual and organisational confidence and capacity that promotes a smooth and rapid restoration of normal business functions following a disaster; and
- support neighbouring local governments for the purpose of local and regional response and/or recovery.

Policy Detail		
Responsible Directorate	Corporate Services	
Responsible Department	Ranger and Community Safety	
Responsible Officer	Manager Ranger and Community Safety	
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