

SHIRE OF DOWERIN
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE ANNUAL PLAN 2026



About this Plan

The Shire of Dowerin Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Annual Plan outlines the key activities for 2026. The plan provides a clear schedule of exercises, training, and reviews to support emergency preparedness across the Shire. It ensures that LEMC members, local government staff, and partner organisations understand their responsibilities in an emergency and continue to improve local emergency management arrangements.

Goals

- Test and strengthen local evacuation arrangements.
- Ensure members and council understand evacuation responsibilities.
- Clarify the role of each organisation during an emergency.
- Review 2026 and set priorities for 2027.

Annual Schedule

| Month | Activity | Audience | Outcome |
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| February 2026 | Tabletop Exercise: Evacuation at Field Days | LEMC members & stakeholders | Practice evacuation decision-making, coordination, and communication |
| May 2026 | Guest Presentation: Evacuations & Local Government Responsibilities (Sites, triggers, LG role in initiating evacuation) | LEMC members & council staff | Clear understanding of LG obligations and processes |
| August 2026 | External Training: Roles of LEMC Organisations (Activation process and responsibilities during an emergency) | All LEMC organisations | Stronger role clarity and improved activation process |
| November 2026 | Review & Planning Workshop: Review year's activities, lessons learned, brainstorm for 2027 | All LEMC members | Continuous improvement and forward planning |

Closing Statement/Acknowledgment

This plan is intended to guide the Shire of Dowerin LEMC through 2026 and support effective emergency management. All activities are subject to review and amendment as required to ensure community safety and readiness.