

**MOONEY/CHEERO  
COMMUNITY  
EMERGENCY  
PLAN**

# MOONEY/CHEERO COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

## AMENDMENTS

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## APPENDIX A

### MOONEY/CHEERO BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY - WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT TO DO.

Experience with previous bushfires in our area means we know and understand what is likely to happen should we be threatened. Fire is most likely to come from the North tracking down the Old Pacific Highway and/or across the M1 heading south driven by Westerly or North Westerly winds.

Fire may also be coming through the national park across the other side of Mooney Creek as well as burning in the area behind Brooklyn and through the Moggomarra ridge south of the main river.

There are fire trails through the bush to the north of Cheero Point and running behind the houses as well. This is where the Mooney RFS will attack the fire front as it approaches as well as along the Old Pacific Highway.

Our community is most likely to experience ember attack from debris blown ahead of the fire by the winds. With proper preparation beforehand this can be dealt with as it occurs.

If a "WATCH AND ACT" warning is issued for our area the Community Emergency Group (CEG) will meet at the Mooney Club to monitor and communicate as indicated in this Emergency Plan (EP).

The situation will be monitored by Emergency Services (Kariong) and updates provided as information comes to hand via aerial survey or other means.

**At this point you should enact your bushfire plan.** Considering leaving early should include our aged, frail or infirm, people with young children/babies, any with breathing difficulties. If you leave the house unattended - put your red bin out so that someone does not need to check that you are ok as the situation progresses.

**If evacuation is anticipated.** If it gets to the point where everyone has to be evacuated this will most likely be effected by road - either using your own vehicle or by bus if this is unavailable. It is unlikely that roads will be cut in both directions North and South. If you need transport - when advised - go firstly to the Club. It will be a very hot day and hanging around in the open at Derrubbin is not advisable when the club has air.con and supplies.

The CEG will contact the Kariong Emergency Centre to advise how many people are needing transport.

**If all roads are cut and evacuation has to be by water** Arrangements will be underway via Kariong to have the Riverboat Postman ferries or other craft to come to Derrubbin to pick everyone up.

When they arrive, proceed to Derrubbin. The club will provide mini busses for any needing this assistance. We will be taken by ferry to either Patonga with further transport to Gosford or to Pittwater with further transport onwards per arrangements already put in place by the Emergency Authorities.

The Community Emergency Group team will be checking the houses to ensure everyone is catered for.

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## 1 PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

The purpose of this plan is to advise and inform residents of the Mooney/Cheero community regarding actions that may be initiated should an emergency arise in the local area and to advise and inform Emergency Authorities (eg NSW SES, RFS, Police, Maritime Rescue, Council) of resources that are available in the immediate local area.

## 2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

In the event of an emergency an Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) may be established at either Charmhaven (Main Centre) or Kariong (backup) with several emergency and supporting agencies in attendance. The representatives from each organisation will request whatever support is needed or required at the time to meet their area of responsibility in dealing with the emergency. As part of this a pre-set evacuation centre may also be opened.

The following organisations may be involved: Police, SES, RFS, Ambulance, Power supply, Council, Marine Services, Communications, NSW FR, Roads & Maritime, Dept of Primary Industries, Dept of Health, Family & Community Services, National Parks & wildlife Services, Surf Life Saving. Depending on the emergency, membership may be curtailed or other services and/or providers invited to attend.

## 3 INVOLVEMENT BY LOCAL EMERGENCY GROUP

A number of local residents form an Emergency Group that will

- Assess emergency situations and decide whether it is serious enough to initiate the emergency plan activities with the authorities
- Act as an information exchange/dissemination point between the community and emergency services during or immediately after a severe weather or other event
- Support a coordinated response by the community and in partnership with emergency services
- where possible, meet the community's immediate needs through local community coordination and resources
- Support emergency services to provide education for residents on; knowing their local risks, how to stay aware of emergency situations, how to prepare themselves and their homes and how to respond in an emergency

## 4 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY GROUP MEMBERS

WHO	CONTACT DETAILS	ADDRESS	AVAILABILITY
Gordon Malcom (RFS)	0417408737	Mooney	CO-ORDINATOR
Renee Price (Club Mgr)	99859199	Mooney Club	
Jim Lloyd (MCPA)	0418985909	58 Point rd	
Mike Fish	0414719487	51 Point rd	

## 5 INVOLVEMENT BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

In high risk situations involvement by local residents should be largely restricted to activities under direction of, or as requested by an Emergency Authority. This is to maintain appropriate levels of

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safety and compliance with associated risk assessment of the situation as it develops. well meaning residents in trying to assist may be a danger to themselves and/or others

### 6 EMERGENCY NUMBERS & CONTACTS

AGENCY	NUMBER	EMAIL/WEB SITE
LIFE THREATENING	000	
SES	132500	<a href="http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au">www.ses.nsw.gov.au</a>
MOONEY AMBULANCE STATION		
TRAFFIC PROBLEMS	131700	<a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au">www.rms.nsw.gov.au</a> or livetraffic.com
RMS ROAD GENERAL ENQUIRES	13 22 13	
RMS 24 HOUR TRAFFIC ENQUIRY LINE	13 27 01	
POWER OUTAGE	131388	
CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL	43258222 1300 463 954	<a href="http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/">www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/</a>
MARINE RESCUE CENTRAL COAST	0402 099 042 43257929	
MARINE RESCUE HAWKESBURY	000 99859012	
CRIME STOPPERS	1800 333 000	
TOWING	95651302	
WEATHER - BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY		<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au">www.bom.gov.au</a> or Facebook BOM page
LOCAL FIRES		RFS Fires near me App
NSW EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT	Phone: 02 9212 9200 Postal address: GPO Box 5434, Sydney, NSW 2001	<a href="http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au">www.emergency.nsw.gov.au</a>

### 7 LOCAL RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK	I MPACT ON COMMUNITY	WHAT COMMUNITY GROUP CAN DO TO PREPARE? AND/OR WHAT ACTION TO TAKE?
Drain under expressway overpass gets blocked	Area floods preventing access to Mooney from South	Report problem to Roads & Transport
Strong winds bring down trees blocking Old Pacific Highway north of Mooney/Cheero	Access to Gosford disrupted	Report problem to NSW SES
Power Outages	Household Sewer system pots will require pumping	Central Coast Council needs to be contacted and advised of the

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		situation
M1 freeway becomes blocked	Access for emergency vehicles to Mooney/Cheero eg ambulances is only possible via Old Pacific Hwy.	Report problem to NSW SES
BUSHFIRE	Ember attack Spot fires in individual properties Road access cut Power disrupted People injured Mains water supply affected	Prepare properties. Decide on leaving early Respond to requests by Emergency Authorities Call CC Council emergency number to advise that town water reservoir needs to be filled to 100% capacity by Sydney water and kept full while emergency exists. Monitor "Fires Near Me" app
STORM	Road access cut Power disrupted People injured or unwell	Check people are ok or need assistance. Report problems to NSW SES, Ambulance, etc Establish communication with NSW SES and provide two-way conduit of information and local issues Check on known vulnerable residents Mobilise door knocking teams to check on residents and relay information from emergency services and critical infrastructure bodies as available.

### 8 KEY LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR USE AS PLACES OF SAFETY

BUILDING/AREA	LOCATION ADDRESS	POTENTIAL USE IN AN EMERGENCY	CONTACT DETAILS OF KEY HOLDER
DEERRUBBIN RESERVE		EVACUATION POINT	N A
MOONEY CLUB	KOWAN RD	FOOD & SHELTER	
ANGLERS REST	Brooklyn rd	FOOD & SHELTER	
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE	Brooklyn rd	SHELTER	
GOSFORD LEAGUES CLUB		FOOD & SHELTER	

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HORNSBY RSL		FOOD & SHELTER	
GOSFORD RSL		FOOD & SHELTER	

## 9 ACTIVATION TRIGGERS - HOW PLAN WILL BE ACTIVATED

1. BUSHFIRE WARNING OR EMERGENCY LOCALLY
2. IF SES CONTACTS Community Emergency Co-ordinator
3. IF ROADS ARE BLOCKED DUE TO WEATHER
4. IF POWER IS OFF FOR EXTENDED PERIOD

The Local Emergency Group will assess the situation and decide whether to meet to initiate a full scale emergency response. If the situation is severe enough the Group will meet at the Mooney Club and proceed per the Meeting Agenda below.

## 10 FIRST STEPS IN AN EMERGENCY

### 10.1: BUSHFIRE

Prepare properties - eg removal of leaf litter, clean and fill gutters, place tubs of water to deal with spot fires. Monitor news stations - ABC 702 etc. Prepare emergency kit and decide on leaving early.

### 10.2: STORM

Take shelter until it is safe to emerge.

Mooney/Cheero Emergency group team members to check with residents to see if any assistance is required and advise the appropriate Emergency Authority.

Assess damage and contact appropriate Emergency Authority for assistance if necessary

### 10.3: EMERGENCY GROUP ACTION

If a full scale emergency plan is to be activated

Group meets at the Mooney Club

Follow meeting agenda below and

Complete Actions Check List below

## 11 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY GROUP PLAN ACTIVATION MEETING AGENDA

Date:

Time:

Location:

Attendees:

**What is current situation?**

**Location of the emergency - Is it near:**

- A school? A vulnerable area? A mail access route?
- Type of emergency
- Is there a threat to life?

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- Is power, gas or water supply affected

**Are there any vulnerable people involved/affected?**

- Elderly
- Families with children

**what resources do we need?**

- Food?
- Off road vehicles?
- Boats
- Blankets?
- Shelter?

**Establish contact with Emergency Services**

- Any advice from them thus far?

**How can we support Emergency Services?**

**what actions can be safely taken?**

**who will lead/co-ordinate actions?**

**who will be involved in these actions?**

**Any other issues?**

Step	Instructions	Tick ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )
	Interpret Triggers/ Warnings above	
	Activate Phone tree	
	Hold meeting of Local Community Emergency to activate plan	
	Notify emergency services that the plan is now activated	
	Post social media	
	Activate door knocking teams/street wardens	
	Erect signage to indicate community information hub point	
	Make available recovery information at hub – Mooney Club	
	Establish register of community needs/issues	
	Mobilise community response in low risk activities – check on neighbours, support vulnerable people to move to safety if required, distribute resources such as water and food if required	



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## 12 LOCAL SKILLS AND RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

### 12.1 FIRST AID SKILLS

WHO	CONTACT DETAILS	ADDRESS	CONTEXT
Renee Price	99859199	Mooney Club	FIRST AID
Greg Willett	99859199	Mooney Club	FIRST AID
Anita Coulton		5 Point Rd	FIRST AID
Deanna Statford (reg nurse)	94863120		REGISTERED NURSE
RFS			8 X FIRST AIDERS 3X MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

### 12.2 FIREFIGHTING SKILLS

WHO	CONTACT DETAILS	ADDRESS	ORGANISATION (EG RFS)	CONTEXT
Gordon Malcom (RFS)	0417408737	Mooney	RFS	
MOONEY VBFB			RFS	CALL OUT

### 12.3 USEFUL EQUIPMENT

WHAT	WHO	CONTACT DETAILS	ADDRESS	TRAINED Y/N
CHAIN SAW	RFS X 7 OPERATORS	94863120		Y
Defibulator X2	RFS fire truck & boat			Y
Defibulator	Deanna Statford			(reg nurse)

### 12.4 OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES

WHAT	WHO	CONTACT DETAILS	ADDRESS	Availability
24 hour emergency power supply	Jim Lloyd	0418985909	58 Point rd	Battery recharge water heating etc
Power supply	Mooney Club	99859199	Kowan rd	Battery recharge water heating etc

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### 13 EMERGENCY KIT CHECK LIST

Portable Radio with Spare Batteries.

Torch with Spare Batteries

First Aid Kit

Candles & waterproof Matches

Important Documents including emergency contact numbers

Copies of Emergency Plan

**When leaving or evacuating your property - place into your emergency kit**

Medications

Supplies for your baby]Supplies for other people in your care

Appropriate clothing and footwear

Food and drinking water

wallet, money, credit cards

Mobile phone & charging cable

Portable computer and/or tablet with power and charging cables

Notepad, pen and pencils

Tooth brush, toothpaste, and shaving gear

Makeup

Change of clothes

**Before you leave turn off/isolate any domestic gas bottles and gas barbecue bottles**

## PLANNING AND PREPARATION

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#### DECIDING TO STAY AND DEFEND

IF YOU DECIDE TO STAY AND DEFEND YOUR HOME YOU NEED TO BE FULLY AND PROPERLY PREPARED IN EVERY RESPECT. TO CHECK WHETHER YOU ARE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE

Plan and prepare - NSW Rural Fire Service •  
[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare)

### 15 ACTIONS AGREED WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES IN EVENT OF AN EVACUATION

In a bushfire situation the control authority is the RFS. For floods it is the SES.

### 16 COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS THAT CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE

Mooney Club

### 17 ACTIONS AGREED WITH EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

TBA

### 18 ALTERNATIVE CONTACT ARRANGEMENTS IF COMMUNICATION NETWORKS DISRUPTED

TBA

### 19 STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

NSW SES Gosford Unit, Mooney Club, Mooney RFS, MCPA, NSW SES Community Capability

### 20 REFERENCES

TBA

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### Mooney Mooney Club- Bushfire Action Plan (2020)

#### *Fire Plan*

Evacuation should be considered under “Watch and Act” alert conditions within a 10km radius.

#### Actions - Fire Alert Levels



##### **Advice**

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes. Monitor the *Fires Near Me* app, the local Facebook pages and ABC local radio (702 kHz or 92.5MHz). Consider the likelihood of the alert level increasing and consult on-water personnel.



##### **Watch and Act**

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect yourself and others. If announced the fire path is toward Mooney Mooney it is recommended to close the Club and implement alternative arrangements. In addition to the actions under ‘Advice’:

- Inform RWC we are under a “Watch and Act’ alert and that we are preparing to evacuate;
- Advise all staff and patrons who are on-site and inform of the alert status and to prepare to evacuate;
- Close down procedure of Club, staff are to collect their personal items, escort patrons and use their own vehicles and proceed to Deerubbens car park. Club Bus to be used to ferry patrons to safe place.
- Manager on duty to take to safe place: additional water, staff sign on sheet, and incident book.
- Wet down any dry vegetation, wet down the building roofs and walls.



##### **Emergency**

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk. Personnel are to immediately leave the base by following directions from the RFS or Police. The boats should be minimally crewed and standing by.

The boats are not meant for evacuating MRNSW personnel (so leave early)