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EMSIG UPDATE

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OVERVIEW



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- Who are the EMSIG?
- EMSIG Key actions
- EM Legislation Updates
- Public Health Planning Actions

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THE EMSIG



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- Member of EHPA
- EM training / EM experience
- Current members (DHHS, EHOs in LG; EM Coordinators)

Daniela Failla – Convenor Christy Davidson - Secretary
Kirsten Jenkins , Michelle Barrett - Qualified Assessors
Mark Handby, Tony Gullone; Christine Salm, Lachlan Chapman,
Robert Beattie; Zoe Smith, Faye Laskaris

- New members welcome

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KEY ACTIONS



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- EHPA EM Course for Public Health Professionals
- Swinburne Lectures – EM & Public Health Planning (1st & 2nd year students)
- Review of EHPA Resources (eg PHEMP / Aid Memoire)
- Consult with and provide feedback to professional industry with respect to policy development / document review / discussion papers
(EMV, LGV, MAV, AIDR; IGEM)
- Contribute to regional EM collaboration projects

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EM Legislation & Other Reviews



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- Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 passed in the Upper House on 9 August 2018 - awaiting Royal Assent

Councils will be required to appoint two positions:

Municipal Emergency Management Officers (MEMOs) instead of currently-required Municipal Emergency Resource Officers, and
Municipal Recovery Managers (previously this was only a requirement in the Emergency Management Manual Victoria)

- LGV: Capacity & Capability of Local Government in emergencies
- EMV: Community Resilient Framework
- EMV: Impact Assessment /Municipal Secondary Impact Assessment
- Inspector-General for Emergency Management (IGEM) invites public submissions to the ***review of ten years of emergency management reform***
Via Engage Victoria website (*open till 24 Sept 2018*)

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STAY INFORMED



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Subscribe to:

- MAV Emergency Management Bulletins
- EMV Emergency Management Updates
- DHHS Chief Health Officer Alerts

Attend or obtain

- MEMPC Meetings
- Minutes of MEMPC Meeting

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PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING



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- ❖ Public Health EM Sub-Plans
- ❖ Municipal Secondary Impact Assessment
- ❖ Seasonal Public Health Risks:
 - Seasonal Influenza (Pandemic) - Winter
 - Thunderstorm Asthma - Spring
 - Heat - Summer



- ❖ EM Training via EHPA, Regional EM Collaboration, SES, DHHS, EMV

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PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING PRINCIPALS



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Educate & empower community of risks through information and communication strategies
(prevent and prepare)

Help through collection of field data / impact assessment/decision making processes
(respond/consequence management)

Outcome is to build a more resilient community, able to self-care, support others and rebuild
(recovery)

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