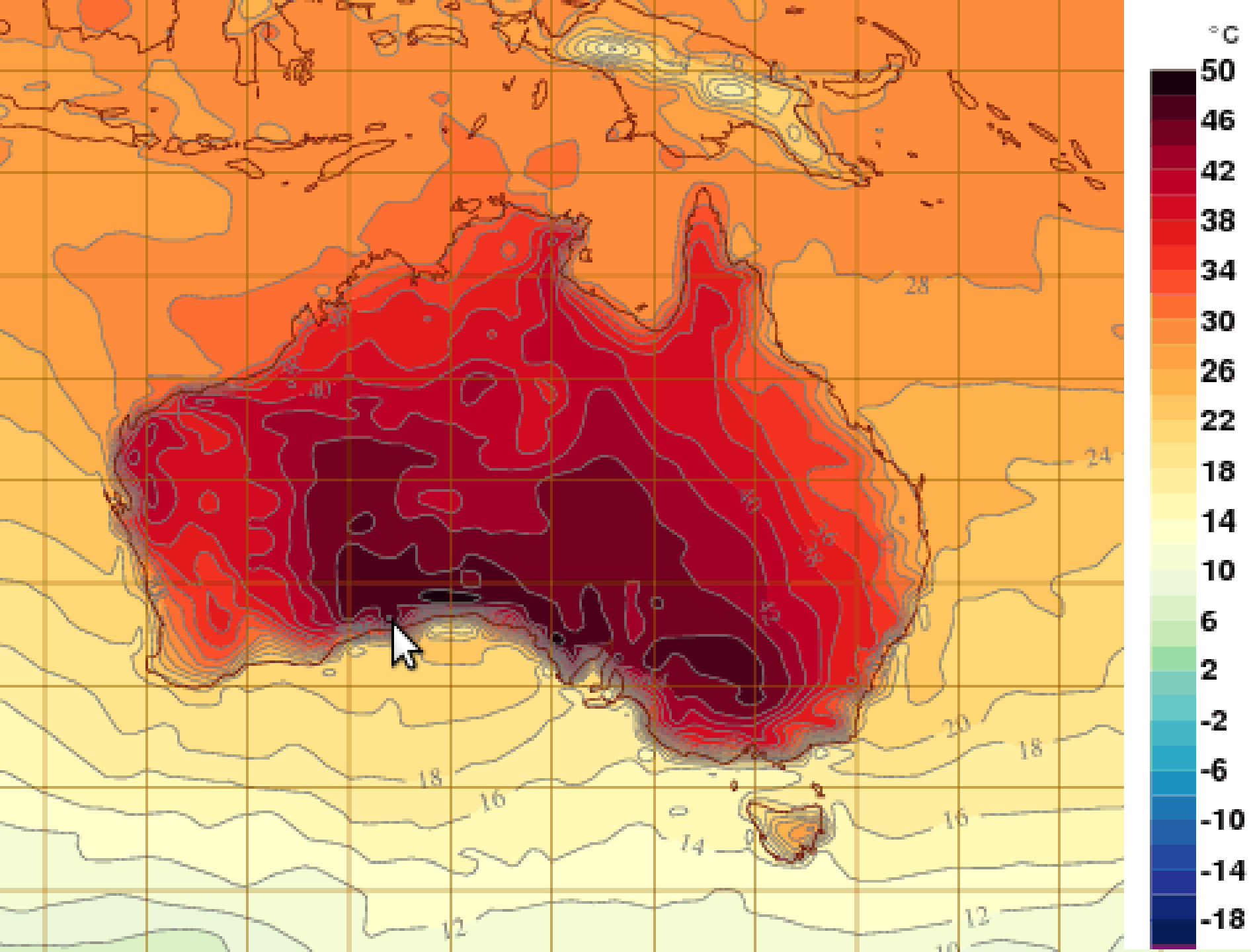


Health and Human Services Emergency Management

An overview

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Bushfire on Great Ocean Road at Wye River Xmas Day 2015



Hazelwood mine fire – February 2014 view across the Latrobe Valley



Smoke engulfs the streets and residential properties of the Morwell community





**Blue Green Algae along the Murray River -
2016**

DHHS state emergency management positions

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Position	State Health and Medical Commander	State Health Coordinator	State Health Commander	Chief Health Officer	State Human Services Commander	State Relief and Recovery Senior Liaison Officer
Person filling role	Alison McMillian	Alison McMillian	Paul Holman	Charles Guest	Mariela Diaz	Alan Hall
Purpose of role	Direct health and medical resources	Coordinate health emergency activities	Direct the pre-hospital response to an emergency	Manage the public health consequences of any incident, investigation or emergency	Lead departmental staff, systems and information; and command human services streams during emergencies	Act as a strategic and operational interface between regional (DHHS) and state (Emergency Management Vic.) tiers of relief and recovery coordination
Minister	Health	Health	Ambulance Services	Health	All DHHS ministers	All DHHS ministers Emergency Services
Primary legislation	<i>Emergency Management Act 1986</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i>	<i>Emergency Management Act 1986</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i>	<i>Emergency Management Act 1986</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i> <i>Ambulance Services Act 1986</i>	<i>Emergency Management Act 1986</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i> <i>Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008</i> <i>Other acts and regulations related to the hazard</i>	<i>Emergency Management Act 1986</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i>	<i>Emergency Management Act 1986</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i>
Source of authority	-State Health Emergency Response Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-State Health Emergency Response Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-State Health Emergency Response Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-Appointed by Secretary under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-Appointed by Secretary as Director, Emergency Management Branch -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-Appointed by Secretary through memorandum of understanding between DHHS and EMV -Emergency Management Manual Victoria
Relevant plans	-State Health Emergency Response Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-State Health Emergency Response Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria -AUSTRALMAPLAN - Domestic Response Plan for Mass Casualty Incidents of National Consequence	-State Health Emergency Response Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria	-State Health Control Plan -Emergency Management Manual Victoria -Victorian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza -State Heat Health Plan -Ebola Virus Disease Response Plan	-Emergency Management Manual Victoria -Human Services Command Framework	-Emergency Management Manual Victoria Part 4: State Relief and Recovery Plan -State Relief Coordination Plan -State Recovery Coordination Plan -Regional relief and recovery plans
Other key policies and guidance	-Emergency Preparedness Clients and Services Policy and guidance -Local Medical Practitioners Guidance Note -Field Primary care Clinic Guidelines	-Emergency Preparedness Clients and Services Policy and guidance		-State smoke framework -National Health Emergency Response Arrangements 2011 -Disaster Health Handbook 2011 -Hazard specific documentation	-State Operations Manual -Emergency Preparedness Clients and Services Policy and guidance -Personal Hardship Assistance Program Policy -Emergency Management Housing Policy and Guidelines -Psychosocial support: a framework for emergencies -Emergency Relief Handbook -Vulnerable people in emergencies policy	-Memorandum of understanding between DHHS and EMV -Emergency Relief Handbook
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively using available departmental and associated resources to ensure the department and the health sector is effectively prepared and able to respond to emergencies impacting the health of Victorians. Forming a State Health Incident Management Team (S-HIMT) to coordinate a whole of health response to an emergency at a strategic level. Represent the S-HIMT on the State Emergency Management Team Contribute to the State Risk and Consequence Plan via the State Controller. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination arrangements for health emergency planning, resilience, response and recovery that involves pre-hospital, patient transport, receiving hospitals and other health and aged care facilities. Reporting to the State Health and Medical Commander Undertaking functions delegated by the State Health and Medical Commander. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directing the pre-hospital response to an emergency at the State tier. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk management activities to mitigate the impacts of the emergency on public health. Incident controller in any public health emergency. The department is the control agency for the following emergencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail food contamination Food/drinking water contamination Human disease Radioactive materials Biological materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the control agency implement an effective response. Ensure appropriate structures, reporting and resources are in place for DHHS to respond, and deliver its responsibilities. Plan for and manage the delivery of DHHS services during and after an emergency. Ensure the safety of DHHS clients and organisational resilience through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning to minimise the impact and ensure continuity of care to clients through services Coordinated business continuity management planning, incident management capability and response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing advice and information on preparedness, planning, issues, needs and risks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the State Recovery Coordinator on matters arising from regional relief and recovery coordination tiers regional recovery coordinators on strategic and operational matters arising from state relief and recovery coordination Represent regional relief and recovery coordination at the state level Deal with requests from the State Recovery Coordinator involving DHHS staff, including ensuring that such requests are reasonable Facilitate the flow of information between DHHS staff and EMV Facilitate meetings between DHHS regional staff and EMV, as required Participate in media activities, as required

Our responsibilities in emergencies

Preparedness

- Emergency management planning to reduce the impacts on the community (i.e. pandemic, heatwave)
- Planning to protecting our clients and services
- Planning to protect vulnerable people in emergencies
- Building our operational capacity (training and exercising)
- Developing and reviewing policies, procedures and systems
- Managing our service agreements

Our responsibilities in emergencies

Response activities

- Implement the State Health Emergency Response Plan (SHERP) and the State Health Control Plan and conduct human health risk assessments
- Coordinate health care sector response
- Implement operational plans (i.e. pandemic, heatwave, smoke)
- Coordinating WoVG and Chief Health Officer communications
- Ensuring the safety of clients and services
- Maintain critical infrastructure

Our responsibilities in emergencies

Recovery activities

- Implement regional relief and recovery plans
- Implement regional post-incident relief and recovery plans
- Assess regional impacts, risks, progress and resources
- Coordinate existing regional resources and activities
- Monitor local impacts, risks progress and resources
- Collate and analyse information on loss and damage and resulting consequence
- Coordinate regional relief and recovery intelligence to Emergency Management Victoria through Regional Relief Coordination Senior Liaison Officer
- Provide advice to local government

Questions?

