



2016/17 WANDRRA ELIGIBLE DISASTER PROCLAMATION NOTIFICATION **“AGRN767 Flooding in the Shire of Wandering (22 June 2017)”**

The above event has been proclaimed an *eligible disaster* under the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) on 2 August 2017, pursuant to clause 4.2 of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) *Determination 2012 Version 2.0* (the *determination*), issued by the Commonwealth Government Attorney-General's Department. The State Government will provide immediate financial assistance to those people who have been affected through joint State and Commonwealth disaster relief and recovery arrangements.

On the 22 June a low crossed the coast just south of Mandurah before continuing to move slowly east and causing heavy rainfall mainly near the southeast and southern flanks during the afternoon and evening. The low pressure system produced heavy rainfall through parts of the Lower West and Great Southern districts during the event, mainly on the 22 June.

A severe weather warning for heavy rainfall with the possibility of causing flash flooding was issued on 22 June 2017 for the afternoon and evening for people in parts of the Lower West and Great Southern districts. During the afternoon and evening there was extensive rainfall over the warning area including the weather station at Wandering. The 24 hour rainfall to 9am WST recorded on 23 June at Wandering of 130.8mm, which is its highest daily rainfall for June as well as being the highest rainfall year-to-date and a new annual highest daily rainfall for the station.

Pursuant to subclause 1.1.1 of the NDRRA *determination*, 'flood' is deemed to be an eligible *natural disaster* event.

For the purposes of WANDRRA this event will be referred to as **“AGRN767 Flooding in the Shire of Wandering (22 June 2017)”**.

WANDRRA is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments and administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), with assistance from other agencies. Through WANDRRA, the Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments provide help to people who have suffered the direct impact of a proclaimed natural disaster event.

The local government authorities subject to this proclamation are as follows:

- Shire of Wandering

If information becomes available that identifies other local government authorities as potentially having been directly impacted by this natural disaster event, subject to further assessment these local government authorities may, at a later date, be included in the affected area.

The eligible costs for this event are anticipated to be largely associated with the restoration and replacement of essential public assets, mainly the local and state road network infrastructure.

Assistance may be available under the following measures (*where appropriate*) covered by WANDRRA:

- **For individuals and families** – Personal Hardship and Distress grants which are administered by the Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support section. Potential measures include emergency food, accommodation, clothing, temporary living expenses, replacement of essential household contents and housing repairs to return housing to a habitable, safe and secure condition. **Note – some of these measures are subject to income and/or assets testing.**
- **For small businesses** – interest rate subsidies on ‘new’ loans approved by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions.
- **For primary producers** – Assistance may be available toward freight costs, materials for boundary fences (***only where it is demonstrated that public safety is at risk***), professional advice grants and interest rate subsidies on ‘new’ loans approved by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions. These *eligible measures* are administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Rural Business Development Unit. **Note – Primary producer claims should be lodged before 2 February 2018**
- **For Local Governments & State Government Agencies** – Clean-up costs and the restoration or replacement (to pre-disaster standard) of *essential public assets* including local road damage. State road damage is also included through Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA). Only costs incurred that are ‘additional’ costs, and are directly related to the event, will be eligible for reimbursement. **Note - The allowable time limit for eligible claims expires on 30 June 2019.**

Claims in respect of any other *eligible measures* may also be considered.

It should be noted that assistance under WANDRRA is not designed to supplant or operate as a disincentive for self-help by way of commercial insurance.

Primary Contacts

Primary contacts for assistance/advice are:

- Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support), by phone on 1800 032 965, or via website [here](#);
- Local Government – Main Roads Western Australia regional offices for road infrastructure via website [here](#);
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (Rural Business Development Unit) by phone on 1800 198 231 or via website [here](#); and
- Other enquiries may be directed to the Office of Emergency Management - contact (WANDRRA Administrator) by phone on 6551 4034 or 65514041, or by email to – WANDRRA@oem.wa.gov.au END