

## ATTACHMENT #2 – Emergency Management Activities 2009

Title	Description
Major Events	Council's EM staff participated in the planning for three major events with the potential for some impact on the City – the St. Kilda Festival, the Grand Prix and celebrations for New Year's Eve. All three were well planned and had no 'emergency' issues which needed addressing.
MECC	<p>Officers conducted 2 MECC exercises in 2009 both testing the responsiveness of MECC staff to establish a fully functional MECC.</p> <p>The MECC was activated only once during 2009 by the MERC (the week after the bushfires). In addition, the MECC was set up for the St Kilda festival.</p>
Training	Council sponsored a number of new staff to complete the VICSES Introduction to Emergency Management training. This increases Council's capacity to respond adequately to emergencies should they occur.
Exercises	<p>A number of exercises were conducted in 2009 to test the MEMP and EM personnel responsiveness. These included</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flooding in Elwood</li> <li>2. Storm damage in St Kilda</li> <li>3. Cooking oil spill in Garden City</li> <li>4. Flooding of road in St Kilda</li> <li>5. Tanker crash and oil spill threatening drains in St Kilda</li> <li>6. Tree down over vehicles in Port Melbourne</li> </ol>

	<p>7. Traffic lights out in South Melbourne</p> <p>8. Recovery exercise involving public housing residents.</p> <p>9. Emergency generator response to BCP requirements at the St Kilda Town Hall</p>
After hours response	<p>Council's EM personnel responded to a number of after hours emergencies during 2009. Most of these were responding to extreme weather events (wind storms, heavy rain and drainage blockages) and all were satisfactorily dealt with within an hour of the emergency being reported.</p> <p>In addition to these, EM personnel were asked to respond to 2 oil spills, a shark sighting and warning, a serious vehicle accident, multiple building fires and structural insecurity, a foreshore fire, multiple power outages, and a hazardous chemical leak.</p>
Extreme weather	<p>Melbourne experienced significant and damaging extreme weather during the year. A total of 12 warnings were posted on council's website (so far) in 2009 warning residents of heat wave, wind, storm surge and rain events.</p>
Pandemic Planning (Swine Flu)	<p>Emergency management personnel responded to the 'Swine Flu' which hit Australia during the winter months. Information was provided to staff and the broader community about how they could protect themselves from H1N1. Resources were also provided to staff which included alcohol swabs, hand gel, gloves and face masks.</p>
Bushfires	<p>The City of Port Phillip responded to calls from the MAV and other agencies to assist with the response and recovery from the bushfires in February. Support provided included a cash donation, sympathy book, arborists and environmental health officers. Many other offers of support were made.</p>

<p>Various Emergency Management Planning</p>	<p>Council's MEROs and MRMs participated in emergency management planning and operations for other organisations in 2009 including the Port of Melbourne Corporation, Jewish Community, Victoria Police, Rooming House Agencies, Parks Vic, City of Melbourne, Bayside City Council and City of Cardinia, EPA.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p>A strengthened relationship with the Victorian Police and VICSES has meant that we are now able to post urgent emergency management communications on our website when we are informed of extreme weather or other emergencies.</p>