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Chris spoke about a “comprehensive approach” to emergency management requiring the four essential elements of being *prepared* for an unexpected event, developing adequate *prevention* policies and procedures, having the systems for appropriate *response* and *recovery* plans.

The following is a summary of the presentation.

All Hazards Approach Emergency Management arrangements need to be versatile enough to provide frameworks for preparation and response to all hazards a community may face.

Prevention Requires a *risk management approach* to identify possible emergency scenarios so as to assess the risks to the community or business.

2. Develop appropriate *policies and procedures* to ensure the risk management process is robust and understood.
3. Ensure *recruitment* of the relevant resources to enable the community or business to develop the prevention program.
4. Provide adequate *training* for all concerned. Provide the necessary *equipment* required to support the trained resources.

WSG Membership

Life Members

- Laurie Brumley
- Kay Turner
- Kevin Shorten
- Jim Wilmott
- Clive Baker
- Graeme Walshe

Current Member Companies.

- Alert Safety P/L
- Australian Industry Group
- Blackwoods Derrimut
- Blundstone Footwear
- Calibre Personnel Solutions
- Chesic Consulting
- Chubb Fire Safety
- Don Smallgoods
- Draeger Safety P/L
- FBT Operations
- FCL Interstate Transport P/L
- Food Science Australia
- GSLS P/L
- Hahn Consulting
- HLA Envirosciences P/L
- Humes Pipes
- IF Thomas & Associates
- Interactive Training Services
- Lystra P/L
- Maininc
- National Corporate Solutions
- Netafim Australia
- Nufarm Limited
- Occ West
- Oxford Cold Storage
- Protocol Safety
- Secon Carriers
- Select Australasia
- Symex Holdings P/L
- Tenix Defence
- The Signcraft Group
- Toll Refrigerated
- Visy Recycling
- VersaCold Logistics Services
- Westinghouse Rail Systems
- WorkSafe Victoria
- Zone 4 Safety
- Zoom Recruitment

Emergency Management - Preparing, Responding and Recovering in a Changed Environment

Preparedness Develop *policies & procedures* to support the organisations preparedness to cope with an emergency.

2. Provide *training* to support the preparedness program.
3. Provide the necessary *equipment* required to support the trained resources.
4. Develop detailed *contact information* on all resources that may be required to support the organisation should an emergency situation occur.
5. Prepare alternatives (Plan B)

Response Activation of specialists staff including *IT / Telco / emergency management centre* and appropriate staffing.

2. Operations Staff, such as, *manager, liaison officers (MECC, State EOC, Public Health), Briefing / Admin / Data Processing.*

Actions and decisions, which are generated from the EOC, must be documented. In future this process will be largely automated with the introduction of the RIEMS System.

3. Access to the contact information of all resources necessary to respond to the emergency.

•How will you receive this information, via specific communication equipment (SMR, Satellite Telephone, VC, Email), Smartboards, Generic Mailbox.

4. Recording the Incident Details.
Record details of incident including specific incident categories.
Notify nominated personnel

Record people affected by the incident
Request action by staff (and record their response)
Flag follow-up items
Security of access - who can enter / view information
Reports - site representatives and affected persons.
Samples and specimens.
Links to reference documents.

5. Recovery and Business Continuity.

Psychological, infrastructural, environmental and economic recovery activities.

Recovery information and advice to affected people, including appropriate debriefing sessions.

WHAT IS NEXT?

For further information or details on this presentation contact Chris Tassic at Specialists on Safety

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NEXT MEETING

Work Safe Week Seminar on 26 October at Grand Star Receptions,
Grieve Parade Altona North.

Further details see www.wsg.org.au

WSG Website www.wsg.org.au

The WSG website is now operational and needs your input to develop it to its full potential.

The Members Login.

If you are unable to login to the *members* area it will be for one of two reasons.

Using incorrect login details or your membership application was not submitted to the website

Contact the secretary if you can't login.

secretary@wsg.org.au

WSG Safety Awards

The deadline for submissions for the safety awards has now past and no further entries will be accepted.

To see the entries for this year go to the website

www.wsg.org.au



Work Safe Week
23rd to 27th of October 2006

To access the program go to

www.workcover.vic.gov.au

15 Minute Presentation – August Meeting

David martin from Envirosource Digital Technology presented a new office water machine the makes water out of air. Eliminating the need for bottle deliveries, handling and storage.

The machine was installed the previous day to allow the water to be produced over night and enabling tasting by members of the Group.

Some of the attributes of the product are listed below.



- **Safe** - Guaranteed 100% purity, with no chemicals, bacteria or other harmful contaminants.
- **Cost Effective** - Never pay for bottled water again. Is about 1/6th the price of bottled water.
- **Choice** - [Buy](#) or [rent](#).
- **Health** - [Water that breathes](#) - contains double the oxygen, thereby [improving health & well being](#)
- **Portable** - Simply plug in - no water mains, tap outlet or plumbing jobs required.
- **Multi-function** - Also functions as an air cleaner and dehumidifier.
- **Versatile** - Dual and alternative usage - can be used indoors or outdoors.
- **Power Saving** - Incorporates a nighttime automatic power saving function.
- **Looks Good** - Aesthetically designed to allow easy integration with existing office layouts & designs.
- **Environmentally Friendly** - Eliminates plastic bottles and saves precious water reserves by drawing from an abundance source of water in the air.

For further information on this product contact David on 9354 6077 or go to the website

www.envirosouce.com.au

Site Visit – Werribee Zoo

On Tuesday 26 September 18 WSG members ventured to the Werribee Zoo to observe and learn about some of the safety initiatives that have been introduced through the facilities risk management program. Our hosts for the visit were Arthur Johnstone, Operations Manager and Bev Drake, Curator of Animals.

Our visit began with a discussion with Arthur and Bev about the OHS program at the Zoo and the involvement of the staff in risk assessments and development of suitable controls.

We then boarded a bus for a tour of part of the Zoo and a first hand look at some of the risk control measures that had been introduced.



One of the OHS initiatives is a safety frame constructed on the back of vehicles that are used to feed the animals. The frame provides protection for the staff against falls, particularly when the animals become a little enthusiastic during feeding.

Have you booked for the October Seminar?

Do it NOW!!



Feeding the Giraffe at the end of the day has presented Zoo staff with a number of challenges over the years, as they are somewhat taller than other inhabitants of the Zoo.

Various methods had been used to raise the tucker (branch) to an appropriate browsing height including ladders. A detailed risk assessment resulted in the use of a small winch that eliminated the need for the ladders and the manual handling issues.



Following the field trip we assembled for a presentation by Natalie Rourke a Veterinarian, who told us about the care of the animals on the open ranges from routine medical surveillance to treatment of minor medical conditions.

Natalie also spoke of the process for sedating various animals in the field using dart guns, and the risk management arrangement necessary to protect staff during these potentially hazardous procedures.

We extend our thanks to the Zoo for an excellent site visit and to member Sue Taylor for arranging the event.