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COLLIE FACILITY PROJECT – MAY 2021 UPDATE

What has been happening?

- Construction continues to progress well. Separable Portion 1, the warehouse, supporting outbuildings, Radio Tower and Radio Hut have now been handed over to DFES.
- Roof for Administration/Incident Control Centre (ICC) building and workshop offices is now installed. Wall framing, plastering and electrical fit out have commenced.
- Land title is in the closing stages of being finalised. Expecting final title to be issued late May.
- Emergency Driving Training (EDT) Pilot courses have been run with a mix of instructors and regional volunteers in the lead up to launching EDT in July (see over for more details), providing a great opportunity to test and refine important aspects of the course and travel logistics.
- A valuable workshop was recently held with DFES State Operations to work through Koolinup Emergency Services Centre readiness requirements for the State Preformed Teams Exercise to be held in August 2021. Selection of Koolinup ESC for this exercise will enable comprehensive testing of the capability of the facility to transition to a Level 3 ICC.
- Fleet Maintenance Coordinator interviews are being conducted this week. Radio Communications Technical Officer is still being advertised. Computer Support Officer position has been filled.
- Public Art is now underway with artist Neil Turner progressing well.
- ICT requirements for Koolinup have been finalised and are now under procurement.
- Fixtures, furniture and equipment selection has been finalised, with orders placed with suppliers.
- Landscaping has now been finalised and the preferred building signage supplier selected.
- Local regional providers have secured a good amount of work at Koolinup.



What is next?

- Further recruitment for business roles to continue
- Continue establishing facility service contracts with local Collie providers
- Progress procurement of ICT infrastructure items
- Continue impact assessments and training requirements for relevant DFES business areas
- Integrate EDT pilot feedback into the continuous improvement of the training
- Piloting EDT Recognition of Current Competency program

Emergency Driving Training – Course Applications Open 10 May 2021

DFES is introducing an exciting new course – Emergency Driving Training (EDT) – to improve the safety of volunteers, staff and the community. The course will be run from the new Koolinup Emergency Services Centre in Collie and the Collie Motorplex, complementing 'On Road Driving' training to provide the skills to safely drive under emergency conditions. Where possible vehicles used in EDT will reflect those used by volunteers operationally.

What does the course offer?

Following successful completion of an online assessment you will head to Collie for two-day practical emergency driving training. Accommodation and refreshments will be provided. The first day covers emergency braking under various conditions and hazard avoidance training. On the second day you will undertake a time trial navigating through a challenging obstacle course with tight turns and a circuit drive through simulated on road emergency driving scenarios.

Important dates and details

EDT course code is DFES1028. The first course is to run 3 and 4 July 2021.

Applications open 10 May 2021 on eAcademy and close 4 June 2021.

Following 2021 EDT course dates also available for application on eAcademy:

- 14 and 15 July
- 25 and 25 July
- 14 and 15 August
- 18 and 19 August
- 21 and 22 August
- 28 and 29 August



For further information visit [DFES Intranet](#) or [Volunteer Hub](#) (Koolinup Emergency Services Centre under Projects):

- Course prerequisites
- Progressions to attaining EDT
- Recognition of Current Competency – provides opportunity to apply for exemption from having to undertake EDT to those with operational driving experience



EDT First Pilot School (volunteer and career personnel)

For more information, please contact the Koolinup ESC Project on koolinupesc@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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