

KOOLINUP

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What has been happening?

- Construction continues to progress strongly. Practical completion of the warehouse is on track for April 2021. Tilt panels for the administration building have been erected. Practical completion of the remainder of the facility is targeted for mid year.
- Land Amalgamation has now been lodged with Landgate to be finalised, with all Western Power conditions having been met.
- Collie Motorplex lease has been signed by the Collie Motorplex Board and track upgrade works are now complete in preparation for pilot courses commencing in March 2021 (dependent on Covid restrictions).
- A senior firefighter has been placed into one of the driving instructor roles. ICT, Facilities Management and Station Officer Driving Instructor positions are currently being advertised.
- Incident Control Centre Activation Plan has now been finalised.
- Emergency Driving Training (EDT) Model which details a number of progressions a volunteer can follow to attain EDT are currently undergoing approval by Operations.
- Facilities Management and Emergency Driving Training Service Delivery Models are now finalised.
- Following presentations of Public Art design concepts by shortlisted artists, the tender has been awarded to Mr Neil Turner, who will create artworks for external and internal spaces at the Koolinup Emergency Services Centre.
- DFES is now a member of the Collie Chamber of Commerce, giving us the opportunity to promote the Koolinup ESC and its services to business leaders in Collie.



What is next?

- Finalise EDT Model, including progressions to attaining EDT.
- Radio Communications and Fleet Services positions to be advertised.
- Further recruitment for business roles will continue.
- Start establishing facility service contracts with local Collie providers.



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HIGHLIGHT - Emergency Driving Training

Emergency Driving Training (EDT) will provide critical training for DFES staff, volunteers and Local Government Bushfire Service (BFS) volunteers from all over the State, improving safety for response personnel and the community in addressing a significant DFES operational risk.

- It will comprise a pre-course online assessment and a two-day practical emergency driving training course at the Koolinup ESC and Collie Motorplex (CMP).
- Koolinup ESC and the CMP will form the first regional location for EDT with a view to consider establishing EDT in other locations around the State in the future.
- A five-year transition period will be established to recognise current competencies and experience of personnel who have been driving under emergency conditions.
- Attaining EDT will be compulsory for DFES volunteer pathways to drive under emergency conditions and available for BFS volunteers to complete.
- Pilot courses will begin prior to EDT commencing to upskill current driving instructors and build the EDT Instructor Cadre who will support the two permanent Collie based driving instructors. Pilots will commence in March 2021 dependent on Covid restrictions.

Recognition of Current Competency

Stakeholders consulted during development of the EDT model stressed the importance of recognising prior experience of drivers. To that end development of an EDT Recognition of Current Competency (EDT RCC) is underway:

- Volunteers who can demonstrate operational driving experience over the preceding five years will have the opportunity to apply for an exemption from having to undertake the EDT course. DFES0470 On Road Driving or DFES1050 LG On Road Driving* (for BFS volunteers) are also requirements.
- The EDT RCC application will initially be endorsed by a Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM), Area Officer (AO) or District Officer (DO) for DFES volunteers and Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO) for BFS volunteers, in consultation with Captains or Unit Managers. Once endorsed, the application will be assessed by EDT driving instructors.
- Volunteers will be asked to provide evidence of driving credentials and driving emergency vehicles to incidents for a minimum period of five years. Other aspects of emergency driving experience will also be assessed, such as emergency braking and avoiding hazards.
- More details to follow soon, but in the meantime, you can **START GETTING READY...**
 - Start gathering evidence of the number of incidents driven to over the past five years.
 - Work with your local training officers to ensure your driving training records within eAcademy are up to date.
 - If you have any questions please contact EDT@dfes.wa.gov.au

* New DFES driving code to be issued to BFS volunteers who have PUAVEH001 in recognition of this as equivalent to DFES0470 (details to follow soon).



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