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### **Council's emergency plan gets the tick of approval Is it time to review your emergency plan?**

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The Towong Shire Municipal Emergency Management Plan, referred to as the MEMP, has passed a recent audit conducted by the Victorian State Emergency Service. This follows a comprehensive review of the Plan by Council and key response, relief and recovery agencies.

A local MEMP Committee guides Council in the development, ongoing maintenance and testing of the Plan.

"We are very pleased with the results from the recent audit of our Emergency Management Plan and on behalf of Council I extend our thanks to the members of the MEMP Committee for their assistance," said Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor and MEMP Committee Chair.

Every municipality is required to develop and maintain a Municipal Emergency Management Plan in accordance with the *Emergency Management Act 1986*. The Plan is subject to an audit every three years.

"This successful audit builds on the results of the State-wide Community Satisfaction survey conducted earlier this year, where Council achieved a top performing score for emergency and disaster management," explained Cr Wortmann. "We believe this demonstrates that our community has a strong connection with both Council and local emergency services".

With Council having recently reviewed their emergency plan, Cr Wortmann explained that it was timely for members of the community to update their personal emergency plans.

"We are in the high risk season now for bushfire and heatwave so we encourage residents to review their household's emergency plans, and to consider assisting those who are more vulnerable in the community, such as the elderly and infirm, to have plans in place," said Cr Wortmann.

Information about planning for bushfire, flood, heatwave and other emergencies is available on Council's website [www.towong.vic.gov.au](http://www.towong.vic.gov.au) or from Council's Offices in Corryong and Tallangatta.