

# Disaster Management Plan: South East Radio Group

## Purpose

SERG Disaster Support Group (The Group) is a volunteer group that is able and willing to provide communication services in the event of a community disaster in the designated areas of SE SA and SW Victoria.

## Definitions

Membership: financial club members of SERG who are willing to participate. There is no limit on the size of the group.

## Procedures

- At the AGM a member will be elected as Coordinator of The Group
- Following each club AGM financial members may choose to self nominate as a member of The Group. This will be completed annually on a provided nomination form that includes full name, callsign, and equipment available for use. The Coordinator will collate and keep a record of the volunteers.
- The Coordinator will provide a report on the status of The Group as a report to the AGM and at the next SERG meeting if there has been an incident.
- Once per year at an Activity Night the club will organise a training session including a Health and Safety briefing. The training session may include setting up a portable HF station.
- Callouts to a disaster shall be by whatever means are available e.g. text, phone and repeater. The callout will briefly outline the purpose and volunteers should advise their availability. Coordination will occur on the 2M repeater network.
- At least bi-annually the coordinator of The Group will advise SES, CFS and SAPOL that in the event of a disaster requiring additional communications either local or Australia wide that the Group has the capacity through its Repeater System or members' HF radio equipment to effectively communicate locally, Australia Wide or even worldwide. The equipment is in Licensed Amateur Radio Operator homes or in mobile/portable stations capable of being set up where required. The club will create a poster to be hung in each of the mentioned groups to advise contacts and phone numbers.
- The club will maintain an HF radio in the clubrooms capable of at least 80m and 40m operation and a means to provide power if loss of mains.
- When called out volunteers should ensure they wear appropriate clothing, carry some food and water.
- Each member of The Group shall be issued with an orange SERG safety vest. (e.g. as worn at hillclimb)
- Callsign use should be restricted to the suffix only for identification. An announcement of e.g. "DJ message" or "DJ request" (substitute your letters after the 5 or 3) will advise the coordinator that his/her attention is required. The coordinator will reply "Go ahead DJ"
- SERG will investigate joining WICEN