APPENDIX 12 – Medical Sub-Plan

Section 1 - Introduction

The range and variety of emergency disaster situations in the Burdekin Shire are very broad. A disaster can involve many different aspects of medical care and activities from immediate life saving procedures to more routine medical situations, e.g. from care of the elderly or chronically ill to the life threatening injuries expected from large scale disasters.

It is therefore not practical to set down, in one single document, detailed procedures to fit every emergency. This document is intended as a guide and a basis for plans, procedures and instructions.

This plan covers the whole medical process until the point at which a normal situation is achieved.

Section 2 - Authority

This sub-plan is prepared as an attachment to the Local Disaster Management Plan for the Burdekin communities under the authority of the Queensland Disaster Management Act 2003.

Section 3 - Aim

The aim of this plan is to provide a fast and efficient medical aid system to the residents of the Burdekin communities where ordinary medical services are overwhelmed as a result of one or more threats (listed in the Local Disaster Management Plan) occurring within the region.

Section 4 - Threats

Threats to the Burdekin communities, which could cause this Medical Sub-Plan to be activated, are covered in the Burdekin Shire Local Disaster Management Plan.

Section 5 - Roles and Responsibilities

Relevant command and coordination lies with the nominated medical officer or his/her delegate who will be referred to in the plan as the Medical Coordinator.

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### Section 6 - Activation

The Medical Sub-Plan will be activated by the lead agency of the threat. The Medical Coordinator will be notified of the threat and subsequent activation by the lead agency.

### Section 7 - Communications

A dedicated medical radio network has been established. Centres, where communications are established, are listed below. Communications will be in accordance with the Communications Sub-Plan.

This network is the QAS Network and use should be discretionary.

- QAS – Ayr
- QAS – Home Hill
- QAS – Giru
- District Hospital – Ayr
- District Hospital – Home Hill

Other centres, which will be supplied with State Emergency Service UHF band transceivers or monitors, include:

- Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged – Ayr (Channel 5 UHF)
- Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged – Home Hill

### Section 8 - Evacuation and Recovery

Evacuation and recovery centres will be activated according to the severity of the disaster. This will be carried out in accordance with the Community Recovery Sub-Plan and the Evacuation Sub-Plan.

Wherever possible, residents of the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged in Ayr and Home Hill should be placed with their relatives in the event of an evacuation, or evacuated to common rooms located within each facility.

Residents of the Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged in Ayr and Home Hill who are unable to be relocated with their relatives, should be evacuated to the designated evacuation centres with special attention being given to ensure nursing staff from the homes are present and accompany the residents to these facilities.

Injured or ill residents should be transported to the Ayr District Hospital for assessment and treatment in the usual manner.

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<td>Home Hill Hostel - Tenth Avenue, Home Hill</td>
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<td>Home &amp; Community Care (HACC) Service - BCA</td>
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| Ayr District Hospital                 | • 37 beds – general wards  
 | 2 Chippendale Street, Ayr             | • 18 beds – geriatric ward  
 |                                       | • 2 beds – emergency dept.  
 |                                       | • 1 full theatre facility  
 |                                       | • 1 mini theatre  
 |                                       | • Medivac team available  
 |                                       | • Large laundry  
 |                                       | • Large kitchen  
 |                                       | • 3 doctors  
 |                                       | • 50 nursing staff  
 |                                       | Ph: 4783 0855  
 |                                       | Fax: 4783 0896                                                             |
| Home Hill Hospital                    | • 14 beds  
 | 42 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill           | • 1 bed emergency dept.  
 | Director of Nursing                   | • Haemodialysis unit  
 |                                       | • Large kitchen  
 |                                       | • 23 nursing staff  
 |                                       | Ph: 4790 5700  
 |                                       | Fax: 4789 5799                                                             |
| Ayr Medical Group                     | • 6 doctors  
 | 2a Chippendale Street, Ayr            | • 5 nursing staff  
 |                                       | Ph: 4783 9100  
 |                                       | Fax: 4783 4524                                                             |
| Dr. Paul’s Country Practice           | • Minor procedures room  
 | 140 Mackenzie Street, Ayr             | • 1 doctor  
 |                                       | Ph: 4783 7999  
 |                                       | Fax: 4783 6448                                                             |
| Queensland Ambulance Service          | • 4 ambulance vehicles  
 | Queen Street, Ayr                     | • 5 stretcher patients  
 |                                       | • 7 sitting patients  
 |                                       | • 1 minor casualty room  
 |                                       | • 9 ambulance officers  
 |                                       | Ph: 13 12 33  
 |                                       | or 000 in an emergency  
 |                                       | Fax: 4783 5394                                                             |
| Queensland Ambulance Service          | • 2 ambulance vehicles  
 | 83 Tenth Avenue, Home Hill            | • 2 stretcher patients  
 |                                       | • 5 sitting patients  
 |                                       | • 1 emergency support unit (carries supplies only)  
 |                                       | • 4 ambulance officers  
 |                                       | • 1 volunteer  
 |                                       | Ph: 13 12 33  
 |                                       | or 000 in an emergency  
 |                                       | Fax: 4782 1984                                                             |
| Queensland Ambulance Service          | • 2 ambulance vehicles  
 | Shirbourne Road, Giru                 | • 2 stretcher patients  
 |                                       | • 5 sitting patients  
 |                                       | • 1 minor casualty room  
 |                                       | • 1 ambulance officer  
 |                                       | • 1 Mercedes sprinter  
 |                                       | • 3 sitting patients  
 |                                       | • 1 stretcher patient  
 |                                       | • 1 Toyota 4WD troop carrier  
 |                                       | • 2 sitting patients  
 |                                       | • 1 stretcher patient  
 |                                       | Ph: 13 12 33  
 |                                       | or 000 in an emergency  
 |                                       | Fax: 4782 9416                                                             |
Section 10 - Transport

The responsibility for transportation of the sick or injured will be under the control of the Medical Coordinator through the QAS.

Resources – QAS

The QAS resources are listed in Section 9 of this plan.

Resources – Defence

Army and RAAF defence ambulance services can only be activated with prior approval of the DDC and only if the situation calls for additional resources.

Availability of defence services relies on present military activity and commitments.

Resources – Civilian

There are two mid-sized buses available for the transportation of sitting patients. The buses are operated by BCA / Lower Burdekin Home for the Aged.

Contact¹:

Section 11 - Public Health

All matters relating to the breakdown in public health and hygiene should be diverted initially to the Burdekin Shire Council Environment and Health Department. Environment and Health officers will assess the situation and, if necessary, request additional assistance from the State Health Department through the Medical Coordinator.

This responsibility will include such matters as sewerage, contaminated food, water supply, etc.

Section 12 - Finance

The recovery of financial expenditure will be carried out in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the LDMP.

¹ Note: Private / direct phone numbers not for public release.