



## REcov19ER Teleconference - Participants open to interested parties

### Tuesday 1st April 2020 meeting notes

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions (if any)
<b>A</b>	<b>OPENING</b>			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Meeting open at 11:30m	
			Welcome and reminder of Purpose – Welcome particularly to remote communities – Nomad’s, WDLAC	
			One minutes silence observed	
			Reminder of teleconference phone etiquette – Please <b>do not place call on hold</b> as this interrupts the whole conference call. Preferably hang up to call / receive any urgent calls and dial back in when ready. This will greatly assist the proceedings.	
			Gavin thanked Danny for chairing yesterday’s meeting and called for any updates / input from supporting Agencies, first contributor being the DPC:	
<b>B</b>	<b>AGENCY UPDATES</b>			
	<b>Glen Kelly</b>	<b>DPC</b>	<b>DPC Update</b>	
			Attention drawn to the recent Notices of Movement Restrictions around the State	
			Food Security focus: DPC & Dept of Communities have connected with the Transport Council and local and shire Councils to understand the issues and develop global solutions. Included in the discussions: Coles / Woolworths/Metcash (IGA?). Also in connection with CME engaging with mining companies. Altogether, this will ensure the most efficient outcomes from a logistics perspective. There will be an update on the food strategy later today with Who/ What / How going forward.	GK to provide update on food security

			Issue's with restrictions on individual purchase volumes increasing the number of trips which need to be made into towns. Noted for further consideration.	
			Question from Johanna /BNTAC: What about testing in the communities? Glen Kelly advised DPC will respond after internal updates today (this was noted from yesterday as well). Glen noted that this was of increasing importance as there were unconfirmed reports of cases being reported in some communities. He stressed these were not confirmed and were being followed up urgently. Report back tomorrow.	
			Question from Joshua / BNTAC: Banjima is organising a food convoy to Yongaleena. Asking for help and assistance to ensure smooth passage and limited contact	
			Question from Terri / YMAC: Accommodation issue, any feedback?	
			Response from Simon Taylor / DoC is drafting an Isolation and Accommodation Plan. The Dept is handling this at a Regional Level. It is being developed in consultation with mining cos and includes beds and catering checks. Preference is to use mining camps over hotels due to the fact that they are generally isolated and therefore limited contact with other communities/ town populations. WACHS and WAPOL also involved and will run test scenarios with Isolation and Quarantine issues. Isolation in the remote communities themselves is likely NOT an option since if a large case load develops, it will impact on the normal housing availability, noting that 1 in 6 cases is likely to become serious. It is therefore considered better to remove Isolation from the communities and to locate people requiring Isolation in mining camps where they can be better supported with health services thro WACHS including ambulance and RFDS. It was emphasised that the Plan does not support Discretionary Quarantine such as, for example: Backpackers wishing to move between regions or people returning to communities.	
			Question from Gavin / Nyamal: Atlas Iron have offered assistance and have Abydos camp near Warralong available (on care and maintenance). Can this be considered?	Gavin to send Atlas

		<p>Simon advised that they are working with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rio</li> <li>• BHP</li> <li>• FMG</li> <li>• RoyHill</li> <li>• Chevron</li> </ul> <p>And they are mainly looking for operationally ready locations complete with accommodation, catering and laundry services. Each location needs to be tested by Health and WAPOL. Simon asked Gavin to pls send details for follow up.</p>	contact to Simon
		<p>Question from Joshua / BNTAC:</p> <p>Given that this group and the PBC's involved are on the front line of this initiative is the WA Govt able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund the PBC's directly to assist this work</li> <li>• Fund related parties best placed to deliver the services</li> </ul> <p>Glen / DPC noted the request and recognised the important work and potential of the group.</p> <p>Simon / Dpt Comm advised that funds have been provided for "connector" purposes however these have been limited and not related to the current health emergency.</p> <p>Glen / DPC will circulate the request in Govt.</p>	GK to circulate the idea in Govt.
		<p>Question from Melissa / NIAA: Lotteries West have funds for these purposes. Can someone check?</p> <p><b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b></p> <p>Email from Melissa Rennie, NIAA emailed:</p>	Action to check

			<p><i>“On today’s meeting, Joshua (Banjima), I think it was, that mentioned funding for PBCs who were using their own funding for emergency purposes. I’ve attached the Lotterywest COVID19 Grant information for your circulation.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/lotterywest/covid-19/covid-19-grants">https://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/lotterywest/covid-19/covid-19-grants</a></p> <p><i>I’m also happy to continue a conversation around what else may be needed. Let me know when it suits to discuss – very aware of your time commitments so will fit in with you.</i></p> <p><i>Great work to date in bringing everyone together. It certainly highlights opportunities for sharing of knowledge &amp; resources.”</i></p> <p>Thanks Melissa.</p>	
	<b>Mark Barrett</b>	<b>WAPOL</b>	<b>WAPOL Update</b>	
			Mark called in at 11:30 and advised that he was on the road in a remote area and that if the call dropped out then to please email any questions to him and he would respond ASAP. The call obviously dropped out so the meeting was directed to send any questions to Mark Barratt, WAPOL, by email.	
	<b>Simon /Ella</b>	<b>Dept Comm</b>	<b>Communities Update</b>	
			Telstra advises that where payphones are operating in the remote communities, all calls made from these phones are currently free.	
			Previously it was reported that Yandeyarra and Wirrlimarra do not have mobile phone coverage. The meeting was advised that Yandeyarra is back on (Gavin to check) and that only Wirrlimarra requires a Sat Phone. Ella / Simon will advise Rio that now only one Sat Phone is required. Johanna advised Archie Tucker is the contact. Simon and Johanna to continue dialogue off-line).	
			Remote Community Pandemic Plans continue to be reviewed as they come in. They need to be reviewed internally and then shared with WAPOL and WACHS.	

			A work in progress is looking at how to transport people to Isolation and Quarantine locations. Isolation and Quarantine Accommodation is a top priority.	
			The review of the Pandemic Plans also includes what welfare support may be required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Clothing</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Counselling, etc</li> </ul> Karratha now has a sketch plan, others in progress. BHP assisting.	
			A State Hotline is being set up to be the primary contact for welfare support A referral scheme will be set up to go back through the regions.	
			Communities is reaching out for assistance in obtaining 220 computers for school kids to be able to home school. Any contacts greatly appreciated.	Send info to Ella at Comms
			Communities is preparing brochures and flyers on Notices and Restrictions related to Remote Communities into Martu language for use / distribution.	
			The Communities Contact List has been significantly updated and work divided up for Danny, Johanna, Terri, Kathryn and Ella to focus on. 6 communities do not have any contact identified. Contributors on the call cooperated to resolve this. List to be updated accordingly.	
			Pandemic Plans issues identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issue with Power Cards in some communities to operate power supply meters.</li> <li>- Food Security</li> <li>- Road Closures</li> <li>- Over Crowding</li> </ul>	

			These will be addressed in the plans.	
			Housing allocation – Flexibility is key. Updating later today	
			All planning needs to be live and adaptable	
	Gavin	Nyamal	Thanked Ella for input and reminded of the need for all plans to be updated regularly to ensure plans can be adapted as situations change.	
<b>C</b>	<b>OPEN TO QUESTIONS</b>			
	Gavin	Nyamal	Gavin invited the PDC input.	
	Trish	PDC	Update on Isolation Donga's noted yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 to Punnu</li> <li>- 2 to Warralong</li> <li>- 2 to Panngurr</li> <li>- 2 to Jigalong</li> <li>- 1 to Kunawarritji</li> </ul>	
			Trish / Ella to liaise: Communities has a team called "Town Based Resource Team" Ella to provide details of the contact person "Jane"	
	Terry Butler	Strelley	Thanks for 2 Donga's. Asked for ETA and Installation information (connect to power and water). Power and water capacity checked and confirmed OK by WDLAC.	
			Terry flagged the need for Info required on remote schools. Ella, Terry, Ingrid, Kathryn to communicate to update all remote schools info. They are key to communication in these locations.	
	Gavin	Nyamal	Called for an update from Health	

	June Councillor	Health	Health Update	
			<p>Question from Danny /IBN: It was stated yesterday that there a plan for each centre, is there a regional plan?</p> <p>June: no, the plans are managed out of each centre, driven by the local team.</p>	
			There are high numbers of staff in the AMS that are over the age of 50 and so this is an internal risk for the AMS. It's being managed to ensure safety of staff but raised as just another challenge and for information.	
	Johanna	BNTAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has submitted 8 plans to date, now updating</li> <li>- Reducing the need to travel</li> </ul>	
			Can we get Dept of Health on this call? Action to contact Margie Falkner. Danny to follow up.	
	Des	PKKP	Making contact with Woolworths to provide assistance	
	Ella	Dept Comms	Ella reinforced the earlier input from Glen Kelly on the Regional Plan being established by the State Govt and to minimise "individual plans" – stressed the need for a coordinated approach.	
	Glen Mesch	Perpetual	<p>Meeting with Red Cross today.</p> <p>Have sourced bulk items that will need to be broken down into smaller packets for delivery</p> <p>Will link to Glen Kelly with info after the meeting.</p>	
	Terry and Ingrid	Nomad	<p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food Security is an issue. It is causing people to travel in/out of town and increasing the risk.</li> <li>- Funding issue: no stores at Warralong or Strelley - can't stock up</li> <li>- Need for refrigeration / freezers - will raise power issues</li> <li>- Schools are providing breakfast and lunch, looking at evening meals as well</li> <li>- Foodbank only delivers once per year</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The local teachers were commended for their contribution, not taking holidays and working thro to support the community needs</li> </ul> <p>Ingrid and Terry will provide an update on schools status. Recognising that schools are the hub of the remote communities.</p>	
	Gavin	Nyamal	<p>Advised that Nyamal has received great assistance from the local mining companies and reminded all to approach mining companies in their areas to seek assistance wherever possible.</p> <p>Items requested and supplied includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food</li> <li>- Hygiene</li> <li>- Sanitary</li> <li>- Bulk food stocks</li> </ul>	
<b>D</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Question / Answer round complete	
			Next meeting tomorrow 11.30am	
			Meeting closed at 12.40am	