



REcov19ER Teleconference - Participants open to interested parties

Thursday 2 April 2020

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions Arising
A	OPENING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Meeting open at 11:30am	
			Welcome and reminder of Purpose	
			One minutes silence - respect	
			Gavin asks for update from supporting Agencies	
B	AGENCY UPDATES			
	Mark Barrett	WAPOL	<p>Not a lot has changed over the last couple of days, we are getting in to a business as usual, manning road closures 24/7 at Sandfire and Nanutarra. Out of all the vehicles attended only one was turned away. This is pleasing that people are adhering to restrictions. This is for Jigalong also.</p> <p>The Communities that are close to town such as Wakathuni and 5 Mile, there is a lot of traveling to and from communities. Any assistance with messaging around the travel restrictions would be greatly appreciated, as WAPOL in remote locations are not able to be there 24/7 to monitor this.</p> <p>Stronger messaging and assistance to get the message out to communities in regards to this would be appreciated as travel to and from the communities is dangerous and the Elders are concerned about people coming in and out.</p>	Assistance sought by WAPOL to get information to communities about travel to and from the community by residents.
	Ashley Councillor	GAC	We have been working with BNTAC and YHW to put together some materials to circulate to communities as well as videos so we can direct market.	

			<p>Also how we can increase security measures, such as gates, using local community members to patrol. These are ongoing discussions with IBN, GAC, BNTAC and YHW.</p> <p>We have also had discussions with Coles in Tom Price to work on grocery packs for the communities rather than the communities going to the towns.</p>	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	<p>Pandemic Plans – this is important. The resources aren't in the communities for the people to stay in the communities. They are moving from the communities to get supplies.</p> <p>We need to get on the front foot and get food sources to the communities to try to stop the movement.</p> <p>This is one of the major risks to the communities.</p> <p>A key point of contact is the cultural leaders from within communities to hold the community up.</p>	
	Mark Barrett	WAPOL	<p>Jigalong – information at hand is that there is no people coming to the community unnecessarily. This is pleasing.</p> <p>WAPOL is active on the road blocking.</p>	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	<p>What happens to people who are required to attend court hearings however not able to leave the communities?</p>	
	Mark Barrett	WAPOL	<p>If there is a police station nearby make contact with the Police, otherwise make contact with the Court or ALS</p>	INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE
	Rewi	WDLAC	<p>I have contacted courthouse also, we have been asked to provide details through to ALS and they will liaise with Police and Courts.</p>	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	<p>Contact with pastoralists – Dept Primary Industries and Regional Development will contact all pastoralists and send through list of contacts of who they can call for assistance.</p> <p>Rio Tinto have offered assistance to the 3 identified communities who will be assisted with Radio Comms.</p> <p>Dept Comm main tasks – complete the final draft of Isolation, Quarantine Accommodation Plan, this is currently awaiting confirmation from mining companies around available mine camps. The next step is to have a dry run through with WAPOL, WACHS and DFES.</p>	

			Welfare Support planning in each locality is going well, still work to do on that with update available next week. Pandemic Plans – progressing well.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Sourcing computers for home schooling as discussed yesterday. How is that going?	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	No success as yet.	
	Lisa Fieldhouse	Independent Schools	May be funding through a trust? Lisa may also have potential funding sources for computers and will make available.	Lisa to contact Simon Taylor directly to provide potential number of computers required.
	Joshua Pepall	BNTAC	There was a grant of \$50K for KJ rangers from Dept Communities. Has Dept Communities been able to progress any funding options for Corps and Orgs who are dealing on the front line?	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	The funds provided were for specific projects such as return to country project. Issue for funding for PBC's – Glen Kelly was going to follow that up, perhaps try National Indigenous Affairs Agency?	
	Melissa Rennie	NIAA	Lotteries West has funding available. (Information available on the recov19er website as well as contained in meeting notes of 1 April 2020)	Co ordinated approach to PBC funding – Trish Barron, Johanna Ramsay; Teri O'Neill and Kathryn Bates to work on this.
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	Housing policy – Dept has released an update to all CEO's of Communities as to how property management will be managed through this time – property inspections, hardship and emergency occupation of vacant properties. Pandemic Plans – awaiting on a few to come back from TO groups.	Information on Property Management to be circulated by RECOV19ER

	Kathryn Bates	Nyamal/NPT	<p>Pandemic Plan update – 5 more plans have been completed ready for submission.</p> <p>Feedback from communities is that some community representatives are concerned about the level of content required and therefore not completing or submitting. It is important that the plans are started with some detail in order to get the communities on the radar. We will continue to work with the communities to complete these plans and will call them daily to check in with them and to continue to fill in the missing data. It is important that these plans are regularly updated so that the most appropriate assistance can be provided to the community when needed.</p> <p>There is an issue that communities close to town are running out of food stores therefore leaving the community and going to town for supplies. The focus needs to be on food security.</p>	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	There is a need to get bulk deliveries to communities.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	This is the same issue as seen in the Kimberley the groups lack the funding to get bulk deliveries.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	<p>Been able to crack the wall – he has met with the Freight and Logistics Council, create a working group with DPIRD as well as retail and CME – sourcing more wholesalers.</p> <p>Food supply is OK but the critical part is understanding the needs first. Calls for information from Govt areas and more linkages with Communities. Need to get the data supply.</p> <p>Need to continue to alleviate emergencies</p>	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	<p>Its not an issue of food supply or logistics.</p> <p>Its about keeping the people in the communities.</p>	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Recognises these issues and acknowledges this group can make a difference.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	<p>We need to be looking at this in a bigger scale. Food supply is only one issue.</p> <p>We propose we get ADF and Government to come in here and help with things like generators, freight and logistics. All communities need back up radio.</p>	

	Scott Owen	Pilbara Regiment	Reason we are dialling in is to get information. We have limited supplies, but we can provide logistics. We need a co ordinated approach to be most effective. All we need is information on what is required.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	We are asking for assistance with logistics supply depots.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	Pandemic Plans will provide us with the guide of what is required in the regions.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	The Prime Minister has announced this morning that whatever we are putting in place, it will be for 6 months so we need to be prepared.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	As plans are coming in we are cataloguing what the food needs are in each location. Then best options can then be reviewed. As we get the plans in this will inform the right solution. Larger communities have different needs from the smaller communities. We may be able to get a rotating stores system in place for the smaller communities.	
	Joshua Pepall	BNTAC	I have been in touch with Warrant Office in Tom Price and have been discussing them as a part of the supply chain. Has the ADF been mobilised to do that?	
	Scott Owens	Pilbara Regiment	Not at this stage. We are in the preparation stage. Most vehicles around KTA however can be moved. All depots do report back through me. We need to be mindful that we are not able to provide any service that will take away business from the usual service providers.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Reiterates the importance of a co ordinated approach. This is serious and will be a long term issue. We need to start planning now.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Joint Lotterywest grants may be an option.	
	Trish Barron	PDC	We can assist with that. We have the resources to help to write grants.	PDC; YMAC; ISPL; YMAC to work on this
	Alia Deane	Town of Port Hedland	The Town of Port Hedland has started to put measures in place – providing information on and reinforcing of restrictions on movement around the town.	

C OPEN TO QUESTIONS				
	Grant Bussell	YHW AC	Mixed messaging from Government around the Directions on movement between communities.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Basic message is don't go to communities unless you live there or for essential services etc. Call on cultural reasons is problematic. Also how is this managed in the pandemic plans?	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Basic message of don't go there if you don't live there is the confusing message. People living there are coming and going.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	Inconsistency of messaging.	
	Grant Bussell	YHW AC	There are lots of visitors to the community, the families are wide reaching.	
	Glen Kelly	DPC	If the Directions are not working and there is confusion, this needs to be thought about by Police Commissioner and DPC. I will raise this.	Glen to address confusion in interpretation of Directions.
	Grant Bussell	YHW AC	In Tom Price the bank is closing which is an immediate problem.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Everything we are doing now is critical and urgent, there is a breakout now in the Kimberley. The 6 month plans are important but we need to look at what we can do now.	
	Teri O'Neill	YMAC	YMAC is happy to assist with message development in language. We need to determine who is already doing this and where the gaps are.	
	Alia Deane	Town of Port Hedland	We are happy to promote any materials through our media.	
	Lisa Fieldhouse	Independent Schools	Any kids that are stuck without laptops – independent schools can assist. Telstra has free data at the moment, registration is needed.	
D CLOSING				
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Question / Answer round complete	
			Next meeting tomorrow 11.30am	
			Meeting closed at 1.05pm	