



REcov19ER Teleconference - Participants open to interested parties

Wednesday 8 April 2020

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions Arising
A	OPENING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Meeting open at 11:30am	
			One minutes silence - respect	
			<p>Welcome and reminder of Purpose of Group and background. A group formed for all people across the Pilbara. We have had discussions with Government Departments and provided information, we have also allowed conversations Format for meeting moving forward is Monday, Wednesday and Fridays is for the community leaders and representatives, PBC's and Corporations and other community members to have open discussions on issues currently at hand. Tuesdays and Thursday is everyone to hear the Government Department and agency updates as well as ask questions on the actions by Government.</p>	
			<p>The initial purpose of this group was to get people engaged and to develop a co ordinated approach to providing assistance to our people across the Pilbara. There has been lots of work in engaging with Govt Depts to provide them with information on the community so they can respond. We need to now go back to the community and understand the issues on the ground so we can assist our communities. Food supply is a huge priority. We need to work on this as a priority.</p>	
	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	Is there anyone online from Health?	
	Linda Waters	WACHS	I am here representing Health.	

	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	we are only getting second hand information. We need to have someone from Health telling us where things are at.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Lets address this below in the agenda.	
B	UPDATES			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Focus Group 1 Food Supply:	
	Raelene Button	Aboriginal Strong Leaders	<p>What is happening on the ground. Working with the elders and communities and working with Warralong/Strelley and Yandeyarra.</p> <p>The old people concerned – no health services have been out to the community.</p> <p>Yandeyarra has a health centre with no visits from Health services. People are having to come to towns for health services.</p> <p>We are having issues with Alcohol.</p> <p>We have been working with Compass Group to supply food to the communities. We are trying to do this once a month.</p> <p>We have buses so we can deliver food.</p> <p>We are now a part of the essential services so that we can deliver food to communities.</p> <p>We have set up services, language messaging.</p> <p>Now that kids are home from school they are out in the streets and this is a problem.</p> <p>Kids are missing out on the education. They need to access online and they don't have internet.</p> <p>We are doing things on the ground.</p> <p>People are getting food and then using spare money for drugs and alcohol. Because there is still movement between town and communities this is an issue, we are working with the ones that need the wrap around services.</p>	
	Ingrid Walkley	Strelley/Warralong Communities	Strelley and Warralong are still operating their schools throughout the holidays.	
	Raelene Button	Aboriginal Strong Leaders	Kids are on the streets in town. We are working on computers and internet for the kids.	

			We need people from the WA Health to come to the communities.	
	Rewi	WDLAC	<p>Raelene has just done one of the things that this group is for. Raelene has done this today. Organisations need to come to this forum sharing what they are doing and asking for assistance.</p> <p>The other purpose is for this forum to provide Government with information so they can better respond.</p> <p>This group should not be coordinating for the Government, the Government is waiting for this group to then do their work.</p> <p>An example is that Lotterywest is waiting for this group to submit a regional application.</p> <p>Lotterywest advised that they will not consider our individual application.</p>	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	<p>There are so many issues flying around, I have started to collate what collectively we need help with and that we need the Govt to pay attention to. These need to be escalated – might be time to collate list of demands from the Corporations and communities in this group.</p>	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Govt are saying we still need to consult with other departments.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Happy to volunteer with Kathryn and Rewi to draft a letter	LETTER TO BE DRAFTED TO MINISTERS DEMANDING OUTCOMES FROM GOVT
	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	We need a one stop shop. We can't wait for people to come and save us, we need to be on the front foot at all times. If all the language groups can endorse a one stop shop. Let's get that endorsed then work together.	
	Raelene Button	Aboriginal Strong Leaders	<p>The PBC's have closed doors therefore we as the Aboriginal Strong Leaders we are now doing that.</p> <p>We don't know what any of the aboriginal organisations are doing. We are responding to the community asking us to get things done.</p>	
	Terry Butler-Blaxell	Strelley/Warralong Communities	Can you please advise who the Chair of Strelley is. We need to ensure we are going through the correct and approved channels.	

	Rewi	WDLAC	Lotterywest has advised that they will not reimburse organisations for funds already spent. We need to identify from the State where organisations are able to recoup funds that have been spent.	
	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	We need to be proactive and put our heads together and discuss as language groups what we need to do is to protect our elders and communities. Where is our leadership. We need to get our act together. Nobody knows how long this is going to be around for. Native title divided us, not its time for us to get back together.	
	Raelene Button	Aboriginal Strong Leaders	Strong Leaders is about the Elders and the Leaders, about helping each other. We need to think about the kids and the elders. The kids are the future leaders. Things need to be moving quicker.	
	Rewi	WDLAC	WDLAC has no ability to reach the Martu people in Hedland. Are you able to provide information to the Martu people.	
	Raelene Button	Aboriginal Strong Leaders	Yes we can do that, we have already put out some Martu language material.	
	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	We need to sort out how we are going to move forward with this. We need a one stop shop – is this the forum for this.	
	Rewi	WDLAC	If everything is to come through this group? Does this mean that everything has to come through one group as that will hamstring the applications from individual groups. This will cause additional delay to any funding process.	
	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	We need a focal point for across the region. We need a one stop shop for information. All of the communications are going round the grapevine. We need a plan in place to combat the virus. Lets be proactive. We need a group.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	We need a one stop shop on both sides. Community representation that feeds information through to government – and on the government side for them to coordinate one point where information can be fed back through to the communities.	
	Rewi	WDLAC	We are not saying there should be a one stop shop. We are saying this is useful for information sharing. It is useful for collaborating and sharing information.	

	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	<i>Facilitates a general discussion on the benefits of information sharing and working together.</i>	
	Lizzy Walker	Njamal People's Trust	Banks have closed, the local gun shop has closed. This requires people to move around. Then there are shopping restrictions. These are the issues on the ground.	
	Rewi	WDLAC	Locating the local branch managers can assist.	
	Grant Bussell	YHW	Banks have advised the post office may assist. Gun shops are able to open for members of native title groups as per the Directions.	
	Lizzy Walker	Njamal People's Trust	We still need people to be able to hunt. We still need to be able to get access to people who don't have internet.	
	Troy Eaton	East West Pilbara Group	What are we doing from here?	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	There are a couple of levels: There are focus groups that need to keep going. Pandemic Plans need to continue to be updated. We need to get on the ground – talk to our people on the ground – we need people talking to communities.	
	Terry Butler-Blaxell	Strelley/Warralong Communities	If we need to isolate a community to keep them safe. If one person breaks away then the plan fails. The need for separation will escalate. We need for accommodation. Dept Communities is working on this.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	<i>General discussion on the intention and purpose of the group as well as outcomes that need to be achieved in order to assist the communities.</i>	
	<p>WEBSITE TO BE REVIEWED AND CONSIDER A FB PAGE. ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES FROM THIS MEETING NEED TO BE ADDRESSED EACH MEETING TO ENSURE WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS.</p>			
C	CLOSING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Next meeting tomorrow 11.30am	
			Meeting closed at 1.20pm	