

# Community Action Plan

## Bourke Local Emergency Management Committee

### Level 1: Prepare: COVID-19 has not entered the community

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<p>1. Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:</p>	<p><b>1.1</b> Alice Edwards Village residents are self-monitoring those attending and leaving the village. Signs erected at the entrances to Alice Edwards village advising visitors are not welcome at present.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> RMS Signage on roadway entering community erected warning residents only allowed entry. Situated on the Mitchell Highway.</p> <p><b>1.3</b> Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome.</p> <p><b>1.4</b> Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work, exercise.</p>	<p>Council/RMS Signage consistent with current restrictions maintained by RMS across regional footprint.</p> <p>LALC/Community Leaders/AMS – in process of conveying the message to community</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE (FACS) Supply of essential food and grocery items (i.e. set hamper) to people in quarantine or isolation who have no means of accessing these goods independently</p>

	<p><b>1.5</b> Police to consult (at least once weekly) with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p> <p><b>1.6</b> Health to implement <i>Sentinel</i> testing for Bourke. Specifically, on person from certain households could be tested (potentially based on symptoms). If one person returns symptoms, lockdown / triage protocols can be implemented. Additionally, when restrictions are eased, and persons are attending Bourke from locations of concern, precautionary testing can be facilitated.</p>	<p>Police/LEMC LEMC's conducted twice per week. Ross Earl (LEMO) to advise of appropriate days. Also, other community engagements.</p> <p>HEALTH Issues raised by Health: Staff, hours, resources. Community Health has the capacity. Will raise with Acting GM as possibility. Will raise with LHD. <b>OUTSTANDING</b></p> <p>RFDS Will only <u>supplement</u> - not duplicate - existing services.</p> <p>RFDS are considering testing in more remote communities (like Enngonia) where testing is not available locally. RFDS are looking to establish a taskforce to bulk test if needed; i.e. where a large section of a community develops flu like symptoms. <b>OUTSTANDING</b></p>
2. Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry	<b>2.1</b> LEMC consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.	LEMC Discussed. Application for a PHO not required at this stage. Current NSW Health Order – Stay at Home enough at present.
3. Police assist in enforcement of PHO.	<b>3.1</b> Police requested to set up roadblock at entrance to community to only allow residents and essential services to have access egress.	Police Discussed. Application for a PHO not required at this stage. Current NSW Health Order – Stay at Home enough at present.

	<b>3.2</b> No roadblock, but police concentrate patrols on road into community conducting vehicle stops and checking bona fides of persons for residential status	Police HVP & driver engagements on entrance to township & within township – daily tasking
4. No Public Health Order	<b>4.1</b> Above strategies could still apply however police utilise current legislation of ‘non-essential travel’ to stop and enforce non-residents entering the community.  <b>4.2</b> Police could also utilise NSW legislation relating to the offence of ‘trespass’ if non-residents entered the Alice Edwards Village and other private premises and had been requested to leave by LALC or occupier.	Police HVP & driver engagements on entrance to township & within township – daily tasking including public transport.  Police/LALC Ongoing option
5. Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing “Stay at Home” requirements or the rule about non residency exclusion.	<b>5.1</b> Large Signs to be made and erected at Entrance to Community and the Alice Edwards Village – warning of exclusion	ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS/LALC/COUNCIL. AEV community-initiated signage (1200mm x 800mm in size and stronger material) placed at the entrance of AEV. Revised signage consistent with current restrictions/circumstances/conditions. Signage disseminated across Murdi Paaki footprint inclusive of Bourke & Enngonia.
6. Restricted Access Education and Awareness	<b>6.1</b> Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that the community is in ‘isolation’ and all visitors must register for entry to the community.	LALC/Council. Bourke Community has not proceeded to administering a register.  Broad communication has occurred with community to advise;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government employees are not entering the community unless for essential service delivery</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caravan Parks and Motels can accept overnight guests that are engaged in non-essential travel</li><li>• Police are stopping people and vehicles to ensure that those that are not at home have a reasonable excuse and travellers do not remain in the community</li></ul>
7. Health Education and Awareness	<p><b>7.1</b> Display public health messages on social media and in community spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practice good hygiene: wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face.</li><li>• Physical distancing encouraged</li><li>• House parties to cease</li><li>• Gatherings of over 2 people in public to cease.</li><li>• Only people who reside in premises are to be in the premises.</li></ul>	LALC/AMS/NSW Health/NSW Police Completed and updated regularly
8. Funeral Risk Assessment	<p><b>8.1</b> Inform community that Funerals are high risk for non-residents attending community.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police.</p> <p><b>8.3</b> Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.</p>	Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police, ACLO's, Health.  Completed and will continue to be addressed upon notification of funerals in the future. Police to be notified by Funeral Director and NOK and risk assessments undertaken. (Communication and adherence to date has been effective)

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9. Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19	<b>9.1</b> Self-isolate and inform health. Contact doctor by phone for consultation and diagnosis. Contact public health toll number on PH 1300 066055.	Community members, Health, General Practitioners.
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Agency	Engagement Activities	Outcome / Issues
ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS	Distributed signage discussed in communications with Murdi Paaki and in consultation with Patina SMITH of the Bourke Community Working Party. Whilst they were relevant pre easing of restrictions, they are becoming redundant. Aiming to road test new signage at AEV. Signage will be 'for sale' sizing; fluted plastic material for strength over and above the previous laminated signage. Engaging to ensure signage is relevant as easing unfolds. Aiming to be proactive with <i>current</i> circumstances. This includes the remaining relevance of isolating and social distancing. In process of modifying and remaking signage to encourage reading/processing.	COMPLETE & ONGOING
BOURKE HEALTH	Temperature Screening at Bourke hospital for all patients, visitors, staff and contractors entering Bourke Hospital.	ONGOING
BOURKE POLICE/LEOCON	Police are conducting education/enforcement of the Health Minister's direction.	COMPLETE & ONGOING. Numerous persons/agencies spoken to. Random vehicle stops. Warnings and infringements being issued but far less frequently with easing of PH restrictions.

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COUNCIL	David: Signage erected for public play equipment. Includes messaging parents to have hand wash available. Equip and park benches pressure washed every 2 <sup>nd</sup> day.	
LEOCON/COMMUNITY	COVID-19 Working Group convened 18/05/2020	COMPLETE & ONGOING
LEOCON/LEMO/LEMC/ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS/LALC	Extraordinary LEMC meetings	COMPLETE & ONGOING
MARANGUKA	Updated social media pages on daily basis. Maranguka has reached over 27000 views.	COMPLETED & ONGOING
MARANGUKA	Vivienne Prince: Business as usual. Engagement via Facebook messaging. Work packs delivered to homes. Allowing people into office slowly with distancing. Planning to inform families for students to return to education. Coordinating meetings re DV during COVID-19.	COMPLETE & ONGOING
MARANGUKA/COMMUNITY	Weekly COVID-19 working group meeting.	COMPLETED & ONGOING
POLICE	Temperature screening at Police station at commencement of shift	This is conducted by Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and Lightning Ridge Police
SOS	Delivery of fundamental healthy relationships targeted to specific youth.	OUTSTANDING
SOS BIRRANG	Jamie Moore: Business as usual. Coordinating small groups of young persons with peer support / welfare along with restrictions updates, distancing and hygiene. Will team up with Maranguka Hub and Aboriginal Affairs to sit with schools to work out the best way forward for returning students.	OUTSTANDING

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	Engagement with local communities establishes anxiety among parents pertaining to potential implications on children returning to schools with risk of COVID-19 remaining (i.e. articles re Kawasaki disease – offshoot of COVID-19).	
WNSWLHD / BOURKE HEALTH	WNSWLHD is organising a <b>Mobile COVID 19 drive through clinic</b> to visit towns across the LHD. Vicky Scott (HSM Lightning Ridge) is coordinating this. Bourke is on the agenda for a visit. As requested by Bourke Health, our smaller communities such as Enngonia, Wanaaring, Louth and BYROCK will be included in this initiative. RFDS have undertaken to assist WNSWLHD at Wanaaring and Louth.	<b>OUTSTANDING</b>

## Level 2: Confirmed Cases in Community

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1. Restrictions on Access/Egress increased	<p><b>1.1</b> Police/Community Members/Health assisting at entrance to community to ensure only residents or essential services enter.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Health conducting relevant temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions</p> <p><b>1.3</b> Police concentrate on vehicle stops and other access locations to community to reduce non-resident attendance.</p>	<p>Police/LALC/Heath/Public Health. Would be 'ongoing'</p> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT PHU nurse will be notified of a positive result. They will establish 'contact/s' &amp; 'history' of patient. Close contacts by the patient will be contacted by PHU nurse who will determine action.</p>
2. Community Information	<p><b>2.1</b> High-risk people advised to remain at home (e.g. those over 50 or those with other existing medical conditions).</p> <p><b>2.2</b> Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	LALC/Community Leaders/NSW Health/NSW Police/ACLO's
3. Isolation of cases/Close contact with cases.	<b>3.1</b> If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place.	<p>HEALTH/LALC/PHEOC/DCJ AMS/NSW Health/SES will monitor and assist with meal, grocery, pharmaceutical provision &amp; delivery, and address welfare whilst isolated.</p> <p>This will also depend on the family and friendship supports in the community. If this is not available discussions can be had with PHEOC (Public Health Emergency</p>



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	<p><b>3.2</b> If unable to self-isolate in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, then accommodation arranged by health or LALC or public housing.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> If hospitalisation necessary, will patient be kept in MPS sites or will be transferred to another facility)?</p> <p><b>3.4</b> If a whole family tests positive and do not need hospitalisation?</p> <p><b>3.5</b> If patient deteriorates</p>	<p>Operational Centre) who will liaise with Department of Communities and Justice.</p> <p>HEALTH – Public Health Unit – Provide client with information and guidance about self-isolation at home</p> <p>PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT – COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Accommodation (AIA) Access.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Online booking system the PHU has establish accommodation links at; <b>Bourke</b>; Cobar; Walgett; Lightning Ridge; (potentially Brewarrina) Broken Hill; Balranald; Wilcannia; Dubbo; Orange; Bathurst; Condonbolin; Parkes</p> <p>HEALTH - If patient requires increased medical treatment, they will be transferred to a larger facility</p> <p>HEALTH -Confirmed patients will be directed to isolate at home by the PHU. Depending on home situation, temporary accommodation will be sought.</p> <p>HEALTH - Patient will be taken to hospital and transferred. (Bourke has <b>nine</b> isolation rooms)</p> <p>HEALTH - Arrange cleaning contractor and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation</p>

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	<b>3.6</b> Cleaning processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements (for accommodation that has been arranged. i.e. Motels etc.)	of quarantine requirements (for accommodation that has been arranged. ie Motels etc.)

### Level 3: Elimination – virus is not contained

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1. Community to self-isolate	<p><b>1.1</b> Community to self-isolate in their own homes.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> No external access to community other than health and service professionals</p> <p><b>1.3</b> School to close</p> <p><b>1.4</b> Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes</p> <p><b>1.5</b> Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk.</p> <p><b>1.6</b> Co-ordination of triage area for Ambulance to take patients requiring hospitalisation</p>	<p>Health/LALC/Murdi Paaki/Mid Lachlan.</p> <p>Police/LALC/Council.</p> <p>Education</p> <p>HEALTH/WELFARE SERVICES/ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE (FACS)</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Health/LALC/Council/Ambulance/NSW Health. 'Triage Centre' in event of a 'mass casualty event'.</p>

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	<p><b>1.7 In compliance with <i>Public Health Order</i> only, increase restriction of access to Bourke.</b></p>	<p>Where there are more than 10 casualties have flu like symptoms – or other cause such as aircon contamination, food poisoning - in one location, (i.e. pub/club), Ambulance (NSWAS) to triage victims into categories <b>Red</b> (life threatening) / <b>Orange</b> (non-mobile / significant injury) / <b>Green</b> (walking wounded) / <b>White</b> (deceased). NSWAS will transport victims in category order to receive treatment required. Lower acuity victims may be transported elsewhere, eg: Brewarrina / Cobar – but that would be a local decision at the time in discussion with NSWPF, NSWAS and MPS. NB: Health GM Brian BONHAM to be consulted in such circumstance. ‘Triage Centre’ to be located as close to event as possible.</p> <p>HEALTH/POLICE/COUNCIL/ABORIGINAL ARRAIRS/LALC/MARANGUKA/EDUCATION Strong consistent messaging via signage and various mediums re dangers and reporting.</p> <p>POLICE Increased patrols with additional crews to check <i>bona fides</i> of anyone detected</p>

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		entering/leaving. Enact relevant PHO power/s where necessary.

### Community Consultation – Each 7 days

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16.04.2020	LEMC meeting held. Teleconference
23.04.2020	LEMC meeting held. Teleconference
30.04.2020	LEMC meeting held. Teleconference
06/05/2020	LEMC meeting held. Teleconference
11.05.2020	LEMC stakeholders email dissemination of CAP
14.05.2020	LEMC stakeholder dissemination re CAP input
19.05.2020	LEMC Teleconference

**Attendees:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Aboriginal Affairs	Stephen Howarth	Project officer
Aboriginal Affairs	Andrew Rose	
Bourke Aboriginal Working Party	Petina Smith	Chair
Bourke Local Council	Ross Earl	LEMO
Bourke Local Council	Peter Brown	Manager of works
Bourke Local Council	Leonie Brown	Manager of Corporate Services
Bourke Local Council	Duane Willoughby ( <i>Apology</i> )	Environmental Services.
Community and Justice	Jenny Rolfe ( <i>Apology</i> )	Case worker
Department of Communities & Justice	Emma CROWLEY	Deputy WeIFAC / HSR
Education	Charles Dwyer ( <i>Apology</i> )	Regional Director of Education
Enngonia LALC	Tannia Edwards ( <i>Apology</i> )	Chair
Far West Public Health Unit	Jason Harwood	
Health (Bourke Hospital)	Pat Canty	Health Unit Manager
LLS	Charlotte Cavanaugh	
Maranguka	Alistair Ferguson ( <i>Apology</i> )	Executive Director
Maranguka	Vivienne Prince	Operations Manager
Maranguka	Samara	Project Officer
National Parks	Melisa Hands ( <i>Apology</i> )	
NSW Ambulance	Mick Poyser ( <i>Apology</i> )	
NSW Police	Andrew Hurst	Commander CENPD
NSW Police	Jeff Little	LEOCON
NSW Police	Karen Bartholomew	Sgt
NSW Police	Greg McMahan	REMO
NSW Rural Fire Service	David Hagarty	
NSW Rural Fire Service	Vaughn Elsworth	
NSWFB	Steve Knight	

Agency	Name	Position
NSWFB	Chris Morrall	
Regional NSW	Sarah Barton	Senior Coordination Officer
SES	Stephen Walsh	

# Community Action Plan information

## Bourke

### Actions organisations and agencies are doing to protect the community from COVID-19

#### No cases of COVID-19 in the community the following actions are happening –

- Information from NSW Health being circulated on hygiene and social distancing
- Signs being placed on entry into town to discourage travellers from stopping
- Local media outlets being used to advertise social distancing
- Police are conducting education/enforcement of the Health minister's Direction
- Buses into Bourke being checked for non-essential travel
- Vehicles travelling are stopped by police to see the reason for travel
- NSW Health are undertaking screening for COVID-19
- Information on social distancing for funeral's being circulated in the community
- Numerous agencies engaged in COVID-19 education and support

#### If a case is detected the following actions will happen –

- If a case of COVID-19 is detected, assistance can be provided to self-isolate at home, or another location with the assistance of NSW Health
- Police will be conducting checks to ensure people self-isolate if a positive case is detected

- People over 50 years old, or with existing health conditions will need to stay home
- NSW Health will monitor and assist people with COVID-19
- NSW Health will identify other people who have been in contact with an infected person and conduct health checks

**If the virus begins to spread in the community the following action will happen –**

- Community will self-isolate in their homes
- Police will strictly enforce any non-essential travel in the community
- Schools will close
- Food can be distributed to homes
- NSW Health will arrange necessary medical treatment

**What we need from Community Members –**

- Protect you community, stay at home
- Limit any non-essential travel
- Don't have people at your house that don't usually reside with you
- If friends or family arrive at your house, tell them to go
- Don't go to parties, keep your social distance
- Practice good hygiene
- Get a health check if you have symptoms of COVID-19
- Ask for assistance if you need it