

Community Action Plan

Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee

Tuesday 26 May 2020 (V7)

Review Date: 2 June 2020

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>1.1 Namoi & Gingie Missions are self monitoring those attending and leaving the Missions.</p> <p>1.2 Signs erected at the entrances to the Mission advising visitors are not welcome at present.</p> <p>1.3 RMS Signage on roadway entering community erected warning residents only allowed entry – placed on the Castlereagh Highway.</p> <p>1.4 Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome.</p>	<p>LALC - complete</p> <p>LALC – complete – the LALC have determined that signs are not required.</p> <p>Council/RMS - complete</p> <p>NSW Health/Community Leaders / WAMS / LALC/NSW Police/Dharriwaa Elders Group – in process/distribution of material including posters, social media postings, mail drop</p> <p>Employers/organisation to monitor the health and welfare of their employees</p>

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	1.5 Returning workers/professionals to the community 1.6 Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work. 1.7 Police to consult with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.	LALC/Community Leaders/WAM's – in process of conveying the message to community Police/LEMC LEMC's conducted Tues, LALC, WAMS, DEG extended invitation to attend & participate in LEMC meetings
(2) Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry	2.1 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 sufficient at present.
(3) Police assist in enforcement of PHO.	3.1 Police requested to set up roadblock at entrance to community to only allow residents and essential services to have access egress. 3.2 No roadblock, but police concentrate patrols on road into community conducting vehicle stops and checking bonafides of persons for residential status 3.3 Monitor passenger movement on the Country Link bus service to ensure only essential travel is being undertaken.	Police Discussed. Application for a PHO not required at this stage. Current NSW Health Order – Stay at Home sufficient at present. Police HVP & driver engagements on entrance to township & within township – daily tasking Police – Daily Taskings Transport NSW – monitoring ticket sales
(4) No Public Health Order	4.1 Above strategies could still apply however police utilise current legislation of 'non essential travel' to stop and enforce non residents entering the community.	Police

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	4.2 Police could also utilise NSW legislation relating to the offence of 'trespass' if non residents were in the community and had been requested to leave by LALC.	Police/LALC (LALC to provide Police with the name of community liaison contact – should police be required to assist)
(5) Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion	5.1 Large Signs to be made and erected at Entrance to Community – warning of exclusion and offence to enter	LALC/Council Signage placed at the entrance of Gingie & Namoi Missions re visitors not currently welcome. Advisory RMS signs placed on the Castlereagh Hwy for the attention of motorists entering Walgett
(6) Restricted Access Education and Awareness	6.1 Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that the community is in lock down and all visitors must register with the LALC for entry to the community.	LALC – Neither Mission has gone to the point of administering a register however communication in all mediums has been distributed and discussed within both Missions at Walgett complete
(7) Health Education and Awareness	7.1 Display public health messages on social media and in community spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice good hygiene: wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face. • Physical distancing encouraged • House parties to cease • Gatherings over 10 people to cease 	LALC/WAMS/NSW Health/NSW Police Completed and updated regularly Via use of social media, pamphlets, posters, mail drop, council newsletter
(8) Funeral Risk Assessment	8.1 Inform community that Funerals are high risk for non-residents attending community. Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police.	Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police, ACLO's Completed and will continue to be addressed upon notification of funerals in the future.

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	Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.	(Communication and adherence to date has been effective)
(9) Re-integration of school students	<p>9.1 Phase 0 – Weeks 1-2 Schools remain open though the department and govt are encouraging those families who can support learning from home to continue to do so. School packs provided. IT support provided to yrs 11-12 as a priority.</p> <p>9.2 Phase 1 – Week 3 onwards – Students will be rostered to return 1 day a week. Arrangements will be made to consider family groupings and ensuring compliance with department guidelines.</p> <p>9.3 Sanitisation arrangements (Personal & work spaces) to be put in place.</p> <p>9.4 Hand Sanitisation/cleaning techniques workshops within the schools.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>To commence 11 May 2020</p> <p>NSW Education to commence 11 May 2020</p> <p>WAMS for Walgett Schools</p>
(10) Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19	10.1 Self-isolate and inform health	Community members, Health
(11) Sentinel Covid-19 Testing	11.1 The conduct of Sentinel Covid-19 Testing (Surveillance Testing) to be undertaken in the vulnerable Walgett/Collarenebri communities.	Response received from NSW Health 12/05/2020 – Sentinel Testing will not occur however NSW Health advocating for an increase in the conduct of Fever Clinics.
(12) Fever Clinics	12.1 The conduct of COVID-19 testing for community who currently have, or have recently had any of these symptoms even if they were mild; fever, shortness of breath,	NSW Health, Walgett Rural and Remote Medical Service GP Surgery.

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	sore throat, cough tiredness, chills, body aches, headache, runny nose, muscle pain. Flyers have been distributed through community by NSW Health advising of the testing.	
(13) Police pre shift Health screening	13.1 As at 20/05/2020 all Police (sworn and unsworn staff) commencing their rostered shift at Walgett & Lightning Ridge Police Station undergo Covid-19 pre-screening check by means of an infra red thermometer.	NSW Police – Sgt/Shift Supervisor

Agency	Engagement Activities	Outcome / Issues
NSWPF	Continued community engagement via HV presence in the commercial area.	Completed – ongoing
	Visit the residence of youth throughout Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri & Goodooga issuing fun packs. Engage with the kids family addressing general welfare and nutrition – YLO/Youth Command.	Completed - ongoing
	ACLO's engaged and visiting Walgett Reserves/Missions, Wollie Reserve @ Collarenebri. Meeting with families who are preparing funerals	Completed – ongoing
	Warnings/Enforcement of COVID-19 health restrictions	Completed – ongoing – 24 Business Inspections, 4 Warnings, 0 Breach (PIN)

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	<p>Updated information provided to the community via article in the 'Walgett Spectator' Newspaper</p> <p>Engagement with families organising and conducting funerals – 1 x Collarenebri, 2 x Walgett</p> <p>2WEB Radio Interview – Supt Hurst</p> <p>ABC Western Plains Interview – Supt Hurst</p> <p>YLO/Youth Command – Delivery of Food hampers received from charity organisations</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed – ongoing weekly media engagement</p> <p>Completed 14/05/2020</p> <p>Commenced 21/05/2020</p>
NSW Health	Flyer distributed throughout community regarding 'Testing for COVID-19 in Walgett'	Completed
WAMS	<p>Ongoing engagement via mobile welfare checks with the vulnerable members within the community.</p> <p>Vaccine Clinics – COVID-19/Hygiene education provided during process</p> <p>Assisting LALC with Food Box deliveries</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing assisting with IGA Food Deliveries on Thursday & Friday</p>
DEG	<p>Assisting with delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables to the vulnerable members of the community.</p> <p>Checking in and conducting welfare checks with community</p>	<p>Completed - Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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Community Action Plan Information Sheet	One page information sheet outlining CAP distributed throughout the community	LEOCON – distributed to LEMC members for distribution - Completed
Education	Distribution of school packs to students	Commenced – ongoing

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(1) Restrictions on Access/Egress increased	<p>1.1 Police/Community Members/Health assisting at entrance to community to ensure only residents or essential services enter.</p> <p>1.2 Health conducting relevant temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions</p> <p>1.3 Police concentrate on vehicle stops and other access locations to community to reduce non-resident attendance.</p>	<p>Police/LALC/Heath</p> <p>NSW Health/WAMS</p> <p>NSW Police</p>
(2) Community Information	<p>2.1 High-risk people advised to remain at home (e.g. those over 50 or those with other existing medical conditions).</p> <p>a. Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	<p>LALC/Community Leaders/NSW Health/NSW Police/ACLO's</p> <p>LEMC & Community organisations</p>

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	2.3 Utilise SMS to distribute community messaging surrounding heightened awareness re hygiene, social distancing & gathering.	LEMC/PIFAC
(3) Isolation of patients	<p>3.1 Positive COVID-19 sample. Patient treatment & tracing.</p> <p>3.2 If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place. (Family within residence to also isolate).</p>	<p>NSW Health – Upon positive notification a comprehensive 8-10-page questionnaire is to be completed.</p> <p>PHU – will follow up with close consultation with the client's doctor who ordered the swab.</p> <p>PHU – determine all high-risk contacts (any person who had greater than 15 minutes face to face or longer than 2 hours cumulative in the infective period.</p> <p>PHU – Those contacts are placed into isolation for 14 days from last contact and observed and NOT SWABBED unless symptomatic. They must remain in isolation for 14 days and are contacted daily by PHU as in the case of a welfare contact.</p> <p>NSW Health/DCJ – Public Health Unit will provide patient with information and guidance about self isolation at home.</p>

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	<p>3.3 Conduct of welfare checks when patient does not have a telecommunications device.</p> <p>3.4 If unable to self-isolate in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, then accommodation arranged by DCJ/Health.</p>	<p>Walgett IGA will take telephone grocery orders – delivery will be undertaken by WAMS staff.</p> <p>WAMS/IGA/Australia Unity/NSW Health/SES will assist with meal, grocery, pharmaceutical provision & delivery and address welfare whilst isolated.</p> <p>PHU will contact self-isolating patients/families daily.</p> <p>Service NSW – 137788 – provision of essential household items. Provision of a basic food pack of non-perishable items that will last 14 days. (only where grocery delivery arranged through IGA is not possible/available) (Refer to DCJ 'Welfare Services Functional Area Response to COVID-19)</p> <p>Police will conduct checks on isolated patients to ensure compliance with isolation orders</p> <p>PHU/NSW Health – PHU will co-ordinate the attendance of Aboriginal health workers, PHU staff, Ministry of Health staff – decided on a case by case basis.</p>

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	<p>3.5 A written request made by the LEOCON to the Western & Far West NSW PHU for a</p>	<p>Public Health Unit – COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Accommodation (AIA) Access. In collaboration with the Online booking system the PHU has establish accommodation links at the following locations;</p> <p>Broken Hill Balranald Wilcannia Bourke Cobar Walgett Dubbo Orange Bathurst Condobolin Parkes Lighting Ridge</p> <p>PHU will provide client & family with; Home isolation information & briefing; contact details for PHU; Arrangements for mediations, food, room cleaning & hygiene; daily follow up. WAMS will assist with food/pharmacy deliveries.</p> <p>Telephone grocery orders can be made through Walgett IGA – delivery by WAMS</p>

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	<p>localised one page communique addressing Positive Response Procedure.</p> <p>3.6 Health to arrange cleaning contractor, and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements</p> <p>3.7 Patient requiring hospitalisation at Walgett MPS (WMPS)</p>	<p>PHU will monitor patient daily for duration of isolation.</p> <p>NSW Health PHU – Request declined on 19/05/2020 – directed to the NSW Health website and broad state guidelines.</p> <p>NSW Health</p> <p>WMPC has the capacity to hospitalise and isolate 3 patients in the short term. Upon assessment if a patient is deemed to require hospitalisation they will be transferred via arrangements made with Patient flow to a larger hospital i.e Orange Base Hospital.</p>

Level 3: Elimination – virus is not contained

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(1) Community to self-isolate	<p>1.1 Community to self-isolate in their own homes.</p> <p>1.2 No external access to community other than health and service professionals</p> <p>1.3 School to close</p>	<p>Health/LALC</p> <p>Police/LALC – consideration of ADF assets to assist</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Health/DCJ</p>

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Level 3: Elimination – virus is not contained	Action	Responsibility / Status
	1.4 Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes 1.5 Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk. 1.6 Police to assist in complete lockdown and restriction of access through roadblock.	Health Police – consideration of ADF assets to assist

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Level 4: Community Consultation – Each 7 days

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LEMC	Meeting conducted 26/03/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 31/03/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 02/04/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 07/04/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 09/04/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 16/04/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 21/04/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 28/04/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 05/05/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 12/5/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 19/05/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting conducted 26/05/2020	Complete
LEMC	Meeting to be conducted 02/06/2020	

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Attendance Register

Agency	Name	Position
NSWPF	Superintendent Andrew Hurst	Commander, Central North Police District
NSWPF	Inspector Trent Swinton	LEOCON, Walgett LGA
Walgett Shire Council	Michael Urquhart (apology)	LEMO, Walgett LGA
NSW Health	Vicky Scott (apology)	HSM Lightning Ridge
NSW Health	Lynn Harris (apology)	HSM Walgett
NSW Health	Suzanne Mahoney (Apology) Christian	HSM Collarenebri
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service	Christine Corby	CEO
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service	Dr Keith Gleeson	Physician
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service	Jacqui Bourke	Practice Manager
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service	Danielle Fletcher	A/Manager Chronic Disease Unit
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service/Elder	Bill Kennedy	Chairperson
Walgett Aboriginal Lands Council	Nicole Shepherd (apology)	LALC
NSW Ambulance	Apology	
NSW SES	Brett Gay	Lightning Ridge Unit Commander
Dept of Communities and Justice	Julieanne Carroll	Manager Client Services, Bourke Grouping
NSW Health	Tim Brokenshire	Manager Environmental Health & Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Regional NSW	Sarah Barton	Senior Coordination Officer
Dharriwaa Elders Group	Wendy Spencer (apology)	Project Coordinator
Education	Stewart Vidler, Paul Champion, Donna Fiechtner	Principals; Walgett Community College, St Joseph's Primary Walgett
Transport NSW	Belinda Roberts (apology)	
Aboriginal Affairs	Stephen Howarth	
NSWPF	Kel Wise	Region Emergency Management Officer – Western Region
Walgett Aboriginal Working Party	Mr Garry Trindall (Declined invitation)	Chairperson