

Community Action Plan

Toomelah

Endorsed by Moree Plains Shire LEMC – 16/04/2020 – 3.20pm

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Updated 12pm 7/5/2020

Updated 3.30pm 14/5/2020

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

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Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:	Emergency Response Team – LALC, School, Council, Police Health, Community Leaders agree on community restrictions	Emergency Response Team Complete Toomelah/Boggabilla Steering Committee Chair - Lisa Roberts (DPC), Toomelah LALC – CEO Rex Weribone, Hunter New England Health Aboriginal Health – Manager -Tony Martin, Hunter New England Health Violence, Abuse, Neglect – Manager - Melissa Johnstone Aboriginal Affairs – Senior Project Officer Archie Tanna

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	<p>RMS Signage on roadway entering community erected warning residents only allowed entry</p> <p>Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome.</p> <p>Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work.</p> <p>Police to consult (at least twice daily) with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p>	<p>Dept of Education – Margaret Sloane NSW Police – Supt Scott Tanner, Insp Martin Burke</p> <p>Council/RMS Complete</p> <p>LALC Ongoing</p> <p>LALC/Community Leaders Ongoing</p> <p>Police Ongoing</p>
Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry	LEMC consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.	LEMC Complete
Police assist in enforcement of PHO.	<p>Police requested to set up roadblock at entrance to community to only allow residents and essential services to have access egress.</p> <p>No roadblock, but police concentrate patrols on road into community conducting vehicle</p>	<p>Police Outstanding not proceeding</p> <p>Police Ongoing</p>

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	<p>stops and checking bonafides of persons for residential status</p> <p>Residents and vehicles have stickers/passess to prove residency.</p> <p>Create a register to monitor entry and exit from the community</p>	<p>LALC Outstanding not proceeding</p> <p>LALC Outstanding not proceeding</p>
No Public Health Order	<p>Above strategies could still apply however police utilise current legislation and messaging of 'non essential travel' to stop and enforce non residents entering the community.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Police Ongoing</p> <p>Police/LALC Ongoing</p>
Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion	Large Signs to be made and erected at Entrance to Community – warning of exclusion and offence to enter	LALC/Council Complete
Health Checks on any resident or essential working entering the community	Health to conduct temperature checks and ask relevant questions re symptoms for Covid 19	Health Outstanding not proceeding
Restricted Access Education and Awareness	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 Complete

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Health Education and Awareness	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 Complete
Funeral Risk Assessment	Inform community that Funerals are high risk for non-residents attending community. Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police. Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.	Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police Ongoing
Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19	Self-isolate and inform health	Community members, Health Ongoing

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30/4/2020

Agency	Engagement Activities	Outcome / Issues
NSW Police	Twice daily HVP and community engagement in Toomelah	Rock thrown through window of police vehicle injuring police officer. Commander has spoken with LALC who are also upset with behaviour. Media release issued seeking assistance in identifying offender.

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NSW Police	Twice daily HVP and community engagement in Toomelah	Further rock throwing incident at Toomelah resulting in further damage to police vehicle. Ongoing investigation and working with LALC
NSW Police	Funeral at Toomelah	Family informed police 30 were attending, over 200 in attendance. Social distancing maintained with nil issues. Funeral director indicated he would not participate in further funerals whilst restrictions are in place
HNEH	Social messaging re Stay at Home, Stop the Spread	Continue direct messaging to discrete communities
HNEH	Flu shots administered	Clinics ongoing

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HNEH	Mobile testing clinics	Planning underway for mobile vans to attend discrete communities
MPSC	Community library	Sending library packs to persons in isolation and students learning from home.

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NSW Police	Twice daily HVP and community engagement in Toomelah	Further rock throwing incident at Toomelah resulting in further damage to police vehicle. Ongoing investigation and working with LALC
PIUS	45 minute COVID testing to commence in Moree, Mungindi and Boggabilla	To commence Monday
LALC/HNEH/Aboriginal Affairs	Updated community consultation through social media and flyers	Nil issues.

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Agency	Engagement Activities	Outcome / Issues
NSW Police	Local Boggabilla Police and ACLO's engaging directly with community in Boggabilla and Toomelah daily.	Working with stakeholders to address issues for community to access services over the QLD side of the border and explaining the impact of movement outside of the "border zone". ALCO's engage in direct community engagement assisting community get sufficient identification to enable them to obtain QLD border passes.
PIUS	45 minute COVID testing available when required	Nil issues available and utilised as required.
LALC/HNEH/Aboriginal Affairs	Updated community consultation through social media and flyers	Issues experienced around people who attend NSW towns for funerals and medical treatment which is outside of the border zone. Assisting in the communication of impact of the decisions of individuals .

Level 2: Confirmed Cases in Community

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Restrictions on Access/Egress increased	<p>Police/Community Members/Health assisting at entrance to community to ensure only residents or essential services enter.</p> <p>Health conducting relevant temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions</p> <p>Police concentrate on vehicle stops and other access locations to community to reduce non-resident attendance.</p>	<p>Police/LALC/Heath</p> <p>HNEH Ongoing</p> <p>Police Ongoing</p>
Community Information	<p>High-risk people advised to remain at home (e.g. those over 50 or those with other existing medical conditions).</p> <p>Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	<p>LALC/Community Leaders Ongoing</p> <p>HNEH/Aboriginal Affair/LALC</p>
Case Finding	<p>PHU to do active case finding in communities with increased testing</p> <p>Identify and isolate cases, quarantine contacts and offer cultural support</p>	<p>PHU/Goondiwindi Hospital</p> <p>PHU/AHT/Pius/Boggabilla Health Clinic/Goondiwindi Hospital</p>

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<p>Isolation of patients</p> <p>Things to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can case self-isolate in a room by themselves? If they can – then ensure all shared bathrooms and living spaces are cleaned immediately after being used by the case. 2. If they can't self-isolate in a separate room, can they move to a bigger house to increase the distance between each other? 3. HNE can arrange a motel room for the case if this is agreed. <p>If motel room is not suitable then alternative accommodation arrangements will need to be explored with the TBSC and led by the LALC.</p>	<p>If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place.</p> <p>If unable to self-isolate at home or in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, in the first instance HNE Health will explore hotel accommodation options with the family. If this is not a suitable option, then further accommodation will be arranged by support agencies or LALC in collaboration with families.</p> <p>Health to arrange cleaning contractor and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation or quarantine requirements dependent on type of accommodation provided ie. If HNEH provided then health pay, if alternate then not paid by health</p>	<p>Health/LALC/PHU</p> <p>HNE Health, LALC, TBSC Complete</p> <p>HNE Health, private contractors Complete</p>

Level 3: Elimination – virus is not contained

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Community to self-isolate	Community to self-isolate in their own homes.	Health/LALC
	No external access to community other than health and service professionals	Police/LALC
	School to close	Education
	Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes	PIUS, HNE AHU, HNE PHU
	Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk.	Health/DCJ
	Co-ordination of triage area (LALC building) for Ambulance to take patients requiring hospitalisation	HNE AHU & HNE PHU/LALC/PIUS
	Police to assist in complete lockdown and restriction of access through roadblock.	Police

Attendance Register

30/4/2020

Agency	Name	Position
NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
Moree Shire Council	Renee McMillan	LEMO
Moree Shire Council	Alan Lawrence	D/LEMO
Ambulance NSW	Tom Claringbold	Station Officer
FRNSW	Wanye ZIKAN	Station Officer
NSW Police	Tony Byrnes	REMO
Dept Community and Justice	Matthew Smith	Welfare Services
Local Land Services	Justine McNallay	Manager
NSW Health	Bronwyn Cosh	NUM

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7/5/2020

Agency	Name	Position
NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
NSW Police	Supt Scott Tanner	District Commander
Archie Tanna	Aboriginal Affairs	Senior Project Officer
Linda Stoltenberg	Regional NSW	Regional Support Officer
Lisa Roberts	DPC	Senior Coordination Officer
Kathy Rowe	NIAA	Manager
Candice Dahlstrom	HNEH	Aboriginal Health Coordinator
Kylie Taylor	HNEH	Aboriginal Health Coordinator
Elizabeth Behrend	Thiyamali Family Violence	Manager
Ben Phillips	NIAA	Manager
Donna Taylor	PIUS	CEO
Leanne Kennedy	FACS	Aboriginal Housing
Glen Crump	Miyay Birray	Youth Worker
Dallas Taylor	FACS	Manager Aboriginal Housing
Michelle Van Aarde	MPSC	Community Development Officer
Joseph Flick	NSW LALC	Regional Representative
Anthony	Byamee Homeless Services	Case Worker

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Agency	Name	Position
NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
HNEH	Kylie Taylor	Aboriginal Health Coordinator
HNEH	Bronwyn Cosh	NUM
HNEH	Kirsty Crooks	Aboriginal Health Program Manager
HNEH	Tony Martin	Aboriginal Health
Regional NSW	Pam Welch	Manager
Toomelah LALC	Rex Werribone	CEO
DCJ	Matthew Smith	Welfare Services
EPA	Michael Lewis	Manager
FRNSW	Wayne Zikan	Insprctor
Essential Energy	Greg Cook	Manager
MPSC	Alan Lawrence	LEMO
MPSC	Renee McMillan	LEMO

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28/05/2020 – Desktop Exercise

Agency	Name	Position
NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
HNEH	Kylie Taylor	Aboriginal Health Coordinator
HNEH	Bronwyn Cosh	NUM
HNEH	Kirsty Crooks	Aboriginal Health Program Manager
HNEH	Tony Martin	Aboriginal Health
NSW Police	Tony Byrnes	REMO
Toomelah LALC	Rex Weribone	CEO
DCJ	Matthew Smith	Welfare Services
DPC	Lisa Roberts	Senior Coordinator
FRNSW	Wayne Zikan	Inspector
Essential Energy	Greg Cook	Manager
DPC	Lynda Stoltenberg	Regional Support Officer
MPSC	Renee McMillan	LEMO
HNEH	Tony Merritt	Public Health

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11/06/2020

Agency	Name	Position
NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
MPSC	Alan Lawrence	D/LEMO
HNEH	Bronwyn Cosh	NUM
NSW Police	Tony Byrnes	REMO
NSW Police	A/Insp Helen McWilliam	D/LEOCON
FRNSW	Wayne Zikan	Inspector
MPSC	Renee McMillan	LEMO

08/07/2020 – Pre State Funeral from Uncle Lyall Munro Snr

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NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
MPSC	Alan Lawrence	D/LEMO
HNEH	Bronwyn Cosh	NUM
Essential Energy	Greg Cook	Manager
NSW Police	A/Insp Helen McWilliam	D/LEOCON
FRNSW	Wayne Zikan	Inspector
MPSC	Renee McMillan	LEMO
NSW Ambulance	Tom Claringbold	Station Manager

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06/08/2020

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NSW Police	Insp Martin Burke	LEOCON
MPSC	Alan Lawrence	D/LEMO
HNEH	Bronwyn Cosh	NUM
DPC	Lisa Roberts	Senior Coordinator
NSW Police	A/Insp Helen McWilliam	D/LEOCON
FRNSW	Wayne Zikan	Inspector
MPSC	Renee McMillan	LEMO
DPC – Regional NSW	Pam Welsh	Deputy Director