

Community Action Plan

Brewarrina

Date: 1st January 2021

Review date: 1st February 2021

LEGEND:

ACLO	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
CAP	Community Action Plan
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DCJ	Department of Communities and Justice
HSM	Health Services Manager (NSW Health)
LALC	Local Aboriginal Lands Council
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee
LEMO	Local Emergency Management Officer
LEOCON	Local Emergency Operations Controller
LGA	Local Government Area
PHO	Public Health Order
PHU	Public Health Unit (NSW Health)
RMS	Roads & Maritime Services

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<p>1. Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:</p>	<p>1.1 Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome.</p> <p>1.2 Signage at entrances to Community warning residents and essential workers only allowed entry.</p> <p>1.3 Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work.</p> <p>1.4 Police to consult (at least twice weekly) with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p>	<p>LALC/Health – Complete. Travel now allowed. Such information not relevant currently.</p> <p>Aboriginal Affairs – Large restricted access signs distributed. Sign in at entrance to Barwon Four Reserve and Elsie Coffey Bush Queen Village</p> <p>LEMC/LALC/Community Leaders – Education and community engagement ongoing. Travel now allowed however messaging to community to maintain hygiene and caution if travelling.</p> <p>Police – Ongoing.</p>
<p>2. Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry</p>	<p>2.1 LEMC consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.</p>	<p>LEMC & LALC – Discussed. Application for PHO not required at this stage.</p>

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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.	Police - Discussed. Roadblocks not viable option. Extensive resources required. Application for PHO required. Stay at home only required now if suffering cold/flu symptoms.
4. No Public Health Order	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Police - Brewarrina Police, other Central North PD resources and Western HWP to continue patrols of Brewarrina township to identify PHO breaches. Non-essential travel is now allowed. Actions followed up by Police in regard to current PHO re Victorian Border.</p> <p>Police/LALC – Police to liase with Brewarrina ALC CEO regarding entry to Barwon Four Reserve and Elsie Coffey Bush Queen Village (West Brewarrina) and possible exclusion orders for non-residents who fail to comply. (Essential worker exemption to perform their duties).</p>
5. Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion (Essential services exempt)	5.1 Large Signs to be made and erected at Entrance to Barwon Four Reserve and Elsie Coffey Bush Queen Village (West Brewarrina) – warning of exclusion and offence to enter.	LALC - Large restricted access signs distributed. Sign in at entrance to Barwon Four Reserve and Elsie Coffey Bush Queen Village
6. Restricted Access Education and Awareness	6.1 Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that the community is vulnerable, and access is only for residents and essential workers.	LALC - Complete

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7. Health Education and Awareness	<p>7.1 Display public health messages on social media and in community spaces</p> <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 20 people to cease 	LALC/Health – Ongoing. Community education.
8. Funeral Risk Assessment	<p>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.</p>	<p>Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police</p> <p>Current community engagement to continue. Changes to restrictions monitored and information shared via CAP group networks and social media.</p>
9. Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19	<p>9.1 Self-isolate and inform health</p>	<p>Community members, Health –</p> <p>Fever clinic (COVID Screening) will be between 9:30 – 10am Mon Wed Fri. The location will be at the hospital out the front where the ramp leads into the Primary Health Section</p>
10. Survey of Community	<p>10.1 Survey to be completed of Brewarrina Community to ascertain;</p> <p>- how many people reside in each home, the risk factors of each resident.</p>	<p>Health/LALC</p> <p>Complete</p>

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	- Identify vacant housing for alternate locations for self-isolation in overpopulated homes	
11. Community Action Plan Information Sheet	11.1 One-page information sheet outlining CAP to be distributed throughout community.	Brewarrina LEMC – Information sheet put on Brewarrina Shire Facebook and May edition of Brewarrina News. Complete
12. Encourage all community members to download Australia Government's COVIDSAFE App	12.1 All agencies to encourage all Brewarrina Community members to download COVIDSAFE app	LALC – Messaged 130+ households Police – Public messaging in Community engagement Council – Facebook messaging Health - Community messaging.
13. Mobile Testing Teams in remote communities	13.1 NSW Health to deploy mobile testing teams to Brewarrina and other remote and discreet Aboriginal Communities to increasing Community testing of non-symptomatic community members.	Health – last held 1st September between 10am and 2pm. Held in Information Centre Carpark, Bathurst St, Brewarrina.
14. Fever Clinic – Brewarrina Hospital	14.1 Fever clinic (COVID Screening) will be between 9:30 – 10am Mon Wed Fri. The location will be at the hospital out the front where the ramp leads into the Primary Health Section	Ongoing – All LEMC and CAP group members informed via emails. Patients are individually taken to designated testing room inside hospital. Room cleaned after each test.
15. Pre-work screening and Temperature testing at Brewarrina Police Station.	15.1 All Brewarrina Police employees, visiting Police and contractors will have temperature checks completed prior to entry	Police – ongoing

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	to Brewarrina Police station with approved Infrared Thermometer. Pre-Work Screening flow chart to be followed by Police employees at start of each shift.	
16. Temperature testing at hospital	16.1 All persons entering Brewarrina Hospital are temperature tested prior to entry.	Health – Ongoing
17. Minimising risk of Covid-19 transmission in NSW School Communities	17.1 NSW Health requires schools to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exclude students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19 - encourage immediate testing for any symptomatic child(ren) or staff - prohibit return to school for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 until a negative COVID test result has been reported - ensure that adults maintain physical distancing at all times - ensure good hand hygiene at all times (e.g. upon entry to the school, entry to the classroom and upon exit of the classroom) - for activities that result in the mixing of students and staff from schools from the local area (e.g. local inter-school sports competitions), develop and ensure compliance with a COVID safety plan based on the COVID safety plan template for community sport activities - for local activities, limit spectators to one parent only, where parental supervision is required 	Education/Health - Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - carefully consider face-to-face professional learning for staff and, if proceeding, ensure COVID safety through physical distancing and limiting group numbers, and - avoid professional learning activities that require staff to mix across schools. Furthermore, certain practices must cease altogether. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - activities that result in the mixing of students from schools in different regions¹, such as sporting-related activities, drama and debating - school-related group singing or chanting activities and use of wind instruments in groups - school-related social activities (e.g. school formals, dinners or dances; graduation ceremonies; or parent engagement functions) - school-related overnight events (e.g. retreats, camps, excursions) as there is increased risk of transmission of the virus in a residential type setting with shared facilities 	

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NSW Health – Brewarrina Hospital	NSW Health hospitals are back in Amber – increased risk of transmission Brewarrina Hospital is back to restricted access and will be happy to Covid screen <u>every morning</u> for community who need it. Screening can occur outside these hours if needed.	Ongoing
NSW Health – PHU	Cluster of Covid 19 positive cases on Northern Beaches has resulted in stay at home orders on the Northern Beaches and other restrictions for Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong. No changes at this stage for Regional NSW.	Ongoing
NSW Health – Aboriginal Health & Welfare	Mobile testing currently suspended. Team on standby, reviewing situation in Sydney.	Ongoing
Aboriginal Affairs	No new information	Complete

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Brewarrina AMS	No new information	Complete
Brewarrina LALC	No new information	Complete
Brewarrina Council	<p>All venues have Covid Safe plan templates and any person hiring a venue must complete plan.</p> <p>Brewarrina Pool is free entry during this season. Covid Safe plan and registration upon entry.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
DPC	No new information	Complete
Community Working Party	No new information	Complete
RaAMS	No new information	Complete
Brewarrina Shire LEOCON	<p>Group contacted via email regarding Northern Beaches cluster. Asked group members to reinforce Covid safe messaging to community.</p> <p>Advised to monitor NSW Government website. https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>

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	Request from Western Health via REMO to identify most suitable location for vaccination clinic. Brewarrina HSM consulted, and location identified. REMO informed	Complete
FACs – Dept of Community & Justice	No new information.	Complete
Police – CNPD Commander and District Inspector	Maintain strong messaging throughout community, all organisations and business to prevent compliancy.	Complete
REMO	Information that vaccine projected to be available first quarter 2021. Vulnerable people will be priority. Request from Western Health for vaccination clinic site to be established in each town.	Complete Complete by LEOCON
Ambulance NSW	Nil new Covid related information	Complete

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<p>1. Restrictions on Access/Egress increased</p>	<p>1.1 Police/Community Members/Health monitoring the entrances 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 - Non-residents that aren't essential workers will be advised that Brewarrina is a high-risk Community and essential travel only is recommended in the Community</p> <p>Health – Ongoing - All persons entering Brewarrina Hospital are temperature tested with infra-red thermometer and asked Covid 19 symptom questions.</p> <p>Police – Ongoing - All Brewarrina Police employees, visiting Police and contractors will have temperature checks completed prior to entry to Brewarrina Police station with approved Infrared Thermometer. Pre-Work Screening flow chart to be followed by Police employees at start of each shift.</p> <p>Police - educate and advise non-residents that aren't essential workers that Brewarrina is a high-risk Community. Discourage non-essential travel into the community</p>
<p>2. Community Information</p>	<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>LALC/Community Leaders/Health – Continuing messaging to high risk people.</p> <p>Health – Register of high-risk patients complied.</p>

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	<p>2.2 Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	<p>LALC/HEALTH/Police – Messaging to Community via CAP members networks, social media and local media</p>
<p>3. Isolation of patients</p>	<p>3.1 If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place.</p>	<p>Health – Public Health Unit – Provide client with information and guidance about self-isolation at home In the first instance, self-isolation will occur at home. Generally, in a positive case the other residents of the home will be close contacts and will also need to self-isolate. Food delivery will be arranged by the isolating person via grocery delivery or family and friends dropping off food at their front door. Daily medical checks will be made as well as Police checks to ensure compliance of the self-isolating direction. A basic food pack of non-perishable items that will last 14 days can be arranged. This is in circumstances where there is a reason why home grocery delivery is not possible/available. Moving the rest of the family is another option available. There is some accommodation available in the community which may need requalification. Brewarrina Health and Welfare services currently organising</p>

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	<p>3.2 If unable to self-isolate in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, then accommodation arranged by health and/or LALC.</p> <p>3.3 Health to arrange cleaning contractor, and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements</p>	<p>If a self-isolation case is unable to stay at home in Brewarrina, accommodation is organised through the Public health Unit. The Brewarrina HSM can organise this if/when it occurs. Initial Booking will be for two (2) days whilst test results are processed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Negative result – booking ceased- Positive result – booking extended for additional 14 days or until a negative result is returned. <p>Meals will be provided for the duration of the stay in hotel accommodation. Provision for alcohol is prohibited.</p> <p>Public Health Unit – COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Accommodation (AIA) Access. In collaboration with the Online booking system the PHU has established accommodation links at the following locations; Bourke, Cobar, Walgett, Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst, Condobolin, Parkes Lightning Ridge.</p> <p>Health – Contractor</p>

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4. Contact tracing	4.1 Close contacts to isolated client will be tracked and contacted by Public Health Unit Nurse. If after hours, on call PHU Nurse will be called.	Health – Public Health Unit – Movement and contact over previously 48 hours investigated with extensive questionnaire completed.

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 Schools to close</p> <p>1.4 Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes of vulnerable people.</p>	<p>Health/LALC/Police – Messaging required through CAP networks, social media and local media.</p> <p>Police/Health – Public Health Order would be required to enforce restricting access to town. LALC – Access to Barwon 4 Reserve and Elsie Coffey Bush Queen Village could be restricted in consultation with LALC</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Health/DCJ</p> <p>Health</p>

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	<p>1.5 Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk.</p> <p>1.6 Co-ordination of triage area for Ambulance to take patients requiring hospitalisation</p> <p>1.7 Police to assist in complete lockdown/stay at home order of residents and restriction of access by non-essential workers.</p>	<p>Health- In the case of a positive case where the patient needs hospitalisation, they will be nursed in a single room, but this will be decided in consultation with other NSW Health providers. If they are unwell enough to be hospitalised, they may need retrieval to Dubbo. Numerous cases. Cobar and Bourke will become the COVID hospitals</p> <p>Police - Public Health Order would be required to enforce lockdown/stay at home order.</p>

Community Consultation – Each 7 days

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LEMC Emergency meeting 20 th March 2020	Discussion regarding COVID 19 response	Complete
LEMC Meeting 26 th March 2020	Discussion regarding COVID 19 response	Complete
LEMC Meeting 2 nd April 2020	Proposal put forward by LEMO regarding localised Public Health Order	Complete
LEMC Meeting 7 th April 2020	Discussion regarding COVID 19 response	Complete
LEMC Meeting 15 th April 2020	Discussion to the draft Community Action Plan	Complete

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LEMC Meeting 23 rd April 2020	Review of Community Action Plan	Complete
LEMC Meeting 30 th April 2020	Review of Community Action Plan and discuss community engagement last 7 days	Complete
LEMC Meeting	Held 10.30am Thursday 7 th May, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 21 st May, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 28 st May, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 4 th June 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 18 th June 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting 10.30am Thursday 2 nd July 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 16 th July 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 30 th July, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Shire Local Emergency Management Committee	Meeting held 9.30am Wednesday 5 th August, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 13 th August, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Meeting held 10.30am Thursday 10 th September, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Engagement with group via email 30 th September, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Plan Group	Engagement with group via email 27 th October, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Shire Local Emergency Management Committee	Meeting held 9.30am Wednesday 4 th November, 2020	Complete

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Combined Brewarrina, Weilmoringle & Goodooga CAP group meeting	Meeting held 10am Thursday 25 th November	Complete
Brewarrina Community Action Group	Engagement with group via email 22 nd and 23 rd December.	Complete

Attendance Register_– Combined Brewarrina, Weilmoringle & Goodooga CAP group meeting 10am
25/11/20

Agency	Name	Position	Attend	Apology
NSWPF	Superintendent Andrew Hurst	Commander CNPD		X
NSWPF	Inspector Kevin Day	Inspector Central North PD		X
NSWPF	S/Sgt Chris Woods	Brewarrina Shire LEOCON	X	
Bre Shire Council	Jeff Sowiak – GM	Brewarrina Shire LEMO	X	
Bre Shire Council	Phillip O'Connor	Brewarrina Shire Mayor		X
NSWPF	Greg McMahon	Western REMO	X	
NSW Health	Jason Harwood	Public Health Officer		X
NSW Health	Heather Finlayson	Brewarrina Health Service Manager	X	
NSW Health	Vicki Scott	L/Ridge Health Service Manager	X	
NSW Health	Kellie Hooper	Goodooga HSM	X	

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NSW Health	Dan Kelly	Aboriginal Health and Welfare	X	
Brewarrina ALC	John Reidy	CEO	X	
Aboriginal Affairs	Stephen Howarth	Western Region		X
Bre CWP	Grace Gordon	Chairperson		X
Weilmoringle ALC	Robyn Brown	CEO		X
Weilmoringle CWP	Anthony Knight	Chairperson		X
Dept of Regional NSW	Sara Barton	Bourke		X
Ambulance NSW	Georgia Campbell	Paramedic	X	
FACS	Emma Crowley	Area Manager		X
Dept Education	Lisa Wright	Principal Weilmoringle PS	X	
RAMS	Vivian Slacksmith			X