

Community Action Plan

Enngonia Local Emergency Management Committee

Date: Tuesday, 01/12/2020 (V32)

Review: Friday, 01/01/2021

LEGEND:

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| ACLO | Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer |
| AMS | Aboriginal Medical Service |
| DCJ | Department of Communities and Justice |
| DEG | Dharriwaa Elders Group |
| FACS | Family and Community Services |
| HEALTH | NSW Government Health |
| HSM | Health Services Manager (NSW Health) |
| LALC | Local Aboriginal Lands Council |
| LEMC | Local Emergency Management Committee |
| LEOCON | Local Emergency Operations Controller |
| LGA | Local Government Area |
| NSWAS | NSW Ambulance Service |
| NSWFB | NSW Fire Brigade |
| LUK | Lock Up Keeper (Enngonia Police) |
| PHO | Public Health Order |
| PHEOC | Public Health Emergency Operational Centre |
| PHU | Public Health Unit (NSW Health) |
| PIFAC | Public Information Functional Area Coordinator |
| REOCON | Regional Emergency Operations Controller |
| RFDS | Royal Flying Doctor Service |
| RMS | Roads & Maritime Services |
| SEOCON | State Emergency Operations Controller |

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| <p>1. Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:</p> | <p>1.1 Clara Hart Village residents are self-monitoring those attending and leaving the village. Signs erected at the entrances to the Mission advising visitors are not welcome at present.</p> <p>1.2 RMS Signage on roadway entering community erected warning residents only allowed entry. Situated on the Mitchell Highway.</p> <p>1.3 Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome.</p> <p>1.4 Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work.</p> <p>1.5 Police to consult (at least weekly) with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p> | <p>Council/RMS Andrew Rose Aboriginal Affairs to forward large signage to Mary Edwards Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council & Paula Buttenshaw Principal Enngonia Public School, to laminate.</p> <p>LALC/Community Leaders/AMS Not required - current NSW Health Order restrictions enough at present. 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>Police/LEMC LEMC's conducted Tues Inspector LITTLE</p> <p>HEALTH</p> |

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| | <p>1.6 Health to implement <i>Sentinel</i> testing for Bourke. Specifically, one 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>COVID-19 Drive Thru Clinic held in Enngonia. COVID-19 Testing Bourke Hospital Monday to Friday 11:00am to Midday. Doctor referral testing anytime.</p> <p>RFDS RFDS will only <u>supplement</u> - not duplicate - existing services. 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. OUTSTANDING</p> |
| 2. Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry | <p>2.1 LEMC consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.</p> | <p>Application for a PHO not required at this stage. Current NSW Health restrictions enough at present.</p> |
| 3. Police assist in enforcement of PHO. | <p>3.1 Clear RMS and other signage at entrance points to community confirming access only to residents and/or essential services No roadblock or signage needed, police concentrate patrols on road into community conducting vehicle stops and checking bona-fides of persons for residential status</p> | <p>Police & Enngonia LUK S/C Anderson - HVP & driver engagements on entrance to township & within township – daily tasking</p> |
| 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>Police & Enngonia LUK S/C Anderson - ongoing</p> |

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| | Police could also utilise NSW legislation relating to the offence of 'trespass' if non-residents entered the Clara Hart Village and had been requested to leave by LALC. | Police & Enngonia LUK S/C Anderson / LALC Monitoring |
| 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 and the Clara Hart Village – warning of exclusion | LALC/Council Signage placed at the entrance of Clara Hart Village re visitors not currently welcome. Advisory RMS signs to be placed on the Mitchell Highway Enngonia for the attention of motorists entering Enngonia |
| 6. Restricted Access Education and Awareness | 6.1 Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that the community is in 'isolation' and all visitors must register with the LALC for entry to the community. | Community not in isolation but monitoring current Public Health Order restrictions. |
| 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 | Flu vaccine encouraged. Enquiries as to whether Community Health can deliver to community, Andrew Rose Aboriginal Affairs. Andrew ROSE, Pat Canty and Mary Edwards attended Enngonia. Information disseminated re opportunity for flu vaccination including through AMS outreach. Signs provided to houses and Clara Hart Village. |
| 8. Funeral Risk Assessment | 8.1 Inform community that Funerals are high risk for non-residents attending community. | 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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| | <p>8.2 Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police.</p> <p>8.3 Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.</p> | |
| 9. Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19 | 9.1 Self-isolate and inform health | <p>Community members, Health Concerns raised PPE not available to community. Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council unable to purchase PPE, due to availability. Face masks, hand sanitiser, and gloves unavailable.</p> <p>Telehealth consult phone number to be provided to community, Mary Edwards Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council.</p> |
| 10. Community PPE (Face Masks) | <p>10.1 All community stakeholders, Govt Agencies and NGO's to provide ongoing consistent messaging regarding the current restrictions; Physical distancing, Personal hygiene, presentation at a medical service if an individual is displaying symptoms of COVID.</p> <p>10.2 All community stakeholders, Govt Agencies and NGO's to provide messaging to the community advising individuals to purchase their own supply of face masks.</p> <p>10.3 Disseminate a Resource Guide on making your own mask and the</p> | <p>All LEMC and community stakeholders Ongoing utilising all available mediums</p> <p>All LEMC and community stakeholders Ongoing utilising all available mediums.</p> <p>NSW Health - Outstanding</p> |

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| | <p>requirements surrounding washing of the mask.</p> <p>10.4 1000 Health Care packs containing personal sanitation products including face masks to be distributed to 11 discreet communities to identified vulnerable community members.</p> | <p>NSW Health – Outstanding</p> |

Level 2: Confirmed Cases in Community

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| <p>1. Restrictions on Access/Egress</p> <p>1.1 Only residents or essential services enter.</p> <p>1.2 Temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions</p> | <p>1.1 Clear RMS and other signage at entrance points to community confirming access only to residents and/or essential services</p> <p>1.2 Health conducting relevant temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions</p> <p>1.2.1 PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT</p> | <p>Police/LALC/Heath/</p> <p>RFDS Strike team approach in case of a case or in a community</p> |

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| 1.3 Vehicle stops and monitor access locations to community | <p>PHU Nurse will be notified of a positive result. They will establish 'contact/s' and 'history' of patient. Close contacts by the patient will be contacted by PHU nurse who will determine action</p> <p>1.3 HVP and increased presence targeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vehicle stops at access locations to community to reduce non-resident attendance. • Police will strictly enforce any non-essential travel in the community • Buses into Bourke being checked for non-essential travel | <p>LALC/ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS</p> <p>Enquiries as to ability for community to be able to test body temperature. Possibility of acquiring thermometers for Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council. Mary Edwards Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council & Andrew Rose Aboriginal Affairs. OUTSTANDING</p> <p>Police & Enngonia LUK S/C Anderson</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>2.2 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>Enquiries as to having Aboriginal Health Service attend and educate the community on what Corona Virus is. Mary Edwards Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council, Andrew Aboriginal Affairs and Inspector Little. Pat Canty and Andrew Rose attended door-to-door last Wednesday.</p> |

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| 3. Isolation of patients | <p>3.1 If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place.</p> <p>3.2 If unable to self-isolate in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, then accommodation arranged by health or LALC.</p> <p>3.3 If hospitalisation necessary, will patient be kept in MPS sites or will be transferred to another facility)?</p> <p>3.4 If a whole family tests positive and do not need hospitalisation?</p> <p>3.5 If patient deteriorates</p> | <p>Health/LALC AMS/NSW Health/SES will assist with meal, grocery, pharmaceutical provision & delivery and address welfare whilst isolated.</p> <p>Mary Edwards Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council & Andrew Rose Aboriginal Affairs, making enquiries about 1 or 2 vacant houses in Enngonia township, as to utilising for isolation purposes if required. Speaking with Mid Lachlan Aboriginal Housing. OUTSTANDING</p> <p>HEALTH Arrange cleaning contractor and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements.</p> <p>HEALTH If patient requires increased medical treatment then they will be transferred to a larger facility</p> <p>HEALTH</p> |

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| | <p>3.6 Cleaning processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements (for accommodation that has been arranged. i.e. Motels etc.)</p> <p>3.7 If Public Health Order issued <u>Face Masks Mandatory</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange distribution of stores (masks) held by NSW Health. | <p>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 nine isolation rooms)</p> <p>HEALTH - Arrange cleaning contractor and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements (for accommodation that has been arranged. i.e. Motels etc.)</p> <p>NSW Health Aboriginal Health Assisted by: LALC/PHEOC/DCJ/AMS/ SES</p> <p>LEOCON Request for further masks/supplies to REOCON via SEOCON.</p> |

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| 4. Rapid Response Clinic | 4.1 A rapid response clinic would be deployed and established in community to facilitate broader voluntary testing of community members. | NSW Health responsible for coordinating deployment of resources to community to enable broader COVID testing |

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| 1. Community to self-isolate | 1.1 Community to self-isolate in their own homes. | <p>Health/LALC</p> <p>Discussed, Aboriginal people are like one big family and community find it very difficult to tell others to leave. Fear of what others might perceive by that.</p> <p>Posters to be delivered on social clues, not being offended. Mary Edwards Murrawarri Aboriginal Land Council & Andrew Rose Aboriginal Affairs in consult with community.</p> <p>Mental Health, DV and Drug/Alcohol support phone numbers to be available as pressure increases on community isolating. Mary</p> |

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| | <p>1.2 No external access to community other than health and service professionals</p> <p>School to close</p> <p>1.3 Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes</p> <p>1.4 Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk.</p> <p>1.5 Co-ordination of triage area (LALC building) for Ambulance to take patients requiring hospitalisation</p> | <p>Edwards, Murrawari Aboriginal Land Council & Andrew Rose, Aboriginal Affairs.</p> <p>Police & Enngonia LUK S/C Anderson / LALC</p> <p>Education – schools currently remotely learning, no students currently attending school. Paula Buttenshaw, Principal Enngonia Public School, to advise of status of school as situation progresses.</p> <p>Health/DCJ</p> <p>Health</p> <p>HEALTH/LALC/COUNCIL/AMBULANCE/NSW HEALTH.</p> <p>'Triage Centre' in event of a 'mass casualty event'. 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 Red (life threatening) / Orange (non-mobile / significant injury) / Green (walking wounded) / White (deceased). NSWAS will transport victims in category order to receive treatment</p> |

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| | <p>1.6 In compliance with <i>Public Health Order only</i>, increase restriction of access to Enngonia.</p> | <p>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 AFFAIRS/LALC/MARANGUKA/EDUCATION Strong consistent messaging via signage and various mediums re dangers and reporting.</p> <p>Police & Enngonia LUK S/C Anderson Increased patrols to check <i>bona fides</i> of anyone detected entering/leaving. Enact relevant PHO power/s where necessary.</p> |

| Agency | Engagement Activities | Outcome / Issues |
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| ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS | Signage on roadway entering Clara Hart Village erected. | |
| ENGONNIA LALC | Community members spoken to and continual engagement. | COMPLETED AND ON-GOING |

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| ENNONNIA LALC | Continuous contact with Aboriginal Affairs and NSW Aboriginal Lands Council relating to COVID-19 updates. | ON-GOING |
| HEALTH | Health Service Manager, Pat Canty spoken to regarding providing flu vaccines to Enngonia. | Completed by Mary Edwards – bulk toilet paper. Sanitizer obtained. |
| HEALTH | Concerns raised re PPE not available to community. | <p><u>Pat Canty</u> Enquiries were made about obtaining PPE for delivery to Enngonia due to isolation of community. RaRMS were present at Health interagency meeting. Contact was made with Clare from PHN.</p> <p>OUTCOME: Supplies are not ordinarily provided outside medical staff, however, hopeful that surplus may be available along with additional funds.</p> <p>OUTSTANDING</p> |
| HEALTH | Availability of thermometers. | <p>As above.</p> <p>HSM Pat Canty exploring options to acquire. Same was discussed with PHN.</p> <p>OUTSTANDING</p> |
| LALC | Andrew Rose, Pat Canty and Tannia (Mary) Edwards attended community where they responded to questions as they relate to COVID–19 and people coming to that location from Bourke. | Complete / ongoing |
| LEOCON | Concerns and misunderstanding relating to funerals. | Further discussion with SMT to clarify response to funerals and inconsistency with exception email circulated by health. This is not supported by Bourke LEMC whose grounds remain COVID-19 free. |

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| LEOCON/POLICE/LALC | Gate-to-gate engagement with community re social isolation. | COMPLETED |
| POLICE | Concerns regarding carloads of people attending Enngonia for parties. | Police to conduct routine vehicle stops and ascertain bona-fides of groups of people entering town. ON-GOING |
| WNSWLHD / BOURKE HEALTH / RFDS | WNSWLHD is organising a Mobile COVID 19 drive through clinic 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. | COVID 19 drive through clinic completed at Enngonia by WNSWLHD with 2 tests carried out. RFDS have been completing the smaller communities. |

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| Community Consultation – Each 7 days | Action |
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| 15.04.2020 | Enngonia Community Consultation |
| 22.04.2020 | Teleconference |
| 30.04.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 06/05/2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 11.05.2020 | LEMC stakeholders email dissemination of CAP |
| 14.05.2020 | LEMC stakeholder's dissemination re CAP input |
| 19.05.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 02.06.2020 | Desk top exercise with REMO |
| 03.06.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members |
| 11.06.2020 | Nil feedback Nil input as of 4pm 12.6.2020 |
| 18.06.2020 | LEMC meeting held. Teleconference. No amendments to CAP |
| 22.06.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 30.06.2020 | LEMC meeting held. Teleconference. No amendments to CAP |
| 30.06.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 14/07/2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 28/07/2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 30/07/2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 04.08.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 11.08.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 20.08.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 25.08.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 26.08.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 03.09.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 10.9.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 22.09.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 24.09.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 06.10.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |

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| 06.10.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 20.10.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 03.11.2020 | LEMC Teleconference |
| 05.11.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 01.12.2020 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |
| 01/01/2021 | CAP disseminated to LEMC members. Nil changes |

Attendees:

| Agency | Name | Position |
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| Aboriginal Affairs | Andrew Rose | Project Officer |
| Bourke Shire Council | Leonie Brown | Chair |
| HSR Dept of Communities & Justice | Emma Crowley | |
| National Parks and Wildlife Service | Melissa Hams | |
| NSW Fire & Rescue | Stephen Knight | |
| NSW Health | Pat Canty | HUM |
| NSW Police | Greg McMahon | REMO |
| NSW Police | Karen Bartholomew | Rep for LEOCON |
| Regional NSW | Sarah Barton | |
| Rural Fire Service | Craig Warwick | Insp |
| SES | Marc Coulter | |

Community Action Plan information

Enngonia

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
- Vehicles into Enngonia 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 beings 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

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- 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.