

Community Action Plan

Goodooga

Date: 1st January 2021

Review date: 1st February 2021

LEGEND:

ACLO	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer	RaRMS	Rural and Remote Medical Services
ADVO	Apprehended Domestic Violence Order	RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
CAP	Community Action Plan		
CEO	Chief Executive Officer		
DCJ	Department of Communities and Justice		
HSM	Health Services Manager (NSW Health)		
HWP	Highway Patrol		
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)		

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<p>1. Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:</p>	<p>1.1 Goodooga Community Action group - LALC, School, Council, Police, Health, Community Leaders agree on community restrictions.</p> <p>1.2 RMS Signage on roadway entering community erected warning residents and essential workers only allowed entry.</p> <p>1.3 Signage at entrances to Community warning residents and essential workers only allowed entry.</p> <p>1.4 Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome in homes.</p>	<p>Goodooga Community Action group</p> <p>Brewarrina Council –Variable sign at turns off from Castlereagh Hwy towards Goodooga.</p> <p>Community – Signs not required at this stage. Variable sign working well.</p> <p>Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Community Leaders – Complete. Engagement continuing. Messaging now Welcoming non-residents however requesting compliance with current PHO's.</p>

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	<p>1.5 Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work.</p> <p>1.6 Police to consult with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p>	<p>Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Community Leaders - Complete. Engagement continuing Travel now allowed however messaging around compliance with hygiene and PHO's continuing</p> <p>Police – Complete. Fortnightly meetings and engagement with community</p>
<p>2. New Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry</p>	<p>2.1 Goodooga Community Action Group consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.</p>	<p>Goodooga Community Action Group - Discussed. Application for PHO not required at this stage. Current NSW Health suffice.</p>
<p>3. Police assist in enforcement of PHO.</p>	<p>3.1 Police requested to set up roadblock at entrance to community to only allow residents and essential services to have access egress.</p> <p>3.2 No roadblock, but police concentrate patrols on road into community conducting vehicle stops and checking bona fides of persons for residential status</p> <p>3.3 Create a register to monitor entry and exit from the community</p>	<p>Police - Discussed. Roadblocks not viable option. Extensive resources required. Application for PHO required.</p> <p>Police – Currently no full time Police in Goodooga. Police deployed from Walgett GDs, HWP and Brewarrina Police Station to Goodooga. Lightning Ridge Police patrolling entrance via Castlereagh Hwy.</p> <p>Goodooga Community Action Group – Complete. Names and residence location of all current Goodooga residents compiled and documented. Copy given to Walgett & Brewarrina Police.</p>

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		<p>Map of town with current details of occupants of each residence located in Goodooga Health Service conference room.</p> <p>Register set up at Goodooga Pub and Bore Baths for travellers to use for tracking purposes should phase 2 occur</p>
<p>4. No Public Health Order</p>	<p>4.1 Above strategies could still apply however police utilised 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 – As above. Police from various sectors of Central North PD deployed to Goodooga. Police from Walgett PS, Lightning Ridge PS, HWP and Brewarrina PS continue to attend Goodooga and conducted Bail Compliance Check, ADVO compliance checks and Community engagement.</p> <p>Police/LALC – Police will liaise with LALC regarding entry to Goodooga Reserve and possible exclusion orders for non-residents, who continue to fail to comply. (Essential workers exempt to perform their duties).</p>
<p>5. Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion</p>	<p>5.1 Large Signs to be made and erected at Entrance to Community – warning of exclusion and offence to enter</p>	<p>Council - Variable sign at turns off from Castlereagh Hwy towards Goodooga.</p> <p>Community – signs offered by Aboriginal Affairs. Communities leaders are happy with variable sign and would like the warning signs shared with other communities.</p>
<p>6. Health Checks and restrictions on Council workers and Contractors completing road upgrade on Goodooga Road.</p>	<p>6.1 Work site Supervisor to conduct weekly health checks of all staff and contractors working on Goodooga Road upgrade. Four question health check supplied by Health to be performed</p>	<p>Council – Endorsed at LEMC meeting by Brewarrina Shire General Manager and Transport Manager.</p> <p>Checks ongoing</p>

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	<p>on every employee at Toolbox meeting every Monday morning.</p> <p>6.2 Non-resident workers restricted to work site and accommodation facilities, unless obtaining food.</p> <p>6.3 Takeaway orders from food outlets in Goodooga to be telephone ordered and minimum personnel required to pick up food.</p>	<p>Complete. Being Supervised by site Supervisor</p> <p>Complete. Being Supervised by site Supervisor.</p>
<p>7. Restricted Access Education and Awareness</p>	<p>7.1 Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that entry to the Community is restricted to residents and essential workers.</p>	<p>Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Community Leaders Not required at present.</p>
<p>8. Health Education and Awareness</p>	<p>8.1 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	<p>Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Health Complete. Community engagement and education continues from all agencies.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings over 10 people to cease 	
<p>9. Funeral Risk Assessment</p>	<p>9.1 Inform community that Funerals are high risk for non-residents attending community.</p> <p>Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police.</p> <p>Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.</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>
<p>10. Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19</p>	<p>10.1 Self-isolate and inform health</p>	<p>Community members, Health - Provide client with information and guidance about self- isolation at home</p>
<p>11. Food Security and essential resources</p>	<p>11.1 A partnership with Khan IGA has been brokered with opportunity for community members to place online orders for delivery each Wednesday.</p>	<p>RaRMS, Community Leadership Group - Complete</p>
<p>12. Partnerships to be explored/included</p>	<p>12.1 Additional departments/NGO's or individuals to be included in the CAP Action Group;</p>	<p>Health, Police – Completed. Listed additional agencies engaged in group discussions and progress.</p>

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13. Flu Vaccinations for the community	13.1 A plan is to be developed and implemented for the community to receive access to Flu Vaccinations ASAP.	Health – Flu Vaccines clinic held Thursday 30 th April 2020. 110+ vaccinations completed. 20 + over 65 vaccines dispensed Wednesday 6/5/20.
14. Community Action Plan Information Sheet	14.1 One-page information sheet outlining CAP to be distributed throughout community.	LEOCON – distributed to CAP group members for distribution
15. Goodooga Visitors logbook	15.1 Register for people entering Goodooga	Community Leaders – Template for register tabled by Community Leader Roslyn Forrester. To be operated by Community.
16. CAP Action Group – Communication	<p>16.1 Next addition of newsletter is to be sent to Goodooga Health for community distribution.</p> <p>16.2 Repromotion of current Public Health Order restrictions and strong messaging</p> <p>16.3 Encourage community to download COVID safe app.</p>	<p>Health – Ongoing</p> <p>CAP group - Ongoing</p> <p>CAP group - Ongoing</p>
17. Western Health Mobile Testing Teams	17.1 Mobile testing team for discrete or remote Aboriginal Communities	Testing team attended. Approximately 20 people were tested. Those with any symptoms were asked to self-isolate until test result returned.

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		Mobile testing team revisited Goodooga.
18. Pre-work screening and Temperature testing at Walgett, Bourke and Brewarrina Police Station	<p>18.1 All Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Brewarrina Police employees, visiting Police and contractors will have temperature checks completed prior to entry to Police stations with approved Infrared Thermometer.</p> <p>Pre-Work Screening flow chart to be followed by Police employees at start of each shift.</p>	Police - ongoing
19. Minimising risk of Covid-19 transmission in NSW School Communities	<p>19.1 NSW Health requires schools to:</p> <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) 	Education/Health - ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - 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. <p>Furthermore, certain practices must cease altogether. These include:</p> <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 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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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Community Leadership	No new information	Complete
Aboriginal Affairs	No new information	Complete

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Brewarrina 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>Request from Western Health via REMO to identify most suitable location for vaccination clinic. Location identified. REMO informed</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
NSW Health – Goodooga	<p>Western NSW Health hospitals are back in Amber – increased risk of transmission</p> <p>Temperature testing and restrictions on visitors.</p>	Ongoing
NSW Health – Aboriginal health & welfare	<p>Mobile testing currently suspended. Team on standby, reviewing situation in Sydney.</p>	Ongoing

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NSW Health – Public Health Unit	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
Brewarrina Shire 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>Complete</p>
Central North Police District	Ongoing liaising with Community members regarding alcohol and drug addiction issues. Deploying Police to town to address any problem. No issues identified this week	Ongoing

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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 Completed by LEOCON
Ambulance NSW	Nil new Covid related information	Complete

Level 2: Confirmed Cases in Community

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1. Restrictions on Access/Egress increased	1.1 Police/Community Members/Health assisting at entrance to community to ensure only residents or essential services enter. 1.2 Health conducting relevant temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions	Police/Community/Health - 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 Health

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	<p>1.3 Police concentrate on vehicle stops and other access locations to community to reduce non-resident attendance.</p>	<p>Police – Ongoing - All Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Brewarrina Police employees, visiting Police and contractors will have temperature checks completed prior to entry to Police stations with approved Infrared Thermometer.</p> <p>Pre-Work Screening flow chart to be followed by Police employees at start of each shift.</p> <p>Police – Central North Police District resources to be used to maintain presence in town</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>2.2 Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	<p>Community Leaders</p> <p>Health – Ongoing education</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 - In the first instance, self-isolation will occur at home. Generally, 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.</p> <p>Daily medical checks will be made as well as Police checks to ensure compliance of the self-isolating direction.</p> <p>A basic food pack of non-perishable items that will last 14 days can be arranged. This is in</p>

	<p>3.2 If unable to self-isolate in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, then accommodation arranged by health and or LALC</p>	<p>circumstances where there is a reason why home grocery delivery is not possible/available.</p> <p>Public Health Unit – Provide client with information and guidance about self- isolation at home Health – Health owned residential Units next to Hospital will be available to be used for isolation patients not requiring hospitalisation.</p> <p>If more accommodation is required COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Accommodation (AIA) Access can be activated by PHU.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Online booking system the PHU has establish accommodation links at the following locations;</p> <p>Bourke, Cobar, Walgett, Dubbo, Orange Bathurst, Condobolin, Parkes. Lightning Ridge</p> <p>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 in returned. <p>Meals will be provided for the duration of the stay in hotel accommodation. Provision for alcohol is prohibited.</p>
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	3.3 Health to arrange cleaning contractor, and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements	Health – Contractors
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	1.1 Community to self-isolate in their own homes.	Police/Health – Messaging required to Community
	1.2 No external access to community other than health and service professionals	Police - Public Health Order would be required to enforce restricting access to town.
	1.3 School to close	Education
	1.4 Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes	Health/DCJ
	1.5 Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk.	Health

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	<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</p> <p>Police - Public Health Order would be required to enforce lockdown/stay at home order.</p>

Community Consultation –

Level	Action	Responsibility / Status
Goodooga Meeting	Meeting held 7/4/2020	Complete
Goodooga COVID19 Response and Preparedness Meeting	Meeting held 9/4/2020	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held 16/4/2020. Community Action Plan introduced. New actions added.	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held 23/4/2020. CAP reviewed and new actions added.	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting to be held 30/4/20 postponed to 7/5/20, due to flu vaccination clinic being held in town and most Group participants not available.	
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 7 th May 2020 at 1pm	Complete

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Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 14 th May 2020 at 1pm	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 21 st May 2020 at 1pm	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 28 th May 2020 at 1pm	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting scheduled for Thursday 4 th June 2020 postponed due to conflicting meeting/unavailability of CAP group members	
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting scheduled for Thursday 18 th June 2020 postponed due to clinic being held in Goodooga 18 & 19 th June	
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting Monday 22 nd June 2020	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting Wednesday 15 th July 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Shire Local Emergency Management Committee	Meeting held Wednesday 5 th August 2020	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Meeting held 22 nd September. Donated PPE from NSWPF given to Goodooga Health for distribution.	Complete
Goodooga Community Action Group	Consultation via email 30 th September 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Shire Local Emergency Management Committee	Meeting held 9.30am Thursday 4 th November 2020	Complete
Combined Brewarrina, Weilmoringle & Goodooga CAP group meeting	Meeting held 10am Thursday 25 th November	Complete
Goodooga CAP Group	Consulted via email 22 nd and 23 rd December, 2020	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	
NSW Health	Dan Kelly	Aboriginal Health and Welfare	X	
Brewarrina ALC	John Reidy	CEO	X	
Aboriginal Affairs	Stephen Howarth	Western Region		X

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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