

Community Action Plan

Jerrinja Aboriginal Community

Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Lands Council (JLALC). Discussions with Alfred Wellington (CEO – Jerrinja Lands Council). Passed by JLALC Board by phone 9th April, 2020. Reviewed; 7th October, 2020

Next Review; November, 2020

Discussions with JLALC CEO; Lawful visitors welcomed by the Jerrinja Community with respect to current COVID restrictions and comply with the below mentioned preventative measures.

Level	Action	Responsibility
1. Prepare: COVID-19 has not entered the community		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community entry measures to minimise risk of introducing COVID-19 applied – Community members only allowed access. Stringent self-isolation and quarantine for people with cold and flu-like symptoms Stay at home and physical distancing promoted High-risk people advised to remain at home, for example those over 50 or those with other existing medical conditions Funerals limited as per Public Health advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an Emergency Response Team - for example Community Leaders, LALC, School, Local Council, Police, AMS, NSW Health, etc. Determine entry and exit measures - for example town boundaries, rules for people transiting through Identify resources (people, financial and physical) available to be redeployed to support the Emergency Response Team - how many NGO staff are in the community and what role can they play, are there funds available to assist, road barriers or electronic message boards Establish a register to monitor entry and exit from the community 	<p>Shoalhaven LEMC endorsement through LEOCON and Police Liaison. Included stakeholder; AMS Nowra, NSW Health, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Shoalhaven City Council (SCC), National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) NSWPF – SCPD – Nowra. Inspector Ray Stynes and/or Vivienne Sweeny (ACLO) contact Officers.</p> <p>ISLHD – provide testing on-site with Aboriginal Health Care Worker and LO integrated into testing and Public Health teams...advertisement</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential services closed • Practice good hygiene: wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face • Processes for testing for COVID-19 in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify what supplies are allowed in and what are not, for example alcohol • • • • • • Inform and prepare community - flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that the community is in lock down and what the agreed rules for entry and exit are, see NSW Health resources at https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/covid-19-resources.aspx#Aboriginal • Display public health messages on social media and in community spaces • Community is supported to self-isolate – food deliveries, essential supplies deliveries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify strategies for supporting drug and alcohol addiction, violence, community members with special needs, etc. 	<p>encouraging testing for (symptomatic) Aboriginal people.</p> <p>ISLHD – Establishment of Aboriginal Consultative Committee for COVI-19</p> <p>Road Barriers in place at entrance to Community supplied by SCC. VMS boards strategically placed throughout Culburra township advertising non-essential visiting to Community. Representatives from Local Lands Council Board will undertake to monitor and maintain access/egress from Community and reinforce consistent messaging throughout Community. Signage also supplied by Southern Zone NSWALC.</p> <p>“Keeping our Communities Healthy” brochure/poster supplied to Board. Social Media - NSW Health, NSPWF – SCPD Eye Watch/Facebook, Shoalhaven City Council, Local Media JLALC Facebook page</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members are supported to quarantine in community if they have symptoms or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 Develop communication strategy to inform community members of confirmed case(s) and the need for minimal contact 	<p>Shoalhaven EOC, Community already working with Anglicare, NSWALC and Woolworths, Quinton Local Lands Council are monitoring deliveries to Community. All deliveries dropped off at Community Centre and distributed by Board members.</p> <p>AMS – Drug and alcohol counsellors, Welfare Functional Area - EOC</p> <p>EOC identified YWCA re parcel drops with assistance from Board members. AMS to assist with support re mental health and addiction. Welfare support through Shoalhaven EOC</p> <p>High risk residents including those over 50 or suffering health concerns have been advised to remain in self-isolation and have</p>
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		<p>agreed to maintain this arrangement.</p> <p>Use of Board members – assisted by Police and AMS/Health re door to door notification re self isolation. Whole of Community response managed through EOC – Welfare Functional Area</p>
<p>2. Contain: Confirmed cases in community</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry and exit measures maximised • Community informed of confirmed case(s) • Supported accommodation for those in quarantine to recover from mild symptoms • Cleaning of quarantined accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential services only allowed into the community • Update social media, flyers and community text messages • Use vacant houses, hotels or other properties to provide clean, comfortable space for quarantine purposes or identify 	<p>Stricter traffic control required to be put into place – Police – EOC. Utilisation of Social media platforms – Health, Shoalhaven City Council, NSWPF-SCPD Eye Watch Page/Facebook – JLALC Facebook page referencing NSW Health</p> <p>ISLHD – provide testing on-site with Aboriginal Health Care Worker and LO integrated into testing and Public Health</p>

	<p>other evacuation options such as larger regional towns nearby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage cleaning contractor so that a high standard of hygiene processes are followed once accommodation becomes vacant 	<p>teams...advertisement encouraging testing for (symptomatic) Aboriginal people.</p> <p>NSWALC and Dept Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) to support with accommodation – through EOC. Self-isolation in residence if possible. NSW Health, EOC – Welfare/Health Functional Area – use of vacant Caravan Park facilities – cabins etc. Waminda Aboriginal Women’s Group – Balaang Gunyah Accommodation available at Orient Point.</p> <p>Local Lands Council to review in first instance. NSW Health, AMS Nowra, NIAA or Shoalhaven EOC.</p>
<p>3. Elimination: COVID-19 is not contained</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People instructed to stay at home All services and facilities close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All community members instructed to stay indoors – for example no visitors to enter or exit town except health and service professionals 	<p>Stricter traffic control required to be put into place – Police – EOC. Utilisation of Social media platforms – NSW Health,</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities • Major reprioritisation of health services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and essential supplies to be rationed and distributed to individual homes • Health services to coordinate and prioritise those most at risk • Potential use of overflow facilities – for example suitable venues to be identified until ambulance services can transfer the patient to hospital 	<p>Shoalhaven City Council, NSWPF-SCPD Eye Watch Page/Facebook – referencing NSW Health</p> <p>Local Lands Council to monitor deliveries to Community. All deliveries dropped off at Community Centre and distributed by Board members. Assistance from Shoalhaven City Council, SES - EOC</p> <p>NSW Public Health Local Lands Council identified isolated area within Community Centre</p>
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ACLO; Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

ADF; Australian Defence Force

AMS; Aboriginal Medical Service

EOC; Emergency Operations Centre

ISLHD; Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

JLALC; Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Lands Council

LEOCON; Local Emergency Operations Controller

NIAA; National Indigenous Australian Agency

NSWALC; New South Wales Aboriginal Lands Council

SCPD; South Coast Police District

SES; State Emergency Service

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OIC – Nowra Police Station

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