

Community Action Plan

Weilmoringle

Date: 1st January 2021

Review date: 1st February 2021

LEGEND:

ACLO	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer	PHU	Public Health Unit (NSW Health)
ADVO	Apprehended Domestic Violence Order	RaRMS	Rural and Remote Medical Services
CAP	Community Action Plan	RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
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		

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<p>1. Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:</p>	<p>1.1 Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group - LALC, School, Council, Police, Health, Community Leaders agree on community restrictions.</p> <p>1.2 Signage at entrances to Community warning residents and essential workers only allowed entry.</p> <p>1.3 Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media.</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 twice weekly) with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p>	<p>Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group - agreed</p> <p>Aboriginal Affairs – Large restricted access signs distributed. Signs at entrance to town</p> <p>Brewarrina Health –sent laminated warning signs for residential homes to Weilmoringle ALC for distribution. Signs put on front fences of elders at high risk.</p> <p>Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Community Leaders – Complete. Community engagement ongoing.</p> <p>Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Community Leaders – No longer relevant. Non-current health orders prevent travel.</p> <p>Police – Monthly meetings and LEOCON contacting group members Monday mornings to ensure no pressing issues. Complete. Community engagement continuing.</p>

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2. New Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry	2.1 Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.	Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group – Discussed. Application for PHO not required at this stage.
3. Police assist in enforcement of PHO.	<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 – Brewarrina Police, other Central North PD resources and Western HWP to continue patrols of Weilmoringle township and surrounding roads to identify PHO breaches.</p> <p>Weilmoringle ALC - has register of residents Complete.</p>
4. No Public Health Order	<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 – No current restriction on travel. Not relevant currently.</p> <p>Police/LALC – Police will liase with LALC regarding entry to Wyaliba Reserve and possible exclusion orders for non-residents, who continue to fail to comply. (Essential workers exempt to perform their duties).</p>

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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 – warning of exclusion and offence to enter	Aboriginal Affairs – Large restricted access signs distributed. Signs at entrance to town.
6. Restricted Access Education and Awareness	6.1 Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that entry to the Community is restricted to residents and essential workers.	Aboriginal Affairs, LALC, Health & Community Leaders – Complete. Restrictions eased. No current PHO restriction access to public areas.
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 20 people to cease 	Aboriginal Affairs, LALC & Health – Complete. Current community engagement and advertisement to continue at local level.
8. Funeral Risk Assessment	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.	Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police Current community engagement to continue. Changes to restrictions monitored and information shared via CAP group networks and social media.
9. Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19	9.1 Self-isolate and inform health	Community members, Health
10. Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group – Communication	10.1 A newsletter is to be circulated to all the Weilmoringle community with an update of activity from this CAP and the meetings	Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group - Ongoing

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11. Community Action Plan Information Sheet	11.1 One-page information sheet outlining CAP to be distributed throughout community.	LEOCON –distributed to CAP group members for distribution
12. Flu Vaccinations for the community	12.1 A plan is to be developed and implemented for the community to receive access to Flu Vaccinations ASAP.	Health – 27 residents have been vaccinated. Remaining residents are able to attend Brewarrina Hospital. Complete
13. Testing of patients with mild COVID 19 symptoms by Ambulance.	13.1 Plan put forward by Brewarrina Health for ambulance to test patients with mild symptoms on road outside of residential area to prevent travel to and from Brewarrina.	Health – Decision by Ambulance NSW that it can't be carried out by Ambulance Paramedics. Patients must attend Brewarrina Hospital for testing during office hours if symptoms are mild. Normal protocols for serious ill patients remain. Complete. Not viable option
14. Health Checks and restrictions on Council workers and Contractors completing road upgrades in Weilmoringle area.	14.1 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 on every employee at Toolbox meeting every Monday morning. Non-resident workers restricted to work site and accommodation facilities	Council – Endorsed by Brewarrina Shire General Manager. Complete. Ongoing checks and education.
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 to Brewarrina Police station with approved Infrared Thermometer. Pre-Work Screening flow chart to be followed by Police employees at start of each shift.	Police - ongoing

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16. Fever Clinic at Brewarrina Hospital	16.1 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.	Health – Patient is taken to a designated room for testing. Room is cleaned between tests.
17. Mobile testing team	17.1 A mobile testing team is to attend Weilmoringle and test several local residents for Covid 19	Health – Ongoing
18. Minimising risk of Covid-19 transmission in NSW School Communities	18.1 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 	Education/Health - Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. 	

Agency	Engagement Activities	Outcome / Issues
Weilmoringle LALC	No new information	Complete
Aboriginal Affairs	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>Request from Western Health via REMO to identify most suitable location for vaccination clinic. Brewarrina HSM consulted, and location identified. REMO informed</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>

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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 – Aboriginal Health & Welfare	Mobile testing currently suspended. Team on standby, reviewing situation in Sydney.	Ongoing
Dept of Education – Weilmoringle PS	Community end of year Christmas Festival being held 11 th December. Family members from outside asked to get tested before attending town.	Ongoing
Council	All venues have Covid Safe plan templates and any person hiring a venue must complete plan. Brewarrina Pool is free entry during this season. Covid Safe plan and registration upon entry.	Complete Ongoing
Police – CNPD Commander and District Inspector	Maintain strong messaging throughout community, all organisations and business to prevent compliancy.	Complete

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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
FACs – Dept of Community & Justice	No new information	Complete
Weilmoringle Community Working Party	No new information	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 Completed 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 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 Weilmoringle is a high-risk Community and essential travel only is recommended into the Community</p> <p>Health – Temperature checks and symptom screening completed on all persons entering hospital.</p> <p>Police – Temperature checks and pre work screening conducted on all people entering Brewarrina Police Station</p> <p>Police – educate and advise non-residents that aren't essential workers that Weilmoringle 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>2.2 Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	<p>Police/AA/LALC/Health – Messaging to continue regarding prevention.</p> <p>Health/LALC/Police – More messaging to community.</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 (HSM and PHU)– In the first instance, self-isolation will occur at home. Generally,</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>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 circumstances where there is a reason why home grocery delivery is not possible/available.</p> <p>Moving the rest of the family is another option available. There is some accommodation available in the community which may need requalification. Brewarrina Health, Welfare Services and Bre LALC continue explore options.</p> <p>If a self-isolation case is unable to stay at home in Weilmoringle, accommodation is organised through the Public health Unit. The Brewarrina HSM can organise this if/when it occurs.</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

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	<p>3.3 Health to arrange cleaning contractor, and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements</p>	<p>– Positive result – booking extended for additional 14 days or until a negative result is returned. Meals will be provided for the duration of the stay in hotel accommodation. Provision for alcohol is prohibited. Public Health Unit – COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Accommodation (AIA) Access. In collaboration with the Online booking system the PHU has establish accommodation links at several neighbour town location.</p> <p>Health – Contracted cleaners</p>
<p>4. Contact tracing</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Health – Public Health Unit – Movement and contact over previously 48 hours investigated with extensive questionnaire completed.</p>

Level 3: Elimination – virus is not contained

Elimination – virus is not contained	Action	Responsibility
<p>1. Community to self-isolate</p>	<p>1.1 Community to self-isolate in their own homes.</p>	<p>Health/LALC/Education/Police</p>

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Elimination – virus is not contained	Action	Responsibility
	<p>1.2 No external access to community other than health and service professionals</p> <p>1.3 School to close</p> <p>1.4 Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes</p> <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>Police/Health – Public Health Order would be required to enforce restricting access to town. LALC – Access to Wyaliba reserve could be restricted in consultation with LALC</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Health/DCJ</p> <p>Health</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>

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Community Consultation – Each 7 days

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Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held 22rd April 2020 to discuss Community Action Plan	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held 30 th April 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 7 th May 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 21 st May 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held 11am Thursday 28 th May, 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting 1.00am Thursday 18 th June 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting Thursday 2 nd July 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held Thursday 16 th July, 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held 11am Thursday 30 th July, 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Shire Emergency Management Committee	Meeting held 9.30am Wednesday 5 th August, 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Meeting held 11am Thursday 13 th August 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Group consultation via email 30 th September 2020	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action Group	Group consultation via email 27 th October 2020	Complete
Brewarrina Shire Local Emergency Management Committee	Meeting held 9.30am Wednesday 4 th November	Complete

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Combined Brewarrina, Weilmoringle & Goodooga CAP group meeting	Meeting held 10am Thursday 25 th November	Complete
Weilmoringle Covid 19 Action group	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	

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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
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