

Community Action Plan

Karuah Aboriginal Mission

Occupiers – Worimi People



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| Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied: | <p>Signage on Muston X Tarean Road and Muston Road X Franklin Street and intermediary warning “residents only allowed entry”.</p> <p>Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents not welcome on mission.</p> <p>Community agree to only leave for essential travel, food, hygiene products, medical appointments and/or work.</p> | <p>PS Council – update from LEMC 30/8/21. Signage in manufacture stage.</p> <p>LALC / PS Council update from LEMC 13/8/21 – to be supplied from PSC.</p> <p>LALC / Community Leaders – Confirmed at meeting with CEO, Secretary, LEOCON, and ACLO on 11/8/21.</p> |

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| | Police to consult with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required. | Police / ACLO / LEMC / LALC – In progress. |
| No Public Health Order in force | <p>Community Action Plan to be relied upon.</p> <p>Elders/community members/police to conduct patrols and check bona-fides of unknown persons/cars on mission.</p> | <p>Police / Mission community/ LALA / LEMC – community members liaised with on regular basis to re-enforce the need to comply with the CAP to remain safe.</p> <p>LALC / Elders – communicate with residents of mission to maintain vigilance and report suspicious activity / unknown person/s on mission to police.</p> |

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| Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion | Signs to be made and erected at / near accesses to mission prescient – warning that mission is COVID Safe and has entry restrictions. | LALC / LEMC – PSC employees to complete ASAP. |
| Restricted Access Education and Awareness | Inform and prepare community (Via use of social media, pamphlets, posters, etc.) | LALC / LEMC – Confirmed at meeting 13/8/21. |
| Health Education and Awareness | <p>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 to cease | LALC / ACLO – Already being done via PS-H PD FB and PSC FB. |
| Cultural Gatherings - Risk Assessment (E.g. Funerals, Naidoc Celebrations etc) | <p>Inform community that gatherings are high risk for non-residents attending community.</p> <p>Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police/ACLO.</p> | Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police – Confirmed meeting of 13/8/21. |

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| | <p>Establish calendar of Cultural / significant events.</p> <p>Communicate current gathering restrictions and reinforce COVID safe practises.</p> <p>Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.</p> <p>Where agreeable after consultation Funeral Wakes and Sorry Ceremonies postponed to after the PHO lifted.</p> | <p>LALC – Under review by CEO.</p> <p>LALC / Elders / ACLO – Being undertaken by CEO and Secretary.</p> <p>Police – On-going.</p> <p>LALC / Elders – Currently being monitored by CEO and reportable to police and LEMC.</p> |
| Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19 | Self-isolate and inform health Get tested. | LALC / Community members / HNEHS – undertaken as required. |
| Police pre shift Health screening | Police to monitor themselves for symptoms. Undergo temperature check at the commencement of their shift . Engage in NSWPF inoculation process. Adhere to NSWPF safe hygiene practices. Utilise issued PPE, sanitizing consumables in all vehicles, utilise masks in vehicle and when dealing with members of the community. | NSWPF – All police – enforced / monitored by supervisors / SMT – now ongoing in all locations of PSH-PD. |

| Agency | Engagement Activities | Outcome / Issues |
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| NSWPF | <p>Continued community engagement via HV presence in the area.</p> <p>Meeting with families who are preparing funerals</p> <p>Enforcement of COVID-19 health restrictions</p> <p>Updated information provided to the community via various media platforms.</p> <p>ACLO involved with consultation process with all stakeholders.</p> | <p>On-going</p> <p>On- going</p> <p>Ongoing – Business Inspections, HVP, issue of penalty notices.</p> <p>Social media – PD Facebook page.</p> <p>On-going</p> |
| NSW Health | <p>Flyer (culturally appropriate) distributed throughout community regarding</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 | <p>On going education by CEO and Secretary.</p> |
| NSW Health | <p>Ongoing engagement via mobile welfare checks with the members within the community.</p> <p>Hygiene education provided during process</p> | <p>Being undertaken /arranged by Aboriginal Health RT</p> <p>CEO and Secretary in consultation with AHS.</p> |

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| Restrictions on Access/Egress increased | <p>Providing information and education as to current Health Order restrictions at entrance to community.</p> <p>Public Health conducting relevant temperature checks and symptom/Covid 19 questions</p> <p>Police concentrate on vehicle stops and other access locations to community to reduce non-resident attendance.</p> | <p>LALC/HNEHS</p> <p>HNEHS</p> <p>Police</p> |
| Community Information | <p>High-risk people advised to remain at home (e.g. those over 50, pre-existing health conditions, etc).</p> <p>Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through culturally appropriate flyer drops, social media and community leaders</p> <p>Utilise SMS to distribute community messaging surrounding heightened awareness re hygiene, social distancing & gathering.</p> | <p>LALC / Elders / HNEHS / police / ACLO</p> <p>HNEHS / LALC</p> <p>LEMC / PIFAC</p> |

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| Community Information | Recommend via public information that community only undertake essential travel whilst positive cases remain in the community | LEMC / HNEHS – utilise current health warnings conveyed via usual media outlets (radio/TV), social media (police & council FB page). |
| Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion | Signs to be made and erected at entrances to mission. Entry restrictions to be enforced. | LALC – Signed undergoing manufacture and will be erected as decided in meeting of 13/8/21. |
| Isolation of person/s | <p>If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place.</p> <p>If unable to self-isolate in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, then accommodation arranged.</p> <p>Cleaning contractor and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation of quarantine requirements if required.</p> | <p>HNEHS – consultation to take place on appropriateness of isolation priorities and at what level infected person/s needs to isolate (E.G – self-isolation suitability in household with others).</p> <p>HNEHS to be consulted – LEMC to assist.</p> <p>HNEHS to be consulted on level of cleaning required and suitable contractor arranged – LEMC can assist.</p> |

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| Isolation of person/s | S8 drug provision for daily programs. | <p>HNEHS/Emergency Agencies and other NGO's will assist with meal, grocery, pharmaceutical provision & delivery whilst isolated.</p> <p>HNEHS representatives to contact self-isolating person/s on a daily basis.</p> <p>(Refer to DCJ 'Welfare Services Functional Area Response to COVID-19')</p> |

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| Isolation of person/s | Public Health will provide Names and addresses of all isolated / affected patients and persons to NSWPolice to enable compliance checks to be conducted. | <p>NSWPF.</p> <p>HNEHS will co-ordinate the attendance of Aboriginal health workers, and other health professionals as required. .</p> <p>Best practice / COVID safe information to be supplied to isolating persons and other household occupants.</p> <p>HNEHS / LEMC to assist with organisation of home delivered essentials.</p> <p>Person/s required to be hospitalised with be taken to the John Hunter Hospital. Only another hospital will be considered on advice from HNEHS.</p> |

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| Community to self-isolate | <p>Community to self-isolate in their own homes.</p> <p>No external access to mission other than health and service professionals</p> <p>Education Facilities and impacts.</p> <p>Updating Signage to reflect current Community position.</p> <p>Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes</p> | <p>HNEHS / LALC – via public information and use of staff and ACLOs</p> <p>Police/LALC/LEMC – consider use of PSC supplied hard barriers.</p> <p>LALC - conduct community consultation and determine need. Consider on-line learning.</p> <p>LALC / PSC</p> <p>DCJ / LALC / LEMC via the partnership with local providers – <i>Now being undertaken by Aboriginal Lands Council.</i></p> |

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| Community to self-isolate | Police to assist in complete lockdown and restriction of access through roadblock. | NSWPF – in consultation with all stakeholders. |
| Community Information | 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 | All stakeholders – utilise radio/tv/social media/utilise existing and contemporary material. |

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| Signage placed at Entrance to mission reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion | Signs to be erected / displayed at entrances to the mission | LALC / PSC |
| Public Health Order requested to restrict and control community movement | LEMC subcommittee to consider PHO application | LEOCON via consultation with LEMC subcommittee participants & REOCON. |
| Police assist in enforcement of PHO. | <p>Police requested to set up roadblock at entrance to mission - only allow residents and essential services to have access / egress.</p> <p>Police concentrate patrols on roads into mission - conduct vehicle stops and checking bona-fides of persons for residential status</p> <p>Residents and vehicles have stickers/passess to prove residency.</p> <p>Create a register to monitor entry and exit from the community</p> | <p>NSWPF</p> <p>NSWPF</p> <p>LALC</p> <p>LALC</p> |
| Health Checks on any resident or essential working entering the community | Health to conduct temperature checks and ask relevant questions re symptoms for Covid 19 | HNEHS |

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AERIAL VIEW OF MISSION

WEB LINKS

NSW Police

www.police.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health

www.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Aboriginal Affairs

www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au

NSW Aboriginal Lands Council

<https://alc.org.au/>

PLAN ENDORSEMENT

This plan was endorsed by an extraordinary meeting of the PSC LEMC on 23/7/2021:

Present:

Inspector Dan Skelly (LEOCON)

Inspector Kristen Marshall (Alt. LEOCON)

Greg Kable (LEMO)

Cameron Donaldson (Alt. LEMO)

Charles Rogers (PSC Emergency Officer)

Wayne Wallis (GM – Port Stephens Council)