

Community Action Plan

Birrigan Gargle LALC Ngaru Village

Endorsed by Clarence Valley LEMC – 26 July 2021

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1. Prepare: COVID-19 has not entered the community		
Community entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases applied:	Emergency Response Team – LALC, School, Council, Police Health, Community Leaders agree on community restrictions	Emergency Response Team Ongoing Birrigan Gargle LALC – CEO Clare Murray Northern NSW LHD Aboriginal Health – Associate Director -Kirsty Glanville, Dept of Education – Martin Gill NSW Police – Ch Insp Joanne Reid, ACLO Tammy Nagle Council/RMS Ongoing LALC Ongoing

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	<p>RMS Signage on roadway entering community erected warning residents only allowed entry</p> <p>Communication to community through discussion, flyers, social media that non-residents welcome in compliance with current PHO's.</p> <p>Community agree to only leave for essential travel; food, hygiene products, medical appointments; work.</p> <p>Police to consult regularly with LALC and/or Community leaders as to current status of community and any response required.</p>	<p>LALC/Community Leaders</p> <p>Police Ongoing</p>
Public Health Order requested to enforce residents only entry	LEMC consider PHO application for non-residents exclusion.	LEMC
Police assist in enforcement of PHO.	<p>Police concentrate patrols on roads into community conducting vehicle stops and checking bonafides of persons for residential status</p> <p>Residents and vehicles have stickers/passes to prove residency.</p> <p>Residential mapping - create a database to account for all persons and households in the community.</p>	<p>Police – Police deployed from Yamba, Maclean, Iluka, Grafton and Traffic Highway Patrol.</p> <p>Police LALC to provide names and residence location of current residents. Copy to be provided to Yamba Police when complete.</p>

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No Public Health Order	<p>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>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 Ongoing</p> <p>Police/LALC Completed</p>
Signage placed at Entrance to Community reinforcing PHO or LALC rule about non residency exclusion	Large Signs to be made and erected at Entrance to Community – warning of exclusion and offence to enter	LALC/Council
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	Health
Restricted Access Education and Awareness	<p>Inform and prepare community – flyers, posters, social media updates to advise that the community is in lock down and all visitors must register with the LALC for entry to the community.</p> <p>Contractors attending for emergency/essential work only</p>	<p>LALC, AMS and Health Completed</p> <p>LALC</p>

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Health Education and Awareness	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 	LALC, AMS, Police and Health Completed
Funeral Risk Assessment	Inform community that Funerals are high risk for non-residents attending community. Sensitive consultation and collaboration with family, LALC, Funeral Home and Police. Increased police presence and patrols to deter non-residents from entering community.	Community Leaders, LALC, Funeral Director, Police
Residents become ill or show symptoms of Covid-19	Self-isolate and inform health	Community members, Health, AMS
Food security and essential resources	Food boxes available	AMS
Flu Vaccinations for the community	Influenza was identified as an issue so we developed and delivered outreach flu clinics and delivered to communities past Casino/Grafton and Cabbage Tree Island. Uptake is very slow due to focusing on the COVID vaccines.	Health

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NNSW Health Mobile COVID screening and vaccinations	In partnership with Bulgarr delivering whole of population mobile COVID screening van model as a way to get the vaccines out to communities. Flyers rolling out from AMS on community protection and vaccination.	Health, AMS, Police
Temperature testing and QR code use at Grafton Police Station.	All Police employees, visitors and contractors have temperature checks completed and QR codes used for visitors and contractors upon entry.	Police - ongoing
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Clarence Valley LEOCON	Email contact with LEMO and LALC CEO on Covid measures in place and specific needs to be addressed.	Completed
NNSW Health – Aboriginal Health	Working closely with AMS and CEO's to develop and implement a whole of health response. Community consultation on specific needs.	Ongoing
Clarence Valley Council	Open Spaces Covid Action Plan	Completed
Coffs/Clarence Police District	Ongoing liaison with community members through the ACLO and Yamba Police.	Ongoing

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AMS	Ongoing community consultation, education and awareness on QR codes and temperature testing. Vaccination administration to community.	Ongoing
LALC	11/8 - Liaison with Coffs/Clarence Police District. Education and awareness of latest PHO and restrictions with LGAs to the north in lockdown. Consideration required for appropriate meeting place should emergency response team be required to meet, as the LALC building is currently closed off.	Ongoing – Yamba Police Station can be used as a meeting point
LALC	16/8 - Liaison with NSWP ACLO – vaccinations being offered at all three AMS centres in the Clarence Valley (Grafton, South Grafton and Maclean).	Ongoing – plans underway through NNSWLHD and AMS to commence vaccine outreach program for Birrigan Gargle. ACLO and Police can assist.
LALC	18/8 - NSWP ACLO contact to CEO's of Hillcrest (Maclean) and Birrigan Gargle LALC informing them of sewerage fragment detection in Yamba. Encourage residents to get tested at Pop Up Testing Site Rocky Laurie Drive Yamba.	Ongoing
NNSW Health – Aboriginal Health	20/8 – confirmation with Kirsty Glanville of Police/ACLO assistance in roll out of outreach vaccination community clinic at Ngaru Village.	Ongoing
Coffs/Clarence Police District	27/8 - ACLO and CPO attended community of Birrigan Gargle LALC assessing PPE requirements and assisting with the planning of residential mapping of community	Ongoing

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	<p>members. Supported by LALC CEO Clare Murray.</p> <p>1/9 – Planning of logistical task in providing the community with a bulk supply of PPE arranged through the LEMO and with assistance of LALC CEO, ACLO and SES for distribution.</p>	

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2. Confirmed Cases in Community		
Restrictions on Access/Egress increased	<p>Police/Community Members/Health assisting at entrance to community to ensure only residents or essential services enter.</p> <p>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>	Police/LALC/Heath – non residents that aren't essential workers will be advised that Ngaru Village is a high risk communities and essential travel only is recommended.
Community Information	<p>High-risk people advised to remain at home (e.g. those over 50 or those with other existing medical conditions).</p> <p>Further re-enforcement of hygiene practices and social distancing through flyer drop, social media and community leaders</p>	LALC/Community Leaders/Health

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Case Finding	<p>PHU to do active case finding in communities with increased testing</p> <p>Identify and isolate cases, quarantine contacts and offer cultural support</p>	<p>PHU/Grafton Hospital</p> <p>Clarence Valley Council – report on sewage testing results – ongoing.</p>
<p>Isolation of patients</p> <p>Things to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can case self-isolate in a room by themselves? If they can – then ensure all shared bathrooms and living spaces are cleaned immediately after being used by the case. 2. If they can't self-isolate in a separate room, can they move to a bigger house to increase the distance between each other? 3. NNSW LHD can arrange a motel room for the case if this is agreed. <p>If motel room is not suitable then alternative accommodation arrangements will need to be explored with the CVC and led by the LALC.</p>	<p>If able to isolate in community, then self-isolation to take place.</p> <p>If unable to self-isolate at home or in community, but not requiring hospitalisation, in the first instance NNSW Health will explore hotel accommodation options with the family. If this is not a suitable option, then further accommodation will be arranged by support agencies or LALC in collaboration with families.</p> <p>Health to arrange cleaning contractor and maximise hygienic processes upon cessation or quarantine requirements dependent on type of accommodation provided ie. If NNSW provided then health pay, if alternate then not paid by health</p>	<p>Health/LALC/PHU – food boxes to be arranged by AMS, Police checks to ensure compliance</p> <p>NNSW Health, LALC, CVC</p> <p>NNSW Health, private contractors</p>

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3. Elimination – virus is not contained		
Community to self-isolate	<p>Community to self-isolate in their own homes.</p> <p>No external access to community other than health and service professionals</p> <p>School to close</p> <p>Food and essential supplies to be obtained and distributed to individual homes</p> <p>Health care to demonstrate strong co-ordination and priority of patients at risk.</p> <p>Co-ordination of triage area (LALC building) for Ambulance to take patients requiring hospitalisation</p>	<p>Health/LALC</p> <p>Police/LALC</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Health/DCJ</p> <p>Health/DCJ</p> <p>AMS, NNSW PHU</p> <p>NNSW PHU/LALC/AMS</p>

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	Police to assist in complete lockdown and restriction of access through roadblock.	Police

Attendance Register – Clarence Valley LEMC 26 July 2021

Agency	Name	Position
NSW Police Force	Joanne REID	LEOCON
NSW Police Force	Tammy NAGLE	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Clarence Valley Council	Shane LANDRIGAN	LEMO
Clarence Valley Council	Jason Ward	Local Government
State Emergency Service	Sue CHAPPLE	Local Controller
NSW Health	Maryanne SEWELL	NNSW LHD Functional Area Coordinator
RFS	Stuart WATTS	District Manager
Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Lands Council	Clare MURRAY	CEO
Malabugilmah Local Aboriginal Lands Council	Terrence ROBINSON and Rob KING	LALC Chair
Department Communities and Justice	Jessica HOUGHTON	Deputy Welfac Clarence Valley DCJ
NSW Ambulance	Terry MURPHY	
Services Australia	Jen JIMMINK	
NSW Primary Industries	Stephen GREEN	

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