



## REcov19ER Teleconference - Participants open to interested parties

### Tuesday 31st March 2020 meeting notes

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions (if any)
A	OPENING			
	Danny Brown	Nyamal AC	Meeting open at 11:30am	
			One minute silence observed	
			<p>Welcome and reminder of Purpose of Meeting. The Response group will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate the emergency response to expanding the reach of our members to reduce infections and duplication of services</li> <li>2. One minutes silence - respect Work with State governments, regional bodies, and other agencies to coordinate actions and ensure that.</li> <li>3. Assess local needs of Aboriginal communities, agreeing on shared priorities, developing common strategies to address issues such as negotiating access to closed communities, mobilising funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public health messaging, and monitoring progress.</li> <li>4. Share needs assessment data to provide a comprehensive picture of the overall needs of remote Pilbara Aboriginal communities and help members achieve a common understanding of the context and a collective plan for the response. By doing so, we will</li> </ol>	

			influence timely decision-making to support more effective emergency preparedness and virus response.	
			Danny called for input from supporting Agencies with first contributor DPC	
<b>B AGENCY UPDATES: DPC, Dept Communities; WAPOL; Dept Health; ADF</b>				
	Glen Kelly / Shaye Hayden	DPC	<p>DPC a couple of focus areas, one main area of concern is food security throughout the regions. DPC working on a strategy, to meet with CME this afternoon to explore the potential of utilising mining company supply chains. This will require good co ordination and strategy. We need to identify logistics hubs across the region.</p> <p>DPC is also working with and meeting with grocers in order to determine supply for the regions. Minister Wyatt has also identified this as being a priority area and is seeking information on any issues as they arise.</p> <p>DPC asked if there were any questions arising in relation to the Biosecurity measures and exemptions?</p> <p>Glen to send through the Commonwealth and State directions to Kathryn for distribution.</p>	DPC to provide Directions for distribution.
	Simon Taylor	Dept Comm	<p>Advises that a regional level monitoring of services is essential as the situation progresses.</p> <p>Advises that all regional offices remain open and operational. From 6 April the offices will be manned on a rotating roster basis to ensure services to the communities continue.</p> <p>Advises that the Pilbara Communities Incident Management Team led by Bibin Roy continue to prepare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation accommodation plan for each location in the Pilbara. Once the plan is finalised this will be distributed – hopefully by end of week. This is not a hospitalisation plan, this is an isolation plan.</li> <li>• Ella and her team continue to work on the pandemic plan, identifying gaps. This is critical for the delivery of services in the region.</li> <li>• Mobile phone reception is an issue across the region. We have asked that any community that experiences interrupted service identify themselves as RTIO is working with us to provide sat phones and radio units to those communities who may be isolated and without comms.</li> </ul>	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A welfare support plan across the Pilbara is being developed. This will provide detail on the assistance to be provided to the regions and how people can link it with this.</li> </ul>	
	Danny Brown	Nyamal AC	REITERATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS GROUP IN IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Comm	<p>Pandemic plans are key to getting assistance to the communities. We are working on a co-ordinated framework whereby the organisations and corporations work with the communities and feed back the information to the Dept. We are working with Kathryn (Nyamal) and Teri (YMAC) on this and developing a spreadsheet to identify communities and contacts as well as the gaps.</p> <p>We have 8 plans already in place since we started and these plans have been passed on to the relevant emergency services for review.</p> <p>This is about using the best resources and knowledge for the best outcomes.</p>	
	Kathryn Bates	Nyamal/NPT	<p>Working on the data sources provided and consolidated all information in to one updated database which we can now all work from. We will be systematically calling remote communities to ascertain their current status and any change in needs/medical/supply issues.</p> <p>This information will be sent direct to Dept Comm to assist them with the coordination of aid and services so that the right help can be received by the communities quickly.</p>	
	Mark Barrett	WAPOL	<p>Kunawarritji – approx. 70 people in the community, community signposted, no incidents reported so far, an isolation unit available.</p> <p>Parnngurr – approx. 50 people in the community, community signposted, no incidents reported so far, an isolation unit available.</p> <p>Punmu – approx. 50 people in the community, community signposted, no incidents reported so far, isolation house enroute to community.</p> <p>Jigalong – approx. 250 people in the community. People in good spirits, all roads closed.</p>	
	Danny Brown	Nyamal AC	Who is assisting with road signage?	

	Ella Quigley	Dept Comm	Shires of East Pilbara, Ashburton are assisting with signage and we are working with the Town of Pt Hedland. We have asked that any communities who require signage or telecom assistance please contact us as soon as possible.	Any community who requires assistance with signage or comms please contact Ella
	Trish Barron	PDC	There are some groups who are working with mining companies to secure dongas for isolation units. Tony McRae from WDLAC has been working with BHP on this.	Tony to advise Ella DPC on locations of mobile accom.
	Danny Brown	Nyamal AC	We welcome the representatives from Health, June, Robbie and Joan. It is important that you are here in this teleconference representing medical services. The key area of concern is infection control therefore we need assistance from the Pilbara Health Alliance.	
	June Councillor	WMAHS	We are happy to work in with Robbie and Joan and assist with advice on the health perspective.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Advises they are focusing on pandemic plans, have plans in place for the 8 core locations currently. Have concerns regarding food supplies, currently working with GAC and Karlka on supplies longer term. Looking at getting stores for up to 2 months. Suggested that action items from these meetings be reviewed and followed up.	Action items reviewed each meeting and with outcomes provided.
	Grant Bussell	Yinhawangka AC	We have identified houses in Paraburdoo for use as well as support for the broader community. There is much attention on remote communities, however many YHW members live in the towns. We need to consider separate accommodation for isolation units for members in town and those coming to town.	Kathryn to contact RTIO in relation to accom in/around PBO. Glen Kelly to be contacted to raise this in meetings with CME.

	Ingrid Walkley	Strelley/Nomads	Staff are remaining on site at the school however there are no stores therefore need to travel for food etc. We would be interested to see if there are any dongas/portable accommodation units available as we need some out here.	Kathryn to contact Ingrid to assist with Pandemic Plan. Tony McRae to provide information on any potential accomm units.
<b>C OPEN TO QUESTIONS</b>				
	Johanna Ramsey	BNTAC	The isolation accommodation plans, are they by regional town, or community?	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Comm	These are by regional towns. We are looking Pilbara wide for assets that are available.	
	Johanna Ramsey	BNTAC	Advises there are additional risks associated with driving people from communities to local towns therefore we need guidelines for transportation.	Dept Communities?
	Lizzy Walker	NPT	I have been asked by a community about isolation accommodation also. What happens if they need to self quarantine? Is there accomm available?	
	Ingrid Walkley	Strelley/Nomad	We would be interested in this information also.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Comms	This is something that can be identified through the pandemic plans, what the communities needs are. Once we know what assets are available we can look to see what the communities needs are.	
<b>D CLOSING</b>				
	Danny Brown	Nyamal	Question / Answer round complete	
			Next meeting tomorrow 11.30am	
			Meeting closed at 12.40am	