



## REcov19ER Teleconference

Tuesday, 28 April 2020 – ‘Government Updates’

	Organisation	Contributor	Comments	Actions Arising
<b>A</b>	<b>OPENING</b>			
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Meeting open @ 11:30am	
			Welcome	
			One minute silence observed	
			Housekeeping (incl. teleconference etiquette)	
			Introductions from who is on call	
<b>B</b>	<b>AGENCY UPDATES</b>			
	WAPol	Mark	Confirmed no new reports to WAPol regarding any issues; feedback and requests for assistance welcomed.	
	Nyamal AC Gumala AC	Gavin Ashley	Any additional concerns from central Pilbara, e.g. Wakathuni? No other issues to report; keeping in touch with local officer-in-charge (OIC).	
	WAPol	Mark	Affirmed, all areas encouraged to keep in touch with their local OICs, should issues require escalation they can assist with this.	
	Communities	Ella	Confirmed another two Pandemic Plans received over the long weekend (Kiwirrkarra and Tkalka Boorda); leaving three or four outstanding.	
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	What is the status of Tkalka Boorda?	
	Communities	Ella	Confirmed one person still living in the community, so making sure their needs are being met.	
	Communities	Barry	Explained current work with DPC and others as part of the State Pandemic Coordination Centre (SPCC); Barry specifically assisting the East Pilbara ‘Designated Areas’ (under the Biosecurity Act) (NB: Peter (also on call) assisting SPCC with other areas within the Pilbara); keen to receive feedback/suggestions of where help is required; shared concerns over	

			messaging and mitigating complacency; Communities (Simon) has shared some resources from the health sector that may be useful in regard to messaging.	
	PAV	Danny	Affirmed there are quite a few great resources available, e.g. those coming out of the Kimberley, as well as several local efforts (e.g. HASL, WMHSAC, PAMS and Ngaarda Media); REcov19ER still working on developing new resources, expected shortly.	
	Communities	Barry	Confirmed willingness to assist with messaging	
	Communities	Ella	Suggested this also involve herself and REcov19ER (Kathryn) to ensure information about the Pandemic Plans and related processes, etc. is included (to help keep communities informed about progress, etc.)	Communities (Barry and Ella) to speak with REcov19ER (Danny and Kathryn) about offering any info and/or assistance with messaging
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Agreed, really important that messaging is maintained, especially while some restrictions are being changed/lifted and people may become more relaxed/complacent; we cannot afford that to happen.	
	WAPol	Mark	Agreed, did have one case of a person not understanding the restrictions out near Jigalong, which has meant they are now isolating within the community (which is currently not supposed to happen under the existing restrictions); good work being done in partnership with local NGOs to ensure peoples' health and safety; confirmed WAPol happy to assist where they can (priority is to keep people safe and healthy, not looking to get them into trouble).	
	Health	Kianna	Confirmed no new reports to advise group of; assisting with adapting some of the messaging available for a local audience (i.e. work being undertaken with REcov19ER (Danny)).	
	AISWA/ Pilbara Regiment	Lisa	Confirmed some schools now open but no decision made about boarding houses as yet; laptops and internet dongles available for government school kids who need them. Pilbara Regiment still offering logistics assistance, if required.	
	PDC	Trish	Affirmed still working on 'show bags' idea with REcov19ER (Kathryn) to assist with messaging, as well as to better engage communities.	
	Njamal PT/ISPL	Andrew	Focus Group Updates: Food Supply & Distribution – Confirmed things are progressing well; still waiting to receive some data; using existing data to clarify community populations; currently organising food packages for communities and trying to address storage capacities/needs; the group is continuing to develop budgets relating to needs identified (expected to be finalised in coming	

			days); next steps for the group will include identifying potential sources of funding to support the budgets in development.	
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	The previous funding request made to BHP may be able to assist with this, if approved.	REcov19ER (Gavin) to follow up on status of the funding request provided to BHP
	Njamal PT/ISPL	Kathryn	<p>Focus Group Updates:</p> <p>Health, Medical &amp; Education – Explained that with some of the inconsistent messages being received regarding schools, clarity is being sought; any updates will be reported back via the focus group; Health WA are assisting with the provision of information and mapping relating to services available; still waiting on approval of the Community Checklist document (currently with Communities).</p> <p>Recovery &amp; Long-term Planning – Confirmed proposed objectives and outputs of this group currently being confirmed, e.g. a ‘Lessons Learned’ report; group’s focus is on how to ensure enduring improvements for communities post-COVID19 crisis.</p> <p>(NB: REcov19ER (Andrew and Kathryn) currently in Hedland assisting with response tasks.)</p>	
<b>C</b>	<b>QUESTIONS/COMMENTS</b>			
		All	No new and/or other issues to report.	
<b>D</b>	<b>CLOSING</b>			
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Acknowledged and thanked everyone for their continued participation on teleconferences; acknowledged and thanked those new people/organisations who joined in today; appreciate it is a lot to expect of everyone to turn up each day and the work happening behind the scenes, but note it is as important now as it has ever been that we remain vigilant.	
			Meeting closed @ 12:00pm	
			Next meeting tomorrow (Wednesday, April 29) @ 11.30am for ‘Communities Input’	
			Next ‘Government Updates’ meeting Thursday, April 30 @ 11.30am	
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