



WAGAIT SHIRE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING TO DISCUSS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO COVID-19 #2

06 APRIL 2020 – TELE/VIDEO-CONFERENCE MINUTES

Present:

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL	President - Peter Clee (PC)
	CEO - Renita Glencross (RG) - Chair
	SRO - Beckie Taylor (BT)
WAGAIT SHIRE RESIDENTS	Chris Tyzack (CT)
WAGAIT SUPERMARKET	Chris Chaplin (CC)
BELYUEN HEALTH SERVICE	Nicholas Barclay (CM)
	Marcella Keenan (MK)

Apologies: Kim Dye (WB Resident), Kelly Murphy (Belyuen Aged Care); Cathy Winsley (Belyuen CG Council CEO)

MINUTES:

Meeting opened at 2pm.

1. Minutes of last meeting – Accepted (AIF). CC noted he was missing from list of attendees. RG to action and provide final record of minutes to Council.
2. Terms of Reference for COVID-19 – Accepted (AIF).
3. Belyuen update
 - NB noted that emergency preparation and community education still being implemented.
 - PPE gear in short supply.
 - CT asked if Belyuen had an adequate supply of body-bags. NB responded yes but trying to be positive.
 - CC asked regarding flu shots. NB confirmed that Belyuen supply is expected end of April and 65+ yo are priorities.
 - RG advised other WB residents also enquiring and have been advised to seek inoculation from own GP, but could be administered by Belyuen Health Service staff? NB to confirm.
4. Wagait update
 - RG noted there had been some confusion from WB residents understanding the differences between quarantine and self-isolation.
 - CC confirmed Supermarket measures are increasing. Limit of 6 customers at one time, dedicated in/out doors to control movement through the store.
5. SeaLink/Jetty update – Easter weekend and school holidays
 - RG advised that SeaLink are considering reducing late night services – TBC.
 - CT noted Easter and school holidays coming up is usually a busy time for WB with visitors and has concerns with transmissions through community.

- RG confirmed community had also raised concerns about jetty use over the long weekend. Noted NTG have been promoting 'Camp in your Own Backyard' and expects this may deter visitors.
 - Discussion regarding various ways to prevent people coming into community; talking to SeaLink, Police, residents discouraging visitors, seems most practical.
6. Police – services update
- PC suggested contact Police to confirm if patrols will be increased over the weekend. RG to action
 - CC noted misinformation is still an issue with different standards between federal, state and territories.
7. Aged Care – service delivery process
- RG provided update from Kelly Murphy regarding access to aged care services, to be included in WSC community communications.
8. Medical – update on current situation and support
- BT gave update on process for supporting medical prescription delivery from NorthPharm, via ferry. WSC to contact SeaLink to confirm arrangements. CC happy to collect/distribute from Supermarket.
 - MK suggested just coordinate for 1 or 2 days a week depending on demand. May need to be refrigerated or in cool-box.
 - RG advised that LGANT are investigating PPE suppliers for Councils and WSC may be able to provide link to Aged Care. RG to follow up with KM.
9. Supplies – update on current situation and support
- CC advised generally well-stocked except for hand-sanitizer.
 - Having to modify some orders as regular products not available.
 - Anticipating increased visitors at Easter but difficult to know impact of restrictions. Will order to cater for additional visitors but can store excess if not needed.
10. Compliance issues update
- RG reported Police detectives had responded to 1 community compliance enquiry which after investigation, was found to be compliant.
 - CT advised online reporting is now available, current info-call waiting time is about 20-40 minutes. CT to provide WSC with link to online reporting page, to include in WSC community communications.
 - PC noted that gathering restrictions are currently 10 in the NT, 2 is a recommendation (but only policed in other states, not NT).
11. Review actions
- Finalise minutes for 202000327 (RG).
 - Confirm cost of medicines transfer with SeaLink (RG).
 - Confirm if Police will increase patrols over Easter weekend (RG).
 - Follow up PPE supplies for Aged Care and WSC through LGANT (RG).
12. Next meeting – Tuesday 14 April time TBC.