

MEDIA STATEMENT
COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
18th March 2020

On Wednesday 18th March at 1.00pm, a meeting was held of the Mukinbudin Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) with most relevant emergency and health organisations present.

All parties are comfortable with the current situation and prepared for the likely eventuality of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) appearing in our community.

* Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild illness to pneumonia. Affected people may experience:

- Fever
- Flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and headaches
- Difficulty breathing

* People will only be tested if they have fever and/or respiratory symptoms such as shortness of breath, cough, or sore throat **AND** documented evidence of:

- Overseas travel in the last 14 days (provide evidence with name and date of travel)
OR
- Close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case (provide name of case)

* The process if you become unwell and suspect you have coronavirus is as follows:

- If you are unwell (such as experiencing shortness of breath) and need urgent medical help call 000.
- If you are attending a GP or other medical centre, it is important to ring ahead of time to make your doctor aware of your symptoms and your travel history.
- If you attend an emergency department at a hospital, please let staff know immediately on arrival of your symptoms and your travel history.

* *excerpt from healthywa.wa.gov.au*

We would like to reassure the older residents of the community who we understand are significantly more susceptible to the virus, that they are foremost in our minds at this time. We ask the community to be considerate of government advice to practice good hygiene and social distancing, especially to the elderly.

This is a rapidly changing situation that we are monitoring, and we are ready to react in the interests of all the members of our community.

For any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Shire on 9047 2100 or admin@mukinbudin.wa.gov.au

Cr Gary Shadbolt
SHIRE PRESIDENT/LEMC CHAIRPERSON

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