KAC Communique- May 2020

Below is the monthly communique of key KAC activities for the information of Kokatha people. In May 2020, this information includes:

COVID-19 related

- 1. First COVID-19 Cash Flow stimulus payments from the government received.
- 2. 132 Grocery gift cards/purchase orders have been sent to the KAC members over 50 years of age who registered for this support. Each card was valued at \$480 and has no expiry date
- 3. 324 KAC members under 50 years of age have registered for the grocery support which will be valued at \$200 and has no expiry date. Registration closed today Friday 29th May
- 4. COVID-19 Social Isolation Housing project approved and BHP Vital Resource Funds of \$189,000 released to KAC for the coordination of this BHP project. KAC have negotiated an agreement with MCM (who assisted in the development of the proposal) to co-manage the 3 month project with KAC Manager Glen Wingfield. The project team also includes representatives from BHP, Barngarla, Kuyani, Davenport Community, SA Health, SA Housing. Project team met in Port Augusta on Monday 18 May to further develop the draft Terms of Refence and Operational Plan. Project renamed *Protect Our People (POP)*. This Emergency Response Plan for Kokatha, Barngarla and Kuyani people aims to address urgent current and potential issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on preventing and reducing transmission by facilitating accommodation and health supports that allow isolation.
- 5. KAC COVID safe plans being developed by Managers by 9 June to outline return to workplace measures for:
 - Flinders Terrace Office
 - Yon St Office
 - Kokatha Mining Services
 - Kokatha Heritage Services
 - Kokatha Pastoral Properties

These plans require information regarding workplace measures that will provide reasonable protection from COVID-19 infection and transmission for our staff, community and stakeholders in the above service areas by identifying:

- Social distancing measures
- Hygiene practices
- Any additional site specific requirements

Culture and Heritage

1. Culture and Heritage Committee met this month to discuss the closing of the Woomera Golf Course and the Woomera Prohibited Area Heritage Management Plan (2020).



Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

ABN: 17 649 502 722 ICN: 8093

- 2.Culture and Heritage Manager provided a monthly report including an update on survey requests, the POP program, the Cultural Respect Training package and signage negotiations with Roxby Council
- 3. The Kokatha Heritage Services Team operations restart date will be re considered following the submission a COVID safe plan by the C&H Manager

Finance

- 4. The first draft of the 2020-21 KAC Group Budget has been submitted to the Board/Special Administrator and Corporation Advisory Group (CAG) for feedback
- 5. An independent budget review will also be undertaken by Mr John Ramsay prior to the June CAG meeting
- 6. Mr Ramsay will also complete a review of KAC's current financial services and make recommendation regarding the best value future approach to the CAG/Board/CEO



Kokatha Mining Services

- 7. Board Meeting held 14th May
- 8. Advertisements for Member (Kokatha) and Independent Directors for the Board published 26 May. More information at www.kokatha.com.au
- 9. Two positions on the Road Maintenance Contract Crew (Grader Driver and Water Truck driver) will be re-recruited. Both positions are currently being filled by casuals who were shortlisted in the original recruitment process in January
- 10. All KMS staff are still complying to the OZ Mineral COVID-19 protocols. Return to sight will be considered following the return normal rosters and the submission a COVID safe plan by the KMS Operations Manager
- 11. Local mechanical support services proposal being refined to include Kokatha employment and training opportunities
- 12. Lab Courier Run Service going exceptionally well reliable service backed up for wet weather by 4WD
- 13. Road Maintenance Contract Invoice for April is in line with business plan forecast for the 2nd month



Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

ABN: 17 649 502 722 ICN: 8093

14. No Work Health and Safety incidents reported since contracts to date. All staff were briefed on the KAC WH&S policy and practices in February and receive daily reminders at morning start up meetings



Kokatha Pastoral Company

- 15. Board Meeting held 15th May
- 16. Advertisements for Member (Kokatha) and Independent Directors for the Board published 26 May. More information at www.kokatha.com.au
- 17. North West Indigenous Pastoral Project (NWIIP) Infrastructure Development Assistance Grant for\$40,000 approved. These fund are tied to Indigenous employment by Kokatha Pastoral
- 18. Monthly land condition report completed- shows dams are half to three quarters full
- 19. Tourism feasibility report due 31 May
- 20. New Agistment Agreement currently being negotiated with Saltbush Ag/Arcoona Station
- 21. Significant Environmental Benefit (SEB) bid being developed in partnership with Arid Lands
- 22. Proposal for BHP Social Impact 2020-21 grant to refurbish Andamooka Homestead and Roxby Downs House completed
- 23. Infrastructure works progressing dam and kangaroo fences, machinery shed repairs, road repairs
- 24. Natalie Turner concludes her employment with KP Friday 29 May
- 25. ILSC (Tony Freshwater) continues to provide invaluable support for KP managments implementation of the 2020-25 business plan to ensure the business continues to grow with the direct involvement of Kokatha people in the business and ongoing opportunities to enhance their business management skills and knowledge.
- 26. MCM Pastoral Consultants (Sam McMurthie) have been approved by the KP Board to continue to provide operational management for another 12 months. Their primary focus is to
 - implementation of the KP 2020 Business Plan
 - development of budgets for approval
 - secure funding for business operations and capital development investment
 - support the employment, retention and development of Kokatha staff and management



Employment and Training

- 27. Position will be advertised from 3 June and will close on 17th June
- 28. Acting officer has assisted 7 Kokatha people to gain employment with positions InComPro (as Indigenous Disability Client Support Workers)
- 29. More information about employment opportunities at www.kokatha.com.au

Work Health and Safety

- 30. All Managers briefed on KAC WHS policy and procedures in December
- 31. No WHS Incidents reported so far this year
- 32. KAC Risk Assessment Tool used to assess KMS crew taking medication as unfit for work.
- 33. All KAC staff to attend KAC WHS policy and procedures workshop in July (postponed in March due to COVID)

General Communications

- 34. Negotiations with CPB (bridge project company) to lease Yon St office for 3 months, in addition to employment and machine hire tenders through our Commercial Joint Ventures (Kokatha Martin and Kokatha Complete)
- 35. Registration for SMS alert and notifications from KAC instructions available at https://kokatha.com.au/welcome-to-kacs-text-messaging-service/
- 36. KAC is working with OZ Minerals communications team to develop a video story based on this year's National Reconciliation Week but relevant every day!

Corporation Advisory Group

Out of respect to the request of CAG Members the group did not meet on 29 May following an unexpected community death just prior to the scheduled meeting time.

The next meeting is scheduled for the last week of June.

