



Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

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KAC Communique- June 2020

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

COVID-19 related

1. All grocery cards/purchase orders have now been distributed to the 492 Kokatha members who registered
2. Flinders Street Office has reopened. Office hours will be 12-4pm until further COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Staff are transitioning back to work and staff rostering is designed to ensure one Manager is onsite each day. Please contact Office Manager, Alison Mundy for further information on admin@kokatharntbc.com.au
3. Yon St Commercial Hub is open to KAC staff only at this stage until a Manager is regularly onsite. Please contact Site Manager, Giac Consalvo to make an appointment to meet or for further information on bdm@kokatharntbc.com.au
4. COVID-19 Social Isolation Housing project (known as POP- Protect our People Project) is running Camp Willochra at full capacity of participants isolating before returning to Bio Security Zones plus two volunteers. The project team is meeting next week to evaluate the need to extend the program beyond 12 August (current end date)
5. Government Cash Flow Stimulus Package and Job Keeper payments received
6. KAC COVID protocols updated and distributed 16 June

Culture and Heritage

7. Culture and Heritage Committee met by Zoom Conferencing on 19th June. Meeting concluded early due to no quorum
8. Culture and Heritage Manager (CHM) provided a monthly report to the Culture and Heritage Committee (CHC) , Corporation Advisory Group (CAG) and Board
9. KAC has written to AAR and requested an extension of time to submit a response to the Kelaray application to SA Government to undertake mineral exploration activities at Lake Torrens, South Australia (specifically exploration activities associated with its Exploration Licences 5945 and 5937) until 21 August to allow for an official Corporation response in consultation with Kokatha Elders, and KAC Committee member elected representatives. More information, including how all Kokatha people can submit a response, is available at www.kokatha.com.au
10. KAC CHM is preparing a draft Heritage Survey Access Policy to be tabled at next CAG meeting, which will address three broad categories:
 - a) Reports may be made available for public viewing;
 - b) Reports distribution to be restricted to certain Kokatha people;
 - c) Reports should not be released to any party without consent of the relevant holders of Kokatha Lore



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11. KAC CHM met with Woomera Defence personnel to confirm that KAC will be consulted prior to any works to the local Golf Club. This will include the KAC Culture and Heritage Manager, appropriate Kokatha Women and the site card holders.
12. The Kokatha Heritage Services Team operations have recommenced on a case by case basis following the approval and distribution of a COVID safe plan to stakeholders and staff



Finance

13. An independent budget review has been undertaken by Mr John Ramsay and reported to the CAG and Board. This included a small number of recommended variations which Mr Ramsay was approved to complete
14. The draft 2020-21 budget was subsequently approved by the Board
15. Mr Ramsay will present a finance workshop at the next CAG meeting, as part of the presentation of the June finance reports in a more user friendly approved format
16. KAC have invited 7 South Australian financial firms to tender for our financial services in 2020-21, including current financial providers Rowe Partners. This tender outlines a 60% reduction in currently contracted financial services. These services are to be transitioned for delivery within KAC and under the management of a Corporate Services Manager
17. Kokatha Charitable Trust budgets are currently being confirmed for 2020-21 in light of the 2019 AGM vote to make no 2020 funds available from the Kokatha Peoples Compensation Trust. As a result there are no funds available for education and wellbeing funding rounds to run.



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Kokatha Mining Services

18. All KMS staff have returned to site under OZ Mineral and KAC COVID-19 protocols following the approval of a KMS COVID safe plan
19. KMS Operations Manager, Mr Chris Doon has departed KAC and Mr Giac Consalvo is currently acting in this role. Giac can be contacted on all the same KMS OM details
20. Lab Courier Run Service continues to run exceptionally well – reliable service backed up for wet weather by 4WD
21. RMC Invoice for May and June completed. KPI's achieved and completion rates improving each month
22. Three KMS positions currently being filled by casuals will be advertised at www.kokatha.com.au in August. Contact Giac at kmsops@kokatharntbc.com.au for more information
23. No Work Health and Safety incidents reported since contracts commenced. All staff briefed on the KAC WH&S policy and practices in February and receive daily reminders at morning start up meetings



Kokatha Pastoral Company

24. 12 month Progress report demonstrates 200 LSE or 23% increase in sustainable long-term carrying capacity measured against recent infrastructure works undertaken since 1 July 2019 to May 2020 on Roxby Downs, Purple Downs and Andamooka Stations



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25. 180 day action plan concluded with all 10 of the 12 priority actions completed:
 - a) Administration and Hire Manager tasks for KPLM recruitment, engagement and induction.
 - b) Commence property Operations Manual project, see through to completion
 - c) Martu visit in WA, for KP management and staff- *postponed due to COVID*
 - d) Back to Country Day - *postponed due to COVID*
 - e) IPA and SEB investigation
 - f) Tourism enterprise investigation
 - g) Finalise agistment agreement review/renewal and investigate additional pastoral opportunities
 - h) Seek response from BHP social impact funding submission and volunteers - Andamooka buildings to lock up stage
 - i) Water to the station (Roxby homestead) decision on where it's coming from
 - j) Finish accommodation project at Roxby Downs (including 3 quotes for refurbishment of old Roxby house)
 - k) Development scope of works, Andamooka - 3 stage refurbishment project
 - l) Oversee progress towards completion of pastoral infrastructure program - Dams, fence, boundary secure and water points.
26. Additional electric fencing has been installed by Arid Recovery that borders with Roxby Downs and Andamooka Station. More information at <https://kokatha.com.au/arid-recovery-additional-electric-fencing/>
27. Tourism feasibility report received and sent to BHP for funding response prior to KP Board meeting
28. Current Agistment Agreement continuing with Saltbush Ag/Arcoona Station (until March 2021) and new agreement recommendations report to be presented to KP Board meeting
29. Proposal for BHP Social Impact 2020-21 grant to refurbish Andamooka Homestead and Roxby Downs House completed and submitted for funding approval





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Employment and Training

30. Shortlisted candidates for Employment and Training support officer position being interviewed next week
31. New officer will assist KMS recruitment process in August by supporting Kokatha people to apply for 3 available permanent positions with Kokatha Mining Services
32. Corporate Services Manager position to be advertised from 8th July
33. CPB Contractors (managing the Bridge project) are currently seeking a Community Engagement Officer to join the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Team. Go to <https://kokatha.com.au/job-alert-community-engagement-officer/> for more information or support to apply
34. More information about employment opportunities at www.kokatha.com.au

Work Health and Safety

35. No WHS Incidents reported so far this year
36. All KAC staff to attend KAC WHS policy and procedures workshop in July (postponed in March due to COVID)

General Communications

37. Kokatha Carrapateena Art Competition voting currently being completed by Carrapateena staff and winning Kokatha artists will be announced soon
38. Survey summary report results from Phase 1 of the CATSI ACT Review can be viewed at <https://kokatha.com.au/catsi-act-review-update/>
39. Discussions with BHP regarding ODA review date and other financial matters
40. The Special Administrator has provided Corporation Advisory Group (CAG) members and Culture and Heritage Committee (CHC) Members with an update on the progress of the Membership review project, including a three-stage membership evaluation approach and a timetable for feedback
41. Tentative plans being made for a meeting of Kokatha Common Law Holders in September, based on assessment of COVID-19 restrictions and risk

Corporation Advisory Group (CAG)

The CAG met on 24th June via Zoom Conferencing. The key issues and actions from the meeting were as follows:

42. Five members were nominated to attend the next Partnering Management Committee (PMC) with OZ Minerals- Kahlia Gibson, Daniel Ramm, Sabrina Starkey, Jessica Reid and Tanya Swales
43. All members have been asked to provide feedback on the draft Education Scholarship Distribution Guidelines before they are considered by the PMC



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44. Strategic position briefing and staffing realignments report (within existing budgets and staffing levels) approved by the Board
45. Corporate Services Manager position description shared with all members
46. Draft 2020-21 budgets were presented and approved
47. May financial reports and Management performance reports were presented and approved
48. Funding proposal to be presented at the next meeting for KAC attendance at the October 2020 Native Title Conference by CAG, CHC and staff representatives
49. Statement of in- principal support for Kokatha staff and community members who choose to participate in Black Lives Matter protests was approved and can be seen at www.kokatha.com.au
50. Draft Heritage Survey Access Policy to be tabled at next meeting
51. Nominations for 15 Kokatha representatives (1 per family) to attend the Carrapateena Opening on 28 August to be placed on Culture and Heritage Committee (CHC) July agenda
52. KAC to negotiate with OZM and seek names for Carrapateena infrastructure in recognition of Kokatha elders at the next Common Law Holders meeting
53. KAC to run an ad in the paper to advertise Lake Torrens Drilling Consultation period and the opportunities for Kokatha people to respond. Information shared at www.kokatha.com.au
54. Further information to be promoted in the Kokatha community to help increase the understand of the CAG and Board Roles and Responsibilities are, and what they are not. More information at <https://kokatha.com.au/corporation-advisory-group-roles-responsibilities/>
55. It was agreed that the August meeting will take place at Roxby Down Station over 3 days and include governance training, KAC operational briefing, Kokatha Culture and Heritage workshop, strategic planning workshop and Kokatha Pastoral Stations tour. Budget variation for this training to be presented at next meeting for approval

The next CAG meeting is scheduled for 30th July in Port Augusta, and will include a financial reports workshop.

