



KAC Communique- July2020

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

COVID-19 related

1. *Protecting our People Project (POP)* is a COVID-19 Social Isolation Housing project funded by BHP Vital Resource Funds. Camp Willochra has been set up with facilities, paid volunteers and supplies to accommodate up to 16 Kokatha, Barngarla and Kuyani people to group isolate before returning to Bio Security Zones.
2. KAC engaged McMurtrie Company Marketing (MCM) to manage the project. MCM Consultant David Kelly has led the project's operations along with Glen Wingfield, Lavene Ngatokorua and Linda Dare (the project team)
3. Over the past 11 weeks the project has already:
 - a. Assisted over 250 people
 - b. Provided about 350 people nights of accommodation to the tune of about \$43,000
 - c. Provided essential survival supplies (swags, blankets, bedding, clothes, toiletries etc) totalling about \$46,000
 - d. Provided arts and crafts, medical equipment, heaters and sporting goods valued at over \$6,000
 - e. Provided transport services to many people so they could return to country, travel to Adelaide and other places for medical treatment
 - f. Built an operational plan that provides the foundation for POP Phase II, should our funding be extended.
 - g. Investments include in excess of \$121,000 in local businesses in Port Augusta and



4. The service is oversubscribed due to the positive feedback in the communities and participants as well as 12 paid volunteers have been engaged from all three TO groups. The Camp is known by local people as Camp Beautiful and nicknamed the Peoples Project
5. Activities at the camp are customised to the group by the volunteers and include kids activities and arts and crafts
6. Other agencies actively supporting the program include Salvation Army (food and clothes), SA Health, Housing, Police, Defence, Remote and Vulnerable Communities Interagency (previously called the Zone Emergency Management Committee)
7. SBS has picked up this good news story and will run a story on POP on its national news service and on NITV. BHP has organised a story on POP to be in *The Chronicle* on 5 August and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet will also run a story on POP in its weekly indigenous.gov.au newsletter and website
8. BHP are currently considering a request from KAC for the program to be extended for another 3-6 months to assist Kokatha, Barngarla and Kuyani people displaced by ongoing restrictions and to be ready to assist when further COVID cases arise in South Australia



Culture and Heritage

1. Culture and Heritage Committee on 28th July in Port Augusta.
2. Culture and Heritage Manager (CHM) provided a monthly report to KAC Corporation Advisory Group (CAG) and Board as well as the Culture and Heritage Committee (CHC)
3. AAR has written to KAC to advise that our requested extension of time to reasonably consult and respond to the Kelayar 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 has been granted



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4. Both the KAC Corporation Advisory Group (CAG) as well as the Culture and Heritage Committee (CHC) met to discuss this matter at their July meetings
5. The CAG will submit a letter to AAR in support of the advice provided to the government by Kokatha Lore men and registered site card holders and in accordance with the Kokatha Native Title Determination
6. The CHM tabled a draft Heritage survey report access policy for the CAG's approval following consultation with Campbell Law. This policy was requested to provide a clear position on which Heritage surveys completed by Kokatha Heritage Services staff can be shared with the whole community, shared in a redacted form, or shared only to restricted people due to culturally sensitive information. The policy outlines a procedure for both past reports and future reports. The approved policy can now be found on our website
7. The CHM met with Justine Hobbs for Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure to discuss the Joy Baluch Bridge Project Aboriginal Heritage assessment. A copy of the report for public viewing has been requested by KAC and will be place on the website once received
8. Representatives from the Department of Energy and Mining (DEM) will be briefing the CAG in August on the draft Mining Act regulations as part of the engagement process. They will discuss each of the three packages.
 - a) Package one will focus on land access (topics on access to land, exploration licences, and mineral claims) and is to be released in the first week of August 2020.
 - b) Package two will focus on compliance and enforcement matters (topics on compliance and enforcement, Wardens Court, Mining Register, royalties and finance, and competency of mining managers) and is to be released in the second week of August 2020.
 - c) Package three will focus on operating approvals (topics on opal mining, private mines, and a consolidated mining approvals approach made up of topics on common provisions, production tenements, and operating approvals) and is to be released in the third week of August 2020.
9. 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. Heritage Surveys for DGO Gold and Cohiba were conducted in July. These Heritage survey reports still currently in draft form.





Finance

10. The tender for Kokatha financial services has been completed. 5 of the 7 companies invited submitted their tender documents by the due date. The selection committee undertook a rigorous evaluation process led by Principal Advisor John Ramsay. KAC Senior Management recently met with the successful preferred supplier for further discussions and we look forward to making an announcement soon
11. John has also been working with KAC Senior Managers to prepare 2020-21 budget phasings and monthly cash flow projections for the information KAC Management and the CAG/Board
12. June finance reports were approved by the CAG/Board, including the recommendation that surplus discretionary funds be considered by the Board for use after the completion of the 2019-20 audit
13. Surplus tied funds (those only able to be spent on a particular purpose) have been approved by the CAG/Board as tied income for this year
14. KAC has received its first Mine Gate Value (MGV) payment from OZ Minerals as part our Native Title Mining Agreement (NTMA). This payment has been activated at the conclusion of foundation milestone payments previously received. KAC will receive two MGV payments per financial year for the life of the mine. OZ Minerals are preparing a plain English explanation of how the payments are calculated to be shared with the Kokatha community as well as an auditors statement to be shared with KAC management

Kokatha Enterprises

15. The Acting KMS Operations Manager has been working almost full-time on site providing direct supervision for Road Maintenance and Lab Courier Service. This was an action arising from a site meeting OZ Minerals Maintenance Team. KMS is now recording faster response times and reducing down-time.
16. The Road Maintenance Contract (RMC) has achieved its key performance indicators for each of the last 3 months.
17. Another benefit of being onsite is the ability to develop relationships and foster a productive network leading to a pipeline of additional opportunities for Kokatha employment and revenue- seven onsite Carrapateena contracts currently being discussed
18. KAC also providing feedback on Western Access Road scope
19. New grader operator (formerly the Kokatha Martins JV operator) casually engaged to replace the temporary labour hire (KCJV) grader operator,. This position will advertised in August
20. Roller operator resigned due to health issues and replaced from the eligibility list- Creon Dadleh was on this list as a preferred candidate and has now accepted the permanent role
21. Another item arising from the site meeting OZ Minerals Maintenance Team was the value add of a KMS site supervisor at Carrapateena. This position is currently being negotiated for recruitment



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22. We have decided to undertake an Independent 6 month audit of KMS site compliance documentation and systems to ensure best practice and to ensure WHS documentation is in place, properly implemented, comply with our Agreements, records properly actioned and filed, determine WHS system effectively communicated to personnel, identify any gaps in compliance requirements, develop a compliance register, and bring all compliance requirements in line with Agreements. This has not been requested by OZ Minerals but we feel it is a good investment into ensuring a best practice culture
23. ISS Indigenous engagement plan workshop being planned for this quarter to identify additional employment, training and commercial opportunities for KAC at Carrapateena, Adelaide and other sites nationally
24. Contract opportunities currently being discussed include at Olympic Dam:
 - a. BHP work packages
 - b. Civil works (through Broadspectrum)
25. KAC continues to engage the Kokatha Martin and Kokatha Complete joint ventures strategically to add value, capacity and opportunity to our operations
26. PW2PA discussions are progressing regarding commercial, employment and cultural opportunities related to the Joy Baluch bridge project
27. No Work Health and Safety incidents reported since contracts commenced.



Kokatha Pastoral Company

28. 180 head of cattle have been returned to the station for grazing under the current adjustment agreement with Saltbush Ag (Arcoona Station)
29. Boundary fencing is due to begin 10th August. Neighbouring properties to share material and labour costs
30. Grader training for Kokatha staff to be delivered onsite 11th August (using the KMS Grader)
31. Land Management practices training for Kokatha staff to be delivered concurrently with assistance from ILSC



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- 32. Andamooka Homestead Refurbishment Scope of Works submitted to BHP for funding
- 33. Tourism Feasibility Study sent to BHP for funding feedback prior presentation to the KP Board
- 34. 6 staff currently employed on roster at the station (including 5 Indigenous staff and 3 Kokatha staff)
- 35. No Work Health and Safety incidents reported to date.
- 36. Significant Economic Benefit (SEB) Management Plan currently being completed in partnership with Arid Recovery

Employment and Training

- 37. Tanya Solar has appointed KAC Employment and Training Advisor following a rigorous recruitment process. Tanya will be an invaluable member of the Kokatha Enterprise team within the Corporation and will work closely with our Community Support Administrator (Kym Chamberlain) to increase Kokatha engagement in meaningful training and employment opportunities. Tanya will also be actively assisting Kokatha people to apply for employment, and to successfully transition to and be retained within ongoing employment. Welcome Tanya!
- 38. Carly Chamberlain has been appointed Acting Trainee Manager (Culture and Heritage) as part of a trial Trainee Manager program. Carly will continue her work administering Kokatha Charitable Trust applications in this role
- 39. KAC now has two Kokatha Trainees- Carly and Melinda Forrest (Business Administration Trainee). This is part of our active commitment to building the experience, skills and confidence for Kokatha employment at all levels and in all positions within the Corporation
- 40. More information about employment and training opportunities and how to get in touch with Tanya at www.kokatha.com.au



Work Health and Safety

- 41. No WHS Incidents reported so far this year



General Communications

42. Kokatha Carrapateena Art Competition voting has been completed and the successful artists have been notified and are hard at work. We will be featuring more information about these Kokatha artists and their commissioned pieces next month
43. Phase 2 of the CATSI ACT Review is now open and can be viewed at <https://kokatha.com.au/catsi-act-phase-2-consultation/>
44. Discussions with BHP regarding various matters including their Olympic Dam Resource Development Strategy (OD-RDS), current financial arrangements and an ODA review date
45. ORIC announced on 10 July that the Special Administration would be extended until 9 October. The media release appeared at <https://www.oric.gov.au/> and <https://kokatha.com.au/>



Corporation Advisory Group (CAG)

The CAG met on 30th July in Port Augusta. The key issues and actions from the meeting were as follows:

46. Changes to the KAC rule book which will be outlined in an upcoming newsletter from the Special Administrator
47. Agreement on the content of KAC's response to the Lake Torrens drilling application following discussion led by Independent Director Raylene Webb (former President of the Native Title Tribunal and Barrister to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and the High Court of Australia) and feedback from the Culture and Heritage Advisory Group meeting. The CAG will submit a brief letter to AAR in support of the advice provided to the government by Kokatha Lore men and registered site card holders and in accordance with the Kokatha Native Title Determination
48. Approval of a submission from the Kokatha Women's Council Working Party to coordinate a Kokatha Women's gathering for the purposes of determining Kokatha Women's priorities in establishing a Women's Council



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49. Provided feedback to the Department of Defence (Airforce) on the Regional Compliance Officer program
50. Confirmed a clear, transparent process for processing KAC membership applications from August- starting with the applications currently pending as none have been processed during the Special Administration until a process to be administered by Kokatha people was established (more details on the upcoming Special Administrator newsletter)
51. End of year financial reports and Management performance reports were presented and approved
52. Heritage Survey Access Policy approved. This policy was requested to provide a clear position on which Heritage surveys completed by Kokatha Heritage Services staff can be shared with the whole community, shared in a redacted form, or shared only to restricted people due to culturally sensitive information. The policy outlines a procedure for both past reports and future reports.
53. Budget for 4 Kokatha KAC representatives to attend the National Native Title Conference in October- two Culture and Heritage staff, one CAG member, one CHC member
54. Nominations for 15 Kokatha representatives (1 per family) to attend the Carrapateena Opening on 28 August from the Culture and Heritage Committee (CHC) still being sought
55. Nomination for a Kokatha person to perform the Welcome to Country at the Carrapateena Opening on 28 August has requested from the CHC
56. Three day Board workshop program in the last week of August (including August CAG meeting, Heritage workshop, Governance training, Corporation orientation, Strategic planning and site visits) approved

