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Message from Rachael Green
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Hello everyone,

It is the end of another busy week.

Yesterday, I returned to Fremantle office to participate in the Recovery Workshop and the Virtual Leadership Forum.

The Forum showcased examples of service delivery that are achieving fantastic outcomes for our clients. Today, I share these with you.

Regional Executive Director Andrew Geddes, Executive Manager, South East Metropolitan Region Anne-Marie McLaughlin, and Project Manager Priority Initiatives Patrick Ryder spoke about how we are helping a vulnerable cohort of homeless people by providing accommodation and wrap-around support for them at Woodman Point Recreation Camp. Communities has been able to provide accommodation that is safe, secure and culturally appropriate, as well as access to food and medical supports. The accommodation is available until 18 May 2020, at which point there is a plan to assist the residents to transition into social housing, with wrap-around supports.

Intervention Support Services Manager Fran Gresley and Intervention and Transition Officer Sue McArthur shared a touching story about a young lady with disability, Kirsten Williams, and the efforts that officers went to in facilitating Kirsten's dream of returning to Country and reuniting with her family in the Kimberley. Communities staff connected with Far North Community Services, who provide daily living supports and accommodation for Kirsten. After 13 years away from her home, on 18 December 2019, just before Kirsten's 22nd birthday, she flew to Broome and moved into her new home.

Lastly, Regional Executive Director Pilbara Simon Taylor took us through the Pilbara regions strategic coordinated planning and place-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

All presenters were outstanding.

Further to our update on 6 May 2020, I am pleased to advise that the ICT equipment request process for children in care learning from home will be extended.

The new closing date for all second-round ICT equipment requests is 5:00pm, Friday, 22 May 2020.

Now, for today's practice update:

In the child protection space (attached):

- ICT Equipment for Children in CEO's Care Learning from Home update – second round announcement
- Research study of COVID-19 in Western Australian schools – the DETECT Program.

Thank you everyone, for your continued efforts, and have a nice weekend.

Take care.

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