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Message from Community Sector Partnership Team

Department of Communities



Hello everyone

We'd like to update you on the progress of the work being undertaken with Nous Group (Nous) as well as personnel changes within the Community Sector Partnership Team.

- **Update on Nous work**

Nous has developed a suite of materials to support the taskforces, including an overarching Terms of Reference, Partnerships Charter and a Communications and Engagement Guide. These materials are available on the Department of Communities' [Community Sector Partnerships \(COVID-19\) webpage](#).

Nous has also drafted a report that outlines their findings from consultations with government and non-government leaders across the community and human services system to understand the current state of partnership.

The report is being finalised by Nous and Communities and will soon be provided to the Communities Leadership Team for consideration.

- **Personnel changes – Sector Partnerships unit**

Last week we farewelled Tiffany Allen, Sam Knight and Lee-Anne Anderson who returned to their respective roles within Communities. We'd like to thank them for their energy, focus and passion in supporting our response to COVID-19 and planning for transition to recovery.

Penny Kennedy will remain in the team as interim Director of the Sector Partnerships unit and looks forward to continuing working with you all. Penny can be contacted [via email](#) should you wish to get in touch.

Please also see below some COVID-19 updates and resources that you might find useful. We encourage you to share with this information with your networks.

- **State Recovery Plan**

The State Government has established a [State Recovery Advisory Group](#) to guide the development of a [State Recovery Plan](#).

The Plan will help lead WA's recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on five key recovery areas – health, economic and infrastructure, social, industry and regions.

The State Recovery Advisory Group includes representatives from business, industry, not-for-profit organisations, UnionsWA, the public sector, local government and the community, who will provide valuable feedback to the State Government on ongoing and emerging challenges. Over the next few weeks there will also be a series of Ministerial roundtables with key stakeholders across a range of portfolio and topic areas.

The social recovery area is being led by the Department of Communities – overseen by Assistant Director General Capability, Reform and Recovery Paul Isaachsen. Paul and his team will link in with the broader consultations and work across and beyond Communities to lay out the plan to help Western Australia get back on the road to becoming a thriving and innovative community to live, work, visit and do business in.

- **Contribute to WA's recovery with iThink**

iThink is being used to give Western Australians the opportunity to contribute new and innovative ideas to support the State's COVID-19 recovery planning.

From 28 May to 26 June 2020, anyone can submit ideas on what should be the priorities

and actions across the five key recovery areas. Ideas are visible to all users, who can also provide constructive feedback and vote on their favourite.

We encourage you to join [iThink](#) to submit your ideas, and also ask that you promote this platform with your colleagues and networks (refer attached poster).

- **Travel restrictions update**

From 5 June, the Commonwealth biosecurity areas (Kimberley, Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku and parts of the East Pilbara) will be [open for travel](#).

Travel is now allowed across all of Western Australia except into remote Aboriginal communities. The only people who can enter a remote Aboriginal community are residents; those providing essential services and supplies; and those entering for family or cultural reasons.

- **Phase 3 roadmap to recovery**

From 6 June, the number of people permitted to gather will increase and additional businesses can reopen, as part of the significant changes coming into effect in Phase 3 of the [COVID-19 WA roadmap](#).

- **COVID Connect**

The Australian Red Cross is offering a free social phone call service to provide support and community connection for adults who are feeling socially isolated as a result of COVID-19.

For more information about the program and how to register, refer to the attached flyer or visit [COVID Connect](#) or call 1800 733 276.

- **Advice for community service providers**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has added a new page on the [WA Government website](#) that provides general COVID-19 advice for community service providers that receive State funding.

- **Community-based care guidelines**

The Department of Health has updated its [guidelines](#) to support community care sector workers who may provide care to people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

- **Homelessness sector guidelines**

The Department of Health has also updated its [guidelines](#) to support homelessness sector workers who may provide accommodation and support to people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

The Department of Communities acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Western Australia and their connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to their elders past and present.

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