



## Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperatives Emergency Response Plan

### Relocation Implementation Plan:

Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative will take responsibility for providing assistance, support and response in the event of **CODE RED (CATASTROPHIC) NOTICE**.

**The Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors will take responsibility for the coordination and implementation of Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperatives Emergency Response Plan;**

Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative:

1. Ensure the safety and wellbeing of all staff firstly and foremost
2. Staff will make contact with all elders who are on Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperatives Community.
  - a. Elders will be advised by Goolum Goolum staff to maintain their fluid intake i.e. **Water**. (warning will be given in relation to alcohol intake as being a **diuretic** and may present health risk)
  - b. Elders will be offered the opportunity to be transported into Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative
  - c. Goolum Goolum shall provide light meals and safe environment during **CODE RED** days
  - d. Goolum Goolum health staff will conduct safety checks of Elders who are identified as having diabetes, coronary disease and other acute health needs that place them as **high risk**
  - e. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative will periodically make contact with Elders throughout the day of a **CODE RED**
  - f. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative will provide **transport** to Elders in the event that they identify concern or present anxious as a result of a **CODE RED** notice

3. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative will make contact with all community members who are identified as at risk during **CODE RED** days
  - a. Families with young children who are identified as having limited understanding of the risk associated with **extreme heat** 40 degree plus
  - b. Have acute health problems i.e. diabetes, coronary disease etc.
  - c. Reinforcing through community education
  - d. Community members who articulate concern and present with anxiety are encouraged to come into Goolum Goolum
  - e. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative will provide **transport** to Community Members in the event that they identify concern or present as anxious as a result of a **CODE RED** notice

#### **4. In the event of FIRE**

- a. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative 43 Hamilton Street, Horsham will become a Emergency Centre for community members escaping fire
- b. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative will provide beds and other material for the period of danger
- c. Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative playgroup area will become a community kitchen in the event of a **Fire**
- d. **Staff will:** be advised of response by the Chief Executive Officer is community members are wishing to be evacuated
- e. **At all times staff safety and wellbeing is to be placed at the forefront of all determinations**
- f. The Chief Executive Officer and Board shall liaise with local authorities is response to **Fire** and response

#### **5. In the event of Fire at night**

- a. The Chief Executive Officer will receive notice from emergency services and the Regional Emergency Centre based at the Department of Health and Department of Human Services
- b. Staff will be advised via text of impending danger
  - i. Staff are advised to place themselves and their family as priority
  - ii. Staff through their own determination will be asked to provide support to respond to community needs
  - iii. **43 Hamilton Street** will be set up as an emergency centre for community members
  - iv. **Coordination will be the responsibility of the Board and Chief Executive Officer**
  - v. All vehicle will be placed at the disposal of the response team

- c. **All Staff should have a response plan in case of Fire**
- d. **It is advised that staff speak openly with family and community about Fire Response and the management of their yards i.e. Grass and refuse**



Regards,  
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Chief Executive Officer  
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