

# Collaboration for Community Resilience - COVID 19



Summary paper: Meeting 2: April 9, 2020.

## Local agencies: Current focus and response *(collated from meeting attendees)*

### DHHS: Wimmera South West Division:

Main focus is concern for the increase in number of vulnerable people with increased social and emotional wellbeing concerns. Example: concerns re physical activity and participation in sporting clubs – leading to a collaboration with AFL, SWPCP and Lifeline.  
Key contact: [tracey\\_burgess@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:tracey_burgess@dhhs.vic.gov.au)

### Hamilton Community House:

Main focus is keeping in touch with participants without face to face contact. Looking at alternate options to face to face (such as Telelink). Easter egg drop to vulnerable people. Future planning.  
Key Contact: [hamh@bigpond.com](mailto:hamh@bigpond.com)

### Australian Red Cross

Main focus is co-ordinating distribution of essential supplies and providing psychosocial support to people in mandatory self-isolation. Requests should be directed in first instance to the COVID 19 hotline: **1800 675 398**. All other requests **1800 232 969**. Key Contact: [www.redcross.org.au/contact-us](http://www.redcross.org.au/contact-us)

### Rural Arts Victoria

Main focus is advocacy and support for artists. The main role of the arts will be in recovery.  
Cancellation or postponement of most arts events. Online concerts and events growing.  
Key Contact: [Jgrant@rav.net.au](mailto:Jgrant@rav.net.au)

### Rural Financial Counselling

Increased need for support from small businesses and farming community to access benefits. Encouraging referrals from other services. Using digital technologies to engage with community members. **1300 735 578** hotline  
Key Contact: [admin@wswrccs.com.au](mailto:admin@wswrccs.com.au)

### Salvation Army Homelessness Services

Offices are still open for intake and assessment, other services provided virtually. Increase in demand for service. Increase in referrals from Real Estate Agents to cover rental gaps and help save tenancies.  
Key contact: [effie.holmes@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:effie.holmes@aus.salvationarmy.org)

### Southern Grampians Shire Council

Pandemic Committee set up.  
Economic Development has set up a team to support local business.  
Most services have been reoriented to online. Partnership with WDHS Helping Hands Program - **1800 943 131**  
Key Contact: [bfarquharson@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:bfarquharson@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au)

### United Way (Glenelg)

COVID 19 Impact fund (for Glenelg Shire) aims to raise \$10,000 and to be managed through Samaritan funds and disseminated through health services. Continuing to facilitate Dolly Parton Imagination Library and sending out free books to families.  
Key Contact: [mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au](mailto:mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au)

### Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation

Clinics running in Heywood and Hamilton. Community Gym has closed – WMAC started a “gym library” - difficulty purchasing gym equipment to loan. High concerns for mental health.  
Family and Community services in constant communication with elders and families  
Key contact: [edithfox@windamara.com](mailto:edithfox@windamara.com)

### Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVic)

Main focus is on inclusive youth participation and upskilling of young people and the sector.  
Advocacy for support to reduce vulnerability to social and economic disadvantage.  
Identifying and sharing local successes at a state-wide level.  
Key Contact: [kwalsh@yacvic.org.au](mailto:kwalsh@yacvic.org.au)

### SGGPCP

Using the leadership platform, connection with partners and agility to work with partners to support and respond to their most pressing needs to enhance community resilience <http://sggpcp.com/resources/>