

Funeral Exemptions

From: [REDACTED] com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 10:19 AM
To: SHECC.XO
Cc: [REDACTED] om.au
Subject: URGENT REQUEST - Funeral [REDACTED] - Exemption Request

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To the Honourable Dr Steven Miles
Minister for Health

Dear Minister

I am writing this email on behalf of the family of the late [REDACTED] who sadly passed away last month. The family are aware that during this time of the Covid-19 virus a number of restrictions have been put in place for public safety. The family are requesting an exemption to the 10 person limit to attend [REDACTED] burial ceremony. [REDACTED] was a Widi Elder. Widi country extends from around Dipperu National Park to Nebo to Homevale and Eungella. I have worked with the Widi people, including [REDACTED] and members of his family, for some 11 years assisting them with [REDACTED]. I am aware that one of the Widi laws and customs is respect for elders and attending to funerary and mortuary practices, including a smoking ceremony, to allow the spirit of the deceased to safely return to country. The [REDACTED] family are seeking an exemption so that they can continue with cultural practice.

A graveside service only will be held on 9 April 2020 at [REDACTED]. I am advised that 80 immediate family members wish to attend the burial service where [REDACTED] will be laid to rest next [REDACTED]. I am advised that [REDACTED] cemetery is a large cemetery which will allow 80 people to adhere to the 1.5 metre social distancing rule during the burial ceremony. I am also advised that the family members attending the ceremony are at low risk of having or contracting the Covid-19 virus as no family members have travelled overseas, have not been in contact with a Covid-19 person and they have been complying with the various lockdown measures that have been put in place since the outbreak including self-isolation and complying with appropriate hygiene practices. I am also advised by the funeral directors at [REDACTED] that if an exemption is granted they too will ensure social distancing and other appropriate measures are followed including, among other things, that no water will be handed out, there will be no pall bearers, a memorial book will not be allowed and the like. Family members attending the burial will adhere to the following:

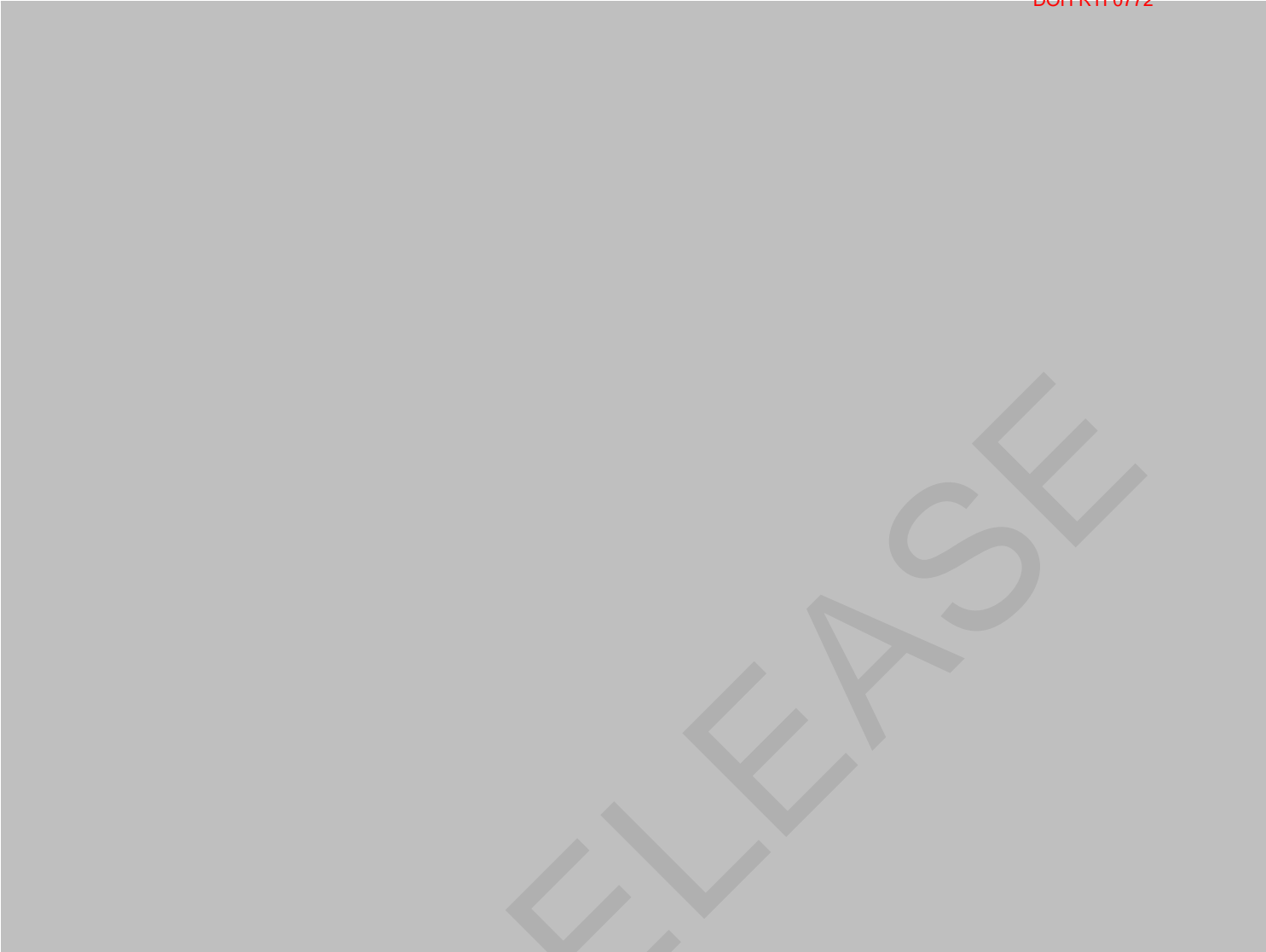
- keep 1.5 metres away from others;
- avoid physical greetings such as handshaking, hugs and kisses;
- disburse immediately after the burial service is completed;
- practise good hygiene by making sure hand sanitiser is available.

The family will also adhere to any other measures the Minister considers appropriate.

We ask that you give this request urgent consideration. I can be contacted on [REDACTED] if further information is required. You may also wish to call [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is also copied into this email.

Regards

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED].com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 4:42 PM
To: SHECC.XO
Cc: [REDACTED].com.au
Subject: RE: URGENT REQUEST - Funeral Late [REDACTED] - Exemption Request

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Hello Fiona

Thank you for your prompt reply and I also refer to my conversation with Andrew earlier this afternoon.

I note from the conversation with Andrew that a particular concern relates to persons attending the burial who reside in Aboriginal communities and if they attend they cannot return to the community until after the lockdown. I have been advised and it is confirmed that only immediate family members will be attending the burial ceremony and those family members live in Cairns, Mackay and Brisbane. I am advised that no immediate family members reside in any Queensland Aboriginal communities. Further, if an exemption is granted, the family will notify friends and family via social media and word of mouth of any restrictions that are in place and will also note that due to Covid-19 restrictions, persons from Aboriginal communities are unable to attend.

I trust this information assists.

Regards

From: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 1:48 PM
To: [REDACTED].com.au>
Cc: [REDACTED].com.au
Subject: RE: URGENT REQUEST - Funeral Late [REDACTED] - Exemption Request

Good Afternoon [REDACTED],

I refer to the below email request for exemption

I have been granted limited delegations to approve some requests. I have forwarded this request to Dr Young for her advice. Once I have her determination I will advise you accordingly.

Kind Regards,

Fiona

Fiona Roberts

Executive Officer

State Health Emergency Coordination Centre

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Address: 33 Charlotte Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000
Email: SHECC@health.qld.gov.au

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From: Jeannette Young
Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 4:02 PM
To: SHECC.XO
Subject: Re: URGENT REQUEST - **Indigenous Elder** Funeral Late [REDACTED] - Exemption Request -

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The funeral is fine but I am worried about people going back to their homes afterwards if they live in one of the designated Remote communities. They need to sort out if the community will allow them back after the funeral.

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From: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:45:57 PM
To: Jeannette Young <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: URGENT REQUEST - **Indigenous Elder** Funeral Late [REDACTED] - Exemption Request -
 Dr Young, for your advice please.

A very large Indigenous Burial Ceremony:

- Deceased is a Widi Elder
- Previous activities with [REDACTED]
- Proposed graveside service 9 April [REDACTED] (North Mackay)
- Requesting 80 family members

Solicitor has provided extensive understanding of social distancing and risk minimisation measures

With thanks,
 Fiona

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Cc: [REDACTED] com.au
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**To the Honourable Dr Steven Miles
 Minister for Health**

Dear Minister

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[REDACTED] I am aware that one of the Widi laws and customs is respect for elders and attending to funerary and mortuary practices, including a smoking ceremony, to allow the spirit of the deceased to safely return to country. The [REDACTED] family are seeking an exemption so that they can continue with cultural practice. A graveside service only will be held on 9 April 2020 at [REDACTED] I am advised that 80 immediate family members wish to attend the burial service where [REDACTED] will be laid to rest next his wife. I am advised that [REDACTED] cemetery is a large cemetery which will allow 80 people to adhere to the 1.5 metre social distancing rule during the burial ceremony. I am also advised that the family members attending the ceremony are at low risk of having or contracting the Covid-19 virus as no family members have travelled overseas, have not been in contact with a Covid-19 person and they have been complying with the various lockdown measures that have been put in place since the outbreak including self-isolation and complying with appropriate hygiene practices. I am also advised by the funeral directors at [REDACTED] that if an exemption is granted they too will ensure social distancing and

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From: SHECC.XO
Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 9:06 PM
To: [REDACTED] com.au; [REDACTED]
Cc: SHECC
Subject: Funeral Exemption - [REDACTED]
Attachments: Funeral Exemption.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking my phone call.

As discussed please find funeral exemption for [REDACTED] attached. Please take note of the considerations regarding the exemption within the attached document and note this exemption has been provided with the understanding that no members attending the funeral reside in communities that have restricted access that will impact their return home.

On behalf of the Queensland Health Chief Health Officer our thoughts are with you and your family.

Kind Regards
Andrew



Queensland Health

Dear [REDACTED],

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I understand that even though Queensland is facing substantial challenges in battling COVID-19, there is still a need for our citizens to express their grief and say goodbye to loved ones.

I understand that you are seeking an exemption from Mass Gatherings Direction (No.2) and Non-essential business activity and undertaking closure Direction (no.2).

In this instance, I can support the request for an exemption with the following notes:

- People 60 years of age and over (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50 years) with one or more chronic diseases and those 70 years of age and over or other people severely immunocompromised such as with cancer should consider their attendance in relation to current Covid-19 medical advice.
- The exemption applies for the venue for which you made the application for.
- Attendees who arrive from overseas must have undertaken the required 14 day period of self-quarantine.
- Attendees who arrive from interstate must apply for a Queensland entry pass.
- No one who is unwell should attend
- No one who has been in contact in the last 14 days with a known case of COVID-19 should attend
- The venue must allow social distancing principles including 1.5 metres between attendees (and there should be an allowance of 4 square metres per person in the venue).
- Attendees must wash their hands with soap and water or sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the venue.

Approval is granted for not more than 80 people to attend the funeral, including funeral home staff members.

Please pass on my thoughts and prayers to your family. This is a very difficult time for all of our community but we cannot forget that events like this funeral become even more difficult for those people impacted.

Kind regards,

Dr Jeannette Young PSM

MBBS (Sydney), MBA (Macq), DUni (Griffith), DUni (QUT), FRACMA, FFPH, FCHSM(Hon)
 Chief Health Officer and Deputy Director-General Prevention Division
 Chief Medical Officer

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 2:50 PM
To: SHECC.XO
Subject: FW: Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]
Attachments: Funeral Exemption.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Fiona,

[REDACTED] just called regarding the below – she was hoping for confirmation that the below exemption and was seeking clarification on what measures would be required of them to accommodate this.

The best contact for her is - [REDACTED]

Thank you,
Tanya

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From: [REDACTED].com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 1:03 PM
To: SHECC <SHECC@health.qld.gov.au>; SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED].com.au>; [REDACTED].com.au>
Subject: FW: Funeral Exemption [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Dear State Emergency Office

I hope you don't mind me reaching out to absolutely confirm this exemption , given it is allowing 80 people outdoors, in Mackay.

Obviously this is unusual and as the General Manager for [REDACTED] and I am very committed to ensuring we support families, while up holding every aspect of the restrictions and guidelines.

Given this funeral is all arranged and the police/local mayor also briefed – can you please confirm it is valid and we are greenlighted to continue.

Kind Regards



RELEASE

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2020 3:38 PM
To: ([REDACTED]@com.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]@com.au>
Subject: FW: Funeral Exemption - [REDACTED]

Original email and letter from Qld Health, as forwarded by the family's solicitor.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2020 3:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]@com.au>
Subject: FW: Funeral Exemption - Mr. [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]
See email below and attached letter granting exemption.

Regards





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Cc: [redacted].com.au>
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To: [redacted]@com.au; [redacted]@com.au
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Subject: Funeral Exemption - [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for taking my phone call.

As discussed please find funeral exemption for Mr [redacted] attached. Please take note of the considerations regarding the exemption within the attached document and note this exemption has been provided with the understanding that no members attending the funeral reside in communities that have restricted access that will impact their return home.

On behalf of the Queensland Health Chief Health Officer our thoughts are with you and your family.

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From: SHECC.XO
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 2:56 PM
To: Peter Aitken ([REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au)
Subject: FW: Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

Hi Peter,

Can you assist ?

Fiona

From: [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 2:27 PM
To: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Funeral Exemption - [REDACTED]

Thanks Fiona

Is the current exemption currently valid or not?

Can you advise who made the agreement to reduce the numbers – as the family at this stage seem unaware.

Thanks [REDACTED]

From: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 2:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

As I was not in attendance I would not want to provide an incorrect advice.

Apologies.

Regards,

Fiona

From: [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 1:34 PM
To: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Funeral Exemption [REDACTED]

Thank you so much. I will absolutely ensure I reach out to the family.

Can you provide any details as to reduction expected and we will ensure we assist them in compliance.

Thanks [REDACTED]

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Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

There has been high level discussions with respect to this exemption. My understanding is that there has been agreement to reduce the numbers. I have not been involved in these discussions. As you note QPS and the Mayor have been involved. May I respectfully request you speak with the client around the determination. A new notice/exemption has not been requested.

Regards,

Fiona

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Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Peter Aitken
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 3:13 PM
To: SHECC.XO
Subject: Re: Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

Exemption remains valid and is for 80 people

However many of the family have decided as individuals to offer their apologies meaning only about 30 family members will attend

Both the Mayor and myself have spoken to [REDACTED] who has conveyed the information to us about reduced numbers

Cheers
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From: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 2:55 pm
To: Peter Aitken
Subject: FW: Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]
Hi Peter,
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Fiona

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Regards,
Fiona

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 1:27 PM

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From: SHECC.XO
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 10:12 PM
To: SHECC.XO
Subject: Update from evening 8 April.

Hey Fi,

Queries I have left for the funeral crew in the morning as below.

- s.73 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Inquiry [REDACTED].com.au, further inquiry re funeral exemption for 80, tried to call left a message, provided update via email based on email from Peter A - Exemption remains valid and is for 80 people, However many of the family have decided as individuals to offer their apologies meaning only about 30 family members will attend, Both the Mayor and myself have spoken to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who has conveyed the information to us about reduced numbers

s.73 [REDACTED]

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From: Peter Aitken
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 10:15 AM
To: Jo Whitehead; Brigid Fenech; Haylene Grogan; Mark Elcock; Jeannette Young; Robert Hoge; Scott Kitchener; Heidi Grodecki
Cc: SHECC; SHECC.XO
Subject: FW: URGENT - Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]
Attachments: Funeral Exemption.pdf

HI

FYI

So much for the 25-30 that [REDACTED] told the Mayor, Scott and myself

Brigid and Jo heard 50 late yesterday

Now sounds like back to the full 80 and things happening as we speak (figuratively)

P

From: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 9:08 AM
To: Peter Aitken [REDACTED] qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: URGENT - Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 8:51 AM
To: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: SHECC <SHECC@health.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au; Brigid Fenech <[REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au>; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: URGENT - Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

Dear Andrew

I refer to your email below and our conversation this morning re the burial service of the late [REDACTED] which is happening today.

I note from your email below and our conversation that there have been no changes to the attached exemption letter. [REDACTED] has advised that 78 family members will be attending the burial as well as the two funeral directors.

The [REDACTED] family extend their sincere thanks to all of the agencies and people for their assistance and understanding to allow the family to pay their last respects and for the safe journey of [REDACTED] spirit to return to his Widi country.

Please call me if further information is required.

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From: [REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 8:51 AM
To: SHECC.XO
Cc: SHECC, [REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au; Brigid Fenech; [REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au; [REDACTED]@police.qld.gov.au
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Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 7:54 PM
To: [REDACTED].com.au>
Cc: SHECC <SHECC@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

Good evening [REDACTED]

Tried your number have left a message to give me a call ([REDACTED] if it's this evening up till 10pm). If I don't hear from you this evening will leave a message for one of my colleagues to follow up in the morning.

My understanding is one of my colleagues and the local Mayor have been in discussion with [REDACTED] and she had advised that numbers of people indicating that they were going attend the funeral had been revised down to 30 or so, I don't believe their has been a change to the earlier exemption advice.

Kind regards
Andrew

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 7:27 PM
To: SHECC.XO <SHECC.XO@health.qld.gov.au>, [REDACTED].com.au
Cc: SHECC <SHECC@health.qld.gov.au>, [REDACTED].com.au
Subject: URGENT - Funeral Exemption - Mr [REDACTED]

Dear Andrew

The [REDACTED] family have heard rumours that the Chief Health Officer has reduced the number of people allowed to attend the burial service of the late [REDACTED]. Myself and [REDACTED] have not received any formal correspondence from Queensland Health to this effect. Can you confirm please that the Chief Health Officer burial exemption letter attached to the email still stands. We would be obliged for a prompt reply is there is some confusion among family members.

Thank you and please call [REDACTED] or myself if you need to discuss further.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Fiona Roberts

From: Peter Aitken
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 8:31 AM
To: Brigid Fenech; Scott Kitchener; Heidi Grodecki
Cc: Jeannette Young; Mark Elcock; Haylene Grogan; Robert Hoge; Jo Whitehead
Subject: Re: Mackay funeral

Thanks Brigid

Spoke with Jo last night and had heard about numbers increase

Apologies about that - [REDACTED] had told both myself and the Mayor that it was down to 25-30 people

An enormous amount of work you are doing with this and very much appreciated especially with everything else happening

Please keep us in the loop

Have also messaged Robert about media issues

I've also copied in Jeannette, Jo, Haylene, Mark and Robert so we are all on the same page with this

Cheers

Peter

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From: Brigid Fenech [REDACTED] health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:11 am
To: Scott Kitchener; Peter Aitken; Heidi Grodecki
Subject: RE: Mackay funeral

Scott, Peter & Heidi

Thanks for your advice and input into this event. Further to the requests and discussion from our Teleconference yesterday:

- We screened and traced the immediate family members that will attend today into the night, at last count 54;
- The gentleman that has passed away has [REDACTED]
- Of the 80 approved, there will be two [REDACTED] Funeral staff;
- The immediate family has come from Cairns, Brisbane, Ipswich and NSW, as well as local people. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- We requested the [REDACTED] home (with the consent of [REDACTED]) to conduct a sign in register with names and phone numbers at the viewing yesterday. We have been working off that information solely;
- [REDACTED]
- The Plot is approximately 200 m from the front entrance of the cemetery

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Police will have unmarked cars along [REDACTED], the entrance to the [REDACTED] Cemetery, but mainly Liaison Officers at the event.
- We liaised MHHS Aboriginal Torres Strait Island South Sea Island Unit, as well as community elders;
- There will be a virtual police cordon around the event, and health screening reception area
- ¼ of the Mackay Public Health will be in attendance
- QAS have been contacted in case they are required
- Mackay Regional Council have blocked off internal roads in the cemetery, to prevent people congregating under trees, there is some discussion about numbers over 78 remaining in their cars, we have enlisted [REDACTED] to stay with us on the front reception area for as long as possible, in thanking the people for turning up, but politely turning them away
- Anyone with symptoms will not be allowed out of their cars, [REDACTED] is happy with this, as [REDACTED] is concerned about the vulnerable population
- We have been very sensitive in our approach of handling this matter.
- There is going to be a smoking ceremony before and after the service, we have advised about social distancing;
- There is also a cultural practice where all of the male members of the family, fill the plot with dirt. We have four shovels and gloves for the participants, the police would also like to provide face masks, we will further negotiate.

We will update you after the event, we are going out as a team now, my number is [REDACTED] if you require anything further,

Brigid

Brigid Fenech

Director Public & Environmental Health
 Mackay Public Health Unit |
 Mackay Hospital and Health Service
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Queensland Health acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future.

From: Scott Kitchener <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 10:22 AM
To: Brigid Fenech <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Steven Donohue <[REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Mackay funeral

Brigid

Peter Aitken and I spoke with [REDACTED] regarding accessing names and locations of attendees at the funeral. [REDACTED] agreed to provide their current location for screening interviews and follow up by PHU afterwards if need be. We agreed that those with symptoms could be asked to remain away. Those who insist on attending could be provided a mask. Similarly we agreed to have you or another PHU staff member at the funeral asking screening questions as required of those not previously screened and offered masks if symptomatic and insisting on attending.

Her number is:

[REDACTED]

Let me know what you think.

Scott

Prof. Scott Kitchener
DrPH MD FAFPHM FRACMA

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Fiona Roberts

Subject: Mackay funeral
Location: Pool room (7.01)

Start: Wed 8/04/2020 10:15 AM
End: Wed 8/04/2020 10:45 AM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Toni Farrell
Required Attendees: Heidi Grodecki; Peter Aitken; Brigid Fenech; Scott Kitchener

Hi all,

As per Brigid's request, could you please attend this meeting/teleconference?

Teleconference details

Code: [REDACTED]

Leader pin# [REDACTED]

Thanks

Toni

Public Health Incident Management Team (COVID-19)

Email: [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Fiona Roberts

From: Peter Aitken
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 8:40 AM
To: Toni Farrell
Subject: Accepted: Mackay funeral

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Mackay funeral

08/04

Greg • Brigit Mackay PTHU
 • QPS
 • B Peter, Scott.

Management + arrangements

Peter spoken to Greg Williamson - Mayor.

[REDACTED] - family contact

invest Mackay.

[REDACTED] + family v. aware of risks to family + wider Mackay community.

Expressed risks of travel for participants

Attendances - down to 30.

social distancing.

viewing 12:30.

family staying 1 location, travel in cars
 arrival in pairs
 viewing in pairs

help to protect Mackay community + their own family

people arrived Brisbane + Cairns.

[REDACTED] to share contact details of people coming and [REDACTED] no one symptoms to attend
 screen screening at funeral

No wake, attend service then dispose.

Proactive media strategy in place.

↳ back pocket.

↳ social media blanket

Doesn't want to jeopardize ability of families to conduct sorry business.

Doesn't want to expose anyone from family.

QPS
Gen - have to plan for 80

- actions of anyone subject to s-g.

[REDACTED] - 80 people approval

↳ [REDACTED]

30 family members - unknown if community members will attend.

Cordon for screen questions

Entrance to cemetery of significant road.

Nothing to begin until everyone in place.

Could put family member with EH.

at Bassett Lawn cemetery - near harbor.

Central Tourist Park - all family staying at one location

Don't know how long staying.

Jeremy - QPS - concerns people attending in vehicles not at burial site. Attendees 50+ age group.

funeral director - [redacted] Funerals
 - negotiate start times
 - another funeral - being live
 streamed.

Are extended families planning a wake elsewhere
 LA no information to date.

Bright - contact [redacted] after 12.30 viewing
 - Contact people this afternoon.
 - Approach people
 - family engagement at screening point

Geo?

NICK O'Brien - Cairns directly
 - talk
 - guarding

From: [Scott Kitchener](#)
To: [Peter Aitken](#); [Brigid Fenech](#); [Heidi Grodecki](#)
Subject: RE: Mackay funeral
Date: Thursday, 9 April 2020 8:40:25 AM

Brigid,

This is great work. My personal number is [REDACTED] should you have any specific questions or queries you wish to discuss.

Kind regards,

Prof. Scott Kitchener
Public Health Physician

From: Peter Aitken [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2020 8:31 AM
To: Brigid Fenech [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Scott Kitchener [REDACTED]@health.qld.gov.au>; Heidi Grodecki <[REDACTED]i@health.qld.gov.au>
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Thanks Brigid

Spoke with Jo last night and had heard about numbers increase

Apologies about that - [REDACTED] had told both myself and the Mayor that it was down to 25-30 people

An enormous amount of work you are doing with this and very much appreciated especially with everything else happening

Please keep us in the loop

Have also messaged Robert about media issues

I've also copied in Jeannette, Jo, Haylene, Mark and Robert so we are all on the same page with this

Cheers
Peter

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