



Walgett Shire Council

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MEDIA RELEASE

COVID-19 UPDATE COMMUNITY INFORMATION BRIEFING

Council's General Manager Mike Urquhart said the NSW Deputy Premier at today's 11am Covid briefing announced there was a new positive case within the Walgett community, however, this is NOT the case.

Local Police have today advised the positive case in question has been residing elsewhere in the state for some time.

Unfortunately, this is once again, a situation of agencies using a person's known residential address for patient data, and not the actual address where the person is physically residing.

Given the evolving situation in western NSW and degree of anxiety in the local community, it's important these matters are verified, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Local Police Inspector Mr. Trent Swinton and his staff for being across these and many other issues currently confronting the residents of Walgett LGA.

On another front, NSW Health have today advised traces of Covid remain in the Walgett sewage, which may indicate active undetected cases are in the community. Residents should be vigilant and get tested if they display the slightest of symptoms, have been to an exposure site, been identified as a close or casual contact or believe they may have been in contact with a positive case.

I would also like to remind residents to stay at home, and when out and about in the community for a VALID reason, they MUST wear a mask, physical distance, wash hands regularly, use hand sanitiser, be aware of the symptoms and make sure workplaces and businesses are cleaned daily. Information on cleaning requirements can be found on the "Safe Work Australia" web site.

Community members requiring more information on the Stay At Home Orders should visit the NSW Government web site www.nsw.gov.au.

Michael Urquhart
General Manager