

PRRA Staff Weekly Update # 2 – Friday 29 May 2020

Hi everyone – Hope all is well with you!

Welcome to the second edition of the Pike River Recovery Agency's weekly staff updates that are produced each Friday. The weekly updates will include operational information and also updates relating to COVID-19. Please forward any contributions to me that would be of interest to the team.

UPDATES FROM www.covid19.govt.nz



Alert Level 2 changes confirmed for Friday 29 May

Read about the changes coming into effect on Friday 29 May:

- *Social gatherings can be held with up to 100 people*
- *Other changes for Alert level 2*
 - *Defined spaces*
 - *Counter service*
 - *Contact tracing – privacy*
 - *Faith-based gatherings and clubs*
 - *Facilities and venues for hire*

<https://covid19.govt.nz/latest-updates/alert-level-2-changes-confirmed-for-friday-29-may/>

Changes to gathering numbers

The Government has announced an increase to the number of people who can gather together at Alert Level 2 (25 May 2020).

From 12 noon Friday 29 May, gatherings can be held with up to 100 people.

The new limit applies to gatherings at your home, events outside of home and public venues – including church services, weddings and, funerals and tangihanga.

When holding a gathering, play it safe — maintain hygiene standards and meet existing record-keeping requirements for contact tracing.

Community sports will also be able to operate easier, and sporting codes will be working on further guidance with Sport NZ.

Cabinet will again review the settings of Alert Level 2 on 8 June and have agreed that no later than 22 June, 4 weeks from today, they will consider a move to Alert Level 1.

New payment for New Zealanders who lose their job due to COVID-19

The Government has announced a 12-week payment to support people in this situation (25 May 2020). The COVID-19 Income Relief Payment will help soften the shock and minimise disruption from sudden unemployment, giving people time to look for other work or retrain.

The payment will be available for 12 weeks from 8 June for anyone who has lost their job due to the impact of COVID-19 since March 1. It will pay \$490 a week to those who lost full-time work and \$250 for part-time. The payment will not be taxed.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/latest-updates/new-payment-for-new-zealanders-who-have-lost-their-job-due-to-covid-19/>

AGENCY UPDATES

Flu Shots

Any Agency staff who have not yet had their free flu shot and would like one, please phone Coastal Health (70-74 Cowper Street, Greymouth) on 768 5942 to arrange a suitable time to have this done. Just mention that you work for the Agency or where appropriate wear a PPE item.

Health & Safety

The weekly operational H&S meeting was held on Tuesday 26 May 2020. Items discussed included procuring suitable personal protective equipment for winter and procuring spill kits for underground and surface.

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing steering committee will meet via teleconference on Monday 15 June 2020.

Re-entry and recovery operations – as at Thursday 28 May midnight

Two shifts have been operating at the mine site over the past week while observing Alert Level 2 protocols. During this time there have been no required unscheduled callouts to site, and no security issues. There have been no known cases of actual or possible infection among Agency staff or their families.

It has been another really good week on the drift recovery operations front with 100m of drift recovered for the week which is more in line what was originally planned. A special mention of the fine forensic work being carried out by the workforce with some key items of interest recovered this week. This reinforces the professionalism and care taken when completing the scene examination aspect of each 20m increment.

From an operational viewpoint this week achievements included:

- Reconnaissance barrier up to 591m.

- Forensics completed to 591m.
- Advanced ventilation and services, and removed conveyor belt.
- Geotech and hazard assessment from 495m to 591m.

Work planned from Friday 29 May onwards and the coming week includes:

- Cycle of reconnaissance, forensics, services, ventilation, monitoring, communications and the refuge chamber will be advanced in 20m increments, as well as removing the conveyor structure and installing geotechnical tell-tale monitors.
- There is no prescribed roof bolting in the coming week.
- 600m – 700m: pull test a minimum of 15 bolts as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), check encapsulation (where possible) and take photos of tested bolts (corrosion).
- Tube Bundle System (TBS) calibration.

OTHER INFORMATION

Businesses on the West Coast

A new website is available to check out local businesses that are open on the Coast:

<https://www.nowopen.co.nz/>

There is a now an app that you can download for **West Coast Eats Now Open**.

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The image shows a promotional graphic for the 'EATS NOW OPEN' app. On the left is a smartphone displaying the app's home screen. The screen features a search bar, the app title 'EATS | NOW OPEN', a section for 'OPEN BY LOCATION' with two location cards (Buller and Grey), a section for 'OPEN BY DAY' with buttons for MON, TUE, and WED, and a bottom navigation bar with icons for Home, List, Account, Favorites, and Location. To the right of the phone is a QR code. Below the QR code is the text 'Scan with camera to install app.' Further right is a large black button with the text 'Download app now' and a smaller black button below it with the text 'Find out more'.

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QUIZ

Answers to Quiz Questions from Friday 22 May 2020 (out of 10)

NUMBERS

1. How many players are there on a netball team? 7
2. How many 'Best Actress' and 'Best Supporting Actress' Oscars has Meryl Streep won?
3 (Best supporting actress in 1980 for 'Kramer vs. Kramer' and two best actress Oscars; one in 1983 for 'Sophie's Choice' and one in 2012 for 'The Iron Lady')
3. If you subtract the number of sides on a heptagon from the number of sides on a dodecagon what answer do you get? 5
4. How many years did Tony Blair serve as Prime Minister of the UK?
10 (2nd May 1997 until 27th June 2007)
5. Which number lies directly opposite the number three on a standard die?
4 (Opposite sides always add up to 7)
6. The French number 'neuf' is what in English? 9
7. The width of a piece of A4 paper is approximately 21 centimetres – How many inches is that?
8
8. How many Olympic Gold medals were won by Kelly Holmes during her running career?
2 (The 800m and 1500m at the Athens 2004 Olympics)
9. How many feet are there in a fathom?
*6 (A **fathom** is a unit of length in the imperial and the U.S. customary systems equal to 6 **feet** (1.8288 m), used especially for measuring the depth of water.*
10. How many terms did Jimmy Carter serve as US President? 1

Today's Quiz Questions (out of 10)

A free quiz from <https://www.readymadepubquiz.com>

Please note down your answers and you can score yourself when the answers come out in the next weekly update. Please No Googling - Good luck!

MUSIC – LYRICS

From which songs do the following lyrics come?

1. "She played the fiddle in an Irish band but she fell in love with an English man."

2. **"You should know you're falling into fiction, I can tell you're on some foolish mission."**
3. **"I met a gin-soaked, bar-room queen in Memphis, she tried to take me upstairs for a ride."**
4. **"This hit, that ice cold, Michelle Pfeiffer, that white gold."**
5. **"Maybe I'm foolish, maybe I'm blind, thinking I can see through this and see what's behind."**
6. **"They're out to get you, better leave while you can, don't wanna be a boy, you wanna be a man."**
7. **"One, don't pick up the phone, you know he's only calling 'cause he's drunk and alone."**
8. **"And it's just like the ocean under the moon, oh it's the same as the emotion that I get from you."**
9. **"You know I'm just a fool who's willing to sit around and wait for you."**
10. **"Remember to let her into your heart, then you can start to make it better."**

Take care everyone and stay safe! Have a great Queen's Birthday weekend. I'll be out on my bike- you've been warned!!!

Best regards
Michelle