

# PRRA Staff Weekly Update # 3 – Friday 5 June 2020

Hi everyone

Welcome to the third edition of the Pike River Recovery Agency's weekly staff updates. The updates include information on operational matters and COVID-19. Please forward any contributions to me that would be of interest to the team.

**UPDATES FROM [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)**



## ***Alert Level 1 measures***

**On 3 June 2020 Government agreed to what life at Alert Level 1 will look like for New Zealand and New Zealanders.**

- Alert Level 1 sees everyone being able to return without restriction to work, school, sports and domestic travel, and you can get together with as many people as you want.
- Controls at the borders remain for those entering New Zealand, including health screening and testing for all arrivals, and mandatory 14-day managed quarantine or isolation.
- It's also important that we keep the basic hygiene measures that worked so well through higher Alert Levels going. These include washing your hands and coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Remember to remain vigilant and being aware of physical distancing when out and about amongst strangers is a good habit to keep.
- We should all continue to keep track of where we've been and who we've seen to assist with rapid contact tracing if it is required. Businesses should assist customers to keep track of where they've been by displaying the Ministry of Health QR code.
- This will be our new normal but, while we do return to pre-COVID life, we must remember we remain in a global pandemic.
- **Cabinet will decide on Monday 8 June whether and when to move to Alert Level 1. Until then, Alert Level 2 measures apply.**

## ***The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1***

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.

8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
10. People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/latest-updates/alert-level-1-measures/>

## AGENCY UPDATES

### ***Health & Safety***

The weekly operational H&S meeting was held on Tuesday 2 June 2020. Items discussed included safe work observations and winter driving conditions.

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing steering committee will meet via teleconference on Monday 22 June 2020.

### ***From the Office (Wellington and Greymouth)***

Another productive week operating under Alert Level 2 protocols with most staff continuing to work from home. Work completed this week includes: responding to several media inquiries, preparing the meeting papers for next week's FRG weekly contact meeting with the Agency, consolidating feedback on the discussion document out for consultation currently, finalising month end accounts, and providing responses to the 2020/21 Main Estimates Review questions

Next week planned activities include:

- FRG and Agency weekly contact meeting held via Zoom on Monday 8 June.
- Payroll processing and supplier invoice payment runs.
- Supporting SCT to resolve IT related notification messages.
- Providing administrative support to the Minister as required.
- Submitting the weekly report to the Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry – this report provides regular updates on the Agency's progress with our work programme.
- Finalising the May management report.

### ***Re-entry and recovery operations – as at Thursday 4 June midnight***

This has been another good week recovering the drift with the reconnaissance barrier at 687m as at 7.00am on Friday 5 June 2020. The atmosphere underground is normal and stable. At the moment progress is averaging 20m per shift which is on target for what was initially planned. There are areas coming up in the drift which will slow down progress (e.g. robot at 745m, loader, prescribed bolting, PBIS, forensics, VCD construction, debris field etc.), hence ways to maximise time underground are being explored.

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 COVID -19 infection among Agency staff or their families.

From an operational viewpoint this week achievements included:

- Ventilation and services advanced to 670m.
- Conveyor and belt structure removed up to 677m mark.

- Tell-tale installed at the 560m and 630m marks.
- Forensics completed to 677m.
- Permit to recover signed off from 600-800m.
- Rocsil plug container test completed, early indications suggest the Rocsil performed to the manufacturer's specification. Trial data still to be analysed by Strata Control Technology.
- Completed a refuge chamber move to 585m.
- Replaced stops on Emergency door.

**Work planned from Friday 5 June onwards and the coming week includes:**

- Roof and rib support required from 677m to 683m.
- Cycle of reconnaissance, forensics, services, ventilation, monitoring and communications will be advanced in 20m increments, as well as removing the conveyor structure, installing geotechnical tell-tale monitors as required and advancing the refuge chamber every 200m.
- Clean out settling ponds.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **Businesses on the West Coast**

Have you checked out the website for West Coast businesses?

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

**Support Local! #hellocoasters #nowopen**

## QUIZ

Answers to Quiz Questions from Friday 29 May 2020 (out of 10)

### 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."  
Galway Girl – Ed Sheeran
2. "You should know you're falling into fiction, I can tell you're on some foolish mission."  
Black Eyed Boy – Texas
3. "I met a gin-soaked, bar-room queen in Memphis, she tried to take me upstairs for a ride."  
Honky Tonk Women – Rolling Stones
4. "This hit, that ice cold, Michelle Pfeiffer, that white gold."  
Uptown Funk – Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars
5. "Maybe I'm foolish, maybe I'm blind, thinking I can see through this and see what's behind."  
Human – Rag 'n' Bone Man
6. "They're out to get you, better leave while you can, don't wanna be a boy, you wanna be a man."  
Beat It – Michael Jackson
7. "One, don't pick up the phone, you know he's only calling 'cause he's drunk and alone."  
New Rules – Dua Lipa

8. "And it's just like the ocean under the moon, oh it's the same as the emotion that I get from you."

Smooth – Santana featuring Rob Thomas

9. "You know I'm just a fool who's willing to sit around and wait for you."

Hopelessly Devoted To You – Olivia Newton-John

10. "Remember to let her into your heart, then you can start to make it better."

Hey Jude – Beatles

### 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!

### Picture Quiz

This week's picture round is a selection of ten individuals named Sam, Samuel, Samantha or Sammy. Can you identify them?



Take care everyone and stay safe! Have a great weekend - I'm out on the roads, have a new crash helmet to wear in!!!

**GO THE WARRIORS - this is our year – Warriors tonight by 10.**

Best regards  
Michelle