



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

## SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday 2 April 2020

### MINUTES

**Start time:** 10.00 am.

**Location:** Various – all members on phone.

**Present on Phone:** Marita Baker (MB), Rex Tjami (RT), Anton Baker (AB), Willy Pompey (WP) Sally Scales (SS) Chair, Murray George (MG), Richard Kanari (RK), Bernard Singer (BS), Owen Burton (OB), (Nyunmiti) Burton (NB), Makinti Minutjukur (MM), Nyukana Norris (NN), Julieanne Campbell (JC), Gary Lewis (GL), Ebony DeRose (ED), Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Ruth Morley (RM), Mavis Welsh (MW) (minutes/recording).  
Michael Clinch (MC)

#### 1. Confirm minutes of Executive Board meeting held on 25 February 2020

TK read the minutes.

RT joined the meeting.

SS suggested not having legal report today.

RM said she is not addressing that topic.

TK continued reading minutes. SS asked for comments on the minutes.

OB said he brought up rent payment in Adelaide. What has happened to that one.

SS suggest that was raised under Other Business.

OB stated this is really important. Spoke *in language*. I said something about payment coming from David's Well to rent in Adelaide. We signed it and sent it to Richard King and Tania King.

TK asked through the chair there are more minutes to go through which will cover Other Business.

**10.29am** Richard King joined the meeting.

RKg advised that the Government has established an Emergency Management Team which includes SA Health, Power & Water, all food suppliers and SAPolice. They have also established the Biosecurity Act and this Act is managed by the Police.

The Emergency Team looks at big issues. If people get sick on the lands then people will be taken off the lands.

BS said I think we need to have meetings for people on the community. I am looking at people driving around the community, they think it is a big joke. We told people not to come into the community. *In language*. People can only buy \$20 petrol.

He said people think it is a joke but if the disease comes in on one person we will need to bring in body bags. RKg said you are doing good things Bernard. In your community leaders should come and talk to members of the community and send a strong message for people to stay home.

BS said everyone in his community is living in fear.

SS said there are still people coming on the Lands from the highway.

GL stated last week there was a community meeting – had a big meeting where we closed school, health clinic – people have to make their own decision – had a talk to Anangu about the Anangu way in own language. Have a standing committee in Pukatja community. This has to be talked about at community level. Give the power to the community.

This has got to happen through the Executive Board. We have to say to the community have to work through community council – we have to make a plan for people to take to homeland. To work together through the APY Executive Board. Have to make it happen.

*Discussion in language.*

BS said he now thinks it is a good time for all people to do Bible study as a thing in families. Have family prayer meeting at home.

He said we need to obey the authorities.

*Discussion in language*

RKg said he had to go to a meeting and will be back after that, handover to Tania for Agenda.

*Discussion in language ....*

... praying around the world – if we get together and pray.

SS said Ebony is trying to talk

*Discussion in language*

ED I want to say something – she spoke *in language* – me and my husband live by the word of God. At this point in time I have seen my people turn their back on God – his word Isaiah 26 – believe his word – go into the house and wait for a while till the wrath of God has passed. That's why God said go inside and look after your family. Wait till the wrath

has passed. People are confused – we have to come together to save our people. If the disease comes into community it will spread like wild fire.

SS asked if there is a plan if the virus hits the APY.

RM stated she can give some information but Richard needs to speak more.

TK advised that Richard has had to step out on the phone for an Important COVID Emergency meeting. He will return to the meeting. Through the Chair shall I continue and finish the minutes and return to this information for feedback.

OB spoke *in language*.

WP spoke *in language*.

ED – through the chair – can I say something?

She spoke *in language* – my children are out there – what is the government doing – they are the ones with equipment – to see what facilities they have.

SS – let's look at ....

BS .. Executive on behalf of APY. We need to know the plan.

BS stated I think we need to take proper action to do all this. We have authority to do these things. We can just talk about this. *In language*. There are cases of the disease in Port Augusta.

ED – Uwa.

BS – I have a concern in my community.

ED said she has a concern too.

RM – can I have an opportunity to address the meeting? She asked people to listen very carefully.

1. APY is working with State Emergency Management Committee under the Emergency Management Committee.
2. There is a Remote and Vulnerable sub Committee – that committee has SAPOL, APY, SA Health and many other important stakeholders who can make decisions to get everyone through coronavirus.
3. Under that, the APY local coronavirus group, which includes RASAC, NPY Women's Council, art centres etc

All working together to make sure the borders close and make sure people cannot move in and out. It relies on the people to say 'go back to your community'. We are looking to provide flu shots. NPY Women's Council is working with community. Need to look after yourself and stay home and shut the door. All the same message from all over the world is to stay still. It is important for community councils to consult and work together with APY.

RM said that Bernard Singer said that if people come to Indulkana tell them to go home to their own community. It is wrong to say there is no plan. **There is a plan** – you have to sit tight. Everyone has to hold a straight line instead of one where all going off in different directions.

Discussion in language.

ED said I'd like to bring up a point on this. We need God. Need to stand up for truth – we should obey the family of the country. It has come into Australia.

Nganampa plan in community.

BS – we have to think about our community.

SS – Mr Burton we have to get back on board now.

TK asked through the chair shall we continue working through the minutes. Richard is at a short important meeting which may give answers to questions just raised, when he returns.

SS- TK Continue with the minutes.

TK- Continued with the Minutes.

Asked for resolution on meeting of 25 February.

**Resolution:**

**That the Executive Board have reviewed and agree that the minutes of 25 February meeting are an accurate and true record of the proceedings and are approved to be published.**

**Moved Gary Lewis, seconded Willy Pompey All agreed.**

OB asked about payment from David's Well.

SS said that she is going, after this.

OB – in language .... To be sent to R King and TK – Housing SA still taking his money.

TK – stated please send through information and it will be followed up after the meeting.

TK read the minutes of 26 February meeting to go through them. BS interpreted.

Julieanne Campbell (JC) joined the meeting.

**Resolution:**

**That the Executive Board have reviewed and agree that the minutes of 26 February meeting are an accurate and true record of the proceedings, with the amendments to include Mr Burton's concern about rent payment for David's Well, and are approved to be published.**

**Moved Owen Burton, seconded Willy Pompey All agreed.**

Minutes of the meeting on Monday 16 March.

TK read the minutes of meeting 16 March about Covid-19.

**Resolution:**

**The APY Executive Board have reviewed and agree that the minutes of Special Executive Board meeting held on 16 March meeting are an accurate and true record of the proceedings and are approved to be published on line.**

**Moved Owen Burton, seconded Richard Kanari All agreed.**

11.44 am RKg joined the meeting.

OB asked if you leave for Adelaide ... RKg said can't come back.

OB can come back when sickness is over. He asked if the police will stop him.

RKG said sickness is like hitch hiking.

OB said if he goes one way –

RKg said these are the rules from SA – if police catch you – 5 years jail or \$63,000 fine.

GL – translated in language.

RKg said the rules are under the Bio-Security Act on top of the APY Act. If you break the rules then an on the spot fine may occur.

OB -Can say no to travel to Alice Springs or community.

RKg said fines are being done – signs are going out today. Signs to be put on the road.

SS Richard trying to do report. Signs will be coming into community.

RKg - Rangers are sending up - all shops have signs - signs on the road, each will give all rules – don't go out – no big groups, stay at home.

SA will be having a meeting – police are in control.

OB questioned I had to go to Adelaide one way.

RM said Owen I can answer that question - we ...

OB – I want to go to Adelaide and stay till over.

RM said that could six months. OB spoke in language.

RKg said Owen you can go but you cannot come back until all over.

OB stated if I go one way to Adelaide and not come back. I am trying to ask .....  
Otherwise if I go there.

RKg said they won't fine you if you go there – only if you come back. 14 days isolation when you come back.

RKg asked SS if she could explain that to OB.

SS in language. – you can't come back to APY.

OB asked if you can let them know he will be on the road.

SS said Richard has to go to another meeting.

NB spoke in language.

SS stated they have to have their own plan Nyunmiti.

NB in language.

RM can someone tell me what Nyunmiti is saying?

SS Nyunmiti is asking about people coming to her house. Have to have their own plan.

ED said she has to be careful of who you let in your house.

OB in language.

SS answer Nyunmiti question.

RKg it is important to not have lots of people coming to your house. Have to be careful not to come to Jennifer's house – she is sick.

Have to stay 14 days isolation. There is a plan at Mylor.

NB said I am stuck.

Rkg said ring me after and I will follow up arrangements for you to go home to Adelaide.

SS said OK Richard to continue with report.

OB in language

SS Mr. Pompey asked about business?

RKg - Business has to stop – no medicines for this disease. If one person gets this disease it will spread – stay home.

WP spoke in language. Without fuel, without food – pay for fuel

ALL TALKING OVER EACH OTHER

SS asked Owen to stop – everyone stop.

SS - Richard King has to do report and I want to know what is going on.

RKg said first of all you need to know a number of groups.

APY is linked into a number of groups – Designated Areas, from Ceduna to APY – all signed up to Biosecurity Borders. They are rules for the police.

Rules for all Anangu – no more than 2 people together. Only takes one person to bring the disease to the lands.

For your group every morning for one hour. – RASAC, Nganampa Health, NPY Women's, PY Media

Talk about who is doing what. Working on different things.

Our team is doing signs and taking them to a number of places – just working for APY.

SA Health group are working on plan – how to test people – isolate people and evacuate people who are sick.

Another group are working with the Army to look at what is here and what we need to build a solid health plan.

5 major groups working on this we are linked in so we are getting appropriate resources.

12.23 pm – All in discussion in language.

RKg – yes Owen

OB - he was saying from Mimili to Fregon – 4 days.

RKg said police are in charge of this – if you go they will pick you up.

SAPOL are the Boss. Everyone needs to do the right thing.

OB - need to go to Fregon. In language.

12.29 pm in language.

TK reminded all that these decisions are not Richard King's decisions, not APY decisions, not Rex Tjami decisions, they are SAPOL rules under the Bio Security Act, if you step out of the rules – it is not the blame of APY, it is Australian Law.

RT Yes! these are rules right around Australia – in language. Right around Australia and all remote communities.

12.35 pm - It is not APY – it is not Richard King, it is Federal Government making decisions – we need to follow their rules and the plan.

12.37 pm - RT - They are blocking the roads right around Australia. It's not RK or RT, APY Executive its SAPOL and Federal Government right around Australia running these rules. All over. We are all talking and working together Making plans, next month, next week or tomorrow. Continued to speak in Language.

Discussion in Language amongst Board members.

WP Spoke in Language with RT about rules and whom is making them. It affects all across the Lands., blocking the roads right across Australia.

RM said she had an idea for a resolution to move on that.

**RESOLUTION:**

**That the Executive Board support the work of the GM, Director and Manager Stakeholder Engagement under the Emergency Management Act, that they are to work with all APY Lands communities working with State Government, Federal Government, Nganampa, NPYWC, RASAC, SAPOL and making good plans to keep everyone safe and healthy for all Anangu.**

**Moved Owen Burton,                      Seconded Anton Baker                      all agreed.**

RM- Suggested for a resolution for The chairman and Executive Board members make sure they read the notices in the stores and tell your community and your family simple messages.

SS- stated that should be encouraged the community to do – not a resolution as an action

RM - your job is to spread the true story.

Ask community leaders to stop big events, stop cultural activities, stop funerals, stop church services – pray at home.                      NOTED

Need to think about community not just you. Had explanation from GM about plan – Emergency Committee meetings every day. You understand that all the information of the planning is happening in this meeting.

Look on APY Facebook – PY Media – all good information is there.

The rules important information about health soon – is that right Richard?

RKg we're going to have a logistician come out and we can have clear understanding of what is required. To stop going to next stage.

SS said she has to leave meeting and take her mother to the doctors. Mr Pompey can take over Chair.

WP to take over the meeting as chair. WP said OK.

12.49 pm - Still travelling in Australia. In language.

TK through the chair – Mr George is on the line for the minutes.

12.53 pm - MG spoke in language.

RKg - there were tourists who went to Uluru and then Barossa Valley - lots of people sick from that.

12.56 pm - RM asked if we can move on to legal.

#### **4. Legal Report**

RM said I think I have said pretty much about what is happening. The Emergency Management Act of SA – it says people can only come on to APY if essential service, plumbing, bringing food. You as a Board were the first to decide to close the borders.

#### **3. Covid-19 update Discussion**

RK- They will make sure you get all the help you need, food, to keep your hands clean and house clean.

Working with community councils make sure the leadership is good; make sure people know all the information. On the road signs in language, on posters in language, you need to inform yourselves before listening to naughty talk or cheeky talk – the true story.

Next thing – the emergency makes your decisions strong and BioSecurity Act – even stronger – Federal.

No-one can fly into Northern Territory, SA, WA unless they do 14 day isolation.

ED – is put on Facebook - it is very peaceful – no flying. Yulara has shut down, Australia shut down, no more holidays.

*Discussion in language.*

1.02 pm GL - *in language*... Anangu responsibility –

Sorry camp – men's business, sad for community.

ED through the chair – *in language* – all these changes have to take place quickly – there will be food supply into the community all the time.

1.12 pm – SS left.

BS said I need to say to all board members, we need to do community report – it will give us good information.

BS - it is like a gateway to APY – need to get on with it straight away.

TK asked for someone to interpret.

AB – Can you do your report – when Canberra government give mai, should give us food. – *in language* – mai wirru to come in.

BS suggested everyone checking with their community.

RM - Could there be a food subsidy for mai wiru. He's asking if we can talk to remote sub-committee for the price of groceries can be subsidised.

OB what about in Adelaide for families.

RM - that could be taken to sub-committee, and report back.

OB – same thing. BS said OK.

1.19 pm

BS – 1) From my committee they are going to stay in this community.

2) We can't – come in from the west into community - need to enforce

3) Store in community have closed ATM - only keycard. All stopped fuel - down to \$10 only. Need to stop people using this road.

Needs to be actioned straight away.

BS asked TK to follow up with IT about the Communications Towers.

TK through the chair –I will follow up. To include Railway Bore.

TK asked Marita do you have anything to add.

MB – *spoke in language.*

BS said we need a resolution to be passed to have more enforced.

### **Resolution**

**The APY Executive Board approve to ask SAPOL to give more resources to enforcement to prevent movement between communities and WA, except for essential services.**

**Moved: Bernard Singer                      Seconded:      Nil**

### **No seconder for this Resolution**

BS said – from this weekend – from Monday.

WP said he has cultural activity to do for 4 days in Fregon at Fregon to finish cultural activity.

RM said anyone from WA. Covid is at Halls Creek clinic.

TK through the Chair- said remember -no gatherings – if you do that is individuals choice. Messaging of No community gathering – wash hands – social distancing.

BS Said only Mimili and Fregon.

1.32 pm  
Nyunmuti Feedback- Nil

TK asked do you want to report back Mr George?.

MG nothing to report, I want to listen to everyone.

JC said whatever is said today, I will pass it on at community meeting today.

WP *spoke in language*. Palya!

ED - same problem that Mimili is having - same things we talked about.

TK through the Chair it is important to know that all board members – you have given support for GM with Emergency decisions food, cash, and decisions in the best interest of Anangu.

ED - asking families to be safe. No time for anger, no time for jealousy, go along with the changes – go along with the government. God will help us but in his own time.

*In language* - stay inside your house, talk to your family inside your house, pray with the family inside your house.

We have to go along with the rules – immune system.

TK Councils representatives reporting back to the Executive Board. Gary do you have anything to report?

GL- nothing to report.

1.37 pm – MM *spoke in language*.

TK - Thank you Makinti. Through the chair – can I work through correspondence with the board?

WP- Palya!

## 2. Correspondence in

1. Steven Bye – Manager of Culture and Programs, Dept of Energy and Mining. Re power outages especially at Ernabella. Pass on to the board member about taking extra care around power boxes in the community - if they are damaged this will cause big problem.

**NOTED**

GL asked to have it emailed to him – TK will send copy to him.

WP – Mimili as well, please send it on.

2. SA Museum – Executive Board will have to sit in room to look at and talk about photographs. TK will put down for May or July meeting.

3. Letter from Electoral Commission – when nomination open for:  
13 May – Nominations close.

5 August – Polling day.

Since this letter sent they are holding off due to COVID – will await new dates for the future. Current Board will sit in place until we hear from Electoral Board in new election processes and timeframes.

MG said that may be more than 6 months.

1.46 pm

## 5. Money Story – January 2020 P&L

January Profit & Loss 2020 was worked through for January.

### Resolution:

**The Executive Board approve that the January 2020 Profit and Loss is a true and accurate reflection and agree for it to be published on line.**

**Moved Willy Pompey, seconded Bernard Singer All agreed**

## 8. Pastoral

Michael Clinch attended the meeting to present advice on Pastoral matters.

MC - The current climatic conditions are very extreme and the worst for many years. Most of the drought conditions have been created by overstocked and excessive over grazing by non-compliant 3<sup>rd</sup> party graziers.

MC we need policy to understand that some of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party over graziers who are pushing the boundaries.

MC – **Feral animals** – more camels are moving in where camels were destroyed. While the pilot and marksmen also noted approximately 3,000 camels culled, there are also many donkeys and horses.

These animals are having a devastating impact across the lands - wants you to be aware of that.

It is important for Executive Board to understand that the revenue – income from the agistment leases. Pastoral money, APY, agistment, cultural, so you have to look after your grazing areas continually.

What that says can only operate through money in reserve – money from AWNRM and PIRSA but can only be spent for specific purposes.

What is really important to stress is that what we need to do is to remain vigilant – if we lose control of land and if we let people come in without knowing what they are doing we will have a massive problem – monitoring.

BS translated.

MC said I am not sure where we are with the carbon capture. May be contact Dr. Tim Moore to discuss the current crisis.

Anthropology and pastoral are working on trying to get everything up to date and look at potential other areas.

**Resolution:**

**That the Executive Board approve all ongoing of ground culling of feral animals across the APY lands.**

**Moved Bernard Singer, seconded Willy Pompey All agreed**

GL - I sent letter to SS when she was Executive member – given it to her in hand – we didn't get answer back from Anangu. Didn't table letter at the meeting – what is happening with PDL for my company. I sent it last year, twice to SS. She got that letter from the ... – I don't know who she actioned it to.

TK asked if he is aware of a letter. MC advised he had not seen letter.

BS said never got put on table.

TK - to follow up the letter for the next Executive meeting.

**ACTIONED**

GL – said TK to talk to SS to see what she knows.

BS - said I need to pick up 4 horses from Black Hill and take to Railway bore. They are branded horses.

TK said you have to talk with Michael about that.

ED – said they are quiet horses.

BS said the resolution is Ok but he needs to get horses from Black Hill for his homeland.

TK – MG is asking a question.

MG – my daughter's home land. MC didn't talk to me. MG says from his daughter's homeland not getting money from cattle. He has lost a lot of money.

MC - There is going to be a Special Pastoral meeting in the future. Mr George and Mr Lewis to make decision.

MG - need to talk about this – wrong for Executive member.

TK thank you Mr George. Noted in the minutes and MC will add in the Pastoral Special meeting when that is arranged.

**NOTED**

TK – shared new information –that one of the Pukatja shops manager has been assaulted today.

ED – said members need to speak up right across the family – talk to family, talk to children. This is not a time for this to happen.

*Discussion in language.*

2.39 pm

MM spoke in language – in crisis.

TK said if staff leave – shop may close.

MM- spoke in language

MM – need to make sure that staff are safe.

GL - write letter to the community chairperson – talk with Council and community – talk about behaviour - have to work together maybe sending letter to Chairperson of that community, asking for meeting together.

RM said that was a good idea. Need a resolution.

**Resolution:**

**The Executive Board write a letter to the chairman of Pukatja community asking him to hold community meeting so that everyone knows right way to behave for these times.**

**Moved Bernard Singer, seconded Gary Lewis All agreed**

ED - We have got to take responsibility in own community.

TK through the chair- advised the next meeting is scheduled for the 18 May – please keep that date.

Meeting closed at 2.57 pm.