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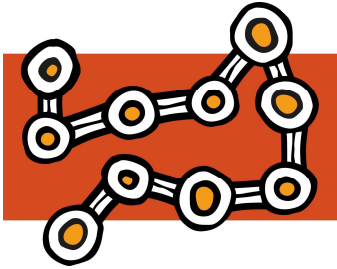
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A Message from the Chairperson



Once again, I have pleasure in providing the 2007/2008 Annual Report of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. It was another hectic year for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara that had its high points and low points for me.

This Annual Report is required under the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* to report on the activities of the Executive Board. However, as with last year, I consider people like to know more about how APY operates. This report provides a summary of all the relevant

events from APY's various Departments.

Much of the year was occupied with significant dealings with the Government in relation to a \$25 million Housing offer that was conditional upon entering leases. At the time of reporting, these events were still on-going but we were getting close on agreement.

The Mintabie Lease was still not finalised during the year. This was disappointing but we continue to work with Anangu and the Government to come up with a lease that will satisfy the wishes of our members.

APY has problems with service delivery on the APY Lands and has been trying to work with Government to fix those problems. These too, were still going on at the end of the year, but it is hoped that before the next Annual Report there will be good news to report demonstrating that Anangu organisations can work well together on the Lands to make things better for our people.

During the year, the first pastoral development licences (grazing licences) were signed off. These licences are discussed in the Land Management section of this report but are an important first step in helping to develop Anangu enterprises.

I am coming to the end of my term as Chairperson for APY but feel we have made many important inroads over the past few years to improve the Lands. I hope and trust this will continue provided there is a genuine willingness from all agencies, including governments, to work in a true partnership with APY, as the land-holding body, and its traditional owners whom it represents.

Sincerely

BERNARD SINGER
Chairperson

Cover Photo: Blending the old and the new. Ninguta Edwards, Tjaria Stanley, Inpiti Winton - Waru Minyma (Black footed rock wallaby women rangers) taking part in helicopter aerial surveillance of threatened species on the APY Lands

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Introduction

Background

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara holds the freehold title to the lands on behalf of its members under the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981*.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands occupy 103,000 square kilometres in the North West corner of South Australia. The most prominent features on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands are the Tomkinson, Mann, Musgrave and Everard Ranges. Most of the communities are located in or around these ranges.

All decisions relating to development, use and management of the lands are made by the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara General Meetings in conjunction with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive Board.

Powers and Functions of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara was established as a body corporate constituted pursuant to the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981*.

Pursuant to Section 6 (1) of *the Act*, the functions of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara are:



(a) To ascertain the wishes and opinions of traditional owners in relation to the management, use and control of the lands and to seek, where practicable, to give effect to those wishes and opinions; and

(b) To protect the interests of traditional owners in relation to the management, use and control of the lands; and

(c) To negotiate with persons desiring to use, occupy or gain access to any part of the lands; and

(d) To administer land vested in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

During the year, governments have determined the powers of APY were reduced as a result of amendments made to *the Act* in 2005. APY does not accept that view and will continue to advocate on behalf of its members on all matters that affect the Lands.

Pursuant to Section 6 (2) of the *Act*, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara has the following powers:

- (a) the power to sue and be sued;
- (b) the power
 - (i) to grant a lease or licence, for any period it thinks fit, in respect of any part of the lands to an Anangu or an organization comprised of Anangu;
 - (ii) to grant a lease or licence, for a period not exceeding fifty years, in respect of any part of the lands to an agency or instrumentality of the Crown;
 - (iii) to grant a lease or licence, for a period not exceeding 10 years, in respect of any part of the lands to any other person or body of persons;
- (c) the power to acquire by agreement, hold, deal in, or dispose of, land outside the lands;
- (d) the power to enter into contracts;

- (e) the power to appoint and dismiss staff;
 - (f) the power to receive and disburse moneys;
 - (g) the power to obtain advice from persons who are expert in matters with which Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is concerned;
 - (h) the power to establish offices;
 - (i) the power to make a constitution relating to
 - (i) the conduct of meetings of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara;
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed in resolving disputes; and,
 - (iii) any other matter that may be necessary or expedient in relation to the conduct or administration of the affairs of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara;
- and
- (j) the power to take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient for, or incidental to, the performance of its functions.

Requirement of consultation

Pursuant to Section 7 of *the Act*, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara shall, before carrying out or authorizing or permitting the carrying out of any proposal relating to the administration, development or use of any portion of the lands, have regard to the interests of, and consult with, traditional owners having a particular interest in that portion of the lands, or otherwise affected by the proposal, and shall not carry out the proposal, or authorize or permit it to be carried out, unless satisfied that those traditional owners

- (a) understand the nature and purpose of the proposal;
 - (b) have had the opportunity to express their views to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara;
- and
- (c) consent to the proposal.

General Meetings of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings are held in accordance with Section 8 of *the Act*. General Meetings are often broadcast live across the APY Lands by 5NPY Radio. This also includes a "phone-in" facility so listeners are able to call in and provide comments, feedback or questions to the issues being discussed. In this way, Anangu from across the Lands are able to participate in every general meeting even when they are not able to travel to attend the meeting in person.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara held a two-day Annual General meeting on 26-27 March 2008.

There were two (2) Special General Meetings held during the reporting period:

15-16 August 2007 at Umuwa
28-29 May 2008 at Umuwa

The Consultations facilitated by Annual and Special General Meetings included the following matters: Mintabie Lease; CDEP on the APY Lands; Pastoral Development Licences; Commonwealth housing offer for the APY Lands; Housing repairs and maintenance; and, the APY Sports League.



Special General Meeting, Umuwa
29/05/2008



Mal Brough & Tony Adamson (centre) at SGM

Other General Consultations

Other issues that were the subject of general consultations included:

- Law and Culture issues
- Mai Wiru (Healthy Stores Policy)

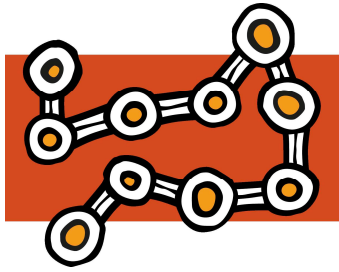
The Executive Board of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

The Executive Board of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is elected pursuant to Section 9 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* and hold meetings in accordance with Section 10 of the *Act*. The Executive Board must hold its meetings at least once in every two months.

The Executive Board, comprising 10 members from electorates established by amendment to the *Act*, is the governing body of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and is responsible for carrying out the day to day business of the organization. The Executive Board must endeavour to advance the interests of Anangu at all times and must comply with a resolution made at an Annual or Special General Meeting. An act of the Executive is binding on Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. The Executive Board are elected for 3 year terms, the last election being in November 2005.

The current Executive Board Members met on eleven (11) occasions during the reporting period and the number of meetings attended by each member was as follows:

<u>Title/Community</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings attended</u>
Amata/Tupul	Leonard Burton	8
Anilayla	Kawaki (Punch) Thompson	11
Indulkana	Max Kenny	8
Kalka/Pipalyatjara	Sean Williamson	9
Kaltjiti/Homelands	Murray George	8
Mimili	Tony Campbell	10
Murputja Homelands	Anton Baker	10
Pukatja/Yunyarinyi	Gary Lewis	9
Railway Bore/Wallatinna (Chairperson)	Bernard Singer	10
Watarru	Charlie Anytjipalya	10



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Executive Board Members 2007/2008



Bernard Singer
 Wallatinna/Railway Bore
 Chairperson



Leonard Burton
 Amata
 Deputy Chairperson



Anilayla
 Punch Thompson



Indulkana
 Max Kenny



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 Sean Williamson



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 Tony Campbell



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 Murray George



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 Anton Baker



Pukatja
 Gary Lewis



Watarru
 Charlie Anytjipalya

Sub - Committees

The Executive Board, elected for a three year term in November 2005, created a number of Sub-Committees in order to distribute the workload amongst its members. Some of the sub-Committees include other people brought in for their expertise in the field.

Those sub-committees and their members are as follows:

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services Sub-Committee:

Charlie Anytjipalya, Kawaki Thompson, Leonard Burton, Murray George, Tony Campbell (This sub-committee was unable to operate as a result of changes made to the Governing Committee of AP Services.)

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Development Sub-Committee:

Gary Lewis, Leonard Burton, Max Kenny, Tony Campbell

Finance and Development Sub-Committee:

Bernard Singer, Sean Williamson, Kawaki Thompson, Murray George

Land Management Sub-Committee:

Bernard Singer, Sean Williamson, Charlie Anytjipalya, Kawaki Thompson, Leonard Burton, Anton Baker, Frank Young (Director of Land Management)

Law and Culture Sub-Committee:

Leonard Burton, Murray George, Tjilpi Members - Hector Burton, Kevin Williamson
Peter Nyangu, Raymond Ken, Rupert Peters

Mining Advisory Sub-Committee

Bernard Singer, Leonard Burton, Anton Baker, Murray George, Ginger Mick, (Mining Liaison Officer)

Executive Board Meetings

During the period, the Executive Board members met on eleven (11) occasions:

3 - 4 July 2007	11 December 2007	19 May 2008
1 August 2007 (Alice Springs)	6 - 7 February 2008	
4 - 5 September 2006	4 March 2008	
10 October 2006	9 April 2008	
8 - 9 November 2007 (Watarru)	7 - 8 May 2008	

A number of people/organisations/agencies attended Executive Board Meetings throughout the year. These included:

Anne Prince Consulting
Bungala Aboriginal Corporation (CDEP)
Colin Koch
Coober Pedy District Council
Department of Defence
Department of Families and Communities (SA)
Department of Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division
Department of Transport, Environment and Infrastructure (DTEI)
Desert Knowledge Research Centre
Kutjara Consultants
Mai Wiru
Metals X

Nganampa Health Service
 NPY Women's Council
 PY Ku
 SA Police
 Service Coordinators
 TAFE (SA)
 Thurtell Consulting
 University of SA
 Wana Ungkuntja Trust (Ninti Corporation)

In addition to these visitors, the Executive Board were regularly provided reports and updates from its professional staff.

Summary of Resolutions

At its meetings held during the reporting period, the Executive Board considered and passed ninety-nine (99) resolutions relating to a range of issues. Those resolutions related to matters involving:

AP Services (1)
 CDEP (3)
 Children on the APY Lands (4)
 Communities (1)
 Executive Board (19)
 Government Agencies (3)
 Housing Matters (6)
 Land Management Matters (5)
 Leases and Licences (20)
 Legislation (3)
 Mineral Exploration (8)
 Mintabie (3)
 Municipal Services on the APY Lands (3)
 Permits Matters (2)
 Pitjantjatjara Council (1)
 Planning and Development (7)
 Powerline Project (2)
 PY Air (2)
 Research Protocols (2)
 Sport and Recreation Matters (1)
 Substance Misuse Matters (1)
 Telstra Matters (1)
 Tourism (1)

Permits

Pursuant to Division 2, Section 19 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act*, "a person (not being an Anangu) who enters the lands without the permission of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding the maximum prescribed by subsection (2).

People apply for permission to enter the lands pursuant to Section 19 (3) of *the Act*. However, there are exemptions for certain people prescribed under Section 19 (8) of *the Act*. These exemptions include:

- (a) a police officer acting in the course of carrying out his official duties; or
- (b) any other officer appointed pursuant to statute acting in the course of carrying out his official duties; or

- (ba) the Electoral Commissioner acting in relation to an election being conducted, or to be conducted, under section 9; or
- (c) a person acting upon the written authority of the Minister, who enters the lands for the purpose of carrying out functions that have been assigned to a Minister or instrumentality of the Crown or an administrative unit of the Public Service; or
- (ca) a member of the Minister's department, or another person authorized by the Minister, acting on behalf of the Minister under section 13N; or
- (d) a member of the Parliament of the State or the Commonwealth, a person who is genuinely a candidate for election as a member of the Parliament of the State or the Commonwealth; or
- (da) a person assisting a person referred to in any of the preceding paragraphs; or
- (e) entry upon the lands in case of emergency; or
- (f) entry upon the lands in pursuance of Division 3, Division 4 or Division 6 of this Part.

There are five (5) categories of permits for entry onto the APY Lands. There has been much discussion around the country about abolishing the entry permit system. Some people consider the permit system should be abolished because permits restrict free movement of people around the country.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara argues their permit system is strong, protects important sites and that most people who apply for an entry permit, and have a valid reason for doing so, are granted entry to the APY Lands.

During the 2007/2008 period, a total of 1646 applications were received and were granted a permit to enter the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. These comprised:

			% change from previous year
Contractor Permit Applications	407	(25%)	+6%
Employee Permit Applications	192	(12%)	-4%
Government Permit Applications	388	(23%)	-1%
Media Permit Applications	24	(1%)	0%
Visitor Permit Applications	635	(39%)	-1%

During the reporting period, twenty (20) permits (1%) were cancelled, refused or revoked as a result of employees or contractors no longer working on the APY Lands; ten (10) refused; and, three (3) were revoked.

Administration

During the reporting period, the APY Anthropologist and Legal Officer left the organisation. A Principal Legal Officer was retained in August 2007 however the Anthropologist position is yet to be filled. The Community Development Officer, who was a seconded State Government employee, departed in December 2007 however the State chose not to fill the vacancy.

The Administration of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara consists of the following positions:

- Administration Officer
- Anthropologist
- Book-keeper/Budgets Officer
- Director of Administration
- General Manager
- Legal Officer
- Mining Tenement Officer
- Mining Liaison Officer
- Permits Officer
- Receptionist

The Director of Administration and the General Manager are appointed by the Executive Board on conditions that have been determined by the Board and approved by the Minister.

Director of Administration

Pursuant to Section 13 C of the Act, the functions of the Director of Administration are—

- (a) to oversee the implementation of resolutions of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and the Executive Board; and
- (b) to carry out any other functions assigned to the Director of Administration—
 - (i) in the instrument of appointment; or
 - (ii) by the Minister after consultation with the Executive Board.

Mr Rex Tjami has held the position of Director of Administration for the past six (6) years.

General Manager

Pursuant to Section 13 E of the Act, the functions of the General Manager are—

- (a) to implement the resolutions of the Executive Board in a timely and efficient manner; and
- (b) to undertake responsibility for the day-to-day operations and affairs of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara; and
- (c) to ensure that records required under this or another Act are properly kept and maintained; and
- (d) to discharge any duties under this or any other Act relating to financial and annual reports; and
- (e) to ensure that the assets and resources of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara are properly managed and maintained; and
- (f) to exercise, perform or discharge any other powers, functions or duties conferred on the General Manager by or under this or any other Act.

Mr Ken Newman holds the position of General Manager and was re-appointed by the Executive Board in March 2008 for a further three (3) years.

The Administration Officer

- Coordinates accommodation booking arrangements for the Visitor's Centre
- Coordinates catering for meetings, travel, accommodation, Travel Allowance, Executive Board remuneration and Petty Cash
- Coordinates leased vehicles, services, change over
- Coordinates mail collection and the once weekly mail plane
- Coordinates Training for APY staff
- Is responsible for Reception Functions including catering
- Maintains Purchase Order books and register
- Maintains Purchase Orders to suppliers, invoices and codes
- Maintains records of motor vehicles - owned and leased
- Maintains stationery / Office equipment supplies
- Maintains the communication system
- Maintains the Office Procedural Manual
- Manages the performance of the Permits Officer and Receptionist
- Opens and distributes inward mail
- Prepares appropriate correspondence
- Provides a Mentor / Training role for the Receptionist

- Provides assistance to the Director, General Manager, Anthropologist, Legal Officer and Book Keeper as required

Mrs Carrie Templeton holds the position of Administration Officer and was recently re-appointed for a further three (3) years.

The Bookkeeper / Budgets Officer

Susan Weatherill has been employed with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara since September 2005 as bookkeeper / budgets officer. During this time her duties have included.

- Assisting with supervision of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara administration staff;
- Assisting in the preparation and management of the financial operations of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and to ensure that appropriate expenditure control mechanisms are in place;
- Assisting with the general administration of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, including office services, filing systems and meeting arrangements;
- Ensuring that regular financial reports are prepared and available when requested, investigate, and explain any major variances in financial accounts;
- Ensuring that the operating budgets are correctly prepared, adopted and monitored and that all departments of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara maintain appropriate financial records;
- Helping prepare submissions with the General Manager to undertake funding negotiations with funding agencies, ensuring compliance with funding conditions and with all statutory and other reporting requirements;
- Liaising with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Accountants and Auditors; and,
- Managing debtors and creditors to ensure timely payments and receipts of accounts.

Specific Activities

- Ensuring that quarterly financial acquittals are correctly presented against their budget.
- Preparing specific reports for the financial committee.
- Set up Money Manager to allow easy entry and retrieval of financial information.
- Supporting staff with the financial administration of various projects.
- Travel to Alice Springs periodically to liaise with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara accountants.

Courses / Training

- In October 2007, Mrs Weatherill attended a Financial Information for Local Government Manager's course.

Permits Officer

The Permits Officer receives and processes Permit Applications for access to the APY Lands and is responsible for maintaining all related administration work in this area, including maintaining the Permits database.

Specific activities performed include the following:

- Ensure all communities/organisations and the Waru website have the latest forms;
- Ensure there is an organised filing system;
- Enter applications into the permit database;
- Fax permit requests to appropriate communities;
- Fax, e-mail & post up to date Permit Application Forms to applicants;
- Follow up on Police Clearances for all employees/contractors;
- Handle all enquiries regarding permits;

- Maintain the permits database;
- Process permit applications, including financial transactions; and,
- Provide other administration support as required, including workplace functions, assistance at General, Executive Board and Special General Meetings.

Ms Amelia Tyrrell, who was employed in January 2005, holds the position of Permits Officer.

Legal Department

Nicola Thompson, Legal Officer resigned in July 2007. A decision was made to employ a more senior lawyer and in August 2007, Peter Huntington was retained as Principal Legal Officer for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

The year was a very busy one for the Legal Department. Some of the many matters dealt with included:

- Accountability and transparency in relation to community and NGO financial matters;
- Anangu housing model Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to introduce public housing to the Lands and provide the opportunity for home ownership;
- Anti-corruption;
- Gender mainstreaming;
- Governance matters;
- Grazing licences and review of documentation template;
- Ground lease for housing sites, police stations and additional police and government accommodation;
- Mining exploration licences and review of documentation template;
- MOU with AW NRM Board;
- Municipal Services review;
- NGO mainstreaming;
- Review of the 2005 amendments to the *APY Land Rights Act*;
- Submissions to the Mullighan Commission; and,
- Welfare reform.

This is a time of exciting Anangu-driven change on the APY Lands. The desire or hunger for change on the part of the Anangu is humbling and infectious. The times in which this change is unfolding require strategic advice and management as well as political advice and advocacy. The Legal department has played a key role in this.

As Anangu move to cast off welfare dependence and strive for economic development on the Lands, an opportunity has come to help shape the policy in relation to Aboriginal affairs through dealings with the major parties and governments. A deal of work has been done in putting in place a lobbying network for the purpose of both advocating change and seeking counsel when the inevitable difficulties present themselves.

Significant mineral and petroleum explorations give rise to the need to look forward to what might be done with royalty and related income streams.

All of this thinking about and advocating change is itself an exercise in capacity-building for the future.

It is hoped that government parties will embrace the Anangu desire for change and support Anangu in partnership to not only make change but to build capacity and local leadership and ownership without which, changes which are achieved might not be sustainable.

Anthropology Department

Section 7 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* states:

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- (a) understand the nature and purpose of the proposal; and
- (b) have had the opportunity to express their views to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara; and
- (c) consent to the proposal.

During the reporting period, a total of fifty (50) heritage clearances were undertaken; thirty-two (32) Traditional Owner meetings were held and sixty-four (64) matters were finalized.

Staffing

- Dr Tony Doulman commenced work as a full time staff anthropologist based at Umuwa in March 2007. ACHM anthropologists continued to provide anthropological services as contractors, working in cooperation with Dr Doulman. Dr Doulman resigned in November 2007.
- ACHM anthropologists Dr Neale Draper, Fiona Sutherland, Andrew Morley, Nadia Butler, Janelle White and Dr Jim Birkhead have worked in the APY Lands during the period January – June 2008, subsequent to the resignation of Dr Doulman.

Mineral Exploration

Deed of Exploration

- A review of the Deed of Exploration was completed by Dr Neale Draper.

PIRSA

- Further traditional owner consultation and clearance has been completed for additional PIRSA mapping in the Michael Hill area.

PepinNini Minerals Limited

- Traditional Owner consultation has been completed for PepinNini ELA 117/96. The APY Executive Board granted EL 4048 for this tenement.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for PepinNini EL 3536.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for PepinNini EL 4048.
- A distribution meeting was held to distribute mineral exploration monies to Traditional Owners for PepinNini EL 4048.

Metals X Limited

- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for Metals Exploration EL3555.
- A distribution meeting to distribute mineral exploration monies to Traditional Owners for Metals Exploration EL 3555 was held at Kalka on the 22nd of June 2007. Agreement was reached as to who the Traditional Owners are and a list of names was recorded but it was decided to wait for further funds to accumulate before having the distribution.

Independence Group NL

- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for Independence EL 3955.

Mithril Resources Limited

- Traditional Owner consultation has been completed for Mithril ELA 52/97. The APY Executive Board granted EL 4047 for this tenement.
- Traditional Owner consultation has been completed for Mithril ELA 41/97. The APY Executive Board granted EL (number pending) for this tenement.
- Traditional Owner consultation has been completed for Mithril ELA 380/97. The APY Executive Board granted EL (number pending) for this tenement.
- Traditional Owner consultation has been completed for Mithril ELA 54/97. The APY Executive Board granted EL (number pending) for this tenement.
- Traditional Owner consultation has been completed for Mithril ELA 364/97. The APY Executive Board granted EL (number pending) for this tenement.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for Mithril EL 3941.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for Mithril EL 3942.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for Mithril EL 4047.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for the current work program for Mithril EL 3939.

Land Management

- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been completed for the construction of the Perentie Paddock to Morrisons Paddock fence line.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been completed for the construction of fences in the Umuwa/Pukatja area.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances have been completed for the construction of shed tanks near Watarru.
- A desktop clearance has been completed for land management yards at Umuwa.

AARD (formerly DAARE)**Powerline and associated infrastructure**

- Traditional Owners monitored the construction of the Watinuma section of the powerline.
- Traditional owner consultation and clearance has been completed for the Umuwa section of the powerline.

Community Infrastructure

- Desktop clearances were provided for a swimming pool in Watarru, new media centres in Pipalyatjara, Amata, Mimili and Watarru, road works within Indulkana, police and courts complexes within Amata and Pukatja, housing work in Indulkana and the sun farm near Umuwa, a shade sail in Mimili and work associated with the church in Nyapari.

Road works

- Traditional owner consultation and clearances have been undertaken for road works around Pukatja, Umuwa, Fregon, Mimili and Indulkana.

Telstra

- Desktop clearances, using community clearance data, have been provided for Telstra works associated with the substance misuse facility in Amata, and Telstra works in Indulkana, Amata, Pipalyatjara, Umuwa and Watarru communities.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearance has been completed for Telstra connections at Eagle Rock and Umpukulu.

SA Water

- Traditional Owner consultation and clearance has been completed for an upgrade of the Indulkana Effluent Station.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearance has been completed for testing of bores at Young's Well.
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearance has been completed for the installation of bores and a pipeline between Young's Well and Pukatja.

Cattle

- Traditional owner consultations were completed for, and the APY Executive Board granted a pastoral development licence to, the Hudson Lennon family for the Watinuma area.
- Traditional owner consultations were completed for, and the APY Executive Board granted a pastoral development licence to, Donald Fraser for the Kenmore Park area.
- Traditional Owner identification and consultation has continued for proposed pastoral development licences at Bully's Paddock, Lennon's Swamp, Yellow Dam, Perentie Bore, No. 13 West and Corkwood Bore.

General Heritage Management

- APY anthropologists have identified further damage to a culturally significant site on the road between Kaltjiti and Umuwa. This was brought to the attention of the APY Executive Board in April 2008, and suggestions were sought to facilitate protection of this site.

Community Development Officer

The APY Community Development Officer was a seconded position from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division). The incumbent transferred to Adelaide in December 2007 and the Department chose not to replace that human resource.

Mining Tenement Officer

The position of Mining Tenement Officer commenced in July 2005 in a liaison capacity between APY, Primary Industries and Resources, SA and Mineral Exploration Companies. This Officer works in conjunction with Anthropologists, Legal Officers and Traditional Owners to facilitate consultations in relation to mineral exploration applications on the APY Lands.

Mr Gary McWilliams, who has been employed by Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara for the past 8 ½ years, holds the position of Mining Tenement Officer. He is assisted in his role with an Anangu Malpa, Ginger Mick, who is the Mining Liaison Officer. The following is a summary of activities undertaken during the reporting period.



Lunch time on a clearance near Mimili

As detailed in the Anthropology section above, the following companies are involved in mineral exploration on the APY Lands: PepinNini Minerals; Independence Group; Metals X; Mithril Resources; and, Rio Tinto.

As well, in March 2008 APY was informed there were six Petroleum Exploration licence applications (PELA) for the APY Lands located in the southern area of the APY Lands, except for one which is on the eastern side and part of the southern area.

Some of these petroleum exploration licences overlap mineral exploration licences and some of them extend into the Prohibited Zone to the south and the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands. The PELA's extend northward almost to Indulkana and Mimili.

Since July 2007, a number of new tenements were negotiated and approved for Mithril Resources and extensive clearance work for Metals X, PepinNini and Independence Group was carried out. Since February 2008 no new negotiations for exploration licences have been carried out.

Heritage clearances have continued every month on all of the active exploration licences and on some that will become active in late 2008 and early 2009.

Reports of sub-economic mineralization have come from PepinNini and Mithril. Mithril advised that surface mineralization has been discovered in several places with shows of sub-economic copper, vanadium, titanium and iron. There are also low grades of platinum known to be in that area.



Meeting in Nyapari re EL 3942 & EL 3941; Mithril



Meeting in Kanpi re EL 3941 & EL 3942; Mithril

PepinNini reported iron, nickel and copper sulphides from their tenements but at very low grades.



Traditional Owners having lunch on a clearance for PepinNini EL 4048



I-r David Curley; Andrew Morley; Janelle White; Rupert Peters & Robert Stevens meeting in Kaltjiti re: EL 4048

Independence Group has taken samples and carried out magnetic and gravity surveys but has not reported any results as yet. Independence is keen to continue and expand their operations and would like to negotiate more tenements to expand their exploration.

Metals X continues exploration and development on their Wingellina, WA project. Final approvals could be finalized by September 2009 with a start date 2010. Mineralization known to be at Claude Hills is being further investigated and the company is hopeful that much more will be found and quantified.

Many areas in all active tenements have been cleared by heritage surveys and more work is requested each month by the companies. Anangu have worked extremely well and hard with the anthropologists and mineral exploration companies but there are still uncertainties in regard to long term implications of the work and what sort of benefits and recompense will come to Anangu if minerals are found. The sharing arrangements for any money derived from mining operations are still unclear to most people.

It is likely that traditional owners for those PELA's south of the APY Lands have traditional owners residing on the APY Lands. At least one of the three companies has approached the Minister for permission to approach the traditional owners but no notification has reached APY during the reporting period.



Tjilpiku mulapa consulting at Umuwa



I-r Stanley Young, Billy Nelson, Tjilpi and Sean Williamson working on a clearance near Walytjatjata

Planning and Development Officer

Planning and development services were previously contracted to another service provider. The position is seen as vital to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and Meg Bartholomew was recruited as the first Planning and Development Officer. David Caspar continued in this role from February 2008.

Summary of the Role of APY Planning and Development Officer

The primary role of the APY Planning and Development Officer is to assist Anangu, Communities, Community Councils and the APY Executive in making informed decisions on the appropriateness of proposed building developments on the APY Lands.

In order to achieve broader, long term successes and sustainable outcomes, the Planning and Development Officer must also coordinate the provision of development and infrastructure planning.

This function requires the following process:

- Asses potential developments in regard to future planning of communities, Building Code of Australia, the Minister's specification for Housing on Remote Aboriginal Lands and Department of Health regulations;
- Assess potential sites for required services and suitable conditions;
- Assist applicants in site selection of proposed developments;
- Consider land use and future development of communities;
- Monitor, assist and asses all aspects of building development on the lands including site safety, building demolition, local employment opportunities, value for money and compliance with regulations;
- Organise meeting with Communities and Community Councils to discuss potential developments and to seek their approval;
- Present proposed development to the APY Executive Board for comment and approval; and,
- Provide relevant information, documents application forms and advice to potential development applicants.

Process Required for Planning Approval on the APY Lands

All development must go through a three phase planning approval process:

- Planning approval through the APY Planning process (involving Traditional Owner, Community Council and APY Executive approval);
- Planning approval through Development Assessment Commission (DAC). DAC is the State government body that assesses developments out side local council areas; and,
- Provision Building Rules Consent to asses the building for technical requirements such as structure, plumbing, electrics and health and amenity.

During the 2007/2008 year planning and development procedures have been formalised through creation of the following documents:

- Application for Land Tenure on the APY Lands form
- Consultation Protocols on the APY Lands
- Development Application Form
- Notice outlining the application process

These documents are submitted to applicants as a package upon their initial contact with APY.

A fee to process applications has been introduced. This fee is charged as a method of cost recovery for the unfunded position. The fee introduced is a percentage (0.125%) of the estimated project cost. An additional per kilometre rate for distance travelled is also charged to applicants.

The processing of land tenure and planning approval are closely related. As such, APY has made steps to formalising these into one process. This will create improved record keeping, streamline the process and allow for greater monitoring of tenure on the APY Lands.

Looking to 2008/2009

As the structure and organisation of the Planning and Development Officer's role is now in place, an opportunity for an expansion of the role exists. This may include the following opportunities:

- Assist communities to obtain funding for various projects;
- Facilitate the employment of Anangu in building projects on the lands;
- Undertake works on a fee for service basis to assist in meeting the financial cost of the position;
- Improve the coordination between CDEP organisations, such as Bungala, with Community Councils, APY Executive and government funding agencies; and,
- A further formalisation of the Land Tenure process.

Applications and Projects considered since February 2008

PA08-001 Pukatja, Amata and Mimili Police Station (A)
 PA08-002 Indulkana 9 houses (A)
 PA08-003 Mimili and Pipalyatjara Outdoor learning centres (A)
 PA08-004 Pukatja Church
 PA08-005 Substance Misuse Centre Amata amendment (A)
 PA08-006 PY Media Accommodation Amata, Mimili, Pipalyatjara and Umuwa (A)
 PA08-008 Mimili Single Men's Accommodation (A)
 PA08-011 Umuwa Trade Based MSO House (A)
 PA08-012 Mimili Church
 PA08-013 Nyapari Church
 PA08-014 Kanpi and Fregon Shade Sail (A)
 PA08-015 Pipalyatjara Shade Sail (A)

(A) Denotes approval for development has been granted by APY

Land Management

The Land Management Unit (APYLM) was established in 1990 to assist Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people to realize their aspirations for the management of their land. The APYLM also supports the social and economic objectives of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. This includes identifying and creating opportunities for employment in natural resource management and enabling the sustainable use of the natural resources for economic development – in both the traditional or contemporary sense.

To meet these objectives, the LMU carries out a wide range of projects in the following fields:

- Community landscaping and dust suppression and community nursery;
- Feral camel control;
- Information management;
- Maintenance of traditional land management;
- Pastoral industry development and livestock management;
- Protected area management;
- Storm water management;
- Threatened species management; and,
- Water security.

Staff and Employment

The permanent APYLM staff form a stable and dedicated team. In January, Tjilpi and Antjela Robin retired as Rangers working on the Walalkara IPA. Tjilpi and Antjela initiated the Walalkara project and have been working ceaselessly in managing their Lands. They will continue to be active in the IPA as they support younger family members. Permanent staff are mostly based in Umuwa or in the Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs). The staff are:

Director	Frank Young
Coordinator	Rodney Edwards
Pastoral and Livestock Officer	Troy Coe
Threatened Species Officer	Thalie Partridge
Indigenous Protected Area Officer	Sam Matthews
Waru Recovery Officer	Anika Dent
Walalkara IPA Rangers	Munty and Joyce Robin
Sandy Bore IPA Rangers	Sammy and Ngilan Dodd

Many Anangu were employed in part-time and casual positions across all projects:

- The Warru Minyma, a group of Pukatja women, have contributed greatly to the on-going growth of the Warru Recovery Project through their on-ground work and support in setting priorities for the direction of the project. Many younger Pukatja community members have been involved in the radio-tracking, baiting and monitoring work;
- A small team of Anangu pastoral workers received regular work and a large group received casual work in all aspects of pastoral operations; and,
- Numerous Anangu worked within the IPA projects at Walalkara, Sandy's bore and Watarru providing support in all areas of traditional land management,

There were important consultancies and contracts with Tony Davies, Mike Last, Chris Prescott, Bruce Campbell, Wil Powrie, Steve McAlpin, Wen Nermut, John Reed and Katherine Moseby. These provide short term, intensive, professional services that expand the range of skills provided through the staff. All these consultants, except for Wen Nermut, have a history of many years working on the Lands or in the region. Wen provided construction training through an Indigenous Community Volunteer contract.

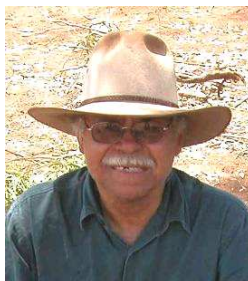
In late 2007/08, a very significant employment opportunity was created with the *Working on Country* initiative. Funding for this project is long term (up to 4 years) and designed to increase the number of Anangu Rangers in permanent employment. It is anticipated that 8 part-time and one full-time position will be established early next financial year.

In the next year there is the need to explore opportunities for additional staff in areas such as education and training, anthropology, fire ecology and biodiversity, and for the pastoral industry.

Land Management Umuwa-based Staff 2007/2008



Rodney Edwards
Land Management Coordinator



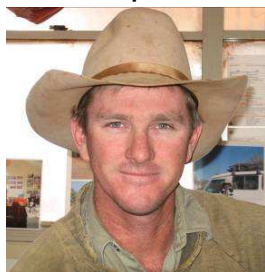
Frank Young
Director, Land Management



Thalie Partridge
Threatened Species Officer



Sam Mathews
Indigenous Protected Areas Officer



Troy Coe
Livestock Officer



Anika Dent
Warru Recovery Officer

Funding and support

The Land Management Unit is entirely dependent on funding from external grants. There is no State or Federal support to the on-going maintenance and operation of the Unit.

During the reporting period, the Land Management program expended 14 separate grants. New projects have been supported through the SA Department of Environment, SA Department of Premier and Cabinet, Farmbiz/Indigenous Land Corporation, SA Department of Families and Communities, Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, TAFESA, Charles Darwin University and the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board.

An aspect of funding that has not been raised before is the contribution generated from cattle agisted on the Lands. Previously it has not been possible to monitor or manage this income. However, with the introduction of pastoral development licenses and the application of electronic monitoring of cattle it is increasingly possible. Future Agistment Agreements will provide long-term sustainability for the administrative and technical support provided through APYLM as well as income streams for Traditional Owners and Anangu business operators.

In addition, some agencies provide significant levels of in-kind support through their own direct participation in APYLM projects:

- The Indigenous Community Volunteers provided administration, recruitment, travel and a stipend to their volunteer;
- Charles Darwin University and TAFE SA contributed significantly in the administration, planning and on-ground training during the working with horses training; and,
- The Warru Recovery Team membership includes DEH, ZooSA, University of SA, Warru Minyma and the LMU. All members have provided significant contributions.

Agency Partnerships and Relationships

New and important partnerships developed this year:

- Agreements were drafted with private industry to develop a game meat production facility based on camel meat;
- Discussions progressed with private pastoral companies to agist cattle on the Lands;
- TAFE SA and Charles Darwin University worked closely together with APYLM to conduct training in working with horses and assist with planning;
- Indigenous Community Volunteers provided a volunteer for the Watarru IPA; and,
- A good relationship developed with ABC Landline staff who provided sensitive and comprehensive coverage of the warru project, pastoral development licenses and the working with horses training.

There remains significant relationship difficulties with the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board and their staff and also with the Kuka Kanyini Project at Watarru funded through DEH. The future development of a Memorandum of Understanding and NGO Agreements will provide clearer mechanisms for working together. These will set standards for other agencies also wishing to work on the Lands.

Indigenous Protected Areas and Working on Country Program

Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA) are areas identified by Traditional Owners as country to be managed for conservation under the categories set by the International Union for Conservation. There are two Indigenous Protected Areas (Walalkara and Watarru) and three other areas where Traditional Owners are interested in establishing an IPA (around Sandy Bore, Aparra and Kalka/Pipalyatjara).

An important change occurred late in the year where the IPA program became strongly linked with the new Working On Country program (WOC). The two funding streams complement each other for wages, training, and on-ground activities.

Most activities on the IPA's are on-going and routine and implemented in accordance with the respective Management Plan and with support from other Land Management Projects. Activities routinely include: patch burning for wildfire and habitat management; monitoring and surveying for threatened species; rock hole monitoring and cleaning; monitoring sacred sites.

Walalkara IPA

A highlight of the Walalkara year was a week-long training trip undertaken with Fregon School to Roxby Downs Arid Recovery Program. On this trip 8 students gained modules in Certificate 1 in Conservation and Land Management, relating to fauna trapping techniques, measurement and identification of fauna, tracking transect and radio tracking.



(L) Fregon School Teachers, Students and Roxby Downs Arid Recovery Staff recording tracks on monitoring transect.



(R) Robin K. helps Fregon students to install a pitfall trap.

Early in 2008 Robin Kanpakantja and Antjala Robin retired as rangers for Walalkara IPA. APY would like to congratulate them on their great work at Walalkara as part of APYLM since the unit started around 18 years ago. They will continue to work casually with the IPA program, as their knowledge and mentoring will still be required for Alec and Joyce Robin who have taken over as the Rangers for the Walalkara IPA program.

Watarru IPA



(L) Men from Watarru cleaning silt out of a Rockhole so that it can collect water for animals and people to use.



(R) Left to Right: Frank Young, Mowatji Frank and trainee standing in front of newly constructed shed tank west of Watarru community

An important outcome for this year has been the revision of the Management Plan for Watarru IPA. It is almost 10 years since the original plan was drafted and a new plan was needed to reaffirm commitment to the goals and objectives of the IPA and to provide direction for the next few years. The consultant spent several weeks at Watarru talking with all senior Anangu involved and brought all of these ideas together at several community meetings. A draft plan of management has been produced by the consultant that will be endorsed by the Community and the IPA Program (Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts) in the coming year.

Another achievement was the construction of a 'shed tank' - a water catchment shaped like a shed that feeds a tank and provides emergency water in remote areas. Several Anangu from Watarru undertook on-ground training with a volunteer from Indigenous Community Volunteers in its construction. The shed tank was built at Atuti west of Watarru. This is now an ideal spot for people to camp out, particularly during tjakura work, and improves the OH+S relating to water security when working in the IPA.

Potential for Developing IPA's

Similar on-ground works were undertaken in all three potential IPA's this financial year. Highlights of the work were:

- Sandy Bore: A large number of patch-burning trips and regular trips to monitor and clean natural water points were undertaken.
- Aparara: Land Management staff worked with Amata School with several different classes focussing on working with elders to facilitate traditional knowledge transfer about rock holes, patch burning and Tjukurrpa (Dreaming and Law).
- Kalka/Pipalyatjara: Two warru (Black Flanked Rock Wallaby) trapping trips were undertaken as part of a broader captive breeding and reintroduction program. Pipalyatjara School assisted with these trapping efforts.



L to R: Wally Dodd, Sandy Bore Ranger, Sammy Dodd and IPA Project Officer Sam Matthews patch burning old Spinifex country to enhance biodiversity.



(L) Elders instruct schoolboys before undertaking roadside patch burning north of Amata.

(R) School children assist with pumping fouled water out of a Rockhole after following a dreaming story to this site with two senior women from the community.



Pipalyatjara Middle School class carrying Warru traps up Maku valley near Kalka

Working on Country Rangers 2007-2008



Frank Young- Senior Regional Ranger



**Munti and Joyce Robin
Rangers Walalkara area**



**Sammy and Margaret Dodd
Rangers for Sandy Bore area**

IPA Program Regular Workers



Kerryanne Dodd



Wally Dodd



Mowatji Frank



Ruby Wood



Edward Dodd



Winima Ken

Athel Pine Removal in Pukatja Community Project

APYLM sponsored Pukatja Community to remove some of the Athel Pines (a Weed of National Significance) with chainsaws and heavy machinery.

After a slow start this project was very successful, with great support from community members, Bungala CDEP Program and an enthusiastic CDEP workforce.

TAFE supported the project with Mick Insch carrying out chainsaw training to start the project off. Fifteen CDEP workers now have national qualification for chainsaw use and maintenance. For four weeks following the training there was an intensive effort to remove the mature trees from the community. More than 80 mature trees have been chopped down and poisoned or ripped out. Smaller branches were put through Bungala's mulching machine. Some of the woodchip was used to put around the school playground, and there is also a large stockpile for the community to use for future landscaping work. Tree stumps are being stored in the yard to dry out.



Mick Insch (TAFE) teaches CDEP Workers about Chainsaw Maintenance



CDEP workers watch as Mick Insch demonstrates how to fell a large Athel Pine



CDEP workers shovel Athel Pine woodchips into the Pukatja school playground



CDEP Workers putting Athel Pine limbs through a mulching machine

More than 50 native seedlings, germinated from local seeds, were planted with heavy tree-guards erected around them. These seedlings were planted near Athel Pines that are important shade trees in Pukatja Community. These Athel Pines will be removed once the seedlings grow into large trees and replace the shade provided by the remaining Athel Pines.

Plant Nursery Project

The Land Management Unit plant nursery provides plants for community and domestic landscaping and also helps with advice on planting and irrigation. The nursery is located behind the office in Umuwa. It is a not-for-profit enterprise and plants and equipment are sold to recover expenses.

The nursery stocks tube stock of native plants propagated by State Flora's Murray Bridge Nursery, using seed collected on the APY Lands, and some citrus varieties.

The nursery sells annually around 1000 seedlings to organisations and individuals across the APY Lands.

The nursery generally stocks some larger trees- Mulga, River Red Gum, Desert Kurrajong, Desert Oak; some smaller trees/larger bushes- Witchetty Bush, several Mallee Species, Umbrella Bush; some smaller bushes- Sticky Hop Bush, Senna species, Spear bush.



Picture: Fresh tube stock in the APYLM Nursery

Data Management Program

Anangu and staff collect many different types of land management data using digital cameras, geographic positioning systems, National Livestock Identification System readers or radio trackers during monitoring and survey work. This data provides a long term record of change. There are two specific projects dedicated to managing this data so that it is stored systematically, can be retrieved when needed, and can be used to make management decisions.

(a) Database

The Land Management database is an on-going project that has continued to develop over the past year. Through increased use and suggestions from APYLM staff, the consultant working on the database has been able to remove many glitches and improve the ease of use. The database is now separated into three distinct input sections;

- APYLM Administration - which contains meeting logs and minutes, personnel skills information and timesheet records

- APYLMS - which stores field data that is collected for bores, rock holes and water points, threatened species, patch burning, cultural information, livestock paddock information and numerous other areas
- APYLM Photo Database- Which stores all photos taken by people doing land management work.

The APYLM database has spatial links with MapInfo, a type of computer software that enables all types of data to be used create maps of the data. Six Land Management staff participated in MapInfo training as an introduction to the software and to receive more experience in the management of spatial data and the potential for linking this to photos and other data sets maintained by the Land Management Unit. Six key Anangu from the Executive membership, Directors and Malpas (mentors) received an orientation and introduction to the strengths of having data linked spatially to maps and photos.



APY staff undertaking orientation training on the APYLM database

(b) Photo Library

The Photo Library is an ever increasing library of all the digital photos produced during Land Management work activities. It now includes some collections from previous staff and other agencies. It has undergone significant changes over this financial year. A computer has been purchased specifically for Anangu to access the Photo Library and down load their own photos. Anangu have started using it to look at photos of works and assist in the cataloguing of 'unknown' photos. Some Rangers have been receiving on-going training in cataloguing and a login has been installed so that people need to log in to change or delete information. This computer is also a permanent workstation for scanning old photos into the database. There is now over 10,000 photos stored on the Library.



Looking through old Land Management pictures on the APY Photo Library Computer

Protecting Threatened Species Program

Some types of animals that used to be found on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands have disappeared. Others have declined in number and are not found very often.

There are three animals in particular that are listed as a priority for conservation. These are the Warru (Black-flanked Rock Wallaby, *Petrogale lateralis*), Tjakura (Great desert skink, *Egernia kintorei*), and the Nganamara (Malleefowl, *Leipoa ocellata*).

Anangu and Land Management staff are members of the national and State-based management teams and work with the South Australian Department of Environment and Heritage (SA DEH) and ecologists who provide advice on threatened species management, however, much of the work is guided by senior Anangu who have significant knowledge of plants and animals. During this year senior Anangu women presented the results of their work at a number of Recovery Team meetings in Alice Springs, Adelaide and via phone hook-up from Umuwa. They spoke strongly about their land management aspirations and have been applauded by senior arid zone ecologists for their work and commitment to threatened species management.

Warru Recovery Project

The Warru Recovery Project centres on the colonies at New Well (with several sites) and Kalka. The populations are small and considered to be declining with no known reason.

This year, the Warru Recovery Project has seen a great increase in the investment of time and money. Funding from the Department of Environment and Heritage, has enabled employment of a short-term Project Officer (Anika Dent) dedicated to the Warru Recovery Project. Anika has been supporting the Warru Ranger team from Pukatja with regular baiting, radio-tracking and transect monitoring around the New Well Warru colony.

Dora Haggie, a senior Anangu woman and member of the Warru Ranger team spoke on ABC Landline about her motivation for looking after warru: *When I was young, I always see my brother killing Warru, rock wallabies. And we always eating, good meat. We don't want to eat them anymore because we looking after now, today. We're working for rock wallaby, looking after. Some fox might come and eat him, that's why we're looking after.*



Monitoring feral predator tracks around the Warru colony with ABC Landline
 Left to Right: ABC Landline crew and presenter, Senior Warru Rangers: Inpiti Winton, Ninguta Edwards, Malpiya Davies, and Dora Haggie, Threatened Species Officer: Thalie Partridge.
 Photo by G. McWilliams

Since August 2007 the survival of 14 adult warru at New Well has been monitored using radio-collars and a radio receiver. Results from this work show that adult mortality rates are not high. Ecological Horizons consultant assisted APY LM to assess the status of the Musgrave Ranges metapopulation by examining scat (kuna) quadrats in March 2008. The New Well warru colony continues to persist at low numbers (approximately 35). The extinction of the Wamitjara warru colony was confirmed; however there are encouraging records of scats from two other hills within 3 km of New Well (3-12 individuals each) suggests that the Musgrave Ranges metapopulation may yet be maintained and improved through adaptive management. The total population in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands amounts to approximately 70 individuals, 15-20 at Kalka and 50+ in the Musgrave Ranges.

Predator-track transect monitoring has shown that the baiting program appears to be successful at maintaining very low populations of foxes and dingoes, however cat tracks are recorded regularly and along with Kanyula and rabbit numbers may be at near historic high levels. It has been suggested that feral cats may be preying on young Warru. Our priorities for future feral carnivore control work are to reduce cat numbers around the warru colonies and ensure on-going funding support for the project.

In August 2007 and June 2008, the Warru Rangers and members of the Warru Recovery Team translocated pouch young from the New Well, Kalka and Alalka warru colonies. With the six warru already in captivity from the May 2007 trapping there is now a total of 20 Warru being held at Monarto and Adelaide zoos. The first pouch young to be translocated from Kalka to Monarto were taken in June 2008. This was a significant event as no animals were trapped during previous trapping trips at Kalka, and this population is genetically distinct from the New Well population. In October 2007 the Warru Rangers visited Monarto Zoo to monitor the development of the young warru. It is important for the Warru Rangers to see that the young warru are being well looked after, and growing up healthy.



Radio-tracking Warru at New Well

Left to Right: Warru Rangers: Stavros Martin, Thomas Tjilya, and Sherada Stanley. Warru Recovery Officer: Anika Dent.
Photo by M. Winton.



Visiting translocated Warru at Monarto Zoo in October 2007

Left to Right: Dora Haggie, Matt Ward, Noll Lewis, Thalie Partridge and zoo keeper Phil Skewes.
Photo by R. Edwards

Waru Rangers and Regular Workers for 2007-2008



Inpiti Winton



Melinda Stewart



Stavros Martin



Lilly Jack



Ushma Ingkatji



Joshua Carroll (with Amos Tjilya)



Isaac Wells



Jeffers Jabo



Thomas Tjilya



Sherada Stanley



Chris Davey



Linda Stanley



Jennifer Wells



Tjaria Stanley



Jacob Thompson, Jeffers Jabo



Nyinguta Edwards



Initji Windlass



Marilyn Stanley



Tjinkuma Wells



Margaret Winton, Malpiya Davey



Jeannie Ward



Dora Haggie, Malpiya Davey



Dora Rupert



Nancy Paddy



Josephine Mick



Yaritji Connolly



Molly Miller

Tjakura Monitoring Project

The Tjakura Project is a population monitoring and survey project based in Watarru. Members of the Watarru community have been actively monitoring populations of Tjakura since 1997 when Mary Pan and Illawanti Ken re-discovered the species.

This year the annual monitoring trip was assisted by Steve McAlpin and the Department of Environment and Heritage. A small increase in total population size was recorded (296 individuals in 2008 compared with 273 individuals in 2007), however, two colonies have become extinct leaving only 5 active colonies in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. A mummified Tjakura carcass was found within the largest colony but the cause of death is unknown. The fragile carcass was sent to the South Australian museum and constitutes the first South Australian Tjakura specimen in their collection and only the second South Australian Tjakura specimen in a

museum. The first specimen was collected from Pundi Soak in 1934 by H.H. Finlayson and this area has not been surveyed for Tjakura since that time. This will be a priority for surveys during 2008-2009.



Mary Pan (L) teaching young Tjakura Rangers how to search for Tjakura
Photo by T. Partridge



Mary Pan (L) and Malpiya Davies (R) inspecting the Tjakura carcass found during the survey
Photo by T. Partridge

Nganamara Monitoring Project

The presence of Nganamara is only known from a few nesting sites. These are monitored annually by Anangu Rangers from Walalkara and Watarru. Surveys and ground searches for Nganamara tracks are also regularly conducted.

This year Nganamara ecologist, Joe Benshemesh, with assistance from the Department of Environment and Heritage, collated and analysed all Nganamara records and found that a total of 38 mounds have been described across the APY Lands since 1994 and 19 of these have been 'worked' by Nganamara in recent history. Further development of monitoring techniques is needed to improve the veracity of data collected. A Nganamara recovery meeting is planned for late 2008 where regional Indigenous Ranger groups will develop and trial the best methods of monitoring Nganamara in the arid zone.



IPA Officers, Munti Robin and Joyce Robin point to the fresh tracks of a Nganamara re-visiting an inactive mound at Walalkara
Photo by T. Partridge

Threatened Species / IPA Rangers and Regular Workers for 2007-2008



Winima Ken, ?, Anthony Young



Illawanti Ken



Tinpulya Mervin



Beryl Jimmy



Mary Pan



Yaritji Young



Wipana Jimmy

Pastoral and Livestock Management Program

Restructure of Pastoral Industry

There have been significant changes to the structure of the cattle enterprises operating on the Lands this year, changing from a situation with a singular large and relatively inefficient operation with a number of smaller family operations towards a large number of smaller operations based on legal Pastoral Development Licenses. The first Pastoral Development License, signed by Donald Fraser, established his right to run a cattle business for the next 25 years at Kenmore with full approval of the Traditional Owners and from the Executive. Mr Fraser runs his own herd and also

provides agistment grazing to external pastoral companies. Traditional Owners and the Executive have also given approval for pastoral development licenses to be issued to a further eleven Anangu and these are being processed.



Left - Donald Fraser, Director of Musgrave Pastoral Company and his family with Rex Tjami, Director APY after signing the first Pastoral Development License issued on the APY Lands

Continual drought conditions in 07/08 have reduced the urgency for the establishment of these licenses and businesses as the Lands are being destocked pending better seasons. The use of the electronic National Livestock Inventory System (NLIS) linked to the database continues to verify and monitor all the stock movements.

Education and Training

A unique training collaboration occurred in May when TAFESA and Charles Darwin University provided 3 weeks of training for Anangu working with horses. This is the start of a capacity building program for pastoral workers developed with support from both institutions. The training program covered units in literacy and numeracy, safety and teamwork through competencies in horse riding and horse breaking that aligned with the Certificate 2 Rural Operations. Thirty Anangu participated as either pastoral trainees or as senior stockmen supervising the trainees. The program is reviving pastoral skills needed in the businesses associated with Pastoral Development Licenses. It was highly acclaimed by the trainers and received extensive media coverage.



Senior men supervising the horse breaking training at Double Tank yards



Younger men attending the horse breaking training



Working with horses training



Working with horses training

Feral animal control

The camel population was estimated at 35,000 head this year. While summer rains reduced their impact on communities and rock holes they are still causing damage. Management revolves around a strategy to reduce their impacts and to reduce their numbers. Through a commercial arrangement with Territory Meat there is a game meat processing facility being constructed near Double Tank. This plant will receive meat butchered in the field, and dress it for supply as either game meat or pet meat products. There is on-going and opportunistic removal of feral herbivores including horses, donkeys and camels.



Construction of foundation pad for Game Meat Processing Plant at Double Tank



Removing camel bones from the soak at Angatja



Feral horses being trucked-off

Diversification

The Indigenous Land Corporation funding for the restructure of the grazing industry finished this year and the Pastoral Program needed to self-fund much of its own activities. The Pastoral and Livestock Officer took on many, and diverse, contracts across the Lands to maintain the momentum and to continue the training and development of the Anangu pastoral work crew. These contracts included construction and installation of grids and fences to protect communities and homelands from feral donkeys; the trenching and installation of telecommunication lines to the Pipalyatjara Rural Transaction Centre; supporting visiting research scientists on camel collaring and tracking; the construction of earth mounds to control storm water in Kalka; cleaning soaks at Angatja; constructing yards for horses at Angatja and for camels at West Bore, field butchery; the erection of a machinery shed in the Land Management compound; and, forming the foundation pad for the meat processing plant at Double Tank. This has kept the dynamic program moving forward however with the continuing drought, opportunities for pastoral work are diminishing and additional training opportunities and support is required.



Davey Campbell, Ronnie Kenny, Troy Coe trenching for communication cables



Cleon Kenny, Ronnie Kenny, Troy Coe and Davey Campbell building horse yards at Angatja



Troy Coe with camel backstrap – kuka wiru



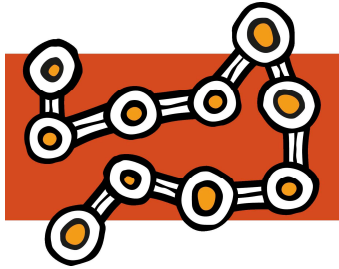
Construction of storm water mounds at Kalka



Scotty Ken and Troy Coe supporting visiting research staff collaring camels



Cleon Kenny laying irrigation for Community Water Grant at Kalka



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2007/2008 Financial Statements

Following is a copy of the Income Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2008. These statements have been audited and were approved by the Executive Board on 21 November 2008. Copies of the complete Financial Report, including all the notes to the accounts are available from APY during normal office hours.

ANANGU PITJANTJATJARA YANKUNYTJATJARA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

INCOME	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Grants	7	3,570,424	5,158,889
Other Income	5	288,543	80,594
Sales		217,539	287,059
Recovered Expenses		2,093,063	332,673
Interest Received		36,909	38,279
Insurance Recovery		131,627	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>6,338,105</u>	<u>5,897,494</u>
LESS RECURRENT EXPENDITURE			
Salaries, Wages and Allowances		1,553,096	1,375,279
Travel		154,966	337,868
Repairs and Maintenance		578,966	1,013,860
Grants Repaid		-	5,615
Services		1,725,939	1,477,619
Suppliers		1,760,747	1,811,641
		<u>5,773,714</u>	<u>6,021,882</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)		<u>564,391</u>	<u>(124,388)</u>
PROVISIONS AND UNFUNDED CHARGES			
(Profit)/Loss on Disposal of Assets		13,286	269
Doubtful Debts		34,632	60,436
Depreciation		317,098	324,780
Provision for Annual Leave		-	10,429
Provision for Long Service Leave		-	6,849
		<u>365,016</u>	<u>402,763</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		199,375	(527,151)
Plus Unexpended Grants at start of year	7	662,442	762,613
Less Unexpended Grants at end of year	7	(1,131,197)	(662,442)
OVERALL CHANGE IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR		<u>(269,380)</u>	<u>(426,980)</u>
OPENING ACCUMULATED FUNDS		2,584,674	3,011,654
CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS		2,315,294	2,584,674

**ANANGU PITJANTJATJARA YANKUNYTJATJARA
BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 JUNE 2008**

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand and on Deposit		1,458,501	1,710,728
Receivables	8	1,098,161	703,545
		<u>2,556,662</u>	<u>2,414,273</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	6	1,753,085	1,868,494
Investments		4,586	4,586
		<u>1,757,671</u>	<u>1,873,080</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>4,314,333</u>	<u>4,287,353</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals and Provisions	4	178,417	97,054
Creditors	9	660,766	917,176
Unexpended Grants	7	1,131,197	662,442
		<u>1,970,380</u>	<u>1,676,672</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long Service Leave		<u>28,659</u>	<u>26,007</u>
TOTAL LIABILITES		<u>1,999,039</u>	<u>1,702,679</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,315,294</u>	<u>2,584,674</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>2,315,294</u>	<u>2,584,674</u>