

Special General Meeting – Umuwa
Day One - 17 June 2009

Over the course of the two days, there were 109 Members attending from nine (9) communities and fourteen (14) Homelands.

Bernard Singer, Chairperson opened the meeting at 1.00pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked everyone to give an opening prayer.

1. Tjilpi / Pampa Leadership Tribunal

Bernard Singer said we have Magistrate Roseanne McGuiness, Steve Edwards and Paul Tanner. He asked Peter Huntington, Legal Officer to go through this agenda item.

Peter Huntington said that after the last SGM, there was a Tjilpi-tjuta meeting and they were concerned about protecting Law and Culture and passing it along to young people. There have been many disputes on the Lands over the past several years- ie) Pit Council in Alice Springs or running affairs from the Lands; amendments to the Land Rights Act; and, problems last year with AP Services where they ended in administration, with \$1.5 Million spent on Lawyers and Consultants, that should have been spent on the Lands.

At Umuwa, we hear lots of troubling things ie) people asked to sign petitions in English, where they don't understand; sign forms or don't go to the store; traditional owners being told if they go to housing meetings their mail will be held; or, Centrelink will be told that they are not eligible for benefits. Perhaps problems have occurred because the authority of Tjilpi / Pampa has been weakened. The Executive Board has been thinking of ways to help strengthen authority of tjilpi / pampa and give advice from the elders.

One way is a leadership committee, to be known across the Lands as a place to help solve problems, pass along Law and Culture, help with problems where Anangu are doing non-Anangu behavior ie. bullying, manipulating, corruption, violence, etc. It could also help with young people not having to go to Court but work with the Courts and Magistrate. The Courts need the help of Tjilpi / Pampa in the justice system.

The Executive Board and communities may need help of the elders to solve some problems. It is a way to help make a better future by using Anangu rule book as to what is acceptable.

Magistrate Roseanne McGuiness and **Paul Tanner** of the Courts were invited to talk more about this matter, because of it's importance.

Mike Williams, Mimili, said Anangu Law and Culture is strong. The *APY Land Rights Act* was strong but something has happened along the way. Many of the problems of our young people are from off the Lands.

Ms McGuiness thanked Anangu for inviting her and said it is a privilege to work here and wants to work together with Anangu in Court business. The Courts are involved when someone breaks the rules. They think there may be a better way if Anangu are involved in what happens if someone breaks the rules. John Tregenza did a lot of work on this finding out what Anangu think about this. The Federal Government has provided money until June 2010 to get this happening. This could be a map to show the rest of Australia how to get ahead.

Paul Tanner introduced himself and thanks Anangu for having him here. He supports the Tjilpi / Pampa committee and thinks it would work well with all the work already done by John Tregenza. The

police on the Lands support the project and they are still working with people in Adelaide to show that Anangu can work on their own problems. They want to work with Anangu on this one.

Ungakini Burton, Pukatja, said she was happy to hear about this story. As a grand parent, she said she should have cared more for her grand children. She thanked the Magistrate for caring.

There was a lunch break at 1.55pm and the meeting continued at 2.55pm

Donald Fraser continued the discussion on Tjilpi / Pampa committee who could help solve problems on the Lands and report to the Executive as an Advisory Committee under the *APY Land Right Act*.

Painyi Ken, Amata, said we have to be strong and share our ideas. This is our Land and we have a lot of stories and we can work together make things happen.

Peter Nyangu, Ngarutjara, said his father came from the west and made friends with the Yankunytjatjara people. They have Lands. He asked why the Government is coming to destroy our Lands. He sang a song and said we still have our Law and Culture.

Tony Adamson, Amata / Pukatja, said things have changed since the Mission days. We are old enough to stand up on our own feet to say this is our Land, our country. If the Government wants to do good business on the Lands, come and sit down and talk to us not tell us what to do. This generation has the story now, not our parents who have passed away.

Owen Burton, Amata, said he wasn't here when Anangu got this Land. We are not looking after the Land Rights properly. Anangu have destroyed it. Government gave the Land but then watch over the people. We need to stand together, not separate. Organisations used to bring reports to these meetings not anymore. Government looks at Anangu fighting Anangu and trying to get their Land back. Soon it will be too late and the Government will come in.

Sammy Lyons, Angatja, was talking about new things. Our Tjilpi / Pampa members are getting smaller. We want to see our young people working as there are jobs to be done. Our Executive is still here working for us.

Bernard Singer said the Executive Board is doing its best trying to look after lots of things. The Tjilpi / Pampa tribunal is a way to help keep our young people out of the Courts.

2. Economic Development on the Lands

Peter Huntington told Anangu that when Land Rights were granted in 1981, the Premier said Anangu would be able to build their own schools and hospitals from mining money. That day may be soon because there is lots of mineral exploration on the Lands and the Executive is soon to sign off a petroleum Exploration.

Gary McWilliams, Mining Tenement Officer, said he would go through each tenement to update Anangu.

- a) **Metals X** – near Pipalyatjara and there may be a mine start at Wingellina in the next few years for nickel and cobalt. The Wingellina mine may go for 40 years and if there is a find on the APY Lands, it may be 60-80 years. At some time Metals X will have to come and meet with Anangu about it. It is up to Anangu to say yes or no to mining on the Lands.
- b) **Mithril** – several tenements on the Lands and have been looking around Kanpi / Nyapari. Only some exploration but results are promising.

- c) **PepinNini** – tenements on western side and near Kenmore. They have some good results but not enough to mine yet.
- d) **Independence** – no exploration this year as they ran out of money last year. Have some good results from the Mimili area.
- e) **Ahava** – oil and gas exploration being developed with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive for agreement. Hopefully work will start soon and show good results. They will know the results of exploration in about a year.

Teddy Edwards, Mimili, supported this exploration.

Judith Quinn, Darwin / Eagle Bore asked what will happen to our land and the future for our children when mines come along.

Kawaki Thompson, Black Hill said we need for something to look after our future because the Government is not going to do it.

Owen Burton, Amata, was concerned the Minutes are not being recorded properly.

The Chairperson read from the Minutes and also said the meeting is being broadcast and recorded by PY Media.

Mr Fraser said people need to be respectful to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive and Staff.

Mr Brumby closed Day One of the meeting at 4.45pm

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The meeting opened at 1:30pm following lunch.

3. NPY Women's Council

Bernard Singer invited Alan Steel to talk about the Speak up Program about Child Abuse.

Judith Quinn said we should not be talking about this matter but should talk about what is important to Anangu.

Jamie Nyaningu, Pukatja, said everyone know this story and NPYWC is talking about this story so people know and people can become strong. These matters are being talked about because of what happened in the NT.

4. Police/Courts Administration Centre in Umuwa

Mark Jackman, DPC and Detective Barry Beaumont, SAPOL addressed the meeting about a building the State want to build. It is for child abuse workers, Police OIC, court room, interview rooms, etc. Jacko said the Government does not want to take over APY. Jacko said he was not aware of any lease regiments but would talk to APY Executive about this.

Barry Beaumont, SAPOL said his job is to investigate serious crime in the lands and sometimes this involves children. At the moment, the specialists are in Adelaide and the Police have to take children to Adelaide for investigations. There is nowhere on the lands where they can bring specialists in to do their jobs properly. The Government has promised money to build a centre here on the lands to do their jobs better. It is important the building is separate from other buildings for privacy.

Tony Adamson, Pukatja, said these are a lot of non-Anangu people living at Umuwa and a lot of jobs for non-Anangu at Umuwa. He asked if there will be jobs for Anangu in this field. He said we have people coming through school and need to be trained to do these jobs.

Kawaki Thompson, Anilayla, said not to think too quickly on this one. The Government has put in \$4.5M for the Government, not for Anangu. This is for our kids. The Lands are important, not the money. The police work for the Government. Look what is happening with other 50 year leases for our houses and we are still waiting. We need to be strong to talk about it.

Peter Nyangu, Ngarutjara, said he is thinking about Anangu leaderships. People need to think about what road to travel in these matters.

Ronnie Brumby, Indulkana, said the Government wants to rush in and do something but they take time to sort out other things. We need to take time before saying yes or no.

Mrs Bandicha, Pukatja, said that the kids come to school but when they go home, there are too many living in houses, some kids were petrol sniffers and have mental problems. How many kids are living in that special rehab house at Amata – none. Our kids go to school but okay girls get jobs, we have to support our young people and their future. We have a house to help young people so we have to be careful about decisions like this. Go slowly and carefully to look and try and get schools on the APY lands to work together.

Bernard Singer, said there was a review of PYEC and Education on the lands but Anangu do not know what was in that report. He also said the Government Administration Centre is in response to the Mullighan report. But no one came forward to the Mullighan inquiry. There are other ways Anangu can deal with these matters such as the Tjilpi –Pampa tribunal, not the police and courts. He said there will probably be other plans for this building. The Mullighan report needs to be properly explained to Anangu.

Owen Burton, Amata, said the Government got money for training the young people. The building will be here, but no training money. It will be for specialists to work at Umuwa with children, instead of taking them to Adelaide. Sometimes we come here and talk about good things but we don't really help our kids in the community. I think it may be a good idea but we need to think about this slowly. Maybe we should invite the Superintendent or Commissioner to talk more about this and how training for Anangu can be part if this.

Owen works as the Anangu Majatja at the school. They have social workers that work in the school, look at role books, etc and they can act straight away. But we need to have Anangu to do these

things. We need to support Anangu with programs like night patrols, help Police do their jobs. This building may be good so we need to look at it both ways.

Mike Williams, Mimili, said he wants to talk in a strong way. I am talking to the non-Anangu here toady. The Government has built a lot of houses in this place and not talked to traditional owners. His brother said he did not want the Government to push this. How are they going to pay traditional owners for those buildings. There has been no compensation for the buildings at Umuwa.

Yumanyi Ken, Pukatja, works for NPYWC and she works with mental health problems. She knows about the building built at Amata and a lot of non – Anangu staff there. There are no Anangu staff, There are no Anangu residents. One was there but he got sent back to Indulkana and he is now in goal. There are a lot of non–Anangu staff and we want to see Anangu working there if we are going to help our young people.

Nyurpaya Kaika, Amata, said before this, Alan Steel talked and there was a house at Amata for people that cannot look after themselves. Non-Anangu want to come in and help us because Anangu won't help themselves. That is why they take our kids away. If they build here, it will keep our kids here.

Barry Beaumont said the building is not for sick people or people with mental health problems. At the moment, if children want to talk to Police about things that make them sad, there is nowhere to go.

Trevor Adamson asked why the new Police Station could not be used for interviews. Jacko said for privacy.

Dawn Lunn, SAPOL, said she works with the community safety project. The groups work with Police to make the communities better and safer. In each community, they are working on a community action plan. They want Anangu to give their ideas. She also said there would be a jobs summit next year.

David Miller, Nyapari, said he has been thinking about mental problems and he has a kid in Adelaide, who is lost. He asked NPYWC for help but they have not helped.

Tony Adamson, Pukatja, said he wanted to talk more about training Anangu to work with the Specialist. There are now too many Police on the Lands who turn up with warrants and Anangu do not have the money to pay. In cities they have big trouble makers. Here they charge Anangu for unregistered vehicles or no licence. Maybe there are too many Police and not enough work.

Bernard Singer, said we need to move along with the agenda but Mark Jackman would be available to talk with Anangu around the Lands. He also said the Government has yet to lodge an application for development or for a lease for the building.

Kawaki Thompson, said he was elected by Anangu, not Government. The centre at Amata does not employ Anangu. It is only for the Government. I am here for Anilayla, not to say yes to everything the Government wants. This is important for Anangu to think about and not just to say yes to the Government.

Bernard Tjalykuriny, Kanpi, said his grandson is living at Kanpi and is happy with the Police there.

Muyuru O'Toole, said the building at Amata has no Anangu working there. The DASSA people are not here at this meeting.

5. Development MOU
6. Royalty Distribution
7. Service Implementation
8. Consultations

Peter Huntington said he was asked to speak quickly about these agenda items so Anangu can have more of a chance to talk.

The Executive is planning on having a team go around to communities and talk about the future. This is not the Government but Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and your Executive Board. It may start in August and then have a workshop for Executive and community leaders and then a General Meeting. After that, we can talk elsewhere, including the Government, on what future Anangu want for their kids.

Anangu need to think about short, medium and long term planning so Anangu stop getting asked building by building for approval.

Anangu will be able to talk about mining and what to do when money starts coming in. Do they want a trust? What's going to happen with Municipal Services? Some communities are managed by Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services, one by Bungala and the rest have their own funding. We don't know what the Government is planning on funding from 1 July 2009. The Government needs to listen to what Anangu want.

The Executive Board wants Anangu treated like customers who have a choice. If you are unhappy and have service providers, they can compete for your services. Indulkana made a choice who would help them manage their community, they chose Bungala.

Ronnie Brumby said how well things have been going at Indulkana, using Bungala and the community us happy.

The Executive wants Anangu to have a choice to get the best outcome for their community. They don't want decisions made in Adelaide or Canberra without Anangu involvement.

At the AGM, Mel Dunn of Coffey International spoke to Anangu. Coffey is a company that works in International development around the world including Timor, Indonesia. They have one job only - to work with people, build local capacity and have better lives. They help Government and non-government work together to make a good plan.

One possibility is for Coffey to administer the Municipal services funding to make sure the money is spent on Anangu, builds Anangu capacity and makes Anangu feel good. Coffey brings in the best ideas and fresh ideas to help people have better lives. This is also what the Executive wants to talk to communities about.

Consultation will also include talks about amendments to the *APY Land Rights Act* to make it stronger and better. The Executive has a big responsibility and the Director oversees the operations of the office at Umuwa. He oversights the General Manager and together they look after the money story. This is a very important responsibility. Anangu may have ideas to make the Act stronger.

Yumanyi Ken, Pukatja, said through Bungala there are only a few young people working and that is poor. Why cannot they work like the young people at Indulkana. We want Bungala to work better at Pukatja in a friendly way.

Kawaki Thompson, said good things are happening at Indulkana and he wants to talk to Bungala about getting an MSO for Anilayla.

David Pearce, Bungala, said there are many people working at Pukatja and recently many were working at Young's Well. When he comes to the Lands, he comes 2 weeks at a time and welcomes Anangu telling him things. If Anangu are unhappy about Bungala, he can fix them. So tell him.

John Tregenza, wanted to ask Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara about Coffey International. Who are they? What do they do? How do they do it?

Ken Newman, General Manager, spoke about Coffey International and the problems with service delivery on the Lands. The money story with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services looks bad, the organisation is in administration and money for the Lands was spent the wrong way. Our research says Coffey may be a good Company but we want to talk to Anangu about it during our consultations.

Mike Williams, said the General Manager was too strong and John Tregenza wants to know answers about Coffey International.

Bernard Singer, said Coffey International is based in Adelaide and do work around the world. The Executive has talked to them about coming in to help our communities. CDEP will not be here forever, only 2011. People on CDEP get top up for 2 more years only. Coffey International helps create jobs for local people.

Bernard Singer said Mai Wiru promised jobs for Anangu in all stores but nothing. The Executive is trying to help improve and develop communities across the Lands.

Owen Burton, Amata, said he wanted to talk about Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services. He tried to explain the story and said APY did not help the organisation when they were in trouble.

Ken Newman, General Manager, explained the sad money story that happened with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services and how they were placed into Administration and lots of money was wasted.

Leonard Burton, said the General Manager should not have talked about Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services and the money story. He said APY should stay out of community business and service delivery business and just do Land Rights.

9. Permits

Peter Huntington was asked by the Chairperson to talk about permits. The Government is putting a lot of resources like social workers, Government contractor's onto the Lands. At the last Executive meeting, the Executive resolved to cut the red tape for permits for Government public servants. This will save every individual having to put in an application form. The Permits would still be for the usual conditions. The Chairperson also put out a media release saying he will try and get support for Government Contractors to also have blanket permits. The media release also said there may be other changes to permits to make things better but will come around and consult with Anangu about that. Anangu were asked if they supported the change for State public servants and there was general support.

Gordon Inkatji, David's Well, said he supports Anangu coming into Executive meetings and show support for the Executive. He was the first to perform in the Choir for opening of the Umuwa office and he supports APY. It is good to share ideas at meetings without growling that happens when we talk about services.

Bernard Tjalkuriny, Watarru, asked if he could get a permit for Leonie Liddle. He was advised she already has one. He is proud of the grandchildren working at Watarru doing rock holes and blocking out camels, etc. He wanted to let Anangu know of the good work there.

Tinpulya Mervyn, Watarru, said the Kuka Kanyini program should continue at Watarru. It is good work because it teaches the young people.

The meeting ended at 5.30pm

Minutes Ken Newman