

**Special General Meeting**  
**UMUWA**  
**19 October 2006**

12pm – The meeting opened with a prayer by Hector Burton. About 75 people attended the meeting at Umuwa.

**1. Welcome**

**Bernard Singer**, Chairperson welcomed everyone to this SGM and encouraged people to speak up about the issues. Bernard Singer also thanked PY Media who are broadcasting the meeting live across the Lands on 5 NPY. After announcing the Agenda, Bernard Singer handed over to Owen Burton, Director of PY Media who explained to people at the meeting and how people can phone in with comments/ questions on the phone in line.

**2. Nganampa Manta Festival**

**Rex Tjami** spoke about planning and the program for the Festival next weekend. The Festival starts Friday, evening with an Inma and continues all day Saturday and has a church service on Sunday morning. He also advised that the Premier of SA is coming this weekend to visit a couple of communities and will be presenting a cheque to help out with the Festival.

**Bernard Singer** then went through the program addressing the issues/info. from Anangu.

- a) Church Service, Bill Edwards and Inawintji, Bernard Singer asked church leaders to come forward to be included on the program
- b) Tree planting program approved heartily by everyone as a show of respect for the elders
- c) Trevor Adamson is arranging concerts and helping to arrange speakers for doing the concert

**Trevor Adamson** asked that APY contribute something to the families of those who were involved in the struggle.

**Hector Burton** advised he will be organising Tjilpi to do paintings over the Festival and he will be involved there.

**Adrian Inkatji** would also like a Minister like Bill Edwards to do the Sunday Service. As well as young people coming in to celebrate we need to celebrate the Tjilpi things and the museum and the men should think about this.

**Stanley Douglas**, Cave Hill, said he has been working at Amata teaching young people about bush tucker, etc. They will bring some to the Celebrations to show people what they are doing.

**Kawaki Thompson** said these Celebrations are important for us. Kawaki Thompson would like something done extra for the family of those involved in the struggle for Land Rights.

**Kinyon McKenzie** said everyone needs to come together and support this Administration at Umuwa and support the Festival. People should not go into different groups but support APY.

There was a lunch break at 1.10pm and the meeting resumed at 2.00pm and Leonard Burton acted as Chairperson.

### **Nganampa Manta Festival (Cont'd)**

**Mr George**, Kaltjiti, said that at one time the Spirit brought Anangu together and that at this Festival, there should be a time for prayer.

**Ginger Wilitjiru** said he has a gospel video he would be happy to show over the weekend.

**Yanyi Bandicha**, Director of NPYWC, said that with Land Rights, everyone came together and now is the time for all Anangu organisations to work together.

**Mike Williams**, Murputja, said the Festival will be good with everything from dancing, movies, Inma, etc. Everyone should come and be a part of it.

**Kawaki Thompson** wants Government people to be invited so they can come and learn from Anangu.

### **3. Launch of APY Flag**

**Leonard Burton** gave the story of how the APY logo came about since the changes to the APY Land Rights Act last year. At the Tjilpi/ Pampa meeting at Yurangka Creek in November 2005, it was decided to have some paintings commissioned to celebrate the changes to the Act with one being selected as the basis for a new logo for APY.

Six paintings were received from Tjilpi/Pampa and are on display in the APY building. A winner was selected and used as the basis for a Logo. After the Logo was approved by the Executive Board, it was requested to create a flag from the letterhead which could be used for APY at Umuwa. The flag is being presented today for Anangu to discuss and if in agreement, approve.

*All Approved*

4. **CDEP** – Lynne O'Meara – DEWR, Richard Trevana & Laura Giaretto – DEWR  
Bernard Singer introduced the guests and Richard started by asking for general questions.

#### **a) Municipal Services and CDEP**

**Kawaki Thompson** said he was concerned that in the DAA days there were discussions about how many \$\$\$ go into each community but now they are in the dark. We need to talk together strongly because Government people now come in and only talk to MSO/Chairperson and people don't know what is happening.

*Answer - ICC staff only talks to community staff. E-subs now take away from old budget meetings. He also said there was a need for \$\$ to train our young people to do the jobs. People see the \$\$ going into other organisations and not supporting our young people and training is a state responsibility, will take to DPC & TKP.*

**Graham Kulyuru**, Anilayla, wanted to talk about CDEP and why is it stopping. Before, many people worked in communities but now it has changed, people are not happy and things are not good. Why is this happening and we are worried about our kids.

*Answer - L.O. – there have been a lot of changes not just on the APY Lands. One change is there is now Youth wages for 15-20 yr olds and be less than adult wage. The difference goes into training. CDEP still offers the opportunity for people to work on communities but a different type of work. The \$\$ the Government pays is not a lot but it is not a full time wage.*

*The reasons for changes to CDEP is to get people to do something.*

**Graham** asked where is the money because Anangu are not working but white people on contract doing the work the Anangu were doing.

*LO said we need to work together to get the skill level better for Anangu.*

**Bernard Singer** said we need to train our people and reduce the amount of \$\$ paid to contractors.

**Murray George**, Kaltjiti and speaking for Watinuma said he is sad because you took the work from Anangu and moved it to Alice Springs. APY Services should only be roads and housing only and Government should not be taking the \$\$ somewhere else. It should be going straight through Umuwa here and ICC is doing it the wrong way and not being straight.

*Richard Trevena said Government is concerned about better services on the Lands or it may make sense to have the Administration in Alice Springs. The issue seems to be about service delivery.*

*FACSLA moved direct funding from homelands to another service organisation (APS) and the Government is concerned about service delivery.*

**Murray George** said Richard Trevena has responsibility to talk to Anangu or through APY. At the moment people don't know what is going on with AP Services. Funds need to come through APY. Bernard Singer said he would raise this issue at TKP next week.

**Murray George** said they are trying to get APS back on the Lands and the Government needs to stop supporting APS and go through APY at Umuwa.

**Gary Lewis**, Pukatja, talked about the changes affecting all Anangu across the country. Policy from OIPC is destroying self determination, self management and self control. Everyone needs to come together and tell the Commonwealth Government the changes to CDEP are not working for communities. There are other organisations that can help us separate from Government. Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRA's) are not working across Australia.

*Lynne O'Meara says CDEP has not been working well on the APY Lands and they want to have a CDEP meeting in December to work out the problems and create a better model for it.*

*Richard Trevena says APY and APS need to thrash out the issues before any changes will take place. The Commonwealth will continue funding APS for homelands and some Municipal Services until 30 June 2007.*

*FACSLA will do a review of Municipal Services to see if there is a model that Anangu are happy with.*

**Leonard Burton**, Amata, said communities need to be more involved in Wiru Palyantjaku and TKP so we can take our problems to the Government.

**Owen Burton** asked Richard Trevena why the funds were given to APS.

*Richard said the funds are with them till June but there will be a review before then.*

**Jonathan Lyons**, Murputja, asked what is happening to CDEP across the APY Lands. We worry about what we used to do on our homelands and now don't.

**Gary Lewis** asked about the Night Patrol program at Pukatja. The community can not work without the funds coming into the community to combat violence, etc. in a community.

**Makinti Minutjukur**, Pukatja, said the system is not working with CDEP and Municipal Service. The only work is for people on rubbish collection.

There are about 130 people on CDEP who are not working because there are no jobs for them at Pukatja and Anilalya. APS is not working properly through the homelands.

**John Tregenza** said he is sorry about CDEP. The Government is changing the rules, Canberra is the problem, not Richard and Lyn. They are the messengers. CDEP started in 1976 by Dr Nugget Coombes. Every couple of years the Government changed the rules. Richard and Lyn should be hearing that the changes this time are not working. How can the message from Anangu get back to Canberra so that Canberra know they are making mistakes.

*Lynne O'Meara said the Premier is here this weekend and Minister Brough next weekend.*

**Makinti** asked Richard to take the message to Canberra.

*Richard said there would be a review of current arrangements and they do provide information to the Department about changes to policy.*

**Wangka Wangka** said there were too many white people coming onto the Lands and taking control of things. Bernard Singer said they are trying to get Anangu moving on things. Wangka was asking about the cattle leases.

**Bernard Singer** said they are going to try and push it through next Executive meeting.

**Gary Lewis** said Richard and Lyn will be coming around to your community soon, just like they did in Pukatja in June/July. They want to put in a Government Structure or the community won't be funded. Communities should go outside Government and use churches, etc. to tell the Howard Government it is not working.

*Richard said he would take the views back to their Department and to TKP.*

## **5. Petrol and Stores – Tony Adamson**

Tony was complaining about the price of fuel on the APY Lands.

**Mr Edwards**, a Traditional Owner where some cattle are agisted said they are not getting a share and he does not want cattle on our land.

## **6. Permits**

**Graham** was concerned about changes the Government is planning to make to permits.

**Bernard Singer** reported the review is for the NT, not SA. People should be encouraged to protest about any changes to the permit system.

**Owen Burton** said that back in 1981 the Government told us to protect the Land and talk as one. At the moment, groups are fighting amongst themselves. The Land was fought for all Tjilpis and the Government is causing the split. They should listen to Anangu. There are too many young people with lots of talking but no training for them. Public Servants have been coming in but things are not getting better for our young people. If we are going to pass a resolution we need to speak with one voice for the APY Lands.

**Nicholas Coulthard**, Indulkana agreed with Mr Burton that people need to come together as one. It is no good saying one thing and then, often bad things about the Chairperson and Director. That is not on.

**Mayuru O'Toole / Mrs Burton**, Amata said the Government gave communities \$\$ for CDEP but sometimes people go away and still want their money anyway> This is not right.

**Lea Brady** said there are also good things happening with CDEP across the Lands. Good things at Pipalyatjara, Indulkana, Amata. We need to come together to talk about what is working, not just look at problems. The policy is no work no pay. That is how it works at Amata. Amata is trying to go by the rules. Communities need to stand together before we make a resolution.

**Tjungkaya Tapaya**, Pukatja wants to work on her homeland and make bread to sell. How do we do it? I can teach the grandchildren but I need support. As this would be a homeland enterprise, APS have responsibility at the moment for homelands.

Bernard Singer thanked everyone for coming along and told everyone to come to the Nganampa Manta Festival starting next Friday at Umuwa.

The meeting ended at 5.30pm