

## Special General Meeting 28-29 May 2008 – UMUWA

### Executive Members Present

Bernard Singer  
Kawaki Thompson  
Anton Baker  
Tony Campbell

**Apologies:** Charlie Anytjipalya (Alice Springs for medical treatment)

Today's meeting is being broadcast live across the Lands on 5NPY Radio by PY Media.

The meeting commenced at 2:00pm with a prayer by Teddy Edwards

### Welcome

**Bernard Singer** welcomed everyone along to the meeting and thanked them for travelling here today. He said he would first like to talk about things that have happened over the past 2-3 weeks he asked Anangu to think about matters over night and we can talk further tomorrow.

Bernard Singer then said we have 3 matters to be discussed in detail – Housing, Mintabie and CDEP. He introduced the visitors attending today and said there would be a special guest tomorrow. He asked Anangu what they wanted to talk about first as housing will take longer than just today.

### 1. CDEP

Bernard Singer invited Anangu up to have their say about CDEP.

**Kawaki Thompson, Black Hill No.3**, said he's not happy with Bungala. They are a "Rip Off" they are not doing anything for the homeland people we don't want to be pushed into the bigger communities. The communities are struggling and not running it properly. This causes problems for homeland people and Bungala is not working properly.

**Dennis Colson, Balfours Well**, said CDEP used to run well when it was at Anilayla. Bungala do not come to the homelands. They say they only do the communities. Bungala said if you stay on homelands you get \$200.00 per week. You have to work in communities to get top up money. They won't help people on homelands, so what is the point of having Bungala.

**Ken Pumani, Mimili**, said Bungala CDEP on the Lands, has been going almost 12 months. Are they going to caretake for another 12 months? Bungala have been doing the wrong things on the Lands.

**Bernard Singer, Railway Bore**, said Bungala have been cutting trees in the communities without talking with Traditional owners.

**Dennis Colson**, said we have an Executive in the hands and CDEP should be on the lands Bungala's Executive are in Port Augusta. They have an Executive with white people, Coober Pedy etc and no one from the lands.

**Sammy Lyons, Angatja**, said they do CDEP work there but do Bungala do work in the other places.

**Tony Adamson, Ulkiya**, said he doesn't work anymore. But Anangu can work and do work in Schools, Clinics, Umuwa, everywhere. Anangu don't need Bungala to tell them how to work. Our grandparents taught us how to respect places when you go into other country – people will sit down with you and offer you food and water. That is our culture to show respect. Bungala has no respect. We have work to do and we want to do it not Bungala.

**Ronnie Brumby, Indulkana**, said the CDEP at Indulkana work in the garage. But everyone is sad because of the work Bungala has taken away from people on the Lands. Bungala reports to the government on what people are doing in the communities but they don't tell the true story. People are starving. They don't want meetings and talked about the problems. They only tell the government how good it all is, but it is not.

**Kawaki Thompson**, said he wanted to talk on behalf of homeland, across the Lands. He wants Bungala to go.

**Peter Mungkari, Indulkana**, said he sees problems with Bungala. He has been talking with community members and has been working with the council and giving jobs to younger people. Now it is going downwards. Bungala has dropped a lot of workers and no-one is working at Indulkana. So Bungala runs it now, not the community.

**Ronnie Douglas, Cave Hill**, said we used to do work in our homeland but now it is harder to get with Amata Community, it is harder to go with Bungala.

**Ronnie Brumby** said the CDEP Supervisor at Indulkana is always drinking and drunk and coming into the community drunk. We don't want Bungala anymore.

**Ngurpaya Kaika, Amata**, said she gets \$200.00 per week and still gets that much from Bungala we thought Bungala was going to train young people and help them improve she has kids to look after and \$200.00 is not enough to live on.

**May Pin, Watarru** said she works for CDEP gets a bit of money but has grand kids. They have to put money together to buy food Bungala, we don't want you as you make trouble for us.

**Helen Board, FaHCSIA** introduced herself from Canberra. She works for Jenny Macklin's Department. Macklin wants to review CDEP across the Nation to see how to make it better. People from the Department will be coming to the Lands in the next few weeks to find out how to make the Program stronger. She hopes people will take part in those Meetings and also talk about small Business and Employment on the lands. The Government will announce in September how things will look including Employment Programs

**David Miller, Kanpi** said the promises we had for Bungala at Marla have not worked. People cannot feed their kids on \$100.00 and we say no to Bungala. We don't want them.

**Jonathan Lyons, Angatja** said the CDEP supervisor says "They're all Lazy" before, young people used to clean up the community then Bungala came in and said they had new work to do but the place has gone backwards. Bungala said they would come in and run Programs but they lie.

**Rupert Jack, Ernabella** said he wants to say a few things about Bungala. Bungala are making us slaves. They say they are going to train our young people but they are not doing it.

**Frank Young, Watarru** said we have been tricked by Government we used to have CDEP in communities and homelands Government said it had to change as it wasn't working well people are waiting to get proper jobs with proper wages. He said Lyn O'Meara of Port

Augusta said you have to change or you'll lose the CDEP. Then they had interviews at Marla to consider applicants - APY, AP Services, Bungala and a Queensland mob. Supporters were asked to leave the room and they let other people choose Bungala. Bungala has not changed working opportunities. Where are the proper wages? We are not cattle, we are people.

**Lee Brady, Amata** said Bungala is doing something on the Lands because he used to be their supervisor. It is hard to get young people working. There are opportunities for people to get top up from Waste Management and other areas. Homelands have nothing. You gave them to AP Services. Now there is only wages for CDEP. There is money in CDEP if you do other jobs. We are still waiting for Bungala to get people trained with certificates. If there is a problem with Bungala, we need to bring them to a meeting. If not Bungala, it will be someone else like ie Tangentyere, churches. Tell Bungala their story is not working, but at Amata it is working like is the Superintendent days. Ask the Government for more than \$228.00 per week, But there is also mostly from landscaping and municipal services.

**Peter Watson, Pipalyatjara** said there used to be extra money for families but not with Bungala because they are so far away.

**Adrian Lewis, Ernabella** said there are a lot of young people working Pukatja. There are some good things happening with young people collecting wood for old people, older people painting. But Bungala one doing good things at Pukatja.

**Nicholas Coulthard, Indulkana** said it is a problem where Bungala say wont to train young people and work with them but they go their own way and Bungala does not listen to us. So it is a problem with Bungala as Bungala takes out a restraining order keeping us from the office and not working with us.

**Keith Stevens, Nyapari** said he has heard from lots of communities about Bungala. Bungala should be here. Before Bungala said no work, no pay. With only one truck, it is hard for Kanpi and Nyapari to get extra top up. Bungala should not be here.

**Robert Stevens, Fregon** said he wants the Government worker to take back to Canberra that we want CDEP money put back to the Lands throught their own organisation. Mal Brough caused a lot of problems with the CDEP but with Labor there should be a better chance to put it back on the Lands. Bungala has their own way and own bosses.

**Willy Pompey, Mimili** said that before Bungala came onto the Lands, we used to have young people play footy. Bungala took the Toyota and gave it to Pukatja. A week later another vehicle was taken to Indulkana. Bungala said they are not listening to old people or the community. We took the permit from the Supervisor at Mimili and there is no Bungala at Mimili.

**Kumanara (Kelly) Tjutjatja, Mimili** said before Land Rights was granted, a fellow from DCW came and got some old people (some who are passed away) and they had 3 Toyota's. We came across to Fregon and picked up some more old people. Then off to Amata to pick up another old man and a whitefella. They went from the other side of Coffin Hill right down to the bottom. They met some people from Yalata and shared a meal. Then we went to write up freehold title we went to Adelaide and we got freehold title.

**Teddy Edwards, Mimili** said a lot of people one talking about Bungala who have stopped a lot of things there. They go away a few days or a few weeks and our people don't get paid. Then a few weeks ago there was a community meeting so they can do the work and get paid.

**Willy Kaika, Amata** said he was working in Nganampa Health where he was got enough to work, now that is older he is back on CDEP. He worked to give kids money and still have money to shop now he gets \$210.00 and there is not enough money to eat. Bungala is not good for our community

**Peter DeRose, Indulkana** said Bungala is doing some good things on some communities and not others. Peter works across the Lands and said communities that used to be clean one now full of rubbish. So I see that where Bungala has taken over it is worse. My community is worse because the CDEP Supervisor goes off and gets drunk and then comes back into the community, I don't see young people working since Bungala took over. No-one is working and it looks like a rubbish dump. Since the CDEP Supervisor cut the tree at Indulkana, it is not right without asking the traditional owners of that community. Many people are saying Bungala are not doing the right thing. It seems like more are working at Mimili since they sacked the Bungala worker. Peter says he works with Environmental Health and he never sees any of the CDEP workers coming to work with him when he travels across the communities.

**Peter Huntington, Legal Officer** said Bungala is an NGO (non-Government Organisation.) There are several NGO's on the Lands and they provide Services with money from the Government. Under the *APY Lands Rights Act*, before a company can come onto the Lands, APY must agree. That has not been happening and when Anangu complains it makes it hard for APY to do anything. One way to help is to have NGO's like Bungala enter into an agreement with APY, before they come onto the Lands. Things like having an Anangu malpa in each community is a way of solving disputes with Anangu. Sitting down with Chairs to solve problems.

If this is a good idea this meeting could let the Executive Board know. Then the Executive Board could do something about it.

**Bernard Singer** said the Government wants to renew the contract for Bungala so a resolution could help in controlling how they operate.

#### **Resolution**

*That APY requires all non-government organisations to enter into a contract with APY on terms acceptable to the Executive Board before entering or commencing business on the Lands*

Moved: Willy Kaika  
Second: Ken Pumani  
Carried: All

The Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

#### **Day 2**

**29 May 2008**

**Bernard Singer** opened the meeting at 1:20pm after having lunch. He advised that at the request of the Tjilpi's, over some language yesterday, today's meeting will not be broadcast live across the Lands but will be recorded and replayed later.

Bernard welcomed our visitors including Adrian Shackley and Melissa Mullen from PIRSA and Mal Brough former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

## **2. Mintabie**

Adrian Shackley advised that he is here today to follow up on a few matters that have arisen since our AGM in March 2008.

Some of the changes are for strict police clearances for people living at Mintabie, rules about the stores and restrictions on alcohol consumption at Mintabie.

The Bill needs to be approved by cabinet before going to Parliament. This will take some time and then a lease has to be prepared for Mintabie.

Adrian Shackley said Mintabie people would like to be able to review the permits down the truck to let them issue short term permits for visitors.

Also in the Bill has something about setting aside a part of the Walatinna grazing licence for the town of Mintabie. If Mintabie closed, his grazing licence would be reinstated. Mr Lester has agreed to this in the past.

Since the last meeting, there has been talk about the shops can operate .i.e. Key cards.

Adrian also asked for an extension of the Mintabie lease to the end of 2008 so residents can be charged their fee and administration can keep a watch on things at Mintabie

**Anyupa Ken, Ernabella** said it makes her sad because people that make a little bit of money spend it at Mintabie for Marijuana then, they don't work. Why are those people still living on our Lands. She is sad because she doesn't want our young people effected this way. The NPY Women's Council will be working at Coober Pedy against the problem there. We know the person living there causing problems for our people

**Bernard Singer** said the NPY Women's Council have spoken out about Mintabie and APY has supported their views on key cards, restricting the grog, etc. APY is not a bank yet has had to assist people who have no money when their key cards are kept at Mintabie.

**Donald Fraser, Kenmore Park** asked if the changes, when in the Bill, can be brought to people and gone through so everyone is clear.

**Robert Stevens – Fregon** said there are still drug dealers coming back into Mintabie even after they have been charged. Permits need to be at APY, not Mintabie, as the land holding body. The drug dealer is still living in Mintabie in the same house.

**Bernard Singer** said he is on bail and was kicked out of his own community yet a non-Anangu is allowed to go back to Mintabie.

**Nicholas Coulthard, Indulkana** said there are still things in shops at Mintabie for drugs and even a bong in the shape of a penis. The shop keeper chased him out of the store because Nicholas complained about these things. Then the Police talked to Nicholas, not the store. Then Nicholas said this is our land and some people here don't see what is happening at Mintabie.

**Emily Cullinan, Indulkana** said she talks her kids and is the first time she has talked at a meeting. Our homeland is Walatinna. They want to go and live there but they need houses built at Walatinna.

**Adrian Shackley** tried to explain that the current rules are hard to enforce. The new rules will be easier and straight forward to get people off the Lands if they do not do the right thing. Adrian said the problems heard today will be stopped with the new rules.

**Tjinkuma Wells, Ernabella** said she looks after a lot of kids as their parents don't have money because it all goes to Mintabie.

#### **Resolution**

*That the Meeting endorse interim temporary licence arrangements for Mintabie until 31 December 2008, similar to previous interim arrangements.*

Moved: Rupert Jack  
Second: Anyupa Ken  
Carried: All

### **3. Housing**

Helen Board – FaHCSIA  
Joslene Mazel – DPC  
Jude Allen – OAH

A presentation was made by the Government in relation to the \$25 Million housing offer from the Commonwealth, through the State Government. In return, members were asked to agree to 50 year leases over all existing houses, as well as for the new houses. No information was provided in relation to how many houses would be constructed, where they would be built and when.

Mal Brough, who was invited to attend the meeting by APY, provided an explanation to members of the Commonwealth offer when he was Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and said the current offer was not a good deal in his view. He said that the Howard government offer was only in relation to leases over the new houses and also the Government would be willing to upgrade the existing houses with additional money and would negotiate leases on those upgraded houses as they occurred.

The presentation was recorded and filmed by APY and reference can be made to the recording for a full discussion of this agenda item.

#### **Other Business**

**Hector Burton** asked where rent money was going. He also asked if AP Services had permits.

**Bernard Singer** asked if Anangu-tjuta wants all agencies working on the Lands to be audited so we can have a fresh start to make sure everything is above board ie. APY, APS, NPY Women's Council, AP Services, Nganampa Health Council, Bungala, etc.

#### **Resolution**

*That APY requires all agencies operating on the APY Lands to submit to a financial audit.*

Moved: Alan Wilson  
Second: Arnie Franks  
Carried: All

Kinyin McKenzie said the Government talked about housing. They have gone but will come back. Anangu have their organisation, General Manager, Director, Chairman and Executive Board to work for them. We want to see people come through the right channel but some are using another lawyer to go around the back door. APY has its own lawyer to represent Anangu. Housing matters should be talked about with APY. By some communities using an independent lawyer, the Government is trying to divide and conquer.

**Resolution**

*That Government deal only with APY about housing leases on communities and homelands.*

Moved: Yaritji Young

Second: Kawaki Thompson

Carried: All

The Legal Officer said that if housing leases are accepted, then there must be the issues of compensation for traditional owners.

**Resolution**

*That APY negotiate with the government about housing and things to improve our lives on the Lands and report to members.*

Moved: Arnie Frank

Second: Nicholas Coulthard

Carried: All

The Legal Officer said APY should invite all Government agencies to Umuwa to talk about formulating a co-ordinated strategy and active plan to improve life on the lands.

**Resolution**

That APY invite all Government and other parties to a meeting at Umuwa to talk about forming a co-ordinated strategy and action plan about housing and improving life on the Lands.

Moved: Mary Pan

Second: Donald Fraser

Carried: All

**Chairperson and General Manager**

Bernard Singer reminded people of his talk yesterday and asked Anangu if they support him to remain as Chairperson of APY. He said there has been bad press about him and the General Manager. Kinyin McKenzie spoke in support of Bernard Singer and said he works hard as Executive and always starts and ends meetings with a prayer.

**Resolution**

*That Anangu-tjuta support Bernard Singer to continue as Chairperson of APY until the next election.*

Moved: Kinyin McKenzie

Second: Jamie Nyangu

Carried: All

**Resolution**

That Anangu-tjuta supports the renewal of the General Manager (Ken Newman) Contract for three years.

Moved: Donald Fraser

Second: Tony Campbell

Carried: All

The Legal Officer asked if people were happy with Mal Brough today and would they like him to work as a consultant to APY.

**Resolution**

That Mal Brough be invited to act as a consultant to APY about housing and improving our life on the Lands.

Moved: Ronnie Brumby  
Second: Robert Stevens  
Carried: All

Bernard Singer thanked all Anangu-tjuta for allowing him to stay on as Chairperson. He said he heard the State Minister Jay Weatherill, Gail Gago and Jenny Macklin are coming to the Lands to open the substance misuse facility at Amata and the Pipalyatjara swimming pool after the long weekend.

Bernard Singer asked Donald Fraser to close the Meeting with a prayer which he had prepared and is included.

“Lord Jesus, please cast down and break the power of every negative word either spoken, thought or prayed against the APY Umuwa Community today.

We now speak into the heavenly realm that no weapon that is formed against us can prosper and we enjoy Psalm 91 protection to the glory of your wonderful name

Amen”

The Meeting closed at 4:55pm

Minutes by Ken Newman

Over the two days, a record of attendance at the SGM was made. 123 Anangu members and 27 Visitors attended, a total of 160 people representing 28 communities and homelands from across the Lands.