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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 28th February 2018

Start time: 12.04pm

Location: Umuwa

Present: Sally Scales (chair), Ebony De Rose, Murray George, Anton Baker(phone), Marita Baker, Donald Fraser, Richard Kanari (phone), Nyukana Norris, Richard King, Bernard Singer, Willy Martin, Kathy Edwards (minutes/recording), Rex Tjami, Carolyn (ORIC)

Apologies: Frank Young, Theresa Campbell, Makinti Minutjukur, Tjutjana Burton,

Item one – Welcome

Sally Scales chaired the meeting due to an apology from Frank Young. Bernard requested that executive pay respects to all families in sorry business. Prayer and minute's silence was observed by the meeting participants.

UniSA – Sam Osborne, Laura Anne Bull, Prof Irene Watson, Deidre Tedmanson

Dr Sam Osborne presented on APY UniSA Hub – getting started. Focus on language and culture as a priority and development of enabling pathways to other training offered by UniSA. Executive had a discussion in regards to Anangu education pathways. Executive asked where is the Yankunytjatjara in all this as always talks about Pitjantjara language course.

Dr Osborne explained UniSA would like to develop partnerships with APY Arts, involve Anangu living in Adelaide with UniSA initiatives (Elders Forum). Aboriginal Pathways program – home community – online classes with access to tutor. TAFE can support enrolled students for pathway into university courses.

Executive and UniSa agreed that a jobs audit should be done across the APY Lands to see what pathways there that can be supported by good education. Executive stated that young people need to learn about our culture also. Dr Osborne explained that there will be an upgrade of facilities of ANTEP building in Pukatja.

DPTI Update – Jodi Grayson and Ben Deakin

Ms Grayson gave an update regarding the APY Roads upgrade:

- So far the contractors have logged 44,000 hours of Anangu work across the APY roads upgrade;
- Toll initially recruited to casual positions on stage one, It is reported that Anangu are now full time employees of Toll;
- Training happening next week for white card and workplace training. Stage one is progressing closer to Pukatja;
- 6kms Maintenance grading to Amata and Watinuma Roads this year and another 6 kms extra if funding is found;
- Pipalyatjara to Watarru Road – becoming overgrown on the verges. Needs to be graded to be safe to travel on. Executive agreed and gave permission for the verges to be done;
- HIA's to be put in for road to Kenmore that was washed away before it can be fixed.
- DPTI and Executive would like to acknowledge Toll and Ceduna Bulk for their support with the recent fires for doing fire breaks that were needed At short notice.

Letter to be done from executive to thank everyone for help with recent fires; Toll, Ceduna Bulk, CFS, fire truck 5 were immobilised to fight the fires.

APY is currently sourcing a truck and two tanks for fire safety and protection of our endangered species program.

On behalf of executive, Mr King thanked DPTI for their ongoing work to meet KPI's set by the contracts.

Confirm previous minutes of December 2017

Mr King went through minutes of 7th and 8th December 2017. Executive had a brief discussion in regards to minutes.

Resolution

Executive board agree it's a true and accurate reflection of minutes 7th and 8th December 2017 and give permission to post online.

Moved: Ebony De Rose Seconded: Willy Martin all in favour

Community Housing Asbestos concerns and responsibility and NPARHI update – Jude Allen, Rob

Ms Jude Allen explained that Gary Oxford is on leave until 17th March 2018. Jude respond in relation to APY Executives letter of concern regarding Asbestos in housing and current homelands – Jude explained that Housing SA is responsible for asbestos where houses are leased, which is only in communities and not in homelands. The National partnership money invested in communities and not homelands. National partnership money has been confirmed until June 2018. There is no extension of funding confirmed after this date.

Jude went on to say that any houses built before 1990 may have asbestos. Housing SA have no records before 2000.

Executive had a discussion in regards to the different homelands and that they want removal of asbestos from the ground in Kenmore.

Ms Allen suggested that a property condition audit needs to be done, so that Housing SA has evidence in order to get funding for the clean-up. We are at end of 10 year funding cycle, good opportunity to put an application forward to bring homeland houses up to standard. We can spend 2 ½ hours per homeland for emergency health and safety concerns, but Housing SA is not funded for homelands beyond that.

Mr King stated that RASAC look after homelands, Mr King will be meeting up with RASAC next week to discuss working in partnership across the APY. We can advocate stronger if we work closer with our stakeholders and write letters from the three of us.

Ms Allen explained that State Government are currently in caretaker mode due to state election. They are now trying to get funding, at minimum, to keep current services and capital funding. The State Government is putting lots in to try to get funding from Commonwealth.

When Census was done – 300 new houses were needed over APY Lands (unmet need). 75 families are currently on wait list for housing across the APY lands.

Executive had discussion regarding this and thanked Ms Allen for update.

Census engagement – Gregory McCulloch and Mark Elliott

Mr McCulloch and Mr Elliott presented in regards to census importance, use and collection of data across the APY lands.

Executive had a discussion in regards to how important it is for Anangu to fill in the census correctly as it helps to justify funding applications for priorities issues.

Mr McCulloch and Mr Elliott left resources for executive to peruse.

Other Business – Mr Brumby

Mr Brumby would like to know if he can do his own contract with agistors on his land. Mr Fraser is happy to help him set up agistment. Mr Brumby would like the executive to make a decision and resolution.

Mr King explained how all agistors have to sign agreement with APY and on one can enter an agreement without APY approving it first. Mr King also explained water points.

Mr King showed Land Rights Act section 6 powers and functions of APY. Executive agreed that they would discuss it with traditional owners before any decision can be made. – **To be tabled next meeting**

Meeting closed 4.30pm.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday 1st March 2018

Start time: 12.57pm

Location: Umuwa

Present: Sally Scales (chair), Ebony De Rose, Nyukana Norris, Anton Baker(phone), Marita Baker, Richard Kanari, Makinti Minutjukur (phone), Murray George, Willy Martin, Donald Fraser, Richard King, Kathy Edwards (minutes/recording), Bernard Singer (phone), Rex Tjami

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Item one – Welcome

Art Centres

Executive had a discussion around issues raised regarding art centres, including Niniku Arts.

Resolution

APY Executive to write letter to Philip, Marie, Skye and Jane regarding issues raised around Niniku Arts management.

Moved: Ebony De Rose Seconded: Anton Baker all in favour

Art Centre gallery opening 23rd March 2018 in Sydney for all APY artists. Marita Baker is going. It would be good for a representative from APY executive attend on our behalf. Ebony De Rose is willing to go on behalf of executive.

DSD-AAR - Phoebe Azer, Toby Forde, Ken Scott, Paul Case

Aboriginal Heritage Act Changes

Ms Azer and Mr Forde did a presentation in regards to Aboriginal Heritage Act Changes. APY is automatically is a Recognised Aboriginal Representative Bodies (RARB). The RARB is required to consult with Traditional Owners and represent their views in regard to heritage matter. Mr King will be the contact for APY Executive.

Mr Forde showed the Local Heritage Agreement Form. Executive asked want to know why Heritage Impact Assessments have to go to the Minister since APY manage their own heritage and lands as the Statutory Organisation. The added layer of administration seems to indicate that the government want to take control of the process.

Mr Forde explained that if a LHA is approved by executive, the Minister still must grant the related authorisation.

Mr King explained how it currently works on the APY Lands and how tight the process is in order to protect the Statutory Organisation.

Mr Forde said that APY is not obligated to sign up and land use proponents will usually fill in the form and send to Minister. Minister agrees to change Act if he gets back in.

Taa Wika portal – does not need to be accessed if not needed.

Executive agreed that APY Anthropology and APY Lawyers need to provide a brief on the LHA process and give feedback to executive.

Conciliators

APY Act changed recently to strengthen the conciliator processes. The change to the conciliator provisions are in relation to the number of conciliators on the panel. As a result there is a need to appoint more conciliators to the panel, currently there are two conciliators. The resumes of the additional conciliators were given to the executive to review and consider. Executive had discussion in regards to resumes.

Resolution

APY Executive approve Rhian Williams, Lesley Hatchwell, Greg Rooney and Jeremy Moore to be conciliators on the panel for APY

Moved; Richard Kanari seconded Marita Baker all in favour

As the other two conciliators were also running out they needed to be reconfirmed by APY executive resolution.

Resolution

APY executive approve Maureen Pyke and Simon Lane to be reappointed conciliators on the panel for APY

Moved: Anton Baker Seconded: Sally Scales all in favour

Mintabie Update– Ken Scott, Paul Case

Rosie Lester rang in on the phone

Mr Case talked about the review for Mintabie that started over a year ago and the report that went to government before Christmas 2017 with following recommendations:

- Close the Mintabie lease asap;
 - Assess impacts of closing opal field;
 - People in Mintabie be notified of the decision to close the town;
 - APY consider circumstances in which elderly residents could stay in Mintabie;
 - Government assess provision of services to support elderly residents who may stay;
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- Police assist with the eviction of residents and maintaining law and order;
- ASIC undertake compliance visits and instruct stores to return ATM cards;
- Government facilitate a clean-up and remediation program;
- Government consider contracting Anangu for this work;
- Government talk to Mai Wiru and other store service providers about selling second hand goods on the lands;
- Government continue supporting Service SA on APY Lands;
- Government continue supporting Money Mob;
- Amend relevant sections of the Opal Mining Act and APY Land Rights Act; and
- Task force to be put together. Lester family invited to be on it.

Government is in caretaker mode at moment due to state election. The State Government should be back on line after March 2018

Ms Lester stressed the disappointment that the report was released before the committee reviewed it and made comment on the contents.

Mr Case explained that the decision to release was the governments and his job was to write the report.

Executive had discussion in regards to the handback of the lease area and Wallatina accepts Mintabie town closing and school closing. Mr King explained that under the Land Rights Act, the land comes back to APY and APY need to take responsibility for area of land.

A discussion was held in regards to keeping sites protected and clean-up of the area, also services for the elderly who will be staying including who will be responsible for the bore.

Mr Case to take back the concerns to government, but was not confident that the bores will be kept open.

Resolution

APY Executive direct Anthropology team to commence to work with:

- Identifying Traditional Owners for the Mintabie area
- Working with a team of Traditional Owners to conduct a Heritage Impact Assessment as soon as possible given threats of damage to sites.

Moved: Richard Kanari Seconded: Sally Scales all in favour

Resolution

APY will nominate the appropriate Traditional Owners through Anthropology for the Task Force of the Mintabie Review Panel.

Moved: Anton Baker Seconded: Sally Scales all in favour

APY Executive board note the recommendations presented to the APY Executive board around Mintabie closure.

Ms Morley gave a legal update in regards PYKU Permit Application by Bryan Miller. Executive discussed this and the circumstances around it.

Resolution

APY Executive agreed to give Mr Miller a permit for 28 days so that he can address correspondence from APY Executive.

Moved: Bernard Singer Seconded: Sally Scales all in favour

Ms Morley gave a legal update in regards to a person living on the Lands without a permit. Executive discussed and agreed a letter needed to be written by Ms Morley.

Resolution

APY Executive accept legal report from Ms Morley.

Moved: Sally Scales Seconded: Anton Baker all in favour

Meeting closed 5pm
