



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday 26 February 2020
MINUTES**

Start time: 10.15 am

Location: APY Training Room, Umuwa.

Present: Marita Baker (MB), Rex Tjami (RT), Anton Baker (AB), Willy Pompey (WP), Sally Scales (SS) Chair, Murray George (MG), Richard Kanari (RK), Bernard Singer (BS), Owen Burton (OB), Nyukana Norris (NN), Julieanne Campbell (JC), Gary Lewis (GL), Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Mavis Welsh (MW) (minutes/recording).

On phone: Ebony DeRose (ED),

Observers: Chantelle Bala and Ian Liddy, AAR
Bonnie Yeatman

Apologies: Tjutjana (Nyunmiti) Burton, Makinti Minutjukurr.

SS opened the meeting and went through the agenda from yesterday and today briefly.

4.(DAY1) Money Story – October, November & December 2019.

October Money Story.

RKg displayed the October 2019 money story.

Resolution:

The Executive Board agree that this is a true and correct record of the October 2019 money story and agree that it be published on line.

Moved Bernard Singer, seconded Anton Baker All agreed.

November Money story

RKg displayed the November 2019 money story and explained the details.

Resolution:

The Executive Board agree that this is a true and correct record of the November 2019 money story and agree that it be published on line.

Moved Richard Kanari, seconded Bernard Singer All agreed.

December Money story

RKg displayed the December 2019 money story and explained details.

Resolution:

The Executive Board agree that this is a true and correct record of the December 2019 money story and agree that it be published on line.

Moved Bernard Singer, seconded Richard Kanari All agreed.

6.(Day2) Anthropology Report

IN CONFIDENCE

12.00PM BREAK

12.25PM MEETING RESUMED.

1.(Day2) SA Water Rap - SS Welcomed Sarah Smith (SSm), Damian Mortimer (DM) and Daniel Brown (DB) from SA Water to the meeting.

SSm gave verbal update for last year and said they are looking to the future. Display presentation on Amata. In the RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) recycling waste water – used to water oval.

Water Survey

SA Water would like to talk to APY about what to do in the future – wants to work with APY. SS suggested best survey from Kanpi.

DB advised that all roads are named on maps and houses are numbered. DB displayed map of Umuwa showing pipes but now maps are getting out of date. SA Waters want to come in and upgrade maps and do aerial sites. Need to discuss best way of doing this, possibly using drones. DB showed 13 year old photo of Umuwa – wants to pursue mapping – APY to consider.

RT will invite SA Water to community meeting.

SS said 25 March is next community Council meeting at Mimili.

ACTION

SSm went through the RAP – the works in the Lands in 2019.

- DIY plumbing.
- Building industrial laundry at ITC – need approval.
- School Education programme through KESAB
- Community Councils to feedback new RAP

2020 ideas for working together.

- Art work on infrastructure
- Expand education
- Regular updates
- Expand plumbing course.

In the new plan investigating how to control animals and stop damage. RKg suggested the possibility of setting up tanks and troughs for animals outside community boundaries so that animals can be trapped. DB is not sure of any funding source for this work.

DB asked for questions. OB and GL and others discussed in language.

Sarah Smith, Damian Mortimer, and Daniel Brown of SA Water left the meeting.

1.05PM LUNCH

1.55PM MEETING RECOMMENCED

7.(Day1) Pastoral – 10 Deserts – AWRM

James Thiessen of AWRM, Phil Sparrow of 10 Deserts and Andrew Minyardie attended meeting to present information on the Camel cull in 2019.

RKg said that Michael Clinch had put together a report re camels last year (summer months). Executive Board made a decision to cull camels. '10 Deserts' came into do the cull.

BS Camels are a concern.

RKg said 10 Deserts – AWRM culled approximately 8,000 camels. BS translated.

RKg published information about the cull and received phone calls from all over the world.

RKg said that APY are looking at doing a cull of camels every year - to be organised in Phil Sparrow (PS) reported that the camel cull on APY was well done – there was good control and good consents. Camels don't stop at borders they move into WA and Northern Territory. He said that if APY can do business to export 'good' live camels that is great but will still need culls.

MG said that business should go through Traditional Owners.

BS said the cull started at Indulkana with good consultation of elders at Fregon and they were pleased with cull. Fregon people are aware. MG had been away in Adelaide when the consultations took place.

MG said he was concerned about the sacred sites- need to bring camel cull back to the community.

BS spoke in language.

RKg said the consultation was done well. APY consulted with all communities.

SS thanked the AWRM and 10 Deserts for their support.

PS stated that they are also doing projects for fire control training and buffel grass control. There have been discussions with TK, RKg and RT.

RKg explained about the possibility of water points with SA Water.

TK asked about when is it best to start to plan for camel cull in 2020.

GL spoke about camels coming into community at the meeting in December. Spoke in language – building enterprise, holding business for camels – for long term yes we should have a plan – jobs for Anangu.

RKg advised that AWNRM, 10 Deserts and APY shared the funding for the cull.

2.25pm James Thiessen, AWNRM, Phil Sparrow, 10 Deserts and Andrew Minyardie left the meeting.

RKg said they will meet in March.

5.(Day1) Permits

RKg advised that TK's team manage permits for entry to the APY Lands.

5.1 Discussed a National Police check for entry to the APY Lands and consider on an annual basis.

5.2 **Research Permit application by Olivia Alston** – to work with NPY Women's Council working with vulnerable children – youth at risk.

This permit is considered as a permit for research for Youth Research Network for NDARC, University of Sydney. BS explained. They want to visit Amata and Pukatja.

The Executive Board approve granting a permit to Olivia Alston to work with NPY Women's Council for Youth at Risk. All agreed

5.3 **Research permit application to Lucinda Davidson** - to continue to work on how children learn Pitjantjatjara. To continue project that started in 2016.

The Executive Board approve granting a permit to Lucinda Davidson to continue to work with children learning Pitjantjatjara. All agreed

5.4 **Application for a Lifelong Permit – Debra Lester** – Letter dated 12 December 2019 requesting Lifelong permit for family members to live at Mintabie.

TK advised that there are two issues here – if Anangu they do not need a permit; secondly there are no services at Mintabie as it is closed for the Boards consideration of this request.

SS suggested writing a letter stating that as the Lester family is Anangu they can live on APY Lands, however Mintabie is closed and does not have any services. SS suggested as she is the chairperson to first ask the Lester family who is seeking to live at Mintabie.

ACTION

5.5 **David Salomon** – Permit application dated 27 November 2019 to consult with Kaltjiti community to assist early stages of planning cultural development proposals. MG spoke in language to this application. SS spoke in language and suggested discussions should take place with PY Media for them to be involved in cultural development proposals. These jobs should stay in the Lands.

SS stated the need to work with Anthropology and Traditional Owners to make sure the talk is with the right people.

SS suggested TK to contact Mr Salomon for him to be discussing and working with APY Anthropology and to do the cultural development right way and for Anthropology to bring this back to Executive Board for consideration.

ACTION

5.6 **Ernabella Arts** - outlined Ernabella Arts relationship with Longitude 131 resort at Yulara.

SS stated that they are seeking 4 open permits up front for tourists. We have told them that all permits need police checks for everyone.

We need to write back and say 'No' – not able to provide open permits – all will need police checks. We understand the Ernabella Arts paintings can be available at Yulara.

ACTION

5.7 **Steve Shields application dated October 2019** – seeking approval to visit old PNN Tenement camp sites with Peter Kelly (former Drilling Rig Supervisor) who worked with the company in 2002 and to see the country and visit old camp/drill sites.

The Executive Board do not approve a permit to Steve Shields to visit APY lands without both himself and Peter Kelly providing a police clearance for permits.
All agreed

5.8 **Carclew Organisation from Adelaide permit request dated 12/8/19** – Request from Lilla Berry, Michael Ross and James Alberts to deliver art workshops with Amata, Pukatja (Ernabella) and Mimili schools as part of the Tjitiku Tjukurpa project. Also a permit for Lara Damiani and Joe McQuade of Think Films to film for Carclew and Lee Ann Buckskin & Associates Tjitiku Tjukurpa Language Project.

SS asked where are the police checks – need to ask if anyone has been to coronavirus affected areas.

5.9 **Outback Opal Hunters 4 application dated 18.2.2020** – this is an application from Eliot Buchan to film with contributors from the television documentary production Outback Opal Hunters at their private mine in Mintabie. They want to visit Mintabie.

RK spoke in language and explained. SS suggested saying 'no' for now. BS said that PSF is still open however there are no services in Mintabie and if there is an emergency it will be in an isolated place. Executive Board think this will be too dangerous.

2.(Day2) Law and Culture money - Use of \$ out of L&C 80K towards toilet and shower block at Pukatja. Decision sought or for other. Need to be decided before 30 June 2020. BS translated.

SS suggested putting some aside for women's Council L&C.

RKg need to decide – proposals for its use have to come back to Executive Board.

OB spoke in language. SS asked how to do it?

SS suggested that this matter of Law and Culture money be brought to the next meeting with quotes for cost of shower block or other ideas.

RKg – suggested considering sorry camp proper facilities at Pukatja.

Anthropology to work with Law and Culture Committee and the Director to suggest ways of spending the \$80,000. Executive Board agree to continue consultations.

4.(Day2) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) update - Presentation by Scott Peters, RSCB Alice Springs, and Clinton Spencer-Nelson. Lizzie Gilliam – NDIA Branch Manager Remote Support and Coordination.

Object today is to provide an update on the rollout of the NDIS across the APY Lands. Information about new services and discuss some of the challenges, including infrastructure

Scott Peters acknowledged the past and present Traditional Owners of the Lands. Clinton explained that NDIA covers all of WA and SA remote communities. He advised that the programs ran out of money last year and now there is a new program. Seeking to engage with all members of the community, young, teenage, adult.

He explained that individual health records are on computer.

Today seeking in-principle support for the establishment of Community Hubs utilising existing infrastructure.

Using Remote Community Connectors,
Employ Anangu through Nganampa Health.

He advised that in APY there are
82 NDIS participants with a funded plan (Anangu with Disability).
41 in process of getting a plan.
30 are trying with assistance to access NDIS.

Payments/plan can include travel costs.

SS explained this in language.

EDR spoke about self management and self determination – we are trying to battle along and need power back in the community.

SP said it has been two years NDIS were on the APY lands. It is intended that a person with disability can live a proper life - \$60,000 + is available per individual.

With more participants there are more services – if there is enough people then may look at providing services on the lands.

SS explained in language re mental health, muscle damage, car accident recovery.

She thanked the presenters for attending the Executive Board meeting.
SP explained that he has training tomorrow for Aboriginal Liaison Officers at Nganampa Health.

4.25PM BREAK

4.35PM MEETING RESUMED.

5.(Day2) NIAA - Project updates from the National Indigenous Australians Agency – Karyn Douglas, Anthony Anna and Mark Weaver present.

KD outlined the 4 projects. National Indigenous Australians Agency update on 4 projects that are currently being undertaken across the APY Lands:

- RASAC Homelands Policy
- Remote School Attendance Strategy – Status Update - . In May 2019 PYEC program to APY. Lots of progress on ground – Paul Malcolm co-ordinates the program across the Lands. Also Ingrid Kenny and Theresa Stephens. Each community will have engagement officers. Other positions will be advertised. KD to develop attendance plans.

Mental Health and Suicide prevention project as part of Remote School Attendance Strategy. KD stated that Pukatja is a site in SA. Mark Weaver (MWe) spoke to this item and said we want to hear from people with mental and suicidal issues. CAMHS group to go out to communities. What do communities want?

SS asked if there is someone to assist people with mental health. Need someone there full time.

Mark Weaver said they are coming in to identify – not taking over.

KD said they want to work with services already on the ground. Need to identify what is needed.

SS asked if this is someone who will live on the lands? KD stated she does not know yet.

RT stated we're talking to people but they are not listening. Not good enough – they spend 3 days on the Lands then back to Alice Springs. Need to look at counselling Anangu-way. Traditional way of counselling.

GL stated there are problems with mental health for many years with no action – it is talked about year after year, just talking same thing. Need to listen to us and see how we can plan.

SS stated that OB said they should to communities. GL said OB and RT to go along. MWe said there has been a reduction of suicides. Ernabella was first place to start – has connections with all communities.

RT we have to help – not just give money. KD said there are to be lots of conversations with communities until the end of June then programs and activities will roll out. Funding up to 2023.

- Pukatja Youth Centre and Swimming Pool – Status Update – KD update – this is managed as one project. Tenders out by end of February. Build scheduled for May to October 2020. Will be open in October 2020.
- Community Council Chairs meeting – planned for February 2019 - Looking at building capacity of Community Councils. It was agreed and success but need another meeting in May. After May will come back to Executive Board to fill in.

Minimal, if any, costs for the APY Board associated with these projects. No resolution required however it is requested that the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive Board note the information provided in the presentation.

NOTED

SS thanked the NIAA reps for attending the meeting.

5.10pm Karyn Douglas, Anthony Anno and Mark Weaver of NIAA left the meeting.

Other business.

SS advised that next week is the housing Workshop 3 & 4 March.
OB and others had discussions around items to be included in Housing Workshop.

APY Strategic Planning Day 6 & 7 April 2020.

APY Executive Board meeting 8 April 2020.

Chairperson closed the meeting at 5.30 pm.