



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday 27 May 2021
MINUTES

Start time: 10.30am

PRESENT

Location – Umuwa Trade Training Centre - Bernard Singer (BS), Marita Baker (MB), Owen Burton (OB), Willy Pompey (WP), Gary Lewis (GL), Richard Kanari (RK), Anton Baker (AB), Rex Tjami (RT), Makinti Minutjukur (MM), Willy Pompey

On phone: Julieanne Campbell (JC), Ebony De Rose (ED) Numati Burton (NB)

APY reps: Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Anita Nyathi (AN), Ruth Morley (RM), Mavis Welsh (MW) (minutes/recording)

Observers: Ian Liddy, Catherine Maczkowiack, DPC AAR

BS welcomed everyone to the meeting and he followed up the items outstanding from yesterday's agenda.
He further advised that Melbourne had closed and gone into lockdown one hour ago from Coronavirus.

5. Permits

5.1 Current Permit applications.

TK advised there are a number of permit applications for big school groups. She said she had checked the news re Covid cases in Melbourne & Victoria.
BS said there is risk from children as carriers of COVID.
TK the groups are from SA. She asked if the Board wishes to have no further groups on the Lands until further notice.
Discussion around issuing permits to large groups of visitors.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board pass a resolution to stop issuing permits to large visiting groups of people until further notice.

Moved A Baker

Seconded B Singer

Carried by all members.

TK said each permit application to be assessed as we go forward.
Discussion around each permit as presented.

- A. Megan Moskos – Research for the project "How many in a crowd?" for University of Adelaide. From 1 May to 30 June 2021. Permit approved.

- B. Zoei Sutton – Research for the project "How many in a crowd?" for University of Adelaide. From 1 May to 30 June 2021. Permit approved.
- C. Phillip Pallas – PhD interviews – University of Sydney. From 1 April to 30 June 2021.
AN presented the permit application from Phillip Pallas. Discussion on this permit by members of the meeting.
It was agreed that this application to do research by Phillip Pallas needs more follow up on the reasons for and results from this research.
Permit **not** approved.
- D. Andrew McDougall – To collect plant specimens. AN presented the permit application from Andrew McDougall to collect 3 species of plants including 'apita' plant for research.
RKg – some plants may have pharmaceutical uses so need more information.
BS maybe speak to Land Management.
TK – get him to speak to Board about intellectual properties. **ACTION**
Permit **not** approved.
- E. Roger Menadue – A Walk journey for 11 people. AN read out this application. Discussion by Board members who said there is no permit for this application until further notice.
Permit **not** approved.
- F. Emmaus Christian College – Education Exchange program. From 25/5/21 to 4/6/21.
Permit **not** approved.
- G. Investigation College, Nicole Ranson – Bus tour. From 1/8/21 to 5/8/21.
Permit **not** approved.
- H. Victor Harbour R-7 School, Troy Irvin plus 6 others – For 41st anniversary of cultural exchange with APY communities. From 23/6/21 to 27/6/21.
Permit **not** approved.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board agrees that Victorian applicants cannot enter the APY Lands until such a time it is open for travel to SA as determined by SA Health directives.

Moved B Singer

Seconded G Lewis

Carried by all members.

5.2 Renewal of Permits

Discussion regarding requirements for renewal of permits for people already on the APY Lands.

Executive Board agreed that all renewals must submit health checks.

RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board agree that anyone who has a permit in place and if they leave the lands must submit a new health assessment form each time they exit and enter the lands.

Moved O Burton Seconded A Baker Carried by all members

8. Work Health & Safety - COVID-19

Update of Various WHS matters

RKg – I have been monitoring APY cars and all seem to be tracking well – checking speeds, hard braking and cornering. Reminded members to drive carefully and that there is No Smoking in any of the APY vehicles.

RK – also a reminder that when at a big meeting, we have to say if someone talks rough then close the meeting.

TJ suggested there should be a break if meeting gets out of hand.

RKg – done checking houses have fire extinguishers, fire blankets – fire breaks have been maintained and upgraded satellite phones and first aid boxes.

RKg – for any incident must do an incident report and have a health check.

Update of GM visit to Adelaide

BS RK & TK provided a run through of visit to Adelaide.

Update on Anangu in Adelaide

BS & RK Whilst in Adelaide attending meetings invited to attend discussion about problem with Anangu tjuta drinking alcohol in parks in Adelaide. They ask for Executive Board to speak with communities about how to stop people in Adelaide drinking.

RKg said it would be good to have a special meeting to discuss this.

BS – there is a lack of housing, employment – needs to work together with government – need to help these people.

OB said there is nowhere for people to stay.

11.30am WP entered the room.

OB – have to stop Anangu taking away alcohol. They should only drink inside but no takeaway.

GL spoke about the situation in Murray Bridge – in language.

RK – The Liquor Commissioner wants to stop the grog. Only people living in an home address can get it – not visitors – need show ID when purchasing.

RKg – the Liquor Commissioner was at the meeting – he suggested that Executive Board members come down to a meeting in Adelaide. Need to plan the meeting with Warlpiri, Luritja, and Arrernte mob. We are still working on it.

ACTION: TK – I can follow up and see when it suits. Spoke to Nerida Saunders – not the whole Board – maybe reps of Executive Board - need that conversation. What would you suggest I follow up, so I can report back – best way. It would cost \$25,000 for all the Board to go to meeting – maybe use Blue Jeans phone meeting for some members.

BS – the six that nominated to go down – sit down and be prepared before going to talk about housing, wrap around services, etc – all services – all trying to help these people.
BS – when we go down need to talk about Debit card.
Need to come together and make plan.

11.45am

2. 40th Anniversary APY Land Rights Update -2021

Colin Koch (CK) attended the meeting and presented his report.

CK gave some background to his report. What are we celebrating in 2021? Many things to celebrate which include forty years of self-government; APY setting the pace for land rights and Native Title in Australia since 1981; Hard work of Anangu men and women to make the hand back a reality; All the good things that have happened since 1981 under APY leadership.

Need decisions by Executive Board so RKg can take to the Premier.
CK summarized contents of his presentation.

RESOLUTION

The Executive Board agree and approve that the 40th Anniversary APY Land Rights Festival be held on Saturday and Sunday 23 and 24 October 2021.

Moved O Burton

Seconded R Kanari.

All agreed

Proposed Schedule of festival

Saturday – VIP visitors in the morning, meet with APY Board in the afternoon, dinner and historic audio visual presentation by Ara Irititja in the evening. Performers will rehearse in the afternoon.

Sunday – performances begin at noon. Official celebration/presentations at 5.00 pm. Performances will conclude at 10.00pm.

Festival Name

CK spoke of the song about the LRA. Discussion around name. Kulilaya – makes people listen and think

GL sang part of the song.

BS suggested the opening choir sing that song first – Kulilaya - Ngura Nganampa, with small translation into English.

CK – will talk about making huge use of Kulilaya song – discuss with Bill Davis.

Need to get the area right and work out who else to invite.

RKg – next time we are back will meet with Tourism Commission.

CK – will give detailed budget June or July at latest.

Finally talk about young people. To include Tjjjiku inma.

One Day Youth Forum

CK suggested this idea aimed the getting chosen young people to think about the future and maybe identify leaders of the future. Big question to think about *'If you could see the Lands and your communities in 20 years time what would you like to see?'*

With a facilitator to guide discussions to come up with a Statement For The Future to be given to APY Board, Premier and Prime Minister. Maybe costs would be \$20-\$25,000.

In his report he gave suggestions around the logistics, costs and Forum schedule

RKg - we could build their vision into strategic plan.

CK if this is a good idea, need to think about how to select young people.

Maybe equal number from each community, one male, one female. They would not be paid but they will be thinking about the next 30-40 years.

CK said that with that one day you will be lighting a fire.

BS we want it to be recognised all around the world.

RKg gave an example of Indigenous group in Amazon.

TK will work towards getting letters out for other sponsorship and the guest list.

BS thanked CK for his presentation, on behalf of the Executive Board.

CK said he will write up his report and budget.

I Liddy asked for link to 25th Anniversary CD. TK said she will put it up on the notice board.

ACTION

1.00pm BREAK FOR LUNCH

3. NDIS services on the Lands – Jacky Costanzo (JCo), Fiona Curnow (FC) of DHS Nicole Maher (NM) Kevin Dunstan (KD) and John Donnon of NDIA (on the phone)

RKg displayed on the screen the NDIS presentation.

KD gave verbal detail of the slides on the screen. Emphasis on providers in the area and how they can work with people.

NM – want to make sure people on APY Lands have what they need. Opportunities for Anangu to work on the lands.

JCo called for questions. She presented Jane Taylor (JT) who is carer for Linda from Mimili, not NDIS will be supporting Linda.

May need specialist people from Alice Springs or Adelaide. In 4 weeks time SA government not working on APY – other organisations to do work.

OB – sad that government is leaving us.

RKg – not taking money away – will still be money in NDIS.

FC – we think more opportunity for people on the lands to be support and provide help.

RKg – any business coming on to the lands should have 30% Anangu input/staff.

NM – this is early days, looking at locally based businesses. Want to work closely with you to achieve that target.

GL – wheelchair disabilities, mental disabilities – we have not had resources in the community.

FC – Jacky will still be on the lands working for InCompro.

JC – may need to talk with each community and coming up with a plan.

BS asked about how to identify disability.

JC – physical disability is evident – more difficult to identify mental issues. Need assessment for NDIS eligibility.

BS explained about a baby 6 months old who picked up meningitis but now child has come good and his now 7 years old.

JC will talk about after the meeting. She said that if anyone in your community you think is not getting the help they need, then talk to Nganampa Health.

MM spoke in language BS translated that she is speaking on behalf of the family. There are problems. The family get disability payment but need help to work out monitoring payment.

MM – close family – not using money in good way. Range of things that affect them – going house to house looking for food.

JC – can get help to manage money.

NM – can offer help to manage money.

BS gave incidents of young people at Indulkana begging for food.

2.45pm Discussion in language.

GL got to look at Scott Morrison and stop the gap.

FC – need to build on plans. Should we take lead to talk to each community – speak to Bonnie Yeatman about planning meetings with community councils.

ACTION: JC will talk to Bonnie re NDIA community connectors.

JT – hope to be living in Mimili and looking after Linda – then willing to train others how to look after Linda. Currently waiting for permit. Currently commuting from Marla to Mimili to care for Linda.

GL – is there housing for disability carers?

JT – there is no housing for NDIS providers.

JC – NDIS is not providing housing for carers – maybe talk to providers.

FC – Look at all community plans.

JC – other people who need to come on the lands will need permit.

BS – will need health assessment – permit maybe 12 months – each time they leave the lands need health assessment.

RKg – Need to develop skills for Anangu to look after their own mob.

NM – looking at ways to develop market – Commonwealth Indigenous Fulfilment Policy.

JD – if 130 participants, maybe 180 – means there could be 180 jobs created for Anangu to skill up for proper paid jobs.

BS have mentors in the community.

MM spoke in language - BS only things getting at Ernabella is job to settle people down.

BS thanked all presenting for their attendance at the meeting.

They all left the meeting.

3.15pm BS left the meeting. GL took over the chair of the meeting.

5. DPTI Covered outdoor learning area at Ernabella - Darren Carter (DC) attended the meeting and displayed his presentation on the screen.

DC said he worked for Facility Services in APY lands and looks after assets including Ernabella school. He has been asked by the principal to provide outdoor covered area for the basketball court. Due to start construction on 2 September 2021. Completion approx 10 October.

DC displayed slides showing the structure and a map of the area.

RKg asked if looking for resolution today.

DC – yes, it has been a high priority to get this done.

RKg asked if an HIA has been done on it.

DC – No.

Discussion in language among Executive Board members regarding access to the area for equipment to enter the area, possibly between buildings 26 and across the oval. Discussion about protections and compliance with building standards and APY.

RESOLUTION

The Executive Board have viewed the concept drawings and approve the development of HIA and licence for the covered outdoor learning area at Ernabella and bring this back to Executive Board.

Moved A Baker

Seconded M Minutjukur

All agreed

The meeting thanked DC for his attendance. He left the meeting.

7. Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC) Update - Reuben Burton (RB) Director for PYEC attended the meeting.

RB explained in language the School attendance. Small company PYC is looking at attendance at the school – General Manager, Malcolm is a bit sick. Looking at attendance across Amata.

He explained the co-ordinators in the area – results of kids attending school not good.

Education dept see that APY show poor results for school attendance. There are kids going to sorry camp in school time. Also some people travelling in school time.

Sent information to Adelaide Education Dept – they understand but we need to help good days for children to go to school. APY looking at 3 regions. They have asked APY to look at this and ensure that activities do not happen in school time.

RKg – for 40th anniversary want to get kids to see the future – education is important.

MM commented in language. In the past used to have a bus run.

RB – government looking to review wanted to keep funding in Alice Springs.

Anangu are going in to support families. Anangu took over and PY and is looking now and developing. No bus run – working with families. Every school has transfer and is monitoring.

RKg thanked Reuben Burton for attendance.

He quoted letter from Premier for 40th anniversary and giving \$200,000 for celebration.

TK we can send what the 2 day program is together with invite to Premier.

11. L&C 80k

TK advised that the construction of the ablution block is not appropriate for these funds. We asked Craig Macauley for options.

TK quoted from the letter from C Macauley some ideas for use of these funds:

- Provide support for Elders to teach young people about tjukurpa – consider separate camps for men & boys, and women & girls during school holidays
- Provide support to rehabilitate sacred sites – for example, water holes
- Provide support (ie food and fuel) for Anangu to attend cultural business or sorry business, as has been done in the past.

RKg - or it could be used for the next young leaders Forum.

I Liddy - said he had spoken to C Macauley and it could be used for what RKg suggested with the history of LR movement integrated into that.

OB – spoke about old building in Amata which had burned. We should rebuild the shed.

RKg said that is a hard one – it is capital construction – not sure it would be appropriate. For capital construction when we start collecting rent from leases then we could put that money towards capital projects.

TK asked if we have to provide letter to C Macauley?
I Liddy – yes, CMacauley gave ideas.

ACTION: RKg will put ideas together and send to C Macauley
Suggestions:

- Inma and tjukurpa – old people.
- History presentation
- Workshop for young leaders
- Food and Fuel for all of that to happen.

RESOLUTION

The Executive Board have looked at items for \$80K and direct GM and RT to prepare a budget for these items and seek approval for use and send letter to AAR.

Moved O Burton

Seconded A Baker

All agreed

A. Governance Training with ORIC –

TK advised that the Governance training for the new Executive Board is to take place on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

RESOLUTION

The Executive Board approve the governance training to be provided by ORIC to the new Board on 19 October 2021.

Moved A Baker

Seconded M Minutjukur

All agreed

B. APY Conciliator panel members – I Liddy (IL)and C Macauley (on phone)

IL gave background to this item. He said there are 5 people on the panel. S 35 of the *APY Land Rights Act 1981* states that the Minister must establish a panel of conciliators after consultation with APY.

A conciliator can be used when an Anangu disagrees with a decision of the APY Executive Board.

Six conciliators were originally appointed by the Premier in 2018 following endorsement by the APY Executive Board on 1 March 2018. These appointments expire in May 2021. A conciliator is eligible for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Premier, DPC-AAR is seeking the board's endorsement of five conciliators for a term of three years until April 2024:

RESOLUTION

The Executive Board agree that a meeting be arranged for 10 June 2021 to meet with and interview the conciliators by telephone/ video.

Moved O Burton

Seconded A Baker

All agreed

Chairperson thanked I Liddy and C Macauley for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 5.45 pm.