



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2022

MINUTES

Start time: 2.20pm SA time

LOCATION – All attendees on phone and video link via Blue Jeans.

PRESENT – Bernard Singer (BS), Karina Lester (KL), Tony Paddy (TP) Rita Rolley (RR), Marita Baker (MB), Murray George (MG), Trevor Adamson (TA), Willy Pompey (WP), Owen Burton (OB), Makinti Minutjukur (MM).

Apologies: Anton Baker, Yangi Yangi Fox.

APY Staff: Rex Tjami (RT). Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Mavis Welsh (MW minutes taker)

SA Health Department – Emergency Management on APY Lands.

Presenters: Kerri Reilly (KR) and Nicholas De Rozario (NR) from SA Dept of Health
BS – this is a COVID update meeting to let everyone know where things are. Statement by Nicholas de Rozario.

KR – Dr Aaron Jackson joins us and Nicholas de Rozario.

We are committed to working with Anangu and are concerned how to stay safe on APY lands.

We are working with Nganampa Health and RASAC.

Nick will talk about food supplies and movement of people on the lands. If people continue to move around the lands, then it will be difficult to control COVID.

BS – in language – we don't want COVID to come back on to the lands.

KR – in a couple of weeks SA government will be lifting the emergency measures – so we have to think about how to operate.

BS interpreted.

KR – long time ago we worked with the community councils of APY Executive Board on plan to keep APY safe.

KR – big problem on APY knowing who COVID positive are and who are close contact. There should only be one person to go to shop for a family.

BS interpreted

KR – not everybody going to shop and sickness going around. People are moving too much.

Free food was to support people doing the right thing.

KR – want to work with APY Executive to offer solutions but too many cases.

Nick do you want to make comments?

NR – SA Health is working with communities and APY Executive Board as we continue to respond to COVID. *some loss of contact* 7b quarantine.

KR – Nick there is bad phone reception.

BS – OK Nick when you are ready.

Difficulties in reception of NR

TA – spoke in language – can I ask through the chair – Australia health do you put money for those things to happen.

KR – SA Health.....

TA – did you put money into APY to work with people who have COVID in communities?

KR – we have health people there at the moment – doctors and nurses – Dr Scrimshaw – nurses are still working with Nganampa Health in communities. Looking at employing Anangu to work in community.

BS interpreted. Not sure how much.

KR – over \$1million.

RK – APY has not received any money from SA Health.

BS interpreted.

3.10pm SA time

BS – want to talk to people in our communities, need to be out talking to our community. Let's stop people moving – need to close things down..... *in language*.

TA – we putting responsibility on APY who need to go back and talk to community – they can talk about store – one family member going to get supplies from store.

RK – APY were the ones who wanted to stop opening APY and the Executive asked us not to be involved

BS interpreted

KL – it was the executive's decision.

RK – moved by Karina and seconded by Trevor. As a result, APY is no longer involved.

BS – I think what she said is SA government is lifting everything from 15th – emergency management. It is good for you mob to invite SA Health to come and raise issues and give information.... *in language* ... we need to work with emergency management plan.

MG – we don't want APY to come into community at Pukatja.

BS – but APY has to get these people to come in on behalf of Anangu Tjuta. APY manage is going to invite them to come in. We don't have people in community offices to do these things.

TK – through the chair – something to arrange community Council meetings – that is the function through RASAC to do meetings.

3.30pm SA time

TA – if Kerri comes, we want to find out what can be done.

BS – thank you. What do you say if they come into your community?

KL – through the chair – have a resolution -

APY Executive Board agree to work with Bonnie Yeatman to look for dates for communities to meet with SA Health and SAPOL to inform each community what is happening on the lands.

TK – it is not APY role – it is up to individual community councils that sends out invitations to SA Health.

KL – can you clarify what you said.

TK – it is conflict of previous resolution that you past where APY is not to be involved - APY have to encourage the community councils to have meetings – have to go through Bonnie Yeatman for these meetings of community councils.

BS – will get in touch with Bonnie Yeatman to get them to write for community councils to invite SA Health.

KL – moved resolution then talk to her about Council.

BS – best for community Council to talk to Bonnie Yeatman – come in APY. Really need to get these things done.

WP & BS ... *speak in language ...*

BS – can community Council members to send invitation to SA Health – we have to do something for APY – we need to do something with APY members

We all need to work for our communities

KR – through the chair – can I ask NR to come in and he needs to talk about Community Councils and food supply.

NR – we are committed to work with Anangu with community councils, with Nganampa Health and APY. COVID is here for a long time.

I am in Marla at the moment. Nurses are going round the houses.

BS interpreted

NR – we welcome the opportunity to come and talk to community councils and talk about how to work together in community councils to keeping Anangu safe.

NR – someone asked about how many died of COVID. Our aim is to get people to stay safe; - get them to big hospital and when better get them back to country.

BS interpreted.

KR – especially important for people with rheumatic heart disease, heart problems, kidney disease and lung problems – back to Nick.

BS interpreted

NR – to go to Pt August or Adelaide to be looked after by doctors and nurses and for nurses in community to work with Nganampa Health to go to houses to check how people are feeling.

BS interpreted.

NR – in summary the cases for quarantine for 7 days not 14. Close contacts – they can go into community and not travel to another community. Pipalyatjara stay in Pipalyatjara, Pukatja stay in Pukatja, Mimili stay in Mimili, same for all communities.

BS interpreted

BS – just going back to talk you through the community Council. Have to arrange date by Bonnie Yeatman and say send letter of invitation to SA Health and SAPOL to come to communities.

TA – need to know about date of meeting.

BS – from Council meeting....

TA – can we include part of minutes.

BS – these are dot points to talk about. Need to write to Bonnie Yeatman to arrange community meetings.

TA – and who ever doing minutes so we can get the points.

BS – asked TK

TK – yes we can provide dot point information.

KL – how long is SA Health on lands for?

NR – we will work with community – maybe weeks or months. Emergency lifted in April.

4.10pm SA time

TA – chairman to write – important for you to let us know.

BS – difficult to chase up members. Need to be working together. If you have meetings please let us know.

I have to respond – I know people trying to ring me.

BS – Thank you Nick.

NR left meeting.

Next meeting on 6 April.

4.10pm SA time MW left the meeting.

KL – notes that Mavis left the meeting at 4.12.

Discussion in language.

KL – asked if the chair is going to talk with the community councils?

BS – advised that he will send an email from community.

KL – talk to Bonnie Yeatman – I'll come and translate. SA Health can then talk.

Discussion in language.

BS – thank you and let's make a good something good out of this.

KL – we gotta think about after the Emergency Act and what happens after. Take it to Anangu Tjuta and think beyond. BS said, need to come up with those points and raise to these mob here.

BS – called meeting to end. Thank you.

Meeting closed at 4.15 pm

Note: The minutes 11th March 2022 were checked and ratified with changes on the 5th April 2022