

## **APY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NO 2**

Held at Umuwa on 7 August 2013

**Present:** Bernard Singer (Chairperson), representing Amaruna/Railway Bore; Trevor Adamson (Deputy Chair), Pukatja/Yunyarinyi; Charlie Anytjipalya, Watarru; Willy Pompey, Mimili; Owen Burton, Amata/Tjurma; Anton Baker, Murputja; Murray George, Kaltjiti/Homelands by telephone. **APY Administration:** Richard Preece (General Manager), Rex Tjami (Director); Rob Laundry (Minute Taker).

**Opening:** Chairman opened the meeting at 1.25pm and welcomed members. A review of the agenda occurred and the meeting decided to address those items that would be of interest to the visitor audience.

**Visitors:** Minister Hunter; Alex Reid, Coordinator General; Tom Mooney, Chief of Staff; Nerida Saunders, Leanne Liddle DPC/AARD; Senator Gallacher; Chad Buchanan, Advisor; Craig Macauley, ROC; Victoria Jarvis, FaHCSIA. The Chair welcomed the visitors who then introduced themselves.

**APY Roads:** Leanne Liddle introduced Paul Gelston (DPTI) the Project Manager for the new APY roads. Paul talked about the project being 210 kilometres of road costing \$106million over a 5 year period. He discussed things they know and don't know about the project and indicated that it would be built in partnership with Anangu and there would be respectful consultation with Communities and Traditional Owners. The road would run from the Highway to Pukatja and include 21 kilometres of access roads however there was not enough money to bituminise it although they intend to bituminise the approaches to Communities. The cost was based on upgrading the existing road but they still needed to check the best location and design for the road. Water and material will be required to develop the road and all work is expected to create employment opportunities for Anangu and when completed would assist mining or tourism activities.

At this stage it is not known who will do the work but it is expected the road will be divided into stages with perhaps 4/5 contracts with work for 20 people each ranging from sourcing material to road development. Paul met with RASAC last week to check their capacity to contribute.

Survey work may be undertaken by aeroplane but will still need to work with the anthropologists and TO's regarding cultural issues and places of significance. An engagement plan for consultation with Anangu is required and Paul will write to APY about this issue.

DPTI will work through DPC/AARD to ensure appropriate consultation occurs with APY.

In response to a question from Owen Burton Paul pointed out that this was new money and that roads in the west would continue to be maintained by existing money and upgraded using money saved by halting all further upgrades in the east.

The Chair stated that mining in the west at Wingellena could create 15 ore trucks a day travelling through APY Lands however the Minister indicated that on current estimates this could be delayed between 5 and 10 years. The Chair continued adding that there was a safety issue with cars entering the road from Communities/Homelands and maybe a different route should be considered as too many people were already coming through the Lands into communities and maybe a roadblock should be established at the Highway entrance which could double as a pay station. The Minister replied that the actual road route would be discussed over the coming year but only one route would be maintained and a new costing would be required if it were substantially different from the existing road. Murray George was worried about the extra traffic and road safety and Willy Pompey reinforced the need to talk with all Communities not just those immediately affected. The Minister will write to the Minister of Transport to ensure that a consultation process is developed including Tjukurpa and Lore.

Senator Gallacher thanked the Executive for allowing him to be part of the proceedings noting that he was the Senator for the Electorate of Grey and a member of the Federal Public Works Committee which approves funds for regional development which included the Trade Training Centre and ACAP Laundry. He indicated that he has access to the Federal Minister of Transport and Treasury and was prepared to talk to them about bituminising the road but it would have to be subject to a cost/benefit study. He also raised a number of issues that could affect Communities as a result of an upgraded road.

**Resolution 1: The Executive notes the briefing about the \$106 million APY road upgrade provided by Paul Gelston and Minister Hunter. It also notes the SA Government's commitment to consult with APY Communities about a range of issues, including jobs, economic development, training, road corridor, design and safety. The executive also notes Senator Gallacher's briefing as a member of the Public Works Committee and the issues Communities may need to deal with and the need for a cost/benefit analysis before the road could be sealed.**

The motion was moved by Willy Pompey and seconded by Owen Burton and carried unanimously.

**General** The Chair asked all visitors to leave the room with the exception of Minister

- Manager:** Hunter to discuss the position of General Manager.
- APY Sports Carnival:** The Chair reported that the Community wants to hold a sports carnival in September but needs support. The Minister responded by noting that the Aboriginal Engagement Program run by the AFL's Port Power and Crows have corporate sponsors that may be able to assist and the contacts are Paul Vandenberg and Andrew McLeod. APY could also write to the Minister of Sport seeking support.
- Review of the LRA:** The Minister discussed the proposed limited review of the Land Rights Act which will concentrate on governance to ensure each election vote counts and to gain a more equal gender representation. DPC/AARD (Nerida) has been asked to commence the process.
- Regional Authority:** The meeting was informed that the Government has released a consultation paper on Aboriginal Regional Authorities however this does not affect APY as it has its own Act and RPA. The Minister noted that he had recently visited the Ngarrindjeri Council to talk about the Regional Partnership Authority and he was impressed by the way the Authority engaged with service delivery agencies. He felt that the APY RPA would be a good way of achieving this. The Minister was prepared to invite a Ngarrindjeri representative to APY to discuss the Authority and how it works. It was stated that the second stage of the RPA was about working together on Anangu priorities and the Chair added that Anangu had to drive the process. The Director pointed out that some people are coming back to the Community and causing problems because they do not understand what is happening. APY is working with Government yet a Member of Parliament (Duncan McFetridge) is also causing problems despite the Minister and General Manager having spoken to his boss. The Minister stated that a number of people come to him complaining that no one is listening to them but that he works with the elected representatives. He added that he will still talk to others but decisions are made with the Executive.
- DVD Project:** Visitors Damien Hutcheon from Consumer and Business Services in Port Augusta and Rodney Smith from Ngarrama Productions entered the meeting to advise that they are jointly planning to develop a DVD to explain money management to families and young people living on the Lands. CBS is funding the project and it could be linked with Money Mob (Matrix on Board). The cast will comprise 3 to 4 actors with approximately 10 extras who will be selected through auditions. Owen Burton commented that kids learn from their parents but the DVD would be good and that the APY Director could assist with content. Mimili has been selected as a suitable site for filming and they were advised to consult with the Community in this regard. The Executive supported the project.
- Previous** The minutes of the previous meeting (No 1) held on 10 July 2013 were read

- Minutes:** out by the Chair and it was noted that two resolutions were recorded as being moved by Rex Tjami when it should have read Willy Pompey.
- Resolution 2: Subject to the above amendments that the minutes of meeting number 1 held on 10 July are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**  
The motion was moved by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Owen Burton and was passed unanimously.
- Business Arising:** With reference to a proposed camel association it was noted that it should be a camel company and set up similar to the cattle company. With the imminent demise of the camel subsidy the activity could become uneconomic so it was important to obtain additional funding. Both APY and RASAC in conjunction with Skillhire have made applications for camel funding and FaHCSIA would prefer these two to be joined together. Need funding in place and then Skillhire and the Camel Company could work together. It was pointed out that camel mustering was not just an economic activity but was important for protecting country.
- Previous Minutes:** The General Manager read out the minutes from meeting number 9 held on 25 June 2013 and noted that Skillshare should read Skillhire.
- Resolution 3: That the minutes of meeting number 9 held on 25 May 2013 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**  
The motion was moved by Owen Burton and seconded by Anton Baker and was passed unanimously.  
There was no business arising from these minutes.
- Mining:** Gary McWilliams tabled a summary of the mining meetings held in Adelaide during the week of 29 July to 2 August and discussed the Wingellina project. Gary also reported that he had been contacted by both Hughie Cullinan and Sean Williamson seeking to have access tracks constructed for mineral exploration left open for traditional business and hunting. It is a DMITRE requirement that access tracks be rehabilitated unless the opposite is specifically requested by traditional owners. The tracks are small and only a couple of kilometres in length. The Executive agreed to the TO's request. Gary noted that Metal X will need to send a proposal letter to APY with regard to their tenement however if they don't do anything for 10 years they will be required to again seek clearances. Also the mining trust will need to call another meeting soon. Gary expressed his appreciation for the work Richard has done with APY and congratulated the Executive for their good work also.
- ALRM:** The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement have written to the General Manager proposing a summit be held on alcohol control measures for all dry communities in South Australia.

**Resolution 4: The Executive notes the request from ALRM to the General Manager and supports the proposal for a dry areas summit.**

The motion was moved by Owen Burton and seconded by Bernard Singer and was passed unanimously.

**Other Business:** The Executive agreed to a request from the Labor Party to erect electoral signs at the forthcoming election.

Magdiens Australia P/L had previously sent a proposal to APY to develop an abattoir in Port Pirie. The GM had sought professional advice on the matter from Rural Directions and the GM proceeded to read out the summary received. It was recommended that APY decline to be involved in the proposal at this time which was accepted by the Executive.

SAPOL requested approval to conduct a Youth Leadership and Personal Development program for young people from the Barossa Local Service area similar to the one undertaken last year. The program will be based in Pukatja and occur during September. The Executive agreed to this request.

Stanley Douglas had previously raised with Executive the problems he was having at Cave Hill with unauthorised entry by SEEIT Tours operated by Brett Emerson. It was decided to write to Yulara Resort pointing out that this tour company did not have permits to enter the APY Lands.

Davies Consulting Services has lodged an application on behalf of RASAC for development of a new landfill and waste management area for Kalka and the selected site has been agreed to by the Community.

**Resolution 5: The Executive approves the development application for a new landfill and waste management facility at the selected site in Kalka.**

The motion was moved by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Owen Burton and was passed unanimously.

**Permits:** The Executive declined a request from Ricky Deveurex for a transit permit to travel the Mulga Park road to the Western Australian border.  
The Executive approved the issue of permits to Earthbound to carry out investigations into the effect of the recent earthquake.

**Correspondence:**

The Correspondence in and out was tabled.

**Resolution 6: That the correspondence be received.**

The motion was moved by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Anton Baker and was passed unanimously.

**Livestock** It was noted that a cattle meeting would be held at Marla on 4 September.

**Issues:** The GM reported that the cattle agreement had been checked by a Solicitor Richard Bradshaw who found that it was not a fair contract.

**Members:** Trevor Adamson reported that he was now engaged on a part time basis with the Aboriginal Interpreter Service and therefore would not be available to assist in interpreting work for the RPA.

The Director indicated that the Community would like to hold a festival during September in celebration of the APY Land Rights.

The Chairman thanked Richard for clearing up past issues and Richard thanked the Chair and Director for their support during this difficult period.

Meeting closed at 5.30pm.