

APY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NO 1

Held at Umuwa on 10 July 2013

Present: Bernard Singer (Chairperson), representing Amaruna/Railway Bore; Charlie Anytjipalya, Watarru; Willy Pompey, Mimili; Owen Burton, Amata/Tjurma (via telephone); Anton Baker, Murputja, Milyika Paddy Kalka/Pipalyatjara, Murray George, Kaltjiti/Homelands; **APY Administration:** Richard Preece (General Manager), Rex Tjami (Director); Ali Vidal (Minute Taker).

Visitors: Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) Colleen Rose, David Alexandre, Elder Della; FaHCISA Marika Zellmer; Aboriginal Parliamentary Standing Committee (committee) Duncan McFredridge, Russell Wortley, Lyn Breuer; DEEWR Renee Marden; Skillhire David Couzner;

Opening: Chairman opened the meeting at 1.00pm and welcomes those in attendance and asked Ms Paddy to start with a prayer.

Chairman requested out of respect of Anangu elders past and present for a minute silence. Chairman explained that Trevor Adamson had aimed to be present over telephone but unable to reach him.

Welcomed the executive to the first meeting for new financial year and introduced the new minute taker. First visitor in the agenda was introduced.

Visitor AIS: The Chairperson introduced Colleen Rose and AIS. Colleen explained the role and vision of AIS based Darwin covering the NT, 104 language groups, 400 interpreters. Trevor Adamson works for AIS supporting APY.

FaHCISA has funded a 12 month pilot program to AIS to operate across the APY covering the interpreting costs. AIS offer training and staff will be NT employees. The pilot program commenced 1 July 2013. With AIS bringing down a trainer to APY from August to September to train those interested in becoming interpreters.

Questions from the executive were asked regarding how to get in contact with the service and pay rates and payment for the service. Colleen addressed these questions informing the Executive that a casual person can earn up to \$400, the rates are based on qualifications and experience and the service operates 24/7 and consultants are only used in exceptional circumstances.

WPA: Richard Preece commenced reading through a brief provided to the executive on the Woomera Protected Area (WPA) explaining that actions were undertaken during June and July executive meetings in consultation with the Chairperson and Director as APY needed to act quickly. The brief explained the changes proposed by the Minister of Defence to allow mining across the WPA which was not undertaken in consultation with traditional owners. APY

and Maralinga are opposed the changes requesting the appropriate consultation is undertaken.

The executive raised concerns around the approach undertaken by Defence and requested that consultation is undertaken and that this should have been a matter of priority.

Committee: Chairperson welcomed the Parliamentary Committee. Russell Wortley as the Chairperson for the committee introduced the team.

Duncan McFredridge stated to the APY executive that the recent requests of FOI applications were not a personal attack and it was to ensure that the parliament were well informed of the on-goings of APY considering the \$2 million funding it provides APY each year and in addition \$2 billion in funding for the APY region. Duncan reminded APY of the additional \$300,000 that was provided in top up and if questions were raised within either his own party or the parliament he needed to have all the information to provide a correct response.

Chairperson of the committee also made a statement to the executive commenting that although he supports openness and transparency he wanted APY to understand that this was the act of Duncan McFedridge and his party not of the committee.

APY Chairperson, Bernard Singer commented that APY has experienced difficulties in the past with previous management not doing what was best for the organisation resulting in money being overspent and reducing in government funding. He wanted to assure the committee that under Richards Preece management APY has improved considerably with government restoring its confidence and providing extra funding and the administration is more accountable.

APY Director, Rex Tjami that APY has come a long way from the problems of the past and has asked for assistance from the state government for funding to increase its resources and improve its governance and transparency. He noted that the government funds APY for managing land, lore and culture, but the pressure from community is around social services, training, employment, business development, education, health which we are not resourced to deliver. With the government focused on its contribution financially people are still suffering.

The committee noted that they have seen improvement over the years with increase in employment opportunities especially at Yulara. Issues discussed included housing resources, which APY noted that SA Housing are doing a good job, but staff housing is a big problem as well as community housing. The committee commented that Anangu are saying the same things which they are aware of including issues to do with cost of living, housing, health,

education, employment and what to know how to solve it. APY Chairperson Bernard Singer, commented on the issues with employment services, lots of government money gets spend with little outcomes. Wiltja Constructions is doing a good job.

Charlie Antjipalya commented that government field staff drives in and out of his community which takes away local jobs. Funding is focused on the larger communities which have seen an increased in drug use with no support for homelands. Director, Rex Tjami also agreed commenting that the little community services have closed with government only funding the hub communities.

Committee is aware of the alcohol concerns in Coober Pedy and Cenduna. State Parliament has set up a committee to address this issue which Russell Wortley also chairs and he will be heading to Ceduna for a meeting on 26-27th with a focus on stopping the grog running. APY Executive informed the committee they has received and are responding to correspondence.

Richard Preece gave a summary of what APY is currently achieving in regards to RPA and explained the need to review the legislations to improve governance of the organisation.

Resolution 1: APY Executive noted and approved the additional of fuel allowances of Anangu people travelling to the AGM in Umuwa from Pip and Kulka at a maximum of 6 vehicles at \$150 each.

Motioned: Rex Tjami

Seconded: Bernard Singer

Visitor Skillhire

and DEEWR: Chairperson introduced Renee Marden from DEEWR. Renee explained the visits that had been undertaken across all communities to communicate the changes with RJCP and introducing the new provider Skillhire. David Couzer General Manager Skillhire explained that the new contract commenced 1 July 2013, and it replaced the services of Complete Personal and Bungarla. Skillhire has an Activity Coordinator in each community with their role to ensure all jobseekers are registered with Centrelink and understand the changes. The new scheme is a no work no pay program. Work can also mean activities similar to that of CDEP. Skillhire is to work with jobseekers to help them get employment or participate in activities.

Executive raised questions regarding the use of APY assets and at the last executive a resolution was passed at no assets be removed without permission. David noted that they will prefer where possible to hire equipment from APY instead of using Coates Hire in Adelaide.

Ms Paddy noted to the executive that Skillhire are doing a good job in her community all (people) starting to come off welfare and working. Richard

Preece and David explained the duel application which was applied by APY and Skillhire to FaHCSIA under the Community Development Fund for funding assistance to resource camel manger position in APY and for infrastructure and training for Anangu across the lands.

Planning and

Development: APY Executive discussed the Mimili Laundromat which was approved in the May Board meeting. The Board needed to consider and approve leasing of the Laundromat to either Maku Store or Outback Stores.

Resolution **APY note that the construction of the Laundromat in Mimili and approve the leasing of the facility to an appropriate organsiation approved by the Mimili community.**

Motioned: Bernard Singer
Seconded: Anton Baker

The APY Executive discussed the two housing applications by Housing SA for community housing in Indulkana (IND128 & IND433).

Resolution **APY note and approve the applications by Housing SA for two community houses in Indulkana (IND128 & IND433).**

Motioned: Anton Baker
Seconded: Charlie Anytjipalya

Administration

Matters: Richard Preece reads out the email from George Kenmore and his request to fuel to get to the AGM from Adelaide return. Executive discussed the email and noted that all Anangu had access to fuel allowances to attend the AGM from APY communities only.

Resolution **APY noted the email from George Kenmore to the General Manager at 8.28pm on 8 July 2013. APY agrees to pay for fuel of \$75 at Mimili as a contribution for travel costs while on APY to get to the AGM. The executive declines to meet travel costs outside of the APY lands.**

Motioned: Anton Baker
Seconded: Willy Pompey

R Preece read out the two permit applications one from Summit7 and the Asthma foundation to climb Mt Woodroft and the other regarding a research application. It was recommended to refer the research application to Land Management department.

Resolution **APY note the application from Summit7 and approve subject to Jamie Ningu and employment of a local guide for OH&S reasons.**

Motioned: Charlie Anytjipalya
Seconded: Murray George

The APY executive discussed and agreed to an agenda for the AGM.

Chairperson translates to the executive that the correspondence received by Ducan McFedridge on 17th June 2013. Executive note correspondence from Ngaanyatjarra Council regarding the trucking of camels through APY and the letter from Nganampa Health Council regarding feral animals.

Resolution **APY note the letter from Ngaanyatjarra Council regarding trucking of feral camels and approve it on the condition that if the trucks have room available to transport SA camels to the abattoirs.**

Motioned: Rex Tjami
Seconded: Bernard Singer

Other
Business: Richard Preece reads out the email from RASAC regarding the aerodromes.

Resolution **APY note the proposal from RASAC and support its submission regarding points 1-5 as stated in email from General Manager.**

Motioned: Milyika Paddy
Seconded: Charlie Anytjipalya

Richard Preece read out the brief regarding SafeWork SA and the importance of the training. Ali Vidal read out the brief regarding the opportunity for APY to apply for camel infrastructure funding through the local government.

Resolution **APY note the local government funding for camel infrastructure and approve in application to be made on behalf of APY.**

Motioned: Bernard Singer
Seconded: Anton Baker

Richard Preece reads out the brief regarding FaHCSIA funding regarding Community Officers in communities across APY. Informed the executive that we still need to inform each community of possible positions. Ms Paddy commented that we need to ensure that if they positions are fitted with non Anangu staff that they work closely with Anangu. Executive agree that they need to consult with Anangu first.

Closing: Rex Tjami thanked everyone on the Board for the improvements made to APY in the last 12 months. Richard Preece also thanked the Board for their support. All agreed.

Murray George expressed that the next Board meeting will be his last and it was agreed that considerations into his position will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Murray George closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting closed at 5:40pm.