

APY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NO 7

Held at Umuwa (Land Management) on 8 May 2013

Present: Bernard Singer (Chairperson), representing Amaruna/Railway Bore; Trevor Adamson (Deputy Chair), Pukatja/Yunyarinyi; Charlie Anytjipalya, Watarru; Willy Pompey, Mimili; Murray George, Kaltjiti; Owen Burton, Amata/Tjurma; Anton Baker, Murputja; Mrs Milyika Paddy, Kalka/Pipalyatjara joined the meeting by telephone at 12.10pm and left at 4.45. **APY Administration:** Richard Preece (General Manager), Rob Laundry (Minute Taker).

Opening: Chairman opened the meeting at 11.40am and welcomed those in attendance. A minute's silence was held for the late Mr Thompson. The opening prayer was then delivered by Owen Burton and Rob Laundry was introduced to the meeting.

Resolution1: **"That APY will organise a meeting between Anangu with camel interests and Troy Coe to discuss the mustering program".**

The motion was moved by Owen Burton and seconded by Anton Baker and passed unanimously.

Further discussion occurred regarding the high cost of transporting camels and the restriction on the use of triple bogey trucks. It would be more efficient and cost effective if this government requirement could be lifted.

Resolution 2: **"APY supports the transport of camels between Watinuma and the Western Australian border using triple bogey trucks".**

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

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Resolution 3: **That the minutes of meeting number 6 held on the 13 February 2013 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

GM Report Following an acknowledgement of the passing of a respected elder and leader in the land rights movement the GM presented his report to the meeting. The GM discussed staffing, Regional Partnership Agreement,

APY Reform Agenda, Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Committee visit.

Regional Procurement Strategy: Rob Laundy provided a brief overview of the proposed Regional Procurement Strategy which will enable maximisation of local workforce development employment opportunities and economic development activities arising from government funded APY lands civil and infrastructure related activities. It is designed to coordinate the government infrastructure and construction activity to avoid the stop start nature and gaps between projects. The meeting thought this would be a good way of enabling on going apprenticeships for young people and could link in with the RPA.

Resolution 4: **“That APY supports the ongoing development of the Regional Procurement Strategy as detailed in the draft Working Group brief”.**

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

Asbestos: The GM advised that the Army had found asbestos at the proposed camp site at Fregon and were therefore considering an alternative site. Housing SA will provide a clean-up in this instance as RASAC indicated no funds were available for site decontamination.

Feral Camels: The Chairman welcomed Neil Collins from AWNRM to the meeting to discuss Feral Camels and Water management. An update on the State Feral Camel Management Plan was distributed and it was noted that funds to remove feral camels was only available to November 2013. Neil then raised the issue of emergency management of camels that were destroying infrastructure or contaminating rock holes. This could involve ground shooting. A member asked whether the rebate was still payable if a camel was shot and Neil stated he would refer this back to PIRSA (Nick Secomb) for an answer.

In addition to shooting there were other procedures available and PIRSA would like to discuss this matter with Communities in order to better inform APY when considering a policy to address this issue.

Resolution 5 **“APY approves for the State camel project to undertake consultation with communities on all options on how future emergency congregation should be managed around communities or places of cultural or biodiversity significance to help APY develop a working plan to deal with the problem”; and “for the camel project team to work with APY to develop a policy around the humane lawful destruction of animals for the purpose of land management or pastoral pursuits so that Anangu can be trained to undertake this activity on the APY Lands”.**

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

Owen Burton commented that feral animals also include donkeys and

horses. Another member asked about the possibility of building holding yards closer to the Stuart Highway to contain feral animals which would save roads being adversely affected by trucking animals over long distances and also reduce transport costs.

Water rights: Neil then went on to advise that although Anangu can control access to the land they have no legal power to control water taken from the ground. AW is the only region in SA where water can be taken without a license. However the AWNRM Board has the power to ask Government for new rules to better protect water for Aboriginal people. Neil said that a water plan was needed and proposed the following new rules;

1. Surface water can only be taken in accordance with Aboriginal tradition
2. Groundwater cannot be taken from within a buffer zone around town water supplies and pastoral wells
3. The taking of water must not impact on:
 - Sites that are of significance to traditional owners;
 - The quality of the water resource;
 - Plants and animals that depend on that water;
 - Existing water users.
4. Big water users will need to report their water use
5. Water should not be wasted.

The AWNRM is seeking support for the proposed new rules for water so that Anangu have more say on its use and it wants to continue to work with APY on how traditional owners are included in the rules.

Resolution 6: “That APY supports the new water plan rules as proposed by the AWNRM Board”.

The motion was moved by Owen Burton and seconded by Murray George and was carried unanimously.

Mining at Wingellina was raised in relation to the two proposed borefields and the possible effect on water in the APY lands. APY will be writing to the Minister to raise this issue. Neil advised that Communities needed to be informed about the proposed plan so they understand and Tony Davies will be coming to APY to talk about water in more detail.

KESAB Heather Browett from Keep SA Beautiful entered the meeting and discussed a proposed Education program on water use based on the following principles;

- How water travels from bores to taps
- How water is made safe to drink
- Encouraging the use of water for drinking and healthy living but not to waste.

The Education program will include videos and photographs and other resources which will also be in language. KESAB is seeking support to present the water program in the APY lands commencing initially with Amata and Mimili in Schools and with the Communities. The program may be run in other communities later on. The Board indicated support

for the program.

Cattle: Andy Dale advised the Board that a cattle meeting would be held at Mimili two weeks after sorry business is finished and is seeking agenda items. Andy also informed the Board that the last meeting convened to discuss payments to traditional owners for paddocks at Marryat 1 and Marryat 2 was in July 2012 however as anthropological research was not finalised the issue was not ratified. Traditional owners have now been identified as follows:

Marryat 1; Tony Adamson, Julie Anderson, Karen Henry and Janet Jacob. **Marryat 2;** Mary Anderson, George Kenmore and Yuminia Ken.

Resolution 7: “APY ratifies the Traditional Owners identified by the Anthropologists as being correct and authorises cattle payments be made to them”.

The motion was moved by Owen Burton and seconded by Anton Baker and was passed unanimously.

Development Applications: Three development applications were tabled for consideration. The first application was for a transportable house at Mimili to be used for staff accommodation to allow NPY Women’s Council to deliver the Intensive Family Support Services (IFSS) program. This application had previously received in-principle support.

Resolutions 8: “APY approves the development of staff housing on the extended caravan site at Amata for the NPY Women’s Council provided that any construction work is in accordance with the Australian Building code and the accommodation is in line with the National Indigenous Housing guide”.

The motion was moved by Bernard Singer and seconded by Anton Baker and was carried unanimously.

The second and third applications were for Mimili and the Government Business Manager Rosanne McInnes provided details of the applications.

RASAC is seeking to develop staff housing for a Municipal Services staff member on the site noted as MIM104 on the community plan and MIM103A on the lease plan. The original house was destroyed by fire and Mimili Council has approved this location as suitable for staff housing. The other application is for the development of a facility to be used as a Laundromat at a location on the Western Road A1 opposite the new Family Wellbeing Centre, which has been approved by Mimili Council.

Resolution 9: “APY approves the development of staff housing for RASAC on the selected site at Mimili provided any construction work is in accordance with the Australian Building code and the accommodation is in line with the National Indigenous Housing

guide”. And;

“APY approves the development of a Laundromat facility at the site approved by Mimili Council”.

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

Parliamentary Committee: The SA Parliamentary Committee for Natural Resources and staff from the AWNRM Board joined the meeting and the Chairman extended a welcome to them. Following introductions the visitors provided the Board with some background on their work and invited comments or questions. Discussion ranged from feral animals to Amata’s need for a night patrol. Of significance was the request from Owen Burton that consideration be given to providing the late Mr Thompson with a State funeral in recognition of his leadership role in obtaining Land rights for Anangu. The Chair of the Committee The Honourable Stephanie Key agreed to raise the matter with the Premier.

The Board was invited to join with the delegation for a barbecue evening meal following the meeting.

Correspondence: A proposal was received from the Born to Run Foundation (BTR) for the establishment of an annual multi-day running event to be held at Uluru and surrounding regions. The 10 day event in October involving some 225 runners plus support crew would venture to the APY lands staying overnight at Amata. They would require campsite and hospitality facilities which could provide casual employment for up to 10 locals over a number of days. The APY Board gave in-principle support to the event and requested that organisers have further consultation with the Amata community. A copy of the proposal was provided to the Amata representative Owen Burton.

A request was received from Aaron Compton to return to the Lands to again work in the Watinuma Store. The request has the support of Hudson Lennon.

Following a discussion in language the following resolution was proposed.

Resolution 10: “APY approves the reinstatement of an entry permit for A Compton to work at the Watinuma Store subject to strict adherence to permit conditions and protocols”.

The motion was moved by Murray George and seconded by Trevor Adamson and was carried unanimously.

Visitors: At this stage the following visitors entered the meeting; George Kenmore, Arnie Frank, Mike Williams, Sammy Lyons, Robert Stevens, Donald Fraser and Teddy Edwards.

They had a comprehensive list of items that they wished to discuss

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however as no quorum was presented it was suggested that they give formal notice of their request which could then be tabled and discussed at a later meeting.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm.