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Introduction

Background

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara holds the freehold title to the lands on behalf of its members under the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act (1981)*.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands occupy 103,000 square kilometres in the North West corner of South Australia. The most prominent features on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara lands are the Tomkinson, Mann, Musgrave and Everard Ranges. Most of the communities are located in or around these ranges.

All decisions relating to development, use and management of the lands are made by the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara General Meetings in conjunction with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Executive Board.

Powers and Functions of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara was established as a body corporate pursuant to amendments made by the South Australian Parliament in October 2005 to the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981*.

Pursuant to Section 6 (1) of the *Act*, the functions of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara are:

- (a) To ascertain the wishes and opinions of traditional owners in relation to the management, use and control of the lands and to seek, where practicable, to give effect to those wishes and opinions; and
- (b) To protect the interests of traditional owners in relation to the management, use and control of the lands; and
- (c) To negotiate with persons desiring to use, occupy or gain access to any part of the lands; and
- (d) To administer land vested in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

Pursuant to Section 6 (2) of the *Act*, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara has the following powers:

- (a) the power to sue and be sued;
- (b) the power
 - (i) to grant a lease or licence, for any period it thinks fit, in respect of any part of the lands to an Anangu or an organization comprised of Anangu;
 - (ii) to grant a lease or licence, for a period not exceeding fifty years, in respect of any part of the lands to an agency or instrumentality of the Crown;
 - (iii) to grant a lease or licence, for a period not exceeding 10 years, in respect of any part of the lands to any other person or body of persons;
- (c) the power to acquire by agreement, hold, deal in, or dispose of, land outside the lands;
- (d) the power to enter into contracts;
- (e) the power to appoint and dismiss staff;
- (f) the power to receive and disburse moneys;

- (g) the power to obtain advice from persons who are expert in matters with which Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is concerned;
 - (h) the power to establish offices;
 - (i) the power to make a constitution relating to
 - (i) the conduct of meetings of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara;
 - (ii) the procedures to be followed in resolving disputes; and,
 - (iii) any other matter that may be necessary or expedient in relation to the conduct or administration of the affairs of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara;
- and
- (j) the power to take such other steps as may be necessary or expedient for, or incidental to, the performance of its functions.

Requirement of consultation

Pursuant to Section 7 of the *Act*, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara shall, before carrying out or authorizing or permitting the carrying out of any proposal relating to the administration, development or use of any portion of the lands, have regard to the interests of, and consult with, traditional owners having a particular interest in that portion of the lands, or otherwise affected by the proposal, and shall not carry out the proposal, or authorize or permit it to be carried out, unless satisfied that those traditional owners

- (a) understand the nature and purpose of the proposal;
- (b) have had the opportunity to express their views to Anangu Pitjantjatjara; and
- (c) consent to the proposal.

General Meetings of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings are held in accordance with Section 8 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act*. General Meetings are broadcast live across the APY Lands by 5NPY Radio. This also includes a "phone-in" facility so listeners are able to call in and provide comments, feedback or questions to the issues being discussed. In this way, Anangu from across the Lands are able to participate in every general meeting even when they are not able to travel to attend the meeting in person.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara held a two-day Annual General meeting on 16-17 March 2006.

There were three (3) Special General Meetings held during the reporting period:

- 21 September 2005 at Umuwa
- 23 May 2006 at Indulkana
- 21 –22 June 2006 at Umuwa

Summary of Consultations facilitated by Annual and Special General Meetings

Amendments to the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act*

At the time the last Annual Report was prepared, the amendments to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act had been passed by the South Australian Parliament. Very simply, those amendments provided for better governance of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

and separated the elected and administrative sides of the organization. Elected Members from the ten electorates on the Lands were to be for three year terms and the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were to be elected from amongst their Executive Member peers.

At the time the amendments were being discussed by Parliament, there was perceived to be considerable opposition to the proposed changes. However, that was not the case on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. As a result two delegations travelled to Adelaide to meet with Parliamentarians, bureaucrats and other interested parties to discuss the changes and to demonstrate the support for those changes.

In August 2005, a group of forty Traditional Owner representatives from across the APY Lands travelled to Adelaide in support of those changes to the Act.

In October 2005 a smaller group of Executive Board Members and other Traditional Owners travelled to Adelaide to sit in Parliament while the proposed changes were debated, voted on and passed by Members of Parliament.

Following the amendments to the *Act*, a Tjilpi/Pampa (senior people's) meeting was held at Yurangka Creek, about 60 km west of Umuwa. At that meeting, one of the matters discussed was to create a new logo for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. This would demonstrate the official coming together of all the people on the APY Lands and acknowledging Yankunytjatjara people. Six elders were commissioned to create paintings that would be publicly displayed at Umuwa. The paintings were judged and the selected painting was used as the basis for the final graphic design.

Substance Misuse Facility

During the year Anangu discussed the viability for having a Substance Misuse Facility operated on the Lands. Throughout the year a number of meetings were held to discuss the issue and in June 2006, it was decided to construct the facility at Amata. Construction will commence early in 2006/2007.

As a result of amendments made to the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* in October 2005, certain statutory administrative requirements had to be achieved.

Code of Conduct

Pursuant to Section 12F of the Act, the Executive Board was required to prepare a code of conduct to be observed by members of the Executive Board, the Director of Administration, the General Manager and any employees of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

The code of conduct was to contain the following provisions:

- a provision requiring that a person referred to in subsection (1) must not divulge or communicate personal information obtained (whether by that person or otherwise) in the course of official duties except—
 - (i) as required or authorised by or under this Act or any other Act or law; or
 - (ii) with the consent of the person to whom the information relates; or
 - (iii) in connection with the administration of this Act;
- a provision requiring that a person referred to in subsection (1) must not engage in bullying of, harassment of or threatening behaviour towards any Anangu or persons employed by Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, in the course of, or the purported course of, official duties;
- a provision requiring that a person referred to in subsection (1) must declare any unsolicited gifts received by them in the course of, or related to, official duties;
- any other provision prescribed by the regulations.

The code of conduct had to be presented to a General Meeting of its members for approval. This occurred on 22 June 2006 and was forwarded to the Minister for his approval. Some minor alterations are to be made in 2006/2007. The code of Conduct is to be reviewed by the Executive Board within 12 months after each election.

Constitution

Pursuant to Section 14 of the *Act*, the proceedings of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and the administration of its affairs are governed by a constitution determined by Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. The constitution was required to be amended so as to be consistent with the *Act*; and then submitted to the Minister for approval.

Considerable time was put into ensuring its compliance and the Constitution for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara was approved by its members at a Special General Meeting held in June 2006. At the time of preparing this Annual Report, the Constitution had been forwarded to the Minister for comment and/or approval as per the *Act*.

Other General Consultations

Other issues that were the subject of general consultations included:

- Construction of a low-security correctional facility
- Law and Culture issues
- Twenty-five year Celebrations of Land Rights
- Changes to the Entry Permits process
- Mai Wiru (Healthy Stores Policy)
- Support for TKP, a group comprising Commonwealth, State and Anangu Organizations who meet quarterly to discuss service delivery on the Lands
- Wiru Palyantjaku, an Anangu group comprising Directors, Chairpersons of each Anangu organization, as well as representation from Anangu Communities, who discuss long term issues that affect the Lands
- Mintabie Precious Stones Fields
- Legal and Anthropological Files
- Leases on the Lands

The Executive Board of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

The Executive Board of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is elected pursuant to Section 9 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* and hold meetings in accordance with Section 10 of the *Act*. The Executive Board must hold its meetings at least once in every two months.

The Executive Board is the governing body of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and is responsible for carrying out the day to day business of the organization. The Executive Board must endeavour to advance the interests of Anangu at all times and must comply with a resolution made at an Annual or Special General Meeting. An act of the Executive is binding on Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

During the year, the Executive Board met more often than they were required under the legislation. There were a total of eleven (11) Executive Board meetings held during the reporting period, giving an indication of the workload and issues the Executive Board has to consider.

Five (5) of those meetings were held with the outgoing Executive Board Members between July and November 2005.

The outgoing Executive Board comprised the following Members:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>
Chairperson	Bernard Singer	4
Amata	Leonard Burton	4
Anilayla (Deputy Chair)	Kawaki (Punch) Thompson	3
Indulkana	Ronnie Brumby	5
Kalka/Pipalyatjara	Lindsay Paddy	3
Kaltjiti/Homelands	Roger Kaypipi	5
Mimili	Tony Campbell	5
Murputja	Teresa Stevens/Sammy Lyons	5
Pukatja	Makinti Minutjukur	2
Wallatinna/Railway Bore	Priscilla Singer	5
Watarru	Charlie Anytjipalya	1

Elections were held in November 2005 in accordance with the changes made to the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* in October 2005. Those changes included three (3) year elected terms for its ten (10) Executive Board Members, who would then vote for their own Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

The current Executive Board Members, elected in November 2005, held six (6) meetings during the remainder of the reporting period. The current Executive Board Members and the number of meetings attended were:

<u>Title/Community</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meetings attended</u>
Railway Bore/Wallatinna (Chairperson)	Bernard Singer	6
Amata (Deputy Chairperson)	Leonard Burton	6
Anilayla	Kawaki (Punch) Thompson	5
Indulkana	Max Kenny	5
Kalka/Pipalyatjara	Cameron Cooper	3
Kaltjiti/Homelands	Murray George	6
Mimili	Tony Campbell	6
Murputja	Mike Williams	6
Pukatja	Gary Lewis	6
Watarru	Charlie Anytjipalya	4

Sub - Committees

The Executive Board, elected for a three year term in November 2005, created a number of Sub-Committees in order to distribute the workload amongst its members. Some of the sub-Committees include other people brought in for their expertise in the field.

Those sub-committees and their members are as follows:

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services Sub-Committee:

Charlie Anytjipalya, Kawaki Thompson, Leonard Burton, Murray George, Tony Campbell

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Development Sub-Committee:

Gary Lewis, Leonard Burton, Max Kenny, Tony Campbell

Finance and Development Sub-Committee:

Bernard Singer, Cameron Cooper, Kawaki Thompson, Murray George

Land Management Sub-Committee:

Bernard Singer, Cameron Cooper, Charlie Anytjipalya, Kawaki Thompson, Leonard Burton, Mike Williams, Frank Young (Director of Land Management)

Law and Culture Sub-Committee:

Leonard Burton, Murray George, Tjilpi Members - Hector Burton, Kevin Williamson
Peter Nyaningu, Raymond Ken, Rupert Peters

Mining Advisory Sub-Committee

Bernard Singer, Leonard Burton, Mike Williams, Murray George, Ginger Mick, (Mining Liaison Officer)

Executive Board Meetings

During the period, the Executive Board members met on eleven (11) occasions:

3 August 2005
16 August 2005
31 August 2005 - 1 September 2005
5 October 2005
2 November 2005
7 December 2005
1 February 2006
1 March 2006 (Amata)
5 April 2006
3 May 2006 (Mimili)
7-8 June 2006

A number of people/organisations/agencies attended Executive Board Meetings throughout the year. These included:

Mayor of Port Augusta and other staff
Aboriginal Housing Authority
Department of Correctional Services (SA)
Department of Water, Land & Bio-diversity Conservation
Primary Industries and Resources (SA)
Australian Cultural Heritage Management
South Australian Local Government Grants Commission
APY Services
South Australia Police (SAPOL)
Ara Irititja Project
Povey Stirk – Legal Consultants
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Mai Wiru – A Commonwealth Government trial project
Drug and Alcohol Association of South Australia (DASSA)
Department of Families and Communities (now Families SA)
Transport SA
Office of Indigenous Policy and Coordination
Metals Exploration
IGO/Goldsearch
BP Australia
TBB Consultants, Perth WA

Summary of Resolutions

At its meetings held during the reporting period, the Executive Board considered and passed twenty-seven (27) resolutions relating to a range of issues. Those resolutions related to matters involving:

- Administration Matters, including Code of Conduct
- Anthropological Matters
- AP Services
- Constitutional Matters
- Executive Board membership
- Homelands
- Land Management
- Law and Culture
- Mineral Exploration
- Permit System
- Stores
- Tourism

Permits

Pursuant to Division 2, Section 19 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act*, “a person (not being an Anangu) who enters the lands without the permission of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding the maximum prescribed by subsection (2).

People apply for permission to enter the lands pursuant to Section 19 (3) of the *Act*. However, there are exemptions for certain people prescribed under Section 19 (8) of the *Act*. These exemptions include:

- (a) a police officer acting in the course of carrying out his official duties; or
- (b) any other officer appointed pursuant to statute acting in the course of carrying out his official duties; or
- (ba) the Electoral Commissioner acting in relation to an election being conducted, or to be conducted, under section 9; or
- (c) a person acting upon the written authority of the Minister, who enters the lands for the purpose of carrying out functions that have been assigned to a Minister or instrumentality of the Crown or an administrative unit of the Public Service; or
- (ca) a member of the Minister's department, or another person authorized by the Minister, acting on behalf of the Minister under section 13N; or
- (d) a member of the Parliament of the State or the Commonwealth, a person who is genuinely a candidate for election as a member of the Parliament of the State or the Commonwealth; or
- (da) a person assisting a person referred to in any of the preceding paragraphs; or
- (e) entry upon the lands in case of emergency; or
- (f) entry upon the lands in pursuance of Division 3, Division 4 or Division 6 of this Part.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara permit system was reviewed following the Annual General Meeting held on 8-9 March 2005. At that time, it became a requirement for police clearances for all non-Anangu people working on the APY Lands. Generally, there are three (3) types of permit applications: general or visitor; contractor/employee; and, media applications.

Contractor/Employee permits may be issued for a maximum of twelve (12) months at a time but can be renewed. They may be issued with three month temporary permits pending receipt of their police clearance certificates.

The responsibility for issuing permits is with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. However, PY Media have been involved in assisting APY to process media applications since 2002. Recent amendments to media applications provide assessment criteria. This demonstrates transparency on how media applications are considered before PY Media provides its recommendation to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara on issuing the permit request.

General permits are now processed and issued after seven (7) days unless a community does not approve the application. Previously, permits were not issued until a response had been received from a community. Now, a community only has to respond to the Permits Officer if they do not approve the permit application. This reduces the onus of replying from a community when there is general acceptance for an application.

Another refinement to the permit application forms involved removing individual homelands from the application forms. In the past, many applicants ticked "all areas" without any need to do so or any plans to visit those places. Some homelands advised they did not want to be on the form unless someone specifically requests to visit their place.

During the reporting period, 1858 people applied and were granted a permit to enter the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. These comprised:

Contractor Permit Applications	355
Employee Permit Applications	375
Visitor Permit Applications	712
Government Permit Applications	401
Media Permit Applications	15

During the reporting period, eleven (11) permits were cancelled due to employees no longer working on the APY Lands and only a few permits were refused, primarily because the applications indicated the visitors were planning to tour around significant sites.

Administration

During the year, there were no significant changes at Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara but recruitment to key positions occurred. During the reporting period, a Book-keeper/Budgets Officer and a Legal Officer were employed to become part of the Administration team that now comprises the General Manager, Director of Administration, Administration Officer, Book-keeper/Budgets Officer, Permits Officer, Legal Officer, Community Development Officer, Mining Tenement Officer and Receptionist.

The Director of Administration and the General Manager are appointed by the Executive Board on conditions that have been determined by the Board and approved by the Minister.

Director of Administration

Pursuant to Section 13 C of the Act, the functions of the Director of Administration are—

- (a) to oversee the implementation of resolutions of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and the Executive Board; and
- (b) to carry out any other functions assigned to the Director of Administration—
 - (i) in the instrument of appointment; or
 - (ii) by the Minister after consultation with the Executive Board.

Mr Rex Tjami holds the position of Director of Administration.

General Manager

Pursuant to Section 13 E of the Act, the functions of the General Manager are—

- (a) to implement the resolutions of the Executive Board in a timely and efficient manner; and
- (b) to undertake responsibility for the day-to-day operations and affairs of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara; and
- (c) to ensure that records required under this or another Act are properly kept and maintained; and
- (d) to discharge any duties under this or any other Act relating to financial and annual reports; and
- (e) to ensure that the assets and resources of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara are properly managed and maintained; and
- (f) to exercise, perform or discharge any other powers, functions or duties conferred on the General Manager by or under this or any other Act.

Mr Ken Newman holds the position of General Manager.

The Administration Officer

- Maintains the communication system
- Opens and distributes inward mail
- Coordinates mail collection and the twice weekly mail plane
- Prepares appropriate correspondence
- Is responsible for Reception Functions including catering
- Coordinates accommodation booking arrangements for the Visitor's Centre
- Maintains stationery / Office equipment supplies
- Maintains the Office Procedural Manual
- Coordinates leased vehicles, services, change over
- Maintains records of motor vehicles - owned and leased
- Coordinates catering for meetings, travel, accommodation, Travel Allowance, Executive Board remuneration and Petty Cash
- Provides assistance to the Director, General Manager, Anthropologist, Legal Officer and Book Keeper as required
- Provides a Mentor / Training role for the Receptionist
- Manages the performance of the Permits Officer and Receptionist
- Maintains Purchase Orders to suppliers, invoices and codes
- Maintains Purchase Order books and register

Carrie McKell holds the position of Administration Officer.

The Bookkeeper / Budgets Officer

- Assists in the preparation and management of the financial operations of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and to ensure that appropriate expenditure control mechanisms are in place
- Ensures the operating budgets are correctly prepared, adopted and monitored and that all departments of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara maintain appropriate financial records
- Helps prepare submissions with the General Manager to undertake funding negotiations with funding agencies, ensuring compliance with funding conditions and with all statutory and other reporting requirements
- Ensures that regular financial reports are prepared and available when requested, investigate, and explain any major variances in financial accounts
- Manages debtors and creditors to ensure timely payments and receipts of accounts.

- Liaises with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara accountants and auditors
- Assists with the general administration of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, including office services, filing systems and meeting arrangements
- Assists with supervision of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara administration staff
- Introduced MYOB into the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara financial system
- Set up MYOB to allow easy entry and retrieval of financial information
- Ensures that quarterly financial acquittals are correctly presented against their budget
- Supports staff with the financial administration of various projects
- Prepares specific reports for the Executive Board Financial Sub-Committee
- Liaises with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara contracted Accountants

Susan Weatherill holds the position of Bookkeeper / Budgets Officer.

Permits Officer

The Permits Officer receives and processes Permit Applications for access to the APY Lands and is responsible for maintaining all related administration work in this area, including maintaining the Permits database.

Specific activities performed include the following:

- Fax, e-mail & post up to date Permit Application Forms to applicants
- Ensure all communities/organisations and the Waru website have the latest forms
- Handle all enquiries regarding permits
- Fax permit requests to appropriate communities
- Enter applications into the permit database
- Maintain the permits database
- Process permit applications, including financial transactions
- Ensure there is an organised filing system
- Follow up on Police Clearances for all employees/contractors
- Provide other administration support as required, including workplace functions, assistance at General, Executive Board and Special General Meetings

Ms Amelia Tyrrell holds the position of Permits Officer.

Legal Department

During the reporting period, there were a number of issues that required legal assistance in finalizing. A summary of those issues are as follows:

- Advice in relation to the AP Services and Pitjantjatjara Council merger
- Advice in relation to disputes over dwellings ownership
- Anangu Pitjantjatjara Legal and Anthropology files
- Anthropologists' Consultancy Agreement
- Cattle Agistment Agreement
- Joint Use Agreement for an Anangu Pitjantjatjara asset at Amata
- Matters dealing with AP Executive Confidentiality Undertaking
- Matters relating to Primary Industries and Resources South Australia
- Mineral Exploration Agreements
- Mintabie Precious Stones Field Lease
- Providing Strategic Policy and Political Advice
- Review of *Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Act 1981 (S.A.)*

Mrs Nicola Thompson holds the position of Legal Officer.

Anthropology Department

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara contracts out its anthropological services to an Adelaide based firm, Australian Cultural Heritage Consultants. Section 7 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* states:

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara shall, before carrying out or authorizing or permitting the carrying out of any proposal relating to the administration, development or use of any portion of the lands, have regard to the interests of, and consult with, traditional owners having a particular interest in that portion of the lands, or otherwise affected by the proposal, and shall not carry out the proposal, or authorize or permit it to be carried out, unless satisfied that those traditional owners—

- (a) understand the nature and purpose of the proposal; and
- (b) have had the opportunity to express their views to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara; and
- (c) consent to the proposal.

During the reporting period, a total of twenty-six (26) heritage clearances were undertaken; sixteen (16) Traditional Owner meetings were held and nineteen (19) matters were finalized.

The following is a summary of anthropological activities performed during the reporting period.

Mineral Exploration

PIRSA

- Traditional Owner consultation and distribution for Mintabie town lease renewal
- Process for appropriate Traditional Owner consultation for PIRSA mapping program recommended, implemented and reviewed
- Traditional owner identification, consultation and cultural heritage clearance completed for several areas within the PIRSA mapping program. This mapping program is ongoing, and so the related anthropological work is also ongoing
- Traditional owner consultation completed for a student geologists' field trip in the area between Kenmore and Victory Downs, scheduled for July/August 2006. We are also providing a cultural induction session for this group in Adelaide, prior to their departure
- Traditional Owner identification, notification, consultation and site clearances where required completed for other PIRSA projects including airborne magnetic survey, gravity survey, seismic line inspection flights, magneto telluric survey etc

PepinNini

- Traditional Owner identification and consultation undertaken for PepinNini EL 3386
- Baseline cultural heritage survey and exploration program survey completed
- Traditional Owner identification and consultation undertaken and ongoing for ELA117/96
- Preliminary negotiation regarding sensitive blocks within PepinNini ELA 118/96 undertaken and is ongoing

Acclaim/ Metals Exploration

- Distribution for Acclaim EL2777 (2004 program) completed
- Acclaim EL2777 was taken over by Metals Exploration and renamed ELA627/05. A renewal of this tenement was signed using the updated Deed of Exploration
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances completed for current work program for Metals Exploration ELA 627/05
- Further cultural heritage surveys scheduled for other areas within Metals Exploration ELA627/05

Rio Tinto

- Distribution for Rio Tinto EL2907 completed

- Distribution for Rio Tinto EL2908 completed
- Distribution for Rio Tinto EL2803 considered unviable due to small amount. The distribution funds are held in trust by APY until there is enough to conduct a viable distribution.
- Distribution for Rio Tinto EL2804 considered unviable due to small amount. The distribution funds are held in trust by APY until there is enough to conduct a viable distribution.
- Traditional Owner consultation undertaken for Rio Tinto ELA278 and ELA491. This consultation did not result in a decision regarding these ELAs. Rio Tinto is resubmitting its exploration licence applications in this area, with some re-mapping to facilitate their processing, in consultation with Traditional Owners and PIRSA.
- Traditional Owner consultation undertaken for Rio Tinto ELA391/96. Traditional Owners recommended to the APY Executive that they approved the Executive signing a Deed of Exploration for this ELA.
- Renewals under new Deed for Rio Tinto EL2583 and EL2584 were signed

Goldsearch/ Independence

- Background research has begun regarding Traditional Owner identification for Goldsearch ELA260/96, ELA341/96, ELA342/96 and ELA 343/96. Traditional Owner consultation regarding these ELAs is scheduled to begin in August 2006

APY Services

Roadworks

- Mimili - Umuwa roadworks and borrow pits clearance completed
- Clearance completed for borrow pit near Nyapari
- Traditional Owner consultation and clearances undertaken and ongoing for roadworks, water bores and borrow pits for the Gunbarrel Highway, Western Australian border to Amata turn-off. Projected completion of this process is August 2006

Development Applications

- Significant Cultural Sites Clearance Certificates have been provided for a number of developments within communities over the past year, including community housing, staff housing and other infrastructure.
- We have been working with APY Services to streamline this process, and have recently drafted a budget for conducting community clearances. This will mean that all development applications for within community boundaries (and including a buffer to allow for expansion) will not have to go through a cultural heritage clearance process. These community clearances should be completed by October 2006.

APY Land Management

- TO consultation re Watinuma cattle bore

AARD (formerly DAARE)

Powerline

- Traditional Owner identification, consultation and site clearances for the proposed powerline route between Mimili and Umuwa is scheduled for completion in July 2006
- Infrastructure within Mimili community has been cleared by Traditional Owners

Telstra

- Significant Cultural Sites Clearance Certificates have been provided for a number of Telstra connections and related infrastructure over the past year. The proposed community clearances (see above) will mean Telstra work within communities will no longer require these cultural heritage clearances. We will still be providing cultural heritage clearances for work within homelands.

SA Water

- Watarru water bore sites clearance completed

Community Development

Royalty Trust Models

- We have been researching various trust models so that Anangu income from mineral exploration, cattle ventures or other sources can be best managed.
- A budget for a consultation process related to these trust models has been submitted to APY

Cattle

- We have been working with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara to develop standard agreements for cattle ventures
- Traditional Owner identification, consultation and site clearances have begun and are ongoing
- Other ongoing work involves reviewing old files and summarising the history of each venture which has been previously documented

Tourism

- Traditional Owner consultation re camp site facilities, Mt Woodroffe
- Review undertaken and recommendations made regarding Ngintaka Tourism Feasibility Study
- A site visit to Cave Hill/Walinynga was undertaken to consult with Traditional Owners regarding an upgrade of tourist facilities
- Review undertaken and recommendations made regarding National Heritage List nomination for Cave Hill/Walinynga
- Liaison with SATC on behalf of APY
- Ongoing work regarding the development of a tourism policy, including the distribution of a survey to community councils seeking information on existing tourism activities and recommendations for a tourism policy and future tourism activities

Database Construction

A great deal of data is generated by anthropological work in the APY Lands. ACHM anthropologists are working to create a system that links this information in retrievable and useful ways, especially for the use of any future staff anthropologist. All information within each element of this database remains confidential. This work is ongoing, and funded by PIRSA.

Anthropology Files

- In late 2005, most of the paper anthropology files created before ACHM began working for APY were recovered. These have been properly documented and archived.
- Computer anthropology files have been recovered for only a small amount of the anthropological work carried out prior to 2004. These have been placed in a system, and paper copies have been added to the archived files.
- ACHM is setting up a system within which all files created in current work can be integrated into the existing computer database and paper files.

Genealogies

- All available genealogical information, both documented by previous anthropologists and collected by ACHM anthropologists, has been included within a genealogical database. This database also has fields for relevant information regarding connection to country, residence etc. We are planning to link this database with other information including geospatial data, photographic images, cultural heritage survey reports etc

Significant Sites

- We have begun a significant sites database which is linked to the genealogical database and file system. This database documents significant cultural knowledge for Anangu. It will

also help make sure that all significant sites within the APY Lands are protected from future disturbance.

Staffing

- Senior anthropologists Dr Neale Draper and Fiona Sutherland have worked in the APY Lands throughout the reporting period
- Anthropologist Dr Tony Doulman participated in a trip in October 2005
- Senior anthropologist Dr Michael O’Kane began regular and ongoing work in the APY Lands in May 2006
- Senior anthropologists Fiona Sutherland and Dr Michael O’Kane began working in May with junior anthropologists Linda Williams and Andrew Morley. This has enabled an increase in the work we can undertake in the APY Lands
- Community Development officer Fiona Pemberton has visited the APY Lands to report on her work relating to tourism and income management models
- ACHM, on behalf of APY, has been actively recruiting a full time staff anthropologist for the APY Lands, so far without success
- We have also prepared a draft budget for the position of staff anthropologist
- In June 2006, the Executive Board approved Traditional Owners participating in cultural heritage surveys being paid \$300 a day, to ensure parity with the rest of the State. They had previously been paid \$200 a day.

Community Development Officer

The APY Community Development Officer is a seconded position from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (as it was known at that time). Primary duties of this position were varied but ranges from organizing sporting events and cultural festivals to introducing Tidy Towns to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. The Community Development Officer position commenced in January 2005 with funding provided until January 2007.

Activities organized by the Community Development Officer during the reporting period were:

- APY Sports & Cultural Festival;
- 2nd Rio Tinto Indigenous Challenge Cup AFL Curtain Raiser Game 2006;
- APY Lands Tidy Towns “Palya Clean Communities” initiative 2006 / 2007.

APY Sports & Cultural Festival, Pipalyatjara 2005.

This event is the main social and sporting event for the year and is by far one of the most important and largest fixtures on the Anangu sports and cultural calendar which historically draws to a close the sporting year and commences the season for traditional cultural business. The festival was held over the Labour Day public holiday long weekend.

For the first time in its long history, the festival was taken from its traditional home at Ernabella community and moved to the western region of the APY Lands and was hosted by the Community of Pipalyatjara.

Work done by the Community Development Office was in coordinating and managing the sports and cultural festival. The office planned, managed and coordinated all activities leading up to and over the festival weekend. This required the office to develop a sound working relationship with other Anangu and Government agencies to ensure for the health & safety of festival goers and for the festival to be truly memorable in which all who participated would enjoy.

In expectation of a large number of people converging on Pipalyatjara over the holiday weekend, the Community Development Office had to liaise and consult regularly with Police, Community Council and community members to make all necessary arrangements and preparations.

This included;

- Preparing budget;
- Preparing the council and community on what was required for hosting the festival ie. community health, safety & environment issues;
- Securing external corporate sponsorship;
- Securing in-kind and financial support from other Indigenous non-Government agencies.

Funding, sponsorship and support for the festival was provided from a number of sources including the Commonwealth Government, South Australian Government agencies, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, Anangu Communities and mineral exploration companies.

Festival Activities:

Activities over the festival period included;

- Running races
- Novelty races (billycan, egg & spoon etc.)
- Spear throwing (hitting the malu)
- Football & softball competition
- Music contest across four categories (Rock, Country , Gospel & Best all-rounder)
- All competitions had generous prizes and money attached as an incentive for participation.

This was the first time the APY Sports & Cultural festival was not held at Ernabella, where it had been held for the past 15 years. Pipalyatjara community residents and Council staff learned from the experience and that people from visiting communities also benefited from seeing how organised events could be managed well. Communities wanting to host this festival in future now have a good understanding of the work and effort required to make a festival successful.

Rio Tinto Indigenous Challenge Cup Curtain Raiser Game

On 17 June 2006 a representative football team from the APY Lands played an AFL curtain raiser football match against a team from the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands. This was the second match played between the teams. The game had the support and endorsement of both the Australian Football League and the South Australian Football League as well as strong support from local Anangu organisations, government and the private sector.

Opportunities to participate in active recreation in these areas are usually limited and usually restricted because of funding guideline restraints and not having immediate access to vital resource agencies and organisations. The lack of regular recreational and sporting activities often leads people to being uninterested, lacking in energy and with no enthusiasm. Regrettably many young people resort to practices that are not conducive to a lifestyle that is healthy for them or their community.

In trying to address this issue, several organisations from private, government and the non-government sectors are working together to try and provide some solutions to positively deal with this situation and are actively looking at ways of overcoming boredom and listlessness and other issues that affect the people of these communities.

The aim of this exercise was not to be just about football but to provide young men with new experiences and important life skills that can assist with managing and overcoming feelings of being bored. Sport is one the most practical ways of building self-esteem and confidence in people and it is a well-known fact that participation in team sports promotes teamwork, leadership, confidence and healthy lifestyle practices.

Through sport, APY's Community Development Office actively promoted this message by taking the opportunity to disseminate information about lifestyle, family, health and wellbeing to a group of young men.

Conditions were placed on players not dissimilar to professional players. All participants had to adhere to a code of conduct and behave in a manner that was fitting for the privilege of playing in

the team. Players and officials were required to attend workshops and discussions that addressed the issues of men's health, family well-being, substance abuse and domestic violence. This approach was aimed at shifting the thinking in Anangu men in these critical areas.

Without sponsorship support or funding from within and external to communities, many program initiatives would not eventuate. Mining company Rio Tinto and the Department of Primary Industry Resources SA (PIRSA) have in place many initiatives that encourage and support Indigenous communities with healthy lifestyle and sporting programs. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, in seeking support for this particular initiative, approached Rio Tinto and PIRSA for their support.

For the second year, Rio Tinto supported the initiative and provided financial assistance for travel, uniforms and accommodation. In response to Rio Tinto's generous contributions, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and PIRSA were the other major sponsors of the event.

South Australian Police also provided valuable support in providing subsidized accommodation and meals for the team at the Police Academy.

Other organisations who contributed include;

- SANFL providing accommodation, support and facilitation;
- Office for Sport & Recreation support and facilitation;
- Department for Families & Communities, APY Lands Substance Misuse & Youth Programs Unit;
- Department of Premier & Cabinet;
- Drug & Alcohol Services SA;
- Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council;
- Nganampa Health;
- PY Media;
- Gaza Football Club; and,
- Port Adelaide & West Coast Eagles Football clubs.

With ongoing support, it is anticipated the Rio Tinto Cup will become an annual event. However, it will also require the support of all stakeholders if this is to become truly successful in the future because this initiative has the power to add significant value to the health and well-being of Anangu through young men choosing wisely.

APY Lands Tidy Towns Initiative

Tidy Towns is about taking pride in your community and doing the best with what you have at hand. It is about identifying and showcasing individuals and communities who are making constructive efforts that make for positive change within their community. It is about positive reinforcement for communities who are achieving success. It is about having a go and building capacity within communities through affirmative action.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Community Development Office has recently engaged in consultation with the Department for Premier and Cabinet's Division for Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation (AARD), Keep South Australia Beautiful (KESAB) and Keep Australia Beautiful Council, Northern Territory (KABNT) on implementing a Tidy Towns initiative for the APY Lands. KABNT are well placed to provide assistance and advice to APY, KESAB & AARED as they have extensive experience working with Central Australian Aboriginal communities implementing Tidy Towns competitions.

Tidy Towns was initially introduced on the APY Lands in the early 1990's and was well received by communities. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara has a vision to implement and reapply the important messages about having tidy, healthy and safe community environments in which people can be proud. The Tidy Towns competition takes a whole of community approach and covers many elements of community life. When all agencies like stores, schools, clinics, councils and businesses pull together and work in cooperation it will often emanate into success for the community.

Tidy Towns is seen as being one of the most practical ways of rejuvenating and building confidence of a community and its people and capturing their self-esteem. It is a very useful tool for communities looking for a means of motivating their workers and involving the wider community in local community projects.

Emphasis is to be on effort applied by community groups such as schools, stores, clinics, CDEP's and councils and any other community based organisations. Efforts that actively contribute to making communities clean, healthy and safe environment to live for both residents and visitors alike will be recognised and rewarded through the Tidy Towns competition.

Without proper support, many community projects would not eventuate. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Community Development office has approached and is receiving the support of:

- The Department of Premier and Cabinet's Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division;
- Zero Waste;
- Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT (KABCNT); and,
- Keep South Australia Beautiful (KESAB).

All are providing support to ensure for a successful rollout of the Tidy Towns initiative for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is currently calling on the support of other Anangu organisations for this initiative to make it happen.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara wants this to become an ongoing program and sees this as an opportunity in which other community development activities could be established and implemented over the next few years. Visits of communities made so far by the Community Development office has been fruitful with communities visited showing a keenness to take part in the initiative.

In leading up to implementing Tidy Towns, several steps have been taken to ensure that support for this initiative is forthcoming. The following highlights the process that has taken place leading up to implementation.

- Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Community Development office met with KABCNT Staff and Board members to discuss Tidy Towns and the APY Lands;
- Correspondence being conducted between the parties mentioned above;
- KABCNT, KESAB, AARD, Anangu organisations and APY are to meet in August 2006 to discuss in detail implementation, judging categories, criteria and awards;
- APY Community Development office writing to, visiting and discussing Tidy Towns with communities about the Tidy Towns competition;

Tidy Towns is an Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara community development program being put in place to assist communities and to recognize and reward those who participate. Tidy Towns is about sharing information and ideas and it will encourage others to become part of their community by making their own small contributions that eventually make up the bigger picture in achieving community goals.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara is pleased to roll this program out in our communities. There will be many and varied categories in which communities can enter. The emphasis of Tidy Towns

will be on effort made by communities to improve the environment around them and making it their community's safe and healthy places for its members.

Mining Tenement Officer

The position of Mining Tenement Officer commenced in July 2005 in a liaison capacity between APY, Primary Industries and Resources, SA and Mineral Exploration Companies. This officer works in conjunction with Anthropologists, lawyers and traditional owners to facilitate consultations

in relation to mineral exploration applications on the APY Lands. A summary of activities over the reporting period includes:

- PepinNini Minerals being granted an Exploration Licence around Mt Moulden and Mt Marcus. This included site clearances for access. PepinNini Minerals contracted “Strange Drilling Company” of Western Australia to drill exploration holes. Eight at the Mt Moulden site and twelve at the Mt Marcus site. Subsequently fourteen holes were drilled at the Mt Marcus site after mineralization was intersected in several of the bore holes and approval was given by traditional owners to carry out two additional test holes. In total five test bores intersected mineralization. Seven exploratory bores were done at Mt Moulden and minerals worthy of further investigation were intersected in one of the Mt Moulden test bores.
- PepinNini ELA 117/96. A number of meetings have been held but there is divided opinion in regards to part of the block but it was agreed that apart from some small areas access could be granted. The matter is yet to be resolved.
- Chrysoprase Mine Rehabilitation, November 2005. This was a PIRSA funded project to rehabilitate an old abandoned mine that was very dangerous as well as an eyesore. After employing a Contractor to fill in the hole in September 2005, a rehabilitation and training project was undertaken using residents and Pipalyatjara school students. Over a period of time, students were able to observe the regeneration of endemic species, plants and animals, and the spread of weed species. At the same time, they could note how native and feral animal species affected the site. Practical means to control invasive feral pests were demonstrated and taught and the methods used to assess progress, improvement and damage were explained. The management of the rehabilitated mine site is to be an ongoing part of the school curriculum and it is planned that students will participate in management for the long term future.
- Metals Ex was provided approval to carry out ground clearance work with a few small areas restricted. A follow up meeting approved clearance for exploration and Metals Ex plan to carry out this and work in October 2006.
- Distribution Meetings - Rio Tinto EL 2907 and EL 2908
- Pukatja PIRSA BBQ Mining information day held at Pukatja in September 2005
- Rio Tinto being granted approval for ELA 391/96 for mineral exploration.
- Tjilpi/Pampa Meeting held at Yurangka Creek, November 2005
- Mintabie Special General Meeting. Division 4 of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act* deals with the Mintabie precious stones field whose 21 year lease has expired. The meeting resolved to closely examine, by committee, the lease conditions to amend where necessary and improve governance of Mintabie. Representatives from the Attorney Generals Office, PIRSA, SA Police, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and many of its members attended the meeting which was broadcast live across the APY Lands by 5NPY Radio.

Mr Gary McWilliams holds the position of Mining Tenement Officer.

Land Management

The Land Management Unit of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara was established in 1990 to assist Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people to realize their aspirations for the management of their land. This unit employs a number of full-time, part-time and casual staff, as well as project consultants carrying out projects supporting:

- Control of Soil Erosion on the APY Lands

- Feral Camel Control Program
- Implementing Water Monitoring on the APY Lands
- Indigenous Protected Areas
- Land Management data base
- Livestock Management Program
- Management of the Unique Everard Ranges Utilizing Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Protecting threatened species
- Protecting vulnerable sites and biodiversity on the APY Lands
- Storm water management and Mound building
- Tjilpil No. 2 Wildlife Centre
- Traditional Land Management
- Trapping Waru (Black-footed rock wallaby, *Petrogale lateralis*)
- Visitor Management and Site Protection Strategy on the APY Lands
- Water Point and Wetland Strategy on the APY Lands

Control of Soil Erosion on the APY Lands

The milestones for the Control of Soil Erosion on the APY Lands, a project funded by the Alinytjara Wilurara INRM Board, were completed. These milestones included completing fact sheets describing a soil erosion strategy, designing a storm water management program for Kanpi and designing a mound building program for Kanpi and Nyapari. They also include rehabilitation of old roads by ripping and direct seeding with locally collected seed. This project and the Kanpi-Nyapari Envirofund projects contribute to the new round of community water grant applications in 2006/2007.

Feral Camel Control Program

This project aimed to reduce damage caused by feral camels in ecologically sensitive ecosystems by mustering and removing them. Feral herbivores as well as cattle are being removed from the area surrounding Wamitjara (Sentinel Hill). This is an ecologically sensitive area located in the Musgrave Ranges, home to Black footed rock wallabies (*Petrogale lateralis*) and the Musgrave Slider (*Lerista speciosa*).

Implementing Water Monitoring on the APY Lands

Groundwater monitoring commenced on selected bores on the APY Lands using National Heritage Trust funds from previous grants. The groundwater monitoring was conducted on bores located in areas where other land management activities are operating, including Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA's). These activities do not overlap with similar activities conducted by SA Water or in any communities.

Groundwater monitoring consists of measuring the depth to water of groundwater in 40 selected bores and recording the information on the APYLMS database that has been developed for land management activities. Other monitoring activities have been added to the program this year. Programs for collecting water samples from bores and surface waters for field analysis have been prepared. manuals have been developed for sampling and analysing for physical and chemical properties and basic microbiological properties in the field have been prepared and used for

training local people to do these activities. Now, when bores are visited for taking depth measurements, physical, chemical and microbiological properties are also collected from samples and entered into the APYLMS database. Furthermore samples are now also collected for analysis at accredited laboratories for a greater range of chemical constituents and the results recorded.

A cooperative survey with officers from the South Australia Arid Lands has resulted in most of the bores under groundwater monitoring surveillance being accurately surveyed for elevation. This means that groundwater flow direction and velocities can now be deduced, thus providing vital information about aquifer properties.

Community capacity building activities have been conducted in the form of presentations about groundwater resources and chemical properties of water, to community groups, schools, AnTEP classes and health workers. In all presentations were given to a total of 77 children and 59 adults. More attention was directed towards passing on information about the capacity building part of the program to the AnTEP group in the hope that their activities will provide a platform for ongoing community awareness of water resources, in light of proposed funding cuts to the groundwater monitoring program.

The first of two major reports, being prepared as part of the program, is a review of risks to aquifers across the APY Lands and identifying locations of the risk sites. The second major report is a review of recharge mechanisms that are likely to affect groundwater on the APY lands. Both reports as well as a detailed activity report are in advanced development and due for completion before the end of the activity year.

Indigenous Protected Areas

Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA's) are areas of land identified by Anangu Traditional Owners, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands (South Australia) to be managed for conservation under appropriate IUCN classifications. The key aim is to empower Anangu, by recognising and acting on their aspirations, to manage their own land as internationally recognised conservation areas, with preservation and enhancement of biodiversity as paramount, and training of Anangu to equip them with the requisite skills to manage all aspects of the IPA. Two areas have already been identified, management plans formulated and the IPA's formally declared. In this project the management plans of these two areas will be reviewed through a community consultation process and, if necessary, updated. Three more areas have been identified, consultation undertaken, formulation of a plan of management commenced and on grounds works have begun with Traditional Owners. This project provides support to Anangu to implement identified on ground works, and facilitate the long term management of IPA's.

Land Management Data Base

Funds from various projects were used to continue developing the Land Management data base during 2005-06. Progress has been slow and the synchronizing-replicating process was replaced in June-July 06 which will make the data base more robust. Applications have been submitted to Envirofunds and ILC for funds to begin some serious data input into the photo section of the data base during 2006-07 as well as developing the land management section of the waru.org website. These grants will also facilitate further development of the data base especially in the livestock management area.

Livestock Management Program

A livestock management program has evolved out of a number of programs which have been active on the APY Lands over the past 3 to 4 years. These programs are diminishing and the

Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is now the more appropriate fund provider for the Livestock Management Program. An application and strategic plan is to be submitted to the ILC for funding for the 2006-07 financial year. Half of this work was completed in 2005-06 and the remainder in 2006-07.

Management of the Unique Everard Ranges Utilizing Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Through this program we have been able to support older Traditional Owners to get out on the country and also to encourage young people to be involved. Rockholes and sacred sites were visited, recorded as appropriate and cleaned, maintained and often protected by creating a fire break nearby. These activities have helped to shape the Management Plan for Sandy's Bore in the Everard Ranges. Searches for threatened species have commenced, feral animal and weed prevention strategies have been discussed and initiated during the course of this program. This work requires more time in order to see an effect from on ground works.

Protecting threatened species

The **Waru** population on the APY Lands is the last known remnant population of this species in South Australia. This work is part of a long term project aimed to monitor and protect Waru. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Management carried out aerial baiting on hills in the Musgrave Ranges as part of a larger program to control feral carnivores around Waru populations. This was the third aerial baiting run to be conducted over the area. The work is supplemented by baiting conducted by foot throughout the year. Work on protecting rock wallabies in the Musgrave Ranges is made possible by the large amount of support given by Anangu in nearby communities and homelands and by Traditional Owners who are responsible for these areas of country. Through meetings and negotiations, APY Land Management is establishing a program that will protect rock wallabies, enable us to learn more about their population dynamics and also educate local school children about this species. The local media organisation, PY Media has been involved in the project and took footage during the baiting and monitoring which will be used to create an educational video to be shown on the local TV channel and also distributed to other organisations and stakeholders.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Management carried out Waru trapping on two rocky outcrops in the north-eastern section of the APY Lands in October 2005. The trapping was very successful with 15 individuals caught; three of these animals were recaptured during the last day of trapping. Specific measurements were taken and each individual was micro-chipped, tagged and had a DNA sample taken. The DNA samples are currently being analysed. The senior class and Anangu from the local community, Pukatja, observed the trapping and processing of the animals. Anangu Tertiary Education Programs (AnTEP) later developed education material specific to the APY Lands on the trapping program for distribution to schools and community and were also involved in observations of the New Well population with the hope to resight tagged or un-tagged animals. This trapping project was assisted by Dr Mark Eldridge (Macquarie University, Australian Museum), Jason van Weenan (DEH SA) and Scott Jennings (DEH SA).

Anangu from Watarru community and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Management (APY LM) have been actively monitoring populations of **Tjakura** (Great desert skink) during the hot season. Tjakura are large, orange-coloured skinks and are a threatened species. They dig a multi-entrance warren, which contains adults and young and use a communal latrine area. This seasons monitoring showed a great deal of activity. In addition to monitoring four existing Tjakura sites, two new areas with eight active warrens were located in late November- early December of this year. APY LM and community members are very happy with this result and will be continuing to search for more signs of this skink in this area and in other locations on the APY Lands. Similar work is being done for **Nganamara** (Malleefowl), breeding mounds are monitored and searches are undertaken for signs of Nganamara or suitable habitat.

Protecting vulnerable sites and biodiversity on the APY Lands

Camels and other non-native herbivores have seriously degraded water quality to many rock holes across the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands as well as threatening many important plants used by Anangu. Consequently Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Management has built enclosures around selected waterholes to protect these sites and surrounding native vegetation from damage by feral herbivores. These enclosures are designed to selectively allow access to native species whilst restricting access to larger feral animals such as camels, donkeys and horses. The design of these exclosures is evolving as new methods and

materials are utilised and is adjusted to suit the water point being protected. The design is based on maximising the strength of the enclosure while trying to minimise on cost, hours of work in erecting the enclosure and the visual impact on the environment. In addition endemic bush tucker species have been planted from seed, in order to replicate species diversity prior to feral herbivore damage. It is also hoped that if bush tucker is growing in these areas it will encourage Anangu to visit these areas creating a focal point with fresh clean drinking water and traditional food to eat.

Photo-points are being established at these sites, and along with water quality testing will monitor recovery of these areas. This project builds capacity and incorporates training sessions for fencing, metal fabrication, bush plumbing/mechanics, environmental management and associated occupational health and safety aspects of this work.

Baseline observations of condition of country have been made which will be of importance given that there has been cattle grazing in the area in the past and may be more in the future, there is also tourism as a developing enterprise adjacent to quite ecologically and culturally significant areas. This project has helped in the management and future protection of such places. Weeds may become an increasing problem generally on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands with diversifying land use requirements and traffic, vehicular and pedestrian.

Storm Water Management and Mound Building

These two Envirofund projects for Kanpi and Nyapari (storm water management and mound building) were extended from 12 months to 25 months because of delays caused by sickness and equipment problems at the local level. Both programs were re-activated in the second half of 2005-06 and due for completion in July 06. The final report to Envirofunds is due by the end of October 06.

Tjilpil # 2 Wildlife Centre

A wildlife enclosure was built by CDEP workers from Kaltjiti Community. This enclosure currently houses Emus. No Emus have been killed or injured from predation. The outside fence is electrified. Feral cat traps have also been laid along the fence-line and at the nearby bore. These traps are checked daily, as yet no cats have been caught but their presence has been detected by prints at this site. Analysis of the water at Tjilpil # 2 bore found it was salty and had traces of bacteria. A reverse osmosis filtering system was suggested by APY LM. This unit connects to a 600L water tank. Poly-pipes and drippers carry water to vegetation in and around the enclosure and to troughs to supply drinking water for the animals. Proponents of the Tjilpil Wildlife Centre will visit the Emu Free-Range Farm (the first emu farm established in Australia) in order to undergo training and to see the daily operations of a successful Emu breeding facility. Anangu of nearby Walalkara Homeland have visited the Wildlife Centre regularly and have assisted in feeding and monitoring the health of the captive Emus. The local school in Kaltjiti Community have been involved through water testing at Tjilpil Bores.

Traditional Land Management

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Management has released four 15 minute length video features. The features are on the following subjects: Fire Management, Protecting Waru (Black-footed rock wallabies), Kuka Kanyini (Looking after Game Animals) and Buffel Grass Control. At this stage the features will be used primarily on the APY Lands. Each feature is predominately in the Pitjantjatjara language and subtitled in English. This project has involved key

Land Management staff and gives insight into the environmental and cultural aspects of the work that is conducted in these areas.

APY Land Management has been looking after country through patch-burning and visiting and maintaining water-points. APY Land Management Staff, Rangers and Community members have been burning in Sandy Bore, Pipalyatjara and Kalka areas, to promote regeneration and providing firebreaks for threatened species, supplementing work of this nature which was carried out in the Walalkara and Watarru IPA areas.

APY Land Management Staff, Rangers and Community members have also been monitoring and cleaning water points in Kalka, Kuntjanu, Pipalyatjara and Sandy Bore. This work is also supplementing work in the IPA's. This work is linked to the work being done to protect water points, by prioritising water points for protection through monitoring of feral herbivore pressure. Enclosures are currently being designed to protect the highest priority water points. Rockhole cleaning has also been carried out with APY Land Management Staff and AnTEP students from Pukatja and Fregon communities. A rockhole has been 'found' in Sandy Bore area which had not been visited for around two decades. This rockhole was cleaned out and recorded on GPS, then added to the land management database. This work has stimulated the interest of Anangu to revisit important sites, including rockholes and dreaming sites they have not visited for a long time and maintaining these areas once again.

Visitor Management and Site Protection Strategy

The Visitor Management and Site Protection Strategy on the APY Lands were completed in September 2005, ten months after receiving funding from the Alinytjara Wilurara INRM Board. This book contains an overview of strategies used since traditional times as well as those developed for the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Rights Act*.

Water Point and Wetland Strategy

The Water Point and Wetland Strategy on the APY Lands was completed in November 05, one year after receiving funding for the project from the Alinytjara Wilurara INRM Board. This work was published in three separate books with the first book containing the strategy, the second containing the GIS maps with the water point data and the third book containing tables of data that appears in the map book.