



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday 6th March 2019

Start time: 12.50 pm

Location: Land Management Office, Umuwa.

Present: Bernard Singer (BS) (Acting Chairman), Richard Kanari (RK), Marita Baker (MB), Makinti Minutjukur (MM), Tjutjana Burton (TB), Rex Tjami (RT), Richard King (RKg), Tania King (TK), Ruth Morley (RM), Michael Clinch (MC), Mavis Welsh (MW) (minutes/recording).

Absent: Sally Scales, Donald Fraser Murray George, Nyukana Norris and Frank Young

Visitor: Mr Rowan Ramsey, MP for Grey. (RR)

On phone: Ebony DeRose (ED), Anton Baker (AB)

Election of Chairman

Executive Board nominate Mr Singer to chair meeting.

The Executive Board accepted Board member Mr Singer to chair the Executive Board meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2019, for today in the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair.

Moved: Ebony DeRose Seconded: Makinti Minutjukur All members agreed.

Mr Singer welcomed Rowan Ramsey, MP as an observer to the meeting.

Rowan Ramsey thanked members for allowing him to attend. He spoke of the work he is doing to help where he can, the communities within the APY lands.

Makinti Minutjukur said a prayer before the meeting started.

Correspondence

(1) KESAB – TK explained about a meeting between RKg and RT and Stephen Marshall, SA Premier to discuss a proposed APY Land partnership for recycling legacy waste streams and with a number of organisations, subject to Anangu stakeholder support. They are

seeking a start-up proposal to start in 2019. They are asking for support from APY Lands and seek a resolution to go on to the next stage.

BS explained the proposal to members in language.

ED stated that she agreed it is good to do the clean up.

BS advised that at the Mintabie meeting it was considered a good plan and this can be done at Mintabie.

MM stated that it will be good for young people – it will teach them about caring for the country and community.

The APY Executive Board approve for KESAB to develop a proposal and bring back to the Executive Board for approval.

Moved: Richard Kanari Seconded: Tjutjana Burton All members agreed.

(2) SA CFS (dated 24/8/18) – letter addressed to Frank Young regarding Umuwa Vegetation and Buffel Grass Fire Hazard.

TK explained that the SA CFS is asking about the APY fire plan to protect the communities with potential fuel hazards from vegetation and buffel grass. This is connected to Land Management.

RK gave further info and translated into language.

NOTED

(3) Electoral Commission re Mimili Election (29/1/19)

TK advised that next week is the last week for nominations to Mimili male position.

RKg stated that those who nominate will have to have all checks completed. By the end of May we should have new male position at Mimili.

TK advised that RT is working closely with the Electoral Commission.

The first meeting the new member would attend will be in July 2019. **NOTED**

(4) InComPro (dated 5/9/18) – NDIS funded project.

TK advised that she had received an email from InComPro introducing themselves. They wish to conduct a project entitled: 'APY Land Psychosocial Disability Evaluation and Support Project (The APY Project).'

The Plan is to conduct assessment of disability and mental health risks on APY. Once they complete assessment they will report back to Exec Board. They seek endorsement by the Executive Board to carry out the project across the APY lands.

The APY Executive Board endorse InComPro to come out to APY lands to do mapping of disability and mental health on APY Lands.

Moved Marita Baker Seconded Anton Baker. All agreed.

(5) Letter from Australian Bureau of Statistics regarding National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) (dated 14/6/18)

TK explained the purpose of this survey and went through the letter. They plan to employ local community members.

Bonnie to take to RASAC meeting.

ACTION

(6) Review of Woomera Prohibited Area Update from Dr Gordon de Brouwer (dated 25/10/18)

TK advised that this report is available for anyone to look at.

RKg stated that the review is doing cultural mapping. TK provided a summary to the Executive Board members to date. The Review would appreciate feedback from the community.

TK to print out copies and give to all members.

ACTION

(7) Prime Minister & Cabinet request under Freedom of Information Act. (undated)

TK advised that copies of correspondence between ORIC and Ms Caroline Joske and APY has been requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

The letter is signed by Leila Galang.

TK read out the letter to the Board.

TK is asking if this can be published.

BS agreed it that we should not give out the information to others. APY is not bound by FOI.

RKg stated that APY is a statutory authority. RT advised some funding is Local and Federal government but under the Act it is not public body – APY is a self determining statutory authority.

ED stated that only information should be provided to Anangu on the land and not provided to others.

(8) Voyages Anangu Advisory Group Nomination (dated 4/2/19)

TK advised that 'Voyages' run Indigenous Tourism Australia at Ayres Rock Resort in Yulara. Know that Anangu communities want a stronger voice in how Voyages run their activities and so the Voyages Anangu Advisory Group has been created. The Advisory group is now looking for APY representation on the Group. One male, one female. One will be representative the second will be a proxy.

TK stated it does not need to be a Board member and suggested discussion and to come back to meeting.

BS asked that this item be brought back to the meeting.

RKg to **FOLLOW UP** with Executive Board members who they consider the best person to represent APY.

ED stated that on her last visit to Yulara it was all city people working in the cafe, no Anangu.

(9) Mintabie Letter from SA Department for Energy and Mining to residents (dated 4/2/19)

TK advised that this was a copy of a letter which has been sent to all Mintabie residents and it outlines considerations to be given to Mintabie residents.

NOTED

BS stated that we are all aware of the time frame and deadline 30 June 2019. BS translated into language.

(10) Letter from Al Lad Mintabie resident regarding MOC membership (dated 11/1/19)

TK advised that this person is requesting to be a member of the MOC.

RKg advised that the decision to close Mintabie Township was made by the SA government. If he wants to discuss this matter he needs to discuss it with the SA government.

He gave details of his experience at Mintabie.

BS stated that the closure and cleanup is a big job – need to help young people.

Drugs, alcohol coming from NT, WA and SA and needs to stop.

BS will be in Adelaide for meeting of MOC on 19th March, maybe they will bring this up.

NOTED

(11) Email from IAD Press seeking reprint. (dated 12/12/18)

Email from Michael Laflamme requesting support for reprinting the Pitjantjatjara/Yankunytjatjara to English Dictionary

2.00pm Mr Singer left meeting and gave proxy and chair to Mr Kanari.

RKg explained that the IAD Press require a letter of support and the Executive Board agreed.

APY Executive Board gives approval for the General Manager to write a letter in support of the reprint of the Pitjantjatjara/Yankunytjatjara to English Dictionary.

Moved Tjutjana Burton Seconded Marita Baker. All agreed.

MM gave information on the meeting she has had for teaching language in school. She spoke about putting own Anangu curriculum into school. First meeting was held last Monday. It was a good strong meeting with Sam Osborne.

2.05pm Mr Singer returned to meeting.

2.07pm Mr Kanari left meeting.

(12) Letter from Special Envoy for Indigenous Affairs – Tony Abbott, MP – (speech dated 6/12/18)

RKg displayed the letter and drew attention to the recommendations made in the speech.

NOTED

2.08pm. T Adamson entered the meeting as an observer.

PASTORAL

TK advised that Karina Lester is here to talk about Walatina.

2.10pm. Mr Singer invited Rowan Ramsey to address the Executive Board members.

RR – Thank you for allowing me into the meeting and to speak to you.

Circulated flyer of what to be done on APY lands.

Been a member of parliament for 11 years and try to visit twice a year. Try to drive in order to visit each community. Knows that communities on APY Lands are able to thrive.

Invited questions.

RK asked about phone coverage on APY.

RR stated he would talk to Telstra and it may be that with technology cost would be more economical. He is aware of the 'hole' in phone reception coverage.

RK asked about housing.

RR stated that this is always an issue. State government needs to be approached regarding this.

2.20pm Jonathon Lyons, Sammy Lyons, Owen Burton, Benji Stewart entered the meeting as observers.

MM asked about mobile dialysis on the APY lands.

RR stated he thought that this was happening. He will investigate and feed back to the Executive Board.

ED asked about the need for 'rest areas' on roads. BS suggested the need for toilets in rest areas.

ED raised the matter of overcrowding in homes. Previous solutions have come to a stop.

RR stated he did not disagree with that. He asked if there is an increase in population?
ED stated that many people have moved to cities for health or work.

RR agreed that good people move away and then return for cultural reasons.

ED stated that health in communities needs to be looked at. Many have to move for health. Need to look at health clinics and services.

RR stated that he does worry about the health of Anangu. I do a lot of work with dialysis, especially in Grey.

Health clinics are good in communities, but there is a need for people to take responsibilities – engage in programmes for a healthy life. It would be better if they did not need dialysis – need to be more healthy. Nganmpa Health is a very good service.

ED suggested that reviews be carried out which include Anangu – not only incoming people.

Mr Singer thanked Mr Ramsey for attending and observing the meeting.

RKg suggested a photo of Exec Board with Mr Ramsey.

Mr Ramsey thanked Executive Board for allowing his attendance. He left the meeting.

LUNCH

2.45pm Meeting resumed.

Michael Clinch, Pastoral Development Manager, joined the meeting.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING MODEL

MC presented and explained the reasons for a blueprint for cattle production from the Executive Summary paper.

RKg advised the best pasture is found on APY lands for around 60,000 cattle.

BS explained in language the 5 year plan for all Anangu.

RKg need to stop fighting and all work together. Do some work with agisters but after 5 years APY take over.

BS suggested other possibilities apart from cattle, eg. Tourism.

RKg explained the reasons for a Training Camp for young people to train them to look after their own herds.

MC We need to train Anangu to run our own cattle, so we can feed our own people.

RKg stated that we are now in a situation where all debts are paid and APY is ready to buy own cattle.

There have already been some meetings with Anthropology and a Heritage Team has been selected.

3.05pm MC left meeting to get file.

RKg stated that when the lease is signed it will be a strong lease – agisters will fix fences and bores and APY will pay for the Infrastructure.

Discussion with observers present around how the process will work.

The APY Executive Board allow and give their full support and acknowledgement for the 'APY Pastoral Training and Production Model' to proceed in its entirety in the following locations. Puntitjata, Balfour's Well, Turkey Bore 1, Turkey Bore 2, Turkey Bore 3, Umuwa Pastoral Camp.

Moved Ebony DeRose Seconded Tjutjana Burton All agreed

Jonathon Lyons asked how many cattle at present on APY lands.
MC stated 13,000

RKg advised that older cattle will be put in yard for sorry business. Executive Board to decide if there is a charge for cattle for sorry business.

AGISTMENT BUSINESS – GRAZING LICENCE APPLICATIONS

RKg explained an outline of the assessment results. Displayed on screen.

MC explained the results.

The APY Executive Board recommend that a 5 year agistment contract be offered to Shane and Aleatha Nicholle of Mulga Park Station – a 5 + 5 year grazing licence for the following areas. Araluen Paddock, Andalaya Ngarutjara Paddock, Ulaypai Paddock.

Moved Richard Kanari seconded Anton Baker. All agreed.

RM gave an explanation of the how the grazing licence is worked out.

RK translated into language.

RM explained the questionnaire to be used for applicants for grazing licences. This was displayed on the screen for Executive Board.

The maximum length of lease for non-Anangu is 5 years only.

In the past APY has been sued for unfair enrichment.

In future we buy materials and the grazier will do the work to construct fences and bores.

MC explained information on the present state of graziers and grazing.

4.50pm Karina Lester asked about when the meeting will get to Mintabie on the Agenda?

Karina Lester spoke in language. BS responded to her query.

Suspended discussion on Pastoral Developments.

MINTABIE - WALATINA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

5.00pm Karina Lester spoke in language about the closure of Mintabie Township on 30 June 2019.

APY Executive Board recognise key stakeholder is Walatina and are representatives of Walatina Aboriginal Corporation. Karina Lester and Rosemary Lester are representatives on the Mintabie Oversight Committee.

Moved Anton Baker Seconded Richard Kanari All agreed.

RKg advised that post 30 June 2019 need to have partnership to look at cleaning Mintabie. Layers of involvement, Walatina, APY, State Government – all need to work together.

K Lester named potential project managers for strategic partnership. She outlined concerns regarding security and safety at Mintabie.

5.30pm MEETING BREAK.

5.50pm MEETING RESUMED.

PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

RKg stated that Greenfields met all the questionnaire assessment requirements.

Crouch – met all requirements.

Scotts – 5 + 5 years if we agree or after 5 years could say no if not doing the right thing.

Corcoran's

Sampson – lower score

Fennell's – lower again.

Scott's Cattle Co - have best quality cattle.

Following discussion around the suggested grazing areas, the following resolution was agreed.

APY Executive Board agree to offer Jim Scott of Scott Cattle Company a 5 year grazing licences to the following areas. Marryat 1(Pannikin) Paddock; Marryat 2 paddock; Bully's paddock (Echo Hill), Gun Sight paddock.

APY to also negotiate an amiable residential agreement for Eagle Rock Base Camp.

Moved Anton Baker Seconded Richard Kanari All agreed.

Kokatara paddock and Sentinel Hill/Birthday Creek paddock are Donald Fraser and will be subject to a different agreement.

Corcoran's Pastoral Company

MC outlined the proposal as displayed on the screen.

He advised that that they are prepared to do the work. Need a presence on in APY community and not rely on APY staff.

These are areas that have been agreed in past agreements.

APY agree to offer Corcoran Pastoral Company a 5 + 5 year grazing licence for the following areas. Centre Bore Paddock; Morrison's Bore paddock; East Bore 1 paddock;

East Bore 2 paddock; Mulga Bore paddock; McCaulls paddock; Possum's paddock; Racehorse paddock; Up's and Down's paddock.

An amicable residential agreement for the use of Double Tanks Base Camp.

Consideration that there may be an extra fee of charges considered for APY to provide extra services not provided in other agreements, within reason.

Moved Richard Kanari Seconded Makinti Minutjukur All agreed

Crouch Cattle Company

MC advised that they do not any on-site presence – small herd. We can offer them possibly using their herd as a training herd.

APY agree to the offer of Graeme and Cathy Crouch a 5 + 5 year grazing licence for the following areas. Puntitjata paddock (consider offering an alternative area if one becomes available.)

APY negotiate an amicable residential agreement for the use of Cattle Camp/ or Double Tanks as and when required.

Consideration that there may be an extra fee of charges considered for APY to provide extra services not provided in other agreements, within reason.

Moved Bernard Singer Seconded Rex Tjami All agreed

RK raised issues of problems with camels breaking taps and fences.

Greenfield

MC this is similar to Crouch agreement.

RKg they are not present in APY community.

APY agree to the offer of Colin and Jillian Greenfield a 5 + 5 year grazing licence for the following areas. Turkey Bore 1; Turkey Bore 2; Turkey Bore 3.

APY negotiate an amicable residential agreement for the use ofas and when required.

Consideration that there may be an extra fee of charges considered for APY to provide extra services not provided in other agreements, within reason.

Moved Bernard Singer Seconded Richard Kanari All agreed

Wellbourn Hill Pastoral Trust 2018

RKg look after PDL's

APY Executive Board have reviewed Colleen and Donald Sampson's application and agree not to offer grazing licence and gives them six (6) months to remove cattle from APY lands.

Moved Makinti Minutjukur Seconded Tjutjana Burton All agreed

RKg to feedback to Sampson's about environmental issues around caring for the land around the bores.

Lambina Station 2015

APY Executive Board have reviewed Alan and Kerri-Ann Fennell's application and agree not to offer grazing licence and gives them six (6) months to remove cattle from APY lands.

Moved Richard Kanari Seconded Bernard Singer All agreed.

Pastoral

3.1 Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan 10 year. Adjourned to next meeting.

LEGAL REPORT

RM gave outline of a number of complaints written by Brouss Chambers against GM, the Board, Mr Singer.

F Young has complained against RT and RKg.

Mr Brumby made complaint.

D Fraser 22 page complaint against RKg and RM.

M George complaint against RKg under Code of Conduct.

RM asked what to do. She suggested that Executive Board send the complaints to an independent investigator.

RM suggested that Brenton McRae (previous worker to APY) be approached to carry out investigations as a matter of urgency. He is familiar with APY Lands.

The Executive Board resolve to employ Brenton McRae to investigate the complaints under Code of Conduct and report back to the Board.

Moved Makinti Minutjukur Seconded Richard Kanari All agreed

RM asked if Exec Board want a letter written to S Scales, T. Campbell, D Fraser, F Young, Mrs. Norris and M George to seek their intentions about remaining on the Board and attending meetings. A simple letter. All agree and bring draft back to Friday meeting.

The Executive Board direct RM to write letter to S Scales, T Campbell, D Fraser, F Young, Mrs. Norris and M George to seek their intentions and if resigning to put that in writing.

Moved Bernard Singer Seconded Makinti Minutjukur All agreed

RK discussed in language.

RM stated that the Executive Board need to talk about Mintabie and Walatina whose lease expires in 2022, but they have an option to renew for another 30 years. APY Executive discussed the Lease terms, conditions, and obligations. Inspection is required.

FOLLOW UP

PERMITS

Warwick Hill – TJ Hill and Rodney Hill – Camel permit

TK explained that the Permits Officer, has been under pressure from M George and others in regards to this application.

Executive discussed and suggested for Rex to follow up with Mr Stephens.

FOLLOW UP**CHAIR OF AGM**

The Executive Board agreed that Richard Kanari be elected to chair the APY Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7th 1 March 2019.

Moved Bernard Singer Seconded Anton Baker. All agreed.

All agreed to continue Executive Board meeting on Friday 8 March 2019 at 10.00am.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm