



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

APY SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 30 June 2021

Held over BlueJeans conference call

Meeting opened at 2:22pm

Present on conference call

Bernard Singer (BS-Char), Anton Baker (AB), Owen Burton (OB), Gary Lewis (GL), Tania King (TK), Richard King (RK), Deborah Bailey (DB-Minute Taker), Richard Kanari (RKan), Makinti (MM), Nyunmuti Burton (NB) Julieanne Campbell (JC), Willy Pompey (WP), Ruth Morley (RM), Rex Tjami (RTJ)

Apologies Ebony De Rose (EDR), Marita Baker (MB),

Minute Taker Deborah Bailey (DB)

(SIL) = Spoke in Language

1. Welcome

RK advised that the meeting was to discuss and inform the board about the current COVID situation.

RK advised the current situation that is five (5) new cases. There was a miner that came back to Adelaide and was found positive to Covid. No community spread however they are checking and testing.

RK the advice is to use masks and restrict travel

RK the Government is tracking contacts of the miner. There are three (3) people back on the APY lands who were at the airport while the miner was at the Alice Springs Airport. Nganampa health are checking these people and have isolated them.

BS (SIL) interpreted.

RK health department is ready and will move into action if they have too.

BS (SIL)

RK Alice Springs is in lockdown for three (3) days. Borders are closed and anyone there should stay there.

BS (SIL)

RK The border is closed. APY/WA at the moment and is suggested that we only have essential travellers to APY – Visitors – Wiya.

BS (SIL)

RK will let everyone know about the three days and the outcome of Nganampa tracking

BS (SIL)

RK encourage everyone to stay in communities

BS (SIL)

Owen posed question to RK - question was in (SIL)

RK (SIL)

RK reminded that this virus does not discriminate

Discussion about the buses that travel to the lands and the Greyhound bus that travels the highway.

RK has not spoken to Greyhound or bush bus suppliers.

BS suggested to stop the Greyhound and bush bus as it is hard to control the movement of people especially during the winter.

RK advised would send a message through to the bus services today.

Discussion in language

Discussed resolution about closing APY borders to only those essential services.

OB (SIL)

BS (SIL) no visitors coming in. if someone goes to Adelaide and gets worse then we will have to close the borders and they may not be able to get back.

OB have to talk to APY people who live – APY can go to Adelaide? What about those at Alice Springs we have to help them come out

RK those people at Alice Springs have to stay there for 72 hours in the lockdown

OB talked about putting people on the bus and taking them out to Marla

GL (SIL)

RESOLUTION (1) APY TO CLOSE BORDERS TO EVERYONE EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL TRAVELLERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Moved

Anton Baker

Seconded Richard Kanari

All were in favour

RESOLUTION (2) APY TO STOP THE BUSH BUS AND THE GREYHOUND BUS COMING FROM THE TERRITORY AND FROM ADELAIDE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Moved Willy Pompey

Seconded Anton Baker

All were in favour

GL (SIL) if people in Alice Springs perhaps we could bring them back and isolate in Umuwa for 14 days.

RK advised that there are no resources to support people in isolation. It would be better to isolate where there is security and medical assistance if they get sick

BS (SIL) talked about supports on the lands.

GL (SIL) Asked about supporting people to isolate and get to Marla or the lands

RM advised that Alice Springs has been locked down for 72 hours and this by law no one can leave they have to stay in Alice Springs. Good suggestion however last year they looked at getting people home after the lockdowns.

RK mentioned that should they get more cases there may be a lockdown extension.

BS (SIL)

GL (SIL)

RK asked if the board members had any questions

RK will update f/book site, monitor the situation and suggested that if the Premier states that SA is in lockdown then APY will lockdown at same time? Suggesting that the resolution would be

RESOLUTION (3) APY EXECUTIVE DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO LOCK DOWN THE APY LANDS IF COMMUNITY SPREAD AND THE PREMIER LOCKS DOWN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Moved Bernard Singer

Seconded Willy Pompey

All are in Favour

RM attempted to explain and BS said that it was Palya everything okay.

TK through the chair provided additional comment that will put information on the facebook page, the website and entry to lands can continue to be managed through the permits.

Meeting scheduled for the 14 July = There is a scheduled meeting on the 14 July and asked the question if Executive would conduct this meeting over Bluejeans given the current situation with covid around the states.

BS Palya

RK More funding received for three (3) portable toilets.

Attendance call

Bernard Singer, Anton Baker, Willy Pompey, Owen Burton, Richard Kanari, Anton Baker, Nyunmuti, Makinti, Gary, Julieanne

RM asked board members if they have nominated

TK we will know on the 14 July who has nominated

General discussion

RKan asked what was happening with the football game?

RM advised that the football game was still going ahead

RM on RK suggestion and endorsed by executive, RM will draft letter with regards to res 1 that can also be included on APY facebook. TK to send through what an essential traveller is.

Meeting closed 3:40pm