



# **Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara**

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## **APY Executive Special Board Meeting No. 9**

**27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**

### **MINUTES**

**Time: 1 pm SA Time and 12pm NT Time.**

#### **PRESENT**

**APY Executive Members: Bernard Singer (BS – Chair), Owen Burton (OB – deputy Chair), Willy Pompey (WP), Karina Lester (KL), Marita Baker (MB), Tony Paddy (TP), Rita Rolley (RR), Julieanne Campbell (JC), Anton Baker (AB), Nyunmuti Burton,**

**APY Staff Members: Richard King (RK), Tania King (TK), Deborah Bailey (DB – Minutes taker), Ruth Morley (RM), Rex Tjami (RJ), Colin Koch (CK)**

**Apologies –Murray George, Ms Yangi Yangi Fox**

**TK advised that Yangi, Mr Adamson expected and Makinti are expected to call in. No response from Mr George.**

#### **Welcome and Apologies**

- Meeting started at 1:37PM, 27 January 2022
- RK introduced Colin Koch and the meeting attendees
- BS welcomed everyone

BS/RK agreed that the first item on the agenda is to address Covid and then Colin Koch can present.

#### **1. COVID UPDATE**

RK the Amata facility has now stood up. In meantime outbreaks in other communities, Mimili, Indulkana, Fregon.

BS translated

RK those transported out of Amata have now been brought back. Issues at Wiltshire. Wanted to stay as family groups since one got pica the 10 days isolation start again. Now taking people who are pica down to Adelaide, those who do not have many health problems/close contacts will stay in community.

KL question, are the positive case not getting evac but still in community? RK, they will try to manage them in isolation at home.

KL are they supporting the family in home lockdown with food and essential services? Is there some system that has been set up in the community? is it Nganampa health dropping food boxes etc?

BS translated – discussion

RK will ask – assumption is that food would need to take into account if people are at home

TK Amata store is providing all catering. SAPOL, Health and close contacts that seems to be the process but will confirm that this would be for the other communities.

RK Rain is damaging the roads on the highway. This will delay opening and slow down getting APY staff. Staged process. Will send the coordinators first and managers second. We will not send staff in a place to lockdown. For example, Laura who works at Mimili will get her to do other work.

BS translated

RK watching road reports at this stage. Big sections of the road are damaged. Just monitoring to when we can get back up. The roads out West are badly damaged and working on the background on food issues. May need coordinator staff to help with transporting food that way.

RK transport have to go round some 4000kms to get through QLD.

RK covid outbreaks, road damage and food shortage are the three main things trying to focus on at the moment.

RK the repatriation of people from Port Augusta and Adelaide has been put to the side at the moment whilst they work on the roads and outbreaks.

KL from Port Augusta, are they managing the outbreaks there because of the road damage so no one returning to country?

RK before the rain damage to the road there were some repatriations but since the damage no one has been repatriated. They are just monitoring the road at the moment.

RK someone was infectious, and they were staying in Umuwa so they have been evacuated.

KL at the last covid update meeting Kerry mentioned the three locations in Port Augusta have they been established? RK will take on notice and follow up.

RK aware of the Parklands and will be stood up for the next seven to eight weeks.

BS asked if everyone could be quite when people are talking as there is echo and hard to hear.

KL Tuesday Covid update - three locations if RK could follow up if they have been established and set up so that we know Anangu who can't return to country if Anangu could have space and how this is being managed by health and SAPOL.

RK sending message now to Kerry to see if she can confirm but will advise Executive.

KL please let chairperson know the updates from the 3 locations in Port.

RK will let everyone know.

RK if we need too, we will publicise on our site.

BS are the police working on the Port Augusta people still roaming around in the community in the town?

RK yes! police are working on the one in Port Augusta and Health in Adelaide.

BS translated – they should be put away in isolation so we can get them sent back.

AB BS TR ... still see people walking and hear from lot of people so not doing their job properly.

RK hard in this environment even seven people at Wiltshire jumped the fence that is why the isolation is longer. It is not easy.

BS translated – discussion between members.

BS This is where everything reflects to us. Should be working for people and people running around loose, they should be working with our people. RK the Board has done amazing for two years and kept people safe. Like last time people wanted community councils to make decisions and now they are. All you can do is say it is up to the community.

BS translated (...let's put some restrictions in community...) – further discussion ensued in language

- KL resolution last meeting...SL...
- BS last res we said that it is okay community need to be involved in some restriction in community like we have done in Indulkana, limit food and stop cash going out. So only key card no cash. Other community haven't really worked on restrictions from what hear other members are saying. RK said have calls coming in from Indulkana, 'Mimili and Fregon and they are asking lot of questions advice is not to have cash in community up to you and check with police. Because covid can travel on cash as well, those communities decided to put cash on and lift some fuel restrictions not totally but small increase.
- TA spoke in language – we still want petrol...SL first one to say to Richard cause ... SL... we wanna do it this way and control things that is when Tjuta coming into the area and lately people saying that's a good one and Fregon wanting to come in and get some fuel and get money from ATM from Pukatja roadhouse and store Mai Wiru. People come in and trying to get some family to get some money. Like what we talking about today and so it's went off a bit and ... SL.... Not everybody from the community site.... SL... because they want to be able to look at it and try to get fuel for Pukatja only and they stopped the money story because it's not in the community it from, taken from outsider. ... SL... even though that last time lately try to get lot of people to get meeting but we dint have it Monday / Tuesday we were thinking about that later might be after this one trying to push it with some people to have meeting again to make sure ... SL... so that people mask within and try to look at similar way and pass onto the roadhouse and talking-to coup le of people and have meeting after this meeting but going back again SL... somewhere along the line trying to do the best but some problem...SL... for safety... SL... what happen if the police always around Queensland, New South Wales and its harder for non-indigenous people if they run away and go across the border might be 10 thousand or five thousand SL...what is the be way out of this meeting what is going to happen to these people, they drinking around, fighting and there is one person that got a problem . There is serious things happening different tribal people in that area and causing a problem. Drinking, this is problem SL...
- What Is the policeman doing in our problems in Port Augusta what they doing how can we help them?
- RK soon as we get an update from Paul Roberts can disseminate to everybody.
- BS can you get dot points and we want action?
- Discussion
- BS three people in comm with Covid got sent away were seen in Adelaide buying grog.
- BS WP mentioning – we have done restrictions in community reduced fuel to 20 dollars closed atm and mask at the store and ten people at a time only. All other people got sent earlier have a backpack and line with grog.
- KL SL...spoke about the following;

NOTE in the chat section of the Bluejeans TK shared the email from Health with regards to SITREP.  
 'Current update from The Health Forward Commander: Rapid Response Team will demobilise from Amata today in the morning, Thursday 27/01. Whilst the outbreak is not yet closed, due to competing demands across the APY Lands the decision has been made by the State Control Centre Health to demobilise and relocate elsewhere to provide greater support across the lands, including Amata. From tomorrow, Thursday 27/01 this SITREP will be revised to cover the community or communities we are responding to within APY Lands. We will re-stage in Marla tomorrow night, but tomorrow's main action is undertaking community swabbing in Mimili which is enroute due to 3 positive cases who have been in community for an extended period.'

- BS TR – discussion between members. BS talk about isolation times not really working, when they go through that court thing they need to be moved out to a place where they are free and then they can be sent back home. They test positive on lands, get there and then they

get around drinking. They need another place where they test negative and then sent straight away.

BS talk about a silver corridor, probably a black corridor they get lost. The board need to look at and start talking to Kerry mob about coming back on silver corridor. Nothing getting done. Hard for Anangu to get through this pandemic issue what's happening in Adelaide Restriction needs to be typed up.

BS with alcoholism is a disease and need to be careful what we doing. Where we could treat our people to make sure they are fit to come back. Not lock up straight away, wiya rehab needs to be done so they are good and fit to come back. Need to work hard for all these type of issues.

TR don't think will be able to fix it... SL...

RK they would go to a Medi hotel BS need to get a place to isolate when they come back. We did have Marla what's happening to that?

RK this is on the back burner at the moment.

KL when are you next meeting with Kerry SA Health and Paul Roberts. RK tomorrow meeting remote and vulnerable comm zone and the HR team which is the health and now is once every couple days. KL could please raise the issues from this Executive meeting especially to Paul on the situation in Port Augusta and Adelaide, the 3 locations set up. KL understand if positive they still go to Adelaide and isolate in Adelaide. If SAPOL could let know how they are managing Anangu reentering back into Community and SA Health how are they establishing the silver corridor.

## 2. AGM Discussion

- RK AGM on the 24 Feb 2022 under three weeks away, considering we might not have the road open and we have two outbreaks, do we want to postpone AGM and SGM until time when SAPOL and Health can give advice to do so?
- KL TR ... what financial year? RK confirmed 2021 – KL question; what is the process when it gets pushed back to a later date?
- RK is a rule that says you have to have meeting within 15 months and the last one held in February last year 2021, we have a little time but as we have a reason that is up to the board to make the decision.
- KL last one was 2020 to 2021. Previous AGM was Feb 2020 and was the 2019 held and 2020. AGM was Feb 2019-2020 financial year. Who are we advising of the postponing of meeting Aboriginal Affairs, Stakeholders, Shops Anangu and Premier?
- TA intimating that APY has missed an AGM.
- RK postponed in November and asking now two close to breakouts?
- BS TR – can still go ahead and postpone until things are settled down. RK confirmed 15 months from last time but if have to go ahead and postpone that is okay to do so as well due to Covid and roads blocked.
- TA look at what time that might be able to meeting?... SL...TA- suggesting testing people who are coming to meeting. Check into the clinic and then next day maybe come into the meeting. RK said that would be busy to get all the swabs and if Fregon comes online they will be focusing on this. BS- Covid coming on the lands SL...TA- wash hands, wear mask, have three jabs. BS - doesn't matter if you have three jabs you can still be a carrier. BS SL. Need to be more flying doctors coming in if that happens. Need to consider postponing this meeting. Be careful and think. We got people coming in and good that community trying to control and young people running loose, from down South... TA - when look at covid it is like 2-3 thousand getting covid but how many people dying might be 160, 24 from 60 to 70s those people are dying, younger people not dying out of that they going pica...SL... heard through that no young people are dying from Covid. BS - that's good, some people have strong immune system. SL...BS - when we open up then consider putting this meeting on. TA- it's a bit of a problem. SL...WP - working along with the Covid things and it's good. Start considering when put this meeting on. Let's work together and address all these types of things.
- BS TR, Tony Paddy said people from Port Augusta and Adelaide areas they come through Pip area, and they need to be sent back to their communities near Kalgoorlie back to that area. Bit what happening through SAPOL on the lands and people going through from places and there is no stop to it. People are going through in numbers from WA and need to put a stop to it and needs to be looked at.
- KL can RK raise this to Paul Roberts tomorrow?
- MB SL... BS TR MB raised issue with the people coming in from Kanypi stranded spoken to SA Police from my area, is there a way to help these people back to their community? SAPOL saying wiya, can't do anything about it. Road conditions good now at the moment, really need these people to move on. There is a shortage of food in Kanypi. Road worsened up from Amata to Kanypi, that where they going west from pip to Kanypi it worse to. AB need to be road sign 'no entry road closed' RK will raise this. Will raise with Paul Taylor and get a briefing for everyone. BS mentioned that the road needs to be monitored. MB okay for 4WD but little cars not worth it. BS said that TA road needs to be patrolled sometimes Anangu travel to families in little cars, road to be patrolled couple times a week. KL going back to the agenda, AGM whether we postpone AGM for the 24 February 2022.
- TA said that BS said that should support and postpone meeting later date because of road condition and see how we go along with Covid. If settles down then Palya, then go ahead with meetings. MB said road condition is good and have to start working and talked amongst

the team with the 4WD regarding the food supplies. TA said that those two remote communities look at helicopter come in. BS response team to look at.

KL – SL ... AGM postponement

BS AGM – SGM resolution for AGM and SGM

Mover TA said he will be a mover for that one.

### RESOLUTION

The APY Executive Board resolves to postpone the AGM for the 2020-2021 financial year scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 because of the risk of Coronavirus transmission and will hold the AGM when it is safe to do so according to SA Health and SAPOL Advice.

**Moved Trevor Adamson Seconded Willy Pompey All in Favor**

### 3. SGM Discussion

RK Scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> for the same reasons for the 24<sup>th</sup> we are looking at pushing out the SGM for a date that is safer under the advice of Health and SAPOL. Will try and run them together when we do.

KL agrees for the SGM – what was on the agenda? RK said mostly Pastoral. He would not have been available for those dates.

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**Moved Willy Pompey Seconded Tony Paddy All in Favor**

KL what about Executive meeting? BS continue the same. BS- SL .. RK no contact but will be met on the phone. RK said that can do this on the phone and might put another day just to go through all the minutes. RK confirmed that was a two day meeting. Suggesting that we add an extra day and go through all previous minutes. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> suggesting 24<sup>th</sup>. TA said that should be able to come back on the lands safer. Richard you Tania and Chairman should be on lands so we getting a clear understanding. Can we get together and meet in Umuwa. I don't understand some things, wanted to ask you questions. BS SL...TA when meeting talking about when? KL said when it's safe? BS three weeks away that is when people really still with covid. People moving. TA everything is opening. If you wanna go to other states you gotta be able to vaccinated, SL....important to look into it, when want money and opening state and when spending money SL... RK your our General Manager you got to be here and not in Adelaide. BS SL. Lot of people scattered out and going to be hard to get those people back to the lands so we have to look at that. SL... let's do it that way. Look at the SGM... SL... TA said office no one there. People should be there that they are making sure that things going good way.

BS for the safety of all board members three day meeting by phone. 22, 23, 24 Feb 2022.

TK will send out new notice for those meetings.

TK important message from Department of Education – update, they made ruling no schools will open until week 3. Assist, reduce covid, the plan is for staff travel back on 14 and 15 and schools open on the 16 February at this point.

RK decisions making today is affecting everybody coming back to the lands.

#### 4. 40<sup>th</sup> APYLRA ANNIVERSARY

RK introduced Colin Koch.

BS asked if KL could interpret 2:42pm

RK in light of what has been discussed and highlighted with regards to the Covid situation and the Highway we are looking at 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up in April, do we want to call a group together considering an outbreak and fact that April is about 8 weeks away.

KL translated

CK recommending that postpone until later in the year. Can give you the reasons.

CK date have now is April 9/10 and if the Covid and Omicron situation now we don't know how things will change for better or for worse between now and April 10 which is about 8 weeks away.

CK spoken with Sam Osborne from Iwiri who would be bringing Anangu from Adelaide for APY choir he says travel wiya for April. Cannot rehearse a choir, lot of people in isolation and quarantine and old people suffering. He says wiya could not have the choir by April.

CK if covid conditions remain 1 importance is keeping Anangu safe from Covid in community would not have time to bring the bands to practice and would not be able to bring schools together. If schools are starting late not much time to do their kullala Inma so it is uncertain and within the next 2 weeks. If we were doing the festival in April we would need to be doing deposits around \$18000 and if we had to call festival off because of Covid people couldn't travel we may lose some of that money.

CK the festival celebrates the Lands Right Act and Anangu Tjuta and old people who made land rights happen and young people who take over govts of the land and the community important that the young and old can gather to celebrate and if we do this later in the year it might be at a time when they can travel and meet and truly celebrate

CK recommend to move later in the year when we can celebrate properly.

TA 40<sup>th</sup> celebration problem, 8 weeks away when the date was 1981 year and also the month?

KL has 4 Nov 1981.

CK 4<sup>th</sup> Nov might have been the opening of the Pit Council office. CK can check.

OB in middle of problem today. October or November maybe good timing.

BS probably the time to have the celebration.

CK the date should not be in school holidays. November would be good.

CK resolution would be good as need to negotiate with state govt re: grants and 3 major sponsors, firm direction.

BS translated

DB for the minutes read out suggested and re read the resolution for clarity. KL asked to add something to the conditions at the end.

## **RESOLUTION**

The APY Executive Board present today at the Special Executive Meeting 27 January 2022, agree to the postponement of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Land Rights Act celebration to a later date being October or November 2022 subject to advice from SA Health and SAPOL in relation to Covid.

KL asked to add the “land rights act” after anniversary

**Moved Trevor Adamson Seconded Willy Pompey All in favor non against**

BS thanked Colin and no questions for Colin.

## **Other Business**

BS are you going to go to Kanyipi? Mobile service for Kanyipi? RK no information at this point. Focus is on covid at this stage. RK we do have funding from Dept Premier and Cabinet and RK will follow up where this is at.

As soon as covid finishes, will address the communications at Kanyipi.

KL any financials? Can we do this in the next meeting. Resolution’s spreadsheet does APY have a spreadsheet on all resolutions in the last 2-3 financials years.

RK all resolutions are published online and you can access them at any time.

KL do you have a spreadsheet.

BS translated

KL financials, is this on the agenda? RK generally every time we meet, we look at the financials.

RK advised payments will be sent through and will sort out tomorrow. \$200. Will come off tikki first.

## **5. Close of meeting 4:28pm**

**Note: The minutes 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were checked and ratified with changes on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022**