

TJUNGUNGKU KURANYUKUTU PALLYANTJAKU (TKP)
Crowne Plaza ALICE SPRINGS
Monday 25 July 2005

Present:

MEMBERS (and their representatives) :

Nganampa: John Singer, Chris Masters, Jamie Nyangu, Leonard Burton

DoHA: Jane Halton

PY Media: Mary Anderson, Bernie Schebera

APY LC/AP Services: Rex Tjami, Ken Newman

NPY WC: Vicki Gillick

Ku Arts: Inawinytji Williams, Colin Koch, Alison Carroll

PYEC: Katrina Tjitayi

SA State P&C: Jos Mazelle, Peter Buckskin, Alwyn McKenzie

OIPC: Adrienne Gillam,

Port Augusta ICC: Gary Powell attending in stead of Richard Trevena

SECRETARIAT:

Peg Nicholls, Helen Bulis and Fiona Buzzacott (DoHA)

GUESTS/OBSERVERS:

John Thurtell (Consultant) Alison Larkins (DoHA)

FACILITATOR:

Tanya Hosch

Apologies:

Richard Trevena (ICC Port Augusta), Yanyi Bandicha (NPYWC)

The meeting opened with a clarification of membership after a request that John Thurtell (APY Lands Service Coordinator) be present for the whole TKP meeting/workshop.

Previous Minutes/Actions Arising

Ken requested an amendment to minutes. We need to acknowledge the dual role that Rex has and that AP Services is represented in TKP by Rex.

1. WPT Secretariat Update

Ken advised that they had prepared a draft budget and OIPC had assisted in drafting a job and person specification. The vacancy was advertised throughout the Lands but didn't receive a good response.

Action: APY LC have already mapped out the process to find someone on the Lands for WPT Secretariat and will report back about this at the next meeting when there may be a Secretariat in place.

2. Director Positions Funding Update

During his visit to the APY Lands the Minister for Health & Ageing announced funding for both the NYPWC Director position (FACS in the first year and DoHA in the second year) and PY Media Director position (DCITA). The NPYWC is yet to receive the funding for the Directors position

Colin requested that it be noted that at the recent KU Arts meeting, Inawantji Williams was appointed as Ku Arts Director.

3. OIPC Update

Adrienne thanked everyone involved in her and Richard's visit to the APY Lands last week. They met with Vicki (NPYWC) about varying funding arrangements. Commonwealth Secretaries are meeting to talk about red-tape removal.

Action: Adrienne to clarify with OIPC Canberra who is the ideal contact for NPYWC red-tape removal matters.

Adrienne also indicated that it would be good to get a report back from the Secretaries Group and Jane responded that she is happy to provide a report at next meeting. DOHA are also in the process of looking at how to improve the way the department works in terms of these issues focussing on NPYWC and feedback will also be provided about this at the next meeting.

Action: Jane to provide feedback on Secretaries Group and DoHA streamlining exercise at next meeting.

Vicki advised that NPYWC had a shortfall in operational funding this year and disagreed with some of the financial terms and conditions that she was expected to deal with.

Action: Adrienne to discuss with Port Augusta and Alice Springs ICC Managers reporting requirements for NPYWC.

Ken proposed that there needs to be an acknowledgement that if agencies on the APY Lands are coming together for a meeting/forum/ consultation that it does cost money.

Action: Gary to prepare scoping paper on costs associated with Anangu agencies attending meetings on the APY Lands and feedback to be provided at the next meeting.

Adrienne informed the meeting that there is a protocol document being drafted by OIPC and this is to be looked at by the Commonwealth Heads of Agencies.

Action: Following endorsement by Commonwealth Heads, Adrienne will provide a copy of the protocol and TKP Secretariat will distribute to all members.

Register of APY Lands visits. There was general consensus to use a combined State and Commonwealth log so as to avoid duplication and this will be incorporated into the website once it is established.

Consensus: Combined State and Commonwealth log-book will be used and agencies will be required to contact Leeanne Kereskeny on 08 82262234 to inform her of visit dates to the APY Lands.

Any visitors coming to the APY Lands must observe normal protocols. They need to arrange a time and date and reason for visit. It may be useful to have a protocol documented on the website outlining this process.

Action: Adrienne to coordinate responses to Protocol including input from WPT members.

4. Cross Border Brief

Jos provided an update on cross-border justice project and added that it is a joint effort by WA, NT and SA.

Action: Jos to organise for a cross-border Justice Group member to come along to the next TKP meeting when held in Alice Springs.

Jane provided an update of DOTARs funding and indicated that there were some concerns about the additional funding requested. Mary and Leonard discussed concerns about raising Anangu expectations.

Action: Jane to advise TKP members immediately of the outcome of discussions with DoTARS Secretary.

SERVICE COORDINATOR

Summary of discussion

It was important that the TKP shape the Service Coordinator positions' roles and responsibilities. We need to work out what TKP will do and then work out John's role. A duty statement has yet to be formalised. This position is a resource to assist this group, both Anangu and government. It was stressed that Anangu need to be involved and be working with the position. Jane has spoken to Wayne Gibbons about resourcing an Anangu worker. The Malpa must know both languages.

General Consensus:

- **the position is an independent resource to this group and will have an Anangu Malpa**
- **That the TKP shape the Service Coordinator positions' roles and responsibilities.**

Preliminary consultations undertaken for the report indicated that the priorities were government service delivery and making programs work better together. The role of monitoring service delivery was discussed. We need to be mindful of and respect each agency role of funding service providers. Monitoring the performance of each service provider is the role of those respective grant agencies. We need to make sure that people in the community are getting the services that everyone is expecting. If that is not happening we need to know why and address it.

Other points

- Importance of having an on-the-ground presence and meeting regularly with services ie. PY Media, Nganampa and NPY WC. A lot of it is about making and maintaining that relationship.
- role may include following up on what was committed to by Government including the Coroner's recommendations.
- Location of position is in Adelaide initially to access the decision-makers. Need to balance this with community development approach.
- Ensure agency protocols are followed when visiting Anangu organisations.
- Further two positions to be considered.
- Review John T's position and the Anangu Malpa position with a formal performance assessment to occur in six months time.

John Thurtell went through the report he had prepared regarding service and program delivery on the APY Lands. The report is based mainly on what people on the ground had to say, what government and NGO had to say and what has been happening elsewhere in the country. He had been involved in a WA project and suggested that what has been recommended is based loosely on this model. The role of the position is to:

- Work with Anangu to improve design and delivery of services.
- Develop proposals for long-term change.
- Broker in support.
- Represent and advocate Anangu interests.

Feedback on the report:

- it has been presented as a final report but it is DRAFT.
- there should an opportunity to comment and to make changes.
- as a draft this is not to go outside of TKP.
- a three week turn-around has been given to redress any inaccuracies.
- the State may be obliged to distribute the report – reaffirm that it is draft status.

General Consensus: That the John Thurtell Report will not be distributed outside of the TKP membership until all members are provided with the opportunity to comment and make amendments. An extract will be provided to State Parliament if requested.

Action: All changes to the John Thurtell Report be submitted to Adrienne (within 3 weeks) who will incorporate these as well as the up-front statement acknowledging that the views presented are preliminary opinions.

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Service Coordinator –continued.....

John would report to TKP, State Taskforce and Commonwealth Heads to cover all interests of the parties through written reports and briefs. TKP is the main reference group with agreed priorities (see below). Communication will be a challenge but it will take time to build up the trust. A work program will be developed. The TKP Secretariat will facilitate information flow between meetings.

The State government has administrative responsibility for John's position in terms of booking travel and paying him but sees TKP as setting the agenda. John T has been invited as a permanent member of the State Aboriginal Lands Taskforce.

Discussion highlighted that:

- there is a need to develop a work plan with appropriate timeframes and the secretariat to provide support with identifying the short, medium and long-term priorities.
- this is a fairly big list and the work plan is an extensive piece of work and the priority is to recruit the regional service coordinator and Anangu Malpa.
- a priority was to spend time on the APY Lands as there was still work to be done. The structure for the position needed to be done first then build on the role of the Regional Service Coordinators and Anangu Malpa afterwards.
- this is not to be a finite list as there are other priorities and there is a fair bit of work to be done beyond this list.

Action: With support from the Secretariat, John Thurtell will develop a work plan addressing the priority areas identified. This plan will be presented to members of the TKP for input and be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Discussion followed about the progression of the Regulated Substance Misuse Bill. The Anangu Taskforce (WPT) is the most appropriate group to take action.

Group Consensus: the matter of the Regulated Substance Misuse Bill should be taken to WPT for discussion and action.

Workshop on Priorities

Attachment B is a summary of the group's discussion on issues and priorities for TKP.
Attachment C is a matrix of these priorities including the original TKP endorsed list.

Membership

Additional changes to be made include:

- Mai Wiru Director.
- SA Government – additional position to be added: Senior Project Policy Officer (DAARe/P&C). Jos's position is Executive Director.
- Secretary, DoHA.
- Members will bring in their own Senior Staff (by choice) who will be:
 - DoHA, Head of OATSIH.
 - NGO's General Manager.
 - Secretariat and John T is a resource to TKP (and will have the opportunity to speak.)
- Expert presenters will be invited to attend TKP

- The secretariat can contribute to discussion if asked and expects the same from John T (who will come in as a support to this group when invited).
- OIPC will have two members.

Refer to Attachment A for Terms of Reference.

Further discussions highlighted that:

- The NPYWC Director's position is yet to be filled and this could take up to 2-3 months.
- Can bring in senior staff for workshop but TKP meetings to be just the formal members.
- Other individuals may be invited following discussion by the TKP membership at meetings or via secretariat to make presentations as required.
- We have WPT and it's up to Directors to bring information up to TKP from there and to take it back. Being able to call a 'membership' session only is a decision that can be made by this group.

General Consensus: agreed to membership of TKP, role of Secretariat and Senior Staff/Advisors and conduct of invitees and members-only sessions during TKP meetings.

Protocols were discussed around the media and its interest in the service coordinator's position and the APY Lands. Australian government has strict media guidelines.

General Consensus: Gary will speak to Wayne Gibbons and will share communications with Jos to determine what happens in terms of media releases regarding TKP and progress of John Thurtell's role.

Draft Protocol

A paper was tabled by the secretariat for discussion. It was agreed there was no need for another protocols document. OIPC have a protocol that will be presented to Commonwealth Heads and then will distribute to TKP members. There was verbal agreement to a principle.

General Consensus: the principle will be that 'This group will operate with openness and respect'.

Draft RPA

The draft RPA was tabled. It is an amendment to the original COAG SRA and the main changes include new members and the regional priorities added to from the February workshop.

There is still some work to do on what an RPA is, what purpose it serves, whether they are useful, who negotiates these. An RPA may be useful for the group to set directions. One way forward is to set John's priorities into a work-plan and then see how this can be taken forward into an RPA. Mai Wiru and PY Ku need to be acknowledged. SRA's can be pursued without an RPA.

General Consensus: the Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) will not be pursued at this stage.

Where does TKP want to be in 5, 10, 15 and 20 year's time?

Discussion points were as follows:

- It's an opportunity for everyone to learn each others business. We're here to make a difference and there is a political arm that influences what we do and would appreciate it if people understand our (government) constraints as well.
- Need to be action driven.
- Need to draw on expertise when needed eg for health issues use health people.
- The solutions that we come to are 'shared' solutions.
- the picture of the future is that there is opportunity for Anangu to shape a future that is most appropriate for them.

- A role for the Wiru Palyantjaku Taskforce and their vision is something that group can bring back to TKP.
- there is only so much TKP can influence.
- Use opportunity rather than focusing on the complex issues.
- Need to be more practical in addressing the issues.
- The time for vision statements has gone and would hope that we can look at where we focus our energies and start to say how we're doing it.

Setting our priorities including law and order, safety, strengthening governance and suicide are detailed later. TKP have already a list of priorities that were agreed to earlier in the year.

Terms of reference have already been endorsed. TKP needs an overall strategic plan. The State government is to provide their AP Lands taskforce plan to kick-start the process.

Action: Jos to provide a copy of the State Aboriginal Lands Taskforce plan to the Secretariat for distribution to TKP members.

Colin highlighted that there is no statement from the art centre in the original priorities/issues identified.

General Consensus: Colin to provide a statement of art priorities to be incorporated into the original priorities. Statement of arts-related priorities provided: *Secure appropriate support to fully exploit arts and cultural practice to improve economic, social and other community outcomes. Maximise the value and level of intergenerational cultural knowledge transfer in building positive community values.*

Update on Mai Wiru:

- Implementation phase funded to March 2008.
- Strategic Plan endorsed by Nganampa Executive to commence with phase II.
- Developed MOU's with 8 councils on the APY lands. Two haven't signed up – Pukatja and Watinuma.
- Applications sought for Public Health Nutritionist and Retail Support Manager.
- Most stores have high annual turnovers but haven't operated under a budget.
- Looking at improving the recruitment of Stores Manager positions.
- Exploring options with Independent Grocers (Metcash Trading Co) to develop better and favourable terms of trade including supply, bulk purchasing and freight to reduce costs. Strong partnership with Industry is critical to achieving outcomes.
- Recognise the importance of IT provisions and have conducted an audit of Store Manager IT skills to help identify need and point-of-sale recording system.
- Developing a model to provide a healthy store-box subsidy. Need to look at healthy product line items.
- Report to be sent out electronically with Minutes.

Update on PY Ku:

- Management staff on board since February.
- A planning committee has been formed and has met three times. Commenced two trials at both Mimili and Amata through the community council offices which have agreed to accommodate the delivery of Centrelink services - Mimili (10hrs/week) and Amata (10hrs/wk).
- PY Media technical arm and support resource was at risk. Has managed to secure short-term funding to continue this service.
- Have spoken to AEC and has had initial contact with Australia Post to generate the provision of more services.
- Lodged application with Indigenous Volunteer Services to look at skills transfer support and assistance.

Summary of workshop/meeting:

The outcomes of this TKP meeting/workshop were:

- Clarification of Service Coordinator Role.
- Addressed issue of John Thurtell's Report and its status.
- Protocol of how TKP will work together.
- Clarification of TKP membership.
- Need to do more work about the regional priorities identified and that should inform the work-plan John Thurtell has been asked to develop with support from the secretariat.

Plan for next meeting:

Next TKP meeting to take into account the APYLC Election later in the year. It will be in Adelaide. Some agenda items were discussed.

Action: Agenda Item for Mary to present on Cape York visit and Gary to present on Regional Partnership Agreements (RPA).

General Consensus: Next TKP meeting will be in Adelaide from Thursday 10th (full day) and Friday 11th (half a day). Agenda Items to include:

- **Presentation by DECS.**
- **Lessons Learnt from Cape York.**
- **Update on Rehabilitation Facility.**
- **Regional Partnership Agreement discussion.**
- **Consolidation of TKP Strategic Plan and John Thurtell's Work Plan.**
- **Update on John Thurtell's Report.**
- **Presentation by Chris Larkin on F&C projects/initiatives.**
- **Update on agency activities.**

Action: Secretariat to follow up these dates and agenda items with appropriate persons/agencies.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND CONSENSUS
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- Secretariat to follow up the dates of next meeting and Agenda Items with appropriate persons/agencies
- Priorities to be presented in a matrix format by the TKP Secretariat
- Approach Director of Anangu Education Services to present at next TKP meeting

GENERAL CONSENSUS:

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- the provision of a substance misuse facility should not be mixed with a correctional facility
- that appropriate accommodation and associated costs in Alice Springs for renal care patients and general health care be looked at as a priority

REGIONAL PRIORITIES TO BE PRESENTED IN A MATRIX FOR NEXT MEETING

- Substance Misuse facility
- Suicide
- Violence
- Child Protection
- Staffing of CYFS
- Policing level
- Youth Workers in terms of support
- Upskilling of Anangu to take up these positions and community in crisis eg management skilling and capacity building – coordinate an appropriate response to these
- Family Support Programs – NPY WC expressed issues with FSW model that need to be resolved
- Accommodation for those accessing renal health care support
- Accommodation for young people to be taught life skills