

**Minutes**  
**Wuru Palyantjaku**  
**28 June 2005**

11.30am Jamie Nyaninju opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apology: Leonard Burton, Mai Wiru

Present: NPYWC Yanyi Bandishu, Vicki Gillick  
Ku Arts Alison

Ken provided b/g of groups of TKP and WP

- difficulty in travelling
- thanked Chairperson and MSO's for coming along today
- said we wanted to let everyone know how they can fit inot the new arrangements.

Bernard talked about Service Coorindator and presented a handout for everyone. Also explained how the chane rotates each meeting.

Rex spoke with language and talked about TKP and WP.

- explained how Community Councils and MSO's still deal with funding agencies in usual way.
- if issues too hard to resolve, can come to WP for support. If supped, can take to TKP.
- c???? can work with Service Coordinator to be sure services are delivered.

12.05 Donald Evans told how people need to do what they wanted without being concerned about gov't names or what MSO's said

- not long ago the Gov't was going to send someone to the Lands
- some of us said yes.
- The director said no, because the Gov't was going to send someone to control the communities and we need to control whats happening.
- TKP also come in to help control Dept of Premier & Cabinet and make a better tool for Anangu communities and MSO's to get better outcomes on our land.

Own Burton asked where the money comes from to support TKP and WP. He also asked have communitas ask for funding etc.

Murray George said everyone and communitas should come together. We need to think carefully and stop arguing. We need to be sturdy and make things better.

Makinti Minjutjirkur & Pukatja MSO.

- sees lots of problems within communities where we can't fix it ourselves.
- we get funding from Gov't for 25 years and don't get results.
- now Gov't is looking for ways to help a community but it is not ??? the right channel.
- only her ??? and her thoughts

- TKP takes everything from the community so communities won't see the gov't face to face.
- TKP is a new group that gov't has created to make Anangu think it is the right way but she thinks it is wrong
- communities struggle with the day to day problems
- what is the gov't plan – just to make themselves look good
- Makinti vision is Anangu ???

Donald Evans explained how community councils and MSO's can talk to how may Gov't people they want face to face

- if they don't want to talk to WP they don't have to come.

Kiritjiu McKenzie – Anyilayla talked about ringin dialysis people back to the lands and have the necessary machines to help look after them instead of Alice Springs.

John Singer – Nganampa responded about the problems with having dialysis in the hands. Need good water and good staff. Kintore is sometimes closed for 3 months. Mai Wiu talks about stores policy and health foods. At next AGM if enough people support dialysis for the lands then Nganampa can push for it. This is a big issue that regains Anangu support.

Gary Lewis – Pukatja Chairperson.

- talked about TKP starting in Alice Springs about community matters
- also about the COAG trials and shared responsibility agreements
- started at ??? in the NT.
- what is here at TKP is Anangu Service providers. These should be communities represented in TKP.
- lots of problems on communities related to health and all Anangu service providers are not health except for Nganampa.
- Pukatja has partnerships with University of SA, Unites Wesley Church ie) how we run store in Pukatja business not mai Wiru – policy is ok but we want to run ourself.

Donald Fraser reiterated what he said after Makinti. However he also spoke about PY Media and how communities can broadcast their own news, promote your community, etc. COAG trials were started and f?????. RTC are to make banking better in communities.

Leonard Burton – Amata Community Chairperson and Mai Wiru Director.

WP is a good idea because for years everyone has gone their own way. Communities only knew their own business. Helen Chairperson can come to the table with Anangu organisations.

- this is the first time we are talking with Gov't people together
- TKP also a good idea because Anangu Directors sitting with the Gov't and talking for the first time.

1.35 lunch break

2.30 meeting resumed.

Owen Burton said WP and TKP are a good idea.

1445 Donald Fraser

Clean up your own backyard before you come and have a go at us. We are here to help communities if they want help.

Womean from Atarru – lots of aged sick people and they welcome the help. We also use the Mai Wiru. John Singer talked about health ??? at Watarum last year. John and Jamie went to Canberra and talked about the problems serving the people in the west. Now have a new clinic and hope to get a sister and some ealth worker. Minister is aware of problems at Wataru and gropu like this and TKp can help to get the services needed.

Graham Rowe, MSO Fregan

Why are communities not represented.

Rex Tjami spoke to Graham's questions.

Group would get too big if all communitis were represented.

Communities to work on the side with service coordinators.

Related history of the past few years when \$1.6m came through AP for some services.

- Gov't wants to make sure that communit get support if they need it or want it
- communitis and councils have to wake up and help themselves as well
- we are working with a resolution passed at the AGM to work with TKP.
- we are trying to support communities.

Mike Williams – said we need to talk to Mike Harvey and support him.

Alison Carroll – Ku Arts – Pukatja - talked about the Arts Centres. She came here to listen. Williams – Fega Arts

1540 Recived Brenton – Amata. - this is one of the first times where Chairperson can come together and talk about things.

Graham asked how would the ??? from the west, east and centro be picked. Told that MSO's/Chairperson from each part to get together to work out who can represent them best.

Ken Newman summarised progress of secretariat position etc.

1615 Vikci Gillick spoke about a NPYWC initiative last year for people with disabilities.

1620 break

1650 Recommenced

Guests: Tony Abbott, Barry Walcolm, Jane Helta, Peg Nicholls, Matt Price and Colin  
– The Australian.

Welcomed by AP Chairperson Bernard Singer.

Tony Abbott Federal Minister of Health

- 1<sup>st</sup> trip to the lands
- Fed Health Dept has special servcies
- chance to see what's happening and wat are the issues Canberra needs ot know and what Canberra can do to help
- with Barry W who has asked Tony often to come to the lands
- ask him any questions if you like

Bernard translated and then handed the meeting back to the Chairman Jamie Wyaringu who said we were talking about the SC position before the break.

Questions – Donald Fraser

- the communities, petrol sniffing and policing
- spoke about RTC and how we would like our own Centrelink office so people could learn
- need the RTC to be running quickly and training provided for people to run properly
- Centrelink payment programs/problems
- Petrol sniffing
- – reasons
- boredom
- need for partenst to take responsibility
- you can discipline your kids

Gary Lew reports on how government should work with communities

- we have problems because of little or no funding
- cases into communities from State and Commonwealth
- how can gov't work better for government in Aboriginal communities
- we want to make things happen before more people die
- we have been waiting too long for Commonwealth and State to give Pukatja money

Minister spoke about Mt Theo at Yuendumu an dhow Commonwealth has given \$\$ if communitites can provide somewhere for sufferers to go for treatment - \$\$ will be available

- requires a determination by communities to remove sniffers and take them somewher for treatment.

John Singer – Nganampa re Coroners Inquiry

- recommended that \$\$ go into youth programs
- today MSO's have talked about \$\$ not coming through to the communities
- gest a bit frustrating
- Minister says its good for communities to use their own \$\$ - this demonstrates commitment – thou gov't may help

1730 Chris Lloyd – Watarru

- public health issues due to remoteness
- getting servcies that are expensive
- small community sometimes hard to justify
- for about 10 yers, community has a “dog box” for a clinic
- heard from Nganampu a new clinic has been built
- no siffing, remote place, scenic 65.75 people
- lots of aged people and they have health problems
- also children who have failed to thrive have been sent
- they need professional health staff
- nearest staff are 140km at Pipalyatjara
- irregular clinic runs
- has a school with 3 teachers
- can attack primary health issues but require professional assistance

Jane Halton advised it was hard t put a fill time worker in a community that size

- Ministers asked if community woud fund \$6500/year to go towards the cost
- There may be hope!! Minister says lets be creative
- part of NAS program new roads and 4 houses
- will come furnishings

Charlie Anylathy – thanked the Minister for his support of Watarru.

Murray George – talked about looking after our children across the land (sniffers)

- we need to find a place to keep the kids safe

Bernard Singer talkeda bout a substance misuse facility and how Peter Key was going to talk about it at a SGM but time ran out. There are plans by the Govt to have a facility.

Makinti raised the problem of housing and over crowding of housing on communities.

Barry Wakelin told of how ther is a need for maintenance of housing and training young people in building skills and home keeping.

Jane Halta talked about TKP brings f???? and service providers together to talk about the big issues.

Gary Lewis and Dave Donald spoke in relation to an update of the NAS program.

Pukatja has houses for misuse than other places.  
Pukatja and Ludilkanan are by far the worst communities

46 houses – 20 with asbestos in fragile state

- needs a house replacement program to demolish 10 –20 of the oldest damaged houses
- cement houses are a “money drain”
- has heard the earliest housing \$\$ can come through is 4 years.
- use TKP to help clean up those issues
- get problems addressed through them

Additional \$2m to get Nganampa Health

- contract 4 x 2 br housing units

\$500,00 to PY Media and NPYQC

Meeting closed at 6.12pm

Aboriginal Corporations Registrar is TAPY registered and what is their status.