

Wiru Palyantjaku

(Better Outcomes) Anangu Task Force



Minutes of Meeting Pitjantjatjara Council conference room Alice Springs 26/11/07

Present:

Leonard Burton, Murray George, Bernard Singer, Robert Stevens, Muyuru Burton, Jamie Nyangu, Rex Tjami, Ina Scales, Josephine Mick, Kuntjitja Brown, Nyukana Norris, Yanyi Bandicha

Staff:

Stephan Rainow & John Trogenza – Nganampa Health
Paul Reardon & Mark Jackman – APY Lands Service Coordinators
Mary Anderson – WP Secretariat Support Officer

Apologies:

Panyin Mick – Ku Arts, Donald Fraser – PY Media, John Campbell – Mimili,
Lee Brady – Amata

10.20am Chairperson – Yanyi Bandicha, NPYWC

Public Transport – Paul Reardon

Members were told that there was a tender that needs to be considered regarding Public Transport for the APY Lands.

Bus service would travel from Alice Springs to Indulkana, Mimili, Fregon, Umuwa and Ernabella and back on the same route back.

It would operate twice weekly on Thursday and Sunday, the service would be licensed to carry 30 people.

Cost Alice Springs – APY Lands \$75.00

Within the Lands - \$5.00

The company is the Bush Bus and at the moment they currently servicing the western communities.

After long decisions the members agreed to the service with a condition that the service is reviewed after a year. Members also wanted the fares on the western service be reduced to co-inside with this service.

Housing

Mary went through the following with the members

Amata	2 x Major Upgrades
Ernabella	3 x New Houses 3 x Major Upgrades
Fregon	2 x Major Upgrades
Indulkana	3 x New Houses 3 x Replacement Houses 1 x Major Upgrade
Kalka	2 x Major Upgrades
Kanpi	2 x Major Upgrades
Mimili	2 x New Houses
Nyapari	1 x Major Upgrade
Pipalyatjara	2 x New Houses 1 x Major Upgrade

There were concerns about the upgrade and new houses, as UPK aren't involved in the design of the houses like they use to be, Liz Butler from Aboriginal Housing used to work with UPK, but that doesn't happen now. Nganampa have a policy for this.

Action: Stephan from Nganampa Health wills workshop the new Housing Policy next year in Umuwa.

Concerns were also raised on staff leases on housing in Communities, (Eg. Store and Bungala)

These should be checked as they might be in houses that belong to the community.

APY Services update

The organisation appears to be in a state of turmoil, at this point they have two (2) committees, 2 Lawyers, and 2 general managers, FACSIA and DPC have given those 21 days until the 7th December to sort the mess out.

Action: Wiru Palyantjaku members agree that Paul Reardon can report back to FACSIA & DPC that APY Services Committee agrees on an independent lawyer to help sort this out.

Sports League

Buses should be purchased and be based at Umuwa which is a central place and only be collected to transport players to communities where the sports are happening, but communities would have to fund the buses.

Action: Wiru Palyantjaku staff member with the help of the Service Coordinators write to Community Chairpersons, Organisations & Councils to help seek some funds for the buses.

Mai Wiru

Stores seem to be going down and we need to find out why.

There are trials in the Top End with the food card, we are looking at the outcome before we start talking to Stores and Anangu.

John Tregenza also reminded members about the drought in Australia, which has an effect on the food prices.

Mai Wiru need APY and Stores to agree to Centre pay before they go to Centre Link.

APY Land Council

Chairman of APYLC gave members a brief of what has happened on the Lands in the last few months, this notice was sent to all communities on the 14th November 2007.

Newsletter

WP Secretariat asked members what they thought of a newsletter for the APY Lands, as most people from different areas don't really know what happens on the lands. Members agreed that this would be good and that this newsletter should be released every three months.

Meeting closed
3.15pm

Note:

During lunch Nganampa Health, NPY Women's Council and APY Land Council were presented with an award for the **overall winner** in Australia by the National Heart Foundation.

Congratulations to Mai Wiru, keep up the great work