

Wiru Palyantjaku (Anangu Task Force)

Minutes of Meeting 6th & 7th April 2006

Present:

APYLC	Director Rex Tjami, Chairman Bernard Singer
NPYWC	Chairperson Yanyi Bandicha
NGHC	Director John Singer, Chairman Jamie Nyaningu
PYEC	Director Katrina Tjitayi, Chairman Sean Williamson
PY Media	Director Donald Fraser, Chairman Owen Burton
KU Arts	Chairperson Alison Caroll
Mai Wiru	Director Leonard Burton
WP- East	Daisy Henry, Sandra Pumani
WP – Central	Hudson Lennon, Makinti Minatjukur
WP – West	Ina Scales, Sammy Lyons

Other Members: Ian Roberts, Muyuru Burton, Kunmanara Watson,
Trevor Adamson, Willy Martin, Murray George, Huey Tjami,
Kevin Williamson, Mrs Paddy

11.15am

Chairperson PY Media Owen Burton opened the meeting, thanked all members and also reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast on radio 5 NPY.

Apologies – Inawintji Williamson

Day 2 Hudson Lennon

ICC - Richard Trevena

Land Management – Caring for Country Project, part of strategy of Petrol Sniffing. This project will offer services around looking after rock holes, controlling feral animals, keeping them out of rock holes and fencing rock holes.

The project is to try and eliminate Petrol Sniffing in communities.

Desert Knowledge will manage the project in partnership with APY Executive, APYLC Executive will be the first point of contact, the commonwealth government is concerned about petrol sniffing, other states WA and NT will also be involved in

the project, this project will be working in the Tri State area, so that the issue of petrol sniffing is being looked at the same time in all three states.

We are hoping that this is a lands wide approach to land management, we will be using elders and traditional owners to care for petrol sniffers when out on country. This proposal was taken to the APYLC Executive and was endorsed at their meeting on the 5th April 2006.

Rex Tjami Director for APYLC then explained in language the project to members of WP.

Question raised by Mr O Burton

When is this going to happen?

People in Alice Springs are recruiting now and this should be a two year project, Desert knowledge and APYLC Executive will be in partnership with others, then we may have a Regional Partnership Agreement between Wiru Palyantjaku, APYLC & Traditional Owners.

Anangu decide where to go on this project and what animals they want to control, at the moment there is no start date for the Caring for Country Project.

ICC will use Desert Knowledge to develop the program, the Commonwealth and State Government, respect that APYLC are the land holding body.

Before this project starts Anangu will be consulted over a long process

Richard also gave a briefing on Opal Fuel and to where it's at with the project, Opal fuel, can now be purchased in some NT communities and towns as well as some SA towns and a community in WA, the following places have Opal fuel, Mintabie, Marla (SA) Finke, Mt Ebenezer, Curtain Springs, Alice Springs (NT) and Warburton (WA)

The Commonwealth are still working on other towns to supply Opal fuel.

Substance Misuse Treatment Centre

Richard gave a brief report on the progress of this project, Government are still working on this, at this stage the \$ for the building are ready, but location and staffing of this centre are still being worked on.

Richard thanked the members of WP and left

Lunch 12.15 pm

During lunch the signing of the Mai Wiru Store Policy with the suppliers took place, Community Chairperson's from the following communities were present Pipalyatjara, Kalka, Kanpi (Murputja Homelands), Amata, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Iwantja, Watarru were unable to make the signing, but agreed to proposed signing,

The wholesale suppliers were from the following, Campbells Wholesale Distribution, Central F & V Wholesalers, Independent Grocers, G & R Wills, ABC Freight, Stuart Bakery and Prime Cut Meats.

This was a historic day for all Anangu on the APY Lands, as it means that Anangu can now go to the community shops and purchase good quality, affordable groceries.

Thanks to the Steering group of Mai Wiru for all their hard work over the years.

COAG – Peg Nicholls & Fiona Buzzacott

Peg introduced herself and Fiona, they work for Department of Health and Ageing and work on COAG Projects, Mai Wiru Stores Policy (Nganampa Health) and PYKU (PY Media) are the two major projects on the APY Lands now.

Fiona congratulated Anangu on Mai Wiru.

Peg is working with PYKU from now until December with the tenders for buildings (PYKU Centres).

Five (5) buildings for Indulkana, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Amata & Watarru will be the first to start, others will follow. Kalka and Pipalyatjara have yet to decide where to have their centre, a meeting with Council and Community members is planned for the 23rd & 24th May and there still has to be more meetings with Pukatja Council regarding the centre there.

Peg will be meeting with PY Media to talk about the PYKU Project.

PYKU has been working with Indigenous Community Volunteers, but accommodation in communities was a problem, Peg informed members of WP that they were successful in securing 14 demountables from the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, 2/2 bedroom demountables will be located next to the PYKU Centres, 1 for volunteers and 1 for rental to government visitors.

COAG with Department of Health & Ageing as the Lead Agency are working on getting broadband, at the moment they are waiting on a submission which is in government going to the SA Cabinet for some APY Communities with large Clinics and a PYKU Centre on the Fibre Optic Cable, PYKU Centres need broadband.

Mr Burton asked what about homelands?

Not at the moment, we need to look at other communities and homelands.

Dept. Health & Ageing are also working on another project called Consumer Education & Financial Services, they had a meeting last year in September, and are looking at what kinds of systems do Anangu want and if successful they will use the PYKU Centres to deliver, as they will be the central place for Anangu to access the services.

Peg and Fiona thanked members of WP and left.

Bernard Singer reminded members that Wiru Palyantjaku West member is in hospital and will be there for some time, there were lots of decisions, and then members decided to replace him with a permanent member who is Ina Scales from Pipalyatjara.

Travel Allowance and Sitting fees for members of WP was discussed, other members felt that these allowances should only be paid to members that have no income other than CDEP.

Discussion after lunch before the start of the meeting with Mr Singer, Mr Tjami, Mr O Burton and the TKP Secretariat came to a conclusion that organisations will pay sitting fees for their chairpersons who weren't in salary positions and the other members who have no income will come from the TKP Budget an amount of \$80.00 per day was agreed.

It was also raised that it should be an agenda item for the next TKP Meeting, as this group is talking business and getting stronger.

APY Lands Service Coordinators

John Thurtell introduced Paul Reardon and Bob Smith to members of Wiru Palyantjaku, John and Paul both based in Adelaide, Bob is based in Marla. Bob has been working now for 4 weeks, and Paul travels up every 4 weeks to the lands.

Anangu Malpas

The government has not yet released the funding for these positions, so we have to wait for that before any one is employed as an Anangu malpa, John then put to members if they agreed to use the TKP Secretariat to help them in the meantime. WP Members agreed for TKP Secretariat to help in that role until the funds came through.

Rex Tjami reminded members that the Anangu Malpa that gets employed has to have a Police check, and that members have to carefully think about these positions, the APYLSC's are pushing for this funding, and it may take another 3 months, before the funding comes through.

John then told members at the last 2 or 3 TKP Meetings Education has been a big issue, and that Paul and Bob have been working on this.

Swimming Pools have also been a problem but it has now been fixed.

Alison Caroll asked why Pukatja wasn't on the list for swimming pools, APYLSC's didn't have the answer, there may have been a problem with not

enough water, but they were surprised as well because Pukatja is one of the larger communities.

Makinti would like Pukatja to be put on the list.

There was also talk about Minister Abbott's visit to the Lands, and how he promised a swimming pool in Watarru, members expressed their concerns about visiting Ministers, they said if government want to make promises, they have to have the \$ ready.

Mr L Burton said that Amata Community still had a problem with the plans on the location of the pool in Amata, he said the government has to sit down and talk with council members to work on these plans, not just put them where they want, Communities have plans for future development.

The APYLSC's are also working with the staff at Marla who is supervising the Youth Workers on the Lands, and helping them to coordinate these programs.

These positions were created after the Coroners Inquest, 8 Youth Worker positions were announced but there are only 2 to date.

The APYLSC's will be also looking at the Environmental Health Worker Program that is currently on the APY Lands.

The meeting session finished and it was then handed over to the APYLSC to start the workshop session.

WP Members were asked to look toward the future and think about programs that are on the lands at the moment and how they could ask government to make them better or achievable.

It was told that government want to see numbers and outcomes, questions asked were **When, What and Why.**

WP Members listed the following areas that needed to be looked at:

- Housing
- Policing
- Petrol Sniffing
- Disabilities
- Kidney Disease
- Education
- Training
- Communities Running Properly
- Youth Programs
- Night Patrols
- Employment

WP Members then worked through with the programs, as there was limited time to finish, other programs were left for a later date.

Programs worked on were:

- Housing
- Policing
- Petrol Sniffing
- Communities Running Properly
- Education

Programs still to work on are:

- Disabilities
- Kidney Disease
- Training
- Youth Programs
- Night Patrols
- Employment

WP Members were asked to think about the TKP Secretariat, as there are some problems with the current system.

Meeting Closed 3.55pm