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FORWARD

It is with great pleasure that this October 2012 issue of *Progress on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands* is made available for posting on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) website. The *Progress on the Lands* publication is produced by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (DPC-AARD) on a bi-annual basis. This issue provides progress up to August 2012, with the next edition due in the first quarter of 2013.

Earlier this year we released the first edition for 2012. This report was well received and provided valuable information about the activities of our State Government agencies on the APY Lands, including those in partnership with APY, APY Land Communities and the Commonwealth Government.

DPC-AARD recognises that the development and maintenance of partnerships and collaborative relationship across the APY Lands is critical to sustainable, appropriate and effective services to Anangu. Once again, this edition provides further evidence of the growing capacity as a result of these partnerships and ongoing investment.

For instance, the implementation of a number of large infrastructure projects is occurring with the completion of Child and Family Centres, the Trade Training Centre, and the current construction of the Family Wellbeing Centres, and the extensive activities to engage and provide increased learning and employment opportunities for Anangu within community and local areas.

With the concentrated focus of the National Partnership Agreements (NPA) through the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) sites of Amata and Mimili, the prospects for communities to actively develop local solutions has provided an invaluable opportunity to bring both exciting and community driven initiatives, such as Night Patrols and Youth Action Plans.

Furthermore, the completion and resolution of policies and future directions across APY has been achieved, with the APY Store Credit Policy being endorsed by the APY Executive, and the Mintabie Lease Agreement signed. This will provide clear and streamlined processes for activities in relation to these important areas.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the APY Executive, the Community Councils and all the service providers and agencies that continue to work and provide service and programs on the APY Lands. They remain committed to the development of community programs to build strong communities, reduce social dislocation and promote and connect communities on a range of choices and opportunities.

I trust that you will find this issue of *Progress on the Lands* informative and invite you to provide DPC-AARD with contributions and updates for further editions.

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INTRODUCTION

The structure of this issue of *Progress on the Lands* follows the Council of Australian Government's (COAG¹) Building Blocks² that were identified to organise COAGs response to Closing the Gap³ in Aboriginal disadvantage. There is also an attempt to align these key pieces of work with the priorities set out by the South Australian Government⁴.

The South Australian Government supports the COAG view that:

... overcoming Aboriginal disadvantage will require a long-term, generational commitment that sees major effort directed across a range of strategic platforms or Building Blocks which support the reforms aimed at the Closing the Gap targets.

These Building Blocks are listed below:

- Governance and leadership
- Safe communities
- Early childhood
- Economic participation
- Health (and wellbeing)
- Healthy homes
- Schooling (and education).

South Australia's Strategic Plan (SASP) is a comprehensive document outlining 100 targets that government, community and business can aim to achieve. The SASP is complemented by seven key priorities:

1. Creating a vibrant city
2. Safe communities, healthy neighbourhoods
3. An affordable place to live
4. Every chance for every child
5. Growing advanced manufacturing
6. Realising the benefits of the mining boom for all
7. Premium food and wine from our clean environment

*The seven strategic priorities are those areas the government has chosen to focus on. The work, budgets, policy making and legislative agenda of the government will reflect the priorities. Advancing the priorities will directly support achievement of many of the targets outlined in the SASP. The SASP will continue to guide the work of the government.*⁵

This *Progress on the Lands* update is by no means exhaustive, but serves to provide an overview of developments and specific highlights in service provision and the initiatives that have been established to strengthen community governance and collaboration between both the Commonwealth and State Governments, the APY, Community Councils and communities. The time period covered by this report is April to August 2012, with the exception of a few more recent updates of significance.

¹ <http://www.coag.gov.au/>

² <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/ctg/Pages/targets.aspx>

³ <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/overview/Pages/default.aspx>

⁴ <http://saplan.org.au/pages/seven-strategic-priorities>

⁵ Ibid

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Strong Aboriginal leadership is needed to champion and demonstrate ownership of reform. Effective governance arrangements in communities and organisations as well as strong engagement by government at all levels, are essential for long-term sustainable results. Aboriginal people need to engage in developing reforms that will affect them; they need greater opportunities to build capacity in governance and leadership in order to play a greater role in exercising their rights and responsibilities as citizens - COAG Target Definition.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY)

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) is incorporated through the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Land Rights Act, 1981*. The SA Parliament gave Anangu title to their land in the far northwest of South Australia (more than 103,000 square kilometres of land).

All Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara and Ngaanyatjarra people who are traditional owners of any part of the Lands are members of Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

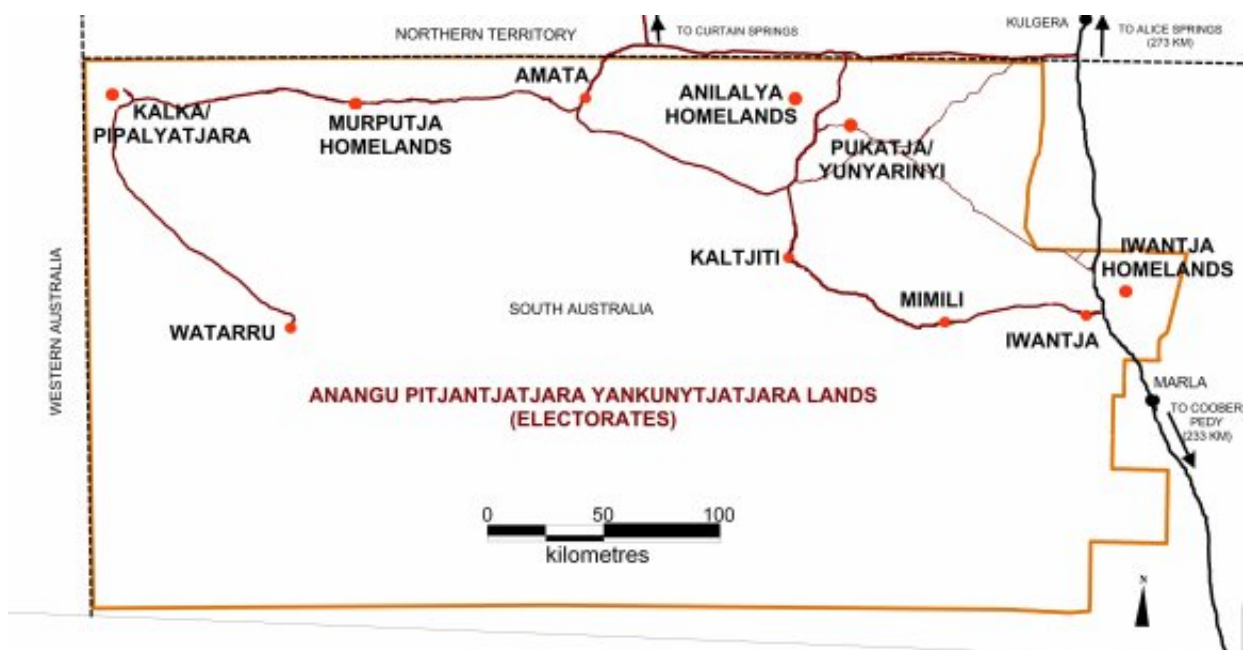
APY Executive Nominations and Elections

In accordance with the *APY Land Rights Act 1981*, the South Australian Electoral Commission is required to call and conduct an election for the APY Board.

As identified in the previous report, nominations were called in early February 2012 and the elections were undertaken on 29 February 2012. Eight of the 10 electorates had nominations and subsequently elected members for APY Executive.

APY Executive and the Electoral Commission agreed to hold supplementary elections for the two remaining electorates of Wataru and Kaltjiti/Irintata/Watinuma on 1 June 2012 (nominations closed on Friday 11 May 2012). On Friday 1 June 2012 these vacant positions were filled with elected and nominated persons (see table on the next page). The next election is due by 29 May 2015.

Training of newly elected Executive members commenced within the three months of final elected representatives, as required by the *APY Land Rights Act, 1981*. Please see the section on Governance Training and Capacity Building for more information.



Communities and Electoral Boundaries for APY Lands

To view the official outcomes of the elections please visit the Electoral Commission SA Site (click [here](#)⁶). Elected representatives are as follows:

Community	Representative
Amata Tjurma	Owen Burton
Amuruna / Railway Bore / Witjintitja / Wallatina	Bernard Singer (Chair)
Anilalya / turkey Bore	Leon Arthur Colson (Palpatja)
Iwantja	Alex Pannikan Baker
Kaltjiti / Irintata / Watinuma	Murray George
Kanypi / Nyapari / Angatatja	Anton Baker
Mimili	Willy Pompey
Pipalyatjara / Kalka	Milyika Paddy
Pukatja / Yunyarinyi	Trevor Adamson (Deputy Chair)
Watarru	Charlie Anytjipalya

Governance Training and Capacity Building

DPC-AARD is working closely with the APY to support the newly elected Executive in their senior administrative roles with the APY. It is a requirement under the *APY Land Rights Act, 1981* that all new members of the APY undertake governance training within three months of election onto the board. Executive members undertook this training in August 2012.

This training included general aspects of good governance with a concentration on roles, responsibilities and decision making specific to the APY. Areas covered throughout the training included: interactive sessions on the *APY Land Rights Act, 1981* and the APY Constitution; an overview of board members' legal responsibilities and community member's expectations; budgeting; APY policies and procedures; APY code of conduct; and appropriate behaviours.

This training was extremely well received and it was clear that learning's from the training were put into use the next day at the APY Executive meeting. Members and DPC-AARD have agreed to follow up with further targeted practical governance training for APY Executive members.



APY General Manager

In August 2012 a new APY General Manager, Mr. Richard Preece, was appointed to the APY. The functions of the General Manager are pursuant to Section 13 E of the *APY Land Rights Act, 1981*. This position is integral to the overall coordination and function of the APY as an organisation. Mr. Preece plays a crucial role in the partnerships between APY and all government agencies and bodies.

Since his appointment, Mr. Preece has undertaken extensive orientation within APY and with many government and non-government agencies.

APY Lands Stores Policy



The APY Executive has endorsed the APY Lands Stores Policy as the key guide to inform APY in relation to the provision of credit facilities within all Stores on the APY Lands. The APY Lands Stores Credit Policy has now been distributed to all key agencies and organisations on the APY Lands.

The objective of the Credit Policy is to provide a guide for compliance by Store

⁶ <http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/apps/news/?sectionID=158&pageID=765>

operators in relation to credit arrangements in the APY Land Stores and this policy provides a framework for Anangu to undertake responsible use of their funds, and to ensure fair and equitable commercial practices by Store operators in dealings with Anangu.

DPC-AARD are funding a Stores Compliance and Education Officer position for the APY Lands. This position will be situated in Umuwa and will be responsible for:

- Educating traders and Anangu about consumer credit practices;
- Monitor adherence to the new lease and license conditions; and
- Report any breaches of this policy.

This position was approved on 15 August 2012 by APY Executive and has been advertised. This position will work closely with South Australian Police (SAPOL), Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) and Consumer and Business Services (CBS).

APY Regional Partnership Agreement



Arising from the APY Functional Review, the APY Executive proposed the development of an APY Lands Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) and a new governance model for the APY Lands. It is intended that the RPA will serve to:

1. Strengthen the existing Community Councils;
2. Strengthen the cooperation and partnerships between Anangu, service providers and Government;
3. Develop governance and leadership capacity; and
4. Improve the integration and coordination of service delivery across the Lands.

The envisaged benefits of the RPA include:

- Anangu involvement, participation and engagement in service delivery activities.
- Increased Anangu involvement in policy and service planning.
- Improved use of Anangu assets and infrastructure across the APY Lands.

In efforts to ensure the meaningful engagement of Anangu in the development of an RPA, the Commonwealth and State Governments have committed to furthering consultations with Communities and APY.

Formal consultation with Anangu and communities to develop an RPA commenced in May 2012 and are continuing. The Department for Family, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and DPC-AARD officers have prepared a Fact Sheet for the next round of these consultations.

APY Lands Joint Steering Committee



The APY Lands Joint Steering Committee (incorporating the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) Board of Management (BoM)) meets bi-monthly and comprises senior Commonwealth and State staff, and representatives of the APY Executive. This committee provides strategic oversight of a number of important initiatives on the APY Lands.

The Committee's work includes monitoring progress of the actions and associated initiatives outlined in its *Action Plan*. Progress updates on the *Action Plan* are provided to both the Commonwealth and State Aboriginal Affairs Ministers on a regular basis.

The meetings for this Committee have been held in February, April, June and August this year. Each of these meetings has had a theme as listed below:

- Education and Early Childhood: a presentation by the Chief Executive of the Department of Education and Childhood Development (Keith Bartley)
- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations: job services providers, employment on the APY Lands, and recruitment and retention strategies
- APY Executive partnership: appointment of new General Manager

The Committee's has overseen the following achievements:

- New governance arrangements for the APY Lands Steering Committee
- The Mintabie Lease Agreement has been signed, which includes the restriction of sale and consumption of alcohol, minimising book-up practices and OPAL fuel sales
- The APY Lands Stores Credit Policy has been developed and distributed
- Matrix on Board has undertaken financial literacy programs across the APY Lands
- Housing for the Government Business Managers finalised
- The Housing Audit (of Government housing) has been completed and subsequent work relating to Visitor's Accommodation has commenced
- Tenders for the Freight Contract review for food security on the APY Lands have been finalised.

Remote Service Delivery (RSD) National Partnership Agreement (NPA)'s in Amata and Mimili



Departments of the South Australian Government and Commonwealth Government have been participating in a Refresh of the Local Implementation Plans (LIP) for Amata and Mimili. This LIP Refresh Project began with community workshops in Amata (June 2011) and Mimili (November 2011). The purpose of the workshops was to:

1. Discuss LIP progress under each of the Building Blocks;
2. Listen to community feedback; and
3. Identify each community's 'top ten' priorities.

Following the workshops, government agencies worked together through the Building Block Working Groups to refine the LIPs in line with community priorities and their service delivery responsibilities.

The APY Lands Joint Steering Committee endorsed the revised LIPs in July 2012. In August 2012, the APY Regional Operation Centre (State and Commonwealth Government partnership) staff returned to the two communities and provided an update against each of the community priorities. It is expected the revised LIPs will be ready for publication in October 2012.

Amata Youth Action Plan

The Amata Youth Action Plan was completed in April 2012, APY ROC provided leadership in the finalisation of this document, which is now being used to guide the development of youth activities in Amata (an RSD site). The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) has taken leadership for the development of other Youth Action Plans across the APY Lands. Enabling opportunities for community based initiatives and needs to be identified and guide the provision of youth services and activities in their respective locations.

Fifth biannual report by the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services

On 7 May 2012, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, released the fifth biannual report by Mr Brian Gleeson, the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services. This report covered the period from October 2011 to March 2012.

It was the first of Mr Gleeson's short reports to Minister Macklin. From now until the end of the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement (RSD NPA) in June 2014, Mr Gleeson will provide a short report and then a comprehensive report each year to Minister Macklin.

(To view the report, please click here: <http://cgris.gov.au/site/mar-2012.asp>)

The main focus of this report is accountability. This is assessed across three areas:

- delivery of the 12 outputs in the RSD NPA;
- progress with filling the key services and infrastructure gaps in the Baseline Mapping Reports through the Local implementation Plans; and
- a snapshot of community indicators looking at service availability, investments and outcomes.

The report also identified key issues in each of the RSD jurisdictions. For South Australia, the three key issues were:

- Child Protection (in the context of the recommendations from the Mullighan Inquiry);
- Integrated Service Delivery and Wellbeing Centres; and
- Regional Partnership Agreement.

Mr Gleeson's next report will cover the period from April to September 2012. It is expected to be released in October 2012. The focus of the report is on the seven Closing the Gap building blocks which provide the structure for this report. Staff from the APY Regional Operations Centre (ROC) have been working closely with Mr Gleeson's Office to provide information for the next report.

The APY ROC is a joint initiative of DPC-AARD and FaHCSIA. Its purpose is to coordinate the implementation of the National Partnership Agreement with government agencies and SA's two RSD communities, Amata and Mimili.

RSD Coordinators General Network

Ms Alex Reid is South Australia's Coordinator General for Remote Aboriginal Services. In this role, she attends meetings of the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) Coordinators General Network which is convened by Brian Gleeson, the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services.

There have been two meetings in recent months: 4 May in Perth and 10 August in Canberra. At the August meeting, Coordinators General from South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales received a briefing from Mr Gleeson on the Roundtable he convened in Adelaide on Friday 27 July 2012. The purpose was to discuss the role of non-government organisations (NGOs) in improving service delivery coordination and integration in RSD communities. There was a particular focus on the delivery of holistic early childhood services. For more on the Roundtable, see <http://cgris.gov.au/site/ngo-roundtable.asp>

This was Mr Gleeson's second Roundtable; the first was held in August 2011 which focused on school attendance in RSD communities.

At the August meeting, Ms Reid tabled a report which outlined recent developments in Amata and Mimili and across the APY Lands. The report covered the following topics: Family Wellbeing Centres; Safe Houses; Regional Partnership Agreement; Income Management; and the APY Lands Food Security Strategic Plan. It also provided a report from the APY Regional Operations Centre and the Government Business Managers who reside in Amata and Mimili.

Mintabie Lease Agreement



The APY Executive Board signed the Memorandum of Lease and Mintabie Township Lease Agreement in February 2012. In April 2012, the South Australian Government also became a signatory to this Agreement.

On 1 July 2012, the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights (Mintabie) Amendment Act 2009* came into operation. This legislation enacted the Mintabie Township

Lease Agreement and introduced changes to OPAL fuel sales, alcohol consumption, the sale of motor vehicles and residential and commercial site licenses.

An APY Lands Stores Compliance and Education Officer will be appointed by DPC-AARD to support APY in the implementation of the APY Lands Stores Policy and monitor activities in Mintabie under the new Township Lease Agreement.

Governor's Visit to APY Lands

His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce visited the APY Lands between Sunday 15 July and Friday 20 July 2012 for the purpose of visiting schools, art centres, health clinics, stores and market gardens.

His Excellency visited the communities of Pipalyatjara, Kalka, Watarru, Amata, Umuwa, Pukatja (Ernabella) and Iwantja (Indulkana).

His Excellency also met with representatives of the APY Executive on the morning of Wednesday 18 July 2012.

Accompanying His Excellency on the trip was: his wife, Mrs Liz Scarce; his Official Secretary, Mr Ritchie Hollands; an interpreter and cultural broker, Ms Rosemary Lester; and staff from DPC-AARD.



His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, pictured above at Iwantja School

SAFE COMMUNITIES

Aboriginal men, women and children need to be safe from violence, abuse and neglect. Meeting this need involves improving family and community safety through law and justice responses (including accessible and effective policing and an accessible justice system), victim support (including safe houses and counseling), child protection, and preventative measures. Addressing related problems such as alcohol and substance abuse is critical to improving community safety as well as improving health – COAG Target Definition.

Community Safety Meetings and Initiatives



SAPOL continues to facilitate and chair regular Community Safety Committee Meetings at Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Amata, Murputja and Pipalyatjara/Kalka. These meetings are attended by community Elders and representatives from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) and the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD).

SAPOL members on the APY Lands are engaged in or have initiated a range of other community based initiatives aimed to improve community education, support and interaction, including:

- Development and delivery of a Road Safety Strategy, involving weekly classroom sessions with students using a driving Simulator;
- Providing Blue Light Discos, which are seen as an important opportunity for the local police to engage community members, youth and children, and to build stronger relationships;
- Assisting with the coaching and training of sporting teams;
- Participation in overnight cultural camps and delivering talks on sexual assault and domestic violence issues, drugs and alcohol abuse;
- Providing school information sessions to female students, teachers, Aboriginal education workers and community elders on the subjects of child pornography, sexting, internet safety and the issue of sexual consent; and
- Delivering talks to senior boys classes in relation to pornography, sexting, domestic violence and sexual crimes.

SAPOL Community Constables



SAPOL is improving how Aboriginal Community Constables function within Aboriginal communities with a view to being more proactive in relationship building with young people generally, and vulnerable young people at risk in particular. Community Constables continue to work with police across a number of areas, including community disputes. Community Constables continue to play a pivotal role in preventing these incidents from continuing and or escalating. Community Constables continue to support police tasked to investigate repeat offending and assessing offending behaviours and family/community relationships.



The ability to recruit and support Community Constables, however, continues to be difficult and SAPOL has dedicated a Senior Sergeant to this task. He regularly visits the APY Lands, working with communities in an effort to identify and support those who seek to pursue these important roles. SAPOL has also developed a recruitment pathway through the engagement of Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers (PALO's). Three people commenced PALO training; however, other career and sporting opportunities have seen these PALO's leave the program prior to completion. During a recent visit, two further people have been identified, one in Mimili and one in Amata.

Currently there are three Community Constables, two at Pukatja and one at Mimili, who continue to provide invaluable support and assistance to police.

Social Media and Connecting with Community



In order to improve and enhance community engagement, SAPOL has introduced a 'face book' page for the APY Lands. This page is enabling SAPOL to communicate a broad range of information to communities in a very timely way. Some examples of the information circulated include: photographs of officers and Community Constables working together; seizures of alcohol and drugs warning against their dangers; and information in relation to the problem of gambling and its impact on Aboriginal families. The page was launched in July 2012 and immediately gained over 150 'followers'. After just seven weeks that number has grown to 276 'followers' who regularly access the page. Please visit or click on the following link to access facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/APY-Lands-SA-Police/363623453693584>



SAPOL Tackling the message of 'No Violence' and fighting Sex Crimes



SAPOL is continuing to work with the other agencies on the APY Lands in relation to sexual conduct. A specialist Sex Crime Investigator and two Victim Management Officers are seconded to the APY Lands to support the local police and provide specialist advice and investigational experience in the field of sexual crime. The secondments have recently been extended for a further 12 months.

Investigators have taken an active role in developing and providing education sessions to community members across the APY Lands in relation to sexual offending, the issue of consent and the dangers of pornography by using a 'story board' approach. Presentations have been delivered to communities including: Amata, Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Iwantja, Kalka, Kanypi, Mimili, Murputja, Nyapari, Pipalyatjara and Watarru. As a result a high level of community confidence and trust has developed.

Investigators have fostered working relationships with other agencies, including Child Protection Services (CPS), Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), DECD, DECD-Families SA and the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPY WC) in order to provide coordinated support to victims and their families in accordance with established protocols.

Police continue to work with all communities and other government and non-government agencies to promote public safety and strongly advocate the message of 'no violence'.

Amata and Mimili Night Patrol Trials



SAPOL has supported the implementation a night patrol trial in Amata, which began on Wednesday 29 February 2012 for a trial period of six months. The model consists of local community volunteers who provide a visible presence in the community of Amata with a focus on getting kids (who are wandering around) home at night. Community members involved in the night patrol call the police if a crime is suspected, pick up children and teenagers who are out after dark and refer cases to health or welfare agencies. This model does not engage in law and order issues, but encourages the reporting of incidents.

A mid-term evaluation of the effectiveness of this initiative is nearing completion and will be provided to the APY Lands Joint Steering Committee. In preparation of the launch of a night patrol in Mimili, consultations have occurred with the local community. SAPOL and APY ROC have conducted training for volunteers engaged with the initiative. It is intended to implement the Mimili Night Patrol as soon as possible following any mid-term review adjustments of the Amata trial.

Volunteers for the Night Patrol are supported with on the job training (which includes First Aid Training) this was held in Amata on 16 and 17 July 2012 and in Mimili on 18 and 19 July 2012.



Night Patrol Training Participants

The hours put in as a Night Patrol volunteer are counted towards the individual's Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) hours.

Youth Shed and Youth Programs



The DCSI-APY Lands Community Programs team delivers a range of recreational activities for youth aged between 12 and 24 years. The program is run in six communities – Kalka, Pipalyatjatjara, Amata, Mimili, Pukatja and Kaltjiti.

Youth Sheds have been established in communities across the APY Lands. The Youth Sheds are open after school and over the weekends. Pipalyatjatjara community have recently opened a new youth shed that was built in the community, funded by the FaHCSIA. The new shed will provide a great space for young people and will provide opportunity to run larger community activities.

School holiday programs funded by DCSI are delivered by the NPY Women's Council working with DCSI staff in community. Activities for the school holidays include hip hop dance and drama workshops, film-making and theatre games, bush trips and sports activities, and circus skills that include hula hoops, juggling and acrobatics.

Anangu are being engaged, trained and employed by DCSI to manage these programs. A youth mentor position provides support and mentoring across the youth programs in all communities.

In mid-July, DCSI youth shed workers from Pipalyatjara, Kalka, Amata, Pukatja, Kaltjiti and Mimili came together for two days of training at Marla.

The South Australian National Football League (SANFL) also attended the workshop and concentrated on training youth shed workers to deliver different types of physical activities. This was beneficial to the DCSI group with the State's AusKick co-ordinator and a South Australian softball representative on hand who provided great advice on effectively engaging with youth effectively.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

For an equal start in life, Aboriginal children need early learning, development and socialisation opportunities. Access to high-quality early childhood education and care services—including pre-school, child care and family support services such as parenting programs—is critical. Facilities and infrastructure, a sustainable early childhood education and health workforce, learning frameworks and opportunities for parental engagement are also important and require attention. Action on maternal, antenatal and early childhood health will help close the gap in child mortality as well as in early childhood development – COAG Target Definition.

APY Lands Preschools



All APY Lands Preschools continue to offer 15 hours per week for children 3 – 5 years of age. All preschools are working hard to ensure a quality program is being delivered in line with the National Quality Framework. DECD is developing documents and a DVD to inform parents and community about the new National Quality Framework for young children in Early Childhood. Many of the preschools on the APY Lands have landscaped their outdoor areas to make the environment more exciting and to promote more active play outside for the children.



Amata Junior Primary



Mimili



Pukatja



Iwantja

Pukatja Children and Family Centre



The Pukatja Aboriginal Children and Family Centre is one of four centres being established in South Australia under the *National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development*. The centre provides early childhood development programs and services for Aboriginal children from pre-natal to five years and their families. Services include:

- Child and maternal health;
- Parenting and family support;
- Community development activities; and
- High quality early learning programs for young children.

The Community Development Manager of the Pukatja Children and Family Centre is coordinating programs that support the engagement of families and enhance community capacity building. Programs being delivered at Pukatja include playgroups and parenting programs. A Child and Family Health visiting service of 2.5 days every fortnight has also commenced.



Ernabella Children and Family Centre

Iwantja Children and Family Centre



The new Children and Family Centre at Iwantja began in April 2012. Iwantja School employs a part time Early Childhood teacher to support the educational programs and to support Anangu workers.

The Centre is well supported by the families, young children, and community of Iwantja. The Centre has the capacity to support other agencies to run complimentary health, nutrition and parenting programs.



Iwantja Children and Family Centre

Early Childhood Centre at Amata



Amata School staff will be delivering the playgroup in the new Amata Early Childhood Centre with the support of DECD - Anangu Education Services (AES). This Centre is now ready for use. Amata School have coordinated the development of a Commonwealth funded Playgroup. Opportunities to extend the Amata Children's Centre services are being explored.



Amata Early Childhood Centre

Playgroup / Family Support Programs in Amata and Mimili



DECD-AES (with support from FaHCSIA) provide *Communities for Children* playgroups at Amata and Mimili schools. The program consists of two hour sessions; up to four day's a week, for 40 weeks per year.

A fully qualified Early Childhood teacher manages the Amata Playgroup with Anangu staff running the program independently. Both playgroups employ local Anangu playgroup workers. The Anangu staff are completing a Certificate III in Children's Services with TafeSA Regional.

The playgroups have now become an important part of the school environment; with approximately 20 families regularly attending each playgroup, with increasing attendee numbers recorded over the past six months. 96% of attending families identify as being Aboriginal and 90% of attending parents are under 25 years of age.

The service focuses on providing opportunities for parents, family members and young children to experience the benefits of play, physical activity, reading, song, social interaction and healthy food choices in a bilingual environment. The playgroups utilise an extensive range of educational equipment and resources in designated child safe rooms and outdoor areas.

ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Aboriginal people and communities should be able to benefit from the mainstream economy. This includes real jobs, business opportunities, economic independence and wealth creation. Economic participation needs to extend to disadvantaged job seekers and those outside the labour market. Access to land and native title can be leveraged to secure practical benefits for Aboriginal people. Economic participation also needs other financial assets, capacity building, employment and training programs, incentive structures, and infrastructure such as communications and transport. Through economic participation, adults can become good role models for their family and community. The design and delivery of welfare (transfer payments and services) needs to encourage active engagement, greater capability and positive social norms. Ensuring that communities have support to overcome barriers to engagement such as problem gambling is critical – COAG Target Definition.

Aṁanguku Arts



DPC-Arts SA supports the artists and art centres on the APY Lands primarily through its funding of Aṁanguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation.

Aṁanguku Arts supports the professional development of Indigenous artists and cultural maintenance across the APY Lands and regional South Australia.



aṁangu pitjantjatjara yankunytjatjara

In 2012 the organisation received \$100,000 towards its core program in the APY Lands, as well as \$100,000 for the Statewide Indigenous Community Arts Development (SICAD) program (where Aṁangu artists participate).

Key ongoing activities in 2012 include:

- A professional development workshop program delivered across South Australia
- The provision of professional advice on Indigenous arts management to artists, Aboriginal Boards and committees, art centre managers and arts project workers. This includes facilitating workshops delivered by Building Bridges (Philanthropy 1.01), ArtsLaw, Copyright Agency Limited, VisCopy and Indigenous Art Code
- The recruitment, orientation and induction services to art centres
- Marketing
- Advocacy
- A statewide forum
- Research and data collection
- Annual *Our Mob* exhibition in partnership with the Adelaide Festival Centre.

Highlights for this year to date are:

- In February 2012 Aṁanguku Arts facilitated the *On the Brink* three-day, statewide Indigenous Arts Management conference in association with Tandanya, at the time of the Spirit Festival. More than 20 Aṁangu artists attended.

- Commencement of the Arts in Health research project *Mapping the art centre contribution to community health and wellbeing*. This project (to identify the health promoting benefits of arts centres on the APY Lands) was awarded a Commonwealth Research Council Linkage Grant.
- Commencement of the *Alive with the Dreaming: Songlines of the Western Desert* project, funded over three years by the Commonwealth Research Council through the Commonwealth National University. The vision is to increase national recognition and understanding of Indigenous Songlines as complex pathways of spiritual, ecological, economic, cultural and ontological knowledge. Arts SA has supported the project with \$20,000 towards a film making mentorship.

Art Centers: Income Generation and Employment



The February 2012 Progress Report reported that Ananguku Arts secured funding for two related projects to build new or upgrade existing staff housing and art centre infrastructure on the APY Lands.

Project A - Staff housing

Ananguku Arts has received \$450,000 from the South Australian Government through Arts SA and \$655,000 from the Commonwealth Government to build new or upgrade existing Art centre staff housing. This work will take place in four locations including, Ninuku Arts (Kalka), Tjala Arts (Amata), Pukatja Arts and Mimili Maku.

Project B - Art centre upgrades

Ananguku Arts and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation has also received funding of \$2,840,000 from the Commonwealth Department of Regional Affairs to upgrade and build new art centre infrastructure at six locations including, Iwantja Arts, Mimili Maku, Kaltjiti Arts, Ernabella Arts, Tjala Arts and Ninuku Arts.

The Staff housing project and the Art centre upgrade project are being managed by a steering committee with representatives from Arts SA, the Office for the Arts, Ananguku Arts and Ernabella Arts. It reports to the Board of Ananguku Arts.

Progress on the APY Lands art centres infrastructure projects have included:

- selection of the project manager
- site assessments
- user group consultation
- preliminary design
- completion of initial site assessments
- community consultation
- finalisation of project master plan (including a budget and timeline).

Other funding

Arts SA also provided funding to the following projects by APY Lands artists in the January – June 2012 period:

- Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara WCAC *Tjanpi Desert Weaver's Book Launch* \$8690
- Ninuku Arts Indigenous Corporation *Ancient Land: New Territory exhibition* \$25 829
- Tjala Arts *Tjala Arts Book* \$15,000
- Ernabella Arts Inc Mukata (beanie) making and exhibiting in the Alice Springs Beanie Festival \$8680.



Beanie Festival Banner 2012 – Alice Springs

Construction and Maintenance Skills Program



For over 12 months, Housing SA has been generating local employment in remote communities through new investments in the Remote Indigenous Housing, National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH).

Housing SA (through its Asset Services Division together with successful contractors and other employment and vocational training agents) implemented a remote community employment model, requiring Housing SA contractors to recruit a minimum 20% of their labour force from those remote communities benefiting from the new housing investment.

South Australia exceeded this target in 2011/12, achieving 36% local Indigenous employment on capital projects delivered through the Agreement.

During 2011/12 capital works projects were delivered in Yalata and Koonibba on the Far West Coast and Kaltjiti and Pukatja on the APY Lands.

Throughout 2011/12 a total of 80,199 workforce hours were reported by Housing SA Contractors, with 29,322 of these hours reported as worked by local Aboriginal residents.

Throughout 2011/12 the Commonwealth Department for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) again worked closely with Housing SA to provide substantial support to enable local residents of these remote communities to acquire nationally recognised qualifications while working with Housing SA Contractors.



Community Church Restoration Project

A significant employment initiative in 2011/12 is the creation of Anangu Building Services, a small building company dedicated to 100% Aboriginal employment. Housing SA and DEEWR will continue to support this company through procurement processes and strong business mentoring.

NPARIH related employment ceased for local Aboriginal employees in early June 2012, and a number of these employees gained casual employment with the new local Aboriginal building company on the APY Lands, and with municipal, infrastructure and land management service providers. Employees who reside in communities (where capital works will continue in 2012/13) returned to building works in August 2012.

Land Management, Natural Resource Management and Caring for Country Projects



Land Management and Caring for Country projects offer significant employment opportunities for Anangu across the APY Lands. APY Land Management works cooperatively with the Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) region and Commonwealth Government agencies (the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) Caring for Country and Working on Country programs) in the delivery of a wide range of natural resource management projects. These include:

Management of Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA):

- Walalkara, Sandy Bore, Pipalyatjara and Watarru are funded as IPA's. Employment of local staff is funded through the IPA program and DSEWPaC Working on Country Program.

Kuka Kanyini

- Watarru Community has previously been the recipient of funding from DEWNR and Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resource Management Board, for the Kuka Kanyini Program.

*The initiative aims to blend tjukurpa (Anangu customary knowledge) with piranpa (whitefella or non-Anangu knowledge) to improve wildlife habitat, enhance landscapes and harvest species on a sustainable basis. The outcome sought is maintenance of culture and traditional ecological knowledge of wildlife and habitats. Kuka Kanyini is about gathering traditional ecological knowledge and information so that it can be supported by western technology and scientific information. Kuka Kanyini differs in that knowledge is managed by Aboriginal people and it reflects the fact that caring for country is proper management of knowledge that goes with the country. Knowledge in Kuka Kanyini is held by Aboriginal people and within the religious philosophy that governs the land, simply by asking the right questions, building relationships and encouraging participation on country, western scientists are retained in skills and become "apprentices"*⁷

- APY Land Management and DEWNR are working with the Watarru Community to effect a transition to solely IPA funding, administered by APY Land Management.

Waru Recovery Program

- The Waru Recovery Program is recovering populations of Black-footed Rock Wallabies in a number of sites across the APY Lands. Funding comes from a number of sources including DSEWPac, DEWNR, Zoos SA and APY LM. The Project has been running for 7 years and employs 11 permanent part-time Anangu Waru Rangers and a pool of more than 20 casual rangers across the communities of Pukatja, Pipalyatjara and Kalka.

Caring for Country Project

- DEWNR and APY are partnering in a Caring for Country project on the country surrounding Kanpi and Nyapari. This project aims to connect Anangu with country and provide employment opportunities for community members. 2011/2012 saw some baseline work at sites including rock holes, and 2012/2013 will see a more comprehensive works program roll out involving biological surveys and Waru surveys. The IPA project has employed several community members during 2011/2012 and is in the process of securing permanent positions.



APY Lands Ranger, Radio Tracking Waru

Tri- State Fire Project

- A Tri-State Fire Project is funded through Caring for Country (DSEWPac) over 3 years in a joint initiative between DEWNR AW, APY LM, CLC and Ngaanyatjarra. The program is designed to apply fire management at a landscape scale in the Tri-border Region.

APY Pastoral Management Project

- The APY Pastoral Management Project is being auspiced by DEWNR in partnership with APYLM. The project will employ two Anangu staff over the coming twelve months. The Project will use the Environmental Management Understanding (EMU) system, to work with

⁷ G. Wilson (Commonwealth Wildlife Services), A. Knight (Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Management) and L. Liddle (Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park). *Increasing the numbers of wildlife preferred by Aboriginal communities in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands, Australia*. Game and Wildlife Science, Vol. 21 (4) 2004, p. 687-695

stakeholders of the APY Pastoral area to develop a sustainable grazing regime. It will identify areas of high conservation value and develop management plans.

Employment Outcomes

- DEWNR runs a number of additional small projects in areas outside the IPA, including Women's Project in Mimili (employing up to 6 women) and an NRM project in Iwantja.

2012 Aṁangu Work Expo



The recent Aṁangu Work Expo, facilitated by TafeSA Regional, exceeded all expectations, linking remote Aboriginal communities with a broad range of training and employment opportunities.

The Expo travelled across the APY Lands from Monday 4 June to Friday 8 June 2012 in the following communities:

- Pipalyatjara
- Amata
- Kaltjiti
- Mimili
- Pukatja
- Iwantja.

Built on the success of past events, the Expo connected Aboriginal communities with approximately 17 stall holders from the education, industry, and government sectors, promoting employment and pathways to employment for Aṁangu in the APY Lands. Job seekers were given a chance to speak directly to organisations and were encouraged to give on-the-spot expressions



Janet Ashby, TafeSA Lecturer at Pipalyatjara, and Renita Roberts discussing training options

of interest to employers. This year over 815 Aṁangu participated across the six community locations. As a direct result of the Aṁangu Work Expo:

- 4 Aṁangu have been offered employment
- 21 registered interest in a job with an employer
- 22 registered interest in training.

While the Expo is employment focussed, it also provided opportunities for community engagement activities. For the first time this year Darwin Theatre company performed Street Theatre in one of the communities, running workshops with the local senior school and community groups during the week prior to the Expo, and again on the day, engaging the audience in developing ways to combat issues around managing money and humbug, a major barrier to employment.

The Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) also provided an initial allocation of funding to enable the 2012 Aṁangu Work Expo to go ahead. Funding for the project officer was gained through sponsorship and contributions from FaHCSIA and DEEWR.



Work Expo at Pipalyatjara

Pre-employment Program: 'Get that job! Anangu speak up.'



The pre-employment program offered by TafeSA Regional in partnership with Complete Personnel in Amata and Iwantja and targeting job seekers saw: 15 people commence the program; 7 took advantage of a work site visit; 2 participated in a work placement at the Ayers Rock Resort and 6 gained employment. Another outcome from this program was the creation of an online jobs board on apytafe.com.au and managed by Complete Personnel.



The program was made possible through Partnerships for Participation, with funding from the *National VET E-learning Strategy*, with funding supporting the innovative use of an online classroom to increase digital literacy and confidence in being online.



Nigel Baker on Work Experience working as a porter

An extension of this program is 'Warkaku Nintiringany' which commenced on 30 July and is on offer across 6 locations: Pipalyatjara, Amata, Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Iwantja. The program incorporates online sessions with Complete Personnel on jobs available, with local work site visits and a work visit to Voyages Yulara-Ayers Rock Resort.



Nigel Baker on Work Experience landscaping at Yulara



Daphne Pompey on Work Experience working at the OutBack Pioneer Hotel as a House Keeper



Daphne Pompey on Work Experience working at the Camping ground Reception office

Community Training Program



DPC-AARD has been working closely with program managers Exceptional Recruitment, and other government partners (DEEWR, SA Works, Far North Regional Development, FaHCSIA and Primary Industry Regions SA) to develop the Pipalyatjara Community Training Program which commenced on Tuesday 17 July 2012. Eight Aboriginal males registered to participate in the training program.



The Pipalyatjara program was created not only to train Indigenous men but also to improve the Pipalyatjara Community infrastructure, including the building of a Community Youth Shed and Camel Yards.

The participants are currently being exposed to a range of new skills such as welding, oxy cutting and grinding. They are also under going training and national accreditation in the use of Front End Loader, Skid Steer and Excavator.

With phase one well underway, the Community Youth Shed and Camel yards are on target to be completed in time for the Program Participants' graduation which is scheduled to be held on 5 September 2012 in Pipalyatjara.



Building of Camel Yards and Youth Shed

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Access to effective, comprehensive primary and preventative health care is essential to improving Aboriginal Commonwealths' health and life expectancy and reducing excess mortality from chronic disease. All health services play an important role in providing Aboriginal people with access to effective health care. These services need to be responsive to government and community health priorities and accountable for achieving them. Closing the Aboriginal health gap requires intense efforts in preventing, managing and treating chronic disease. Aboriginal children and their parents need to use programs and services that promote healthy lifestyles – COAG Target Definition

Telehealth



Country Health SA Local Health Network (CHSALHN) in partnership with the Nganampa Health Council has provided audio visual telehealth units at 8 Nganampa Health Clinics across the APY Lands. One remaining unit is to be located at the Amata Family Wellbeing Centre in the forthcoming weeks.

This service provides links for numerous applications and opportunities to engage with similar units, allowing for opportunities for consultations and communications to be undertaken in real and virtual time. Testing and current use has provided a picture with excellent clarity, very good sound and all in real time.

Ear Health Project



The COAG Project Agreement *Improving Ear Health Services for Indigenous Children* covers the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2014.

The aim of the project is to better diagnose, treat and manage ear disease in Indigenous children. The project focuses on delivering ear health clinical leadership support to Primary Health Care Services, additional ear health outreach services, and additional Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) services (including consultations and ear surgery) for Aboriginal children living in remote communities.

Data compiled in 2010 indicated that 27% of 285 children aged over 8 years living in APY Lands communities had ear drum perforations.

CHSALHN has been working with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, private practitioners and country health services to facilitate ENT medical specialists' visits and audiologist visits to remote communities. These visits enable discussion of surgical options for potential candidates with both the patient and their families.

To date these ENT specialist services have reviewed children's ears and offered surgical options to children from Mimili, Iwantja, Oak Valley and Coober Pedy. Children have successfully had surgical interventions at both Port Augusta and Ceduna Hospitals.

The ENT surgeons participating in the remote visits to date have included Professor Simon Carney, Professor Ronald Gristwood, Dr Ronald Baker and Dr JC Hodge.

Trips to Port Augusta Hospital have occurred via charter bus, with children and their families staying in the Step Down unit.



Wednesday 9th May. Professor Carney visited Mimili in the APY lands for the first clinical ear health visit.

Hearing Assessments



DECD continued participation in the 2009-2011 whole of population evaluation of hearing and ear health of children in the APY Lands. During 2011, 621 hearing assessments were conducted with 16% of all students being referred for further medical follow-up.

As part of the department's Aboriginal strategy, 65 'soundfield' systems were provided for preschools across the state with significant Aboriginal enrolments, which includes APY Lands. Soundfields benefit all students, and especially those with a mild/moderate hearing loss.

Trachoma Screening



Trachoma is known to be endemic in Aboriginal populations in parts of the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

In February 2009 the Commonwealth Government announced new funding, targeting Indigenous ear and eye health, particularly in remote and rural areas. This included the introduction of a new initiative for *Improving Eye and Ear Health Services for Indigenous Australians*. This initiative aims for better education and employment outcomes to assist in the elimination of endemic trachoma in Australia.

The first agreement on *Trachoma Control Activities in South Australia* was negotiated and signed between the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and Country Health SA Hospital Incorporated. It covered the project period between October 2010 and 31 December 2011.

SA Health has negotiated a new Project Agreement with the Commonwealth government to continue delivering additional trachoma control services and additional activities to improve the identification, screening, treatment, management and prevention of trachoma and trichiasis for Aboriginal communities.

CHSALHN works with and provides funds to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and the Aboriginal Health Council of SA to ensure that Aboriginal people living in rural and remote (including APY Lands) South Australia have improved access to services which prevent, diagnose, treat and manage trachoma.

Activities include:

- Screening "at risk" communities for active trachoma
- Undertaking comprehensive and systematic trachoma and trichiasis screening in communities where trachoma and/or trichiasis is prevalent
- Undertaking comprehensive and systematic trachoma treatment in communities in which trachoma is identified
- Ensuring that referral for treatment is made for individuals diagnosed with trichiasis and that support is provided for attendance at appointment with specialists.



Generic Photo: Trachoma Screening

Disability Support Program and Allied Health Service



The DCSI - Disability Support Program and Allied Health Service work closely together to provide a range of services to assist Anangu on the APY Lands who have a disability or who are elderly and require assistance to live independently. Both programs service Amata, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Mimili, Kalka, Pipalyatjara and Iwantja.

Allied Health Service

The APY Lands Allied Health Service is staffed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists from Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team (ASSIST). Advice and support is also provided to aged care, disability, and health workers in the communities.

The Allied Health Service works cooperatively with other APY Lands service providers and accepts referrals from, Nganampa Health Clinic Medical Officers, the NPY WC and Aged and Disability Project Officers. The team travels to the APY Lands six times a year for assessments and provides outreach service in-between visits, working closely with the Disability Support Program team.

DCSI APY Allied Health Service provides equipment, home modifications and therapy to enable Anangu to maintain independence and remain living in their home and communities.

The team have provided Anangu with mobility aids including walking sticks, walkers, manual and powered wheelchairs. This has enabled the aged and disabled population the ability to move about communities independently. This independence has allowed better participation and interaction, as well as facilitating access to services including the community clinics, art centres, family wellbeing centres and community store.

Home modifications have been installed to increase independence and safety within the home. Home modifications include access ramps, handrails and bathroom safety equipment. Equipment items are issued to increase individual's independence with tasks of daily living and personal care, and to assist those who are providing care.

These items include aids to assist with showering, toileting, transfers, pressure care, manual handling and positioning.

Physiotherapy intervention aims to provide assessment, treatment and management strategies for Anangu residing on the APY Lands. Interventions have included exercise programs, pain management, respiratory care and post-operative monitoring for Anangu discharged from hospital. The Allied Health team have also worked closely with carers of Anangu, to provide safe manual handling strategies and care plans for clients who require a high level of personal care.

Disability Support Program

Two Indigenous Disability support staff provide diverse support to community members with a disability and their families. This includes services such as:

- assistance with physiotherapy exercises



Physiotherapist



Allied Health at work

- repairs and maintenance of equipment
- addressing accessibility
- financial issues

The program also encourages people with a disability to be involved in recreational and social activities in the community.

The Disability Support Program aims to have one trip each year to enable disability clients the opportunity to experience new and interesting activities. This year a trip to Alice Springs show was chosen by clients, where a great time was had by all.



APY Mobility response



The APY Mobility Response Program initiative is funded by DCSI's Homelessness Strategy Division and aims to respond to:

- Housing issues including household management and tenancy security on the APY lands.
- Movement of Aboriginal people to and from the APY Lands
- Movement between communities and the regional centres of South Australia and Northern Territory

The program will link transient and mobile Aboriginal people to support services when they leave and return to their community for social, health, personal, recreational and cultural reasons.

A Case Management focus will underpin the APY Mobility Response Program ensuring, coordinated responses, skills development for clients accessing services, connection to resources and relevant service responses.

The response from the APY Lands Mobility Program will predominantly aim to reduce homelessness for Aboriginal people by:

1. Providing planned and coordinated involvement of people and support services on and off the APY lands, including safety during periods of mobility.
2. Ensuring effective linkages and partnership to services that can connect Aboriginal people from the APY Lands to appropriate service responses including Aboriginal Transitional Accommodation Centres (ATAC's), Domestic Violence and Aboriginal Family Violence Services (DV&AFVS), Specialist Homelessness Services, Housing Services, and mainstream service responses.
3. Stabilising existing tenancies through a coordinated Case Management approach incorporating the provision of Home Living Skills training (as required). (This training will be delivered to families on the APY Lands to support households to create a safe and healthy

home environment by providing skills in house cleaning, reporting maintenance, personal hygiene and access to budgeting and money management).

Mobile Dialysis



As referred to in the previous report, a mobile dialysis bus, which usually operates throughout Central Australia delivering dialysis services, will also visit the APY Lands in South Australia in late 2012.

The mobile dialysis bus is part of the Northern Territory renal access program, and provides services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who require renal dialysis when returning to, or visiting, remote communities in the Northern Territory. The bus is on loan to Country Health SA, which has five visits planned to the APY Lands over the next six months.



NT Dialysis bus for patient use on the APY Lands

The first of the five planned visits has taken place at Amata from the 25 June – 1 July 2012 at the Amata Family Wellbeing Centre, with 3 patients receiving dialysis (from Amata, Pipalyatjara and Pukatja. Treatments occurred over 5 days (8 treatments provided). A further two patients were intending to go on the bus were unable to do so due to illness and the third had family commitments in Alice Springs.

Further visits will occur throughout the rest of the year, at various locations across the APY Lands. Planned mobile dialysis visits to the APY Lands:



Patients receiving treatment

- 20 August – 26 August: Mimili
- 10 September – 26 September: Pukatja
- 8 October – 14 October: Marla
- 22 October – 28 October: to be advised.

On the 13 September 2012, the South Australian Minister for Health, the Hon John Hill announced that Country Health SA has secured \$545,000 from the Commonwealth Government to purchase a mobile dialysis bus. This bus will provide regular, short-term services for patients with kidney disease who want to visit family and friends on the APY Lands. Country Health SA will now begin the process of designing and fitting out the mobile dialysis bus, which is expected to be operational in early 2013. For access to this media release please click [here](http://www.ministers.sa.gov.au/images/news_releases/12_09Sep/dialysis_bus.pdf)⁸.

⁸ http://www.ministers.sa.gov.au/images/news_releases/12_09Sep/dialysis_bus.pdf

Family Centres in Amata, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Pipalyatjara



The DCSI's APY Lands Community Programs operates Family Centres in Amata, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Pipalyatjara and Kalka. The Family Centres provide a safe informal learning environment for families, their children, the aged, and people with a disability.

DCSI recruits and employs community members in family support worker positions to staff the Centres. A number of services provided by Government and non-Government agencies use the Centres for their activities and programs.

Working closely with NPY WC and Nganampa Health Council staff, children who are identified as Failure to Thrive are encouraged to attend the centre to receive a nutritious meal. Furthermore, parents and carers are encouraged to attend the Family Centres to share a meal and participate in nutrition education programs.

Earlier this year the Amata Family Centre program re-located to the new Amata Family Wellbeing Centre, managed by Country Health SA.



Amata Family Centre

APY Lands Family Wellbeing Centres



The APY Lands Family Wellbeing Centre initiative is a partnership between the Commonwealth and State Governments, with the provision of funding for three sites across the APY Lands (Amata, Mimili and Pukatja).

The Centres bring together a range of existing child and family wellbeing and support programs that are currently being provided from other facilities and, where appropriate, other relevant Commonwealth and State funded non-government programs

The critical focus of this initiative is on the coordination and integration of family wellbeing services in each of the three identified communities.

The Family Wellbeing Centres are managed under the guidance of the Family Wellbeing Centre Steering Committee which includes DPC-AARD, FaHCSIA, DECD, CHSALHN, DCSI and Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

The construction and service delivery is managed via the following arrangements:

- DPTI is responsible for management of the construction and modifications of all three sites.
- Service model development/management and asset management of Centre post construction is managed by the following agencies:
 - Amata, CHSALHN
 - Mimili, DCSI.
 - Pukatja, DECD

The Family Wellbeing Centres Steering Committee provides progress updates and information through DPC-AARD to the APY Lands Joint Steering Committee, which in turn reports to both the Commonwealth and State Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs.

Amata

CHSALHN is facilitating the establishment of a Family Wellbeing Centre at Amata, the existing Substance Misuse Facility will undertake some building modification to encompass the new additional needs for this building. Services currently being provided from the Family Wellbeing Centre include:

Resident Services:

CHSALHN

- Centre management and service coordination
- Social health plan leadership
- Community wellbeing exec support
- Health promotion programs

SA Health DASSA

- Drug and alcohol statutory case management (APY Lands wide)

Women's and Children's Local Health Network: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

- Case management therapeutic interventions

DCSI

- HACC meals aged and disabled
- Disability program (activities and support)

Visiting Services

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| • NPY Women's Council youth program and holiday program | • Relationships Australia | • Matrix on Board |
| • Dental Program | • Hearing Australia | • Cross Border Family Violence Program |
| • Renal Bus | • Correctional Services | |
| • DFEEST | • Families SA | |
| | • DECD Driver Training | |

Community

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| • Football clubs x2 | • Community safety and service |
| • Softball clubs x 2 | • Provider meetings |
| • Inma | |

In supporting current service provision and ongoing service provision from this site, an Amata Anangu Wellbeing Executive Group has been established to ensure that service delivery from the Wellbeing Centre meets the needs of the community. Four senior Anangu and two younger people have been appointed to the Group. In an effort to provide support and training to this Executive Group, staff from SA Health and Executive members visited the Hope Vale and Aurukun Family Wellbeing Centres in Far North Queensland in early July 2012, with the aim to learn from the experience of staff at these Centres. The trip was very successful.

All building applications have been completed for this site and the successful tender has been selected for the building modifications. Modification to the building is being undertaken around current service provision with minimal disturbance to current service provision.



Amata Family Wellbeing Centre undergoing some modifications

Mimili

DCSI is facilitating the establishment of a Family Wellbeing Centre at Mimili. This Centre is a new build with the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure responsible for managing the construction phase.



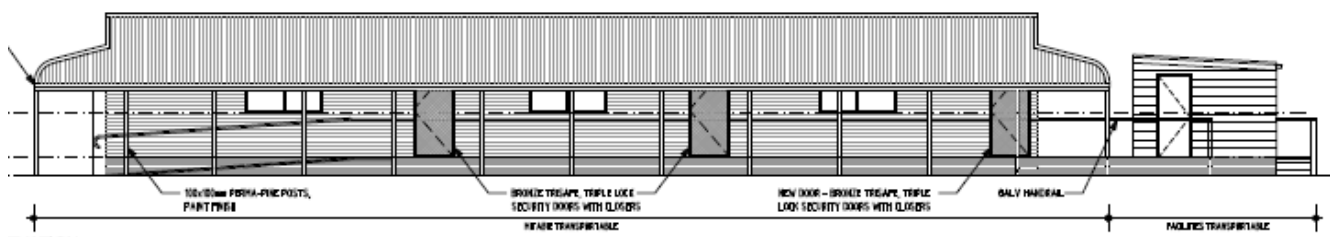
3D Image of the Proposed Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre

To facilitate the development of the service model, DCSI is organising a workshop to consider: how information is currently shared across services; the challenges and barriers to information sharing practice; and models of information sharing that have worked.

All building applications have been completed for this site and the successful tender has been selected for the construction.

Pukatja

DECD is facilitating the establishment of a Family Wellbeing Centre at Pukatja. The project is currently undergoing consultation with the APY Lands Executive and the Pukatja Community Council endorsing the proposal for a Centre. Negotiations have commenced with the Far North and Aboriginal Lands Regional Office, Key Service Providers and Aboriginal Community regarding what services will be provided from the Centre.



Front sketch of new building for the Pukatja Family Wellbeing Site

All building applications have been completed for this site and the successful tenders has been selected for the construction.

Parenting Support Programs



In February 2012 Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) launched their first service on the APY Lands. The new service, called the *Early Childhood Development* was rolled out in Pukatja in Term 1 after extensive consultation with Anangu Elders, Anangu /Pukatja school and Child Family Centre, the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC), Nganampa Health Service and other Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal services.

The nursing service is delivered as part of this initiative in partnership with the PYEC and is targeted to infants aged 0-3 years, their families, and community members.

CaFHS has developed priority areas based on community needs and these form part of the core work the nurses undertake.

Two CaFHS nurses visit Pukatja and Kenmore Park every fortnight and provide a range of parenting support programs concerning maternal health, infant health and nutrition, with a particular focus on the transition to solid foods, infant safety, and child development.

The nurses work with families to develop a Developmental Story Book for each infant which shows an infant's development. This is done in partnership with parents by taking photographs of infants reaching developmental milestones and then talking to parents about how their baby is progressing. The photographs form the basis for discussion of how well an infant is developing and helps gauge if additional support or referral is required.

Nurses also, provide individual family and parenting support, group work and community capacity building around early childhood development. The nurses are now becoming known in the community as the "iti nurses" (baby nurses).

DECD – Families SA in partnership with the Child and Family Health Services have developed a program to provide baby care packs for families of newborn children.

The program is likely to be delivered from the new Child Family Centres across the APY Lands later in 2012.

Discussions with other communities, including Amata, are also commencing with a view to further service rollouts.

Indigenous Parenting Support service (IPSS), Mimili and Amata



Relationships Australia SA provides programs for parents of children aged 0-12. The aim of these programs is to focus on children under 2 years, working with parents and families to improve parenting skills. Referrals are accepted from all agencies and members of the community for this service. This program is funded in partnership with the Commonwealth Government.



Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS)



The NPY WC is planning to provide intensive family support services to parents and caregivers in selected communities. This service aims to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of children through the provision of parenting education and support in their homes and communities during 2012 -2013. Communities are currently being identified for inclusion in the program in readiness for implementation. The program will operate in partnership with DECD-Families SA and is funded by FaHCSIA.

APY Lands Food Security Strategy



The former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (the Hon Grace Portolesi MP) launched the APY Lands Food Security Strategic Plan 2011-2016 on 3 December 2010. To view this strategy, please click [here](http://www.premcab.sa.gov.au/pdf/APY_Food_Security_Plan.pdf)⁹.

The APY Lands Food Security Strategy is in the second year of its implementation and is aimed at people living on the APY Lands having better access to a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply.

⁹ APY Lands Food Security Strategic Plan 2011-2016 http://www.premcab.sa.gov.au/pdf/APY_Food_Security_Plan.pdf

The Strategy is overseen by the APY Executive Action Team (APY EAT). APY EAT has agreed to seven priority action areas for the next year, with each action being led by a member agency.

The seven agreed action areas are listed below and progress to date follows:

1. Consumer protection
2. Financial wellbeing
3. Home management support
4. Freight improvement
5. Store management support
6. Education
7. Discrete projects

An evaluation of the first year of the Strategy was completed in early 2012 and is available on the DPC AARD website. Over 100 Anangu, the APY EAT Committee members, and several key APY Lands organisations were engaged as part of the first year evaluation.

A second year evaluation report is committed to under the Strategy and will be completed by early 2013.

1. Consumer protection

Consumer and Business Services (CBS) are assigned leadership in the investigation of consumer protection for the residents of the APY Lands. CBS developed an education, compliance and enforcement strategy for 2013 which is being implemented.

Stores Compliance and Education Officer

The State Government has funded a Stores Compliance and Education Officer for the APY Lands. The Stores Compliance Officer and Education Officer will support the APY Executive with the roll out and regulation of the APY Lands Stores Credit Policy, as well as participate in broader consumer protection strategies.

Consumer Protection Sub-Group

Consumer and Business Services have agreed to convene a Consumer Protection sub-group that will:

- Coordinate activity on the APY lands;
- Guide the development and communication of targeted consumer protection messages;
- Support the delivery of Talking Posters and a radio campaign;
- Develop cross agency supports for the Stores Compliance and Education Officer; and
- Facilitate the development of a formal network of Commonwealth and State government consumer protection authorities to better support residents on the APY Lands.

2. Financial Wellbeing

FaHCSIA is providing leadership in the Financial Wellbeing priority action area. The aim of the Financial Wellbeing area is to support Anangu's financial wellbeing and exploration of tools to assist with budgeting in this area.

Components include:

- Increased provision of Centrelink supports including Centrepay
- Funding for a Financial Wellbeing Service (with *Matrix on Board*) in Amata and Mimili which will provide one on one support including financial counselling and financial literacy education.
 - DECD-Families SA is working in partnership with *Matrix on Board* to provide community education, money management, financial counselling, mentoring and support for individuals and families.

3. Home Management Support

DCSI are in the process of arranging a cross agency forum to continue their consideration of home management support related service provision with a view to better coordination and planning of those services.

DECD and Families SA has established a program for the purchase of fridges through the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS). The aim of the initiatives is to support the Nutritional Wellbeing Program and reduce environmental health risks.

4. Freight improvement and supply chain issues

DPC AARD is leading work under the freight improvement priority action area. Upon a review of the recommendations under *Indigenous Communities Freight Improvement Project Report*, two freight improvement related project briefs have been released for select tender:

1. Project Brief 1: Contract Review and Negotiation
2. Project Brief 2: Long Term Supply Chain and Service Offerings Strategic Plan

DPC AARD has finalised the selection process, work is expected to be completed early 2013.

5. Store management support

FaHCSIA is providing leadership in the Store Management priority action area to develop a supported and sustainable model for APY Lands Stores. FaHCSIA has commenced a tender process to engage a consultant to undertake a review of APY Lands stores which will begin following the finalisation of Terms of Reference.

6. Education

DECD is providing leadership in this priority action area which aims to provide nutrition related education to young people through schools and to investigate ways in which the development of school curriculum and infrastructure can support improved food security.

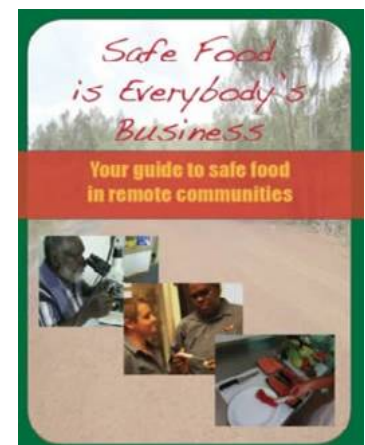
Activities include:

- All school sites have a breakfast program supported by Red Cross.
- School Gardens are established at Iwantja, Yunyarinyi (Kenmore Park) and Watarru.
- The Amata School Young Men's class is developing a small garden plot.
- School sites at Amata, Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Yunyarinyi and Murputja have lunch programs.
- Mimili School is establishing a canteen.
- Iwantja is developing a 'garden to kitchen' facility under the Stephanie Alexander program.

DECD is currently exploring options for a food and nutrition related curriculum to be incorporated more broadly, and how it might be included in the development of SACE and VET programs to support Anangu to complete secondary education.

Safe Food is Everyone's Business

SA Health has been working with DCSI to increase the knowledge of food safety with the program *Safe Food is Everybody's Business*. Training days have been run in the HACCC centres in Iwantja, Kaltjiti and Amata. This is a program developed by the National Environmental Health Committee (enHealth) for people working as food handlers in Aboriginal Communities.



*Safe Food is Everybody's
Business Training*

7. Discrete projects

Come and Cook with your Kids Program

Red Cross was contracted to provide the *Come and Cook with your Kids Program*. Red Cross conducted this in the western communities during the school holiday periods from October 2011 to July 2012. More recently bilingual Anangu women have been engaged to commence delivery of the *Come and Cook with your Kids Programs* in the September/October 2012 school holiday period.

Gardens

DPC-AARD has established market gardens and orchards at Watarru, Railway Bore and Sandy Bore. An existing orchard has been reinvigorated at Nypari. The Mimili home garden project is on track to commence in the December 2012 School holiday period.



All photos are of Sandy Bore and Railway Bore Gardens in August 2012

Rio Tinto Aboriginal Lands Challenge Cup

The Rio Tinto Aboriginal Lands Challenge Cup match was held on Saturday 7 July 2012 at AAMI Stadium, West Lakes. The Rio Tinto Aboriginal Lands Challenge Cup is in its eighth year since its inception in 2005. It is an annual event that is played as a curtain raiser match prior to an AFL game. This year the game was the curtain raiser match to the Adelaide Crows versus Port Power in the Australian Football League.

The Aboriginal Lands Challenge Cup is supported by Rio Tinto, the Adelaide Football Club, the SANFL and the South Australian Government through the Office of Recreation and Sport with SAPOL and DPC-AARD staff also involved through team management and coaching.



Winning Team, APY Lands, Photo

This initiative provides not only an opportunity for both team to compete against each other, but also an opportunity for participants to gain further information about health and mental health issues and their role as leaders within their communities, specialist training and high performance athlete testing.

The Rio Tinto Cup is strongly contested by two teams of male Aboriginal footballers who are under 23 years of age from remote Aboriginal communities, from the APY Lands and the Maralinga Tjarutja Lands. APY Lands has won the Cup five of the seven times the teams have played, including 2011.

This year APY won with the final scores of APY Lands 17-10-112 defeating Maralinga 5-6-36.

HEALTHY HOMES

A healthy home is a fundamental precondition of a healthy population. Important contributors to the current unsatisfactory living conditions include inadequate water and sewerage systems, waste collection, electricity and housing infrastructure (including design, availability and maintenance). Children need to live in houses that are free from overcrowding and provide the infrastructure they need for good hygiene and study – COAG Target Definition.

Housing Construction Activity



The 2011-12 capital program has been completed with 38 (four above the nationally agreed target) new builds and 19 refurbishments undertaken in the APY Lands under the NPARIH. In addition, the Housing SA team completed 5 houses for Employment Related Accommodation in Umuwa in the APY Lands.

Table 1 : APY Lands: Completed Constructions

	New Builds	Refurbishments
2009/2010	33	34
2010/2011	28	58
2011/2012	38	19
Sub-Total	99	111
Total Activity since 2009		210



A house under construction in Pukatja

Table 2 : Completed Activity for 2011/12

	New Builds	Refurbishments (upgrades)	Outstanding Activity
Amata	2	8	0
Mimili	4	-	0
Pukatja	17	-	0
Kaltjiti	15	5	0
Pipalyatjara	-	6	0
Total	38	19	0

An Education Program - Managing Electricity Demand and Conserving Energy



Annual costs to provide electricity to remote Aboriginal communities are rising every year, due to increased demand and the increased cost of diesel fuel needed to power the generators. There have also been increases in electricity usage, particularly during peak periods during the day and seasonally during very hot and very cold weather. Improvements to community housing and other built infrastructure have

progressed 'Closing the Gap' initiatives and improving Aboriginal wellbeing, but have increased the demand on essential services, including electricity generation and distribution.

As a first step to reduce this growth in demand for electricity, the South Australian Government has funded a community education program to educate householders in APY communities about the electricity generation and distribution system in remote areas, household usage, ways to conserve and save electricity and how to use it wisely.

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT)'s Bushlight arm is rolling out the Demand Management Education Program. Bushlight will work with remote Aboriginal communities on energy usage, sample domestic households to understand existing patterns of consumer behaviour, provide educational material on energy and appliances and discuss responsible electricity use. The project will be running until July 2013.

Home Living Skills Program



Housing SA has established a Home Living Skills (HLS) program that supports tenants transition to Housing SA property and tenancy management services.

This program provides tenants with the skills to maintain their homes and understand their tenancy rights and responsibilities, and delivers a combination of preventative and responsive strategies that includes the following:

- Establishing and/or working with tenant groups and relevant partners to identify and respond to local housing issues, through delivery of community projects.
- Delivering one on one and/or group housing support sessions about tenancy management and healthy living practices.
- Developing individual tenancy support plans to support tenancies at risk and link tenants to appropriate services.

It is expected that the program will run for two years in each community and commence in line with capital works and Housing SA property and tenancy management services.

The HLS program will complete its two year duration in Amata at the end of July 2012. All 67 houses have been engaged in the program and 40 households have completed the program.

A total of 17 referrals were made and accepted to the NILS that was piloted in Amata by Families SA. This facilitated the purchase and delivery of 11 washing machines and 6 fridges to these households. All participants in the NILS were referred through the Home Living Skills Program and Housing SA helped coordinate the delivery of goods to recipients.

Households engaged with the HLS Program have received basic household items to support the delivery of housing support sessions. Topics discussed at the session aligned with the goods provided and included nutrition and food preparation, hygiene, use and care of stoves, property care, rubbish and waste control, dust control and managing pets.

Extension of the HLS Program to other communities has been delayed due to significant challenges recruiting and retaining staff. However, Housing SA currently employs two Housing Support Program Officers (East and West) to manage delivery of the Program across the APY Lands. One of the Officers is a local Anangu woman. The Housing Support Program Officer (East) is now working with Pukatja and Mimili and the Housing Support Program Officer (West) is working to establish the program in Pipalyatjara.

Housing SA has commenced recruitment of Housing Support Workers in Mimili, Pukatja and Pipalyatjara. Anangu are targeted for the Housing Support Worker positions.

These positions were discussed and promoted at the recent Anangu Work Expo which took place across the APY Lands 4th – 8th June 2012. The Expo travelled across the APY Lands, presenting in different Communities each day.



Anangu Work Expo - Pipalyatjara

Health Protection Operations



The Health Protection Operations Section of SA Health continues their public health duties on the APY Lands. Recently, an investigation into a gastro outbreak was conducted and advice given on preventative measures, such as when and how to wash hands and the wiping down of benches. Routine inspections on food business and swimming pools have been contracted to ensure all facilities are meeting the legislated requirements. Food safety advice has been provided to the DPC on all programs being proposed relating to food.



Hand washing with children at Watarru



Swimming Pool at Mimili

Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers



Nganampa Health Council continues to operate two teams of Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers using funding from the Closing the Gap National Partnership and DPC-AARD administered and supported by SA Health. The teams are located in eastern and western communities and focus on the Uwankara Palyanyku Kanyintjaku's (UPK) healthy living practices. Recently with the warmer weather teams have been spending time on washing houses on the outside. There has also been audits conducted on housing focusing on health hardware.

SCHOOLING AND EDUCATION

Education is the key to future opportunity. Schooling that responds to Aboriginal education priorities requires attention to infrastructure, teacher and school leader supply and quality, curriculum, student literacy and numeracy achievement, opportunities for parental engagement, and school–community partnerships. Transition pathways into schooling and into work, and post-school education and training are also important. So are lifelong learning and the development of adult literacy and numeracy skills – COAG Target Definition.

Education Reform

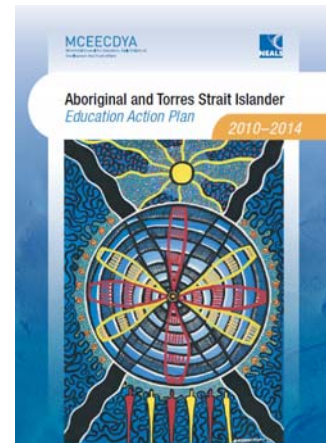


There is commitment at the highest levels of South Australia's Government to a new approach that serves the needs of the Aboriginal people in APY Lands.

DECD is implementing the national *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan (ATSIEAP) 2010 – 2014*, which requires identified Focus Schools to undertake specific action to improve the education outcomes of Aboriginal students. All schools in the APY Lands are Focus Schools.

The *ATSIEAP* is a national plan that commits all governments in Australia to a unified approach to *Closing the Gap* in education outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. The plan identifies 55 national, systemic and local level actions in six priority domains:

- Readiness for school,
- Engagement and connections,
- Attendance,
- Literacy and numeracy
- Leadership, quality teaching and workforce development, and
- Pathways to real post-school options.



These priorities and actions will guide efforts over the five-year period until 2014. In addition to the actions nominated for each level, the plan details the desired outcomes, as well as targets and performance indicators for each of the domains.

All schools in the 'Aboriginal Lands Region' have direct input from the Anangu community in regard to curriculum and cultural direction by the PYEC, which was formed under the umbrella of the APY Lands Council. PYEC is made up of members from the nine APY school communities.

DECD is working in close partnership with the PYEC and APY Lands communities to transform education and child development services and delivery.

Current APY regional education initiatives and achievements include:

- Whole of region approach to literacy using the Accelerated Literacy Approach.
- Multi-campus ICT support to all school sites.
- An eight day induction program each January to prepare newly appointed site leaders and staff for work on the APY Lands.
- The appointment of social workers in schools in partnership with Families SA.
- Anangu Education Worker and community training with regard to mandatory notification, student well being and parent engagement.
- Development and implementation of Attendance Action plans at each school site.
- Engaging student counsellors at each school site to work with students, families and school staff to improve student resilience and levels of wellbeing.

- The appointment of a full time literacy project officer (based at Pukatja) to support the professional development of site staff.
- The appointment of a maths and science coordinator for the APY Lands; and a whole of APY Lands focus on science.
- An increased focus on community engagement activities and stronger employment options on the APY Lands for Aboriginal people.

Tri Border attendance strategy



The *Tri-Border attendance* strategy is a Commonwealth Government funded project to improve the attendance of transient Aboriginal students along the Northern Territory, South Australian and Western Australian borders. The key element of the strategy is the development of a central schools' database that has the ability to consolidate and merge student information from all individual system and sector databases into a central server. Participating schools are able to view and monitor the attendance and enrolment histories of students enrolling in their schools. The database also provides an indication of the availability of other information necessary to progress student learning, such as the availability of individual learning plans.

Aboriginal Student Mentoring Program



The Aboriginal Student Mentor Program targets Aboriginal students in Low Socio-Economic Status schools with significant Aboriginal student enrolment and involves the provision of a mentor for Aboriginal students in years 5–9. The aim of the mentoring objective is to support the transition, retention and completion of SACE for Aboriginal students. The program will support students with;

- School work load
- Career pathways
- Personal development
- Study habits, and
- Academic Progress

The program has already been implemented in DECD schools across APY Lands.

Expansion of Wiltja Residential Program



Students from the APY Lands can attend the Wiltja Residential Program and School which is a separately staffed secondary school program within Woodville High School and Windsor Gardens Vocational College in Adelaide.

As part of the response to the Children on the APY Lands Commission of Inquiry (Mullighan Inquiry) in 2008, funding was provided by the Commonwealth Government for the expansion of the Wiltja Residential Program accommodation centre, with increased capacity from 60 students to 100 students. The expansion has now been completed and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, and the former South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon Grace Portolesi MP, opened the Wiltja accommodation centre in June 2010. The new centre provides Anangu students with safe accommodation while they live away from home to further their secondary education.



Wiltja Residential Program and School

A media statement released on 5 September 2011 (click [here](#)) by DECD highlighted a three-day visit to Wiltja by representatives from the Wadeye Community and the Commonwealth DEEWR who are considering a similar facility in the Northern Territory. The Wiltja Residential Program is seen as a high quality residential school model, from which best-practice lessons can be learned.

Mentoring Teachers on the APY Lands



In 2012, eight Advanced Skills Teachers level2 (AST2) were chosen from across South Australia to provide additional support to the Early Career Teachers (ECTs) who are in their first three years of teaching. In May 2012, Anangu Education Services provided an opportunity for all the mentors and the ECTs to come together at Yulara to network and to enable the development of peer support mechanisms.

In January each year, a comprehensive eight day Induction Program is conducted for all teachers commencing teaching appointments at the school sites on the APY Lands.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Support



As at Term 1 2012, there were 413.0 FTE ESL students enrolled in schools in the APY Lands. This figure includes 2 students who are non-Aboriginal. Some of these students required various intervention supports to develop the 'Australian Standard English' required at their respective year level of schooling.

The teaching of English to remote Indigenous communities is a complex issue that involves many factors and will continue to be a major priority. This has been recognised by the Anangu community who have identified English literacy as a major priority and recognise the challenges associated with improving student outcomes.

A specialised Teacher induction program supports new teachers to the Lands to develop strategies to support students who have English as a second language. These include support in:

- ESL Scales; an assessment tool monitoring progress and guiding direction
- Accelerated Literacy pedagogy for the teaching of language and literacy with professional learning and resource materials
- Professional development programs specifically focussed on literacy and linguistics
- Professional materials relating to oral language, phonological awareness, letter sound knowledge, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension
- Program development support from the South Australian Literacy Secretariat, DECD.

Playgroup, Health, and Early Childhood programs are being run as bi-lingual programs with bi-lingual resources and materials being developed.

In Schools, Anangu Education Workers are working with non-Anangu staff about Pitjantjatjara language teaching strategies, and the PYEC is working with school sites to develop Pitjantjatjara learning materials.

Creative Partnership Artist in Residence



Arts SA supports the *Creative Partnership Artist in Residence 2012* project through its funding for the Windmill Theatre. The Theatre has begun work with the senior students at Mimili Anangu School, building on its long standing and well developed relationships. Windmill Theatre is collaborating with the students to create a digital artwork that plays upon themes of gothic myths and fairytales.

Windmill Theatre's Arts Education Manager spent a week in February at Mimili to introduce the students to the ideas and themes of a Pinocchio production and to encourage their thinking about designing their own performance for entry into the annual Pukatja Dance Competition.

The students were in Adelaide for 2-3 days to see the performance on Friday 27 July 2012. They were joined by a group of students from the Mikawamma Indigenous program at Woodville High School.

In August 2012, students participated in pre performance workshops, which gave the students the opportunity to engage with the creative team to explore character development, narrative action and dialogue.

The students will now participate in a week long Arts Camp in Adelaide, with Woodville High School students during November 2012, which will allow them to put the principles they have observed and experienced into practice. The art camp will include artists from a range of creative disciplines who will work alongside the students to help create the digital artwork. The artwork will involve diverse artistic mediums such as writing, design, sound and performance. It will offer students from both schools the unique opportunity to actively participate in these mediums.



Mimili Anangu School Students

Saving Indigenous Languages and Stories



Carclew Youth Arts is working to save the Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara languages and community stories from being lost.

In the APY Lands, Carclew Youth Arts is playing a leading role in an inclusive effort to teach and record Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara 'inma' – traditional ceremonies told through community stories and dances. Carclew is working with Pitjantjatjara communities to create a DVD and book of key inma's.

The project is called *Tjitji Tjutaku Inma* (loosely translated as 'Children's Ceremony').

The project concept was developed approximately six or seven years ago by Pitjantjatjara elders to address concerns that cultural stories were in jeopardy. Faced with modern cultural pressures, fewer Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara children are learning the Anangu language and without the language they can't go on to learn the inma.

Carclew was approached by the Anangu community to manage the community driven Tjitji Tjutaku Inma project and to actively capture the stories and ceremonies.



Children and Elders participating in Tjitji Tjutaku Inma project



Children participating in *Tjitji Tjutaku Inma* project



Tjitji Tjutaku Inma includes 11 Pitjantjatjara communities and 500 Indigenous school students who are responsible for carrying out a vast majority of the work involved in this project. The elders and cultural custodians are absolutely in charge of what happens. These stories are theirs.

The teaching process is being supported by the State Government education system, at schools in the communities and Adelaide with children encouraged to discuss the stories with their family.

As part of the project young people aged between 16 and 25 are employed to help run the project and provide translations for the DVD and book. A further 30 students from across the 11 participating communities are recording and reporting on the project, acting as on-site translators and interacting with the elders.

This project is funded through Commonwealth Government Closing the Gap, *Remote Service Delivery* and *Indigenous Language Support programs*.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre



In late 2010, DECD was successful in a bid for infrastructure and capital funding under a 'Trade Training Centre's in Schools Program' operated through the Commonwealth Government DEEWR.

The funding received through this program has funded the construction of a new purpose-built training facility with industry standard equipment, located at Umuwa.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre (APYTTC) will provide vocational training to Certificate 3 level in the following industry areas:

- Automotive
- Metal fabrication
- Construction
- Rural production
- Horticulture
- Commercial cookery
- Allied health (including Aged Care)
- Office administration
- Conservation and land management
- Hospitality (front of house and accommodation services)
- Information technology



Trade Training Centre – Under Construction

The 'operating season' of the APYTTC will be at least 42 weeks per calendar year, and will be available for some weekend activity. The APYTTC will not be expected to operate during the December-January school holiday period.

The APYTTC supports students' ongoing engagement, thus enabling them to attain their Year 12 certificate (SACE – South Australian Certificate of Education) as well as commence vocational studies while they are at school.

The APYTTC supports industry in encouraging young people to gain skills that are relevant to local growth industries. By introducing students to the workplace and allowing them to begin developing employability skills whilst at school, the APYTTC supports a smooth transition from school to work.

Governance of the APYTTC is under the PYEC, as are all public sector education and training activities across the APY lands.

The tender to construct the building was won by Murray River North and completion date is scheduled for late 2012.

The position of 'Principal Manager' for the APY TTC has been filled, and this position began at the beginning of Term 3, 2012.

Learning Centres for Kaltjiti and Iwantja



A contract to build the Community Learning Centres at Iwantja and Kaltjiti has been awarded. Aboriginal and Remote Housing are project managing the building construction works on behalf of the community and TafeSA Regional, once constructed the buildings will be handed over to the community and TafeSA Regional will take over the management of the buildings. Funding through the VET Infrastructure for Indigenous People has enabled the communities, supported by TAFE SA Regional to achieve the construction of purpose built facilities

CONCLUSION

This issue of *Progress on the Lands* highlights a range of initiatives that are underway across the APY Lands, each with varying scope, depth and degree of completion. Some are new initiatives while others have been ongoing for some time.

A critical focus during 2012 was to explore ways in which to optimise the linkages between the various service delivery programs and initiatives and to provide the best possible services with and for Anangu on the APY Lands.

This report will be released bi-annually each year – the next issue will be produced in the 1st quarter of 2013.

DPC-AARD invites agencies or departments to contribute to the *Progress on the Lands* update and to forward any information on their particular service or topic area to Shona Reid at reid.shona@dpc.sa.gov.au by mid January 2013.

All attempts have been made to ensure that information contained within this publication is accurate and up to date. Feedback on the information provided is welcomed.



ACRONYMS

AARD	AARD
AES	Anangu Education Service
AEW	Anangu Education Worker
APY	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
APY EAT	APY Executive Action Team
APYTTC	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre
ASSIST	Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team
ATSIEAP	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan
AYAP	Amata Youth Action Plan
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CAFHS	Child and Family Health
CBS	Consumer and Business Services
CfC	Communities for Children
CGRIS	Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services
CSO	Crown Solicitors Office
DCSI	Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
DECD	Department of Education and Child Development
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DFEEST	The Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology
DMITRE	Department of Manufacturing, Industry, Trade, Resources and Energy
DPC	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
DPTI	Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
DSEWPaC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
ECT'	Early Career Teachers
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat
FaHCSIA	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
HACC	Home and Community Care
HLS	Home Living Skills
ICT	Information and Computer Technology
LBW	Lands Based Worker
LIPS	Local Implementation Plans
MUNS	Municipal Services
NPARIH	National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing
NPYWC	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PIP	Priority Infrastructure Plan
PYEC	Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee
RASA	Relationships Australia South Australia
RASAC	Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation
ROC	Regional Operations Centre
RPL	Recognised Prior Learning
RSD BoM	Remote Service Delivery Board of Management
RSD NPA	Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement
RTO	Registered Training Organisation
SANFL	South Australian National Football League
SAPOL	SAPOL
SICAD	Statewide Indigenous Community Arts Development