



# **South Australian Government Annual Report**

**2015**

## **Services to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands**



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# Foreword

I am pleased to provide the 2015 publication of the *South Australian Government Annual Report on Services to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands* (the Report).

This Report provides a comprehensive summary of the activities and achievements on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, delivered primarily by State Government agencies from January 2015 to December 2015.

The format of this Report is different from previous years, as each State Government agency has a clearly defined chapter. It provides an opportunity for readers to gain an appreciation of the varied work undertaken on the APY Lands.

I would like to thank each agency that has provided information. Your collaboration, cooperation and contributions are essential to ensure that the information provided in this Report is both comprehensive and informative.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Commonwealth Government and non-government agencies on the APY Lands. Although this Report primarily describes services provided by State Government agencies, it is important to acknowledge the contributions of other service providers who have contributed financially or through joint work/service provision.

Improvements to life outcomes for Anangu on the APY Lands can only be fully realised when genuine partnerships exist between Anangu and the agencies that deliver services. The State Government is committed to ensuring that Anangu have a voice in the decisions that affect their future. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and partnership with APY and APY Executive as we work together in creating better opportunities for all Anangu living on the APY Lands.

An electronic copy of this Report will be available on the Department of State Development (DSD) Web site.



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**Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation  
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## *Disclaimers:*

*The publisher wishes to advise people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent that this publication may contain names or images of persons who are now deceased. Family members have approved the use of Mrs Kunmanara Paddy's name and photographic materials.*

*A number of APY Lands communities have alternative names which may be included in this report, namely:*

- Kaltjiti also known as Fregon;
- Yunyarinyi also known as Kenmore Park;
- Pukatja also known as Ernabella; and
- Iwantja also known as Indulkana.







# About the Annual Report

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**This Annual Report outlines the activities and achievements of State Government funded services across the APY Lands. It caters for both first time and repeat readers who wish to learn about how the State Government is making positive contributions to the lives of Anangu children, young people, families, and communities across the APY Lands.**

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This Report comprises 12 chapters, which cover the diversity of work provided by the State Government across the APY Lands.

Each chapter specifically focuses on APY Lands based services. The information in this Report has been provided by the relevant State Government agencies. The chapters may vary in length, depending upon the scope or presence of agencies on the APY Lands.

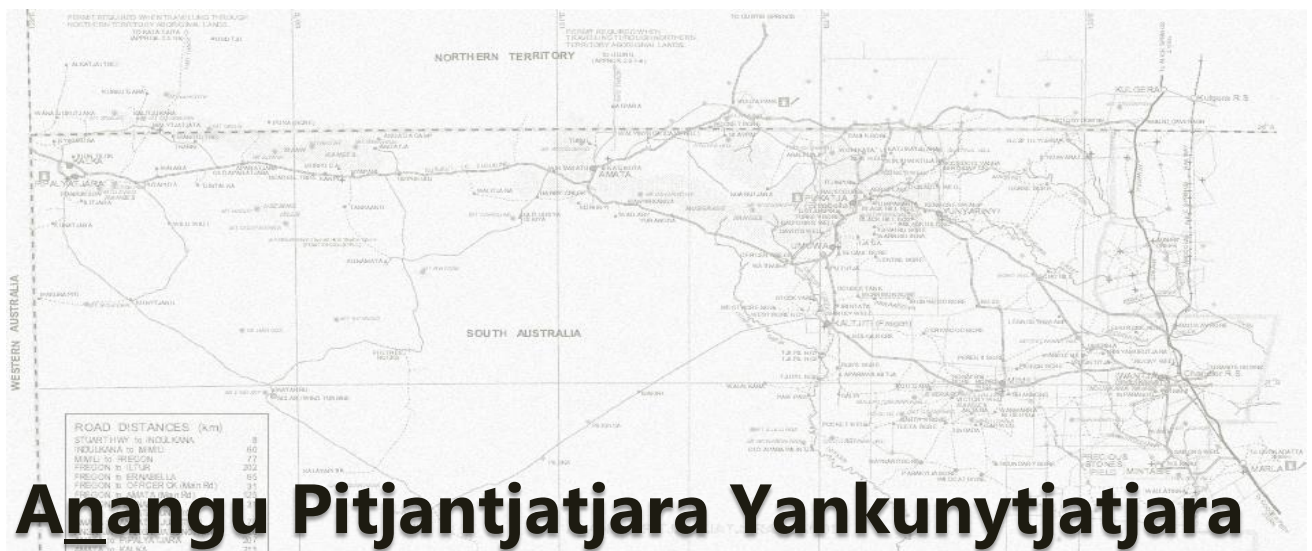
Over the last 12 months, there has been considerable focus on governance and leadership across the APY Lands, providing for greater involvement and participation of Anangu in the design, delivery and growth of many services and initiatives.

There has also been a dedicated focus on the engagement of Anangu in employment and training opportunities. These opportunities have presented themselves not only in traditional educational and employment sectors, but also

through areas relating to land management, infrastructure works, vocational education and smaller community-based initiatives. This has seen an increase in skills development, skill sharing and confidence, which has enabled local engagement in local activities in both paid and voluntary capacities.

A common theme for 2015 has been community and local planning. The education sector has seen significant new initiatives, including how to engage with children holistically across all Anangu schools, and providing better support for teachers who specialise in working in Anangu education.

The information provided in this Annual Report is summative. Readers are encouraged to contact relevant agencies if you require more detail or comprehensive information on specific activities or work areas.



# Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

The APY Land Rights Act 1981 governs Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. The South Australian Parliament gave Anangu the title to more than 103,000 square kilometres of land in the far northwest of South Australia. The APY administration centre is located at Umuwa.

The main communities on the APY Lands are Amata, Iwantja (Indulkana), Kaltjiti (Fregon), Mimili, Pipalyatjara, and Pukatja (Ernabella). There are several smaller communities and homelands such as Kalka, Kanpi, Nyapari, Watarru and Yunyarinyi (Kenmore Park).

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ APY Board Elections.
- ✓ The first Woman to be appointed Chairperson.
- ✓ Employment of APY General Manager for 3 years.
- ✓ APY Law and Culture Committee Elections.

## APY Board Elections

Section 9(6) of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act, 1981* (the APY Act) requires the Electoral Commissioner to conduct an election of the APY Executive Board within three months after the third anniversary of the previous election. This meant that an election was due to be held before the end of May 2015.

Between late 2013 and early 2014, a 'Limited Review of the APY Land Rights Act 1981' (the APY Legislative Review) made a number of recommendations about the election processes and the APY Executive Board composition.

The election proceeded on 25 May 2015, based on the understanding that a new election would be

held in 2016 to account for legislative changes in 2016.

The following people were elected in the May Election:

Committee Members	Community
Mr Owen Burton	Amata/Tjurma
Mr Ronnie Brumby	Amuruna/Railway Bore/Witjintitja/Wallatinna
Mr Gary Lewis	Anilayla/Turkey Bore
Mr Bernard Singer (Deputy Chair)	Iwantja

Mr Murray George	Kaltjiti/Irintata/Watinuma
Mr Anton Baker	Kanyipi/Nyapari/ Angatja
Mr Ken Pumani	Mimili
Mrs Kunmanara Paddy (Chairperson)	Pipalyatjara/Kalka
Mr Trevor Adamson	Pukatja/Yunyarinyi
Mr Charlie Anytjipalya	Watarru



*APY Executive Left to Right - (back) Mr Anton Baker, Mr Bernard Singer, Mr Charlie Anytjipalya, Mr Trevor Adamson (front) Mr Richard King (General Manager), Mr Ronnie Brumby, Mrs Paddy (Chairperson), Mr Murray George, Mr Owen Mr Burton, Mr Ken Pumani, Mr Rex Tjami (Director of Administration). Absent: Mr Gary Lewis. (Photo Courtesy of APY)*

## Inaugural Female Chairperson

On 17 June 2015, Mrs Paddy was the first female elected Chairperson of the APY Executive Board, and Mr Bernard Singer was elected Deputy Chair.

For many years, Mrs Paddy has played a significant leadership role on the APY Lands.

Since 2009, she has been a member of the APY Executive Board (as a representative for Kalka and Pipalyatjara). Mrs Paddy is also a Board Member of Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) and Chairperson of the Kalka Community Aboriginal Corporation.

Mrs Paddy's home country is in Western Australia, but she moved to Kalka in the early 1980s. Mrs Paddy has five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 1995, Mrs Paddy was employed by Nganampa Health Council in the Home and Community Care (HACC) program and worked tirelessly to establish an Aged Care Home on the APY Lands. Mrs Paddy has travelled to the USA, Canada and Hawaii to look at their aged care systems.



*Mrs Paddy Chairperson of the APY Executive Board and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Kyam Maher MLC. (Photo Courtesy of DSD-AAR)*

It is a tribute to Mrs Paddy's persistence that the Aged Care facility, Tjilpi Pampaku Ngura, was built in 2000 at Pukatja. The facility allows the frail and elderly to remain close to family in their later years.

Mrs Paddy is supportive of the Remote School Attendance Strategy, promoting regular school attendance by all children. In her spare time, Mrs Paddy looks after the local rock holes, and likes to paint and do punu woodcarvings.

## APY Law and Culture Committee

The APY Law and Culture Committee is a sub-committee of the APY Executive Board, charged with the responsibility of providing the APY Executive Board with advice on matters as they relate to law and culture. The committee also undertakes activities across the APY Lands that support the continued sharing and learning of Anangu cultural knowledge and activities.

In recognising the importance of Anangu culture and tradition being passed on from generation to generation, the State Government is providing \$400,000 over 4 years to the committee.

On 6 November 2015, a Special General Meeting of the APY Executive Board was held at Umuwa. A new APY Law and Culture Committee was formed, replacing the previous Committee and members.



The newly elected APY Law and Culture Committee members include:

Committee Members	Community
Ms Josephine Mick	Pipalyatjajara
Ms Molly Miller	Amata
Mr Charlie Anytjipalya	Watarru
Mr Richard Kanari	Pipalyatjara
Ms Mary Pan	Amata
Ms Kanytjurin	Amata
Ms Yuminia Ken	Pukatja
Mr Paul Andy	Pukatja
Mr Roger Edwards	Mimili
Mr Cedric Williamson	Kaltjiti
Mr Peter Munkari	Iwantja
Mr Kunmanara Inkatji	David's Well

In addition to his Carpentry and Joinery trade qualifications, Mr King has undertaken a number of formal qualifications in the areas of Community Management/Development and Health Sciences and Promotion. Mr King is currently undertaking a Masters in Public Policy and Diploma in Public Sector Management.

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**“Coupling of education and experience has enabled me to use my cultural competence and cultural norms to grow healthy communities, productive work places and deliver appropriate services at the points of highest impact. Using the power of my University knowledge coupled with my learned experience helps me to see opportunities where others see only barriers and insurmountable issues.”**

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*Mr Richard King, GM APY*

## General Manager Appointment

On 20 March 2015, the APY Executive Board approved the appointment of Mr Richard King to the role of Interim General Manager for a period of three months. On 19 June 2015, the APY Executive Board undertook a national advertising campaign for the General Manager position. Interviews were held in early August 2015, with a selection panel comprising eight APY Executive board members. On 9 September 2015, the APY Executive Board appointed Mr King as the General Manager for a period of three years.

### A bit about Mr Richard King

Mr King is an Aboriginal Territorian. He was raised in the Katherine region and came to Adelaide for schooling. Mr King has worked in both the Northern Territory and South Australia at community-based and senior government levels.

In the Northern Territory, Mr King focused on community capacity building, planning and development, as well as undertaking a senior role as the Director of Public Health in the Health Development Team for East Arnhem Land.

In South Australia, Mr King has undertaken a number of executive roles in the Department for Correctional Services and SA Health.





# Department for Communities and Social Inclusion

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) brings together a range of services, funding and policy responsibilities which together support safety, equality, opportunity and justice across South Australia.

DCSI has lead responsibility on behalf of the South Australian government in the areas of disability policy, funding and services; social housing and homelessness; affordable living programs; youth justice; domestic violence; problem gambling; screening services and disaster relief and recovery. DCSI also provides a wide range of grants to community organisations; leads the government's agenda to build thriving communities and promote resilience; and provides services to help older people remain safe at home. DCSI has lead policy responsibility in relation to women; multicultural affairs; youth; volunteers and carers.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Community Benefit South Australia (CBSA) Grants allocated to 7 APY Land projects.
- ✓ Ongoing community and support services.
- ✓ Disability Allied Health team provide regular services to APY Lands.
- ✓ Ongoing operation of the Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre.
- ✓ Disability support services to approximately 40 Anangu.
- ✓ Engaged non-government service providers to deliver integral youth and financial support services.
- ✓ 386 Anangu received assistance with money matters.
- ✓ New dwellings and refurbishments completed.
- ✓ Ongoing tenancy management and support.
- ✓ Employment related Accommodation Program assisting Anangu in gaining training and employment outside the APY Lands.

## DCSI Community Benefit SA

DCSI Community Benefit South Australia (CBSA) contributes funding for one-off projects to incorporated, non-government, non-profit,

charitable and social welfare organisations to develop and strengthen communities across the

metropolitan, rural and remote regions of South Australia.

Grants aim to improve community participation, life management skills, well-being and quality of life for disadvantaged individuals, families and communities.

During 2015, CBSA provided seven grants that involved activities on the APY Lands. Details of these grants are shown below.

### **Wapar Studio Equipment**

Ananguku Mimili Maku Arts Aboriginal Corporation was successful in receiving a \$9,000 CBSA grant for Wapar Studio equipment. This funding went towards:

- Recording equipment;
- Computer and software upgrades of the Wapar Studio;
- Programs that provide training to 120 Mimili community members improving engagement of at-risk youth;
- Provide creative outlets for traditional and contemporary cultural content; and
- Develop employment pathways.

### **Louisa's Choice**

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPY Women's Council) was successful in their request for \$13,180 from CBSA for the development of 'Louisa's Choice', which is a play starring nine community members.

Louisa's Choice is a primary prevention project delivered in Amata at the request of the community. In 2013, members of the Amata community approached NPY Women's Council because they were concerned about the high levels of violence experienced in the community. Through community consultation, the members decided to involve the whole community in the play, which focuses on the impacts of domestic and family violence.

Because of this, forums in which violence can be discussed safely and openly have been created by involving the entire community, including families, women, men and children. Louisa's Choice has been translated into Pitjantjatjara.

Resources, such as posters and other reading materials, are to be placed throughout the APY Lands, so that the message can be viewed more broadly. The information is needed so that people across the APY Lands can be educated on the

effects of domestic violence, and hopefully contribute to reduce incidences of domestic and family violence, increase participation in prevention programs, improve family wellbeing and community safety.

The project team worked ethically and sustainably with members of the community to ensure that they received fair remuneration for their time and expertise while developing the project.

### **Adelaide Medical Students Society Mimili Youth Holiday Program**

Adelaide Medical Students Society Incorporated was successful in their funding request for \$3,770. These funds contributed to travel expenses and equipment for a partnership project with the University of Adelaide. The school holiday program targeted youth in Mimili and it created a cross-cultural learning environment, which encouraged participants to make healthy lifestyles choices and form positive habits through fun and engaging activities.

### **Iwantja Arts and Crafts**

Iwantja Arts Centre received \$19,870 from CBSA for the purchase and installation of a split-cycle air conditioning (AC) system at the centre. The new system will benefit over 40 Aboriginal artists in Iwantja, and improve the function and service of the Art Centre as a whole. This should increase engagement by the artist community during extreme weather conditions and lead to improved wellbeing.

### **Tjungu Warkarintja (Working Together)**

Ernabella Arts Incorporated was successful in their funding application to CBSA for a total of \$12,615. The funding contributed to the upgrade of facilities that improved training delivery for 46 Aboriginal people who have limited opportunities and limited disposable income. This will also assist to increase efficiency, productivity and sustainability of the art centre.

### **Papa Pukulpa Tjuta**

Animal Management in Rural & Remote Indigenous Communities Incorporated received \$18,400 from CBSA to employ an Education Officer to deliver Aboriginal community education and public health programs to assist 600 people per year from the

APY Lands with the aim of increasing community safety.

### **Bikes Palya**

Bicycle SA Incorporated was successful in gaining a \$300,000 grant over three years (2014-2017) from CBSA to contribute to a project to employ instructors and support expenses to deliver 'Bikes Palya'. The program will run for eight weeks in Terms 2 and 3 each year across the APY Lands, and will include bike maintenance, education and recreation to promote positive behaviour changes. This project targets school attendance, student engagement, improvements in physical and mental health, and the creation of additional recreational resources and activities for children and youth on the APY Lands.

## **DCSI: Disability Support Program**

### **APY Lands Allied Health Service**

Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and speech pathologists from the Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team (ASSIST), and a DCSI equipment officer from Marla, provided the APY Lands Allied Health Service for people who are aged or living with a disability.

The service delivers equipment and arranges for home modifications and therapies to enable Anangu to remain living independently in their homes and communities. In addition, this team provides advice and support to aged care, disability and health workers who are working on the APY Lands on a more permanent basis.

The Allied Health Service works cooperatively with other APY Lands services providers and accepts referrals from other areas of DCSI, Nganampa Health Clinic (NHC) medical officers, NPY Women's Council, Aged and Disability Project Officers, and the Alice Springs Hospital. The team regularly travels to the APY Lands for assessments, providing outreach services between visits. Some outcomes of note include:

- Six trips to the APY Lands from March 2015 to December 2015;
- A total of 77 clients were provided with a service from allied health therapists;

- Continued support to assist hospital discharges, palliative care for clients, the Pukatja aged care facility and the Arts Centres; and
- Support for participation in community activities - for example, the design and supply of a customised art easel to enable a client to work independently on her art, leading to her first art exhibition in Alice Springs this year.

The Disability Support Program provided recreational and social support to approximately 40 clients with a disability across the APY Lands.



*Indigenous Artist Ms Linda Punna. (Photo courtesy of DCSI)*

In 2015, the DCSI Disability Team has supported an emerging Indigenous Artist to travel to Alice Springs for three days to attend her first Solo Art Exhibition.

Ms Linda Punna enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Alice Springs and talk to the public about what art means to her. Ms Punna won the SA Life Emerging Artist Award and now her work is in the Harvey Art Projects exhibition in Idaho, United States of America.



*Anangu Artists work displayed at Harvey Art Project in Idaho USA. (Photo courtesy of DCSI)*

## DCSI: Community Programs

### Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre

The Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre is managed by DCSI and well utilised by a number of organisations and community members. The range of agencies and services that utilise this centre are listed below:

- MoneyMob;
- Relationships Australia;
- TAFE SA;
- ASSIST team;
- South Australia Police (SAPOL);
- Department for Education and Child Development (DECD): Families SA;
- Mimili School;
- NPY Women's Council: Nutrition, Youth and Domestic Violence teams;
- Ngnampa Health;
- Child and Family Health Service (CAFHS);
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS);
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC);
- Catholic Care, Cross Borders Program;
- Country Fire Service SA (CFS SA);
- APY Anthropologists & Land Management;
- Playgroup;
- Child Protection Services;
- Women's Legal Services;
- Family Relationships;
- Yankunytjatjara Language team;
- Tjanpi team;
- First Aid providers;
- Service Provider group;
- Araluen Taxation Services;
- Centrelink;
- Uti Kulintjaku; and
- Jawun/NPY Women's Council.

The Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre has a Steering Committee that meets regularly; the role of this committee is to support staff and provide clear direction about the programs that run at the Centre.



*Outside the Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre.  
(Photo courtesy of DCSI)*

### APY Home and Community Care Program

The APY Lands Home and Community Care (HACC) program supports frail, aged and disabled community members across the APY Lands. The program ensures that vulnerable community members are able to access a midday meal, blanket washing and local transport. The HACC program operates from Family Wellbeing Centres in communities across the APY Lands.

These Centres provide a safe and welcoming place for people to come and spend time watching TV, meet with service providers or catch-up with other members of the community.

The program currently employs 11 Anangu staff members with a further six Anangu working in the program at various stages during the year.

The program is now called the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), and all referrals now go through a central referral system. The delivery of the CHSP program has gone out to tender with an anticipated start date of 1 July 2016 for the successful organisation.

### APY Youth Program

From 1 October 2014, DCSI provided funds to NPY Women's Council to deliver the Youth Program in Mimili, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Amata, Pipalyatjara and Kalka.

This program is a partnership between DCSI and NPY, with DCSI providing the facilities and housing support and NPY providing the operational and program support. The partnership has enabled both organisations to contribute their skills and expertise to the program. NPY Women's Council employs



four full-time Youth Development Officers (based in Mimili, Amata, Pukatja and Pipalyatjara) and local Anangu Support Workers in all communities. The service provides integrated recreation/diversion plus case management support to young people and their families.

Other additional activities of the program included:

- Educational camps and workshops on drug and alcohol prevention;
- Mental health and healthy relationships;
- Cyber safety workshops;
- Law school holiday programs;
- Law and culture teaching camp (Amata);
- Educational support for boarding school students; and
- Advocacy for ceasing the sale of (sniffable) fuel from Marla roadhouse (to reduce the incidence of petrol sniffing in the region).

Uniting Care Wesley Country SA has delivered the Iwantja Youth Program since 2011. In 2015, they received funding from the Commonwealth Government to continue to provide the youth program. This initiative has been successful in engaging up to 80 young people on a regular basis, with after school and holiday activities. The youth worker supports individual people and works closely with schools and attendance officers to ensure young people are accessing education and further training.

## Money Management Strategies

The Commonwealth Government and DCSI have continued to fund the MoneyMob Talkabout program (Matrix on Board) which provides an outreach service to Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Iwantja. Across these communities, 386 clients received support and/or training from MoneyMob from January 2015.

MoneyMob assisted 98 Anangu in these communities to lodge free tax returns in 2015. A total of 59 hours was spent assisting 42 clients with fines, bills and debts. Assistance was also provided

with budgeting, challenging unethical contracts, negotiating with creditors and funeral assistance.

MoneyMob has supported other services such as Centrelink and ASIC, and assisting clients to learn how to use the new MyGov system.

## DCSI: Housing SA

DCSI Housing SA is providing new and upgraded properties through the Capital Works Program. This service delivers safe and healthy housing to support families' physical, emotional and social wellbeing. Housing SA offers tenancy management services (such as maintenance, tenancy management and support, employment, and workforce development) to provide industry experience and training.

## Capital Works

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) is an investment strategy directed towards reducing overcrowding and homelessness, and improving dwelling conditions in remote Aboriginal communities.

Under NPARIH, the Commonwealth Government funds Housing SA to work in remote communities, including the APY Lands, to deliver a significant capital works program. Housing SA consults with APY Lands Community Councils to discuss building design and work schedules during the scoping process.

NPARIH investment has delivered 157 new dwellings and upgrades to a further 170 existing properties. In 2015-2016, a further four new dwellings and 18 refurbishments will be completed.

Not only does the program provide safe and healthy housing for families and individuals, the program aims to foster local Anangu employment and training in remote locations. Building companies involved in these projects are required to employ a minimum of 20% local Anangu workers under Employment and Workforce Development agreements.

**Table 1: Activity for 2014-15 at 31 October 2015**

Community	Iwantja	Pukatja	Total
New Builds Completed	8	3	11
New Builds Underway	-	4	4
Refurbishments (Upgrades) Completed	7	9	16
Refurbishments Underway	16	2	18



*Iwantja completed new build. (Photo courtesy of Housing SA)*



*Iwantja building refurbishments. (Photo courtesy of Housing SA)*

**Table 2: APY Lands: Completed Constructions at 31 October 2015.\***

Financial Year	New Builds	Refurbishments
2009-2010	33	34
2010-2011	28	58
2011-2012	38	19
2012-2013	17	20
2013-2014	30	23
2014-2015	11	16
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Total Activity in APY Since 2009</b>	<b>327</b>	

*\*The majority of the construction will be finalised in 2015-16, as the Capital Works Program was approved in December 2014.*

## Tenancy Management and Support

Housing SA provides tenancy management and support to all residents living in social housing managed properties in the APY Lands. Housing SA is responsible for managing tenant rent, debt and property maintenance issues.

Tenancy management and support is delivered from the time of allocation and continues throughout the tenancy, where required. Once a property has been granted, residents are given an induction session and provided with orientation to acquaint them with their tenancy obligations.

Orientation includes a checklist of requirements to ensure that there is a shared understanding of how the health hardware in a property works, when to call for maintenance and what preventative practices are expected to help reduce wear and tear of dwellings.

Tenancies, which are identified as high risk after allocation, are provided with additional support through Intensive Tenancy Support Programs throughout the APY Lands. Assistance includes weekly visits from a Housing SA Officer and referrals to organisations such as:

- RASAC, to remove rubbish from yards;
- MoneyMob, for financial counselling;
- HACC Kitchen, for meals for the elderly; and
- Centrelink and Health centres.

Housing SA also provides these tenancies with cleaning items and encourages the purchase of cleaning products.

## Employment Related Accommodation

The Employment Related Accommodation (ERA) program fosters Anangu employment, training and further education by providing affordable housing in regional and metropolitan areas where there are greater employment and educational opportunities for remote residents wishing to relocate.

There are currently 26 houses located in Pt Augusta, Ceduna, Roxby Downs and Metropolitan Adelaide. The ERA programs, along with a 24-bed short-stay facility, is co-located with the APY Lands Trade Training Centre (TTC) in Umuwa. 10 more properties have been acquired in Ceduna and Adelaide, while another five land parcels have been purchased in Whyalla. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in the first half of 2016, which will increase the Housing SA ERA stock to 41 houses.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must be:

- An Aboriginal person from a remote community in South Australia, including those in the cross border region;
- On a learning or employment pathway or be ready to take up further education, training or employment opportunities; and
- Have an independent income (includes Centrelink).

Third party housing managers manage properties on the APY Lands, and a support officer has been employed in the metropolitan area to assist applicants with their transition from remote locations to new accommodation. Support is available throughout the tenancy and, where needed, tenants are referred to agencies to ensure successful outcomes.

## Umuwa Trade Training Centre

The TTC accommodation facility began operating in late February 2014 to provide accommodation for APY Lands residents and visitors attending training or conducting business on the APY Lands.

The accommodation facility can house up to 24 people in its two dormitory style buildings, with separate rooms for students, teachers or supervisors.

Housing SA built the accommodation to support Anangu participating in Vocational Education and Training in the APY Lands. On 30 December 2013, a Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement was

signed between DCSI and DECD for the operational management of the centre.

The TTC accommodation provides a safe, supportive environment for students, allowing them to access educational programs during their stay.

Since the opening of the centre, learning has taken a practical approach with students undertaking Certificate II in Construction and Land

Management. The pupils have provided landscaping for the accommodation centre as part of their practical course units.

In Term 1 of 2016, students have commenced work on irrigation, planting and construction of outdoor tables and benches for the TTC accommodation BBQ area.



*Umuwa Trade Training Centre Accommodation. (Photo courtesy of Housing SA)*





# Department for Education and Child Development

The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) was established to bring together key government functions to deliver and regulate services for children and their families. Collectively, the aim is to support every family so that all young South Australians have the opportunity to become happy, healthy and safe members of the community.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Implementation of consistent daily learning programs across all Anangu schools.
- ✓ Anangu Lands Schools Partnership Plan completed.
- ✓ PYEC Strategic Plan 2014-2016 Measures Project completed.
- ✓ Anangu School Plans completed.
- ✓ Ongoing support services to students and staff.
- ✓ Ongoing services provided through the Pukatja Children and Family Centre.
- ✓ 9 students graduating from Wiltja.
- ✓ Investing in and supporting teachers.
- ✓ Ongoing Child Protection/Child Safety services.
- ✓ APY TTC increases in enrolments and completions.

## DECD: Anangu Schooling

### Common School Model

Anangu Lands schools (APY Lands, Oak Valley and Yalata) operate within one Education and Child Development (ECD) Local Partnership.

All schools on the APY Lands are Aboriginal focussed, with actions and activities to support the achievement of Aboriginal students.

Based on consultation with the community throughout 2015, the daily learning program has

been structured the same in each school. This has meant that children can travel between communities across the APY Lands without disrupting their learning. The familiar daily structure will also encourage regular attendance. Furthermore, the Australian Curriculum has been specifically adapted to include Anangu culture and language.

## Community: Planning & Connecting

### Community Partnership Planning & Thriving Communities Initiative

DECD have introduced a Community Partnership Planning process across the State, including on the APY Lands. This process supports the ECD local partnerships to work closer with their local communities.

Community Partnership Planning brings together children, young people and their families, and other government and non-government organisations and local services and businesses, to address complex problems that cannot be solved by any one service or organisation alone. Community Partnership Planning uses the Results Based Accountability™ framework to help communities:

1. Identify what they want to achieve;
2. How they will measure it;
3. What needs to be done; and
4. Whether it has worked.

In addition, DECD is the lead agency on the APY Lands for the recently announced initiative, Thriving Communities. The State Government introduced this initiative in March 2015. With DECD's presence in all major communities across the APY Lands, both as an employer and as the deliverer of education and early childhood services, a logical link has been forged between the Thriving Communities initiative and Community Partnership Planning.

A Community Partnership Planning Manager has worked with the Anangu Lands Partnership, individual schools, and the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC) on a regular basis throughout 2015. This work has identified opportunities for a Thriving Communities collective impact initiative to address intergenerational disadvantage on the APY Lands. The objective being that, *all children living in the APY Lands are supported to engage positively with education on a regular basis.*

#### Achievements and Plans

In 2015, the following key activities were completed:

- The Anangu Lands Schools Partnership Plan (including measures) was decided and activities are underway or in the planning phase;

- The PYEC Strategic Plan 2014-2016 Measures Project was completed with expectations for reporting communicated to the relevant government and non-government services;
- Work with PYEC community leaders from all communities and chaired by respected community leader underway to develop measures and reporting process for their PYEC Strategic Plan 2014-2016;
- Work with each school (community and education staff) to develop school plans with measures (Kaltjiti, Yunyarinyi, Iwantja, Pukatja completed 2015); and
- Consultation/planning sessions with each of the 10 key communities and schools undertaken by DECD, Community Partnership Planning team should be completed in April 2016. The plans for each Anangu Lands schools and the DECD Anangu Lands Partnership align with the PYEC Plan.

As ECD moves into 2016, a Collective Impact Forum will be held with all relevant service providers and community groups represented (June 2016) with outcome measures and agency accountability identified in the plan.

### Innovative Community Action Network-expansion to Schools in APY lands

Planning has begun for a new 'school and community partnership model' to support disengaged secondary aged learners to re-engage in community based learning settings through a Flexible Learning Option (FLO) enrolment in 2016.

DECD has a system-wide response to complex secondary aged students who have disengaged from mainstream schooling programs. Five thousand students (aged between 12-21 years of age) are supported through a case managed flexible learning program, to re-engage in accredited learning programs that can enable them to undertake South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) accredited learning and successfully transition to further education, training and/or employment.

Schools in the APY Lands have not been able to access this program up until now, due to limitations of community and program capacity to support this initiative. It is hoped that through collaboration with schools and other government and non-government agency providers on the APY Lands, Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN)

will be able to pilot the FLO enrolment strategy in 2016.

It is believed that up to 200 secondary aged young people (under the education age) could benefit from this strategy. It is anticipated that a more flexible student engagement and learning program could be delivered in partnership with Anangu community, the APY school secondary teachers and other government and non-government agency providers. This learning would focus on a more flexible approach to achieving successful learning outcomes for the SACE compulsory units.

Initial exploration and consultation has taken place with each school leadership team, but a more comprehensive Anangu involvement in development of proposal will occur prior to initiating this new learning strategy.

## Schools: Services & Activities

### Statewide Support Services

The Statewide Support Services provide a visiting service from a Speech Pathologist, two Special Education/Hearing staff and a Special Education/Behaviour Support Coach to the APY Lands. These aim to support schools and families to address the needs of children, with additional needs, and to develop the capacity of teachers to be more inclusive of children with additional needs. The team responds to referrals from schools who want support and advice. Families are considered partners in planning for these children.

In the 2014-2015 financial year, Statewide Support Services achieved the following results:

- Training for school staff;
- Phonological Awareness;
- Supporting Vocabulary Development;
- Emergent Literacy;
- Writing SMARTAR goals for Learning Plans;
- Supporting Students Exhibiting Trauma related Behaviour;
- Use and trouble-shooting of Sound Field Systems;
- Use of Assistive Listening Devices;
- Understanding Hearing Loss and its implications;
- Breathe Blow Cough (BBC) program;
- Disability Support Program;
- Multi-disciplinary school-based support for students with identified disabilities;

- Developed culturally relevant resources for students with disabilities and difficult behaviours;
- Supported schools to access additional funding to support students;
- Audited Sound Field Systems and ordered parts as required and provided whole staff training on the use of Sound Field Systems;
- A small group and 1 to 1 training in behaviour, language development, disability and learning, upskilling AEW in delivering programs to support students in schools; and
- Special Educators (Hearing) have built a stronger agreement with our partners, Australian Hearing and NHC. This has resulted in the co-signing of a Service Agreement between NHC, DECD Anangu Education and Australian Hearing Alice Springs. This two year agreement has improved the flow of information and provides the schools with additional information about an individual student.

### Pukatja Children & Family Centre

The Pukatja Children and Family Centre (CFC) was established in 2009 to provide early childhood programs and services for Anangu children from antenatal to eight years and their families.

The Pukatja CFC is situated on the Pukatja Anangu School site, along with the Pukatja Anangu Child Parent Centre. The CFC facilities include community, administration and consulting space.

The centre has a strong focus on supporting Anangu families with young children and reflects a philosophy of acknowledgement, engagement and inclusion of Anangu history, culture and community. It is open to all members of the community and services include playgroups and a range of parenting and health programs.

The Pukatja CFC features core services and programs designed to meet the needs of Anangu children and families based in or near Pukatja, including:

- Access to 15 hours per week of *preschool education* for 40 weeks of the year before they attend school. Anangu children are also entitled to attend government preschool from three years of age, for 12 hours per week;
- *Early intervention and prevention* programs for children with additional needs;
- *Adult learning* opportunities, so that parents can participate in parenting support activities

as well as engage in study to attain a qualification or SACE to assist in employment opportunities;

- A *CAFHS visiting service* attends 12 days every fortnight. This service includes health promotion and support on parenting, hygiene, nutrition, safety and oral health, as well as, infant and maternal care;
- Targetted *Family Support Programs* and services through CAMHS, the DECD Lands Based Social Worker, and the DCSI Family Support Worker, that enable parents to guide and nurture their child's physical, social and emotional needs. Family services include:
  - Group programs for children focusing on social and emotional wellbeing;
  - Parenting programs;
  - A referral point for many issues affecting families; and
  - Counselling for individuals, children or families.
- Community development and capacity building opportunities through parent information and support programs and playgroups;
- Support for children and families through an Anangu Education Worker (AEW). The AEWs work alongside teachers to *support learning and behaviour management*. They are essential to the improvement of learning outcomes for Anangu children and play a key role in child welfare, sharing their knowledge with staff concerning the cultural and family background of children, as well as provide advice concerning children's welfare from a cultural perspective;
- *Hearing specialists* and a visiting *dentist* to examine children and talk with parents;
- *Arts education program*, "Anangu as First Teachers" focusing on the development of literacy skills through art and craft activities, supported by the Commonwealth Government's Department of Education and Training;
- *Breakfast program* with food provided by Australian Red Cross; and
- NPY Women's Council *Nutrition program*.

CFCs use a population-level framework to identify local priorities and interagency implementation strategies that contribute to improved outcomes for children and families. The community population outcomes are:

1. Children have optimal health, learning and development;
2. Parents provide strong foundations for their children's healthy development and wellbeing;
3. Communities are child and family friendly; and
4. Aboriginal children are safe, culturally strong and confident.

Pukatja School receives funding of \$75,000 each year through the Budget Based Funding component (BBF) directly from the Commonwealth Government that supports early childhood programs in the CFC.

Currently, the school allocates the BBF to employ two AEWs at the CFC to focus on young children and their families. Services include assisting families to learn about healthy eating, hygiene and health, supporting CAFHS nurses and Australian Hearing, and helping in the Families as First Teachers program.

The new Early Years Coordinator B-5 provides oversight and coordination of the work of the AEWs in the CFC and builds strong connections with the preschool program.

### Kaltjiti Children & Wellbeing Centre

The State Government Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon. Susan Close MP opened the Kaltjiti Children and Wellbeing Centre (CWC) on 7 September 2015.

Through a joint initiative between the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments, the Australian Army built the Centre with input and support from the local Kaltjiti community.



The Kaltjiti Family Wellbeing Centre. (Photo courtesy of DECD)



CWC was built to support children and young people, from birth to age five, to get the best start to their education. The education, family and community services at the Kaltjiti CWC were designed to meet the needs of residents.

## Wiltja Secondary College

Wiltja provides quality teaching and learning programs to Anangu Secondary students, willing and able to engage in mainstream schooling. Wiltja's ambition is to develop each student's academic and social potential.



*2015 Wiltja Graduation. from left to right: Ms Shania Starkey-Treloar, Mr Wayne Strangways, Mr Vaughan Day, Ms Yindy Boon, Ms Shanya Arabie, Mr Michael (Ringo) Drover, Ms Loretta Macumber, and Ms Kirsty Tilmouth. Absent Ms Audrey Inkumala. (Photo courtesy of DECD)*

There is also a strong commitment to providing a supportive and educational boarding environment, where students are valued and their learning and development is the priority. The boarding facility at Northgate can host up to 90 students, who attend either Woodville High School or Windsor Gardens Secondary College.

PYEC oversees the program in a role similar to a school governing council. 2015 was a successful year, with nine students graduating Year 12 from Wiltja – the most ever in one year (see photo below).

Communities are supporting their young men to return for further study after they have undertaken men's business. With involvement of family and community support, the retention and attendance rates continue to rise and student achievement levels continue to increase.

## Teacher Development

The programs outlined below focus on improving education outcomes for children and supporting families to give children a good start in life, in line with the 'Children and Schooling' stream of the

Commonwealth Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

These programs enhance the ability of DECD employees to provide quality teaching and leadership for Anangu children and young people, which are the two most important school-related factors that determine student outcomes.

## Highly Accomplished & Lead Teacher Trial

DECD is conducting a *Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Trial* as agreed in the South Australian School and Preschool Education Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012, in designated sites. Teacher certification aims to contribute to the improvement in teacher quality by increasing reflection on practice and external feedback provided to teachers on their current practice. The ultimate goal for improving teacher quality is to improve the educational outcomes for young Australians.

The certification process enables teachers to gain recognition for the quality of their teaching while remaining in the classroom. One teacher, Ms Tarsha Howard who works at Amata, has successfully undertaken National Certification. Ms Howard has attended 10 professional learning days through the Trial and has shared this learning with teachers and leaders at her neighbouring sites.



*Ms Tarsha Howard of Amata Preschool, receiving her Lead Teacher Certificate from the Minister for Education & Child Development, the Hon. Susan Close MP. (Photo courtesy of DECD)*

## Teaching on the Lands Workshop

DECD presented a half-day workshop at the Wiltja Residence, Northgate, as part of a broader 'Teaching on the Lands' course, coordinated by the Anangu Lands Partnership. The professional

learning was targeted at teachers who are beginning their careers, with a focus on the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. Key topics also included: Induction; Performance and Development; Professional Portfolio; Cultural Competency; Making an Impression; and Experiences in Teaching on the Lands (featuring Ms Tarsha Howard).

There were 22 participants at the workshop, with about half of the teachers being new graduates. Others were already employed on the APY Lands but had not been involved in a full induction, or were new to the APY Lands.

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**Participants found the information and activities useful and relevant. Those who had not worked on the APY Lands appreciated the support before they began their positions.**

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Feedback reflected a high level of approval of content and delivery.

A particular highlight was Ms Tarsha Howard's session in which she shared her own experiences and gave advice about how to settle into an APY Lands community. She also focussed on how she had used the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers to guide her practice.

### **Teacher Mentor Register**

The DECD Teacher Mentor Register was established to support the development of early career teachers through engagement with experienced teachers who have been endorsed by their leaders as quality practitioners.

One of the goals of the program is to provide early career teachers - regardless of location - with access to an experienced teacher who can provide a range of advice and information to support their transition into their new role/site in DECD. This ultimately benefits the children and young people the teachers work with.

Eleven teachers from the APY Lands requested a mentor during 2014-2015. Six APY Lands Mentees concluded their mentoring relationship with their mentor during 2015: two were from Amata Anangu School; and one each from Pukatja Anangu School, Kaltjiti Anangu School, Mimili Anangu School and Pipalyatjara Anangu School. Mentees aimed to increase their skills and knowledge in curriculum development, and teaching strategy, including

behaviour and lesson ideas, to better support their students.

One teacher from this group has now registered as a mentor for other early career teachers.

### **Graduate Diploma of Strategic Leadership**

The *Graduate Diploma of Strategic Leadership* (the Program) is delivered by the South Australian Institute for Educational Leadership. It is an innovative flagship program for DECD and a key strategy in the *DECD Strategic Plan 2014-2017* and government policy to improve teacher quality through leadership development.

The Program is a nationally accredited Australian Quality Framework program, and has been developed to ensure that it meets the demands of a course at the post graduate standard. The Program is focused on eight leadership competencies and has both face-to-face and online components.

The Program has been contextualised for DECD and scoped to address the leadership roles of site leaders in DECD preschools and schools. The materials and assessments have been customised to build on participants' leadership experience and work, and challenge them to further develop.

In 2015, three school principals from schools on the APY Lands (Pukatja, Mimili and Kaltjiti) took part in the program. Participant feedback to date has been positive.

This initiative will not only increase the skills base of individual leaders, it will also provide support for the wider leadership teams in schools and ultimately enhance the teaching and learning experience for children and young people.

Principals and preschool Directors have a key role to play in developing leadership. As site leaders, they are responsible for running complex organisations and have the opportunity to make a significant, positive impact for students, parents and the wider community.

### **South Australian Excellence in Public Education Awards**

The *South Australian Excellence in Public Education Awards* recognises and rewards the outstanding contributions made by educators across the State.

Teachers, education leaders and support staff working in DECD schools, preschools and early childhood settings are eligible to apply for a professional learning activity of their choice, further

enhancing the quality of their work with children and young people. In 2015, there were 13 awards presented across seven categories.

Mr Ryan Bubner, a teacher at Pukatja Anangu School, was a joint winner in the Teachers Health Fund, Primary Teaching Category. Ryan proposes to undertake a Graduate Certificate in Education (Special Education) through Flinders University. Ryan seeks to target issues faced by the children of the Pukatja community and support positive behaviour change.



*Ryan Bubner at the 2015 South Australian Excellence in Public Education Awards. (Photo courtesy of DECD)*

### **APY Temporary Teachers Psychological Well-check Project**

A pilot program has been established to psychologically assess applicants for their suitability and preparedness for teaching roles on the APY Lands and to monitor their wellbeing while working on the APY Lands.

Implementing robust selection procedures for teachers on the APY Lands and supporting them to be more prepared in their teaching role will ensure teachers working with Anangu communities are better screened for their suitability.

### **Uninterrupted teaching blocks**

Anangu Lands schools have introduced new uninterrupted teaching blocks in weeks 2-3 and 6-7 of each Term. During these times, visits from external organisations are not permitted.

This new approach gives students the time to concentrate, work and develop routines to fulfil their learning potential, with visits from external organisations scheduled outside of these times.

Organisations wanting to work with schools to build programs into the Anangu Lands curriculum need approval from PYEC.

## DECD: Families SA

### Far North Service Delivery Model – Child Protection

DECD: Families SA revised Far North Services delivery model commenced in October 2014, building on the *Lands Based Worker Program* with staff based within six of the APY communities. A key part of the model is the Fly in/Fly out (FIFO) service, with two child protection teams flying from Adelaide to Coober Pedy and Umuwa on rotation every week. This model is resourced to provide a service response through: investigations and assessments; case management support to children, young people and their families; kinship care families; and financial counselling and support.

The primary aim of the model is to provide a consistent child protection service on the APY Lands. This is achieved through a presence on the lands 365 days per year, including an on-call after-hours service with the support of the Lands Based Workers living in the communities.

The Far North model is a new and innovative child protection service model. It provides a consistent, quality workforce through the appeal of the FIFO model to workers. In the past, recruitment and retention to the APY Lands has been an ongoing issue.

Another desired outcome of the model is the ability to provide a timely response to notifications.

An independent Review of the Far North FIFO model was conducted in April 2015 to provide commentary on the design, implementation and operation of the new model. The general conclusion of the Review is that the model is providing the resources, structure, and a timely mode of practice that enables Families SA to meet its statutory and service obligations. Refinements to the model as suggested in the Review are currently being considered and implemented.

Engagement with Anangu and building community relationships is central to the roles of the two FIFO teams, and particularly to the Lands Based Workers, who live and work within communities. The Lands Based Workers contribute to the capacity of their communities to be self-determining, and in so doing improve the safety and protection of children and young people.

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**Anangu women in several communities have informally told FIFO team supervisors that the 365 day team presence has given them increased confidence for the safety of their families.**

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The Lands Based Workers assist Anangu families to access services and community networks. Another important part of their role is to build and strengthen relationships with Community Councils and contribute to the development and implementation of council safe community plans.

Partner agencies have also voiced to the Manager of DECD: Families SA Far North their appreciation of having teams present every day of the year, allowing immediate response to critical incidents whenever needed.

The Far North model is aligned with the State Government's Strategic Plan priority of 'Every chance for every child'. One of the key ways this is achieved is through the leadership team's active involvement in regular interagency meetings to identify children and families at risk. The team collaborates with the agencies to ensure the best possible service is provided for families and to reduce service duplication.

The Far North model is also aligned with the Commonwealth Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS). The objective of the IAS is to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, with a particular focus on its key priority areas of getting children to school, adults into work, and building safer communities. The DECD: Families SA Far North model supports these priority areas through its involvement in school interagency meetings, ongoing presence to make the communities safer for families and children, and its current consideration of adult community 'Malpas' employment within the communities.

2016 is expected to consolidate the FIFO teams as a consistent and continuous presence on the APY Lands and an intrinsic part of the Far North service delivery model. The Lands Based Workers will continue to work alongside the FIFO teams and contribute to the building of community capacity to achieve safer APY Lands communities.



## Good Start for Babies

The Good Start for Babies program provides baby care and hygiene products for parents/carers in APY communities to use in their homes. The Child health nurses report that the products are a great tool for engagement with families and that providing the products makes it easier to work with the parents and carers in these communities. The collaborative approach between DECD: Families SA Coober Pedy and CaFHS has ensured that Anangu families have practical resources about hygiene and nutrition.

Desired outcomes of the service include: better health and development for new babies and children; better engagement with playgroups; and preschools creating enhancing school readiness. A general improvement in the skin health, hygiene and nutrition of babies has also been reported by the APY Lands clinics.

The program aims to link in with Anangu women when they are pregnant to develop and foster good relationships. CaFHS nurses visit women in hospital after they have had the baby wherever possible and provide the DECD: Families SA gift packs. The mothers are further supported by providing information and links to other services when required.

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**Mothers particularly like the 6-month pack with rice cereal, a bowl and a sipper cup, which helps to promote spoon-feeding at the right time... and supports them to provide the best start for their babies.**

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Mothers have been very happy to receive the packs with their developmental checks at 6, 18 and 30 months.

## DECD: APY Trade Training Centre

The APY Trade Training Centre (TTC) had its third anniversary of its Official Opening on 6 November 2015. Since late 2012, there has been a continuing and growing demand for use of the APY TTC for a range of training activities.

Building on from the previous two years of operation, there has been an increase of almost 400 enrolments, a doubling of the competency completions, and a nearly four-fold increase in certificate completions.

The APY TTC Student Accommodation complex has been on-line almost 2 years and the APY TTC has seen a three-fold increase in the nights of accommodation provided (see table below). It is worth noting that 631 individuals from the APY Lands have accessed the various training offered, an increase from 471 at the same time last year. This is a significant proportion of the total APY Lands population and even more so, for the target groups of those over 16 years and those of working age.

In September 2015, the Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon. Susan Close MP, and Chief Education Officer, Ms. Jayne Johnston, presented certificates at the first APY TTC Graduation.

At the time of the graduation, 73 certificates covering a range of vocational areas were presented to successful students by the Minister. The inaugural event enabled the presentation of current and previous year's certificates (since the APY TTC began operation).

APY TTC	31 December 2013	6 November 2014	6 November 2015
Enrolments	283	640	1,029
Competencies completed	225	708	1,416
Certificates achieved	4	26	88
Nights of accommodation	Accommodation N/A	801	2,156

In 2015, the APY TTC has also catered for more than 2,500 meals, which has provided plenty of scope for real activity and project-based learning for the Hospitality students, and allowed them to participate in significant service provision activities for the varied needs of those coming to Umuwa for meetings and commitments.

Contributing to the success of the TTC has been the support of Anangu employees and their employers from the organisations that operate across the APY Lands, as they lift their worksites into line with current workplace practices. The on-going support from South Australian and Commonwealth Government Departments, their agencies, and the various NGOs have been critical to the development of the centre.

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**The commencement of the APY TTC would not have been possible without the support and commitment of school students, their families, the staff and Principals.**

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### Summary of Certificates

As at November 2015, VET students have accessed training through the APY TTC in one or more competencies from the following certificates:

- Cert I Automotive;
- Cert I Automotive Vocational Preparation;
- Cert I Business;
- Cert I Construction;
- Cert I Conservation and Land Management;
- Cert I Hospitality;
- Cert I Work Preparation;
- Cert II Business;
- Cert II Community Services;
- Cert II Creative Industries;
- Cert II Conservation and Land Management;
- Cert II Construction;
- Cert II Civil Construction;
- Cert II Horticulture;
- Cert II Hospitality;
- Cert II Kitchen Operations;
- Cert III Children's Services;
- Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care;
- Cert III Waste Management;
- Cert IV ATSI Primary Health Care;
- Cert IV Training and Assessment;
- Diploma Interpreting; and
- Diploma Training and Assessment.



*Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon Susan Close MP, presenting students with their certificates at the APY TTC ceremony in September 2015. (Photos courtesy of DECD)*



### Certificate Completions to date:

Total certificate completions as at November 2015 are shown at right:

It is expected that further competencies will be completed as groups rotate through the APY TTC for their rostered blocks of training.

Certificate I Hospitality	55
Certificate I Conservation & Land Management	11
Certificate II Hospitality	1
Certificate IV Training and Assessment	20
Diploma Training and Assessment (RPL)	1

### APY Trade Training Centre: Snapshot

(From commencement - 6 November 2015)

1,029	Enrolments in both Nationally Accredited and formal, non-accredited training through the APY TTC to date.
631	Individual people have enrolled in the above training.
805	Enrolments in a Nationally Accredited certificate, skill-set or unit of competence.
3,607	Total number of competency enrolments.
1,416	Total competencies achieved.
88	Certificates achieved.
463	School student certificate enrolments.
720	School student competency completions.
29	Government, NGO and APY Lands employer/industry groups have accessed training.
19	RTOs delivered accredited training at the APY TTC.
10	Other training organisations delivered formal, non-accredited training at the APY TTC.
23	Certificates (listed above) have had enrolments.
2,156	Nights of accommodation provided since late February 2014.
2	Anangu Work Expos with 147 and 101 Anangu participating in 247 VET 'Tasters'.
2,501	Total number meals catered for 2015 (as at November 2015).



# Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) supports and collaborates with APY and its communities to meet their aspirations for Anangu, country and water.

The majority of this work is carried out through partnerships between APY, the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board and DEWNR (Natural Resources Alinytjara Wilurara branch) within the framework of the Board's Regional NRM Plan.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Ongoing activities in relation to Natural and Cultural Resource Management.
- ✓ Long-term planning and leadership development.
- ✓ Investing in Anangu workforce.
- ✓ Warru Recovery Program.
- ✓ Feral Animal and Weed Control.
- ✓ Locating and preserving water sources.

## DEWNR: Alinytjara Wilurara NRM

The Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board (the Board) receives its funding from the Commonwealth Government's National Landcare Program and the State Government NRM fund. No State Government NRM levies are collected in the Alinytjara Wilurara region.

The NRM programs are delivered through DEWNR Natural Resources (NR) Alinytjara Wilurara branch in partnership with APY and APY Land Management.

Key DEWNR and Alinytjara Wilurara NRM programs in the region include:

1. Community-driven Natural and Cultural Resource Management;
2. Sustainable Pastoral Production;
3. Feral Animal and Plant Control;
4. Leadership and Governance; and
5. Water Management.

Fundamental to all the work of the Board, DEWNR and APY is a commitment to increasing the capacity and employment of Anangu to deliver programs into the future.

All of the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM programs in the APY Lands deliver on the Commonwealth Government *Closing the Gap* priorities.



## Kanpi-Nyapari Natural & Cultural Management Program: Murputja Rangers

The Commonwealth Government's National Landcare Program and the South Australian Government's NRM Fund support the Murputja Ranger program through the Board.

The Murputja Ranger program is based in an area of the APY Lands that is not served by the work of the APY Land Management operations, between the two communities of Kanpi and Nyapari. It provides multiple important outcomes for community, culture and country.

The program is based on a community developed work plan that focusses on areas of high priority as identified by the community such as:

- Taking care of environmental assets and places of importance;
- Going back out on country and managing rock holes;
- Reducing unmanaged wildfire risks;
- Reducing feral animal impacts on important sites;
- Managing weed invasions; and
- Taking care of important biodiversity hotspots across the region.

The program allows Anangu to maintain an awareness of the condition of country while delivering wages and work-readiness training through part-time ranger jobs. It provides an opportunity for Anangu to develop important skills in an environment that is consistent with Anangu personal and community aspirations and cultural obligations.

Importantly, this work helps to develop more good role models within the communities. The Murputja Rangers have already worked more than 76 days in the 2015-16 financial year (to November 2015), delivering wages direct to community while doing important environmental management work.



*Bullock on the APY Lands. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*

## Sustainable Pastoral Production

The Landcare Program and State NRM Fund through the Board fund the NR Alinytjara Wilurara 'APY Sustainable Pastoral Production' program.



*Anangu working on fence lines for better management of cattle. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*

This program is based on two key activities - Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan and Natural Resources Audit - and is being advertised through the new APY Lands Pastoral business newsletter named "Bullock: Anangu in the Saddle of our own Business" to be published in both English and Pitjantjatjara.

## Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan

The Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan (SPDP) will provide a 10-year plan for the holistic development of the APY cattle business (considering sustainable people, land and livestock management principles). The SPDP will clearly articulate a 10-year strategy for the development and sustainable

management of beef cattle, with stages of implementation and accountability along the way that can avoid problems faced in the past.

The SPDP will be used as the basis for comparisons with “business-as-usual”, to enable change management and better inform future investment decisions. The goals from development include:

- Documenting current financial and management situation to show reason required for proposed changes and for purposes of recording historical context in event of future staff change;
- Documenting reasons for developing APY pastoral (economic, social, environmental, cultural, local food security): what will success look like for Anangu?; and
- Building an environmentally responsible, socially sustainable and economically viable approach to development of business on Aboriginal lands that mobilises existing resources within the cultural context of Anangu.

The result of the SPDP will be a plan that clearly articulates the need for change to current management approaches, and to map how those changes will fulfil Anangu aspirations for economic independence, taking care of country, the provision of jobs and consideration of a new model for local food security.

### **Natural Resource Audit**

Utilising a holistic approach, the aim of developing the proposed Natural Resource Audit (NRA) is to increase the sustainable long-term utilisation of natural resources without negatively influencing environmental, social or economic conditions of the APY Grazing Lands. The NRA will take a scientific approach to examine the natural resources of the area that currently has pastoral enterprise and to consider areas that may in the future carry pastoral opportunities, potentially including areas that are currently under the IPA management program. The NRA also has an important community engagement and participation element, where relevant Traditional Owners return to country with the scientific teams and participate in scientific investigations and reporting, and help to guide the investigation teams. The Traditional Owners participating are paid contractor wages, and gain important on-the-job training in pastoral and landscape condition assessment that can be applied

in the future as the APY cattle business improves profitability and sustainability.

### **Threatened Species: Warru Recovery Program**

The Warru Recovery Program is funded by the Commonwealth Government: Working on Country Program through APY, Zoos SA and State NRM through the Board & DEWNR.

This program continues to work successfully on the recovery of the black-footed Rock Wallaby in the Musgrave and Tomkinson Ranges. This is overseen by the Warru Recovery Team, which was established in 2007 as a partnership between APY Land Management, DEWNR, Zoos SA, the Board, Ecological Horizons and the University of Adelaide. The Warru Recovery Team is overseen by senior women (Warru Minyma) from Pukatja, Kalka and Pipalyatjara. The program has an ongoing ranger employment program across these communities and is one of the more long-term ranger programs in the APY Lands. In 2011, Warru from a captive breeding program at Monarto Zoo were returned to the Warru Pintji (fence) near Donald’s Well, where they have been acclimatising to local conditions and breeding. Recent trapping (October 2015) has demonstrated this population has risen to 40 animals. The Warru Recovery Team is now working through possible options for translocations out of the Pintji into the wild. Other key management activities include bi-annual trapping and monitoring of wild populations (which are remaining relatively steady), regular cat baiting and shooting, fire management and Buffel grass control.

### **Feral animal and plant control**

The Commonwealth Government (through the National Landcare Program) and State NRM provide funding through the APY Board for an extensive set of projects that are seeking to improve the condition of country (thereby facilitating short-term economic participation in management of problems). It is envisaged that improved conditions will lead to greater opportunities for ongoing economic development in the medium to long-term.

## Feral animals

The Board has funded an initial pilot program to assist in the mustering and removal of feral horses, donkeys and camels over the last 12 months. The total number of horses and donkeys removed is over 400 of each species. These feral animals have significant negative impacts on pastoral production assets, competing with stock for food and water and destroying native ecosystems and spiritually important places.



*Feral horses drinking. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*



*Feral donkeys on the roadside, near the Kaltjiti Community. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*

Horses, donkeys and camels pose a major road accident risk. For example, a feral horse was killed by car near Iwantja, and two passengers from the APY Lands suffered serious injuries as a result of the crash.

The removals works have created casual stock handling and mustering jobs, as well as a minor economic inflow for the sale of the feral animals to outside parties. The important outcomes of feral removal include improved road safety, improved groundcover and important site protection, improved pastoral production potential and reduced impact on limited regional water supplies for towns and communities.

## Pest Plant Control

The Weeds of National Significance on APY are:

- Athel pine (*Tamarix aphylla*);
- Wheel cactus (*Opuntia robusta*);
- Hudsons pear (*Cylindropuntia rosea*); and
- Prickly pear (*Opuntia stricta*).



*Weed management. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*



*Anangu job seeker chainsaw handling certification training (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*

Using funding from the Commonwealth Government National Landcare Program (Sustainable Environment program), NR Alinytjara Wilurara, in partnership with the Pukatja Skill Hire team, was involved in controlling athel pines near Yunyarinyi. The Iwantja Skill Hire team undertook cacti control near Iwantja.

The teams were shown the correct way to mix the herbicide with diesel, and then apply the chemicals to the weeds. This work was an important follow-up to some classroom-based training that the Skill Hire participants had and allowed participants to see how what was learnt could be applied in the real world, and what being employed as a ranger might be like.



The NR Alinytjara Wilurara Murputja Rangers program also undertakes weed management in their works program to combat further spread and negative impacts of the invasive buffel grass. NR Alinytjara Wilurara are also collaborating with APY Land Management to develop a plan to help manage the negative impacts of buffel grass in Indigenous Protected Areas, and in areas that link APY Lands with the pristine Great Victoria Desert. Key outcomes from invasive plant management include work-readiness and skills development for Anangu, improved potential for sustainable pastoral production, and protection from the direct negative impacts of invasive plants on local biodiversity.

Six Anangu job seekers undertook certified training in chainsaw operations, chemical preparation and application, first aid and safety related to chemical and chainsaw handling.

## **Leadership and Governance**

The State NRM provides for two people to represent APY on the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board, Ms Rose Lester and APY Executive Member Mr Gary Lewis. Both board members have an important role in helping to direct the priorities and mix of works that Alinytjara Wilurara NRM undertakes. This includes delivering on important environmental outcomes and skills and workforce development, as well as improving relationships between service providers and Anangu.

Further, NR Alinytjara Wilurara staff participate in the APY Pastoral Working Group, which is helping to develop - in a partnership across State Government (NR Alinytjara Wilurara, PIRSA) and the Commonwealth Government (Indigenous Land Corporation, Department of Environment, Department of Agriculture) - an improved model for sustainable pastoral development that better delivers on Anangu aspirations and needs. This working group, while having no decision-making power, has important Traditional Owner representation. The APY Pastoral Working Group provides important advice and recommendations to the APY Executive on better governance and business management arrangements. Attendance and community participation levels at the pastoral working group meetings have been excellent in the last 12 months.

## **Water Management**

### **Water Policy**

The Alinytjara Wilurara Regional NRM Plan identifies: the need to protect water resources that support important cultural features and activities; potable water for the purposes of domestic supply and stock watering; maintain the quality of the water resources; provide for the needs of water dependent ecosystems (plants and animals); minimise conflict between water users; and to make sure water is not over-used. After several years of planning and consultation, the AW Water Policy has been employed to provide for permits to drill wells and permission (for DPTI) to take water for the APY Lands road upgrade project. The road project is important from the perspectives of community safety, potential economic development, and provision of improved facilities for Anangu. The permit process for water take and well construction required NR Alinytjara Wilurara to manage the scientific assessment of the quality and quantity of water that could be sustainably taken to enable this important development initiative to proceed.

### **Climate Change Projections – Goyder Institute**

The Goyder Institute developed climate projection data based on the State's rainfall stations. This included the Maralinga weather station in the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Region. While this is a very limited spatial dataset for the region, it provided climate projections based on the specific climate drivers for South Australia and is the most accurate climate projection data for water planning and other purposes such as road and infrastructure design and biodiversity impacts for the region. The data is available on EnviroData South Australia (<https://data.environment.sa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>).

### **Groundwater Mapping – Goyder Institute**

In 2013, the Goyder Institute completed research to develop new techniques to reinterpret Airborne Electro-magnetic (AEM) data to help identify groundwater resources in old, buried palaeo-valleys in the APY Lands. The AEM data combined with topographic and geologic information provided a methodology to more accurately identify the extensive palaeo-valleys and groundwater resources.



This information was used in the investigations by DEWNR in 2014-15 to locate more reliable water supplies for communities in the APY Lands.

## 2015 APY Lands Water Search

A review of the APY region's water sustainability (2014) conducted by DEWNR and SA Water identified several communities within the APY Lands which had water security risks (well life and sustainability of current resources). Toward the end of 2014, DPTI approached DEWNR in regards to the supply of water for the \$106m road upgrade. These two issues – coupled with growing community demand for water (6-7%/annum Amata & Mimili) – highlight the need for increased water infrastructure and long-term water management.

Consequently, DEWNR: Science, Monitoring and Knowledge (SMK) Branch formed partnerships with: SA Water, DPTI, Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board, APY Executive, Local Traditional Owners, DSD, CSIRO (Goyder) to undertake a water search program in the APY Lands for town and road building water supply. These partnerships have increased the understanding of: groundwater; geological setting; existence; supply; quality; and security. It has also enabled strong relationships to be built between partners.

### SA Water

SA Water engaged DEWNR: SMK to undertake a water search and water well drilling program to deliver critical human need water supply to five communities (Amata, Iwantja, Pukatja, Kaltjiti and Mimili). This supports the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board priority of 'Implementing long-term water management' and SA Water's Customer Charter obligation to supply a 'reliable supply of safe drinking water'.

### DPTI

As part of the jointly funded \$106m road upgrade, DPTI engaged DEWNR: SMK to undertake a water search and water well drilling program for use during road construction. The drilling provided water wells at three keys sites.

### Environment

The desktop groundwater assessment, drilling supervision and water well construction were managed by DEWNR to ensure contractor environmental compliance was maintained and land

disturbance and environmental impacts were minimised.

### Health

Security of water resources is one of the greatest risks to human health, especially in remote and arid environments such as the APY Lands. The World Health Organisation went as far as to pass resolution 64/292 declaring the *"right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights"*.

Continued emphasis on water security, supply and management within the APY Lands is essential for providing basic human need.



*Contractors looking for new sites for town water supply. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*



*A capped drill site after looking for new sites for town water supply. (Photo courtesy of DEWNR, AW NR)*

### Outcomes

During 2015, DEWNR: SMK has contributed to the progress of water security/supply at five APY communities and for the main road upgrade.

Advancements in the understanding of regional geology, existence, supply, quality and security of groundwater allowed for a successful drilling

program and will greatly assist the search for water in the future.

The appointment of DEWNR as project manager has ensured that environmental protection, water security and conservation of natural resources has always been at the forefront of the project.

Additional supply and security of water resources within the APY Lands contributes to the ongoing health and quality of life of Anangu.

Collaboration between DEWNR, SA Water, DPTI, Alinytjara Wilurara NRM, APY Executive, Local Traditional Owners, DSD and CSIRO has built strong relationships, opened knowledge pathways, maximised cost efficiency and achieved positive results.



# Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) oversees the management and supervision of routine road maintenance and network improvements on the APY Lands. The main road network is used by more than 60% of the total APY Lands population and provides access to health, education and training services. It allows for the delivery of food and medical supplies, as well as the export of livestock and feral animals.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Ongoing maintenance and repairs to roads and road safety matters.
- ✓ Project Management and Community engagement on APY Roads Project.
- ✓ Focussing on local Anangu Employment.
- ✓ Development of Training program specific to APY Roads Project.
- ✓ 45 participants in the Workzone Traffic Management training.

## Road Network Maintenance & Safety Improvements

DPTI Works completed in 2015 included:

- Installation and monitoring of traffic counters to monitor vehicle movement between communities;
- Maintenance grading of the main roads including airport access roads;
- Flood damage repairs including formation and drainage improvements at Lennon Creek on the Mail Road;
- Formation and sheeting of 25.5 km of the main road network in the Umpukulu area, 30 km east of the Nyapari community;
- Filling of bulldust holes between Amata and Umuwa; and
- Installation of warning signs on the Yunyarinyi to Victory Downs Road and the Umuwa to Yunyarinyi Road (Selective Tender to APY based companies).





Before picture, a narrow sandy hazardous section of road in the Umpukulu area becomes highly corrugated. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)



Bog Hole repairs at Lennon Creek on the Yunyarinyi to Stuart Highway. This section of road has been identified for stabilisation trials in 2016. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)



Section of road in the Umpukulu area after sheeting and formation was completed. The full width of the road was restored. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)

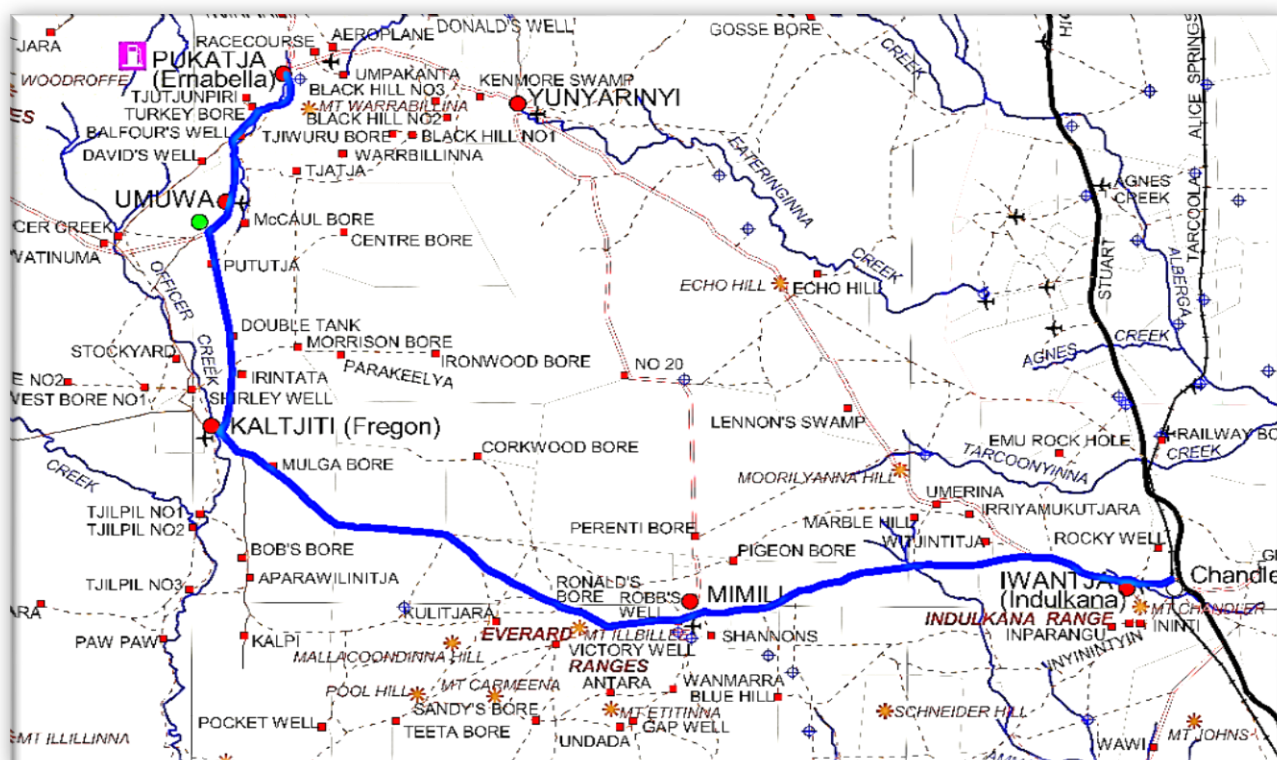


Warning signs installed on the Umuwa to Yunyarinyi road. Works undertaken by RASAC. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)

## Main Access Road Upgrade Project

The Commonwealth (\$85m) and South Australian Government (\$21.25m) are spending \$106.25m to upgrade 210 kilometres of the main access road

between Stuart Highway and Pukatja in the APY Lands. Additionally, approximately 21 kilometres of community access roads in Pukatja, Umuwa, Kaltjiti,



Map of the locality area for the Main Access Road Upgrade Project. (Picture courtesy of DPTI)



Mimili and Iwantja form part of the project. Project completion will be in the 2018-19 financial year.

The road is predominantly un-formed, un-sheeted and below the natural surface, resulting in flooding and inaccessibility at times. The surface becomes corrugated quickly, is susceptible to sand drifts and bulldust, and requires maintenance grading on a regular basis.

The project will allow for the formation and sheeting of new pavement, predominantly along the existing alignment, with some realignment on the adjacent natural surface.

Other key benefits include:

- Reduction in costs associated with service delivery, which are disproportionately high compared to other remote communities;
- Improve living standards as a result of enhanced service access;
- Improve access to services in nearby communities;
- Improve emergency management through reduced response times;
- Improve security of food supplies; and
- Improve safety for road users.

## Consultation

Extensive consultation and engagement with the APY Executive Board, Traditional Owners, Law and Culture, APY Land Management and Anthropologists has informed the design, development and decision-making process of the project to date.

Key industry bodies, representative bodies, government agencies, emergency services authorities and community groups, as well as the broader community (including local residents and road users) are being consulted during the planning and design process.

A comprehensive community engagement program has been implemented, which will utilise a combination of techniques and tools during different stages of the project. The integrated Community Engagement Plan outlines the community engagement activities and objectives for both the pre-construction and construction phases of the project.

Direct liaison with the community is a strong focus through community meetings, dedicated on-the-ground project liaison, a free-call telephone enquiry line, project specific email address, regular audio

and static displays and direct liaison with stakeholders and interest groups.

Consultation and engagement activities will continue during the project, including monthly meetings with the APY Executive Board and ongoing community information sessions.



*DPTI Road Construction Community Poster with written translation and audio in Pitjantjatjara. (Picture courtesy of DPTI)*

All groups have expressed a strong desire to work together to build the road for the benefit of Anangu and their communities, with the key principles of the partnership being:

- Shared vision, outcomes and responsibilities;
- Mutual respect;
- Inclusiveness and improved coordination; and
- Increased economic participation.

Feedback to date has been collated through group and individual meetings, letters, emails, telephone calls (through the project's information line), presentations, workshops and briefings. Presentations and workshops identified issues such as:

- Awareness and understanding of Aboriginal people's relationship and attachment to country;
- Avoiding affecting sites of cultural or environmental value or significance;

- Providing opportunities for training and employment;
- Facilitating Anangu understanding and/or knowledge of government rules and regulations;
- Consent and right of entry / access conditions;
- Maintenance of roads for the western communities; and
- Safety.



*Ms Ina Scales and Mr Trevor Adamson facilitating Law & Culture Training for DPTI personnel and contractor, at Umuwa. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)*

Since the initial announcement of the project, the project team has continually met with the APY Executive Board, APY Management and staff to discuss and identify solutions or opportunities in response to identified issues. Key outcomes include:

- Development of APY facilitated Anangu Cultural Awareness training program for Departmental staff and Contractors;
- Development of an employment strategic plan to create direct and indirect training and employment opportunities for local Anangu; and
- Development of a road safety education program incorporating Workzone traffic management.

## Employment

A project specific employment plan is being developed with the assistance of representatives from DSD-AAR and DPC.

The Employment Strategic Plan will enhance the requirements of the State Government Workforce Participation in Construction Procurement Policy and the South Australian Industry Participation Policy.



*Mr David Pearson, Mr Kunmanara Andy and Mr Robert Strangways installing reinforced concrete pipes to extend the existing drainage on the Main Access Road at Iwantja. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)*

A key to the success of the project will be employment of local Anangu. This Employment Strategic Plan will detail opportunities such as:

- Providing employment opportunities, increasing Anangu participation and assisting to build the capacity of Anangu business enterprises to successfully share in the delivery of road construction related projects within the APY Lands;
- Value adding economic supply chain activities in the APY Lands which add value to a product, service or project outcome. These activities aim to keep wealth in the APY Lands (for example, accommodation and catering);
- Training placements for local Anangu;
- Commitment to a minimum of 30% onsite labour hours to be undertaken by local Anangu;
- Contract specific requirements for employment and training of local Anangu; and
- Consideration of ways to maintain sustainable employment for local Anangu.

Over the life of the project, it is anticipated that 75 jobs will be supported for Anangu. Anangu who reside in the APY Lands from various communities will fill these jobs.

The project is expected to support 250 jobs over the life of the project; this includes direct and supply chain jobs and includes Anangu and non-Anangu.





*Kunmanara Andy operating a 15 tonne roller during construction works Indulkana to Stuart Highway. Kunmanara successfully completed advanced training, receiving verification of competency to operate larger plant. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)*

## Training

DPTI in partnership with the APY Executive Board and the Community Development Program (previously known as Remote Jobs and Communities Program) provider Skill Hire are developing training programs specific to the project.

This partnership will ensure that people are engaged in interesting projects and activities that communities want. As a result, more people will be active and contributing to community life and working on country.

These programs will support Anangu to build skills and job readiness and contribute to the strength and sustainability of communities.

### White Card Training

As a direct result of consultation with key stakeholders, it was identified that APY representatives, Anthropology staff, liaison officers and heritage monitors would frequently undertake site visitation and surveillance.

Under the Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation, workers on construction sites in Australia must undertake 'White Card' training and have evidence of their attendance from the course before they are permitted to commence work on a construction site.



*Ms Edith and Ms Sharon employed as contractors at the construction camp. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)*



*Mr Sandy Tangalle (APY Anthropology) and the Anangu crew from Pukatja, working on the Pukatja Airstrip Access Road. (Photo courtesy of DPTI)*

This training course is designed to provide participants with basic knowledge of construction work, the WHS legislation that applies to common hazards likely to be encountered in construction work, and how the associated risks can be controlled.

It also provides participants with the ability to demonstrate personal awareness of WHS legislative requirements, and the basic principles of risk management and prevention of injury and illness in the construction industry.

DPTI has coordinated the facilitation of the initial White Card Training program that was successfully completed by 31 local Anangu, with participants from Iwantja, Mimili, Umuwa and Pukatja communities.

### Workzone Traffic Management Training

Delivery of the initial program 'Workzone Traffic Management' was successfully completed by 45 local Anangu, with participants from Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti and Pukatja communities.

Skill Hire facilitated the delivery of a two-day course that covered two nationally recognised training qualifications: Implement Traffic Management Plan; and Control Traffic with a Stop-Slow bat.

Anangu who have undertaken this role are the first point of contact for road users, acting as project ambassadors, translators and road safety advocates.

### Procurement Processes

Call for works on the APY Lands will be packaged into smaller and larger contracts over the life of the project. The procurement process will follow the State Procurement Board Policies for tender calls for all work packages.



*Attendees of the Workzone Traffic Management Training Program.  
(Photo courtesy of DPTI)*

Tenderers are required to submit an employment plan detailing the methodology of how they will obtain the minimum 30% on-site Anangu employment to meet the contractual requirements. This plan, along with previous experience in Aboriginal communities, is taken into account in the tender assessment.

DPTI will assist Anangu in understanding general DPTI tender processes and documents, the prequalification requirements, accessing any released tender process documents, and (to the extent available to all prospective tenderers) provide further briefings and information in relation to specific tender processes in a manner consistent with any applicable probity protocols.

Some smaller contracts will be called as a selective tender and will be open only to Anangu businesses.

### Works completed to date:

- Construction works on the Pukatja Airstrip Access Road commenced on 22 June 2015 and were completed in late August 2015;
- Construction works from Stuart Highway to Iwantja commenced on 19 September 2015 and are expected to be completed in January 2016; and
- Construction works on the 43 kilometre section from Pukatja to Umuwa commenced in early 2016.

### On the Right Track Remote

On the Right Track Remote is a driver licensing service offered to people in remote areas of South Australia, visiting the APY and MT Lands along with a team of Motor Driving Instructors to provide driving lessons, practical driving tests, help with getting a learner's permit and information about how to deal with fines.

The On the Right Track Remote team made 17 trips to the APY and MT Lands during 2015, with over 650 people signing up to the program. Through the program, 46 people passed their Learner's (L) permit theory test, 30 had been issued with a 'Certificate of Competency' by passing a Vehicle On Road Test, with 23 of those issued with a Provisional (P) Licence, and a further seven to complete required driving hours or pay a licensing fee.

The Minister for Road Safety granted eleven people exemptions and two provisional licences.

On The Right Track Remote have put together a briefing sheet and are committed to developing a quarterly newsletter. For further information, please visit the Web site via the link: <http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/ontherighttrack>





# Department of State Development

The Department of State Development (DSD) works with business, the education sector, community and other partners to create and build industry and employment opportunities across the State. It also focuses on skill development, job creation, business development and sustainable employment for Aboriginal people. DSD coordinates the implementation of the State Government's Aboriginal Affairs policy agenda for Aboriginal people across South Australia.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Four Ministerial Visits to the APY Lands.
- ✓ APY Act, initial amendments.
- ✓ Supporting APY Law and Culture.
- ✓ Key Service Funding.
- ✓ Connecting on Heritage.
- ✓ Ongoing activities relating to operation of the Art Gallery Act.
- ✓ Planning and running of the Tarnanthi Festival.
- ✓ Ongoing Electricity supply to APY Communities.
- ✓ Work Health and Safety in and around power generation and distribution sites.
- ✓ Upgrades and installation of new electricity infrastructure.
- ✓ APY Lands Lease Arrangements and Asset Ownership negotiations.
- ✓ Employment of Anangu Coordinators and peer mentors.
- ✓ Ongoing provision of internet training services.

## DSD: Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation

Department of State Development, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (DSD-AAR) is an integral part of the strategic and policy framework for the APY Lands. DSD-AAR is one of the main funding bodies to the APY organisation and plays a key role in the connection between APY and other South

Australian and Commonwealth Government Departments and service providers. DSD-AAR is the operational arm to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation regarding the Minister's legislative responsibilities as they relate to Anangu and the APY Lands.

## Ministerial Visits

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation travelled to the APY Lands on 4 occasions in 2015, spending considerable time meeting and talking with local men and women in communities. The following provides a brief summary of the Minister's activities during these visits.

### 21 January 2015

Former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Ian Hunter MLC, travelled to the APY Lands on 21 January 2015 and met with the APY Executive Board. The following areas were discussed and provided a plan for moving forward:

#### *APY Legislative Review and APY Election*

As highlighted in previous editions of this Report, the APY Legislative Review Panel provided the final APY Legislative Review Report to Minister Hunter in April 2014. He provided the Board with a copy of the Review and sought their comments.

When the former Minister met with the Executive Board in Umuwa in January 2015, they discussed the recommendations of the APY Legislative Review and – with respect to the APY Board elections – it was decided that changes to the APY Act would be placed on hold until after the current election cycle in May 2015. It was also acknowledged that this may mean that elections would need to be held again to re-elect persons to meet new Legislative APY Executive Board requirements.

#### *Other key areas of discussion included:*

- Approval of conditions for the appointment of an Interim General Manager;
- Approval of conditions for the appointment of a Director of Administration;
- The APY Cattle Review; and
- Financial Accountability.

These discussions provided an opportunity for the APY Executive Board to talk directly with the Minister about these important topics and for the Minister and the Board to plan pathways to better governance and accountability.

### 14 to 17 April 2015

The (then) recently appointed Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Kyam Maher MLC, took the opportunity to visit the APY Lands for the first time as Minister in April 2015. Minister Maher travelled to Umuwa, Pukatja, Kaltjiti and Amata.

Each of these communities provided the Minister with the opportunity to meet with Community leaders, Elders and local residents.

Minister Maher visited the APY Lands TTC at Umuwa, where he received a tour from Mr Mark Connelly, Manager TTC, of the educational and accommodation facilities.

The Minister then travelled onto Pukatja where he met with:

- Members of the Pukatja Council including Community Council Chairperson, Mr Rupert Jack and Deputy Chair, Mr Donald Fraser;
- Local building company Wiltja Constructions and talked with Anangu employees whilst inspecting new housing sites under construction;
- Ernabella Arts for a meet and greet with local artists; and
- Matrix on Board (MoB), who are funded by South Australian and Commonwealth Governments to provide financial counselling and Money Management Services to Anangu across the APY Lands.

The visit to Kaltjiti provided an opportunity for the Minister to meet with the Community Council Chairperson, Mr Robert Stevens and the Deputy Chairperson Kunmanara Kayapipi. The Minister was also able to view the new Kaltjiti Store which was almost completed. This was completely rebuilt after a major fire destroyed the previous store in December 2013. During his visit to Kaltjiti, he also visited Kaltjiti Arts and met a number of the artists.

On 16 April, the Minister visited the Amata Family Wellbeing Centre and met with the Executive Committee that assists with the governance of this centre. Finally, the Minister met with members of the Amata Community Council, providing an opportunity for the Minister to hear first-hand from council members about their particular concerns, issues and ideas for their community.

## 24 to 30 August 2015

The western side of the APY played host to Minister Maher in August 2015, with Pipalyatjara being the first Community visited. The Minister met with the Community Council Chairperson, Mr Richard Kanari, to discuss local concerns, issues and ideas.

Kalka Community also hosted the Minister, where Community Council Chairperson Mrs Paddy (also APY Executive Chairperson) discussed opportunities to discuss Kalka's specific needs and opportunities for the future.

Minister Maher took the opportunity to take a guided visit into the Maku Valley, a Kalka-Pipalyatjara Indigenous Protected Area (IPA). He saw first-hand the work undertaken by local Anangu and APY Land Management through the Waru program, a Rock Wallaby recovery initiative, which is discussed in greater detail within this Annual Report.

Kanpi, Murputja and Nyapari also featured in this trip, with opportunities to meet with Mr Anton Baker, Chairperson of Kanpi Community Council and other key leaders and elders.

The Minister also had an opportunity to watch a couple of football matches in Pukatja with Pipalyatjara Lions v Amata Bombers and Indulkana Tigers v Mimili Blues. The football provided the Minister with an opportunity to meet with a number of community leaders.



*Pipalyatjara Lions and Amata Bombers match at Pukatja. (Photo courtesy of MAAR)*

In Pukatja, the Minister met with the Pukatja Traditional Owners, DPTI project representatives and APY Anthropologists about the APY Road Upgrade Project, providing an opportunity to hear from community and their views on the Road Project. Elders said that they were pleased that heritage and sites are being respected and that the target of 30% Anangu employment is easily being met.



*APY Elders, APY Anthropologists and APY Road Project Team furthering discussions regarding the APY Road Project. (Photo courtesy of DSD-AAR)*

Another important meeting for the Minister was with Mr Kunmanara Inkatji at Pukatja and later at his homeland, David's Well. Mr Kunmanara Inkatji generously shared some creation stories with the Minister and discussed his thoughts about how things might look in the future.

## 20 to 23 October 2015

In October 2015, Minister Maher was invited back to Pipalyatjara for the opening of the new Kalka-Pipalyatjara TAFE building. Mrs Paddy (APY Executive Chairperson) opened this building, with a big turnout for the event. This trip provided further opportunity for Minister Maher to meet local Anangu and talk further about specific issues and follow-up from the last trip.



*Ms Ina Scales, Mr Nugget Ngatai, Minister Kyam Maher, Ms Sally Scales at the opening of the Kalka-Pipalyatjara Learning Centre. (Photo courtesy of MAAR)*



Issues relating to street lighting have been a topic of key concern for community. The Minister met with Mr Nugget Ngatai from RASAC about this topic, with the Minister participating in marking the light poles requiring replacement with Mr Sean Williamson from Pipalyatjara.

This visit also provided the Minister with the opportunity to present Skill Hire participants with CDP Work Hardening Certificates for their work on the Pipalyatjara School outdoor area (a joint Commonwealth and South Australian Government Remote Jobs and Community Program). Ms Ngaire Benfell, Pipalyatjara School Principal and Mr Brodie Denton from Skill Hire, were also at the presentation as lead partners in this initiative.

In Pipalyatjara, Minister Maher was able to meet with the staff at the Family Centre and the local Country Fire Service.



*Skill Hire participants landscaped the Pipalyatjara School outdoor area. (Photo courtesy of MAAR)*

Moving from Pipalyatjara to Umuwa, Minister Maher undertook a tour of the APY TTC, and met with some APY School Principals. On this visit to the APY Lands, Minister Maher also took the opportunity to visit the APY General Manager and staff at APY's Umuwa Office. The Minister then travelled to Pukatja and visited Ernabella Arts, meeting with key leaders and Elders to discuss key important community safety issues.

## Supporting Strong Leadership

### Governance Training

The APY Act requires the APY Executive Board to commence a course of corporate governance training within 3 months of being elected or appointed.

Following consultation with the APY General Manager, DSD-AAR contracted TAFE SA to provide

corporate governance training in June 2015, which included training, observation and feedback to APY Executive Board members.

On 10 August 2015, TAFE SA conducted a second session of governance training for the APY Executive Board, and observed the APY AGM on 11 August 2015. The content of these training sessions was based on needs identified by the APY Executive Board.

A number of recommendations were made as a result of this governance training, such as developing a common understanding of how the APY Executive Board meetings are to occur, roles and responsibilities of members, plain English version and Pitjantjatjara version of the Code of Conduct, and a shared understanding of outcomes for breaches in agreed commitments.

The Board also agreed that ongoing training and future planning should continue to build a strong APY.

It is anticipated that future training will include topics such as: how the Board functions for a strong APY; the importance of stability; relationship with government; APY communities; and other Anangu organisations.

### Support for Chairperson

As a newly elected Chairperson of APY, Mrs Paddy received additional one-on-one governance support by the TAFE SA trainer. During Board meetings, Mrs Paddy was also supported by Ms Ina Scales, who provided advice on governance procedures and interpretation from English to Pitjantjatjara.

### APY Land Rights Act (1981), Legislative Review

As reported in the previous editions of this Annual Report, the former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Ian Hunter, MLC called for a limited review of the APY Act to improve APY governance and administration. An Independent Panel chaired by the Hon. Dr Robyn Layton QC AO undertook the review. After comprehensive consultations on the APY Lands throughout 2014, the review panel presented its final report to the former Minister. The key recommendations of the review were:

- Ensuring gender balance on the APY Executive Board;



- Changing the way the Board is elected and operates, to improve representation of all Anangu on the APY Lands; and
- Changes to candidate eligibility for election to the APY Executive Board.

As discussed previously, the APY Executive Board was provided with a copy of the report and a formal response was received from the then Chairperson, Mr Bernard Singer, on 19 December 2014. After discussions with the APY Executive Board and the Electoral Commission in 2015, it was decided to proceed with the election in May 2015, after which proposed changes to the APY Act would be the subject of further consultation in the form of a draft Bill in March 2016.

## Funding Key Activities on the APY Lands

DSD-AAR through its APY Lands Taskforce program has played a key role in the funding of services across the APY Lands for more than a decade.

The APY Lands Taskforce program was established in response to the Coroner's findings in 2002 regarding petrol sniffing related deaths on the APY Lands.

Since the establishment of the APY Lands Taskforce in the 2003-2004 financial year, targeted funding has been provided for the coordination and delivery of environmental health, and family, aged, disability and youth services across the APY Land communities. Funding has also been provided to assist in the operation and ongoing maintenance of swimming pools.

This funding provides the flexibility to direct resources to the highest and immediate service needs on the APY Lands.

In 2015, the APY Lands Taskforce funding enabled the continuation of Country Health SA's substance misuse and rehabilitation support programs, as well as family, homemaker and youth services delivered by DCSI.

It also enabled: NHC operated environmental health program; the operation and maintenance of three swimming pools at Amata, Mimili and Pipalyatjara; and the delivery of Service SA Rural Transaction Centre services.

## Aboriginal Heritage Team

The DSD-AAR Aboriginal Heritage Team administers the *Aboriginal Heritage Act, 1988* (AHA)

throughout the State on behalf of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

The purpose of the AHA is to *"Provide for the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage"*.

The Aboriginal Heritage Team is comprised of three sub-teams: the Conservation Team; the Heritage Information Team; and the Community and Industry Relations Team. The whole team responds to the needs of Traditional Owners, Industry and Government to assist in all matters related to Aboriginal Heritage and Protection.

Members of the Aboriginal Heritage Team visited the APY Lands in late September 2015 and met with key members of the APY Community, APY and service providers. They discussed the operation of the AHA and the ways in which they can assist the APY community in protecting, recording and conserving heritage sites in the area (particularly in light of major infrastructure projects that are taking place over the next few years).

The Aboriginal Heritage Team has been invited to return to the APY Lands in early 2016 to present at an APY Executive Board meeting on these matters and to assist in training relevant staff and community members.

The Aboriginal Heritage Team also met with APY Anthropology staff and agreed to provide assistance in early 2016 in areas such as:

- Management of heritage information;
- Establishing a local archive;
- Impact of major infrastructure projects on heritage sites in the area;
- Running a Legislative Awareness Course;
- Coordinating a broader program of site recording workshops for Anangu people, Rangers and DEWNR staff;
- Providing skill development to record and protect Anangu heritage; and
- Ongoing support for the conservation and care of APY sites that may be subject to damage.

Further to this, the APY Anthropologists agreed to assist the Aboriginal Heritage Team to modify the teaching resources and materials that will best assist the APY Community (i.e. translating materials). The Aboriginal Heritage Team is actively sharing resources and templates to assist in administering the area.

Since the visit, a number of APY Community members have shown interest and asked to attend the site recording workshops so that they can record and protect sites of significance to them. The

training will provide certification, which may assist Anangu in getting jobs in the future, particularly on infrastructure projects.

A number of APY Community members have raised concerns about specific heritage sites that may require recording and conservation assistance. This will be attended to during the next visit.

## **DSD: Arts South Australia**

Arts South Australia is developing programs that build on cultural heritage and creativity, and will provide financial support to the creative industries.

Arts and cultural development in the State of South Australia is characterised by a diversity of practice and practitioners, unique and historic assets and facilities, world-renowned collections and a commitment to arts, regardless of geographic location or circumstance.

Organisations working with APY artists are eligible to apply to Arts South Australia for funding to support arts and cultural activities.

## **Art Gallery of South Australia**

The Art Gallery of South Australia's (the Gallery) objectives are effectively prescribed by the *Art Gallery Act 1939* and can be summarised as the preservation, research and communication associated with heritage and contemporary works of art of aesthetic excellence and historical or regional significance.

The mission of the Gallery is to serve South Australia and wider communities by providing access to original works of art of the highest quality. Through the permanent collection, temporary exhibitions, education and public programs, the Gallery seeks to become part of the daily life of Australians – to champion art, artists and ideas. This relates to the APY Lands by seeking to undertake projects that reflect the Gallery's unique position in Australia on the edge of the desert where many South Australian Aboriginal artists live. The Gallery's vision is to increase the prominence of Aboriginal art, South Australian artists, arts professionals and audiences in all of its activities.

## **TARNANTHI: Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Art**

In September 2013, Premier Jay Weatherill, asked the Art Gallery of South Australia to present a Festival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art.

The Festival was named the Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art (Tarnanthi), and ran from 8-19 October 2015, with exhibitions continuing until 17 January 2016.

Tarnanthi (pronounced TAR-nan-dee) is a Kaurna word from the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains, which means to come forth or to appear. This word describes the first emergence of light at dawn or the sight of a young seed sprouting. For many cultures, first light signifies new beginnings. Fittingly, Tarnanthi sought to cast new light on the art of Australia's rich and diverse Indigenous cultures.

The Festival's artistic vision encouraged new beginnings by providing artists with the opportunity to create significant new work. The Artistic Director, Ms Nici Cumpston, worked closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across the country to extend the practices that they have been developing in studios, art centres, institutions and communities.

Tarnanthi included a series of exhibitions presented in partnership with 22 cultural institutions and galleries across South Australia. Almost 1,000 artists from across Australia, both independent and those represented by Art Centres, were on display across exhibition and art fair venues.

The Art Fair at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide was the focus for the opening weekend. The Art Fair highlighted over 40 art centres and independent artists from across the country. This included a dedicated section for the seven APY Lands art centres.

Figures for the Art Fair indicate that sales will be in excess of \$420,000. The money raised will go directly to the artist or the art centres involved. Of this amount, almost \$50,000 went directly to the art centres in the APY Lands.



*Mr Murray George, Mr Keith Stevens, Mr Ginger Wikilyiri, Mr Anwar Young, and Mr Noel Burton at Kulata Tjuta, TARNANTHI Festival Adelaide. (Photo courtesy of the APY Art Centre Hub (Photo by Ms Jo – Anna Robinson photography))*



*Mr Ginger Wikilyiri, Mr Keith Stevens, Mr Anwar Young, Mr Murray George and Mr Noel Burton at Kulata Tjuta, TARNANTHI Festival Adelaide. (Photo courtesy of the APY Art Centre Hub (Photo by Ms Jo – Anna Robinson photography))*



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The Tarnanthi exhibition and projects described below feature artworks from APY Lands artists:

### **Tarnanthi at the Gallery**

The Art Gallery of South Australia presented The Desert Salon, an exhibition of the latest developments in desert painting from Central Australia. These developments have their origins in the 1970s Western Desert 'dot' painting style which has spread into the east Kimberley and Pilbara region. Artworks featured traditional stories and collective knowledge, represented through individual painting styles of emerging and established artists of the APY Lands and beyond.

### **Kulata Tjuta Project**

Two performances of the Kulata Tjuta Project were presented on 9 October 2015 at Government House. Led by senior Anangu artist, Mr Willy Kaika Burton, the Kulata Tjuta Project started in the Amata community and now involves men from the seven art centres across the APY Lands. This ongoing cultural maintenance project shares the skills of spear making across generations, with the resulting installation incorporating film, sound and live performance.

The Kulata Tjuta project also received \$100,000 support from an Arts South Australia Major Commission grant through the Independent Makers and Presenters program in 2014 to create and develop the work for the Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Arts.

### **Panpa-panpalya**

In the Kurna language, panpa-panpalya describes a gathering held to exchange and share ideas. Each of the three sessions included APY Lands artists, ensuring a prominent role for the Lands in the artist forum.

### **Batik Workshops and Tarnanthi Textiles**

One of the workshops contributing to Tarnanthi was a batik workshop held at the Kurna Living Cultural Centre in Marion with over 20 Anangu participating, including those from the APY Lands as well as Adelaide residents.



Works produced during the workshop were included in the Tarnanthi textile exhibition. The dynamic exhibition was a rare opportunity for audiences to experience in one location the diversity of styles and highly skilled textile work currently being created by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists throughout Australia. Sales of the textiles by APY Lands artists exceeded \$10,000 within twenty-four hours of business.



*Ms Norris from Kaltjiti displays a finished, four-metre batik. (Photo courtesy of Ananguku Arts (Photo by Iain Morton))*



*Ms Marita Baker and Mr Bernard Tjalkuri participated in the Batik workshop in Adelaide. (Photo courtesy of Ananguku Arts (Photo by Iain Morton))*

## Nyanganyi Kuru Nganampangku

*Nyanganyi Kuru Nganampangku (Seeing Stories Through Our Eyes) Prints from the Cicada Press Workshop*, was presented at the State Library of South Australia. The program provides training, mentoring and skill development leading to employment opportunities for Aboriginal art workers in art centres across Central Australia. Tarnanthi provided an opportunity for art workers to extend their practice and to curate a selection of the photographs created by themselves as well as other art workers featured in the *Desart Photography Prize* over the past four years. The exhibition featured a suite of exceptional prints created at a printmaking workshop held at Cicada Press at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. Participants include four of the Desart Photography Prize participants as well as two additional art workers.

## Jewellery has always been here

An exhibition was presented of jewellery, small objects and films that investigate Anangu jewellery and other three-dimensional traditional and experimental design. It featured works created in resin and silver from workshops undertaken on country with Ms Kate Rohde and included Ernabella artists.

## Kapi Ungkupayi / He Gave Us Water

Five APY and NPY artists created an immersive installation in the Art Gallery of South Australia called *Kapi Ungkupayi / He Gave Us Water* revealing the strength of their continuing culture and connection to country. Originally scheduled to close on 23 October 2015, the exhibition was extended to November due to significant interest. There is interest by the National Motor Museum in potentially acquiring or exhibiting the work.

## Support for APY artists to attend Tarnanthi

In addition to financial support provided to the Art Gallery of South Australia by the State Government, the Gallery was a successful applicant to Arts South Australia's May 2015 ATSI Arts Development program for \$20,000 to support artists from across South Australia (including APY artists) to participate in the festival. Below is an excerpt of Ku Arts Director, Ms Milyika Carroll's speech for the launch of the Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art:



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**TAR-nan-ti lu wangkanyi tjukurpa Kutjara Kuwari uwankara Kutjutu tjunguni panya nganana ititi nguru kanyintja Culture Nganampa**

***TAR-nan-dee speaks both for diversity and belonging, showcasing the integrity of contemporary artistic practice while acknowledging the continuation and evolution of the world's oldest surviving culture.***

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*Ms Milyika Carroll following her opening address at the 2015 Our Mob Exhibition Launch. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia (Photo by Ms Lara Merrington for Adelaide Festival Centre))*

### **Partnership with SA Tourism Commission**

In addition to the Art Fair and exhibitions, the Gallery collaborated with the South Australian Tourism Commission to bring six national journalists to the APY Lands in April 2015 to visit art centres in the lead up to Tarnanthi. This was followed by a subsequent trip to the APY Lands by two journalists in August 2015. With a total investment of \$20,000, the initial estimates indicate that a total editorial value of \$760,000 from the positive stories resulted from that trip, reaching approximately 1.4 million people.

## **Ananguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation (Ku Arts)**

A \$4.89m infrastructure-building program led by Ku Arts was finalised in 2015. This significant project has resulted in new and improved art centre facilities and accommodation for art centre staff in communities including Amata, Pukatja, Mimili and Pipalyatjara.



*Ms Josina Pumani collected the Our Mob Don Dunstan Emerging Art Prize plaque. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia (Photo by Lara Merrington for Adelaide Festival Centre))*

Ku Arts was also involved in the recruitment of the new Ninuku art centre manager Ms Liane Wendt, with Ku Arts Project Manager Mr Tony Collins working in the art centre for two months during the art centre manager transition period.

In 2014-15, Ku Arts received approximately \$208,000 from Arts South Australia to support arts development, advocacy, marketing and promotions for APY artists and broader regional South Australian artists.

A focus of Ku Arts' work during this period was the facilitation of creative development workshops leading up to the Our Mob exhibition and Tarnanthi, and contributing to the organisation of the Our Mob exhibition.

## Our Mob

Our Mob is an initiative of the Adelaide Festival Centre initiated in 2006. It presents exhibitions and a program of events in Adelaide Festival Centre's Artspace Gallery and theatre foyers.

In 2015, Our Mob was included in the program of Tarnanthi Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art presented by the Art Gallery of South Australia, and featured a new regional Our Mob exhibition in partnership with Port Augusta Cultural Centre - Yarta Purlti. Our Mob also features a Young Mob exhibition to assist in the development and promotion of artists under the age of 26.

The Young Mob exhibition aligns with the State Government's 'Every Chance for Every Child' priority. It supports and strengthens South Australian families and children to achieve their best.

Ms Josina Pumani from Mimili Maku Arts was the winner of the 2015 Don Dunstan Emerging Art Prize at the Our Mob Exhibition.

## Adelaide Arts Studio and Exhibition

APY Art Centres, Ku Arts and Tandanya established an Adelaide Town Studio, which operated from 22 December 2014 to 23 January 2015.

The initiative built upon the success of the Alice Springs Town Studio that was operational and opened to APY artists from 20 December 2012 until 18 January 2013. It was project managed by Ms Joanna Byrne, former art centre manager of Tjungu Palya Arts and Ms Skye O'Meara, former art centre manager of Tjala Arts.

One of the motivators for creating the studio is that during the summer when remote arts centres close, Aboriginal artists through central Australia are at risk of exploitation by private art dealers, offering reduced payments or other inducements to create artworks for a fraction of the price they would normally fetch if sold from Aboriginal-owned art centres. The exhibition of work produced at the studio was displayed in Tandanya from 5 February 2015 to 28 March 2015.

## Pukatja Arts Pottery

Arts South Australia supported Pukatja ceramicists Mr Derek Thompson and Mr Tjimpuna Williams to undertake a residency in Jingdezhen, China in April 2015 where they produced large-scale pots and conducted colour experimentation.



*Mr Murray George at the Adelaide summer studio, held at Tandanya. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia (Photo by Ms Helen Johnson))*



*Group photo of participants at the Adelaide summer studio, held at Tandanya. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia (Photo by Ms Helen Johnson))*

These works - along with the works of 22 artists (including the work of artists in their twenties) - were included in the Yangupala Tjuta Waakarinyi exhibition at Sabbia Gallery, Sydney in late June 2015 and toured to the Australian Botanic Gardens in Canberra in conjunction with the 14<sup>th</sup> Australian Ceramics Triennale 2015 in July.

Following the success of this ceramics activity, Ernabella Arts has applied to Arts South Australia for support through the *Creative Education Partnerships: Artist in Residence program* (CEP: AIR). This is a national initiative funded by the Commonwealth Government through the Australia Council for the Arts (Australia Council) and managed through a three-way partnership between



the Australia Council, DECD and Arts South Australia for a six-week residency at the Pukatja Anangu School (the School) during Term 1, 2016. The residency will see Adelaide-based ceramic artist Ms Jo Crawford and Ernabella Arts artists Mr Tjutjuna Andy and Ms Lynette Lewis working with Pukatja School upper primary, junior secondary, senior girls and senior lads to develop ceramic construction, wheel throwing, glazing and firing techniques.



*Ms Lynette Lewis on the wheel in studio (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia)*



*Mr Tjutjuna Andy displaying work, in studio. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia)*

Ernabella Arts has successfully secured \$18,840 through CEP: AIR for this project with a further contribution from the School of \$10,560 and the Art Centre contributed \$7,062, making the total project cost \$36,462.

The residency will provide valuable skills development for the teaching staff at the School. It will also enable them to continue teaching ceramics in the School and maintain the links to the Art Centre and the artistic and cultural learning through community elders.

## Wanampi Tjukurpa

Arts South Australia supported *Two Brothers Walking* through the May 2015 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts funding program to develop the Wanampi Tjukurpa project.



*Mr Murray George - Wanampi Inma. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia)*

Wanampi Tjukurpa is a performance piece that expresses aspects of traditional life based upon relationships between people residing in Kaltjiti, Pukatja and Nyapari. The story of Wanampi, the Rainbow Serpent or Water Snake, is known all over Australia for his creative and regenerative power.

The particular stories included in the performance refer to Piltiti waterhole and the Wati Kutjura, Minyma Kutjura, (two men and two women) story that extends from the salt lakes near Pimba to Piltiti Waterhole some 700 km to the North West. Some of the story is lost and this project provides the incentive to maintain the Tjukurpa that remains, and recover parts where possible.

The project is an initiative of Two Brothers Walking under the direction of senior custodians; Mr Murray George, Mr Keith Stevens, Mr Ginger Wikilyiri, Mr Witjiti George, Mr Angkuna Tjitayi, Mr Robert Stevens, Ms Brown and Ms Norris.



*A gathering for Inma, with Mr Murray George, Ms Brown, Ms Norris, Mr David Salomon, Mr Taylor Cooper, and Mr Witjiti George. (Photo courtesy of Arts South Australia)*

To bring the elements of the performance together, meetings took place between 25 and 30 August 2015 on the APY Lands at Kaltjiti and Pukatja.

The performance appeals to a wide audience eager to discover traditional ways of life and living stories of remote central Australia and a worldview that is quickly disappearing. The enterprise provides for young and old alike to be involved in cultural work that supports the maintenance of their ancestral country.

## South Australia Museum & APY Lands Trips

The South Australian Museum visited the APY Lands in September 2015 as part of their annual visit, taking with them scientists and educators to bring to APY Lands residents fun and engaging learning experiences.

The visit commenced in Alice Springs at the Alice Desert Festival – Family Day on Sunday, 6 September 2015.

Two groups of South Australian Museum staff headed to the APY Lands on 7-11 September 2015. One group went west while the other group east.

The South Australian Museum visited a number of locations including Amata, Iwantja, Kaltjiti, Mimili, Murputja, Pipalyatjara Anangu School, Pukatja, Yunyarinyi, and Wingellina Remote School (Western Australia).

## Ara Irititja

Ara Irititja means 'stories from a long time ago' in Pitjantjatjara. Ara Irititja aims to bring back home materials of cultural and historical significance to Anangu through interactive multimedia software now known as Keeping Culture KMS. Materials include photographs, films, sound recordings and documents. This purpose-built computer archive digitally stores these materials and other contemporary items and repatriates them to Anangu.

The Executive of the Pitjantjatjara Council guide the Ara Irititja project.

The Ara Irititja office, based in Adelaide, is supported by the SA Museum which provides funding for a full-time position for Ara Irititja to work on the central database. The database is a Digital Archive Collection, which stores both historical and cultural items. The co-ordinator of the project is Mr John Dallwitz who manages the project from Adelaide, with support from Ms Dora Dallwitz.

There is also an office in Alice Springs which enables them to liaise with NPY organisations and have regular contact with Anangu, who assist them to add data and language material to the database.

During 2015, more than 14,000 records were added to the Ara Irititja Archive Database. In November 2015, the Ara Irititja Digital Archive held 158,976 items including photographs, documents, movies, sounds and objects.

In 2015, Ara Irititja received the Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Award. Ms Sally Scales accompanied Mr John and Mrs Dora Dallwitz to Washington DC where she spoke to over 600 participants in Pitjantjatjara, thanking them and sharing her culture.



*Ms Sally Scales and Mr John Dallwitz in Washington DC, September 2015. (Photo courtesy of Ara Irititja Newsletter 2015)*



## DSD: Energy Markets and Programs

The DSD: Energy Markets and Programs Division (EMPD) is responsible for the provision of safe, reliable and affordable electricity to customers across 26 off-grid remote area towns including 15 remote Aboriginal communities. All but two of these remote Aboriginal communities are located on the APY Lands.

### Electrical Services on the APY Lands

DSD: EMPD is responsible for the delivery of electricity supply to communities across the APY Lands. This occurs through the management of electricity infrastructure and customer supply processes.

Over the course of 2015, there has been significant activity in this area, particularly in relation to the safe and reliable delivery of electricity supply to Anangu.



Central Power House near Umuwa. (Photo courtesy of DSD: EMPD)

Throughout 2015, two large (1MW) generator sets were overhauled. The first was the Central Power House near Umuwa, and a smaller generator in Murputja (between Pipalyatjara and Amata) was overhauled.

Upgrades were undertaken on the electricity distribution system, including work on a high voltage line in Kaltjiti and the replacement of a transformer in Iwantja.

A Satellite based communication system was installed at Murputja and Pipalyatjara to allow power operational data to be collected. This data will assist with maintaining high reliability standards and enable DSD: EMPD to make prudent decisions regarding major overhauls and replacement schedules where appropriate.

During the latter part of 2015, the distribution system supplying the Central Power House was

upgraded by replacing various components including line re-closers and reactors to maintain an appropriate quality of power supplied to customers.

Upgrades are also being undertaken on line insulators to increase the durability of the power lines. It is expected the new technology should lead to fewer power outages.

In order to provide a more cost effective management of power services across the APY Lands, contracts went out to market in May 2015 for new 5+5 years services. A strong emphasis on local Anangu employment formed part of the tender evaluations. A successful service provider is expected to commence at the end of the first quarter in 2016.

DSD: EMPD has also undertaken negotiations regarding Land Lease Agreements and asset ownership on the APY Lands. It is envisaged that these negotiations will allow clearer and more effective management of power infrastructure.

Finally, a key piece of work relating to Work Health and Safety has been undertaken, aimed at ensuring a strong focus on safe environments in and around power generation and distribution sites.



Service truck on the APY Lands. (Photo courtesy of DSD: EMPD)

## DSD: Skills and Employment Group Division

The DSD Skills and Employment Group Division initiative focuses on skill development, job creation, and sustainable employment for Aboriginal people. It develops and emphasises State Government policy that promotes Aboriginal affairs, supports young Aboriginal people, and those living in regional and remote South Australia.

### Remote Indigenous Public Internet Access Project



*Anangu Coordinator outside an Internet Access Centre. (Photo courtesy of DSD: Skills and Employment)*

This project has provided free internet access centres and training in Amata and Mimili on the APY Lands since 2012. It was initiated as a National Partnership Agreement to build digital literacy and on-line capacity, funded by the Commonwealth Government, managed and co-funded by the Department of State Development (formerly DFEEST). The aim is to encourage the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for better participation in contemporary life and to improve links between Aboriginal people in remote communities, their dispersed families and all services.

With no existing community infrastructure, the model developed in the APY Lands was built on community partnerships. Internet Centres were established in Community offices under the auspices of the Community Councils and APY.

Local people are employed and trained as Coordinators to administer the Centres, manage the technology and liaise with project managers.

Over four years, 10 Anangu have been employed as Coordinators in the two Centres.

Training is delivered as an intermediary model, acknowledging preferred learning styles in Aboriginal communities, by developing the Coordinators as peer mentors to respond to immediate learning needs, and build a knowledge base in the community. Services such as MoneyMob and Centrelink have also worked with the Internet Centres to improve community access to their services.



*Anangu Coordinators assisting with training on the APY Lands. (Photo courtesy of DSD: Skills and Employment)*



Project successes in APY include collaboration with many agencies including TAFE, APY Executive, RASAC, NPY Women's Council, MoneyMob and Centrelink with a demonstrated increase in on-line transactions. This project successfully models peer-to-peer mentoring and - through the employment of community members - highlights the opportunities provided by technology.

Although the national program has ceased, the program has continued in South Australia to maintain the employment and services it has generated, pending new funding models through the Commonwealth Government's Remote Australia Strategy.

DSD Skills and Employment has incorporated various sustainability strategies, including updated technology and locally based computer networks that could generate local business opportunities or be integrated into other services. The widespread use of the centres has achieved a growth in digital literacy and on-line access, leaving these communities well placed to benefit from the transition to on-line services evident in areas such as education, financial management, retail and service provision.



# Department of the Premier and Cabinet

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) often plays a lead role in negotiations with the Commonwealth Government on matters affecting the APY Lands, and serves as a medium for collaboration and strategic alignment to improve the wellbeing of Anangu on the APY Lands.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Leadership in COAG negotiations and ongoing activities.
- ✓ Providing leadership in cross government strategic initiatives.
- ✓ Ongoing activities through Service SA Centres.
- ✓ Leadership in funding bids and negotiations.

## Supporting the Premier at COAG

DPC coordinates and provides support to the Premier on Indigenous Reform items on the national agenda, such as at meetings of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and as part of the Federation Reform process.

As part of this role, and in addition to consulting with relevant state agencies, DPC participates in the COAG Working Group on Indigenous Affairs (WGIA) and in various multilateral and bilateral discussions with the Commonwealth Government and other governments, on matters that affect Aboriginal people, including Anangu.

COAG priorities include school attendance and achievement, early childhood, community safety, and more recently, economic development and participation.

In late 2014, COAG commissioned an investigation into Indigenous land administration and use. DPC,

along with DSD-AAR and the Attorney-General's Department, were members of a working group supporting the investigation. The report from the investigation was considered by COAG in December 2015 and DPC will provide advice to the Premier on the implications of the report's recommendations on land ownership and use in the APY Lands.

## Income Management on APY Lands

Income Management is a Commonwealth Government initiative led by the Department of Human Services (DHS) which sets aside a proportion of a recipient's Commonwealth Government income support payment to pay for necessities such as food, clothing, housing and utilities.

DPC is responsible for leading negotiations with the Commonwealth Government on Income Management, resulting in a *Bilateral Agreement for*



*the Implementation of Income Management* being agreed upon between the Governments and leading to its introduction in the APY Lands on 1 October 2012.

Three measures of Income Management apply to the APY Lands:

1. Voluntary measure (administered by Commonwealth Government DHS);
2. Child protection (administered by the State Government DECD); and
3. Vulnerable measure (administered by the State Government DCSI).

Overall feedback regarding the introduction of Income Management to the APY Lands has been positive, including reports of reduced levels of financial harassment. It further aligns with a number of strategic intents, including, *Safe Communities*, *Healthy Neighbourhoods* and *Every Change for Every Child*.

## **Steering Committee Anangu Lands Schooling**

DPC chairs an intergovernmental steering committee on schooling, which has representatives from the Commonwealth Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC), State Government's DECD, and DSD-AAR. The Steering Committee Anangu Lands Schooling (SCALS) brings together the two governments to coordinate actions for better schooling outcomes.

The aim of SCALS is to facilitate policy and service delivery decision-making to streamline services inside and outside the school gate to improve Anangu school attendance and outcomes in the APY Lands.

SCALS has: improved the way that information is shared and decisions made; assisted in the implementation and reporting for Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding projects; helped in the planning for the new Remote School Attendance Strategy; and shared information on other programs that affect schooling such as the APY schools policy on no interruptions and the Commonwealth Government Community Development Program.

Through DECD, SCALS also consults with the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC) to ensure alignment of efforts to improve schooling outcomes. In November 2015, PMC and DPC representatives travelled to Pukatja to present

to PYEC about SCALS' activities and achievements through the year and to discuss how SCALS could better support PYEC achieve its plans for early childhood development, good schooling and wellbeing.

## **Community Safety**

The Commonwealth Government's 2014-15 Budget assigned \$54.1m police infrastructure funding over four years for seven remote communities in South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland. The intent of the funding was to improve policing outcomes and community safety.

DPC has coordinated multi-agency discussions to ascertain what the best use of the funding would be, bearing in mind community need, existing services and facilities, agency capacity and recurrent costs to the State to maintain any new infrastructure. Consultations are still ongoing and any proposal will be targeted at improving the safety and wellbeing of Anangu living on the APY Lands.

## **Cross-Border Initiatives**

On 17 April 2015, the South Australian and Northern Territory Governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), agreeing to collaborate and further enhance their relationship for mutual benefit.

Following the MoU and a First Ministers' Forum on 3 September 2015, DPC has been in discussions with counterparts from the Northern Territory to identify areas that would benefit from cooperation between the jurisdictions. Proposals which affect the APY Lands include the following:

### ***Remote Community Service Coordination***

This project will look at opportunities to better and more efficiently deliver community services in the cross border region through working in partnership with regional service providers, community leaders and other stakeholders. This project could explore the potential coordination of family violence services across the APY Lands, which would align with the COAG priority of reducing violence to women and children.

### ***Camel Management***

The South Australian and Northern Territory Governments have agreed to pursue a collaborative approach to the issue of feral camel numbers on

both sides of the border, including the joint funding of a study into the economic viability of commercial uses of camels.

## Mobile Black Spot Program

The Commonwealth Government committed \$100m through Round 1 of the *Mobile Black Spot Program* to co-invest in telecommunications infrastructure to extend high quality mobile voice and wireless broadband services to regional and remote locations in Australia that are currently without service. This includes smaller communities, locations prone to experiencing natural disasters and major transport routes.

DPC successfully led a bid for funding for eleven locations, including six communities on the APY Lands (Amata, Kaltjiti, Iwantja, Mimili, Ngarutjara Homeland, and Pipalyatjara). The rollout will be implemented over a three-year period with the first base stations funded under the Program being rolled out before the end of 2015. The rollout sequence will be determined by Telstra and Vodafone based on various factors, including obtaining local government planning approvals for new base stations.

The *Mobile Black Spot Program* will help address the increasing disadvantage of those regional and remote communities without modern telecommunications services by allowing them access to digital communications, which city communities enjoy. This is extremely important in the light of government and other services and information being provided 'online' and consistent with the Premier's Digital by Default Declaration ([http://digital.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/content\\_files/declarations/Digital-by-Default-Declaration.pdf](http://digital.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/content_files/declarations/Digital-by-Default-Declaration.pdf)).

## Service SA APY Hotline

Service SA continues to deliver services to APY Land communities via the APY hotline, to enable local residents to gain access to State Government information and services. The greeting message is in Pitjantjatjara language, and there are specialist staff members located in the Port Augusta Customer Service Centre to resource the hotline.

Many calls are of a complex nature and require additional follow-up by Service SA staff to ensure the customer's transaction or enquiry is successfully resolved.

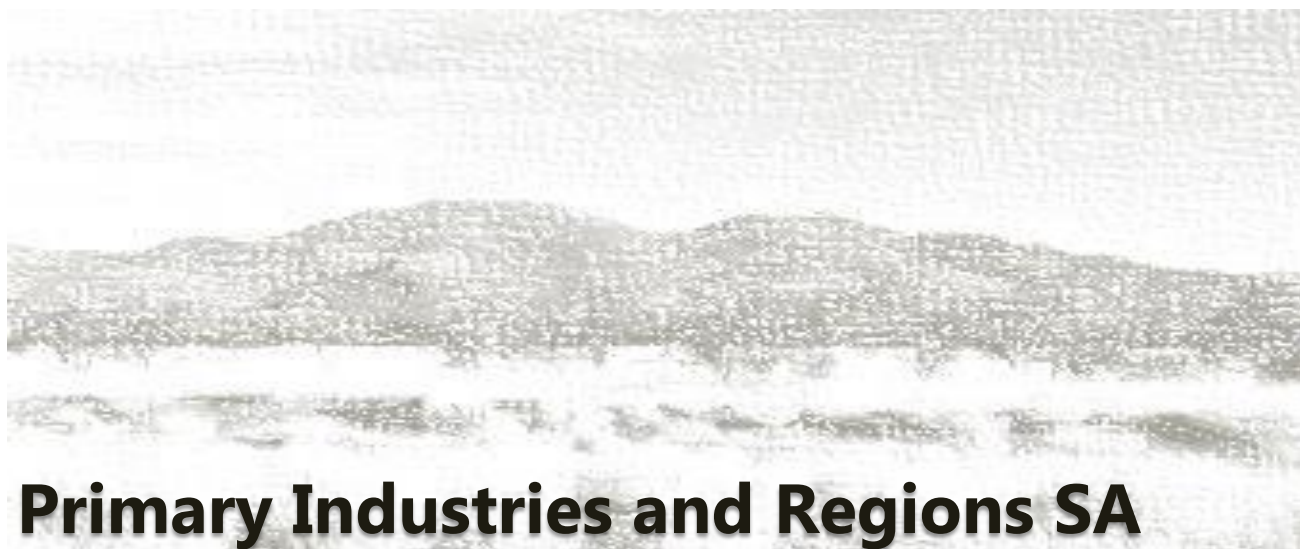
This service is highly valued and regularly used by TAFE and SAPOL staff located on the APY Lands as the service provides direct access to Service SA. The service is also used by Anangu and service providers including Skill Hire and MoneyMob.

During the 2014-2015 financial year, 819 enquiries, non-financial and informational services and 424 financial transactions were processed by the APY Hotline.

## On the Right Track program

Service SA is a stakeholder of the DPTI led, *On the Right Track program*, which assists Anangu to obtain a driver's licence. Service SA continues to work with DPTI and other South Australian and Commonwealth Government agencies to seek opportunities to improve access to services on the APY Lands.

This program: provides access to services in remote communities; assists Anangu to comply with legislation; and provides potential for increased employment opportunities and associated economic benefits.



# Primary Industries and Regions SA

Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) leads the State Government's economic priority "*Premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world*" and provides a regionally focused approach to improving economic and social outcomes for Aboriginal communities in the APY region of South Australia. PIRSA staff assist in the employment and training of Anangu pastoral workers.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ 57 young people engaged in State Government's Regional Youth Traineeship Program.
- ✓ Employment Growth.
- ✓ Growing Pastoral Commercial Production.

## North West Indigenous Pastoral Project

Aboriginal Lands in the state's Far North are returning to commercial production and creating employment through the State Government's \$10m Jobs Accelerator Fund.

The \$1.4m North West Indigenous Pastoral Project aimed to partner the State Government with local industry to create employment opportunities for Aboriginal workers.

Aboriginal landowners currently hold up to three million hectares of pastoral land in the region, and so the project aims to create job opportunities by returning some of those properties to primary production to develop viable and sustainable grazing operations.

Fourteen people have already been employed across the Project. Under Plans being developed by communities, including the APY Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan, it is proposed that

ongoing positions will be available, and key Project partner, the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC), is exploring further opportunities for a development program and/or new positions.

Currently, the initiative takes in four projects aiming to boost capacity and better manage cattle enterprises on the APY Lands and bring five Indigenous owned properties back into livestock production: Andamooka, Purple Downs and Roxby Downs Stations (Kokatha Pastoral Pty Ltd), Emeroo Station (Bungala Aboriginal Corporation) and Mabel Creek Station (AMY Nominees Pty Ltd).

This project delivers financial grants through ILC and on-ground support through PIRSA for the employment of Aboriginal workers:

- Providing important employment opportunities on country;

- Providing formal and informal training opportunities; and
- Leveraging government and industry investment directed at Aboriginal land management and production.

This project is resulting in new employment opportunities for Aboriginal people who wish to work on country, providing the State Government with a range of favourable outcomes in terms of primary productivity and employment, engagement and enterprise development. It has also enabled the extension of key relationships, particularly with ILC and the APY Pastoral Group.

## Natural Resource Management Biosecurity

The Natural Resource Management (NRM) Biosecurity group in PIRSA does not deliver a service to Anangu. Instead, it works in partnership with communities on the APY Lands. PIRSA works with Aboriginal rangers and APY Land Management staff to improve weed management activities, with a particular focus on buffel grass.

Buffel grass, or mamu tjanpi/tjanpi kura (devil grass/bad grass) is an introduced perennial tussock grass species that has emerged as a significant threat to the culture and safety of remote communities on the APY Lands.

### Buffel grass control in Arid Rangelands

PIRSA has established a herbicide field trial near Umuwa, one of four buffel grass field trials in the north of the State. Aboriginal rangers and APY Land Management staff have participated in the monitoring of the field trial and disseminating information about control options for buffel grass.

A group of Aboriginal rangers and APY Land Management staff attended a Buffel Grass Best Practice Workshop in Port Augusta in February 2015. A session was held on mapping infestations and key assets for protection in the APY Lands.

The spirit of collaboration and sharing of knowledge between Anangu, PIRSA and the other organisations represented on the South Australia Buffel Grass Taskforce is strong.



*Buffel grass infestation on the APY Lands. (Photo courtesy of DSD-AAR)*

Some new options for controlling buffel grass have been identified by PIRSA as a result of the herbicide field trials. Aboriginal rangers and APY Land Management staff have actively been involved in this process, and are starting to use new methods to protect country from the impacts of buffel grass.

This three-year project is funded by a grant from the Native Vegetation Council's Significant Environmental Benefits Program.





# SA Health

The Country Health SA Local Health Network (LHN) is part of SA Health, which oversees the rural health system in South Australia. Country Health SA LHN aims to strengthen capacity for the provision of culturally safe services, and to meet the needs of Aboriginal people. This includes the provision of outreach services from key centres and throughout the APY Lands. Country Health SA LHN also provides leadership in the co-ordination of State Government health services, engagement with community, NGOs, service delivery organisations, and all levels of Government for the APY Lands.

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Trachoma & trichiasis screening, treatment & health promotion activities.
- ✓ Yamba and Milpa Roadshow.
- ✓ Eight visits by the Mobile Dialysis Unit.
- ✓ Amata Family Wellbeing Centre assisted over nine services in their regular ongoing service provision responsibilities.
- ✓ Major community engagement activities in developing Health priorities.
- ✓ Commissioned and funded the construction of the Amata Walking track.
- ✓ Developed the Amata Mediation and Justice Group.
- ✓ Ongoing Dental Health services.

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## Trachoma Control Program

The Trachoma Control Program (TCP) aims to eliminate blinding trachoma in known endemic areas by 2020 through the implementation of the SAFE strategy (*see image: sourced from <http://trachoma.org/safe-strategy>*).

As pictured over, the SAFE strategy is an acronym that represents the following:

- **S**urgery for trichiasis;
- **A**ntibiotic administration;
- **F**acial cleanliness; and
- **E**nvironmental improvements to address barriers to facial cleanliness.



The TCP focus is on reducing trachoma infection, transmission and the prevention of blindness for Anangu. In achieving this, it is essential that TCP ensure Anangu access to the following services:

- Screening, treatment and follow up for trachoma;
- Screening and referral for treatment for trichiasis; and
- Undertaking of health promotion activities to reduce the incidence of trachoma in the community.

In implementing TCP, Country Health SA LHN has engaged Nganampa Health Council (NHC) to provide trachoma and trichiasis screening, treatment and health promotion activities to all Aboriginal communities on the APY Lands. The Trachoma team engages with local community members, health service providers and school-aged children to deliver local awareness and health promotion SAFE activities.

To reinforce this work, Country Health SA LHN has collaborated with The Indigenous Eye Health Unit at the University of Melbourne and engaged Yangapi Productions Pty Ltd. to take the *Yamba and Milpa Roadshow* to the APY Lands.

The Roadshow encourages good nutrition and hygiene practices with an emphasis on 'clean faces means strong eyes' using music, original songs, dance and actions. The message is then reinforced on television using animated advertising packages to promote healthy lifestyle behaviours, and to teach children how to have 'strong eyes' by keeping their faces clean.

The elimination of blinding trachoma is deemed to be successful when the trachoma prevalence reaches sustained levels of less than 5% in children aged one to nine years old and the prevalence of trichiasis is less than 0.1% (i.e. one trichiasis case per 1000) of the adult population.



*Milpa the Goanna, the trachoma awareness mascot, with Yamba the Honey Ant taking the message of 'clean faces mean strong eyes' to the APY Lands, using music, songs, dance and actions. (Photo Courtesy of Imparja Television)*

Following the implementation of a comprehensive screening and treatment program for trachoma eye disease on the APY Lands in 2011, a downward trend is now evident. In 2013, the rate of trachoma in 5 to 9 year olds was found to be 11%. In 2015, the data is indicating a prevalence of 6.6%. The prevalence of trichiasis in adults, 40 years and over, has decreased from 3% in 2012 to 1.5% in 2015 (*provisional data*).

## Mobile Dialysis Unit

The Mobile Dialysis Unit is a specially designed truck that is fitted with three dialysis chairs and visits remote Aboriginal communities across South Australia.

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**"I get to come back to country and see the red soil instead of cars and houses."**

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*Female patient*

The Unit allows Aboriginal dialysis patients living in regional or metropolitan centres to temporarily return home to re-engage with family and community.

During 2015, this service visited the APY Lands on eight occasions with approximately 97 treatments provided to Anangu. The Mobile unit visited Amata, Pukatja, Umuwa, Kaltjiti and Marla (for Iwantja).

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**“The truck is lovely and warm, and the sisters are really good. I feel proud to be back home.”**

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*Female patient*



*Mobile Dialysis Unit travelling to Umuwa for the NPY Women's Council, Annual General Meeting. (Photo Courtesy of Country Health SA LHN:AHD)*

The Mobile Dialysis Unit also visited a number of significant events in 2015, enabling dialysis patients to attend, be included in community activities and participate in decision-making for their communities. Some events included the Women's Law Gathering, NPY Women's Council Annual General Meeting and a funeral.

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**“If the truck wasn't here, we wouldn't be here.”**

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*Patient that attended the NPY Women's Council AGM*

## Amata Family Wellbeing Centre

The Amata Family Wellbeing Centre (FWC) aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Anangu children, families and community members, by providing access to health and wellbeing services that are coordinated and integrated through the Amata FWC.

Country Health SA LHN, Aboriginal Health Directorate (AHD) assumed operational management of the Amata FWC in January 2012.

Since this time, Country Health SA LHN:AHD has organisationally:

- Undertaken major renovations;

- Upgraded Information and Communication Technology systems and telecommunications;
- Conducted a major community engagement process; and
- Established the Amata Anangu Wellbeing Council (AWC) to assist with the repurposing of the Centre to a community social and agency hub now with nine resident agencies present in the building.



*Mr Rob Zadow, Executive Director Country Health SA LHN and Mr Stanley Douglas, Amata AWC member. (Photo courtesy of Country Health SA LHN:AHD.)*

On 16 November 2015, the operational management of the Amata FWC transitioned from Country Health SA LHN:AHD to Country Health SA LHN: Eyre Far North and West Region. Country Health SA LHN:AHD will retain strategic and community engagement roles with the Amata AWC and connection to the Amata Community Council.

## Amata Anangu Wellbeing Council

Key priorities for the Amata FWC were established by the Amata AWC. This Council was formed out of a significant engagement process conducted by Country Health SA LHN:AHD between 2012 and 2013.

Throughout this process, Amata AWC participated and provided guidance to Country Health SA LHN:AHD about:

- Service planning for the future use of the centre;
- Service delivery improvements from visiting and resident agencies;
- Establishing regular dialogues with agency managers;
- Establishing the centre as a community friendly facility for Anangu; and
- Physical repurposing of the building from an underused substance misuse facility to a busy agency and community hub.



From these discussions, the Amata AWC identified the following priorities:

- Community / Child safety;
- Healthy Living Programs: Diabetes prevention;
- Economic development, Enterprise Employment and Training;
- Education: Advocating for English as a Second Language training in Amata; and
- Culture and Law.

#### *Priority Progress*

As part of ensuring the Amata AWC is fully engaged in activities and priorities of the Amata FWC, the Amata AWC has conducted quarterly discussions with all agency managers since 2013. These discussions have centred on the promotion and employment of young local Anangu.

The Amata AWC has noted that the local resident agencies have improved their recruitment, training and support of local Anangu into full and part-time roles.

Furthermore, the Amata AWC has identified that the service delivery landscape (i.e. number of services and their activities) in Amata is in need of substantial reform. The Amata AWC has recommended that a single community plan should be developed to encourage better service partnering and service cooperation between agencies that are engaged in similar or like work in Amata. The Amata Government Business Manager, Mr Mark Weaver, has been asked to raise this through the Amata Community Council forum.



*The Amata Anangu Wellbeing Council at the 2015 Strategic Planning Day. (Photo courtesy of Country Health SA LHN:AHD)*

#### *Services from the Amata Family Wellbeing Centre*

The following provides a comprehensive summary of the services that operate out of the Amata FWC:

1. Country Health SA LHN: Eyre Far North and West and AHD with a permanent staff presence;
2. DASSA with a permanent staff presence;
3. CAMHS with APY Lands based workers as well as regular visiting clinical staff;
4. DECD: Families SA with a fly-in fly-out service;
5. NPY Women's Council with a regular drive in and drive out visiting service; 5 programs are attached to this agency;
6. APY Land Management with a permanent staff presence;
7. 5NPY Media with a permanent staff presence; and
8. SANFL (Central west) with a permanent staff presence.

#### *Healthy Living*

In 2015, the Amata FWC and Amata AWC have commissioned and funded the construction of the Amata Walking track. This track is a 1.5km walking track into nearby scenic hill country to promote walking for exercise amongst local Anangu. The walking track will be opened in late March 2016.

#### *Amata Mediation and Justice Group*

The Amata FWC and Amata AWC in partnership with CatholicCare Northern Territory Personal Helpers and Mentors and the Yuendumu Mediation and Justice Group have facilitated the development of the Amata Mediation and Justice Group. The Amata Mediation and Justice Group have identified key leaders who are receiving mediation training through the Central Justice Committee in Alice Springs. The Amata FWC will support the operational maintenance and remuneration of the key Mediation Group leaders (once trained) through the Amata FWC.

#### *Other Key Activities*

The Amata FWC routinely hosts:

- Significant community and government meeting and consultations;
- Discussions and workshops related to Health;
- Renal dialysis services and related activities;
- Trachoma and ear health services and related activities;

- Discussions relating to infrastructure spending in the Amata, including: roadways, water, power, telecommunications;
- Meetings relating to Land Management, including: buffel grass management, camel mustering and cattle agistment, cultural sites program scheduling, anthropology and archaeology surveying;
- Domestic violence service and related activities;
- Sport and recreation activities;
- Arts activities;
- Women legal issues;
- Bible translation and Bible classes;
- Cooking and nutrition activities;
- Youth programs associated with hair and beauty; and
- Local social events and celebrations.

## Dental Health

SA Health (Country Health SA) provides the primary funding for the NHC Dental Health Program that runs across the APY Lands.

The Commonwealth Government Department of Health funds the mobile dental surgery and portable dental equipment unit.

The NHC's Dental Program provides dental services 32 weeks per annum, utilising one experienced and long-term Dentist with regular and consistent Dental Assistant support.



*The Mobile Dental Clinic that operates on the APY Lands. (Photo courtesy of NHC and South Australia Dental Service)*

The Program has a strong preventive and promotive focus and works in partnership with the South Australian Dental Service (SADS), the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral

Health and the Northern Territory Department of Health Dental Clinic.

The dental program is provided through two fixed clinics (at Pukatja and Iwantja) and a mobile dental surgery that services the other communities and major homelands.

## Women's and Children's Health Network

The Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) comprises the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) and State-wide community-based services related to children, young people and women.

## Child and Adolescent Mental Health

CAMHS provide mental health assessment and treatment to young people aged between 0 – 18 years on the APY Lands. Intervention is delivered within the cultural, community and family context, against a background of working with Anangu. The aim is to increase community understanding of mental health issues and the impact of trauma in the early years. CAMHS works in partnership with communities and other service providers such as DECD and SAPOL is key to achieving positive outcomes for the young people. During 2015, CAMHS employed Lands-based workers as well as regular visiting clinical staff.

## Child and Family Health Services

Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) deliver a fly in fly out service that operates on a fortnightly basis during school term times. CaFHS staff are focused on early intervention and prevention to ensure that Anangu infants and children achieve optimal health and developmental outcomes. CaFHS deliver Developmental Assessments to all families of children under 3 years of age and provide group sessions to parents on a range of topics in consultation with Anangu. Four key focus areas are: Health and hygiene, Safety, Child development and Nutrition (introduction of solids).

## Child Protection Services

Child Protection Services (CPS) has a dedicated APY team that is comprised of a manager and two clinicians. CPS provides a fly in fly out service to the APY Lands. Visits are conducted twice per month, and each visit is of one week's duration. In

accordance with the Interagency Code of Practice, CPS works in conjunction with SAPOL, Families SA and CAMHS.

In response to notifications made to Families SA, CPS provides forensic psychosocial assessments to children under the age of 12 where there are concerns/suspicions about physical and/or sexual abuse and in situations where children are engaging in extreme sexualised behaviour. CPS assessments involve engaging and working with carers/families to help understand the child/family's situation and to support the assessment process. An interpreter employed through the Aboriginal Interpreter Service is used throughout the assessment.

The CPS APY team: conducts community information sessions for groups of women; provides consultation to schools and other services operating on the APY Lands; and participates in Interagency Child Safety Meetings.

## **Department for Health and Ageing**

### **Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia**

Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia provides a Mobile Assertive Outreach Service based at the Amata Family Wellbeing Centre. This service provides outreach support to the major communities across the APY Lands. The service provides individual client assessments, development of individual and group based treatment interventions, case management, assertive follow-up support and referral to community-based programs. This service is delivered to individuals, families and groups affected by problematic substance misuse through a client-centred approach.

### **Public Health - Rheumatic Heart Disease Control Program**

Funding secured through the Commonwealth Government's Rheumatic Fever Strategy enabled an agreement to be executed between SA Health and Nganampa Health to undertake Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) control activities in their organisation. These agreements allow the employment of a 0.6 FTE registered nurse position. The focus is on optimising clinical information systems to improve patient management and adherence to secondary prophylaxis, and education of clinical staff and community. This work is essential to improve detection, monitoring, and

management of Acute Rheumatic Fever and RHD in Aboriginal communities across the APY communities.

### **Environmental Health**

Environmental health services and regulatory functions continue to be delivered on the APY Lands through a partnership between Nganampa Health and SA Health. Funding is provided by SA Health through the Aboriginal Environmental Health Worker Program under the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes, as well as through an agreement between SA Health and DSD-AAR.

Nganampa Health has two operational teams in the east and the west of the APY Lands that employ up to seven local Anangu Environmental Health workers.

The environmental health-based activities undertaken by the workers are guided by the ten healthy living practices set out in the Uwankara Palyanyku Kanyintjaku (UPK) Report and the National Indigenous Housing Guide.

Nganampa's primary health activities delivered in Anangu households on the APY Lands relate to:

- Promoting proper standards in relation to wastewater removal.
- Promoting regular washing of clothes and bedding.
- Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers in action.
- Establishing a pest control and reduction program.
- Reducing hazards that cause minor injury/trauma.
- Promoting cyclical maintenance to control temperature.
- Reducing the health impacts of dust and supporting dust control measures through the community endorsed environmental health plan.
- Reducing hazards that cause minor injury/trauma by implementing practices as defined in the UPK Report.
- Promoting hygiene practices and supporting the continued provision of washing facilities for all community members.
- Promoting practices designed to ensure the proper disposal and management of rubbish and waste.
- Regular monitoring of healthy house hardware and living conditions that will reduce the



spread of infectious diseases, and ultimately contribute to improved health outcomes through improved food storage, food preparation and cooking facilities, by monitoring food safety and supporting water safety practices in people's homes.

- Supporting dog and animal health measures and reducing the negative effects of animals through the implementation of the community developed public environmental health plan.

In addition to the activities and tasks undertaken by the Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers as detailed above, SA Health also employs a qualified Environmental Health Officer (EHO). The EHO has responsibility for undertaking public and environmental health regulatory functions under relevant legislation, as well as providing high-level environmental health advice and assistance where required. The EHO functions include statutory inspections of food businesses, public swimming pools, drinking water providers and wastewater works approvals.

SA Health and Nganampa Health work collaboratively on complex or technical matters and, where necessary, advocate for positive public health outcomes.



# South Australia Police

**South Australia Police (SAPOL) provides a range of policing services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep South Australians safe. SAPOL employees across the APY Lands include: sworn police officers; community constables; specialists and administrative staff; and volunteers. SAPOL work to protect and reassure individuals and communities across the APY Lands through: advocacy; education; community engagement; incident response; investigation; law enforcement; prosecution; and victim support.**

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Community Constable recruitment.
- ✓ Ongoing Cross Border partnerships.
- ✓ Pukatja Sports Carnival NT and SA Police Partnership.
- ✓ Community Patrol handover to RASAC.
- ✓ Ongoing NT, WA and SA Police Partnerships in targeting suppliers of alcohol and illicit substances.
- ✓ Ongoing Community Safety Initiatives.

## Aboriginal Community Constables

Two new Community Constables who recently graduated from the Police Academy in Adelaide are now enjoying their first positions on the APY Lands.

Mr Dale Lyons from Amata and Mr Carl 'Wakupi' Roberts from Kaltjiti (pictured with Police Commissioner Grant Stevens) are following in the footsteps of their grandfathers, who were also community constables.

Both men received training on the APY Lands and at the Police Academy. This was supplemented with additional training at Port Augusta and Coober Pedy.



*Community Constable Carl 'Wakupi' Roberts, Police Commissioner Grant Stevens and Community Constable Dale Lyons. (Photo courtesy of SAPOL)*

Community Constable Roberts has been posted to the Mimili Police Station while Community Constable Lyons - who was particularly keen to join SAPOL after being involved in community night patrols on the APY Lands - is working at the Amata Police Station.

Both Community Constables have a strong desire to help Anangu communities and have been very well received. Their knowledge and skills in language, cultural and contemporary issues, and assistance to police and communities is invaluable. Both Community Constables will also be very helpful in building relationships, particularly with vulnerable young people at risk.

Community Constables operate as a specialist group in support of mainstream general duties members, assisting in SAPOL's service delivery in Aboriginal communities across the State. Residents can obtain information about becoming a Community Constable or a Police Aboriginal Liaison Officer (PALO) by contacting local APY police stations.

## Law Enforcement Working in Partnership

SAPOL continues to be involved in Cross Border initiatives as set out in the provisions of the *Cross Border Justices Act, 2009*. The Cross Border Justices Act enables law enforcers (under certain circumstances) to exercise their authorities no matter where they are or where the perpetrators are or have been. Officers could not previously exercise their authorities in States or Territories other than their own. Therefore, offenders were able to evade arrest or conviction by simply travelling across the border. This left victims (including those of domestic abuse) vulnerable and enabled offenders to escape justice. It also reduced opportunities for offender rehabilitation.

The legislation provides flexibility for police to move across borders to appropriately deal with offenders and ensure communities are safe. That cooperation extends to policing large events, which in 2015 included the football and netball finals and Pukatja Sports Carnival that attracted significant numbers of residents from South Australia and interstate.

Pictured below are police officers from South Australia and the Northern Territory at the carnival. Cooperation between jurisdictions has significantly reduced the ability of offenders to evade justice.



*South Australia and Northern Territory Police Officers who attended the Pukatja Sports Carnival in a cross border initiative. (Photo courtesy of SAPOL)*

## Cross Border Team

The Commonwealth Government funded substance abuse intelligence and family violence networks (known as the Cross Border Team) continued to support police from South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia to eliminate the supply of alcohol and illicit substances and curbing family violence in the central Australian region. Under the tristate arrangements, police continued to work collaboratively with their interstate colleagues and other agencies to target suppliers of alcohol and illicit substances. This intelligence network also continued to support the NPY Women's Council and police operating within the APY Lands. This enhanced intelligence access has enabled SAPOL to provide better support to high-risk victims and monitor the activities of identified recidivist offenders. The Cross Border Team has made a positive contribution to better coordination across State borders. In support of the Cross Border Team, a SAPOL intelligence officer is now stationed on the APY Lands.

## Community Safety Initiatives

SAPOL continues to facilitate and chair Community Safety Committee Meetings at various communities across the APY Lands. This provides an opportunity for residents to discuss points of interest and identify available services. While these meetings play a role in building stronger relationships between SAPOL and local community members, it also serves to ensure the ongoing safety of residents and provides an opportunity to promote forthcoming events.

At Pukatja, police also met separately with Community Elders to identify how they could support their endeavours to discourage alcohol or



drugs coming into communities and stop the harmful effects on residents.

The meeting coincided with National Reconciliation Week and the response from those who attended was very positive.



*Local Police Officers and Community Elders outside the Pukatja Police Station after the meeting that focused on drugs and alcohol.  
(Photo courtesy of SAPOL)*

Other community safety initiatives have included: Blue Light discos, which continue to remain very popular and attract significant numbers of young people; coaching and training sporting teams; and providing classroom sessions with young people and interaction with individuals and groups. Topics have included child pornography, sexting, Facebook, internet safety and the issue of sexual consent.

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

SAPOL continued to work with other agencies on the APY Lands including Child Protection Services, CAMHS, DECD: Families SA, the NPY Women's Council and other stakeholders in order to provide coordinated support to victims and their families of sexual crime in accordance with established protocols.

A specialist investigator on sex crime and two victim management officers continue to be stationed on the APY Lands to support local police, which in turn has increased visual presence of police on the APY Lands and has led to a stronger rapport with the community.

A sustained focus on the safety of children remains a high priority; SAPOL continues to work with agencies in relation to sexual conduct. 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. As a result, a high level of community confidence and trust has developed.

## **Community Patrols**

Police have continued to provide support to 'night' or Community patrols operating from the Amata and Mimili Police Station. RASAC has now received funding from the Commonwealth Government to continue the ongoing operation of this service.

SAPOL's commitment to the APY Lands is ongoing as officers work with communities to ensure Aboriginal people enjoy the same levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing enjoyed by other Australians.



# TAFE SA

**TAFE SA is working closely with Anangu, employers and service providers to deliver targeted training that provides life skills and practical skills needed for those looking to secure employment and for those already in work.**

## 2015 Key Activities

- ✓ Ongoing training across all major Communities.
- ✓ Record number of graduates.
- ✓ Anangu Work Expo.
- ✓ Kalka-Pipalyatjara TAFE SA Learning Centre opening.

Training is delivered at the Learning Centres located at Amata, Iwantja, Kaltjiti, Mimili, Pipalyatjara, Pukatja, and at the APY Trade Training Centre in Umuwa.

The training model uses six permanent community-based lecturers who deliver foundation literacy and numeracy skills. This is augmented with visiting lecturers who provide a range of demand-driven accredited and short course vocational training across the APY Lands.

## 2015 was a positive year for TAFE South Australia

In 2015, the number of graduates was a record and included:

- 44 with the Certificate I in Hospitality;
- 11 with the Certificate I in Conversation and Land Management;
- 1 with the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment;
- 6 with the Certificate II in Community Services;
- 1 with the Certificate III in Aged Care; and



*APY Lands Management graduates. (Photo courtesy of TAFE SA)*



*Children services training at the APY Trade Training Centre. (Photo courtesy of TAFE South Australia)*



- 2 with the Certificate III in Home and Community Care.

From 18 – 20 August 2015, the Anangu Work Expo was held at the APY TTC with secondary students and job seekers participating in hands-on activities related to employment. During the week, participants talked with stallholders and accessed information on employment and training.



Former Adelaide Football Club champion Andrew McLeod meets students at the Anangu Work Expo. (Photo courtesy of TAFE SA)

The Wiltja Secondary College students based at Woodville High School could not attend the Anangu Work Expo, and so a mini Expo was organised for them on 23 November 2015. Students participated in a range of hands-on activities to help them identify careers that matched their skills and interests.



Plaque of the new Learning Centre. (Photo courtesy of DSD-AAR)



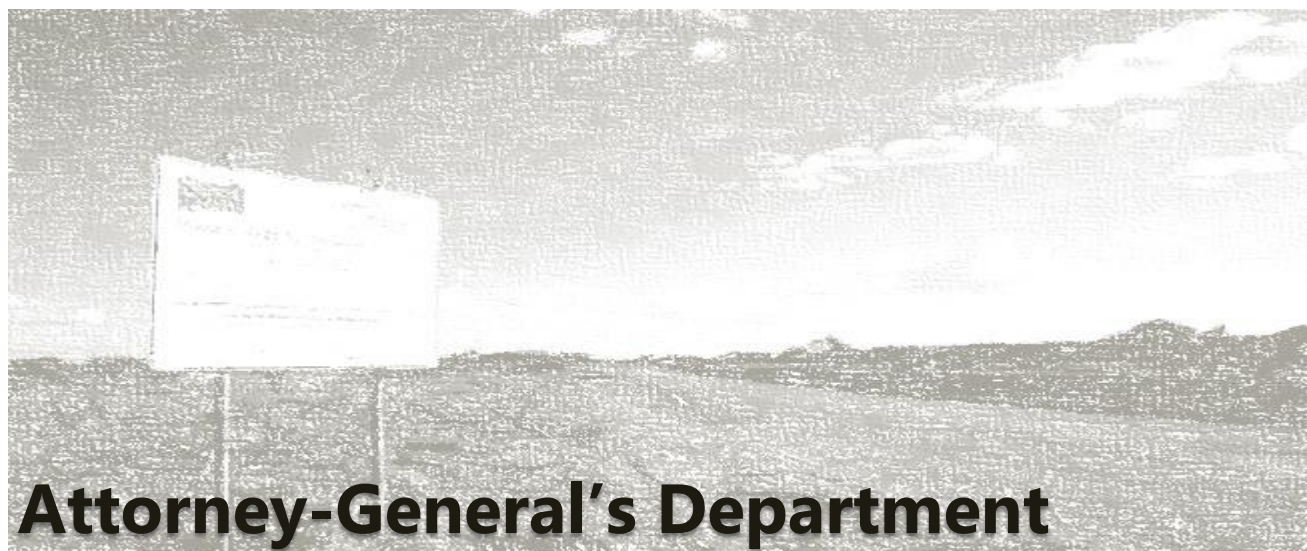
Ms Janet Skewes (TAFE SA), Ms Ina Scales (Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement), Mrs Milyika Paddy (APY Executive Board Chairperson), and the Hon. Kyam Maher MLC (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation) at the opening of the Kalka-Pipalyatjara Learning Centre. (Photo courtesy of DSD-AAR)



Mrs Milyika Paddy (APY Executive Board Chairperson) and Minister Maher at the official opening of the Kalka-Pipalyatjara Learning Centre. (Photo courtesy of MAAR)

On 20 October 2015, Mrs Paddy, Chairperson of APY Executive Board and Kalka Community Council, officially opened the Kalka- Pipalyatjara Learning Centre. The establishment of this centre has been a long-term project and a vision since 2003. Minister Maher was amongst the invited guests at the opening.





# Attorney-General's Department

The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) brings together a diverse group of functions in the justice sector for and on behalf of the South Australian community. The Department's vision is for an inclusive, safe and fair South Australia. AGD promotes justice by protecting rights, holding people to account in line with the law, improving safety, and contributing to an efficient and fair justice system.

## 2015 Key Activities

✓ Ombudsman service promotion in Pitjantjatjara.

✓ Public Advocate visit to the APY Lands.

## Ombudsman SA

The South Australian Ombudsman is an independent officer who has comprehensive power to conduct the following:

- Investigate complaints about state government and local government agencies;
- Conduct audits of these agencies;
- Review freedom of information determinations of these agencies;
- Support the implementation of the Information Sharing Guidelines across government; and
- Receive information about state and local government activities confidentially from whistleblowers.

The Office of the Ombudsman has recently attempted to address the very low complaint numbers received from the Aboriginal populations by producing a Pitjantjatjara hard copy brochure and a section on their Web site, [www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au).

## Public Advocate

The Office of the Public Advocate provides a guardianship service to adults who have the Public Advocate appointed as their guardian.

An Advocate/Guardian visits the APY Lands every one to two years to meet with protected persons, explain the role of the guardian and to seek the person's views and wishes. The guardian also sits down with families, community elders and local health and support services, to listen and provide an opportunity for them to have input into decision-making. Between visits, regular communication with communities is maintained through video and teleconferencing.

## SafeWork SA

SafeWork SA, as South Australia's work health and safety and industrial relations agency, aims to regulate, promote and encourage safe, fair and productive working lives. The agency administers the State's industrial relations and work health and safety laws.

SafeWork SA is committed to supporting APY Lands communities to enable safe work and public safety. The agency achieves this by:

- Providing information, advice and assistance to workers and employers on health and safety matters;
- Providing advice on the safe removal of asbestos in the community;
- Responding to notified injuries, dangerous occurrences and work-related complaints; and
- Assisting individuals and businesses to comply with licensing requirements – from high risk work to storage of dangerous goods, such as fuels and gases.

SafeWork SA's compliance and enforcement services include responding to notified incidents which may include investigations. There are also inspections associated with the licensed removal of asbestos and storage of dangerous substances and petroleum products.

In addition, SafeWork SA is committed to its educative role, to ensure employers and workers have the information and tools to prevent incidents from occurring in the first place.

Improved compliance with work health and safety and dangerous substances legislation contributes to improved worker and community safety. SafeWork SA's inspectors liaise with community leaders and business managers to provide assistance and guidance to address work health and safety issues.



## Country Fire Service

The Country Fire Service (CFS) serves communities through dedicated volunteers delivering professional fire and rescue services to outer metropolitan, regional, rural and remote South Australia.

CFS has strong representation in the community across South Australia. Local brigades contribute to out-of-area deployments to assist neighbouring communities, to communities elsewhere in the State, and interstate where required.

### 2015 Key Activities

✓ All female Firefighting Squad.

✓ Four new Fire Brigades on the APY Lands.

In April 2014, the APY Executive Board invited the Country Fire Service (CFS) to establish Brigades on the APY Lands. Leaders and potential captains/officers were identified to assist in organising community meetings. Region 4 Regional Commanders, Mr Bluey Devine and Mr Phil Dunkley were then able to visit four communities. APY Lands community members asked questions in relation to how the CFS could assist them to form CFS Brigades.

In the second week of August 2015, two teams of CFS Trainers visited the four APY Lands communities, following the receipt of formal requests, to form CFS Brigades. Over four days, two teams trained 50 new CFS Volunteers. The trainees, while learning the new skills that would equip them to help protect their communities, expressed much enthusiasm and excitement.

Region 4 has also welcomed four new CFS Brigades in the APY Lands. Pipalyatjara/Kalka, Amata, Kaltjiti and Mimili CFS Brigades were Gazetted on 16 October 2014 and join Pukatja and Mintabie to

expand the fire and emergency response capability on the APY Lands from two Brigades to six Brigades.

### The CFS Captains

Each community, through the endorsement by Community Elders, Councils and the new CFS Volunteers, confirmed the Brigade Captains and Officers.

The new CFS Captains are as follows:

- Mr Nugget Ngatai (Pipalyatjara/Kalka);
- Mr Stephen Johnston (Amata);
- Mr Matthew Berryman (Kaltjiti); and
- Mr Tony Walker (Mimili).



## Aboriginal Women's CFS Squad

In July 2015, women from Mimili made history in becoming the first Aboriginal CFS squad in South Australia. Nine women from different age groups and three lecturers trained for two days.

The Mimili women decided to take up the firefighting challenge as the men go away for different reasons and the women were usually left on community with the children and elderly.

The training covered how to service the new truck and equipment for Mimili, and how to fight different types of fire.



*All-female firefighters to undertake CFS training at Mimili. (Photo courtesy of T Pompey)*

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**"We didn't know how important the training was going to be, and the sense of enjoyment and pride in doing what we were doing was fantastic, knowing that we were helping to protect those we love and respect."**

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*Tania Pompey, Mimili Firefighter.*

Training to use the following equipment was undertaken, such as fire hoses, fire extensions and fire protective suits, helmets, gloves and boots.

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**"We only found out later that we were the first Indigenous female (Kungka) fire fighters undertaking this training and that it was happening in NAIDOC Week was an added bonus."**

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*Tania Pompey, Mimili Fire Fighter.*

## Interim Fire Appliances

Four APY Lands communities were provided with 2XQRV's and 2X34 Tankers, on the completion of the training.

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**"I would like to take this chance to thank you all for your time. This training and the ability to set up an operational brigade in Mimili couldn't come at a better time. In Mimili community over the past week, we have had children lighting small grass fires in open spaces and a couple around buildings, notably a gas bottle storage cage and inside school yards. These fires have not taken thank goodness, but the potential for real disaster could have occurred. Once again, thank you and we are looking forward to protecting our community and being able to assist, where possible, when needed."**

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*Mimili Captain, Mr Tony Walker thanked the Trainers.*

# Acronyms

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation	AAR
Aboriginal Health Directorate	AHD
Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team	ASSIST
Anangu Education Worker	AEW
Anangu Wellbeing Council	AWC
Australian Securities and Investments Commission	ASIC
Breathe Blow Cough	BBC
Budget Based Funding	BBF
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service	CAMHS
Child and Family Health Service	CAFHS
Children and Family Centre	CFC
Children and Wellbeing Centre	CWC
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.	PMC
Community Home Support Program	CHSP
Council of Australian Governments	COAG
Country Fire Service SA	CFS
Creative Education Partnerships: Artist in Residence	CEP: AIR
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure	DPTI
Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources	DEWNR
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	DPC
Department of State Development	DSD
Department for Education and Child Development	DECD
Department for Communities and Social Inclusion	DCSI
Education and Child Development	ECD
Employment Related Accommodation	ERA
Family Wellbeing Centre	FWC
Flexible Learning Option	FLO
Home and Community Care	HACC
Indigenous Advancement Strategy	IAS
Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network	ICAN
Indigenous Land Council	ILC
Local Health Network	LHN
Matrix on Board	MoB
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation	MAAR
Memorandum of Understanding	MOU
National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	NPARIH
Natural Resource Audit	NRA
Natural Resources Management	NRM
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council	NPY Women's Council
Nganampa Health Clinic	NHC
Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee	PYEC
Primary Industries and Regions South Australia	PIRSA
Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation	RASAC
Science, Monitoring and Knowledge	SMK
South Australia Certificate of Education	SACE
Steering Committee Anangu Lands Schooling	SCALS
Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan	SPDP
Trachoma Control Program	TCP
Trade Training Centre	TTC
Work Health and Safety	WHS