

South Australian Government Update

Progress on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands

Service Delivery and Development



*Children participating in the 'Come and Cook with Your Kids' School Holiday Program
APY Lands Food Security Strategic Plan.*

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FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure that this issue of *Progress on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands* is made available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) website <http://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/>. The update is produced by DPC's Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (DPC-AARD) on a bi-annual basis. This fourth edition provides progress up to and including September 2013.

Earlier this year, we released the third update: [June2013.pdf](#). This report was well received and provided up-to-date information about the progress of activities initiated by State Government agencies on the APY Lands, including partnerships with APY Executive, APY communities and the Commonwealth Government.

The State Government's Machinery of Government changes were fully implemented from 1 July 2013 with service delivery and associated staff resources redirected from DPC-AARD to other appropriate departments within the State Government. These changes are designed to streamline the way in which Aboriginal Affairs are managed by DPC-AARD and other State Government agencies, and will provide a more direct approach to service delivery.

The Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, visited the APY Lands in June and August 2013 and attended meetings with the APY Executive Board and Community Councils. He also met with Anangu and service providers in a number of communities. From these meetings, the South Australian Government is looking at ways of further improving the delivery of its services to APY communities.

Over the coming months, DPC-AARD's focus is on whole-of-government policy coordination with an emphasis on building the capacity of Aboriginal communities through the APY Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA), which was signed in July and August 2013 by the APY Executive and the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments.

The RPA is about improving governance, planning and service delivery as well as ensuring Anangu has a say in all decisions.

The last six months have been rewarding and challenging. When reflecting on what has been achieved, it is evident that we can only achieve our goals through constructive partnerships with other agencies and organisations. This update provides evidence of these partnerships and progress on the APY Lands including:

- Signing of the Regional Partnership Agreement.
- Completion of Family Wellbeing Centres.
- Continuing activity at the Umuwa Trade Training Centre.
- Continuing Land Management activities on APY Lands.
- Release of an Interim Report for the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act, 1981* Review.

I trust that you will find this issue of *Progress on the Lands* informative and encourage you to contribute to future updates.



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INTRODUCTION

As in our previous reports, the structure of this issue of *Progress on the Lands* follows the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG¹) Building Blocks² that were identified to organise COAG's response to Closing the Gap³ in Aboriginal disadvantage. These key pieces of work have also been aligned with the priorities set out by the South Australian Government⁴.

The South Australian Government supports the COAG view that:

... overcoming Aboriginal disadvantage will require a long-term, generational commitment that sees major effort directed across a range of strategic platforms or Building Blocks which support the reforms aimed at the Closing the Gap targets².

These Building Blocks are listed below:

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

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

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

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

This *Progress on the Lands* update is by no means exhaustive, but serves to provide an overview of developments and specific highlights. It relates to service provision and initiatives that have been established to strengthen community governance and collaboration between the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments, the APY Executive, Community Councils and communities. The time period covered by this report is May 2013 to September 2013, with the exception of more recent updates of significance and some historical information.

¹ <http://www.coag.gov.au/>

² <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/indigenous-australians/programs-services/closing-the-gap/closing-the-gap-targets-and-building-blocks>

³ <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/indigenous-australians/programs-services/closing-the-gap>

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

⁵ Ibid

SAFE COMMUNITIES

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

SAPOL and the Community

Community Safety Meetings



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

Community Safety Plans



SAPOL has also undertaken a program to develop Community Safety Plans for each of the major communities. The Mimili community safety plan was developed in consultation with community Elders, emergency services and government support services in Mimili, and has formed the basis for similar plans in other communities.

These plans provide guidance to community members on how they should respond in the event of an emergency and the support they can expect from emergency response and support services. Commonwealth funding was sourced under the 'Keeping our Mob Safe: National Emergency Management Strategy for Remote Indigenous Communities' for the development of 'Story-Boards' to be posted in each community in support of the Community Safety Plans.

Additional Initiatives



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

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

SAPOL Services

Community Constables



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



Photo courtesy of SAPOL

However, the ability to recruit and support Community Constables continues to be difficult, even though SAPOL has a Senior Sergeant dedicated to this task, who regularly visits the APY Lands, working with communities in an effort to identify and support those who seek to pursue these important roles. SAPOL has also developed a recruitment pathway through the engagement of Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers (PALOs). Three people are currently engaged in PALO training. SAPOL continues to promote this recruitment pathway.

As at 10 September 2013, there were three Community Constables - one at Pukatja, one at Pipalyatjara and one at Mimili - who continue to provide valuable support and assistance to police.

Cross Border Initiatives



Under the provisions of the *Cross Border Justice Act 2009*, SAPOL is working in conjunction with police from the Northern Territory and Western Australia to ensure the efficient application of justice services to the Cross Border region. Those who engage in criminal acts can no longer cross jurisdictional boundaries to escape justice, with police empowered as Special Constables to act in corresponding jurisdictions.

Police activities in this tri-State region are overseen through regular Police Commanders' meetings and tactical coordination meetings, supported by a Memorandum of Understanding and Standard Operating Procedures. With regular communication occurring between police across jurisdictional borders, the ability for offenders to evade justice is significantly reduced.

Social Media and Connecting with Community



SAPOL was the first emergency service to launch a suite of social media tools to engage with the community. It now has an online community of around 130,000 who follow the organisation on the SA Police News Web site, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The weekly reach is in excess of 500,000. Social media messaging has become an integral part of operational media strategies and this now includes a phone application (app) for the SA Police News website.

To assess how to improve and enhance community engagement, SAPOL trialled a Facebook page for the



SAPOL Facebook Page

APY Lands, along with six other selected areas. Some examples of the information circulated include: photographs of officers and Community Constables working together; seizures of alcohol and drugs warning against their dangers; and information in relation to the problem of gambling. An evaluation of the trial determined it was most appropriate for SAPOL to have a single, centralised Facebook page. As a result, all trial pages were merged with the Corporate SAPOL Facebook page.

To ensure communities are engaged at a very local level on issues about policing, in late June 2013, SAPOL launched individual Local Service Area news pages on its dedicated SA Police News page www.sapolice.com.au. This will provide all Local Service Areas with an exciting opportunity to convey local information to their relevant audience in each area, including the APY Lands.

SAID Desk



The Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk (SAID) is a Commonwealth funded intelligence network supporting police from the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia in their aim to eliminate the supply of alcohol and illicit substances from the central Australia region. Under this arrangement, police work collaboratively with their interstate colleagues and other agencies to target suppliers of alcohol and illicit substances, which have a devastating effect on APY Lands communities.

Family Violence Intelligence Desk



Following the success of SAID, a Commonwealth funded Family Violence Intelligence Desk has recently been established as an intelligence network supporting the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) and police from the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia in their aim of curbing family violence in the central Australia region. Armed with enhanced intelligence, police are better able to act in support of high-risk victims and monitor the activities of identified recidivist offenders.

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



SAPOL is continuing to work with the other agencies on the APY Lands in relation to sexual assaults. A specialist Sex Crime Investigator and two Victim Management Officers are seconded to the APY Lands to support the local police and provide specialist advice and investigational experience in the field of sexual crime. The secondments have been extended and investigators have taken an active role in developing and providing education sessions to community members across the APY Lands in relation to sexual offending, the issue of consent and the dangers of pornography by using a 'story board' approach.

Presentations have been delivered to communities including: Amata, Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Iwantja, Kalka, Kanypi, Mimili, Murputja, Nyapari, Pipalyatjara and Watarru. As a result, a high level of community confidence and trust has been developed.

Investigators have fostered working relationships with other agencies, including SA Health - Child Protection Services (CPS), Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), DECD, DECD-Families SA and the NPYWC in order to provide coordinated support to victims and their families.

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

Amata and Mimili Night Patrol Trials



Night Patrols commenced at Amata in February 2012 and Mimili in October 2012, the model for both communities consisted of local community volunteers who provide a visible presence with a focus on getting children (who are wandering around) home at night. Community members involved in the Night Patrol would:

- call the police if a crime was suspected;
- pick up children and teenagers who are out after dark; and
- refer cases to health or welfare agencies.

It is important to note that this model did not engage in law and order issues, but encouraged the reporting of incidents.

The Night Patrols in Amata have continued to run on a regular basis. Issues with Night Patrols at Mimili continue due to discussion amongst volunteers that they should be paid for their services.

Child Safety on the APY Lands



DECD-Families SA has six Lands based workers based at Pipalyatjara, Amata, Pukatja, Iwantja, Mimili and Kaltjiti. Based in schools, these dedicated officers provide services in early prevention, case management, training and other strategies to improve the safety, health and wellbeing of children and families.

DECD-Families SA (Coober Pedy) has introduced emergency financial assistance and other financial counselling services to assist families on the Lands.

The *APY Lands Child Protection Protocols* 2010 developed by DECD, SAPOL, Health SA-CPS and CAMHS, and NPYWC will undergo a major review. The review will enable agencies to reflect on the implementation of the protocols and identify opportunities to strengthen interagency coordination and responses to child protection notifications.

Road Network Maintenance and Safety Improvements



The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) currently oversees the management and supervision of routine road maintenance and network improvements in the APY Lands.

The main access road is currently used by more than 60% of the total APY population and provides access to health, education and training services, allows for the delivery of food and medical supplies, and the export of livestock and feral animals.

Improvements to the road network provide a range of community benefits which contribute to national and State Aboriginal Affairs policy objectives, such as:

- Improved access to services in communities.
- Improved security of food suppliers.
- Additional community interaction and social exchange.
- Improved living standards as a result of enhanced service access.

Works Undertaken in 2012-13 include:

- Formation and resheeting of 10km of the main access road between Kaltjiti and Umuwa.
- Formation and sheeting of 1.8km of Kaltjiti community access road.
- Installation of traffic counters to monitor vehicle movement between communities.
- Maintenance grading of the main roads.
- Installation of warning signs and grid replacement at various locations throughout the road network.

- Flood damage repairs including formation and drainage improvements.
- Project management of resheeting and formation of the Mimili Airstrip, funded through the State and Commonwealth Government.



Photo courtesy of DPTI

Proposed Works for 2013-14 include:

- Consultation with the Chairperson of the APY Executive Board and APY General Manager, pertaining to the formation and resheeting of 10km of the main access road between Kanpi and Nyapari.
- Monitoring of traffic counters and onsite network surveillance of the road network to prioritise the frequency of maintenance grading.
- Maintenance grading of the main roads.

New Roads for APY Lands



The State Government submitted a funding application to Infrastructure Australia, regarding the improvement of the main road into the APY Lands. The Commonwealth Government has committed 80% of the funding with State Government contributing the remainder.

The road from the Stuart Highway to Pukatja will be improved along with access roads to airstrips in Pukatja, Umuwa, Kaltjiti, Mimili, Iwantja and access roads to the Umuwa power station and the Umuwa and Kaltjiti communities.

An improved road surface will reduce road accidents, particularly roll-overs, increase access to services including health care, and improve the security of food supplies to the region, and reduce high service delivery costs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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

Children and Family Centres: New Places for Anangu Children and Families



Early Childhood services for Anangu families and children aged from birth to 3 years has been the biggest growth area within the APY Lands schools in the past 2 years.

It is widely recognised that community engagement is vital for the development of young people, contributing to higher educational achievement, engagement and wellbeing. In addition, communities have desired a common space to connect parents, young mums and dads, other caregivers and their children.

Through the financial assistance of the Commonwealth Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – Indigenous Affairs Division (PMC-IAD), formally FaHCSIA, and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), Children and Family Centres have been established at Iwantja and Mimili. New facilities are being built in Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Amata, and Murputja. The Murputja communities are accessible for the families of Nyapari, Kanpi, Kalka and Pipalyatjara.

The centres provide communities with access to vital education and social services and programs, and provide employment opportunities for Anangu. TAFE have provided extensive support to deliver a *Certificate III in Children's Services* to facilitate successful attainment and employment for local Anangu.



Photo courtesy of DECD



Photo courtesy of DECD

Partnership Providing Increased Services at Pukatja



The Pukatja Children and Family Centre delivers specifically tailored programs designed to meet the needs of Anangu children and families based in Pukatja and the surrounding areas.

The Centre serves as a referral point for families to access services and programs.

Partnerships with Australian Red Cross, DECD - CaFHS, Housing SA, Mental Illness Fellowship SA (MIFSA) and NPYWC have ensured the delivery of:

- Children's social and wellbeing programs;
- Early Childhood Development support program;
- Parenting and Community engagement programs;
- Youth programs;
- Under 3's program (daily);
- Counselling services;
- Arts and sewing programs;
- Nutrition and breakfast programs;
- Hearing, dental and health services;
- Preschool learning programs; and
- Occasional care.

Family support services are available through CAMHS and DCSI including a Social Worker and Family Support Worker. The Centre also serves as a referral point for families to access services and programs.

Anangu Education Workers (AEWs) work alongside teachers to support learning and behaviour management to deliver improved learning outcomes and improved wellbeing for Anangu children. The development of strong relationships with families and staff has enabled increased family and cultural understanding and support.

CaFHS continues to deliver its *Early Childhood Development* program with two nurses visiting the community every fortnight. They are specifically working with children under the age of three and their parents. The program includes developmental evaluations, information sessions, one-to-one support, counselling and advice. The major focus areas this year have been child development, ear health, hygiene and teeth and face cleaning. The nurses work closely with Nganampa Health Clinic and the Pukatja APY Lands Based Social Worker as well as the Community Development Manager. The nurses have established links in Alice Springs and Adelaide to support parents who are hospitalised.

ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

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

Remote Jobs and Communities Program – Community Action Plans



Consultations have now commenced on the APY Lands to develop Community Actions Plans (CAPS) under the new Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP).

CAPs are central to the RJCP and are the means by which service providers in each of the 60 remote regions across Australia engage with communities. In developing the plans with RJCP providers, community residents are able to identify issues and opportunities, come up with local solutions and plot a course for longer term change.

The plans set out a practical path to generating more jobs, participation and economic development within each region. They also ensure that RJCP providers, other service providers, business and government are clear about how communities view local needs and opportunities.

The CAP process is managed by the Commonwealth Department of the PMCA-AD. The CAPs are living documents that will be reviewed at least annually.

Caring for Country in the APY Lands



Caring for country in the APY Lands is progressing well with a number of communities that have cattle, taking part in the Environmental Management Understanding (EMU) project.

The project assists communities to work out what they want to do on their land and then how it might be achieved. A key outcome of this process is that the Traditional Owners will own the knowledge and be able to continue to move forward - an important enabler in the region.

Natural Resources (NR) Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) is currently assisting in the development of a package of programs to help with a sustainable pastoral industry on the APY Lands.

A community meeting was held recently at Kanpi to discuss working on country and to look at community projects that would get people out working on country again. An NR AW contractor was impressed to see the level of enthusiasm shown at the meeting and is now developing a number of actions plans aligned with the community's proposed objectives.

Building Strong and Constructive Relationships



All NR AW projects located within the APY Lands are conducted as partnerships with APY Land Management. These strong and constructive relationships support the achievement of real outcomes, both in natural resources and for the communities and groups involved.

Small Mammal Surveys

A number of annual small mammal surveys have also been undertaken inside and around the fence by Rangers. These surveys compare the small mammal populations living within the fenced-off zone that keeps out feral predators and herbivores to small mammal populations living in unprotected areas.

The Environmental Management Understanding Project

Some communities with cattle are taking part in land management development through involvement with the EMU project. The strength of EMU is that it builds on the solid foundations of local knowledge. Through the EMU project, NR AW assists communities to work out what they want to do on their land and then how it might be achieved. All information gathered during this process is confidential and remains the property of the land owner.



The fence surrounds the rocky outcrop where Black Footed Wallaby (Warru) are protected from predators.

Horses and Donkeys

The removal of feral horses and donkeys across the APY Lands has been undertaken by APY Pastoral. This is aimed at helping to reduce the negative impact of these animals on the area's vegetation as well as improving road safety for people travelling around the region. A package of programs to help set up a sustainable pastoral industry on the lands is also being developed.

Caring for Rockholes

NR AW contractor, has been working with women from Mimili community on the *Dreamweaver* (Caring for Rockholes) project on the APY Lands. They recently met to talk about the work completed at the Katapitupa Rockhole. A story book will be produced showing what has been achieved.

Working on Country - Kanpi Nyapari

A community meeting was also held at Kanpi to discuss work on country projects for Kanpi and Nyapari. These community projects support people from the communities in getting back to country. Everyone at the meeting was very enthusiastic and gave the contractor a clear understanding of what they wanted.

City Kids Lend a Hand- Victory Well

Over 20 Mercedes School students helped community land care by removing Buffel Grass in the Victory Well area.

The benefits of this were mutual, with young people from the city gaining a better understanding of living on the land and looking after it. The initiative also contributed to building stronger partnerships with community and urban people.



An area where buffel grass was removed by Mercedes School students: Photo courtesy of DEWNR

Natural Resources (NR) Committee visits the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) Region's APY Lands

In early May 2013, the Natural Resources Committee of South Australia visited the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) northern regions including the APY Lands.

The Committee, whose central function is to protect, improve and enhance the State's natural resources, has representatives from various political parties and both Houses of Parliament.

En-route to Umuwa, the Committee members were able to see first-hand the effect of grazing on Buffel Grass at the border of NT and the APY Lands (in SA). Cattle had clearly reduced the spread of the weed infestation which is a far greater problem on the SA side.

Arriving at the hills near New Well, the group met up with the Black Footed Wallaby (Warru) recovery team and Indigenous Rangers to discuss the Warru project and visit the Warru compound.

In the afternoon, the committee met with the APY Executive and had productive discussions around a number of NRM issues, in particular camel management and the spread of Buffel Grass.

The following day at Iwantja School, the Committee talked about community capacity building and plans for future work in the region. The Principal of Iwantja School also showed group members the school vegetable garden planted and cared for by the children.

The afternoon was equally as rewarding with a trip to Davies Bore where Anangu Elder, Alex Baker discussed his vision for the yards and how it might reduce feral animal problems near Iwantja as well as providing employment and income for the community and Anangu. To this end, the Committee (many of whom have considerable backgrounds in land management) looked over the disused yards and discussed their potential.

After spending the night in Coober Pedy, the Natural Resources Committee met with the CEO of the Coober Pedy Council, Phil Cameron and the leader of Antakarinja Mantu Yankunytjatjara, Ian Crombie to discuss the Breakaways Co-management Board.

The group then returned to Adelaide, armed with a closer, first-hand understanding of the APY Land's rich natural resources and of the issues facing Anangu in caring for their country.

South Australia Natural Resource Committee Membership

Presiding Member:
Hon Steph Key MP

Members:
Mr Geoff Brock MP
Mr Don Pegler MP
Mr Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
Hon Russell Wortley MLC
Hon John Dawkins MLC
Mrs Robyn Geraghty MP
Hon Robert Brokenshire MLC
Mr Lee Odenwalder MP



Don Peglar talks with Alex Baker about his early years as a stockman at Davies Bore and about his vision for future local projects: Photo courtesy of DEWNR



Natural Resources Committee of South Australia members look over the stockyards: Photo courtesy of DEWNR

Aṅanguku Arts



DPC-Arts SA supports the artists and art centres on the APY Lands primarily through its funding of Aṅanguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation. Aṅanguku Arts supports the professional development of Indigenous artists and cultural maintenance across the APY Lands and regional South Australia.

In the period April-October 2013, Aṅanguku Arts provided ongoing support to artists across the State, including professional development, advice on funding, business practice, and recruitment for art centres.

Art Centres: Income Generation and Employment



As reported in previous briefings, the South Australian Government provided a grant of \$450,000 to Aṅanguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation in 2011, for the construction and upgrading of art centres' staff housing in a number of communities. This grant was supplemented by a further \$655,000 from the Australian Government Office for the Arts.

The improved staff housing will enable the centres to increase the number of art centre managers employed and provide appropriate accommodation.

In addition, a further \$2.84 million has been secured from the Department of Regional Australia for the redevelopment of art centre infrastructure, including a new art centre at Mimili and upgraded facilities across the Lands.

These projects are being managed by Aṅanguku Arts on behalf of the art centres, with support from a steering group of government representatives including Arts SA.

The first house at Mimili was completed in December 2012.

The remaining projects are being delivered concurrently across the APY Lands, and include a mix of offsite and onsite construction, as well as renovations of existing infrastructure. They are progressing well and are on schedule.

The housing and Art Centre re-developments are due for completion in December 2013.

Other funding

Since April 2013, Arts SA has provided the Adelaide Festival Centre Trust – Indigenous Visual Art Exhibition in Hong Kong \$5,090 to support artists and arts projects from the APY Lands:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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

Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS) Waltjapti Program



DECD-Families SA in partnership with the Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD and NPYWC is providing intensive family support services to parents and caregivers in Amata and Pukatja. The services have recently expanded to include Mimili and Iwantja. These services aim to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of children through the provision of parenting education and support in homes and communities.

Baby Packs



A new program to supply baby care packs is being warmly received by families of new born children thanks to a recently established partnership between DECD-Families SA and DECD-CFYHS

Home and Community Care Service



The Home and Community Care (HACC) Service supports frail, aged and young people with a disability to be more independent at home and in the community and to reduce the potential or inappropriate need for admission to residential care.

HACC provides a daily nutritious meal, blanket washing and some transport assistance for Anangu who have been identified as requiring support to manage their homes independently.

HACC services are based in Amata, Kalka, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Mimili, Pipalyatjara and Iwantja, and are provided from the community Family Centres. The program recruits local Anangu staff. Nganampa Health is funded through DCSI to run the HACC services in Pukatja.

The Iwantja HACC service has been working closely with Housing SA to support community members who are moving into new houses. The new tenants are being supported to find appropriate furniture, curtains and other items that will enable a smooth transition into the new accommodation. A proposed development of the Iwantja HACC Kitchen will provide space for community members to use for informal activities.

DCSI currently employ 18 Anangu across the APY Lands as HACC and Family Support Workers.



HACC meals being prepared at Iwantja - photo courtesy of DCSI

Adelaide Football Club Youth Leadership Program



Thirty young Anangu from the APY Lands are participating in a Youth Leadership Program with the Adelaide Football Club. Aimed at year 10-12 students, the program is assisting young people to develop important leadership and governance skills that will allow them to take on leadership roles within their own communities.

The students have attended several four-day camps in Adelaide to participate in activities including sports, mentoring, leisure and education sessions.

The students have each been assigned a mentor, who is supporting them in completing their high school education and helping them to seek out opportunities after they have completed Year 12.

Program Manager and a dual Crows premiership player, Andrew McLeod, works closely with all of the participants. Mr McLeod is hopeful the four-day camps will give young people the confidence and drive to finish school and pursue opportunities thereafter.

Disability Support Program and Allied Health Service

Disability Support Program



Disability support staff and family centre staff provide diverse support to community members with a disability and their families, to be encouraged, connected and involved in the community. Approximately 40 clients are supported by the Disability Support program.

A trip to the Snow

Recently seven of the disability clients from the APY Lands Community Programs experienced a trip of a lifetime - a holiday in the snow!

This special experience was certainly something that the clients will never forget.

After three days of travelling, the group arrived in Jindabyne where they were met by Disabled Winter Sport Australia.

This organisation provided all clients with one-on-one assistance on the snow, using specially adapted equipment for people with physical disabilities

All clients were able to experience sit-skis, tubing, snow-train rides and very high chair lift rides up the snowy mountains.

The clients had a fabulous trip, spending quality time together and experiencing the snowy mountains of Thredbo and Perisher.



Having a ski on a sit-ski: Photo courtesy of DCSI



On the way up the mountain to have lunch: Photo courtesy of DCSI

APY Mobility Response



A mobility officer has now been appointed to develop and implement the APY Mobility Response Program. The Program is now set up and working with transient clients across the state.

Effective linkages with the relevant services on and off the APY Lands have been established to improve service to Anangu. The Mobility Response Program is now a first port of call for agencies in Adelaide, Port Augusta, Ceduna and Coober Pedy who are engaging with mobile Anangu clients.

This initiative is funded by DCSI's Homelessness Strategy Division and aims to respond to:

- Housing issues including household management and tenancy security on the APY Lands;
- Movement of Aboriginal people to and from the APY Lands;
- Movement between communities and the regional centres of South Australia and the Northern Territory;
- Overcrowding;
- Rough sleeping in parks or fringe camps;
- Placing family members; and
- Children and young people at risk.

Allied Health Service



The APY Lands Allied Health Service is staffed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists from Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team (ASSIST). The service provides equipment, home modifications and therapy to enable Anangu to maintain independence and remain living in their home and communities. Advice and support is also provided to aged care, disability, and health workers in the communities.

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

A satellite equipment store is now located at Marla, which has enabled staff to ensure maintenance and repairs can be done in a timely manner. It has also increased the capacity to store extra equipment close to the APY Lands.

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

Home modifications have been installed to increase independence and safety within homes. These include access ramps, handrails and bathroom safety equipment. Equipment items are issued to increase individual's independence with tasks of daily living and personal care, and to assist those who are providing care. These items include aids to assist with showering, toileting, transfers, pressure care, manual handling and positioning.

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

Local Community Awareness Program



The Local Community Awareness Program (LCAP) is an initiative established under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA). The LCAP has been established as part of the agreement to strengthen government engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander citizens and communities and improve the cultural competence of government staff.

With support from the Commonwealth Department of the PMC-IAD, an LCAP was held in Amata in February 2013. The Amata LCAP was facilitated by Mr Benny Hodges who worked with the Amata community members to develop and deliver information sessions that were delivered to a small group of government and non-government service providers. These 'Yarnin' Circles' were based on four key themes including: the past; who we are; culture and identity; and working with government.

The feedback from the Amata community members who assisted the facilitator in the delivery of LCAP was extremely positive and the community is keen to build on this program in the future. Positive feedback was also received from the LCAP participants who were impressed with both the structure and content of the program and keen to see other service providers participate in future programs.

APY Lands Family Wellbeing Centres



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

The critical focus of this initiative is on the coordination and integration of family wellbeing services in each of the three communities. The FWCs bring together a range of family support programs and other services, such as, early childhood, family support and support for vulnerable client groups.

All three sites have now been completed and are operational:

- Amata FWC: Country Health SA
- Mimili FWC: DCSI
- Pukatja FWC: DECD

Amata Family Wellbeing Centre



Amata Family Wellbeing Centre Re-development - photo courtesy of DPTI

The following programs are run from the Amata FWC:

- Amata Health Advisory Council (HAC);
- Group walks;
- Circuit Training;
- Diabetes Prevention Outreach Program;
- NPYWC Nutrition Program;
- Cross Borders Family Violence Program;
- Tjanpi Desert Weavers;
- Family crisis discussions;

- Bible translation studies conducted by the Uniting Church of Australia and

University of SA (David Unaipon School of Aboriginal studies); and

- Amata Wati Tjilpi Tjuta (Men's Group).

Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre

The following programs are run from the Mimili FWC:

- HACC Program
- Youth and Disability Programs
- DECD-Families SA
- NPY Women's Council
- MoneyMob
- Relationships Australian
- Community Game Nights
- Community BBQs
- APYEat Cooking Demonstration Programs
- Young People used to get ready for end of year graduation

A Steering Committee to oversee the management of the Centre is currently being established.

An Official opening of the Centre is planning for the first half of 2014.



Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre Completed Construction: Photo Courtesy of DPTI

Pukatja Family Wellbeing Centre

The following programs are run (or identified for future use) of the Pukatja FWC:

- DCSI – Youth programs
- DCSI – Disability programs
- DCSI - Mobility programs,
- Families SA,
- CAMHS,
- CAFHS,
- SANFL,
- NPYWC,
- Housing SA,
- Cross Borders Project,
- MoneyMob,
- Shine SA,
- Mental Illness Fellowship SA (MIFSA),
- DECD training programs,
- Community activities e.g. Sports clubs.

APY Lands Food Security Strategy



As from 1 July 2013, the APY Lands Food Security Strategy 2010-2016 was transferred from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (DPC-AARD) to the DCSI.

The APY Lands Food Security Executive Action Team (APY-EAT), comprising of representatives from a range of State Government departments, the Commonwealth Department of the PMC-IAD, APY Executive, NPYWC and Red Cross, Mai Wiru, and is chaired by DCSI.

The Second Evaluation Report (released in April 2013) is based on feedback from the APY-EAT member agencies and consultation with key stakeholders on the APY Lands including Mai Wiru, Nganampa Health, NPYWC and APY. The report recommended a focus on:

- financial well-being
- store management support
- freight improvement
- stronger educational focus by supporting the development of school gardens.

Efforts have continued across the key priority areas with recent highlights are described below.

Financial Wellbeing led by Commonwealth Government

Initiatives were developed to support families with money management were developed, these include:

- income support payments being provided on a weekly basis rather than fortnightly; and
- promotion of increased use of Centrepay,

These initiatives have generated a very positive response from residents.

A model of income management was introduced in October 2012 after consultation with Anangu and as at 27 September 2013 there were 243 voluntary participants.

MoneyMob continue to have a strong presence across the major communities on the APY Lands, with programs and services such as:

- Community Education – using a games pack with school children and conducting informal community workshops.
- Money Management Services – Assistance with a range of financial functions i.e. banking, financial paperwork, bills, fines, benefits, rent, budgeting and tax issues.
- Financial counselling – Major debt repayment, negotiation and advocacy with creditors and individual case management.

Despite a number of significant operational challenges and a steep learning curve for both Anangu and non-Anangu staff, over 700 client-contacts were recorded by MoneyMob during the three months ending July 2013. The top 12 services provided were:

Top 12 Services May-July 2013	No. of services
Internet Banking	254
Centrelink	129
Access to Phone/Computer	50
Bank Account	48
Superannuation	42
Tax	34
Keycard	24



MoneyMob Manager Carolyn Cartwright (right)
Mob Talkabout APY Program - photo courtesy of DCSI

Other (not specified)	17
Balance Inquiry	14
Transfer money	13
Negotiations with creditors	9
Assistance with consumer issues	8

MoneyMob are currently developing a client assessment tool based on the four domains used by the World Bank to measure individual financial capability. When deployed, this will enable staff to ask questions and elicit meaningful information from clients according to their current skill level, but also to track financial capability over time.

Freight Improvement

Priority four of the seven priority areas for action by APY-EAT is Freight Improvement. DPC-AARD had commissioned two key projects, each of which align with the Freight Improvement priority action.

One project (Freight Improvement - "Strategic Plan: Long Term Supply Chain to the APY Lands") relates to a review of existing supply chains to the APY Lands and recommends more efficient and cost-effective supply arrangements for landed goods in stores (that is, fresh fruit and vegetables and dry goods).

The second project is a review of current freight contracts this involved scoping the requirements of a regional freight contract to the APY Lands, including bulk-buying arrangements with a view to minimise costs for the stores.

Both reports are now complete and have been referred to DCSI to commence negotiations with the relevant stakeholders with the view to trialling the recommendations in selected stores on the APY Lands.

Consumer Protection

Following a presentation by Consumer and Business Services staff and staff of Ngarama Productions at the APY Executive Board meeting of 7 August 2013, APY Executive endorsed the production of the 'Deadly Dollars' DVD on the APY Lands using local actors. The DVD will depict what can happen when consumers make impulsive purchases and sign up for expensive contracts and will be recorded in Pitjantjatjara. The script is currently being revised by Ngarama Productions and it is anticipated that it will be commence production prior to the end of 2013.



Two of the Talking Posters in Kaltjiti Store – courtesy of DCSI

APY Executive also enthusiastically endorsed the series of four Talking Posters (produced by DPC-AARD) at their meeting on 7 August 2013. A set of these posters with four different consumer protection messages - Buying a Car, Keeping Receipts, Signing Contracts and Buying a Mobile Phone - were presented to the communities of Kaltjiti, Iwantja, Amata, Mimili, Pukatja and Pipalyatjara.

Store Management Support

DPC-AARD (through State Government capital funding) installed an 88KVA back-up generator in the Iwantja community store in early June 2013. This generator is specifically provided as backup power for the fridges and freezers during power outages, thereby maintaining the safety of the food supply and reducing stock losses. The remaining stores that have been assessed as high priority for these generators are Kanpi, Amata and Kaltjiti. It is anticipated that they will be installed in late November 2013 and early December 2013.

DPC-AARD has also funded the installation of in-store televisions and DVD players in a number of community stores simultaneously with the generators. Following consultation, a selection of relevant DVD's with a focus on promotion of healthy food and lifestyles will be provided to Amata, Pipalyatjara, Kaltjiti, Kanpi, Pukatja and Iwantja stores.



Amata store – Photo courtesy of DCSI

The Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD is working closely with Mai Wiru Stores to improve food security on the APY Lands through a business model that will allow APY Lands stores to operate profitably and sustainably and work towards a system where well-managed stores are a key economic driver for the region.

The new governance and business model for the stores will address supply chain issues and provide a new strategy for using the stores' joint purchasing power to achieve lower prices.

Mai Wiru is working closely with Foodbank SA to develop an new model for freight and logistics. Mai Wiru and Foodbank SA are also investigating options for purchasing key lines of goods at lower prices in order to increase Mai Wiru's operational capacity and ability to pass savings on to APY Lands residents.

Home Management Support

In consultation with the Mimili Community Council, a Laundromat has been built in Mimili by the Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD to provide the local community with access to four large commercial washing machines with blanket washing capacity.

While dryers are not an option due to the impact on power supply, the Laundromat is surrounded by a large veranda with undercover clotheslines. Additionally, the veranda has been creatively and beautifully painted by local artists and children of the Mimili Anangu School to depict stories relating to 'washing', which enhances the facility and creates a point of interest for visitors to Mimili.



Mimili Laundromat – photos courtesy of DCSI

The Laundromat is open 6 days per week, consistent with the store opening hours. Machine tokens and sachets of detergent can be purchased from the store with an option of purchasing on the Basics Card.

The cost is currently \$5 per wash. However, the cost is to be negotiated with the community over the coming months, taking into consideration the need for the enterprise to be independently financially viable.

Outback Stores, who manage the local Mimili Store, have employed a local community person in the role of Laundromat Supervisor and are providing training and support for the new employee in conjunction with Skill Hire's Mimili Team. This facility has created a new part-time, ongoing employment and training opportunity for Mimili. It will support future economic development and contribute to health and wellbeing.

Education

As of 21 August 2013, a total of 238 participants had achieved 168 competencies in training programs since the APY Trade Training Centre (APYTTC) became operational at the start of 2013. This includes the *Certificate 1 in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)*.

At Amata Anangu School, the Young Men's (Wati) class are developing a series of landscaped areas around the school site including a small garden plot adjacent to the Early Years Centre.

School Gardens are established and operating at Iwantja and Kenmore Park school sites, providing seasonal fruit and vegetables. The gardens are maintained by the students and the produce is consumed as part of class and whole school food and nutrition programs.

As a participating school in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, Iwantja Anangu School has developed a kitchen facility which enables them to conduct regular cooking lessons for large groups of children, using produce from the garden whenever possible. Iwantja School have recently enlisted the assistance of some parents to prepare school lunches for the students. Mimili Anangu School have also recently established a school canteen that provides hot lunches and fruit boxes each day at a charge of \$5 per student.

School sites at Pipalyatjara, Amata, Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Kenmore Park and Murputja all have lunch programs for their students.

All school sites on the APY Lands currently have a Breakfast Program supported by Australian Red Cross or Save the Children.

Discrete Projects

A new cooking program is currently being developed that will incorporate the introduction of in-store cooking demonstrations featuring simple recipes requiring minimal ingredients. The ingredients will all be available from the store along with minimal cooking hardware. These recipes will be included in the 2014 'Calendar of Family Meals' being produced specifically for the APY Lands. Following consultation, it is envisaged these hands-on demonstrations will commence in November 2013 in a number of community stores that have a suitable indoor area. Recording of the sessions for future viewing within the community stores across the Lands is also being considered.

HEALTHY HOMES

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

Housing Construction Activity



The 2012-13 capital works program at 30 June 2013, saw 17 new builds and 20 refurbishments in the APY Lands completed under NPARIH.

Additionally, Housing SA is close to completing accommodation for up to 24 people for employment-related accommodation in Umuwa. As at 30 June 2013, the building was at the stage of lock-up and internal work is progressing. Construction is on schedule for an October 2013 practical completion. The two dormitory style buildings have separate rooms for teachers and/or supervisors, provide shared bedrooms and include communal kitchen, lounge and bathroom facilities.

Table 1 : APY Lands: Completed Constructions as at 30 June 2013

Year	New Builds	Refurbishments
2009/2010	33	34
2010/2011	28	58
2011/2012	38	19
2012/2013	17	20
Sub-Total	116	131
Total Activity since 2009:	247	

Table 2 : Activity for 2012-13 as at 30 June 2013

Communities	New Builds Completed	Refurbishments (upgrades completed)
Amata	1	-
Mimili	1	-
Pukatja	10	1
Kaltjiti	-	8
Pipalyatjara	-	9
Iwantja	5	
Kalka		2
Total	17	20



New Constructions at Pukatja and Iwantja 2012-2013: Photo courtesy of DCSI-Remote Indigenous Housing

Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program



The Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program (AACAP) for 2013 is being delivered in the community of Kaltjiti. The Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD has worked with the Army and the Kaltjiti Community Aboriginal Corporation over 18 months to ensure maximum benefit and community ownership of this program.

This is the second AACAP to be delivered on the APY lands in the last 3 years, with the first taking place in Pukatja in 2010. The program will focus on projects that allow the Army to make best use of its construction, health and training capabilities as well as Indigenous mentoring expertise. With engineers, training team, logistics support and various health elements, the Army is able to deliver a unique range of services not normally delivered by a single organisation.

The scope of works for AACAP 2013 includes:

- Construction of a Children and Family Centre.
- Construction of four new houses.
- Upgrades to the community water supply.
- Construction of service providers' accommodation.
- Refurbishment of the community church.

The AACAP team is also providing veterinary services including general consults, worming/parasite treatments, wound repairs, general surgery, de-sexing, euthanasia, animal radiography/biochemistry and micro-chipping.

Additionally, the 2013 AACAP features a training component for community members. There has been considerable stakeholder and community consultation on the training component that the Army is seeking to offer as part of AACAP. The focus of the training is on improving the self-reliance of the community by increasing the skills base of residents. Community members are undertaking training in small engines, basic construction and household maintenance and repairs.



AACAP, 4 new houses .Photos courtesy of Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD



AACAP, Church Refurbishment .Photos courtesy of Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD



Children and Family Centre - Kaltjiti 2013, Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program: Photos courtesy of Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD

Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre



An overnight visitor's accommodation service in Mimili was opened in September 2013 through a partnership between Mimili Community Council and Wiltja Constructions, an Anangu service provider. The facility has two accommodation buildings, each of which can house up to six people with shared kitchen, living and bathroom facilities. An office is also available for visitors and includes access to a telephone, Wi-Fi connection, fax and scanner.

The Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD provided funding to renovate what was previously a disused building and purchases the necessary furniture and whitegoods in order to make this new enterprise a reality. The visitor's accommodation enterprise has strong community support as it will improve access to accommodation for visiting service providers and will support future economic development opportunities for Mimili Community.



Outside and inside photos of the Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre
Photo courtesy of Wiltja Constructions Pty Ltd

APY Lands Furniture Project



The Commonwealth Government has invested funding to deliver affordable furniture and training in wood and metal work to Anangu.

In March this year, 8 men from Amata and Mimili travelled to Adelaide to be trained in wood and metal work. The training program was delivered by the Playford Community Fund and Para Worklinks. As part of the project, the men built 320 beds to be shipped back to their home communities in the APY Lands for sale.

In August, the 320 beds, along with mattresses, sheets and pillows, arrived in Mimili and Amata to be sold to local residents for a small fee. Throughout August, community members placed furniture orders at the Amata Mai Wiru store and the Mimili Outback store. With the assistance of Skill Hire, the Remote Jobs and Communities Program service provider, the beds were delivered to homes in September.

This is a self-sustaining project, with the sale of the 320 beds generating enough money for more furniture to be built and distributed in the APY Lands.

The proceeds from the sale of the beds will be provided to the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee to provide further training and furniture construction from the new APY Lands Trade Training Centre in Umuwa.



APY Lands Furniture Project, sample of the Beds
made by Men: Photos courtesy of DCSI

Environmental Health Program



An Environmental Health Worker program is currently in place on the APY Lands. The program is delivered by Nganampa Health Council under an agreement with SA Health and funded through the APY Task Force Program administered by DPC-AARD.

Burn and Fire Advocate Training

In August 2013, 11 Anangu from across the APY Lands participated in accredited Burn and Fire Advocate Training managed by the Julian Burton Burns Trust in partnership with the Country Fire Service of SA, SA Health and the Aboriginal Health Council of SA. All participants are currently employed as Aboriginal Health Workers or in other roles relating to health, environmental health, community services or teaching.

This Australian Government funded training was held at the new Trade Training Centre in Umuwa over three days from 5 to 8 August. An interpreter was engaged through the Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

The participants completed units in burns first aid, home fire safety and bushfire safety and prevention. The training included three Burn Units of Competency which are accredited through the Aboriginal Health Council of SA.

Participants provided very positive feedback on this training and reported that the skills they had gained would have a wide range of practical applications, especially in emergency situations.

SCHOOLING AND EDUCATION

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

Trade Training Centre in the APY Lands



The APY Trade Training Centre opened in January 2013 as an Australian Government Closing the Gap initiative in schooling and economic participation. Working on school sites and with employer groups, the Principal Manager is delivering courses with direct employment pathways in land management, food and hospitality, construction, and automotive trades.

The centre has been a highly successful engagement strategy for secondary Indigenous students. As at 12 September 2013, a total of 258 participants including senior secondary, Indigenous and non-Indigenous employees and job-seekers had undertaken training programs achieving 168 competencies.

Land management, food and hospitality, construction and automotive trades are currently carried out at all school sites with a secondary student cohort. The Principal Manager, APYTTC is working with all school sites, TAFE SA and employer groups to extensively trial the delivery of courses in the above fields.



Learning in action, Anangu students at the TTC: Photos courtesy of DECD

Preschools and Schools

EVERY CHANCE
FOR EVERY CHILD

Significant investment into the redevelopment and transformation of preschools and schools in the APY Lands to create exciting and inviting learning environments is well underway with a particular focus on outside environments.

Investment into improved facilities builds on engagement initiatives and supports curriculum, student learning and achievement. Children and students are enjoying benefits of rich and interactive learning environment.



Photos courtesy of DECD

Schools have installed shade cloths over play equipment in order to keep students sun safe while enjoying sports and playtimes during the summer.



DECD Schools, new outdoor areas: Photos courtesy of DECD

Education Reform on the APY Lands



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

DECD accepts the challenge of bringing about a transformation in the APY Lands and has undertaken an extensive review process and consultation with APY Lands communities to transform education and child development services and delivery.

DECD is working closely with the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC) to consider options for 2014 and beyond.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

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

Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA)



On 7 August 2013, a three-year Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) for the APY Lands was signed between the APY Executive, the Commonwealth Government and the South Australian Government.

The RPA will place Anangu at the centre of engagement about decisions and programs that affect them. The three parties are committed to working with APY communities and local service providers to:

- Develop a Regional Plan to assess current investment policies and set out regional priorities, which are agreed with Anangu.
- Improve the participation of Anangu, through shared responsibility and partnerships in policy planning and implementation.
- Enhance regional governance to ensure decision-making is transparent and parties are held accountable.

Improved regional governance and the empowerment of Anangu are key objectives of the APY Lands RPA, together with more effective delivery of services for the region. The first phase of the RPA will focus on bringing together Anangu, APY Community Councils, the APY Executive, regional Anangu organisations and the Australian and South Australian Governments to work more closely together to coordinate services that address agreed priorities for the region, and achieve measurable outcomes, particularly in the areas of:

- Lore and Culture
- Safer Communities
- Health/Early Childhood
- Healthy Homes
- Schooling
- Economic Participation
- Leadership and Governance

A Regional Partnership Authority, comprising senior representations from each of the parties will be established to provide high-level oversight of the commitments entered into under the Agreement. This Authority will report annually to Commonwealth and State Ministers and to the APY Executive.

The APY Lands RPA is the result of extensive consultation and discussions between governments, Anangu communities, regional Anangu organisations, Commonwealth Government departments, and South Australian Government agencies as well as other stakeholders.

To ensure robust consultations and genuine engagement with Anangu and locally based providers, the Commonwealth Department PMC-IAD provided funds for APY to engage a Governance Support Officer, to be based in Umuwa.

Funds have also been made available for local interpreters to assist the officer in his consultations with Anangu.

APY Lands Steering Committee (APYLSC)



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

Previous meetings have included updates on the Regional Partnership Agreement, the Remote Jobs and Communities Program and the APY Regional Procurement Strategy. APY representatives identified that the issue of camel management on the APY Lands was one of their highest priorities. The APY Lands are estimated to have the highest densities of feral camels in the State. APY Executive has a current policy that is opposed to culling camels, so a feral camel removal method that involves a training and employment aspect in the mustering and transportation of camels has been introduced. Biosecurity SA (a division of the Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA) has removed more than 7,000 camels since July 2012 as part of the 'Caring for Country' national project.

In April this year, the APY Regional Operations Centre hosted the second all-agencies forum. This six-monthly forum is part of the APYLSC governance arrangements and brings together a wide range of representatives from government agencies that operate on the APY Lands to share information, discuss shared issues and network.

APY Lands Act Review

The South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, The Honourable Ian Hunter MLC announced a limited review of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act, 1981* Review which commenced on 30 September 2013.

It is envisaged that this review will provide a more contemporary governance and accountability measures for the APY Executive and election processes; and strengthen the expert advisory capacity and knowledge base of APY Executive.

A Panel was appointed to assist in the review and to undertake consultation across the APY Lands on the issues of:

- changing the voting structure for election to the APY Executive
- enabling skills based directors to be co-opted to the APY Executive
- introducing a 'fit and proper person' test for all potential members of the APY Executive
- achieving a gender balance on the APY Executive
- establishing a Commercial Development Advisory Committee.

Three consultation visits across the APY Lands were undertaken in October and November 2013. Visits to the bigger communities included people from the smaller communities or homelands. There were also discussions with Kenmore Park, the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council and members of Ananguku (Ku) Arts. Further consultations are occurring with communities on the APY Lands in January and early February.

The 'Limited Review of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981* Interim Report – November 21, 2013' contains 14 recommendations for consideration, if you would like to view this report please click [here](http://www.aboriginalaffairs.sa.gov.au/resources/APY/Interim%20Report.pdf)⁶. A final Limited Review Report will be released after the additional Anangu consultations have been completed in early 2014.

⁶ <http://www.aboriginalaffairs.sa.gov.au/resources/APY/Interim%20Report.pdf>

Community Administration Support Officers



From October 2013, Community Administration Support Officers (CASOs) will be engaged to provide administrative support to APY Lands communities. A process is currently underway to recruit CASOs for Amata, Mimili, Pukatja, Kaltjiti, Kanpi/Nyapari, Iwantja and Pipalyatjara/Kalka. Wherever possible, these positions will be filled by Anangu.

The CASOs will undertake important activities including:

- Managing community business activities such as banking, postal services, emergency loans, internet access, travel arrangements, funerals and other miscellaneous tasks;
- Providing administrative support to the community councils; and
- Providing a point of contact for government and other organisations seeking to engage with the community.

Community administration is an ongoing, time-consuming and demanding role that needs to be formally recognised and supported. Mark Weaver, formerly the Government Business Manager at Mimili, has been employed to provide supervision for the CASOs. Mark is based in Umuwa with the APY Executive and works closely with the CASOs to provide professional and personal development support and manage issues as they arise.

Remote Service Delivery

SD Coordinators General Network Meeting

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

Since the previous 'Progress on the APY Lands Update' there have been two Coordinators General Network Meetings. The Office of the Coordinator General hosted a meeting on 5 July 2013 in Canberra which focused on top Remote Service Delivery priorities for the past 12 months of the National Partnership Agreement, including performance measurement framework, service delivery standards and future directions. The most recent Coordinators General Network meeting was held in Adelaide on Thursday, 12 September 2013. The main focus of the meeting was Remote Service Delivery strategic issues and future directions. The meeting also included discussion on local/regional governance reform and the progress and rollout of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program.

CGRIS Eighth Report

The Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services' Eighth Report was released in November 2013. It focused on the future directions of Remote Service Delivery, while assessing what is working and what more needs to be done to ensure effective implementation of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery. It included comments from Coordinators General about the successes, lessons learnt and areas requiring improvement along with case studies demonstrating the value of integrating service delivery. There was also be a renewed focus on addressing any outstanding past recommendations and prioritising areas of continued focus and effort needed to deliver significant results.

Local Community Awareness Program in Amata

The Office of the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services' Senior Advisor, David Wirken, and Community Coordinator for South Australia, Deb Hawke, attended the two day Local Community Awareness Program (LCAP) in Amata in the APY Lands from 15 to 16 May 2013. The presentations by the community Elders provided a fascinating insight into Amata's history, family

relationships and cultural practices, as well as knowledge around the protocols for government workers and service providers entering APY Lands. Priority issues communicated by the LCAP presenters included housing, employment and ensuring a positive future for their young people.

Other key messages included the need to design programs in consultation with community members to ensure their sustainability and effectiveness, and that mandatory training programs such as Local Community Awareness Programs would be a valuable opportunity for both service providers and the Amata community.



Amata Meeting: Photo courtesy of Office of the Coordinator General

CONCLUSION

This issue of *Progress on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands* highlights a range of initiatives completed or progressing across the APY Lands. It can be seen by the scope of these activities that there is a real commitment through partnerships between South Australian Government, Commonwealth Government and APY Executive to improve services for Anangu living on the APY Lands.

The signing of the Regional Partnership Agreement by the APY Executive and the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments demonstrates a commitment for government to work in partnership with Anangu to plan and deliver programs and services on the APY Lands. It provides a way for enhancing regional governance and empowerment of Anangu together with better planning and co-ordination of service delivery in the region.

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ACRONYMS

AACAP	Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program
AARD	Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division
AES	Anangu Education Service
AEW	Anangu Education Worker
APY	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
APY EAT	APY Executive Action Team
APYLM	APY Land Management
APYTTC	Anangu Pipalyatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre
ASSIST	Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team
ATSIEAP	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan
AW	Alinytjara Wilurara
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CAFHS	Child and Family Health Services
CBS	Consumer and Business Services
CCSO	Community Council Support Officers
CDM	Community Development Manager
CfC	Communities for Children
CHSALHN	Country Health SA Local Health Network
CGRIS	Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services
CLC	Central Land Council
CSO	Crown Solicitors Office
DCSI	Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
DECD	Department of Education and Child Development
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DEWNR	Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
DFEEST	Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology
DMITRE	Department of Manufacturing, Industry, Trade, Resources and Energy
DPC	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
DPTI	Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
DSEWPac	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
ECT	Early Career Teachers
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat
FWC	Family Wellbeing Centre
HAC	Health Advisory Council
GBM	Government Business Manager
HACC	Home and Community Care
HLS	Home Living Skills
ICT	Information and Computer Technology
IEP	Indigenous Employment Program
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area
LBW	Lands Based Worker
LIPS	Local Implementation Plans
MIFSA	Mental Illness Fellowship South Australia
MUNS	Municipal Services
NGO	Non Government Organisation
NPARIH	National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing
NPYWC	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council
NRM	Natural Resource Management
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PIP	Priority Infrastructure Plan
PYEC	Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee
RASA	Relationships Australia South Australia
RASAC	Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation
ROC	Regional Operations Centre
RPL	Recognised Prior Learning
RSD BoM	Remote Service Delivery Board of Management
RSD NPA	Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement
RTO	Registered Training Organisation
SANFL	South Australian National Football League
SAPOL	South Australian Police
SICAD	Statewide Indigenous Community Arts Development
TAFE	Technical and Further Education