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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 for posting on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) website. The *Progress on the Lands* publication will be produced by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (DPC-AARD) on a bi-annual basis, with the next edition due in mid-2012.

This report has previously been identified as being an informative document for service providers, agencies, organisations and Anangu, providing an overview of the key activities being undertaken by a range of Government agencies across the APY Lands. This issue of *Progress on the Lands* provides updates on a range of developments and spans the period from early 2010 to date, with some updates also referring to developments prior to 2010.

South Australia has recently experienced a number of significant changes – the change of Premier and a number of Ministerial portfolios, various machinery-of-government changes and an associated reconsideration of service priorities and budget allocations, amongst others – all of which have had an impact on the approach and the nature and scope of the Government's response and delivery of services.

The DPC-AARD has also undergone significant changes arising from its strategic review and resulting in a re-orientation towards policy development and implementation and the coordination of services, with a phasing out of its role in direct service provision and community development. This is coupled with the whole-of government approach to providing appropriate services for all citizens of South Australia, whether they live in urban, regional or remote settings.

During the past two years, the APY Lands communities have experienced a range of initiatives and developments. Some have been initiated by the APY Executive, such as the proposal for an APY Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA), others have involved joint State and Commonwealth initiatives such as the implementation of the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) National Partnership Agreement (NPA) in the communities of Amata and Mimili, and the support for the establishment of Community Council Support Officers (CCSO) across communities; while others have been led by the State, such as the Food Security Project, and the assessment and planning for infrastructure and essential services; and others by Community Councils themselves, such as youth activities and programs.

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

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

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INTRODUCTION

The structure of this issue of *Progress on the Lands* follows the Council of Australian Government's (COAG¹) Building Blocks² that were identified in order to systematise the Government's response to Closing the Gap³ in Aboriginal disadvantage. (Please click on relevant footnotes and links throughout this document for further information.)

The South Australian Government supports the COAG view that:

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

These Building Blocks include the following:

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

This progress update is by no means exhaustive but serves to provide an overview of developments and specific highlights in service provision and the initiatives that have been established to strengthen community governance and collaboration between both the Federal and State Governments, the APY, Community Councils and communities. The time period covered by this report is as at 1st February 2012, with the exception of a few more recent updates of significance.

¹ <http://www.coag.gov.au/>

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

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

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.

APY Lands Elections

The legislation which governs the APY Lands is the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981 (the Act)*. In accordance with this Act, elections for the APY Executive are held every three years. Prior to the elections being held, a review of the electoral boundaries is required.

Review of Electoral Boundaries

In August and September 2011, officers of the DPC-AARD consulted with Anangu regarding their views on the APY electoral boundaries, in preparation for the 2012 APY Executive Board elections. Consultations included community consultations in Nyapari, Kanpi, Watarru, Pipalyatjara, Kalka, Amata, Iwantja (Indulkana), Kaltjiti (Fregon), Mimili and Pukatja (Ernabella), as well as with members of the APY Executive. In addition, submissions were invited from Community Councils and individuals. The outcome determined was the 'the current electoral boundary arrangements on the APY Lands remain.

Nominations and Elections

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

Nominations were called from 3rd to 10th February 201 and the elections were undertaken on the 29th February 2012, to view the outcomes of the elections please visit Electoral Commission SA Site (click [here](#)⁴). All but two positions were filled in the election, with Watarru and Kaltjiti/Irintata/Watinuma receiving no nominations. Discussions are underway regarding the holding of a nominations and elections process for both vacant positions in the near future

DPC-AARD produced an information booklet in English and Pitjantjatjara which outlined the roles and responsibilities of APY Executive members and encouraged people to participate in the elections. It explains how nominations are to be made and when and how the elections will be held. Approval for the content of



Front Cover of the 2012 APY Elections information booklet in Pitjantjatjara and English

⁴ <http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/apps/news/?sectionID=158&pageID=765>

the booklet was obtained from the APY Executive and the Electoral Commission SA. The booklet and information posters were distributed to all APY communities in the run up to the elections.

APY Functional Review

The APY undertook a functional review of its operations in 2010/2011. The DPC-AARD provided additional funding support to enable to APY to expand the scope of its review, and in September 2011 the APY Executive presented its *Strategic Directions Report* to senior State and Commonwealth officers.

The DPC-AARD, Commonwealth Department for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the APY are working together to address the recommendations outlined in this report.



APY Building at Umuwa

(Please see the next section on the APY RPA to view progress made regarding the APY Functional Review).

APY Regional Partnership Agreement

Arising from the APY Functional Review, the APY Executive proposed the development of an APY RPA and a new governance model for the APY Lands. It is intended that the RPA will serve to strengthen the existing Community Councils; strengthen the cooperation and partnerships between Anangu, service providers and Government; develop governance and leadership capacity and improve the integration and coordination of service delivery across the Lands.

The envisaged benefits of the RPA include:

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

The APY Executive has held a series of consultations with APY communities and other relevant stakeholders and services providers, including FaHCSIA and the DPC-AARD. Both Governments are committed to the process of developing an RPA and support a phased and incremental approach, which is supported by Anangu.

A phased approach will provide opportunities to demonstrate key outcomes as a result of building levels of accountability, with clear reporting and feedback mechanisms. In broad terms, the two phases have the following as their focus:

Phase 1: Working with Anangu to build the internal operational capability to improve governance arrangements, the development of sound managerial practices and strategic forward planning.

Phase 2: Negotiation, development and agreement of schedules which would outline the agreed short and long term activities, timelines and any associated funding.

A number of drafts of the RPA document have been prepared for discussion, which is ongoing.

Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement in Amata and Mimili

The RSD NPA was signed by the Commonwealth, South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory in January 2009. It is a five-year agreement that ends in June 2014.

The focus of the RSD NPA is on 29 remote priority communities across Australia, with two priority communities in South Australia – Amata and Mimili, in the APY Lands. (To learn more about the RSD NPA please click [here](#)⁵.)



Construction of the Government Business Manager house in community

The RSD NPA is focused on the State and Commonwealth Governments working together in a more coordinated and integrated way with the Amata and Mimili communities, and increasingly with the broader APY community, to improve service delivery and build stronger communities and governance arrangements.

The DPC-AARD and FaHCSIA have led the development and implementation of the RSD NPA in South Australia. Until recently, governance was provided by South Australia's RSD Board of Management (BoM), which operated concurrently with the APY Lands Steering Committee. The two groups have merged, while still retaining a specific focus on the two RSD sites and ensuring that the high level strategic outcomes of the Agreement are achieved.

Besides the Board of Management and the APY Lands Steering Committee, the following structures and mechanisms have been put in place:

- The Regional Operations Centre (ROC) has been established by the DPC-AARD and FaHCSIA to coordinate the delivery of government services in Amata and Mimili
- A Government Business Manager has been appointed in each RSD community to improve 'on-the-ground' service delivery and provide community support
 - David Wirken at Amata
 - Chris Moon at Mimili
 - Brenda Stubbs is the Anangu Engagement Officer in Amata



David Wirken (Amata GBM)



Chris Moon (Mimili GBM)



Brenda Stubbs (Anangu Engagement Officer - Amata)

⁵ RSD NPAs site http://www.facs.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/RSD_NPA/Pages/default.aspx

- Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) have been developed with community members in Amata and Mimili. The Plans outline key actions to be implemented by governments during the course of the Agreement, and also define a number of community commitments. (For further information, please click [here](#)⁶.)



Mimili Local Implementation Plan



Amata Local Implementation Plan

In June 2011, the Amata LIP was reviewed by the community and Government personnel. A similar review took place in Mimili in November 2011. Interpreters were used to facilitate the discussions, which identified approximately ten government priority actions for each community. A whole-of-government response has been developed to deliver these priorities.

Amata Youth Action Plan

The RSD BoM agreed in May 2010 that a Youth Action Plan for Amata was to be developed as a priority action. The Amata Youth Action Plan (AYAP) aims to provide an integrated approach to providing services for Anangu that is culturally and age appropriate, engages the community, reflects best practice, and is aligned with:

- the RSD NPA
- the LIPs for Amata and Mimili
- the COAG *Closing the Gap* Building Block targets
- Youthconnect, South Australia's Youth Strategy 2010-2014.

Key components of the AYAP are to include:

- integrated service planning, coordination and management
- ensuring the application and efficient use of resources across key service providers
- an audit of youth services provided at Amata and the development of an Amata Youth Services Directory. (This is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2012)
- attention to the creation of pathways from school years and the transition to employment and/or further training for youth living in the Amata community
- addressing key wellbeing issues
- engagement of youth in leadership roles through the establishment of an inter-agency Youth Services Management Committee, and a Youth Advisory Committee.

⁶ Amata and Mimili LIPS at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/communities/lips/Pages/default.aspx>

Coordinator General's Report

On Friday 14 October 2011, the Federal Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, released the fourth six-monthly report by the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services (CGRIS), Mr Brian Gleeson.

His report focuses on the performance of governments in meeting the commitments made under the RSD NPA. (To view this report, please click [here](#)⁷.)

The Coordinator General's report commends South Australia's use of Aboriginal language interpreters as a critical component of successful community engagement, and cites the example of the use of interpreters during the community-based evaluation of the LIPs at which male and female Pitjantjatjara language interpreters were employed to facilitate communication between community members and government representatives.

The CGRIS report refers to APY governance arrangements and the support the South Australian Government has provided in developing and enhancing such arrangements. Specific mention was made of the CCSO and the governance training provided. The CGRIS report also makes note of greater service responses through the increased presence of police officers and child protection workers on the APY Lands in response to the *Children on APY Lands (Mullighan) Commission of Inquiry*.

Two South Australian case studies about interesting initiatives are highlighted in the report:

- The successful participatory action research project in Amata and Mimili, during which community members were trained and undertook community-based research across three projects. As a result, job opportunities were provided for the participants with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Electoral Commission.
- The participation of 12 young Anangu from Amata and Mimili who travelled to the Billard Aboriginal Community in the Kimberley region of Western Australia to participate in a leadership forum – the Blank Page Summit.

Coordinator General Network Bi-Monthly Meeting

The South Australian State Coordinator General for Remote Aboriginal Services attends the Coordinator Generals' Network meetings at which reports from all jurisdictions are tabled. The latest SA report, of 7 November 2011, identified the strengthening and expansion of a range of strategies and programs across the APY Lands, including an emphasis on 'increased investment in family support services' through the planned establishment of Family Wellbeing Centres in Amata, Mimili and Pukatja; improving accessible fresh and affordable food; a continued focus on governance and engagement strategies; the introduction of service mapping; and the review and restructuring of infrastructure and essential services delivery.



⁷ The Coordinator General's first Six Monthly Report (July 2009 - November 2009)
<http://www.cgris.gov.au/site/publications.asp>

South Australian mid-term RSD Board of Management (BoM) Conversation Workshop

The RSD NPA concludes in June 2014 and the mid-point was reached at the end of 2011. With this in mind, the BoM held a workshop on 11 November 2011 to review the progress of the RSD NPA in South Australia. The outcomes of the workshop included identifying

- the strategic direction
- policy gaps and issues affecting implementation
- key priorities for 2012, which included integrated service delivery and governance and leadership.

APY Lands Service Coordinators

The DPC-AARD employs two Service Coordinators on the APY Lands.

The key focus areas for these positions include:



Bob Smith

- supporting local community governance, through providing support to the Community Councils, their Chairpersons, Administrative staff and CCSO
- creating on the ground linkages between State and Commonwealth Governments and Anangu
- facilitating the implementation of Government policy and programs
- participating and facilitating negotiations of localised community capacity building
- assisting communities with identifying and applying for funding and identifying opportunities for local employment and training
- facilitating community participation in sporting and recreational activities
- assisting communities with a range of needs as they arise, and referring them to appropriate sources of support.



Mark Jackman

These positions cover the eastern and western communities. Bob Smith is based at Umuwa and has responsibility for the eastern communities of Iwantja (Indulkana), Kaltjiti (Fregon), Pukatja (Ernabella), with a RSD Government Business Manager being based in the Mimili community. Mark Jackman is based at Pipalyatjara and has responsibility for the western communities of Nyapari, Kanpi, Kalka, Watarru and Pipalyatjara, with a RSD Government Business Manager being based in Amata community

APY Lands Steering Committee

In July 2011, the APY Lands Steering Committee was established in order to improve the integration and coordination of service delivery by State and Commonwealth Governments in partnership with the APY Executive across all the APY communities.

The Committee meets bi-monthly and comprises senior staff and APY Executive members, providing high level oversight and the strategic development of a number of important initiatives on the APY Lands. The Committee has specific oversight of the key commitments made in the joint media statements of September 2011 by the former Minister for Aboriginal

Affairs and Reconciliation and the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs; these include the following actions which are included in the Committee's Action Plan:

- The development of a Project Brief and the construction and modification of plans for the establishment of three Family Wellbeing Centres, to be located in Amata, Mimili and Pukatja which will provide integrated child and family support services
- Addressing unscrupulous credit practices in community stores
- Better access to fresh and affordable food
- Improving the provision of essential services and infrastructure.

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

In January 2012, the RSD BoM, which had been established to oversee service delivery in the two RSD priority sites of Amata and Mimili, merged with the APY Lands Steering Committee to create one forum, thereby enabling a more strategic and streamlined approach to addressing the delivery of services across the whole of the APY Lands, while still including a specific focus on the two RSD sites.

A revised Terms of Reference to reflect these changes has been drafted and will be finalised by committee members at the next meeting of the APY Lands Steering Committee in February 2012.

Community Council Support Officers

On 1 July 2009, FaHCSIA ceased direct Municipal Services funding to Community Councils for community council support. In assisting Community Councils through this change, transitional support funding was provided to 30 June 2010 by both FaHCSIA and the State Government.

At the *APY Executive* board meeting on 5 May 2010, the former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation announced that Community Council support arrangements would be implemented in the APY Lands for an additional 12 months through a partnership between the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments that would establish Community Council Support Officers (CCSO). CCSOs were appointed and contracted by DPC-AARD for a period of 12 months; these contracts have subsequently been extended to 30 June 2012.

The CCSOs are supported by the Government Business Managers and the DPC-AARD APY Lands Service Coordinators. The main functions of the CCSOs include:

- ensuring the provision of efficient and reliable administrative support services to Community Councils on the APY Lands
- providing assistance for Community Council meetings
- contributing to the effective governance in communities.

CCSOs are currently employed in Kaltjiti (Fregon), Amata, Kalka, Pukatja (Ernabella) and Iwantja (Indulkana), and Bungala Aboriginal Corporation is supported by DPC-AARD to provide a CCSO service in Nyapari and Kanpi. CCSO positions are vacant at Pipalyatjara and Mimili. Recruitment for these positions is underway.

The DPC-AARD and FaHCSIA are currently discussing a joint proposal for structuring the functions and locations of the CCSOs and the way in which support to these officers could be improved. It is envisaged that the CCSOs would also play an important role in the development of the APY RPA.

Governance Training and Capacity Building

In 2007, the DPC-AARD partnered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) to deliver a governance training program called *Managing in Two Worlds* (MITW) to address the barriers to establishing and maintaining robust governance in Aboriginal incorporated organisations.

This program included three main components:

- *Introduction to Corporate Governance* (ICG) workshop
- *Certificate IV in Business* (Governance)
- *Diploma in Business* (Governance).

This training was provided to members of Aboriginal organisations in SA which are incorporated under either the State or Commonwealth legislation.

Since October 2007, DPC-AARD, with support from the FaHCSIA, conducted twelve *Introductions to Corporate Governance* workshops to nearly 300 members or staff of Aboriginal organisations. Fourteen participants have continued their training and completed the *Certificate IV in Business (Governance)* and one has completed the *Diploma in Business (Governance)*.

The DPC-AARD has also negotiated with FaHCSIA to provide additional governance support to six Aboriginal boards whose members have attended one of the introductory workshops and who identified the need for more specific training. This additional support is individually tailored, delivered locally and focuses on practical outcomes for the board.

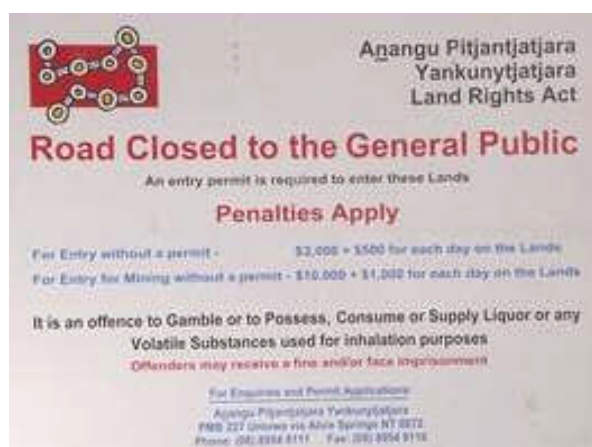
In addition, a program of capacity building workshops and 'hands-on' mentoring with individual Community Councils in the APY Lands was provided during 2009 to December 2010 to enhance the administrative, management and leadership skills within Councils. The objective of this program was to strengthen the role of the Community Councils and enhance the level of organisation and accountability through activities such as a review of the Community Council Constitutions, developing management and administration systems, and community development plans based on family groups.

Access to the APY Lands - Permit By-Law

The *APY Land Rights Act 1981 (the Act)* requires that people who are not Anangu are to obtain the permission of the APY Executive Board to enter the APY Lands.

Under the Act, some people were not required to apply for permission to enter the APY Lands (eg police officers acting in the course of official duties; State Government Public Servants whose work involves administration of the Act). However, members of the Australian Public Service, Commonwealth Government contractors and journalists were required to apply to the APY Executive Board for permission to enter the Lands.

In 2010, the APY Executive Board, in consultation with stakeholders and the DPC-AARD, developed a draft by-law to enable these authorised persons carrying out a range of functions or works for the Commonwealth and State Governments, as well as journalists, to



enter the APY Lands following notification of intended entry to APY Executive. The by-law came into effect on 2 September 2010. In addition, there is also a requirement that Visiting Officer Notifications (VON) are provided by government staff and service providers for the two RSD communities of Amata and Mimili.

The VON scheme requires that all government staff and non-government service providers submit a VON form to the APY ROC before finalising plans to visit Amata, Mimili or requiring accommodation at the ROC house in Umuwa. This process has been established to facilitate better coordination of government activities and control visitor numbers within RSD communities.

Mintabie Lease Agreement

Mintabie is an opal mining settlement approximately 1100 kilometers north of Adelaide. It is located on land owned by the APY traditional owners under the *APY Land Rights Act 1981*.

Opal mining began at Mintabie before the APY Lands were transferred to the traditional owners. In recognition of this, the *APY Land Rights Act* included special provisions in relation to Mintabie. *Section 28* of the Act created a 21-year statutory lease of the Mintabie Township to the Crown. That lease expired on 1 October 2002. Since that time, the APY Executive Board has provided a series of interim lease extensions while a new lease has been negotiated.



Road to Mintabie – Generic Photo

The development of a new lease has been a complex and lengthy process, given the legal and practical considerations under discussion, but it is anticipated that it should be operational by mid 2012.

The remaining steps and expected time lines are:

- The *APY Executive Board* has signed the lease and agreement and the South Australian Government is currently considering the documentation.
- The Crown Solicitor's Office (CSO) is preparing a Cabinet submission to commence the *APY Land Rights (Mintabie) Amendment Bill 2009*, which introduces alcohol restrictions and controls to better regulate who can enter and live at Mintabie.
- The *Department of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (DMITRE)* will begin requesting applications for Mintabie residential site licenses under the new lease arrangements. The CSO and DMITRE have estimated June 2012 as the start date for the new residential licenses.
- The establishment of new commercial trading licenses for stores at Mintabie is a more complex process and will take longer to implement. The CSO has advised that the commercial licenses should be in place by August/September 2012.

SAFE COMMUNITIES

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

Progress on the Mullighan Inquiry Recommendations

The *Commission of Inquiry (Children in State Care and Children on the APY Lands) Act 2004* requires the State Government to report annually for five years on the progress being made regarding the implementation of the Inquiry's recommendations. The Third Annual Report was tabled in the South Australian Parliament in November 2011.

The Third Annual Report demonstrates that substantial progress has been made to implement the 45 accepted recommendations, with 26 recommendations having been fully completed. To view the Third Annual Report, please click [here](#)⁸.

This summary provides a snapshot of some of the State's responses to the Inquiry's recommendations:

- Fully operational police stations have been established at Mimili, Amata and Ernabella, with each station staffed by a Sergeant and three officers who provide reassurance and respond to communities. In total, there are nineteen sworn officers dedicated to working across the APY Lands, including a detective and two Child and Family Violence/Crime Prevention officers. SAPOL facilitates and chairs regular Community Safety Committee meetings at Iwantja, Mimili, Kaljiti, Pukatja, Amata, Murputja and Pipalyatjara/Kalka (Rec. 39).
- Families SA has expanded the number of Land-based worker (LBW) positions on the APY Lands to six. Each LBW is aligned to one school, so that each of the six major schools on the Lands has one dedicated LBW involved in early prevention strategies and training to help prevent child sexual abuse and to minimise its effects in communities. All six positions have been now been filled (Rec. 5, 22 and 34).
- There are two positions for Child Protection



Mimili Police Facility



⁸ Third Annual Progress Report: in response to the Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry Report *Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Death from Criminal Conduct*.
http://www.sa.gov.au/upload/franchise/Crime,%20justice%20and%20the%20law/Mullighan_Inquiry/Third_Mullighan_CISC_Annual_Report_nov2011.pdf

Workers based on the Lands. The one position that is vacant will be re-advertised.

- In the past twelve months, new housing has become available for the Lands Based Worker positions in Mimili, Pukatja and Pipalyatjara and for Child Protection Worker positions in Umuwa (Rec. 2 and 22).
- The Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging has provided funding to the Nganampa Health Council for an additional general medical practitioner position in order to provide direct services and/or secondary consultation and support to the registered nurses and the community clinics. This brings to four the number of full time equivalent doctors based on the APY Lands (Rec. 15).
- The *APY Lands Child Protection Protocols* have been developed by a cross agency working group with representation from:
 - Families SA (Chair), South Australian Police (SAPOL), Child Protection Services, Nganampa Health, Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC), Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Department for Education and Childhood Development (DECD) – Anangu Education

The Protocols set out agency roles and responsibilities with respect to child protection matters and the investigation and assessment of suspected abuse and/or neglect on the APY Lands.

The Protocols are currently being used as a working document in the investigation and assessment of child protection matters. (Rec. 23).

- The Accelerated Literacy Program has been implemented in all schools on the APY Lands. Two full-time Literacy Project Officers are based at the Aboriginal Lands District Office and work in collaboration with all schools on the Lands. All learning bands (Junior Primary, Primary and Secondary) focus on Information and Computer Technology (ICT) and its application in learning programs in order to increase students' ICT skills. This is supported by a full time ICT Officer based at Pukatja who provides ICT technical support to all school sites. Video-conferencing units are used at each school site to link school principals, Anangu coordinators, teachers, Anangu Education Workers (AEW) and students with each other (Rec. 26).

SAPOL Anangu Community Constables

The SAPOL provides for ten Community Constable positions across the APY Lands which act in a support role to assist mainstream police officers. Recently, SAPOL introduced Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers (PALO), who liaise between police and the community. Currently three of the ten Community Constable positions (two in Ernabella and one in Mimili) and three Police Aboriginal Liaison Officer positions are filled. SAPOL has an ongoing recruitment drive to attract suitable Aboriginal people to fill these vacancies.



Blue Light Discos

Fifteen Blue Light Discos were held in various APY communities during the second half of 2011, with attendance numbers varying from 20 to 200, depending on the community.

The discos have been enjoyed by communities. They are seen as an important opportunity for the local police to engage community members, youth and children, and to build stronger relationships.



Local SAPOL officer and Anangu kids learning 'Nutbush City Limits'!

Night Patrol Trials

Funding has been provided for a trial Night Patrol scheme in Amata. This funding will be used to cover the costs of:

- training for volunteers (including a first aid course by the Australian Red Cross and a communication and conflict resolution course by TAFE SA)
- equipment such as vests, torches, boots and radios
- insurance for volunteers.

The APY ROC (a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments, arising from the RSD NPA) and the SAPOL have purchased the equipment and coordinated the training for the night patrol. The training took place in late 2011. The equipment and supplies were delivered during January with patrols expected to commence in March.

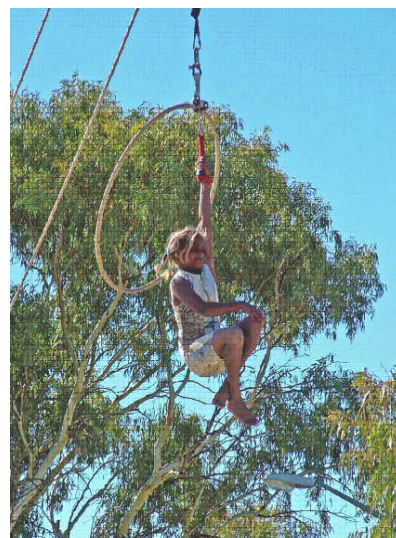
Funding for a Mimili night patrol will be considered following an evaluation of the Amata Night Patrol trial.

Youth Shed and Youth Programs

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion's (DCSI), APY Lands Community Programs Team employs youth workers to deliver a range of recreational activities for youth aged between 12 and 24 years. DCSI provides a recreational youth program in six communities – Kalka, Pipalyatjatjara, Amata, Mimili, Pukatja and Fregon.

Youth Sheds have been established in communities across the APY Lands. The community youth sheds provide a safe supervised space for young people to gather and relax. Activities include playing pool, discos, electronic games, movie nights, camping trips, swimming carnivals, hunting trips and music activities. The Amata Youth Shed has a 'Kunga' room where pamper days and other activities are held for girls. When these activities are being undertaken, outside activities such as basketball games are offered for the boys on the courts outside.

Anangu youth are being engaged and trained to manage recreational programs from the youth sheds with the support



Youth Activities – Action Shot!

of 12 Anangu youth support workers. The Anangu youth shed workers are supported by a youth program officer in three communities. A youth mentor position has recently been created and filled to support a skills development program.

The Youth Shed's are open after school and over the weekends. School holiday programs are delivered by the NPY WC and the youth workers. Activities for the school holidays include hip hop dance and drama workshops, film-making and theatre games, bush trips and sports activities, and circus skills that include hula hoops, juggling and acrobatics.

Reviewing of Aboriginal Languages Interpreting Services in South Australia

In response to recommendation 42 of the *Children on the APY Lands (Mullighan) Commission of Inquiry (2008)* as well as a number of requests and reports, such as the Council of Australian Governments' National Indigenous Languages Policy (2009) and *South Australia's Remote Service Delivery Bilateral Implementation Plan 2009-2014*, the DPC-AARD commenced a Review of interpreting services in June 2010.

A consultant was contracted to support the DPC-AARD to undertake the Review and a Reference Group, which includes representatives from the State Government, Universities and Non-Government Organisations, was established.

The final Review Report was provided to the DPC-AARD in September 2011, along with thirteen recommendations. Based on these recommendations, a draft model for the revision of Aboriginal languages interpreting services has been prepared and key elements discussed with the Reference Group. Further discussion is still required to finalise the preferred model and to confirm lead agency responsibility for progressing the work arising from the Review.

Family Wellbeing Centres

On 12 and 28 September 2011, Ministers Macklin and the former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation released joint media statements in which they outlined a range of priority actions to be undertaken in response to concerns raised about food security, child and family wellbeing, governance, child protection and infrastructure across the APY Lands. One of the priority actions identified is the establishment of three Family Wellbeing Centres on the APY Lands.

The establishment of the Family Wellbeing Centres has its origins in the South Australian Government's response to Recommendation 45 of the *Children on APY Lands Commission of Inquiry (the Mullighan Inquiry)* to build a Court and Administration Centre at Umuwa.

Australian Government funding of \$4.5 million (excluding GST) was provided to the State Government in June 2008 to provide for a Courts and Administration Centre in Umuwa. This will now be used to provide the capital costs to establish the three Family Wellbeing Centres.

The locations for the Family Wellbeing Centres are:

- *Mimili* – a new building, with a completion date of December 2012. The lead agency for the coordination of services through this Centre is the DCSI.
- *Amata* – the modification of the Amata Substance Misuse Facility, with a completion date of mid 2012. The lead agency for the Amata Centre is Country Health SA Local Health Network.
- *Pukatja* – the extension of the Aboriginal Children's and Family Centre and other additional sites within the Pukatja community, with a completion date of mid to late 2012. The lead agency for the Pukatja Centre is DECD.

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

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

The key principles guiding the provision of services include:

- committing to a collaborative practice that adds value and promotes a cooperative culture
- ensuring appropriate protocols in terms of recruitment, permits, police checks and child safe environments
- demonstrating commitment to increasing the employment opportunities of Anangu community members
- engaging with relevant community structures and the APY Executive to ensure feedback on the services provided
- optimising appropriate information-sharing procedures and processes.

The governance arrangements for the initiative have been established through the Family Wellbeing Centres Steering Committee which includes the DPC-AARD, FaHCSIA, DECD, Country Health SA Local Health Network, DCSI and Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) (the latter being the lead agency for project managing the construction and/or modification of the Centres).

Each Family Wellbeing Centre site has a Control Work Group, which is comprised of the lead agency, a DPTI professional service contractor and managers, contractors and community representatives, as required, and reports on progress and activities to the Family Wellbeing Centres Steering Committee.

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

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.

Family Centres in Amata, Fregon, Mimili and Pipalyatjara

The DCSI's APY Lands Community Programs operates the family centres situated in Amata, Fregon, Mimili and Pipalyatjara. The Family Centres play a crucial role in providing a safe informal learning environment for families, their children, the aged, and people with a disability.

DCSI recruits staff to be based locally and employs Anangu family support workers to staff the Centres. A number of services provided by Government and non-Government agencies utilise the Centres for their activities and programs.

A nutritious meal is prepared in the Family Centre for children identified as 'failing to thrive'. Parents and carers of these children are encouraged to attend the Family Centre to share a meal and participate in informal education about early childhood nutrition and hygiene.

Family Support Programs in Amata and Mimili

Anangu Education Services (AES) DECD through Amata and Mimili Schools provide FaHCSIA Communities for Children (CfC) playgroups which are delivered at Amata and Mimili schools. They offer two hour sessions, three or four days a week, 40 weeks per year. Both playgroups employ local Anangu playgroup workers who recently extended their knowledge around playgroup activities and health and safety practices through a period of visits with Adelaide-based Aboriginal and mainstream playgroups.

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

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

The playgroups collaborate with other service providers such as Relationships Australia, which offers FaHCSIA-funded parenting support services. The Relationships Australia South Australia (RASA) Health Promotion Services provides a program that focuses on providing parents/care-givers with support and skills training on early childhood development and parenting, and children with age-appropriate social, emotional, developmental and

educational experiences. Relationships Australia delivers this program through a twice monthly fly-in/fly-out service consisting of six days per visit, in Amata and Mimili.

The AES has recently developed a Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Client Access Strategy in order to identify ways in which to engage with and meet the needs of the most at risk families, and includes relevant implementation, measurement and reporting plans.

Early Childhood Centre at Amata

Amata School staff will be the delivering the programs in the new Amata Early Childhood Centre with the support of Anangu Education Services (AES).

This Centre is now ready for use with the transition into the new building commencing in early 2012. Amata School have coordinated the development of a FaHCSIA funded CfC Playgroup, and at this stage are scheduled for three times a week. Extending the Amata Children's Centre service capacity beyond a playgroup will hopefully happen if the financial capacity can increase. Equipment and outside play facilities are currently being established from the work that the Preschool and Playgroup Teacher, Amata School Principal and others have created and developed.

At this stage a fully qualified Early Childhood teacher will manage the 'Playgroup' with four Anangu staff who are working towards the completion of Certificate III in Children's Services with TAFE SA Regional.



Amata Early Childhood Centre



APY Lands Preschools

All APY Lands Preschools continue to offer 15 hours per week for children 3 – 5 years of age. All preschools are working hard to ensure a quality program is being delivered in line with the National Quality Framework. AES are working on documents and a DVD to inform parents and community what the new National Quality Framework for young children in Early Childhood settings is about.

Tjitjiku Inma Project

AES and the staff at the Ernabella Office, namely Katrina Tjitayi, Makinti Minutjukur and Sandra Ken with the coordinated support of Carclew are working on a Commonwealth funded project called Tjitjiku Inma. The project will begin with Amata and Mimili and extend to all other Communities on the APY Lands as well as Yalata and Oak Valley. The project is to record and video Elders telling stories that were told to young children. The video will ultimately show the story, song and traditional dance and hopefully will develop into a book. It is a very important project that Anangu are very eager to take part in as a way of keeping culture strong for future generations.

ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

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

Financial Wellbeing

The State Government, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government and Aboriginal communities, has developed a multi-level approach to increasing financial wellbeing on the APY Lands. Strategies to improve financial wellbeing and literacy include:

- the promotion of weekly Centrelink payments and budget education
- the promotion of Centrepay as a budgeting tool
- financial wellbeing trials at Amata and Mimili
- an evaluation of these tools.

A number of key committees and strategies have identified financial wellbeing as a critical issue and have made it an integral part of their focus and work priorities. These include the:

- APY Lands Steering Committee and its Action Plan
- APY Lands Food Security Strategy (led by DPC-AARD) which includes supporting Anangu financial wellbeing as one of its seven priority action areas
- The Anangu Financial Management Sub Committee (led by the APY Executive).

The Commonwealth and State Governments continue to partner to track outcomes in existing initiatives, evaluate their effectiveness and identify future strategies.

The State Government recognises that ongoing engagement with Anangu is critical on this important issue and is committed to continuing consultation.

Financial Literacy Programs

Over the last two years, FaHCSIA, ANZ Bank and DECD-Families SA have developed a partnership financial literacy program for Anangu which has been implemented in six communities by the Coober Pedy Families SA office. It is aimed at supporting Anangu with:

- financial literacy
- financial education
- information about consumer rights.



MoneyMob Talkabout on the road in APY Lands



FaHCSIA and DECD-Families SA have also been working closely with 'MoneyMob talkabout' to deliver financial literacy information and education to APY communities. Joint visits between both the 'Money Business' and 'MoneyMob talkabout' are being scheduled across the APY Lands for 2012.

Community Learning Centres

The *Industry and Indigenous Skill Centre Program* (a Commonwealth Government-funded program) provides capital infrastructure funding under the Vocational Education and Training (VET) infrastructure for training and skills centres across Australia. This funding is managed in South Australia by DFEEST through their Industry Skills and Development Directorate. Three Communities on the APY Lands – Iwantja (Indulkana), Kaltjiti (Fregon) and Kalka – have been successful in gaining this funding for the construction of Community Learning Centres. The aim of the Community Learning Centres is to provide training, skill development and learning opportunities for community members, through the provision of programs from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

At this stage Kaltjiti and Iwantja have received their first stage payment (50% of funding) and have engaged Housing SA to manage the project and construction of the Centre on their behalf.

Housing SA has received Ministerial Approval to go to tender and are anticipating the release of tender documentation in February 2012.

Funding for the Kalka site is currently being held with Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) pending lease negotiations, approval and signing by APY. Housing SA has also been engaged to manage the project and construction process on Kalka's behalf.

Housing SA is currently expecting the completion of the construction of the Iwantja and Kaltjiti Community Learning Centres by mid 2012.

TAFE SA Regional, as an RTO, has been engaged through a Memorandum of Understanding with each Community to provide education, training and programs for an initial three year period, with options for further and continued services after this time. TAFE SA Regional currently has staff in all three sites that will be able to assist in the development and delivery of programs from these new sites.

Construction and Maintenance Skills Program

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

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

Over 15 construction jobs have been created since June 2011 in remote communities in the far north west of SA, the APY Lands.

Anangu employed with Housing SA contractors are also benefiting from on job nationally accredited training, with a pathway into mining, pastoral, civil and construction industries. Mentoring and pastoral care services are also delivered.

Housing SA contractors and their non Aboriginal staff are also benefiting, with access to cross cultural training, a greater appreciation of the community within which they are working, and on the job training opportunities not previously accessible.

Now that Anangu employment is embedded within contractor workforces, Housing SA will place an emphasis upon local employees undertaking traineeships this coming year, in locations where capital works will continue.

In addition to generating jobs, and retaining and developing local community members, Housing SA is further leveraging its procurement and contracting capacity through NPARIH investment, to practically support and establish an Aboriginal building company on the APY Lands.

Post NPARIH employment for Anangu is crucial if communities are to retain the skills acquired and keep working. Housing SA's employment model provides a template for other agencies to include a minimum 20% target within procurement and contracting arrangements and Housing SA, together with FaHCSIA and Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) are working to this end.

Art Centers: Income Generation and Employment

Ananguku Arts

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

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

In 2011 the organisation received funding of \$93,466 towards its core program in the APY Lands, as well as \$100,000 for the Statewide Indigenous Community Arts Development (SICAD) program (in which the Anangu artists participate).

Its program included:

- a professional development workshop program delivered across South Australia
- professional advice regarding Indigenous arts management to artists, Aboriginal Boards and committees, art centre managers and arts project workers
- recruitment, orientation and induction services to art centres
- marketing
- advocacy
- a state-wide forum
- research and data collection
- annual Our Mob exhibition
- ongoing development of Ananguku Arts website.

APY Lands - Arts Centre Housing / Infrastructure project

In 2011, Ananguku Arts secured funding for two related projects to build new or upgrade existing staff housing and art centre infrastructure on the APY Lands.

- **Project A - Staff housing:** Ananguku Arts has received \$450,000 from the South Australian Government through Arts SA and \$655,000 from the Australian Government to build new or upgrade existing Art centre staff housing. This work will take place in four locations including, Ninuku Arts (Kalka), Tjala Arts (Amata), Ernabella Arts and Mimili Maku.
- **Project B - Art centre upgrades:** Ananguku Arts and Cultural Aboriginal Corporation has received funding of \$2,840,000 from the Department of Regional Affairs to upgrade and build new art centre infrastructure at six locations including, Iwantja Arts, Mimili Maku, Kaltjiti Arts, Ernabella Arts, Tjala Arts and Ninuku Arts.

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

Other funding

Arts SA also provided funding to the following projects by APY Lands artists in 2011:

- Jam Factory Contemporary Craft & Design Inc. towards a residency by Ernabella artists.
- Iwantja Band performance and presentation at Australian World Music Expo, Melbourne.
- Ernabella Anangu School performed at the Carols by Candlelight, Adelaide
- Three further grants approved in December 2011 for activity in 2012.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Access to effective, comprehensive primary and preventative health care is essential to improving Aboriginal Australians' 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

Renal Care

In 2009, dialysis services in Alice Springs were closed to new patients from South Australia due to demands that exceeded capacity. New patients from the APY Lands were referred to dialysis services within South Australia. A number of measures were put in place to meet the growing demand for dialysis, such as:

- patients were offered the opportunity to access dialysis services at Port Augusta, Whyalla or Adelaide (with SA Health expanding dialysis services in country South Australia)
- Alice Springs opened a re-locatable facility to cater for temporary need
- a Tri-state Agreement was signed between Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia Governments, the Nganampa Health Council and the Ngaanyatjarra Health Service (WA)
- a \$435,000 renal dialysis service opened at Port Pirie Hospital. The new unit freed space at the Port Augusta dialysis facility for more people from the State's far north and the APY Lands
- a mobile dialysis trial service commenced in the APY Lands. In 2011, the Northern Territory Mobile Dialysis Bus visited Pukatja (Ernabella) and Iwantja (Indulkana) communities. This service was managed by SA Health in cooperation with the Northern Territory Government, the Nganampa Health Council and the NPY Women's Council. The service allowed 11 APY Lands residents to access respite dialysis and spend time in their home communities.



Inside view: NT Mobile Dialysis Bus



Outside view: NT Mobile Dialysis Bus

APY Lands Food Security Strategy

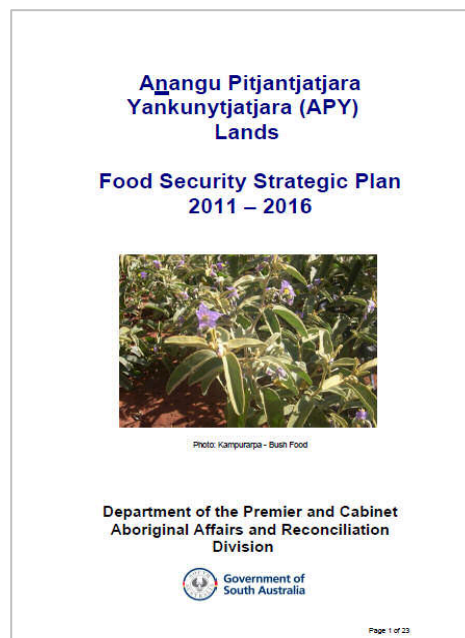
The former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation launched the *APY Lands Food Security Strategic Plan 2011-2016* on 3 December 2010. To view this strategy, please click [here](#)⁹.

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

The Strategy is overseen by the APY Executive Action Team (APY EAT). APY EAT has agreed to seven priority action areas for the next year, with each action being led by a member agency. An evaluation of the first year of the Strategy is underway, the outcomes of which will be available in March 2012.

The seven agreed action areas and progress to date include:

1. Consumer protection
2. Budget management support
3. Home management support
4. Freight improvement and supply chain issues
5. Store management support
6. Education
7. Discrete projects



Consumer protection

Consumer and Business Services (CBS) are assigned leadership in the investigation of consumer protection for the residents of the APY Lands. In partnership with Australian Securities and Investment Commission and SAPOL, CBS have developed an education, compliance and enforcement strategy for 2013. At this stage

- 16 consumer awareness information sessions have been provided at Ngura Wiru Winkiku Cultural Centre based at Port Adelaide (which Anangu frequent).
- 10 fact sheets have been developed for the APY Lands on topics ranging from right when buying food to tips for buying (and using) washing machines.

Budget management support

The DPC-AARD and FaHCSIA are working in partnership to support the improvement of Anangu financial wellbeing and exploration of tools to assist with budgeting in this area. Multiple approaches are being utilised to assist with this activity, such as:

- Financial Wellbeing Project with the Commonwealth Government in Amata and Mimili; and
- Centrelink assistance including Centrepay.

For greater detail on of these activities please refer to 'Economic Participation' section, pages 21 and 22 of this document.

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

Home management support

DCSI are coordinating the development of an Integrated Home Management Support System, aimed at building Anangu capacity in cooking and environmental health within the home. Progress to date has included an audit of nutrition programs/services across the APY Lands, from this a mapping of these existing programs will be undertaken to identify any gaps or overlap.

Freight improvement and supply chain issues

The DPC-AARD along with FaHCSIA has considered the recommendations made in the Remote *Indigenous Communities Freight Improvement Project Report*. As an outcome of this, a partnership has been formed with SA Freight Council to provide contract management/procurement assistance and develop a *Freight Strategic Plan* for the APY Lands.

Store management support

Store governance has been identified as a key component of this activity, at this stage discussions are occurring between Community, Government and non-Government agencies in relation to an efficient and sustainable model for APY Lands Stores. FaHCSIA is providing leadership in the development of this activity.

Education

DECD are the lead agency in looking at ways for young people within Communities to develop knowledge about the importance of food security and nutrition, including developing skills to enact this knowledge. In achieving this, an *APY Lands Education Plan* is under development, which will target young people specifically. In addition, an audit of existing nutrition related strategies (and infrastructure) will be undertaken to assist in the development and actioning of this Plan.

Discrete projects

Raised Garden Beds

The DPC-AARD is playing a key role in the development of the 'Raised Garden Beds' project in Watarru, Railway Bore and Sandy Bore. Watarru and Railway Bore gardens have been producing vegetable for the communities as well as neighbouring areas (and are thriving). Distribution of vegetables has been at the discretion of communities and has resulted in Home and Community Care (HACC) programs and Nganampa Health receiving the produce for cooking and distribution.



Community Gardens

South Australian National Football League Update



Formed in 2007, the Far North West Sport League (FNWSL) was an initiative of the Commonwealth and State Governments, the Australian Football League (AFL) and the South Australian National Football League (SANFL). The FNWSL is played across the APY communities. The APY Lands have been aligned with the Adelaide Football Club through the AFL's Partnership program, which places an AFL club with a regional Aboriginal community or area.

The League has grown from eight teams in both football and softball to nine for the 2012 Premiership season. Tjurma, made up of the homelands surrounding Amata, will enter the competition as the first additional team since the start of the FNWSL in 2007.

The Rio Indigenous Challenge Cup was held in July 2011 at the AAMI Stadium as a curtain-raiser for the Crows and Swans match.

As a success story from FNWSL, in December 2011, the best and fairest player for the last two years, Mr Amos Frank from Fregon, was drafted to the AFL to Hawthorn.



Amos Frank pictured after his draft pick in December 2011

Disability Support Program and Allied Health Service

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

Disability Support Program

Anangu who participate in this program, and their family, work together with the support workers to develop a support plan to address their specific needs. These plans might include services such as:

- assistance with physiotherapy exercises
- repairs and maintenance of equipment
- addressing accessibility
- financial issues.

Allied Health Service

The APY Lands Allied Health Service is staffed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists. 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 an outreach service in between visits, working closely with the Disability Support Program team.

Home and Community Care Service

The HACC Service aims to support older Anangu and younger 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 (Fregon), Pukatja (Ernabella), Mimili, Pipalyatjara and Iwantja (Indulkana) and are provided from the community Family Centres and the program recruits local Anangu staff. Nganampa Health is funded through DCSI to run the HACC services in Pukatja (Ernabella).

DCSI currently employ 22 Anangu across the APY Lands as HACC and Family Support workers.

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.

Infrastructure planning

The DPC-AARD is leading a 'cross-government agency taskforce' on infrastructure planning for regional and remote Aboriginal communities. The planning includes communities on all Aboriginal-held lands in regional and remote areas of South Australia – the Aboriginal Lands Trust lands, APY Lands and Maralinga Tjarutja Lands.

The primary focus is on assessing and evaluating the current and future needs for essential services and associated infrastructure – power (electricity), transport (road and air) and water (including wastewater), as well as waste management services.

Infrastructure associated with housing, education, justice, health, waste management and the provision of other government and community services will also be reviewed and evaluated.

National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) for the APY Lands

Priority Infrastructure Plan

In September 2011, Parsons Brinckerhoff was contracted to carry out and produce a Priority Infrastructure Plan (PIP). The PIP is a review to guide and inform all key stakeholders of the necessary and required essential services infrastructure to support the housing implementation plan under the NPARIH.

Parsons Brinckerhoff had provided the PIP to the State and Commonwealth Governments on 18 November 2011.

The Parsons Brinckerhoff PIP contains a number of recommendations, which are now being considered by the State and Commonwealth Governments to determine and ascertain levels of housing and construction and refurbishments as they relate to each of the seven communities, as well as the levels and sources of investment needed to support the housing implementation plan under the NPARIH.



New housing construction at Amata, June 2011

Construction Activity

Construction is on schedule for 34 New Build and 19 Refurbishment completions in the APY Lands in 2011/12. In addition to the 34 New Build completions for NPARIH the Housing SA team has completed 5 houses for Employment Related Accommodation in Umuwa in the APY Lands.

Table 1 : Completed Construction on the APY Lands

	NPARIH	
	New Builds	Refurbishment
2009/2010	33	34
2010/2011	28	58
2011/2012	12	13
<i>Sub-Total</i>	73	105
Total: New Builds and Refurbishments	178	



Umuwa – Employment Related Accommodation

Table 2 : Current Activity - New Builds for 2011-2012

	Completed	Underway	Not Started on Site (inc 4 extra houses)
Amata	2	-	-
Mimili	4	-	-
Pukatja	4	13	-
Fregon	2	13	-
TOTAL	12	26	-



Amata 4 Bedroom (Under construction 2011/12 delivery)

Table 3: Current Activity - Refurbishments (upgrades) for 2011-2012

	Completed	Underway	Not Started on Site (inc 4 extra houses)
Amata	8	-	-
Mimili	-	-	-
Pukatja	-	-	-
Pipalyatjara	-	-	6
Fregon	5	-	-
TOTAL	13		6

APY Lands Housing Audit

The APY Executive requested that an audit of all government staff housing be undertaken before they were to consider any further lease applications. The DPC-AARD agreed to the audit request and expanded it to include all housing stock under the control of the State and Commonwealth Governments as well as Non-Government Organisations (NGOs).

The aim of the audit was to establish current housing stock held by governments and NGOs, to establish permanent occupancy (as opposed to 'visitor' occupancy) and to review current management models with a view to improving efficiency to determine alternative models for housing occupancy.

The data has been gathered and provides a composite record of all lot numbers, house numbers, occupancy rates, occupancy type (permanent versus visitor accommodation), house size, lease arrangement, agency allocated and property management department. The validation of the data with the agencies and organisations is completed, with only a few house numbers to be confirmed.

Consideration is currently being given to the need for a new policy framework for government housing and for the management of overnight visitor accommodation so as to improve coordination and access. Discussions with the APY Executive regarding housing and lease arrangements are continuing.

Home Living Skills Program

Housing SA has established a Home Living Skills (HLS) program, based at Umuwa and outreaching to APY Lands communities. This program has been established to provide tenants with the skills to maintain their homes, and responsive and programmed maintenance systems have been established for all existing houses.

The HLS program focuses upon educating tenants about the nine Healthy Living Practices, which are:

- the ability to wash people, particularly children
- the ability to wash clothes and bedding
- removing waste safely from the house and immediate living environment
- improving nutrition – the ability to store, prepare and cook food
- reducing the negative effects of over-crowding
- reducing the negative contact between people and animals, insects and vermin
- reducing dust
- controlling the temperature of the living environment
- reducing trauma or minor injury, by removing hazards
- helping tenants meet their obligations of their tenancy agreements
- focusing on one-to-one budgeting support.

The HLS program is a module program with progressive 'reward'-based incentives to tenants who successfully achieve milestones within the program.

The HLS program has almost completed its duration in Amata, with an Anangu HLS Coordinator having undertaken this role. Participant feedback to Housing SA has been positive and encouraging as the program rolls out to Pipalyatjara and Mimili in early 2012. The HLS Coordinator for Mimili has been advertised, applications closed on 3 February 2012 and short listing is currently underway for this position. The HLS Coordinator for Amata will

assist with the Pipalyatjara program rollout, with Housing SA exploring opportunity for local Anangu employment. Ernabella is due to start in June 2012.

Environmental Health

Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers

The Ngnampa Health Council, partly funded by SA Health, employs two teams of Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers operating in the eastern and western communities. Their activities are focused on the Uwankara Palyanyku Kanyintjaku's (UPK) nine healthy living practices (please click here¹⁰ to view). Much of their focus in the past months has been on fire safety in the communities and homelands.

SA Health Promotional Health

SA Health recently presented the National Environmental Health Committee's "Did Ya Wash Your Hands" program to nine primary school classes. It focuses on teaching children the importance of washing their hands and how to do it effectively. Stickers, workbooks, bars of soap and oranges were given out the children in the participating classes.

SA Health has also assisted the HACCC kitchens on the APY Lands to develop and implement basic Food Safety Plans to ensure meals delivered in the communities meet the required health and safety standards.

Camel Management

Under the National Standards for Animal Welfare, the Department for Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia (PIRSA), has been working with Anangu to develop skills in working with camels and developing longer term strategies for the management of feral camels.

Dog Health

The Commonwealth Government is funding a program through the Ngnampa Health Council in relation to managing dog parasites, fertility control and unwanted dog removals across the APY Lands.

Essential Services Re-alignment

On 6 June 2011, Cabinet approved the transfer of electricity generation, distribution and retail as well as the transfer of responsibility for water and waste water services from the former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation to the Minister for Energy and the Minister for Water, respectively. These changes to essential services came into effect from 1 July, 2011.

The assignment of essential services provision responsibility,



Central Powerhouse

¹⁰ Uwankara Palyanyku Kanyintjaku <http://www.anangu.com.au/housing.html>

capital and operational and cost recovery budgets and human resources have been transferred to the relevant mainstream government agencies.

Communities have been advised of the changes in responsibility and have been advised of the new contact details within the relevant line agencies.

The transfer of these essential services will lead to increased efficiencies and improved safety systems with these services now being provided by the agencies with the necessary and appropriate technical knowledge and capacity.

Waste Management

DPC-AARD is currently leading cross-agency planning for all regional and remote Aboriginal communities, including APY communities and homelands. This planning covers waste management as well as other essential services. Associated built infrastructure links these to other services and infrastructure, allowing for integrated and improved future management.

The Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) currently receives direct funding from the FaHCSIA Municipal Services (MUNS) program for waste management in the APY Lands.

This funding is under review by the Commonwealth Government. DPC-AARD is committed to negotiating and working with FaHCSIA under the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) to clarify roles, responsibilities and funding related to household and community waste services and infrastructure.



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.

Expansion of Wiltja Residential Program

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

As part of the response to the Children on the APY Lands Commission of Inquiry (Mullighan Inquiry) in 2008, funding was provided for the expansion of Wiltja Residential Program accommodation centre, with increased capacity from 60 students to 105 students. The expansion has now been completed and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin, and the former South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon Grace Portolesi, opened the Wiltja accommodation centre in June 2010. The new centre provides Aboriginal students with safe accommodation while they live away from home to further their education.

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

Mentoring Teachers on the APY Lands

In 2011, eight teachers were chosen from across South Australia to provide additional support to teachers in the remote areas. Anangu Education Services has provided training and induction for these support mentors. This program will continue into 2012.

In May 2011, Anangu Education Services provided an opportunity for all new staff working in the APY Lands region to come together in Yulara to network and to enable the development of peer support mechanisms.

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre

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

The funding received through this program will be to construct a new purpose-built training facility with industry standard equipment, located at Umuwa.

The Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre (APYTTTC) purpose built education and training facility which will provide vocational training to Certificate 3 level in the following industry areas:

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

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

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

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

Governance of the APYTTTC is under the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC), as are all public sector education and training activities across the APY lands. The PYEC is a branch of APY Executive.

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

DECD – Anangu Education are currently developing the Job and Person Specification for a Principal Manager for the APY Trade Training Centre, based at Umuwa. It is anticipated that this position will be advertised in late term 1 and commencement of duties at the beginning of term 3, 2012.

DECD – Anangu Education are also engaging with local APY Lands schools to develop 'School – Training – Employment' Pathways for young Anangu for 2012 and beyond.

TAFE SA Diploma of Interpreting

On 14 November 2011, the Tourism, Events and Languages team in TafeSA won the Australia Interpreting and Translating (AUSIT) National Excellence Award for its 'Outstanding Contribution to Indigenous Interpreting' for the delivery of the Diploma of Interpreting to students



A really proud moment for TafeSA and in particular, Ina Scales, Barry McDonald and Georgina Nou (pictured above) whose innovation and perseverance deserve recognition.

from the APY Lands and other parts of South Australia.

Thirty-five students have been enrolled in the TafeSA Diploma of Interpreting and 12 students have completed the Diploma. The TafeSA Diploma has made a significant contribution to training, mentoring and supporting Aboriginal language interpreters.

DPC-AARD has conducted a Review of Aboriginal languages interpreting services in South Australia and has identified the need for a more effective and comprehensive interpreting service and the availability of Aboriginal language interpreters. Further discussion is to be held regarding a preferred model and the lead responsibility for the implementation of such a model.



Five TAFE Interpreter graduates were awarded with Diplomas in Interpreting. The graduates and their language group are Rex Granites—Warlpiri, Tjinkuma Wells— Pitjantjatjara, Rosie Nelson— Pitjantjatjara, Ingrid Kenny—Yankunytjatjara and Rosemary Lester—Yankunytjatjara (left to right). (March 2011)

CONCLUSION

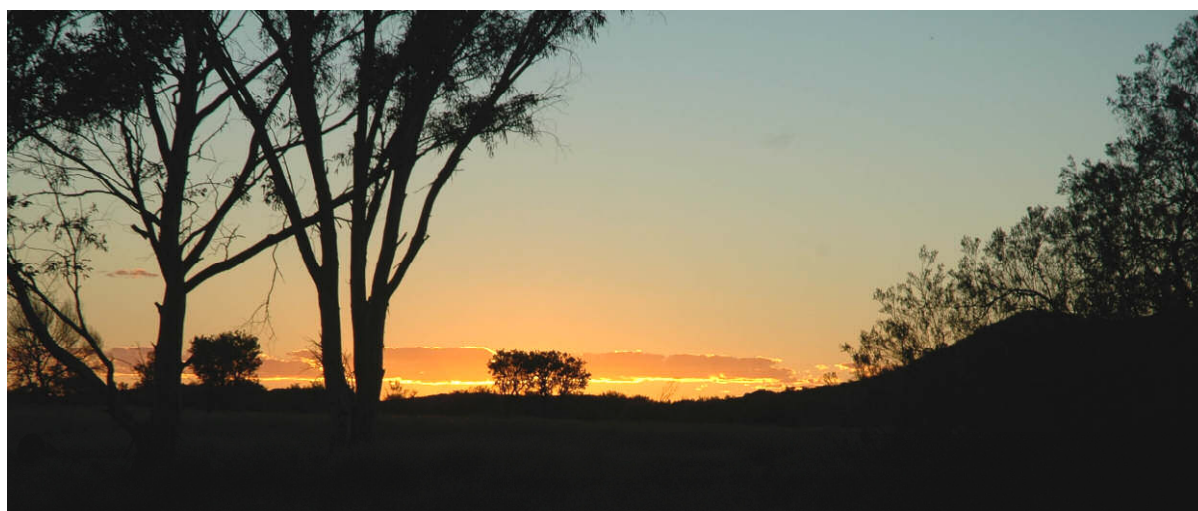
This issue of *Progress on the Lands* highlights a range of initiatives that are underway across the APY Lands, each with varying scope, depth and degree of completion – some are new initiatives while others have been ongoing for some time.

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

This report will be released bi-annually each year – the next issue will be produced in the 3rd quarter of 2012.

DPC-AARD invites agencies or departments to contribute to the *Progress on the Lands* update and to forward any information on their particular service or topic area to Shona Reid at reid.shona@dpc.sa.gov.au by 1 June 2012.

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



ACRONYMS

AARD	Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division
AES	Anangu Education Service
AEW	Anangu Education Worker
AFL	Australian Football League
APY	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
APY EAT	APY Executive Action Team
APYTTC	Anangu Pipalyatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre
AYAP	Amata Youth Action Plan
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CBS	Consumer and Business Services
CCSO	Community Council Support Officers
CfC	Communities for Children
CGRIS	Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services
CSO	Crown Solicitors Office
DCSI	Department for Communities and Social Inclusion
DECD	Department for Education and Child Development
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DMITRE	Department of Manufacturing, Industry, Trade, Resources and Energy
DPC	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
DPTI	Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
FaHCSIA	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
HACC	Home and Community Care
HLS	Home Living Skills
ICT	Information and Computer Technology
LBW	Lands Based Worker
LIPS	Local Implementation Plans
MUNS	Municipal Services
NPARIH	National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing
NPYWC	Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PIP	Priority Infrastructure Plan
PYEC	Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee
RASA	Relationships Australia South Australia
RASAC	Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation
ROC	Regional Operations Centre
RPL	Recognised Prior Learning
RSD BoM	Remote Service Delivery Board of Management
RSD NPA	Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement
RTO	Registered Training Organisation
SANFL	South Australian National Football League
SAPOL	South Australian Police
VON	Visiting Officer Notification