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FOREWORD

I am pleased to provide the 2014 publication of 'Progress on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands'. This edition of the Progress Report summarises activities and achievements on the APY Lands delivered by government agencies between January 2014 and December 2014.

The 'Progress on the APY Lands' report has its origins in the SA Government Taskforce that was established in 2004 to improve the planning and coordination of service delivery on the APY Lands, and which undertook to produce a regular report on current projects and programs on the APY Lands.

It is now intended to provide annual editions of the 'Progress on the APY Lands' publication.

As in previous editions of this report, the chapters reflect the seven building blocks to *Close the Gap in Indigenous Disadvantage* as defined by the Council of Australian Government (COAG) in 2008. The framework of chapters in this report updates the building block theme by combining several areas and introducing two new ones: '*Caring for Land and Culture*' and '*Buildings, Roads and Power*'.

The production of the report is a collaborative effort from a range of government agencies. I would like to thank you all for your continued co-operation and contributions that make the report a very informative publication relating to program and service delivery on the APY Lands.

The progress report will be published on the Department of State Development (DSD) website. The new website address is: <http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au>

I look forward to providing you with future editions documenting progress on the APY Lands.

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Disclaimers:

- *The publisher wishes to advise people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent that this publication may contain names or images of persons who are now deceased.*
- *A number of APY Lands communities have alternative names which may be included in this report namely:*
 - *Kaltjiti also known as Fregon;*
 - *Yunyarinyi also known as Kenmore Park;*
 - *Pukatja also known as Ernabella; and*
 - *Iwantja also known as Indulkana.*

INTRODUCTION

The report comprises of seven chapters that cover the diversity of service delivery across the APY Lands:

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| 1. Living in safe communities | 5. Health and wellbeing |
| 2. Taking care of kids | 6. Buildings, roads and power |
| 3. Learning and working | 7. Governance and leadership |
| 4. Caring for land and culture | |

Within these chapters, particular program and service delivery initiatives and activities are documented. The information provided is reliant upon contributions from the relevant lead agencies. There have been a number of key achievements during this twelve month reporting period which are documented in full in the body of the report. A brief summary of some highlighted achievements is provided as follows:

- In January 2014, the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) commenced the implementation of a Local Partnerships operational model. The model supports collective responsibility for improved outcomes for all Anangu children and young people within APY Lands communities. Benefits emanating from the partnership model include: enhancing professional development of leaders; staff using resources more efficiently; and enabling young people to overcome learning barriers.
- Family Wellbeing Centres (FWC) are now operational in Mimili, Pukatja and Amata with the lead service agencies being Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI), DECD, and Country Health SA Local Health Network (CHSALHN) respectively.
- In January 2014, CHSALHN took delivery of a new, Commonwealth funded, Mobile Dialysis Unit for the APY Lands. The fully-equipped truck has three dialysis chairs and provides the opportunity for Anangu who receive dialysis treatment off the Lands to temporarily return home to re-engage with their family, their community and their culture.
- Community Safety Plans are now in place for all major communities across the APY Lands. These plans, developed by SA Police (SAPOL), provide guidance to community members on how to best respond in the event of an emergency; and what support community members can expect from emergency response services and other support services.
- SAPOL held meetings with school leadership teams at Indulkana, Mimili, Amata and Pukatja. SAPOL school-based programs were introduced to the schools which include topics regarding 'bullying and violence, cyber safety and the sex offences awareness' program. Resources regarding cyber safety/cyber bullying were left with each school.

- Department of State Development, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (DSD-AAR) worked closely with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI), Crown Solicitor's Office (CSO) and the APY Executive Board, in drafting an appropriate lease document to formalise rental fees, length of tenure, and terms and conditions for SA Government housing stock on the APY Lands. In February 2014, the 50-year lease agreement was signed-off by the then Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the APY Executive Board. It means that the APY Lands will receive rental payments of \$21,700 in 2013-14 and \$45,700 by 2015-16 and beyond.
- In March 2014, eight people from Amata and Mimili travelled to Adelaide to take part in a project to build furniture for their communities and learn new skills in metal fabrication and woodwork.
- In recognition of the importance and essential need for Aboriginal culture and tradition to be passed on from generation to generation, thereby enhancing the everyday lives of Anangu living on the APY Lands, in March 2014, the SA Government announced \$400,000 funding over four years to the APY Lands Law and Culture Committee, \$100,000 per year.
- The Amata Health Advisory Council, with support from CHSALHN, met exclusively on the topic of child safety in April 2014. This meeting resolved to pursue an Anangu centered approach towards the promotion of child safety values and the prevention of child neglect and incidents of concern. The community dialogue event held on 17 - 20 June 2014 at Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) in Alice Springs marked the important first step in this process.
- In April 2014, the Hon Dr. Robyn Layton AO QC, on behalf of the APY Lands Legislative Review Independent Panel, presented the final report of the limited review of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981* to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation. Copies of the report were subsequently provided to the APY Executive, who responded to the recommendations in mid-December 2014.
- Carclew worked closely with Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara residents to develop the Tjitji Tjuta Inmaku Pakantjaku project. This project has produced a high quality series of Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara and English (tri-lingual) language books. These books are accompanied by audio CDs of songs and DVDs suitable for use by Anangu children and their families from the APY Lands and Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) Lands. Celebrations for the project took place in Umuwa on 23 June 2014 and in the Carclew ballroom on 27 June 2014, prior to the Carclew Board meeting.
- The Commonwealth Government's Remote School Attendance Strategy commenced on the APY Lands schools in Term 1 of 2014. It involves Student Attendance Officers working closely with students, parents, school staff and community members to ensure children are in school every day. In August 2014, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion, announced \$600,000 in funding for the Adelaide and Port Adelaide Football Clubs to deliver programs aimed at increasing school attendance on the APY Lands.

- With support from the Commonwealth and SA Government, Mai Wiru Regional Stores Aboriginal Corporation implemented its business plan with Foodbank SA to consolidate its purchasing function and logistics services from Adelaide for the Mai Wiru managed community stores on the APY Lands. The new direct delivery service commenced in September, providing improved quality, range and price of fresh food and other core staples to all APY Lands community stores.
- From 1 October 2014, DCSI provided funds to NPYWC to deliver the Youth Program in Mimili, Fregon, Pukatja, Amata, Pipalyatjara and Kalka.
- The DCSI Disability Support Program provided recreational and social support to approximately forty disability clients across the APY Lands. In November 2014, the DCSI Policy and Community Development team assisted nine Anangu clients with disabilities to attend a holiday at the Gold Coast, Queensland.
- To contribute to food security, DSD-AAR installed back-up generators in the Iwantja, Kanpi and Amata stores, as well as the temporary Kaltjiti store (the Kaltjiti store was destroyed by fire in December 2013). The generators automatically come on-line when there is a power outage, and have the capacity to support safe food storage within store fridges and freezers in the event of short and long-term power outages.
- In 2013-14, under the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), South Australia (SA) delivered twenty-two new houses and a further ten refurbishments across the APY Lands. The three companies involved in these building projects on the APY Lands, were required to use a minimum of 20% Aboriginal workers under their Employment and Workforce Development agreements.
- The Australian Army delivered a \$6 million program of substantial infrastructure improvements to Kaltjiti, including a Child and Family Centre, Service Provider's Accommodation, four houses, an upgrade to the water supply and the refurbishment of the Kaltjiti Community Church.
- The Commonwealth and SA Government are jointly funding a major upgrade of 210 kilometres of road between the Stuart Highway and Pukatja. The project also includes the upgrade of 21 kilometres of community roads to provide all weather access to airstrips. A total of \$106 million in funding has been allocated for the project, with the Commonwealth Government contributing \$85 million, and the SA Government \$21 million.
- The DSD, Energy Markets and Programs Division upgraded power distribution infrastructure to improve reliability and commenced capital works in Fregon to move underground cables overhead.
- Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management (AWNRM) Board continued to implement a number of priority APY Lands projects, including working with the Iwantja community on the Davey's Bore Stockyards project under the Environmental Management Understanding. This project is being carried out in partnership with APY Lands Anthropologists and APY Lands Pastoral; and is aimed at developing community capacity and infrastructure to control horses,

donkeys and camels, which regularly invade the community, causing health problems and desecrating sacred sites.

- The Commonwealth Government has provided funding of \$300,000 to continue to support local governance and administration across APY Land communities. The SA Government has also committed \$250,000 and the APY Lands have committed a further \$50,000 to the initiative over the 2014-15 financial year. Under the Community Support Initiative, local Anangu are engaged as Community Administration Support Officers (CASOs) and are employed to provide administrative support to APY Lands communities, including the Community Councils.

As can be seen in the brief summary of achievements and activities outlined above, there is an expansive and diverse range of initiatives, programs and service delivery taking place to improve the support provided to Anangu on the APY Lands.

Strategic Alignments

Safety and Wellbeing

Ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities, and that Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing enjoyed by other Australians.

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

Safe Communities, Healthy Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming. People can live active and healthy lives and feel part of the community.

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

1. LIVING IN SAFE COMMUNITIES

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETINGS

SAPOL continued to facilitate and chair regular Community Safety Committee meetings at Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Amata, Murputja, and Pipalyatjara/Kalka.

Community Safety Meetings were attended by community Elders and representatives from DCSI and DECD.

Community Safety Meetings provided an opportunity for police and other agencies to:

- Identify and discuss points of interest;
- Discuss available services to the community;
- Discuss action taken to ensure the ongoing safety of residents;
- Talk about important safety initiatives; and
- Advertise forthcoming events.

Community Safety Meetings provided a mechanism for residents to identify issues that are of concern and to discuss these concerns directly with the relevant agency. It also provides opportunities for agencies and local community members to develop responses that are appropriate for community needs and concerns.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSTABLES

Aboriginal Community Constables continued to play a pivotal role in serving the APY Lands by working with police officers in a number of areas, including:

- Assisting with community disputes;
- Preventing disputes from continuing and/or escalating;
- Supporting police tasked to investigate repeat offending; and
- Assessing behaviors and family/community relationships.

SAPOL continued to review new ways Aboriginal Community Constables can work more effectively within communities. The review examined how Aboriginal Community Constables can be more proactive in relationship building with young people, particularly vulnerable young people at risk.

In recognising the importance of having Anangu personnel in the police service, SAPOL has continued to provide a 'recruitment pathway' through the engagement of Police Aboriginal Liaison Officers (PALOs) as a transition to employment as Aboriginal Community Constables.

As indicated in the previous progress report, SAPOL has employed a dedicated Aboriginal Employment Officer to focus on the recruitment of Aboriginal Community Constables on the APY Lands. The Employment Officer regularly visited the APY Lands, and worked with communities to identify and support Anangu who seek to pursue this important and essential role.

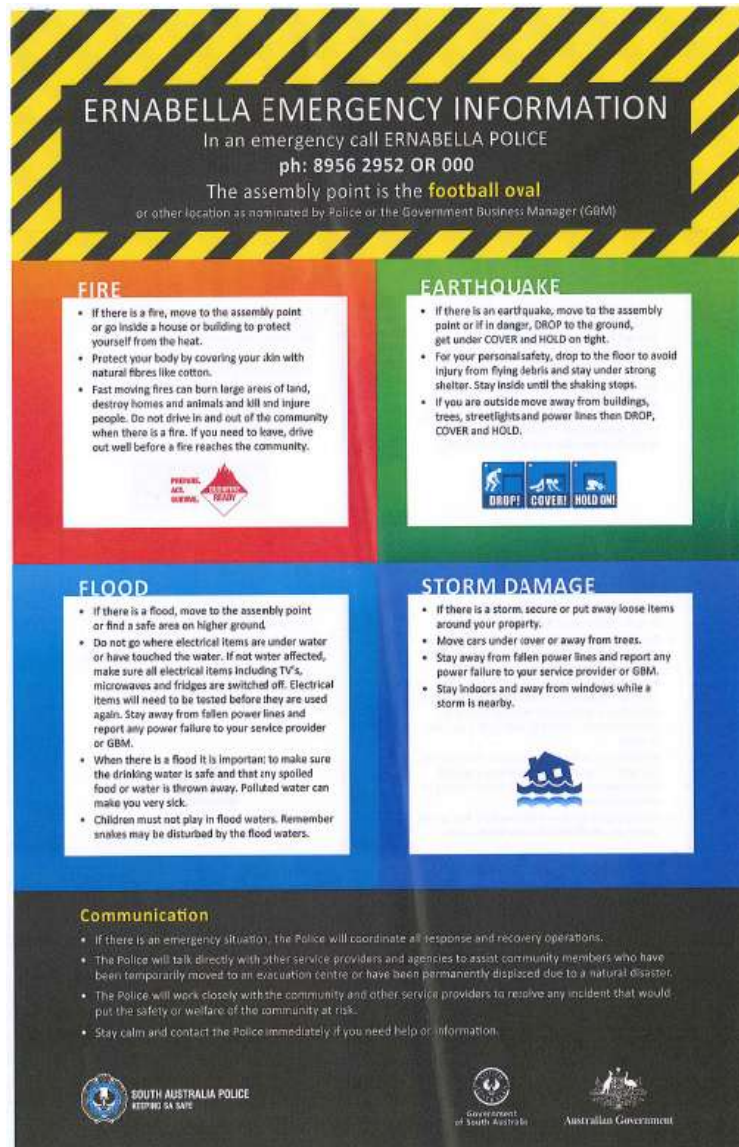
COMMUNITY SAFETY PLANS

SAPOL has now developed Community Safety Plans for each of the major communities across the APY Lands, including Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Amata and Pipalyatjara.

Community safety plans provide guidance to community members on how to best respond in the event of an emergency; and what support members can expect from emergency response services and other support services.

Commonwealth Government funding was provided under the *Keeping our Mob Safe: National Emergency Management Strategy for Remote Indigenous Communities* for the development of the plans and story-boards.

These have been translated into Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara languages and will be placed in business' and service centres across each of the major communities.



TACKLING THE MESSAGE OF 'NO VIOLENCE' AND FIGHTING SEX CRIMES

SAPOL continued to work with other agencies on the APY Lands in relation to sexual assaults and offending. SAPOL has maintained its commitment through the ongoing activities of a specialist Sex Crime Investigator and two Victim Management Officers.

The investigators continued to play 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 using a story-board approach.

With the introduction of additional support services and the development of closer ties and relationships with APY Lands residents, there has been an increased opportunity to report incidents of violence and other crimes.

Between 14 September 2014 and 18 September 2014, three members from the SA Police Strategy, Policy and Programs Section along with Police from the APY Lands supported the Adelaide Football Club (AFC) and the South Australian National Football League (SAFNL) in delivering a healthy lifestyle choices program. Blue Light discos were held at Indulkana and Amata as part of the joint delivery. In addition, SAPOL held meetings with school leadership teams at Indulkana, Mimili, Amata and Ernabella to introduce school-based programs on topics regarding 'bullying and violence, cyber safety and the sex offences awareness' programs. Resources on cyber safety/cyber bullying were left with each school.

On 6 November 2014, SAPOL assisted with the delivery of a cyber and online safety program at Ernabella School to students and the community. The program provided advice on staying safe online, which included appropriate use of social media and how to avoid being scammed.



Pukatja children and police organisers involved with the cyber and on-line training program.

NIGHT PATROLS

Since 2012, night patrols have operated in Amata and Mimili. The community members involved in the night patrols:

- Call the police if a crime is suspected;
- Pick up unsupervised children and teenagers who are out after dark; and
- Refer cases to health or welfare agencies.

Maintenance of the night patrol buggies has been supported by the Commonwealth Government. In support of this valuable service, Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation (RASAC) has taken over the management, (storage and charging) of the night patrol buggies while a longer term management strategy is developed within the communities.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES

SAPOL conducted APY Lands activities aimed at improving community education, support, and interaction, including:

- Holding Blue Light Discos - a total of 160 children attended discos at Amata and Pukatja;
- Assisting with the coaching and training of sporting teams;
- 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; and
- Delivering talks to senior boys in relation to pornography, sexting, domestic violence, and sexual crimes.

Blue Light Discos at Amata and Pukatja were enjoyed by local children and police organisers alike.



SA, NT AND WA LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

CROSS BORDER INITIATIVES

SAPOL continued to be involved in Cross Border initiatives as set out in the provisions of the *Cross Border Justice Act 2009*. This Act has enabled police to pursue and prosecute alleged offenders from another jurisdiction.

Cultural connections across state borders and the close interpersonal and family ties shared across communities contribute to persons of interest travelling across jurisdictions.

The legislation provides flexibility for police to move across borders to ensure offenders are appropriately dealt with and communities are safe.

In general, communities have been supportive of the increased police presence and the visible incidents of joint cross border policing. The initiative has the potential to strengthen and improve community safety, however the full impact of the legislation is yet to be fully realised.

Police activities in this tri-state region continue to be overseen through regular Police Commanders' meetings and tactical coordination meetings, supported by a Memorandum of Understanding and Standard Operating Procedures. Through regular communication between police across jurisdictional borders, the ability for offenders to evade justice has been significantly reduced.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE INTELLIGENCE DESK (SAID)

The Commonwealth Government funded intelligence network, referred to as the *Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk*, continued to support police from SA, Northern Territory (NT) and Western Australia (WA) to eliminate the supply of alcohol and illicit substances from the central Australia region.

Under this tri-state arrangement, police continued to work collaboratively with their interstate colleagues and other agencies to target suppliers of alcohol and illicit substances.

FAMILY VIOLENCE INTELLIGENCE DESK

As indicated in the previous progress report, the Commonwealth Government has provided funding for a *Family Violence Intelligence Desk*. This intelligence network continued to support the NPYWC and police from SA, NT and WA in their aim of curbing family violence in the central Australia region.

This enhanced intelligence access has enabled police to provide better support to high-risk victims and monitor the activities of identified recidivist offenders. The *Family Violence Intelligence Desk* has made a positive contribution to better coordination across state borders.

LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES ACT 1959

In 2013, the SA Government commenced a series of 90-day *Change@SouthAustralia* projects. The APY Lands Driver Licensing Project was one of these projects. Its aim was to make changes that would support Aboriginal people in remote communities who want to obtain, regain and retain a driver's licence.

As a result of the 90-day project and consultation with Palya Fund Trustees, the SA Government developed a proposal for a very broad exemption power in the *Motor Vehicles Act 1959*. This allows an exemption to be issued by the Minister for Transport (power now delegated to the Minister for Road Safety) to an Aboriginal person for certain requirements of the Graduated Licensing Scheme. That person must reside on the APY Lands or MT Lands.

For example, one such exemption may involve reducing the required number of supervised driving hours from seventy-five hours to, say, forty-five hours for a person over the age of twenty-one.

In November 2013, the Minister for Aboriginal and Reconciliation introduced a draft bill which passed through the Legislative Council. The former Minister for Road Safety subsequently introduced the bill into the House of Assembly and it was passed on 26 November 2013.

A working group was then formed by DPTI to assist in the consultation and management of the new arrangements. Membership is drawn from relevant government agencies, together with representatives from the governing bodies for the APY Lands and MT Lands.

Importantly, the SA Government is clear that this legislative change will not compromise road safety or the current competency-based testing standards.

Existing conditions and penalties which apply to learner permits, provisional licences and full licences are also intended to be the same.

Two Aboriginal Program Support Officers were appointed to facilitate delivery of the program on the APY Lands. Other program support work is also underway, including a tender to establish a panel of providers to deliver driver training services and testing on the APY Lands. The tender was advertised in November 2014 and it is anticipated service delivery will commence in February 2015.

AUSTROADS TRIAL

Austroads is the association of Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities.

Austroads has undertaken a number of national projects to address low driver licensing rates of Aboriginal people living in remote communities.

One such project involves the delivery of a teaching package that combines the learner and provisional stages of driver licensing, using culturally appropriate learning methodologies.

It was intended to deliver this trial at Amata to a group of young Aboriginal people aged 16-19 years of age. A recent visit to APY Lands resulted in strong interest from more than ninety Aboriginal people across eight communities who will now be included in the new driver licensing scheme.

A learning-to-drive tool kit, which makes the pre-learner phase of driving more accessible for young Aboriginal people, is another Austroads initiative that is now being used by TAFE SA on the APY Lands.

In addition to these two driver licensing initiatives, the Minister for Road Safety announced on 16 June 2014 the translation of road rule refresher videos into two Aboriginal languages for people living on the APY Lands. This is about providing equal access to government services for Aboriginal people who don't speak English, or for whom English is a second language. The videos are available at <http://www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/>.

DPTI is continuing its work in partnership with Red Cross to provide child restraints in APY Lands communities, including training in correct fitting of the restraints and raising awareness about how they can prevent injury.



Example of 'Road Maps' - part of the Austroads Learn to Drive toolkit.

Strategic Alignments

Children and Schooling

Focuses on getting children to school, improving education outcomes and improving access to further education as well as supporting families to give children a good start in life.

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

Every Chance for Every Child

Finding better ways of supporting and strengthening South Australian families and children to achieve their best

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

2. TAKING CARE OF KIDS

CHILD SAFETY ON THE APY LANDS

TALKING ABOUT CHILD SAFETY IN AMATA

The Amata Family Wellbeing Centre Health Advisory Council (FWCHAC) met on the 17-20 June 2014 in Alice Springs, at the Child Safety Community Consultation, to consider an application for funding to establish a Child Safety Plan and Service in Amata, over three years. The Amata FWCHAC also attended the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service sponsored Anangu leadership discussion on child sexualised behaviors on the 16 October 2014 at Umuwa. The Amata FWCHAC offered Amata Anangu insights regarding the development of a Child Safety Plan and Child Safety Service for Amata that places an emphasis on:

- Education (on safety and care across the age spectrum);
- Prevention (by delivering early intervention advice); and
- Diversion to avoid regression into the child protection system.

The Amata Family Wellbeing Centre (FWC) has established a trainee manager position and an asset maintenance position – both fulltime roles to facilitate the next stage of the capacity building plan for the Amata community in partnership with CHSALHN.

GOOD START FOR BABIES

Baby care products were provided by DECD-Families SA at the request of partnership agency Child Youth and Family Services. This program will continue to be funded by DECD-Families SA each year.

Child Youth and Family Services contact DECD-Families SA to obtain baby products to continue the program.

INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE (IFSS) WALYTJAPITI PROGRAM

In January 2012, NPYWC received funding from the Commonwealth Government, Department of Social Services (formerly the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)) to provide an Intensive Family Support Service (IFSS) in a number of Northern Territory and APY Land communities.

NPYWC's IFSS became known as the Walytjapiti Program and has been implemented in seven Aboriginal communities in Central Australia. An eighth community was included in the program's coverage in mid-2014.

DECD-Families SA refers parent/caregivers of children, where neglect has been substantiated, or is at high risk of occurring. IFSS supports families

with children aged 0-12 years of age with a particular focus on the early childhood age range of children aged 0-5 years old. The SA communities participating in the Walytjapiti Program are Iwantja, Mimili, Pukatja and Amata communities.

Between January and May 2014, an independent evaluation of the Walytjapiti Program was conducted. This process and outcome evaluation of the program aimed to understand the program's practice model, its implementation and its effectiveness in supporting families and reducing child neglect within families who have engaged with the Walytjapiti Program.

To the end of May 2014, the Walytjapiti Program had received a total of 48 referrals of families. 60% of these referrals (29) came from DECD-Families SA (SA referrals) and the remainder for NT communities.

Of the total 48 referrals received between March 2012 and May 2014, the majority (83%) were accepted into the program.

DECD-FAMILIES SA WORKING ON THE APY LANDS

Child Safety Primary Prevention and Community Education engagement service

DECD-Families SA has six staff based on the APY Lands in Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Pukatja, Amata and Pipalyatjara communities. The staff engaged in primary (universal) preventative and community education in partnership with schools, funded agencies and community members focusing on empowering the communities to tackle known risk factors, such as poverty and community disadvantage, family violence, mental health and substance abuse.

Child Safety Tertiary Response service

In October 2014, DECD-Families SA (Coober Pedy) commenced a trial rotational Fly In/Fly Out (FIFO) model to respond to the Child Safety Notifications in communities on the APY Lands. A primary goal of FIFO is to increase the DECD-Families SA assessment response to Child Safety Notifications on the APY Lands while increasing the number of Child Safety DECD-Families SA staff on the Lands. This model aims to have DECD-Families SA Child Safety staff on the APY Lands, seven days a week. The trial is in place until June 2015 and is subject to review.

DECD-Families SA (Coober Pedy) continued to provide assessment based emergency financial assistance and other financial counselling services to assist families on the APY Lands.

Child Protection Protocols

The review of the 2010 *APY Lands Child Protection Protocols for the Investigation and Assessment of Suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect* is a priority for DECD-Families SA. The review is led by DECD-Families SA and has representation from all signatories of the protocols. It is expected that the review will be finalised mid-2015.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

An Early Year's Teacher has been appointed to the Pukatja Centre. This now provides a part-time preschool teacher and a full-time Early Year's Teacher to the Pukatja Centre. Anangu Education Workers (AEWs) work alongside both teachers to: support learning and behaviour management; and delivery of learning and wellbeing outcomes for Anangu children. The development of strong relationships with families and staff has enabled increased family support within an appropriate cultural environment.

Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) continued to deliver the Early Childhood Development Program with two nurses visiting the community every fortnight. The nurses 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 the Nganampa Health Clinic (NHC) 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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES

A purpose-built Child and Family Centre in Kaltjiti was handed over to DECD in December 2013 by the Commonwealth Government. Shortly after completion, the building was extensively damaged and required significant repairs. Work has commenced on repairing the property and it is anticipated the centre will be operational at the start of the 2015 school year.

AEWs working in preschools and playgroups continued to undertake training and development in order to meet the National Quality Standard qualification training requirements. Twenty AEWs were registered and actively working towards a Certificate III in Children's Services during 2014.

Strategic Alignments

Jobs, Land and Economy

Aims to get adults into work, foster Indigenous business and assist Indigenous people to generate economic and social benefits from effective use of their land, particularly in remote areas

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

Culture and Capability

Will support Indigenous Australians to maintain their culture, participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation and ensure that Indigenous organisations are capable of delivering quality services to their clients

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

Safe Communities, Healthy Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming. People can live active and healthy lives and feel part of the community.

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

3. LEARNING AND WORKING

PRESCHOOLS AND SCHOOLS

The Early Years National Standards drive a significant reform agenda across the APY Lands partnership.

Work to improve the outdoor learning environments across all schools has continued, with Amata the latest school to see a transformation of their school playground space. In partnership with the local employment agency Skill Hire, twenty-five Anangu men have received training whilst undertaking work to deliver a quality outdoor learning space for the children and young people of Amata. Work is planned to improve the learning spaces at Kaltjiti, Mimili and Murputja.

In September 2014, the Amata preschool was assessed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority and was rated as exceeding the National Quality Standards. The seven areas of assessment are:

1. Educational program and practice;
2. Children's health and safety;
3. Physical environment;
4. Staffing arrangements;
5. Relationships with children;
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities; and
7. Leadership and service management.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

The implementation of Education and Child Development Local Partnerships builds on the consultation from 2013 and the concept and thinking of the Anangu Support Network and will provide collective responsibility for improved outcomes for all Anangu children and young people within and across sites through a range of opportunities including Oak Valley and Yalata. The benefits of the partnership model will include:

- Providing solutions for young people to achieve their potential;
- Sharing expertise and resources to build skills and abilities;
- Promoting the dissemination of good practice;
- Enhancing professional development of leaders and staff; and
- Using resources more efficiently.

The APY Lands partnership met a number of times during 2014 including a joint State-wide meeting in Adelaide with all other site leaders. From these meetings, the Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee (PYEC), Anangu leaders and principals have commenced discussions and formed agreements on the following key initiatives or actions:

- A commitment to improve school behavior management practices, child protection and notification processes. All teaching staff and Aboriginal Education Workers will be trained in the Keeping Safe Curriculum and all sites committed to the Strategies for Managing Abuse Related Trauma (SMARTER) training program and associated projects;
- A full audit of all teaching and learning strategies and approaches across the APY Lands partnership was completed in April 2014; and
- Design and implementation of a consistent approach on the delivery of the Australian Curriculum and Pedagogical (i.e. relating to, or befitting a teacher or education) approaches.

Agreement has been reached on a model for the partnership with the aim to further refine a coherent whole partnership curriculum plan with strong developmental understandings of how literacy, numeracy and content knowledge are taught and learnt with different strategies at different age/grade/developmental levels. The curriculum plan will improve:

- The engagement of students through the use of cultural resources, background knowledge and community context all recognising student identity;
- Increasing teacher quality through planned professional learning;
- Improved monitoring and tracking of individual student progress;
- Increasing teacher student relationships by recognising individual and cultural difference;
- The development of a positive Attendance Awareness Campaign featuring a series of TV commercials, posters and associated marketing materials and family engagement strategies; and
- Investigation of the current ICT systems and networks within schools and negotiation with Telstra to deliver fibre to the node.

REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY

All schools on the APY Lands are now participating in the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS).

Commonwealth Government Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Nigel Scullion, spent four days on the APY Lands in August 2014 to see first-hand how the RSAS is being implemented in communities. The Minister visited schools in Amata, Fregon, Ernabella, Mimili and Indulkana.

During his visit, the Minister announced funding for the Adelaide and Port Adelaide Football Clubs to implement programs to mentor students that are at risk of disengagement and encourage students to make smart choices in life through guided decisions. The clubs will deliver activities that are aimed at improving school

attendance, mentoring students and rewarding good attendance. (See below for further information).

The Minister also announced funding for the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation to work with Indulkana and Mimili Schools to develop new early learning resources.

An Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) RSAS Coordinator has been engaged to work with the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) to improve the coordination of sporting carnivals in the NT and APY Lands and assess the impact they have on school attendance.

A pilot project aimed at improving school attendance in the APY Lands in SA commenced in August 2014. As part of this project, the local service provider for the Government's Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) has conducted consultations with RJCP participants who are also parents of school-aged children. Individuals were invited to include school attendance as a mutual obligation under their Individual Participation Plans. To date, about 68% of RJCP participants with school-aged children have voluntarily done so. The pilot project is, and will remain, voluntary for participants. Financial penalties for not getting children to school will not be imposed during the trial.

ADELAIDE AND PORT ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROGRAMS

In August 2014, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion announced \$600,000 in funding for the Adelaide and Port Adelaide Football Clubs to deliver programs aimed at increasing school attendance on the APY Lands.

The Port Adelaide Football Club will deliver activities focused on primary school children on the APY Lands and West Coast of SA over a 15 month period from the beginning of Term 4, 2014 to 31 December 2015. Activities include:

- Willpower Program: The aim of the program is to encourage students to tap into their willpower both mentally and physically by making smart choices in life through guided discussion;
- Friday Activities: Addressing school attendance issues experienced on Fridays by arranging incentive activities outside of school hours or during lunchtimes, working closely with schools to ensure activities are structured around school classes;
- Healthy Food Program: Working in partnership with Foodbank SA, Mai Wiru and schools to deliver healthy food and nutritional programs for students participating in activities; and
- Carnivals: Work in partnership with SANFL, schools and families to ensure carnivals and required travel does not impact on school attendance.

The Adelaide Football Club (AFC) will deliver activities focused on secondary school children from the APY Lands and West Coast of SA over a fifteen month period from the beginning of Term 4, 2014 to 31 December 2015. Activities include:

- Mentoring and Pathways: Mentoring secondary aged students at risk, disengaged and experiencing difficulties in attending and participating in school. Mentoring will also be provided to students from the Wiltja Program, Westminster School and other schools where APY Lands students are boarding;
- Boarding Schools and Alternative School Support: AFC will work closely with families and relevant education organisations to identify and prepare secondary students who are suited to living in a school environment; and
- Rewards and Recognition: Developing and implementing a rewards and recognition strategy, linking improved school attendance to rewards.

APY LANDS TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

The APY Trade Training Centre (TTC) continued to offer a broad range of programs to attract staff and students from communities across the APY Lands. The centre facilitates training in fields such as: automotive, engineering, construction, hospitality, community services, rural operations, landscaping, and horticulture. The TTC initiative has achieved the following outcomes:

- 435 (school students and others) have accessed nationally accredited training or formal, non-accredited training;
- 368 people have enrolled in nationally accredited Vocational Education and Training;
- 67 people have accessed formal non-accredited training;
- 379 Competencies have been achieved;
- 4 Academic Passes have been achieved;
- 8 Certificates have been achieved;
- 341 Competencies have been enrolled in by school students; and
- 85 competencies have been completed by school students.



***APY Trade Training Centre
Student: Letesha Lennon.***

APY Trade Training Centre
Students: Renae Douglas Cooper
and Glennis Martin.



APY Trade Training Centre
Students: Victor McNamara, Darcelle
Jennings and Priscilla Roesch.

APY LANDS TAFE

NEW LEARNING CENTRES

TAFE SA has provided two new Learning Centres on the APY Lands in Iwantja and Kaltjiti. Work has commenced on the new Kalka/ Pipalyatjara learning centre and is anticipated to be ready for training delivery from April 2015.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKERS AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TAFE SA continued to provide training to a large number of Aboriginal Education Workers (AEW) from seven communities across the APY Lands. A total of 15 participants attended two days of the Certificate III in Children's Services training at the Trade Training Centre at Umuwa in March and June 2014.

Once a week, 28 AEW participated in video conference learning sessions. These sessions were attended by the AEW, and the preschool teacher or Family Centre Leader that work with the AEW. This has allowed the work groups to reflect on their practice and share ideas.

In August 2014, 15 AEW travelled to Yulara to attend three days of training. The specialist training with Indigenous trainers from Queensland allowed the AEW to not only learn about the Remote Indigenous Professional Development Package for the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia, but also learn how to use it in the workplace. The resources were well received by the participants and already some of them are using the resources in their workplace.

Video conference learning sessions were replaced with weekly Centra online sessions that ran until the end of the semester with the 22 AEW enrolled.

NEW TRAINING INITIATIVES BY TAFE SA

Semester 2, 2014 saw the continuation of qualifications from Semester 1 and in addition, the following programs commenced:

- Workplace English Language and Literacy Program with Nganampa Health Council (NHC) and funded through the Department of Industry, commenced in September 2014. The program targets health workers and in addition to intensive workshops, the health workers participate in weekly online learning activities;
- School Attendance Officers are enrolled in the Certificate II in Community Services Work and the customised training supports them in carrying out their responsibilities. The program commenced in September 2014; and
- Short courses have increased and include: first aid; remote first aid; manual handling; and provide behavioural support in the workplace. This trend will continue into 2015 with further courses identified for piloting, for example 'Case Management' and Child Safe Environment.

A series of short intensive workshops covering specific work skills for employees is underway. Employers are taking advantage of the ability to have the community lecturers customised the workshop and utilising the workplace policies and procedures.

2015 ANANGU WORK EXPO

A Project Officer will be recruited to coordinate the 2015 Anangu Work Expo. The Expo will target secondary students and have a focus on employment options on and off the APY Lands.

4. CARING FOR LAND AND CULTURE

NATURAL RESOURCES ON APY LANDS

ALINYTJARA WILURARA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AWNRM) BOARD

The AWNRM Board is made up of representatives from all major land holding authorities of the region, and is the only all-Aboriginal Natural Resource Management (NRM) Board in Australia. The AWNRM Board guides this investment through key themes in the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) Regional NRM Plan, in particular: people, country and water.

The AWNRM Board has also committed to a continuous improvement program so that board governance is a key strategic theme. The strength of governance and regional representation is a particular strength of the board model and ensures that SA Government and the Commonwealth Government investment is well guided to the local priorities of its constituents.

The AWNRM Board has 10 priorities across these themes which aim to develop partnerships, engage communities and restore and maintain ecosystem resilience across the region. Key priorities include:

- Increasing Aboriginal employment and engagement in NRM;
- Minimising pest plant and animal impact;
- Implementing long-term water management;
- Applying appropriate fire management;
- Sustaining healthy coast and marine environments; and
- Supporting public land co-management.

More specifically, in 2014, the AWNRM Board progressed a range of initiatives and strategies, including:

- Implementing the AW Regional Buffel Grass Action Plan;
- Increasing Aboriginal employment in NRM in the region by 5%;
- Establishing a water permitting process with a cross-government approach under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*;
- Implementing public land co-management arrangements with Aboriginal corporations;
- Developing more partnership agreements with regional stakeholders, including the far west coast and APY Executive Board; and
- Implementing the AWNRM Regional Fire Management Strategy through on-ground engagement and actions.

PUNTI ROCKHOLE

In May 2014, AWNRM staff met Traditional Owners in Kanpi and Nyapari to discuss plans to build a fence around Punt Rockhole, to protect the site from damage by feral

animals. This project provides training to local community members (equipment and welding) and requires ongoing monitoring of the environment. This initiative has involved close consultation to ensure full engagement and guidance of local Anangu.



AWNRM produce regular publications about their work in rural and remote areas.
For further information visit: <http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/alinytjara-wilurara/home>

DAVEY'S BORE STOCKYARDS

Alinytjara Wilurara continued to work with the Iwantja community on the Davey's Bore Stockyards project under the Environmental Management Understanding, and in partnership with APY Lands anthropologists and APY Lands Pastoral.

The project aims to develop community capacity and infrastructure to control horses, donkeys and camels, which regularly invade the community, causing health problems and desecrating sacred sites. The project has three stages:

- Stage 1: Upgrade the existing cattle yards (completed in late 2013);
- Stage 2: Secure a new holding paddock to the east of the yards (approximately 25 square kilometres of fencing). This includes re-directing the access road from the Stuart Highway, and fencing off areas of environmental and cultural significance; and
- Stage 3: Constructing a low impact 'diversion' fence around Mount John to protect cultural sites.

Alinytjara Wilurara and Skill Hire are sponsoring two full-time positions to undertake the work.

ARTS AND CULTURE INDUSTRY

WORKING WITH YOUTH IN ART

Carclew is funded by Arts SA and has sourced significant Commonwealth Government funds over three years to fully resource work with Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara residents to develop the Tjitji Tjuta Inmaku Pakantjaku project. The project produced a high quality series of Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara and English (tri-lingual) language books. These books are accompanied by audio CDs of songs and DVDs suitable for use by Anangu children and their families from the APY Lands and MT Lands.

Celebrations for the project took place at Umuwa on 23 June 2014 and in the Carclew ballroom on 27 June 2014 prior to the Carclew Board meeting. Two small children's books (produced during workshops by Children's Laureate, Alison Lester at Kenmore Park Anangu School and Pukatja Anangu School in May 2013) were printed for celebration attendees.



*Tjitjiku Inma Project, Inma and Walka Workshops with students at Pukatja Anangu School.
Photo Courtesy of Lee-ann Tjuynpa Buckskin, Carclew Youth Arts.*

ANANGUKU ARTS

Eight artists and art workers took part in the *Art in Health Survey Worker Training Workshop* held in July at Umuwa. The workshop took place over two days with the goal to develop the questions for the survey and train the survey workers to use the iPad based survey template. The workshop was run by the researcher Maree Meredith with Kerry Taylor from the Poche Institute in Alice Springs and Tony Collins from Ananguku Arts in Adelaide.

Maree Meredith recruited two art workers each from Ernabella, Kaltjiti and Iwantja Art Centres along with an Indigenous health worker from Ernabella and Milyika Carroll,

Director of Ananguku Arts, to take part; the majority of who would be paid to deliver the survey to artists in their communities. The workshop focused on developing questions for the survey and successfully engaged the art workers in the development of the survey questions. Through the skillful presentation of the aims of the project, Maree Meredith and Kerry Taylor enabled the art workers to set the agenda for the survey from an Anangu perspective.

The workshop was recorded on video and shows the development of the questionnaire for the survey from detailed discussions about the role the art centres play within the community and how different groups of people interact with it. This process took most of the first day while the second day was devoted to ensuring that everyone had a good grasp of the concept, informed consent, and was able to demonstrate this in role-play situations. The final session focused on the survey technology, with training on how to deliver the survey using an iPad.

ART CENTRES: INCOME GENERATION AND EMPLOYMENT

During 2014, the construction and upgrade of housing for art centre staff in a number of communities, a new arts centre at Mimili and upgraded arts centre facilities were finalised. Funded by the Commonwealth and SA Governments these improvements, improved the condition and availability of housing, and will enable the centres to increase the number of managers employed.

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

In March 2014, Ananguku Arts and project builders, Ngaling Boodja Council Aboriginal Corporation, visited communities at Iwantja, Mimili, Kaltjiti, Pipalyatjara, Pukatja and Amata to undertake practical completion inspections, hand over new and upgraded art centre facilities and new staff houses to the art centres. These projects are now complete.

PREMIER ART EVENT

From 5 to 7 September 2014, artists from the seven APY Lands arts centres participated in Desert Mob in Alice Springs, Australia's premier event featuring new artworks from Aboriginal owned art centres throughout central Australia. This event brought together Desert Member Art Centres in a unique exhibition that celebrated the vibrancy of Aboriginal art from this region. It is the only exhibition that offers a snapshot of what is currently happening in contemporary art from Aboriginal owned art centres in Central Australia. All artworks in Desert Mob are selected by the participating art centres and are available for purchase. This is a unique opportunity to view and purchase artworks by both established and emerging artists all in the one venue.

A presentation by artists from Tjala Arts of Amata was a highlight of the Desert Mob Symposium which featured some of Australia's most high profile artists, curators and arts workers.

5. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

APY LANDS FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRES

Construction of three APY Lands Family Wellbeing Centres (FWCs) was a joint initiative of the Commonwealth and SA Government's, with a total budget of almost \$5.5 million.

The aim of the Family Wellbeing Centres is to provide an integrated and coordinated approach to child, family and community wellbeing. The purpose-built facilities at Amata, Pukatja and Mimili bring together a range of family support programs and related services, some of which previously operated from sub-standard facilities. The Centres operate under agreed service models and governance arrangements, and promote collaborative service provision in relation to early childhood, family support and support for vulnerable client groups.

CHSALHN (Amata), DECD (Pukatja) and DCSI (Mimili) are the primary service delivery agencies, together with some non-government service providers funded by the Commonwealth and SA Government's.

The Family Wellbeing Centres have been provided at Amata (refurbishment of an existing building), Pukatja (relocation & rebuild) and Mimili (new build).

The completion of the Family Wellbeing Centres has provided opportunities for the service providers to train, mentor and recruit Anangu, and local staff are a key part of all three centres.

The Amata, Mimili and Pukatja Family Wellbeing Centres are now operational and are being well utilised by their respective communities as well as neighbouring communities and homelands.

AMATA FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE

The renovation and transformation of the previous Drug and Alcohol Misuse Centre into the Amata Family Wellbeing Centre was completed in early 2014.

Following anthropological approvals from APY Executive, a major Information and Communication Technology (ICT) refit is underway at the Amata FWC. This will provide a faster internet speed and a much improved video conferencing capability. It is anticipated that this will be finalised by June 2015 and will conclude the physical transformation of the site which provides office accommodation for six agencies and a venue for numerous community, social and family events.

At present, CHSALHN - Health Promotion and Related Programs are provided at the centre with a focus on:

- Community safety;
- Diabetes education;
- Enterprise and economic development;
- English as a Second Language;
- Cultural projection;

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – counselling;
- DECD-Families SA – child protection;
- Drug and Alcohol Services SA – APY Lands program headquarters;
- NPY Women’s Council – various programs; and
- DCSI – Home and Community Care.

PUKATJA FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE

The Pukatja Family Wellbeing Centre was completed in mid-2013 and has been operational since late 2013. Services provided at the centre are coordinated by the Manager with the support of mostly Anangu staff.

The following programs are being delivered (or identified for future implementation) at the Centre:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – counselling;
- SANFL – sport and fitness;
- NPY Women’s Council – various programs;
- Housing SA services;
- Cross Borders Program - addressing family violence;
- MoneyMob financial counselling and assistance;
- Shine SA services;
- Mental Illness Fellowship SA; and
- DECD training programs.

A wide range of community and sporting activities are also provided through the Centre.

MIMILI FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE

Mimili Wellbeing Centre provides a range of services to the community including the following:

- Home and Community Care program;
- Disability Programs;
- NPY Youth Programs;
- Money Mob financial counselling;
- Relationship Australia;
- First Aid training;
- Community Safety meetings;
- General Community meetings; and
- Community Social events.

A steering committee provides the governance for the Centre and consists of a range of community members.



Two HACCC workers at Mimili Wellbeing Centre preparing lunch.

MOBILE RENAL DIALYSIS

In January 2014, CHSALHN took delivery of a new, Commonwealth funded, Mobile Dialysis Unit for the APY Lands. The fully-equipped truck has three dialysis chairs and provides the opportunity for Anangu who receive dialysis treatment elsewhere to temporarily return home to re-engage with their family, their community and their culture.

During 2014, 22 people from the APY Lands received dialysis treatment – 11 in Alice Springs and 11 in either Adelaide or Port Augusta.

Following an official launch and successful trial, the new Mobile Dialysis Unit visited Pukatja in March 2014, with five patients receiving treatment. The unit has continued to visited remote Aboriginal communities across SA, travelling over 1700 kilometres and providing over one hundred and fifty dialysis treatments.

The APY Lands Art Centre Hub provided artwork for the outside of the unit which was completed in November 2014. The artwork shows different images from each of the APY Lands communities that the unit visits.



Country Health SA's new Dialysis Unit was painted by artists of the APY Lands Art Centre Hub which is made up of seven Art Centres on the APY Lands.

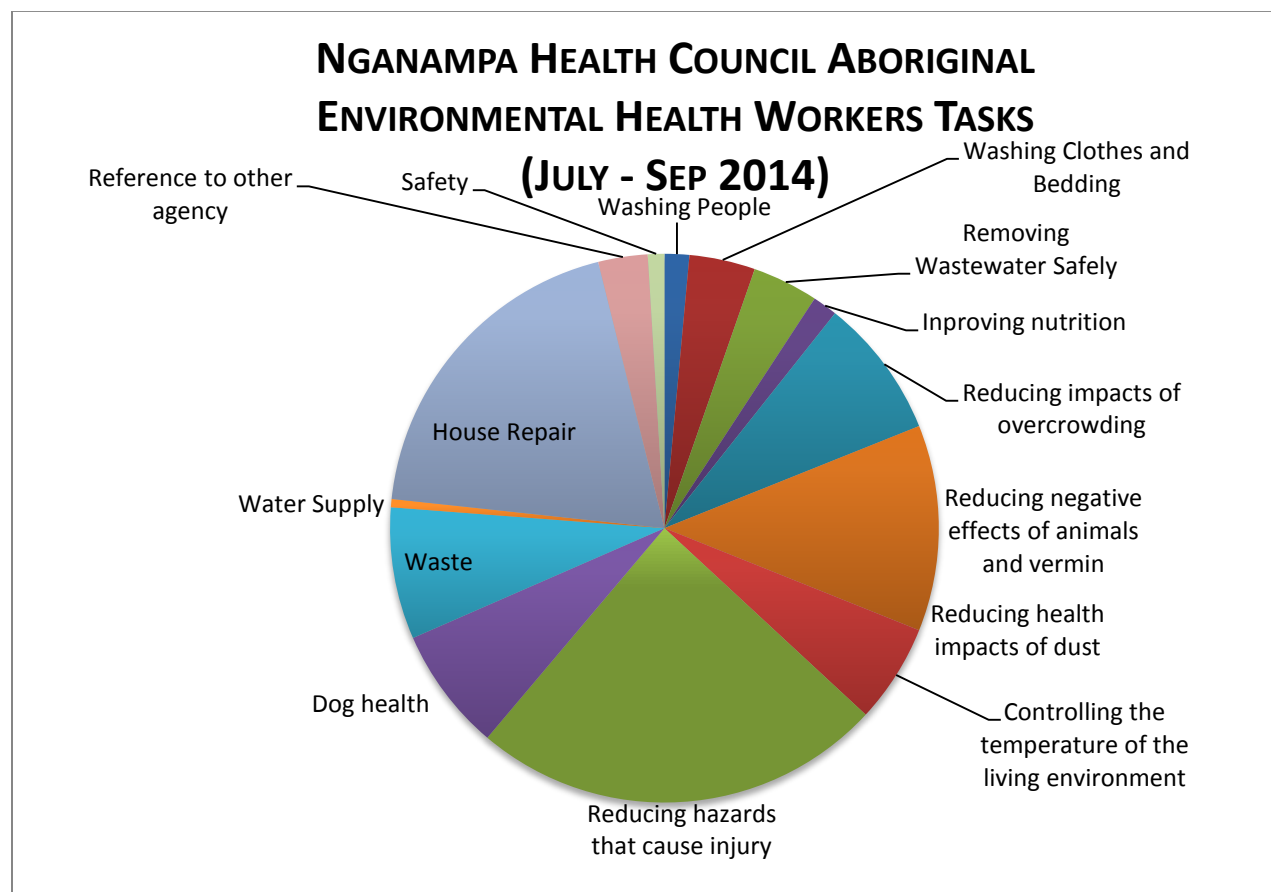
TRACHOMA EYE DISEASE

In an effort to reduce the rates of trachoma in all communities to fewer than 5%, CHSALHN contracts NHC to provide trachoma and trichiasis screening and treatment on the APY Lands. This work forms part of the Commonwealth Government's broader 'Closing the Gap – Improving Ear and Eye Services for Indigenous Australians'. CHSALHN supported health promotion and community education efforts to increase 'clean faces' and decrease the transmission of trachoma eye disease. Imparja Television's Yamba Ant and Milba Goanna conducted performances promoting the clean face message at five APY Lands schools in June 2014.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The two NHC Aboriginal environmental health worker teams (East and West) continue to provide much needed services to improve the everyday living conditions across sixteen communities on the APY Lands. Funding and support is provided from CHSALHN Health and the Department of State Development - Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

An overview of the activities undertaken by the environmental health team for the first quarter of the 2014/2015 financial year is presented in the following chart.



During the reporting period, the Aboriginal Environmental Health Worker (AEHW) teams worked closely with other agencies such as Housing SA, pest control contractors, vets and RASAC.

CHSALHN has also appointed an Environmental Health Officer, who has extensive experience in working in remote communities through a previous environmental health role with NT Health, to provide public health regulatory services in the APY Lands.



These photos show the clean-up work performed by an AEHW team in the backyard of an elderly disabled person's house in Pukatja.



APY LANDS HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM (HACC) PROGRAM

The APY Lands HACC program supports frail, aged and disabled community members across the APY Lands. The program ensures that these vulnerable community members are able to access a midday meal, blanket washing and local transport. The HACC program operates from FWCs in the communities. These FWCs provide a safe and welcoming place for people to come and spend time, watch TV, meet with other service providers, or catch up with other people. The program currently employs 14 Anangu staff members. HACC achievements include:

- Completing the upgrade of the Iwantja Children and Family Centre;
- Completing the assessment and accreditation process for the HACC program and facilities;
- Commencing the HACC program from the new FWC in Mimili;
- Kaltjiti Children and Family Centre and staff providing emergency support to the community over the Christmas and New Year period following the loss of the Kaltjiti Store through fire;
- Continuing accreditation with regular TAFE SA training for staff; and
- Holding an APY Lands community programs staff conference for all staff.

APY LANDS DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Disability Support Program provided recreational and social support to approximately forty disability clients across the APY Lands. In November 2014, a Policy and Community Development team from DCSI assisted nine Anangu clients with disabilities from the APY Lands to have a holiday at the Gold Coast, Queensland.



The trip was an opportunity for clients and carers to receive respite whilst participating in fun, exciting and adventurous activities. Clients were able to participate in activities such as swimming with the dolphins at Sea World, meeting their favourite movie stars and cartoon characters at Movie World, viewing the Outback Spectacular's 'Spirit of the horse' and visiting the Country Paradise theme park.

Travelling in a plane, visiting another state/city, viewing the ocean and experiencing a large group holiday was a first for many of the clients who attended the trip to Queensland. Laughter, fun, excitement and curiosity were shown by all clients throughout each day, which made it a wonderful holiday that they will never forget.



Clients and carers meet their favourite super heroes at Movie World, Gold Coast Queensland.

APY LANDS YOUTH PROGRAM

From October 2014, DCSI provided funds to NPYWC to deliver the Youth Program in Mimili, Fregon, Pukatja, Amata, Pipalyatjara and Kalka.

This program is a partnership between DCSI and NPYWC, with DCSI providing the facilities and housing support and NPYWC providing the operational and program support. It is believed that this partnership will enable both organisations to contribute their skills and expertise to the program.

The Indulkana Youth Program has been delivered by Uniting Care Wesley Country SA since 2011. This program has been successful in engaging between 40-80 young people in Indulkana on a regular basis, with after-school and school holiday activities.



The youth worker supports individual young people and works closely with the school and attendance officers to ensure young people are accessing education and further training.

Young people at Indulkana paint 'safe driving' messages on abandoned cars

ALLIED HEALTH SERVICE

The APY Lands Allied Health Service is staffed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists from the 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 at home and in 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, NHC medical officers, NPYWC and Aged and Disability Project Officers. The team travels to the APY Lands six times a year for assessments and provides outreach services between visits. Outcomes include:

- A total of 93 clients being provided with a service from allied health therapists;
- Six trips to the APY Lands from March 2014 to November 2014; and
- Continued support to assist hospital discharges, palliative care for clients and the aged care facility.

APY LANDS FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY

The APY Lands Food Security Strategy aimed to 'enable Aboriginal South Australians living on the APY Lands to have access to an ongoing food supply that is safe, affordable and nutritious and to increase their capacity to use that food for the benefit of their health and that of their family'.

From July 2013 to June 2014, responsibility for this strategy transferred from the then Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division to DCSI. The strategy priorities were realigned to the World Health Organisation's three pillars of food security: food availability; food accessibility; and food use.

The focus of the strategy during this period has been on the two areas previously identified as pivotal to the success of the strategy and achievable in the short to medium term: Freight Management and Financial Wellbeing. Improving the availability and affordability of fresh food in the stores on the APY Lands and improving the affordability and the capacity of Anangu to manage their disposable income were considered essential. The significant progress in these two key areas, are discussed in detail below.

Although the APY Lands Food Security Strategy timeframe was initially established as 2011-2016, it is considered that the key priority areas are being addressed and structures set in place to sustain the progress that has been made. The broader areas of the strategy will continue to be progressed within the core business of the respective areas of government.

In consultation with key stakeholders, it has been agreed that the APY Lands Food Security Strategy 2011 -2016 be concluded as of 1 July 2014.

A final evaluation report of the strategy has been completed by DCSI. The evaluation report is publicly available on the DSD website <http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au>

FREIGHT MANAGEMENT

Community stores on the APY Lands are the primary vehicle to ensure access to affordable and nutritious food to residents, with estimates that 90-95% of food eaten by Anangu in Aboriginal communities is purchased in the store. Coordinating freight management was crucial to improving food availability, as this would provide the purchasing and freight efficiencies needed to improve the quality of fresh food.

A business case was developed for a collaborative purchasing and freight partnership between Mai Wiru Regional Stores Aboriginal Corporation (known as Mai Wiru) and Foodbank SA, which is the largest hunger-relief agency in SA.

Following extensive consultation, a new business proposal was finalised in early July 2014 which involved new coordinated purchasing systems and the freight of goods directly from Adelaide, rather than Alice Springs, with funding support from both the SA Government and the Commonwealth.

In September 2014, the Mai Wiru Freight service commenced operation. It is managed by Mai Wiru, in partnership with Foodbank SA, which provide logistics and purchasing assistance, offering a service to all community stores and for all community agencies and service providers on the APY Lands on a user pays basis.

It provides a weekly triple road train service from Adelaide to all APY Lands communities. The service departs Tuesday and is overnight to Indulkana, Mimili, Fregon and Umuwa. Pukatja is serviced Wednesday, with Pipalyatjara, Kanpi, Murputja and Amata serviced on Thursday. The project objectives of freight security/reliability and cold chain compliance have been achieved.

Mai Wiru is also fulfilling orders from service provider agencies and directly supplying all groceries and fresh produce inclusive of freight from Adelaide suppliers. All HACCP programs, Ernabella Aged Care and NHC in these communities are now utilising this community food service.

All supplies are purchased from Adelaide with improved quality, range and lower prices. Mai Wiru is a tenant of Foodbank SA's facility at the Adelaide produce market and fresh produce is sourced direct from growers and wholesalers delivered overnight from the markets to APY Lands communities. The benefits of this new supply chain and transport solution include:

- Fresher produce with delivery within one to two days direct from SA growers;
- Lower prices for healthy food options to encourage greater consumption;
- Continuation of the Community Benefits Program for store councils;
- Secure, sustainable and compliant transport service to all major APY Lands communities; and
- Remote freight cold chain compliance for stores and community goods.

It is anticipated that this initiative will provide additional benefits in the near future including:

- Ability to supply alternative healthy takeaway food options for APY Lands; and
- Opportunities for Anangu jobs and training opportunities in food preparation and logistics assistance, warehousing, retailing and catering.

The development and implementation of the new Mai Wiru Freight service was supported by Foodbank SA and jointly funded by the Commonwealth and SA Government's.

FINANCIAL WELLBEING

The main issue affecting food accessibility on the APY Lands is affordability. This is not simply the cost of food and other goods, but also the ability to manage on a low income. The SA and Commonwealth Governments have funded services to raise the standard of financial literacy on the APY Lands.

Matrix on Board commenced MoneyMob Talkabout services on the APY Lands in October 2012 and continue to provide a broad range of financial assistance, tailored support and education through 3000 client contacts with staff based in Pukatja (Ernabella), Mimili and Amata and regular visits to smaller communities.



A Money Mob client receiving assistance to complete a form.

A MoneyMob survey found that people living on the APY Lands experience a range of specific barriers that make it more difficult to manage money and build wealth such as: a relatively short history of experience with money and money-related concepts; as well as limited access to employment, financial products, services, the internet and computers. Also, as English may be the second, third or fourth language for many Anangu, they find financial terminology difficult to understand.

MoneyMob employs three financial literacy community educators and has six Anangu financial education positions. A number of these staff are undertaking Certificate III in Community Services training. The community educator's work alongside financial counsellors to ensure that the MoneyMob Talkabout program reaches APY Lands communities where there is no permanent office and also offer an education program to all APY Lands schools.

Some of the most common areas of assistance provided by MoneyMob relate to internet banking, Centrelink assistance, taxation, access to a phone and/or computer, banking, superannuation, keycard issues, fines, obtaining identification and debt recovery.

Providing support with tax returns has been a focus with staff being trained to help people submit their tax return. Around one hundred and fifty Anangu were able to access free tax returns in Amata, Pukatja and Mimili during 2014. MoneyMob has also been involved in supporting other services such as Centrelink and Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

BACK-UP GENERATORS

Historically, adverse weather conditions and unpredictable overloads on power usage on the APY Lands have caused prolonged power outages, resulting in the spoiling of frozen and refrigerated food in community stores and homes.

With only weekly freight deliveries, this can have a significant impact on the availability of food within the community. To assist in reducing the spoilage, as well as assisting community stores to reduce their operating costs, SA Government capital funding of \$288,000 was allocated to install back-up power generators. The funding allocation was sufficient to enable DSD-AAR to purchase and install generators for four of the community stores on the APY Lands.

Back-up generators have now been installed and are fully operational in the Iwantja, Kanpi and Amata stores, as well as the temporary Kaltjiti Store (the Kaltjiti Store was destroyed by fire in December 2013). These generators automatically come on-line when there is a power outage, and have the capacity to support safe food storage within all of the fridges and freezers in these stores in the event of short or long-term power outages.



Generator installed to provide back-up power for the fridges and freezers in an APY Lands store

SUPPORTING STORES

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC) supported the improvement of the facilities within a number of community stores, notably fridges and freezers at Amata. The Amata Store has the largest turnover on the APY Lands, but had the capacity to store only one week of stock. This was a significant issue when deliveries are delayed or postponed due to extreme weather conditions.

DVD SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

With funding provided by PMC, Consumer and Business Services (CBS) managed the production of a DVD, 'Something for Nothing' to raise awareness about the potential impact of financial debt. The DVD depicts a local Anangu family who are heavily in debt due to expensive contracts they cannot afford, incorporates issues of gambling and book-up, and identifies who can provide assistance. Following considerable consultation, the script was adapted to ensure its relevance for Anangu and then translated into Pitjantjatjara. Filming by Ngarama Productions took place in Mimili in late April 2014 using local actors who provided additional input.

The message is reinforced by a song commissioned by CBS 'Be Strong with Your Money' performed by the Iwantja Band in Pitjantjatjara. Copies of the DVD have been distributed to the APY Lands Community Stores for in-store viewing and are available by contacting CBS on telephone (08) 8204 9516 or by email OCBA-EIS@agd.sa.gov.au

TVs AND DVDs

DSD-AAR arranged for in-store televisions and DVD players to be installed in the Iwantja, Kanpi, Pukatja, Amata and Pipalyatjara stores to enable the promotion of healthy lifestyle messages and other educational information to Anangu. Once the new Kaltjiti store is built, a TV and DVD will also be installed.

2014 CALENDAR OF HEALTHY MEALS

DCSI partnered with DSD-AAR to develop a 2014 Calendar of Family Meals which was distributed free throughout the APY Lands.

The calendar included key dates for events relevant to the APY Lands and featured simple recipes with a high nutritional content, using food that is readily available from the local stores and requiring minimal cooking equipment.

DCSI staff conducted in-store cooking demonstrations to trial a range of the recipes in Iwantja, Mimili and Pukatja prior to inclusion in the calendar.

2014 Calendar of Family Meals



Strategic Alignments

Remote Australia Strategies

Support flexible solutions based on community and government priorities and support for remote housing strategies.

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

Safe Communities, Healthy Neighbourhoods

Neighbourhoods are safe and welcoming. People can live active and healthy lives and feel part of the community.

(Commonwealth Government, Indigenous Advancement Strategy)

RESPONSE TO KALTJITI STORE FIRE

A combined response involving local community members, SA, Government and non-government agencies was initiated following a serious fire at the Kaltjiti Community Store on 19 December 2013.

The store, operated by Mai Wiru, was completely destroyed as a result of the fire that caused around \$2 million in damages.

In response, DSD-AAR coordinated the efforts of a wide range of service providers in quickly restoring food supply and other essentials to the community.

Initial efforts involved making the fire-site safe and arrangements for the establishment of a temporary store.

In the short-term, relief and emergency supplies were provided by Foodbank SA, NPYWC and DCSI. Donated Christmas presents for children (as many presents had been destroyed in fire) were also delivered within a few days of the incident.

The cooperative approach of all organisations resulted in the temporary store being operational in just over two weeks.

Throughout the response, key stakeholders met regularly to review and coordinate the recovery process. A final meeting was also held to determine how the knowledge and experience gained could be utilised for any similar incidents on the APY Lands.

6. BUILDINGS, ROADS AND POWER

THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING

Through the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), a 10 year agreement between the Commonwealth and SA Government was reached. Housing SA is working towards reducing:

- Overcrowding;
- Homelessness;
- Poor housing conditions; and
- Severe housing shortages.

This is achieved through: the Capital Works Program's new builds and refurbishments; tenancy management services such as maintenance, tenancy management and support; Home Living Skills Program; and Employment and Workforce Development.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

In 2013/14, under the NPARIH, the SA Government delivered 22 new houses and a further 10 refurbishments across the APY Lands. The three building companies involved in these projects exceeded the minimum of 20% Aboriginal workers required in the Employment and Workforce Development agreements. Since 2009, a total of 279 new or refurbished houses were completed as part of the capital works activity on the APY Lands by 30 June 2014.

Work has commenced on the 2014/2015 works program which includes further new builds and refurbishment of houses in Pukatja and Iwantja.



A new APY Lands house constructed as part of Housing SA's Capital Works Program

APY LANDS: COMPLETED CONSTRUCTIONS

Financial Year	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Total
New Builds	33	28	38	17	22	138
Refurbishments	34	58	19	20	10	141

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR 2013-14

Community	Iwantja	Pukatja	Kalka	Total
New Builds	12	10	-	22
Refurbishments	-	-	10	10

AUSTRALIAN ARMY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Australian Army completed critical infrastructure projects and delivered key services to the community of Kaltjiti in the APY Lands as part of the Australian Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program.

Under this program, established in 1996, the Australian Army has worked closely with local Indigenous communities across Australia to deliver projects that are critical to the health and wellbeing of communities.

The \$6 million program has delivered substantial infrastructure improvements to Kaltjiti, including a Children and Family Centre, service provider's accommodation, four houses, an upgrade to the water supply and refurbishment to the Kaltjiti Community Church.

The Children and Family Centre will provide a safe environment for early learning for Kaltjiti's children, while also providing a hub for families to access services, including family and health programs.



Newly built Children and Family Centre in Kaltjiti.

The Australian Army has also provided a number of training courses which were directly identified by the community as being useful for developing the skills needed to tackle disadvantage and improve living conditions in Kaltjiti. Courses included mechanics, basic construction and home maintenance.

Health services were also delivered, including 374 dental treatments, first aid training, asbestos-awareness training and the treatment of 172 animals by the Australian Army veterinarians.

This program maximises the benefit to Indigenous communities by focusing on projects that allow the Australian Army to make best use of its construction expertise and capability. The strong collaboration between the Australian Army and the Kaltjiti community has meant this program has delivered real outcomes for this community across the board, including infrastructure, health and training.

The Chair of the Kaltjiti Community Aboriginal Corporation, Robert Stevens, acknowledged the Commonwealth Government and the Australian Army for their work. Mr. Stevens said, “We will tell people about the Australian Army coming to Kaltjiti for many months to give us a church, make our animals well, fix our teeth and give us buildings to make our life better.”



*Kaltjiti Community
Church refurbished by
the Army.*

APY LANDS FURNITURE PROJECT

In March 2014, eight people from Amata and Mimili travelled to Adelaide to take part in a project to build furniture for their communities and learn new skills in metal fabrication and woodwork.

The project was a continuation of a successful Commonwealth funded initiative in 2012, which saw Playford Community Fund and Para Worklinks working in partnership to build household furniture that was sent to communities in the APY Lands. This year, the partnership saw approximately 300 beds manufactured and sold, along with sheet sets and pillows, at affordable prices in the communities, with the proceeds to be reinvested into the communities. The packages are delivered to the purchaser's home and assembled by Remote Jobs and Communities Program participants.

For some of the men, the project provided an opportunity to explore the possibility of a career in construction. The project also provided an opportunity for the men to develop their leadership abilities whilst being away from their communities over the ten days. The SANFL supported the project, providing mentorship during the program and facilitating training for a couple of the men at the Under 18's West Torrens Football Club.

In mid-2013, a total of 260 single and 45 double bed packages were produced and freighted to the APY Lands. These were sold through the Amata and Mimili stores with the proceeds being directed back through to the PYEC for the purpose of funding further training at the APY Lands Trade Training Centre in Umuwa.

MIMILI MAKU ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

In mid-2013, the Commonwealth Government provided Wiltja Constructions with funds to fit-out and manage the redeveloped Mimili visitor accommodation facilities.

The overnight visitor's accommodation service in Mimili was opened in September 2013 through a partnership between Mimili Community Council and Wiltja Constructions.

The facility has been operational through 2014 providing accommodation in two 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 accommodation has strong community support as it improves access to accommodation for visiting service providers and supports future economic development opportunities for the Mimili Council. Bookings can be made by phoning Mr. Ralph Coulthard on (08) 8956 7931 or email mmac355b@outlook.com

UMUWA TRADE TRAINING CENTRE ACCOMMODATION

In October 2013, the Umuwa Trade Training Centre accommodation was completed. The two dormitory style buildings can house up to 24 people, with separate rooms for students, teachers or supervisors.

The accommodation also comprises a communal kitchen, lounge and bathroom facilities. A Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement between DCSI and DECD was signed on 30 December 2013 for the operational management of the centre. A formal handover took place on 11 February 2014, and the centre has been utilised by various groups since the opening of the facility.



Umuwa Trade Training Centre Accommodation: Two Dormitory Style Buildings.

Photo courtesy of DCSI-Housing SA

ELECTRICITY SERVICES ON THE APY LANDS

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

To ensure ongoing reliability of supply, the following upgrades to the electricity infrastructure have either been completed or are underway during 2014-15:

- The diesel generators at the Central Power House in Umuwa were overhauled and re-commissioned.
- An overhaul of the Murputja (and Yalata) power stations (scheduled for completion in early 2015).
- An additional generator set was installed at Amata in November 2014 to improve reliability of the power station. This will run as backup to the Central Power House. Automatic roller doors installed at Amata will allow remote control operation from the Central Power House.
- The distribution infrastructure is being upgraded to improve reliability.
- Work is underway in Fregon to move underground cables overhead (scheduled for completion in mid-2015); and Indulkana to upgrade the transformer to facilitate increased demand.
- Communications capabilities are being upgraded (scheduled for completion in early 2015).



Umuwa Central Power House

ROADS FOR APY LANDS

The Commonwealth and SA Governments are committed to a major road upgrade program on the APY Lands. A total of \$106 million in funding has been allocated for the project, with the Commonwealth Government contributing \$85 million, and the SA Government \$21 million.

The project will see 210 kilometres of main access road between the Stuart Highway and Pukatja and more than 20 kilometres of community roads in the APY Lands improved, as well as providing all-weather access to airstrips at Pukatja, Umuwa, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Marla.

Reliable roads will improve the transport of food and other supplies to the communities in the APY Lands, improve access to the airstrips for emergency services and enhance social and economic benefits.

The road upgrade project will be completed under the APY Lands RPA. The partnership between APY Lands, the SA Government and the Commonwealth under the agreement will ensure a shared vision and the best outcome for local Anangu.

DPTI, as project manager, is working in partnership with APY Lands to deliver the project with consultation occurring throughout all stages of the project. The project includes ongoing training and employment for Anangu through the development of an employment strategy as well as the delivery of a road safety education program.

Pre-construction phase of the project has commenced with aerial and ground survey of the main access road alignment undertaken in November 2014.

ROAD NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

DPTI currently oversees the management and supervision of routine road maintenance and network improvements on the APY Lands.

The main access road is currently used by more than 60% of the total APY Lands population and provides access to health, education and training services. It allows for the delivery of food and medical supplies as well as the export of livestock and feral animals. Work carried out in 2014 included:

- Installation and monitoring of traffic counters to monitor vehicle movement between communities;
- Maintenance grading of the main roads including airport access roads;
- Flood damage repairs including formation and drainage improvements;
- Rock removal, batter grading, bog hole repairs throughout the road network to improve ride quality and safety;
- Formation and re-sheeting of 2 kilometres of the Kanpi community access road;

- Formation and re-sheeting of 2.5 kilometres of the Nyapari community access road;
- Floodway treatments and additional drains constructed in the Kanpi and Nyapari area;
- Rock breaking trial between Pukatja and Yunyarinyi communities;
- Installation of warning signs and grid replacement at various locations in the road network;
- Project management of re-sheeting and formation of the Mimili airstrip, funded through the SA Government and the Commonwealth;
- Formation and re-sheeting of 10 kilometres of the main access road between Kanpi and Nyapari; and.
- Grid replacement and warning sign installation on the Umuwa to Yunyarinyi road and Yunyarinyi to the NT border road.

Section of road between Pukatja and Yunyarinyi before the rock breaking trial.



Quantity of rocks removed during the rock breaking trial.

A section of road between Pukatja and Yunyarinyi, after the rock breaking trial had been completed. The full road width was restored.

Photos courtesy of DPTI



ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM 2013 - 14

In 2013-14, the Commonwealth Government's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (DIRD) allocated funding of \$319,970 to APY to carry out 'Roads to Recovery' projects in Iwantja and Amata. The projects primarily related to road safety civil works including school crossings, wombat (zebra) crossings, speed humps, street signs and line markings. DPTI was engaged by APY Lands to perform the contract management role which resulted in all works being completed by the end of June 2014. Both the Iwantja and Amata projects provided opportunities for local Aboriginal employment.

*Right and below:
New crossings at
Iwantja, built under
the Roads to Recovery
program have
improved safety for
local school children.*



7. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

APY GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The governance of APY Lands continues to be of concern. It is widely recognised that strong administration is necessary for APY Lands to operate as an institution that is effective and accountable to the communities they represent.

In response to ongoing and escalating concerns over the governance and Administration of the APY Lands, The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation proposed, with bi-partisan support, urgent legislation reform through parliament in late 2014.

The legislative amendments provide the Minister with new power to suspend the APY Executive Board and appoint an Administrator, exercisable on any grounds the Minister believes is warranted to make the appointment. The amendments also ensure that investigators from the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) can enter the APY Lands without a permit or advance notice.

APY LANDS REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The APY Lands Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) is aimed at achieving improved governance and coordinated service delivery on the APY Lands.

The RPA was signed in August 2013 by the three parties to the RPA: the APY Executive, the SA Government, and the Commonwealth. Its purpose is to address the social and economic disadvantage of Aboriginal people in the APY Lands communities by improving regional planning and empowering Anangu to have a greater voice in decisions that affect their future through improved governance arrangements.

Three priorities were identified by the RPA in December 2013, those being governance and leadership; the APY Lands road project and schooling. Work has commenced on the development of plans for each of these under the APY Lands RPA.

In June 2014, the partners to the RPA met in Alice Springs to take part in a partnering workshop facilitated by Ian Dixon of Dixon Partnering Solutions. The APY Lands were represented by several members of the APY Executive, while the Commonwealth and SA Governments were represented by their respective senior managers.

The key objectives of the two day workshop were to:

- Gain a common understanding around cross-sector partnering and what it takes to partner effectively;
- Develop skills in the area of effective partnering; and
- To provide the opportunity to take the partnering theory and apply this practically to the APY Lands RPA through an action planning session.

The partnership workshop was a success and there was good discussion about how the RPA partners will work together now and into the future. The workshop also determined what action will be taken to make the partnership stronger.

It is anticipated that a follow up workshop will be held in early 2015 on the APY Lands and will involve all APY Executive members.

COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

The Commonwealth has provided funding of \$300,000 to continue to support local governance and administration across the APY Lands communities. The SA Government has also committed \$250,000 and APY has committed a further \$50,000 to the initiative over the 2014-15 financial year.

Under the Community Support Initiative, local Anangu are engaged as Community Administration Support Officers (CASOs) and are employed to provide administrative support to APY Lands communities, including the community councils. The CASOs undertake important activities including:

- Managing community business activities such as banking, postal services, 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.

Funds are also provided to APY to employ a CASO manager to oversee the initiative, mentor and assist the CASOs in their roles. This position is based in Umuwa with the APY Executive. The CASO manager is working closely with the CASOs to provide professional and personal development support.

The community support initiative provides a strong foundation for improved local governance and representation of communities in the APY Lands and will strengthen the communication between APY and the communities.

APY LAND RIGHTS ACT (1981), LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

In September 2013, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation announced a narrow review of the *Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981*. This was in response to a resolution passed by the APY Executive on 20 June 2013, resulting from a formal request from APY Lands members. An Independent review panel comprising the Hon Dr. Robyn Layton AO QC (Chairperson), the Hon John Hill MP, Mr. Harry Miller and Ms. April Lawrie-Smith, was appointed to consult with Anangu across the APY Lands on this issue.

CONSULTATION WITH ANANGU

From 13 September 2013 to 8 April 2014, the APY Lands Legislative Review Independent Panel visited the APY Lands eight times and attended 24 consultative meetings. Meetings in the larger APY Lands Aboriginal communities often included people from the smaller communities or nearby homelands. These meetings included consultations with the NPYWC and members of Ananguku (Ku) Arts and the Law and Culture Committee - a sub-committee of the APY Executive. The Panel also met with the APY Executive on five separate occasions. Written submissions were also received.

A number of meetings were postponed during this period, due to cultural business and activities (always at the request of Anangu and adhered to out of respect). The APY Lands Legislative Review Independent Panel provided additional times and visits to communities where there were cancellations for meetings.

An APY Special General Meeting was held at Umuwa on 21 February 2014, so that all Anangu could discuss the proposed recommendations of the review.



APY Lands Legislative Review Independent Panel undertaking consultations at Umuwa.

Photo courtesy of the APY Lands Legislative Review Independent Panel Chair.

On 8 April 2014, the Hon Robyn Layton AO QC presented the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation with the final report of the review. It contained a number of recommendations regarding:

- Gender balance on the APY Executive Board;

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

The APY Executive Board has received copies of this final report and requested time to consider the review and the recommendations. The APY Executive Board also expressed the need to consult with Anangu and seek further legal advice (as a result of a resolution passed at the February 2014 Special General Meeting). The final report is available on the DSD website <http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au>

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation received a formal response from APY Executive in mid-December 2014. The Minister plans to discuss the recommendations with the Executive Board at a meeting in early 2015.

The APY Lands Legislative Review Independent Panel conducting community consultations at Pukatja.

From left: the Hon Robyn Layton AO QC (Chairperson), Alex Reid (DSD-ArtsSA), Trevor Adamson (APY Executive Board Member) and Harry Miller (Panel Member).



INTERPRETERS

DSD-AAR is working with the Commonwealth and NT Government's to trial a new interpreter model for the APY Lands. The Commonwealth initially provided \$900,000 to the NT Aboriginal Interpreter Service (NTAIS) under a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2013-14 trial. A project coordinator and a pool of 31 APY Lands-based interpreters have been employed by the NTAIS and the scheme has been fully operational since September 2013, with bookings being managed through the NTAIS Darwin office.

SA Government in-kind contributions have included the provision of office space, some short-term accommodation and on-ground support.

The existing TAFE SA Diploma of Interpreting course targeted at the APY Lands has also proved valuable in providing candidates for the interpreter positions. Approximately one third of the interpreters engaged under the trial have been drawn from the pool of 19 graduates. DSD-AAR is also working with the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) and the NTAIS to ensure the TAFE SA graduates are recognised with appropriate national accreditation.

While the APY Lands trial program was originally due to cease on 30 June 2014, the Commonwealth has since approved the NTAIS request for a 12-month extension. This extension was made possible by an additional Commonwealth commitment of \$125,000. The reach of the service has also been extended to support Anangu accessing government services in Port Augusta and Adelaide.

Official NTAIS data for SA shows that 203 interpreting assignments were completed to 30 September 2014. These assignments represented a total of 1,475 interpreting hours. The opening of the new NTAIS office in the Pukatja FWC has provided additional support to the trial initiative.

At the completion of the trial period, the SA Government, NT Government and the Commonwealth will review the results and, in partnership with other stakeholders, give consideration to future interpreter service options for the region and for the State more generally.

APY LANDS STEERING COMMITTEE

The APY Lands Steering Committee meets bi-monthly and comprises representatives from SA Government and Commonwealth agencies as well as the APY Executive Board and the General Manager of APY. It performs a lead role in service planning and coordination in partnership with Anangu under the APY Lands RPA.

Current areas of focus for the APY Lands Steering Committee are the RPA and the Remote School Attendance Strategy.

APY LANDS LEASE AGREEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSING ALLOTMENTS

In November 2011, the SA Government noted the intention of DSD-AAR to commence a review of current lease arrangements for SA Government housing on the APY Lands. This review would establish the legal basis for ongoing occupation of houses on the APY Lands, and enter into new long-term leases negotiated with APY Lands where the legal basis for occupation had not been formalised. The review confirmed that there were no ground leases in place, with agreed conditions including length of tenure, for the majority of SA Government housing stock on the APY Lands.

To address this anomaly, DSD-AAR worked closely with DPTI, the CSO and the APY Executive Board in drafting an appropriate lease document to formalise rental fees, length of tenure, and terms and conditions.

It was proposed that the SA Government and APY Lands enter into a 50-year lease agreement for all government employee houses in APY Land communities and that a nominal annual rental fee is charged for each housing site covered under the agreement.

An independent valuation was sought for an annual rental value for a typical housing allotment on the APY Lands and, after consultation, the relevant government agencies agreed to pay the rental from within their existing recurrent operating budgets.

With DPTI having administrative responsibility for managing government employee housing stock on the APY Lands, it was agreed that the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure would enter into one consolidated lease agreement with the APY Executive Board. The agreement was signed by all parties in February 2014.

The ground lease document does not require the titles to be registered by the Lands Titles Office but provides a binding agreement between the SA Government and APY Lands. It means that APY Lands received rental payments of \$21,700 in 2013-14 and this figure will rise to \$45,700 by 2015-16 and beyond.

APY LAND LAW AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

In recognition of the importance and essential need for Aboriginal culture and tradition to be passed on from generation to generation, thereby enhancing the everyday lives of Anangu living on the APY Lands, the SA Government in March 2014 announced funding to the APY Land Law and Culture Committee of \$100,000 per year for four years (total \$400,000).

The ten-member APY Lands Law and Culture Committee is a sub-committee of the APY Executive, providing cultural guidance that keeps traditional owners at the centre of decision-making. It develops the economic and social sustainability of Pitjantjatjara/ Yankunytjatjara culture, living cultural traditions, responsibilities, values beliefs and practices – with an emphasis on country.

The Committee's charter encompasses law, ceremonies, language and family kinship in accordance with Anangu law and customary authority.

The funding will ensure that APY Land Aboriginal men, women and children have an opportunity to provide cultural guidance for all Anangu on the APY Lands. It will allow the members of the APY Lands Law and Culture Committee to meet more frequently on the APY Lands to deliver on the priorities of law and culture and support the committee's key priorities including:

- Advocating acknowledgement, respect, recognition and support of Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people's cultural heritage and traditions;
- Providing mentoring for Anangu on Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people's cultural traditions, values and practices; and
- Organising performances, tours, exhibitions and related activities that demonstrate and celebrate the wealth of Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people's culture.

Annual key performance indicators (financial and non-financial) have been established as part of the four-year funding agreement.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the 2014 edition of the Progress on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands report highlights important achievements and activities that are contributing to improving the lives and wellbeing of Anangu.

The contributions provided by agencies in the preparation of this annual report demonstrates a real commitment to provide the reader with an informed understanding of current programs and services being delivered on the APY Lands over the past twelve months.

It is a key objective of DSD-AAR to focus on continual improvement in the quality, relevance and substance of the publication.

We look forward to the preparation of the 2015 edition of the progress report which is planned for release in early 2016.

ACRONYMS

AAR	Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
AEW	Anangu Education Worker
ACECQA	Australian Children's Education and Care Authority
AFLNT	Australian Football League Northern Territory
APY	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
APYTTC	Anangu Pityatjatjara Yankunytjatjara Trade Training Centre
ASSIST	Adult Specialist Services Intervention and Support Team
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
CHSALHN	Country Health SA Local Health Network
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
DEWNR	Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources
DIRD	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
DPC	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
DPM&C	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
DPTI	Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure
DSD	Department of State Development
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
ICT	Information and Computer Technology
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area
LIPS	Local Implementation Plans
MUNS	Municipal Services
NHC	Nganampa Health Council
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
PYEC	Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee
RASAC	Regional Anangu Services Aboriginal Corporation
ROC	Regional Operations Centre
RPA	Regional Partnership Agreement
RPL	Recognised Prior Learning

RSAS	Remote School Attendance Strategy
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
TAFE	Technical and Further Education