

On the Lands

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Ngapartji Ngapartji at Ernabella



Many people who went to Pukatja to join in Ernabella Arts 60th Celebrations, were also lucky to see the 2008 Deadly Award winner, *Ngapartji Ngapartji* theatre show staged by Big hART for two nights in the Ernabella creek-bed. *Ngapartji Ngapartji* has toured Australia with much success since 2005 and includes performers from Ernabella, Amata and Alice Springs. It was soon after the tour that the show won the Deadly Award.

Anangu from across the Lands came to see the show, which tells the story of the main performer Trevor Jamieson and his family's experience of the bomb testing at Maralinga. The smoke from the fires gave it a special effect and the set and costumes looked great in the red sand that was truck-loaded in from Wamikata at the request of the ladies.

It was very hard to bring the full show to Ernabella but was well worth it. The community was very supportive and made it a wonderful event for all. *Ngapartji Ngapartji* is also making a documentary for television about the tour. Congratulations to all the performers, crew and supporters!

Governance Training coming to the Lands

**Strong Leaders, Strong Council, makes a Happy Community.
Do you want to be a Leader?**

Do this training and become a strong council member for your Community.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) will be running a Governance Training Course for six days in Umuwa next year. The first part of the course is for three days in February and the second part is in March for another three days. The dates are 17 - 19 February 2009 and 17 - 19 March 2009.



Councillors attending a course in Adelaide



Graduates from Certificate IV
governance training

If you are on, or would like to be on, your Community Council or any other council or committee, this training will be good for you to do, as this will teach you how to be a good councillor and a good leader.

This training will teach you your roles and responsibilities in being a good councillor and would teach you all the rules of being on the council.

Anangu can learn how to manage their communities and look after their people.

If you want to do this training, call Mary Anderson on 0438 676 116 or Ina Scales on 89567256 or see your MSO at the Community Office.

Better services for Anangu



Anangu have been telling Government that they have not been getting good services in their communities. For example, some of the roads are not always graded and the rubbish is not always collected.

Government has decided to look at better ways to deliver services in communities so that Anangu would have services delivered like other Australians in towns like Port Augusta and Coober Pedy.

Government people from the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (AARD) recently visited communities on the Lands and talked with Anangu about the idea of setting up a Regional Council to provide services. This Council will have Anangu representatives and communities will have a say about how and when services will be delivered.

Anangu do not always know who to talk to when there are problems with services and have to go to lots of different people. If there is a Regional Council, Anangu will only have to contact one office to sort out any problems with services. All the government money for providing services will be sent to the Regional Council. This Council will provide those services or contract and pay different service companies to provide them. Government plans to make a new law for managing services on the APY Lands.

The APY Executive will still be responsible for land rights, land management and caring for country.

All communities said they needed better services and many like the government's idea. Some asked questions and wanted to think about it more. AARD staff will be coming back to talk more with Anangu in 2009. Questions and ideas to discuss will be sent out to communities before AARD comes to visit next time. We hope you can talk about things in your community and share your ideas with AARD so that together we can make services better.

You can email AARD to tell them what you think about this idea apyreview@saugov.sa.gov.au

Making Houses Healthy

During October, Environmental Health workers, Amata CDEP, community members, and workers from the Fixing Houses for Better Health (FHBH) program and other environmental health programs worked together to repair houses in Amata for better health and safety.



Checking the septic tanks.

The new western area Environmental Health team of Wimitja Mick, Adam Richards and Scott Robinson worked on seven house yards. They cleaned roofs and gutters, sprayed houses with high-pressure water cleaners and six yards had all the rubbish collected and taken to the tip.

The Anangu Public Health Officer Peter De Rose treated the dogs for parasites and worked with community members to identify over 70 derelict motor cars from yards and the community.

AP Services removed the cars and Nganampa Health Council's UPK (Uwankara Palyanyku Kanyintjaku) program brought their Environmental Health Workers to Amata to do the work. The FHBH program worked on 44 houses in Amata and surrounding Homelands. Tradesmen repaired houses and replaced internal doors. The Dept. of Family and Community Services, through the Family Centre, worked with the Ladies from the community cleaning inside the homes of the elderly and disabled.

Officers from the SA Department of Health surveyed 44 septic tanks, and the Office of Aboriginal Housing will organise the pumping of septic tanks at Amata and some drainage work in other communities.

Crows Akatjari

Adelaide Crows players Andrew McLeod and Graham Johncock, along with Tim Stewart and Junior Development staff from SANFL, made a surprise visit to Coober Pedy Area School in late September when 100km winds stopped them from flying into the Lands.

The next morning the wind had dropped and they were on their way, but the team then had to get to six schools and communities in a day, which meant a **very** early start.

Andrew (Bungy) headed off to Pipalyatjara, which resulted in 100% attendance at the school for the day (joined by Watarru). At Murputja the team were presented with hand carved wooden lizards and a traditional emu dance and they finished the day at Amata.



Andrew and Claude Crow at Pipalyatjara with Watarru students

Graham Johncock (Stiffy) and his small crew which included Alec Henry (SANFL) visited Fregon, then Mimili (joined by Kenmore Park) and finally Indulkana.

At each school, the guys talked about not bullying others or the importance of healthy eating, then had a 'Kick and Catch' session with the tjitji, signed autographs and handed out Crows goodie bags.

The visit is part of the AFL Fostership program which links the Adelaide Crows with SANFL to deliver football programs in the APY Lands.



Graham surrounded by Fregon students

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DATES

- **Governance Training for Remote Communities**
Feb 17—19 and
March 17—19
- **APY Elections**
Wed 3 December
- **NPY Women's Council Directors Meeting**
Tues 9 December &
Wed 10 December
- **School Holidays**
11 December 2008
to 29 January 2009
- **Court Circuit**
Mon 15 Dec -Amata
Tues 16 Dec -Ernabella
Wed 17 Dec -Fregon
Thurs 18 Dec -
Indulkana (am)
& Marla (pm)
Friday 19 Dec -Marla

Have your say and vote on 3 December

Don't forget that Wednesday 3 December is your chance to make a choice about who is going to represent you on the APY Executive board.

The following persons have been nominated:

Amata / Tjurma

Leonard Burton - Elected Unopposed

Amaruna / Railway Bore / Witjintitja / Wallatina

Bernard Singer & Tony Baker

Anilayla / Turkey Bore

Dennis Colson, Kinyin McKenzie, John Gilbert Kite & Kawaki Thompson

Iwantja

Ronnie Brumby & Max Kenny

Kaltjiti / Irintata / Watinuma

Robert Stevens & Murray George

Kanypi / Nyapari / Angatja

Owen Burton & Anton Baker

Mimili

Tony Campbell, Mike Williams & Willy Pompey

Pipalyatjara/Kalka

Nyukuti Watson - Elected Unopposed

Pukatja / Yunyarinyi

Jamie Nyangu, Lois Fraser & Gary Lewis

Watarru

Yaritji Young, Charlie Antjipalya & Vanessa Young

Information about when and where to vote will be on the radio and on posters in each community.

Check out the Iwantja Band on You Tube

If you want to see and hear some great music from the Iwantja band when they performed at the Yarnballa Festival in Pt Augusta recently, go to <http://www.youtube.com> and search for **Iwantja band, Yarnballa Festival** and **Slow Blues by Jeremy Whiskey**. They would love some feedback!

Amata Youth Shed

The Amata Senior Girls decided to paint the Amata Youth Shed. Kirsty Heffernan and Michelle Lyons designed the mural, and the Senior Girls transferred it onto the shed.



Matt Price, the youth worker, and the Junior Secondary Boys helped paint. It took us four days to finish. We did this project because we wanted to make the shed look better and be more attractive. This project was fun and helped towards our SACE.

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