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## End of year Update 2017

### APY GM Media Release

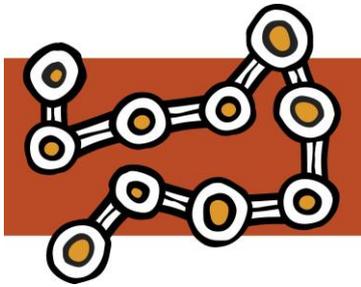
2017 has been a very big year for the APY Executive Board and the APY Management Team with the implementation of strong financial management systems, Human resources manual and Work Health Safety Policies and Procedures, which has enabled APY to post a fully **unqualified** Audit for 2016-2017.

I would like to acknowledge the Prime Minister, and his Federal Ministers who visited the APY lands earlier this year. It was the first time the APY Lands was received by a current Prime Minister. I would also like to acknowledge the South Australian Country Cabinet for meeting on the lands, which took place in April 2017. Both events were received well and served as a positive show of confidence in the APY lands.

The APY Executive Board and the APY management has to manage 107,000 square kilometres of remote South Australia and protect the interest of all Anangu while doing so. This year APY have been required to respond to a series of attacks by disaffected individuals during 2017 and despite the impacts to staff moral we have achieved a high standard of quality outcomes.

#### Some of our achievements are:

- 2016-2017 Audit is an **unqualified** audit; a real achievement for APY
- Robyn Layton report implemented and Changes to the APY Land Rights Act reflected her report;
- The new board of both men and women have been inducted and are working well;
- APY hosted the Country Cabinet visit to APY;
- APY hosted the Parliamentary Working Committee;
- APY have developed and implemented and printed 16/19 APY strategic plan;
- All of the stages of the APY road development are progressing across the lands as the project continues to reach the 30% Anangu employment target set by the APY Executive;
- The first of the APY Telstra towers has been open with another five going up across the lands thanks to Minister Rowen Ramsay and the Black Spot program;
- APY are working with ORIC on building governance with the APY Executive and current ORIC organisations;
- APY has built a Pastoral training camp for young Men and Women wanting to work in the Cattle industry in preparation for APY cattle business thanks to support from PIRSA and ILC;



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- APY has built a new maintenance shed for the APY maintenance team to work out of. This has resulted in the investment of tools and equipment in order to maintain APY assets;
- APY Executive work with DSD for the delivery of power to the APY communities an agreement was negotiated and signed off;
- The APY Executive participated in and completed a special governance training session with the crown solicitors office for the Executive;
- The APY management team have participated in and completed the procurement assessment matrix for the SA State Procurement Board completed and implemented;
- APY Law and Culture has established a fleet of three Troop Carriers to be used as special ceremony, funeral, special program purpose vehicles. These vehicles are regularly used by community member participating in community events;
- APY management has planned and implemented the financial management training with all staff. These sessions have been run twice with all staff having completed the training;
- WH&S manual, policies and procedures for APY programs has been developed and implemented. Special acknowledgement to the Department of Education & Childhood Development for their support;
- APY management has purchased and installed WH&S containers for the storage of dangerous chemicals; this has been a result of the WH&S audit 2016.
- Staff safety personal GPS tracking devices for all APY vehicles travelling to remote settings has been implemented to ensure staff safety; and
- Sealing of Roads and car park in Umuwa Administration block is on track for delivery early next year;

The APY Executive Board, General Manager, Director, Program Managers and the APY Staff have delivered solid results this past year. As the APY Lands General Manager, I compliment my team for their resilience, professionalism and leadership.

Please Note: the APY Annual report and APY financial report will be available on our APY Website. [www.anangu.com.au](http://www.anangu.com.au)

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