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Media Release: APY Welcomes New Board Members

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APY welcomes three new Executive Board members: Tony Yaluritja Paddy, Rita Rolley and Trevor Adamson.

These new members will work with the returned Board members on ensuring the continuation of good governance that has resulted in four consecutive unqualified audits for APY.

The three new members will join re-elected Board members to focus on the next steps to build a strong economy and jobs for Anangu and implement the APY Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

“We are pleased to welcome our new Board members,” said Richard King, general manager of the APY Lands.

“Each one of them provides our Board with a unique background and perspective and we look forward to their expertise and guidance as they work cohesively with other representatives from across the APY Lands.”

The 14-person Board oversees land and culture in the remote 100,000 square kilometre APY Lands region, which is a 12-hour drive north-west from Adelaide.

The new-look Board follows fresh elections run by the Electoral Commission of South Australia. Elections are held every three years, with the 2020 elections postponed to August 2021 because of COVID-19.

Tony Yaluritja Paddy defeated Richard Kanari in Pipalyatjara, 24 votes to 5.

In Pukatja, which recorded the lowest voter turnout across the APY Lands of just 17%, Trevor Adamson narrowly defeated incumbent Gary Lewis by 8 votes. Mr Adamson had previously lost to Mr Lewis in a supplementary election in December 2019.

Rita Rolley was elected unopposed as the female member for Fregon.

No eligible nominations were received to fill the position of the female member for Indulkana, vacated by Ebony De Rose. A new election for that position will be organised soon by the Electoral Commission.

It is anticipated a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by the new Board at its first meeting at the end of August.

APY thanks all outgoing and re-elected members for their service to their communities and the APY Lands.

Detailed election results and the make-up of the new board can be found [here](#).

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