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MEDIA RELEASE: Return-to-Country buses to depart Adelaide

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A Return-to-Country program from Adelaide to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands has been established with charter buses scheduled to depart this week.

The Puti on Kaurna Yerta (PKY) program has been designed for APY community residents in Adelaide who may not have stable accommodation, have finished quarantine or isolation, or are currently staying in tenancies and are seeking a safe return home to the Lands.

A PKY support hub has been set up in Park 23 in the West Parklands of the Adelaide CBD. This is a site to engage, assess and provide support for people seeking to Return-to-Country.

Charter buses are scheduled to leave the PKY hub on Thursday, February 17 and Saturday, February 19.

Those wishing to board the buses must first obtain a negative COVID-19 test result which can be done on site.

The new service comes after a Return-to-Country charter bus scheduled to depart Adelaide's CBD for the APY Lands on January 11 had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 cases.

People are only permitted to enter the remote and vulnerable APY Lands if they have tested negative for COVID-19. The APY Lands have been closed to all but essential workers since 5 January 2022.

To book a seat on the bus or make enquiries text or ring 0436 112 070.

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