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Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Consent Determination

Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka People recognised as the native title holders of their traditional lands

The Federal Court determined the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka People's long standing native title claim at a special Federal Court hearing on country on 16 December 2015.

The claim was settled over an area of approximately 40,000 square kilometres, stretching across seven pastoral leases in South Australia's far-north east to the Queensland border and acknowledges the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka People as the native title holders of their traditional lands.

The Court met at Cullyamurra Waterhole, 15 kilometres from Innamincka.

The bush hearing, presided by Justice Mansfield, was attended by several hundred claimants and guests, including the South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kyam Maher.

The determination takes into account various interests in the area, including conservation, pastoral and oil and gas activities. It also includes areas of national significance to Australia's colonial history, including sites relevant to the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition in the 1860s.

The native title determination will protect the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka People's rights and cultural heritage interests, including rights to camp,

fish, hunt, collect natural resources and maintain cultural practices.

Theresa Bottrell, Yawarrawarrka Elder, and one of the named applicants to the claim said that she felt overwhelmed and excited following the Federal Court determination.

"To my family it means a lot, it just means that we have been recognised within the area, although we always knew we had connection with this country, we just had to be recognised by the white man's laws so to speak. We are very grateful and honoured and my family here today are for sure," she said.

Ms Bottrell believes that the determination will assist the various interests in the land to work together.

"Well it means that we can grow relationship and hopefully for the better. It's been very hard to grow relationship before with the pastoralists and the mining companies, but now, we've been starting to see the way and there's been some good outcomes with that area and we're hoping we'll continue to build that relationship," she said.

Ms Bottrell acknowledged that the native title process had been a difficult one for many in the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka community.

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Looking back on 2015 and getting ready for the year ahead



It has been a busy time for South Australian Native Title Services (SANTS), a time in which we can look back on our achievements with great pride and get ready for another great year.

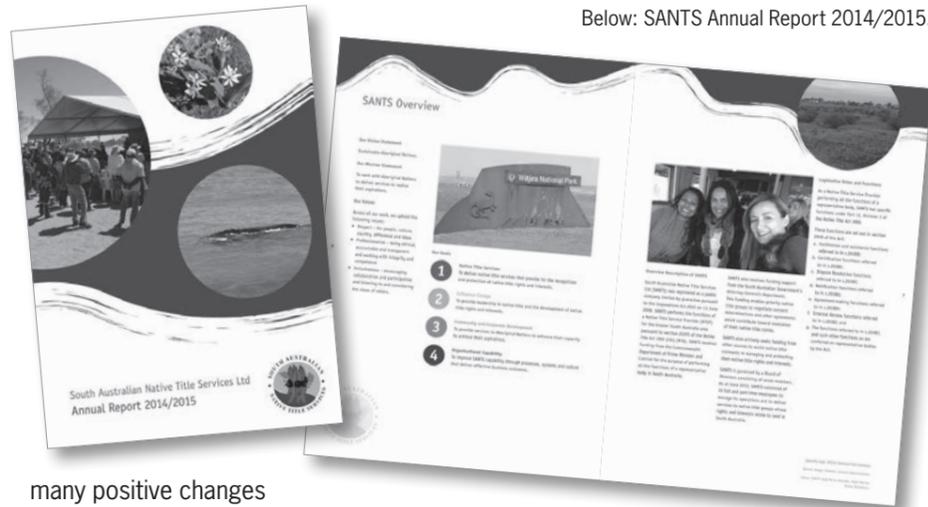
Early in 2015, the State Government established the Royal Commission into the Nuclear Fuel Cycle, a matter of great importance to the future of South Australia. SANTS has made submissions on the terms of reference and has also facilitated meetings of Prescribed Body

Corporates (PBCs) representatives to consider the terms of reference and make a submission. I had the opportunity to meet with staff of the Royal Commission and provide evidence to the Commissioner on Aboriginal engagement.

To that end, SANTS provides PBCs assistance to meet their obligations under the Native Title Act and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act) and to build capacity to manage their native title rights and interests on their terms.

The SANTS Board continues to provide strong leadership and governance to SANTS. A warm welcome to our two new Board members Mr Damien Coulthard and Ms Lavene Ngatokorua. Both come with extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities. Congratulations to April Lawrie-Smith, the new Chair of SANTS. I look forward to working with her in 2016.

A huge thanks to our outgoing Chair, Mrs Lucy Evans, for her outstanding contribution to SANTS and to the Board. Lucy's input and dedication to the advancement of native title issues has been invaluable and SANTS has seen



Below: SANTS Annual Report 2014/2015.

many positive changes since her appointment in 2009. Sincere thanks also to Mr Arthur Ah Chee whose knowledge of claimant groups and native title issues has made a significant contribution to the Board during his tenure.

I also wish to thank and commend my staff for their dedication and commitment in striving to achieve the best outcomes for our clients. The outstanding results for the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka Native Title Claim and more of the Adnyamathanha claim area. The judgement in the Barngarla matter, only the second litigated native title application in South Australia, was an outstanding result for the Barngarla people in June 2015.

I will also take this opportunity to pay my respect for the passing of some Aboriginal leaders who contributed a great deal to the native title process and for the hard work of various Aboriginal groups in South Australia in addressing the myriad of issues that arise in obtaining and managing your native title rights and interests.

On behalf of the SANTS Board and staff, we thank our readers for their support and contributions and we look forward to continuing our work to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients.

Keith Thomas, SANTS CEO

Win-win for Malyankapa and Adnyamathanha in latest determination

Thanks to an agreement between Adnyamathanha and Malyankapa people, native title over the area east of Lake Frome has been determined by the Federal Court.

In the Federal Court on 8 December 2015, Justice Mansfield handed down a Consent Determination for the area, saying that it was possible due to the wisdom of the two groups to negotiate a good outcome for shared use of the land.

At the same time, Justice Mansfield delivered a Consent Determination for the Adnyamathanha people over the area covering Yappala Station, north of Hawker.

Both rulings form a part of a larger claim, which saw the Adnyamathanha people being recognised as traditional owners of their country in 2009.

After the hearing, Vince Coulthard, Chief Executive Officer of the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association said not only is the agreement positive for both groups, the recognition of freehold land over Yappala is a significant outcome.

"Today's another step towards achieving our full native title rights back to our country, it's really really good to have a determination passed in recognition of both the traditional owners as well as the other people, our neighbours having some rights to the land, like the

Malyankapa people, but I think also one of the other key outcomes today [is] Yappala being perpetual and freehold land, [the] recognition given to traditional rights and native title rights over those lands," he said.

Malyankapa sisters, Jennifer Bates and Alma Bates-Hannah travelled to Adelaide to witness the Federal Court Hearing. They explained how the two groups worked together to come to an agreement over the shared land.

"We met the Adnyamathanha mob in the meeting, someone suggested the women sit and talk on their own, and the men sit and talk on their own, and that worked, then we come back together again, because with that private talk with Malyankapa and Adnyamathanha women and men separate like that, then men understood each other and the women understood, and then we come back together and agreed that they accepted us as family from this country and that's what's happened today, why it went through the court today," said Jennifer Bates.

"Yes, yes, it's a win-win – it's everyone's happy with the outcome, otherwise it could have lingered on," she said.

Ms Bates explained how the two groups had gone different ways, but that the connection still existed between Malyankapa and Adnyamathanha.

"The great significance for me today is that they are willing to share country with us. And when they first met us, they said they've got two words for you know, you don't belong here, or you do. And they said as soon as we seen you we said "mulu" and that means we belong here. As soon as they met us, we never even spoke, but as soon as they seen us, they felt that connection straight away. It's the spirit connection, so that's why I felt so good today."

Alwyn McKenzie, applicant for the Determination affecting Yappala, thanked the court and other stakeholders involved in the agreement, including the state and pastoralists in the area.

Following the decision he explained the process the Adnyamathanha people had been through to come to this day.



"The Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association put in a bid to try to get recognition of Native Title over Yappala, it, we thought we had a chance but we knew we were up against it technically too, because parts of the property were perpetual leases but when they got converted to freehold titles and that paved an opening for native title to be revived and it worked in our favour. All the stars just aligned," he said.



Top (L-R): Mikhael Anderson, Terence Coulthard, Vince Coulthard, Roger Anderson, Mick McKenzie, Pauline Coulthard, Gladys McKenzie, Judy Johnson; Above left (L-R): Jenny Bates, Andrew Beckworth (SANTS), Alma Bates-Hannah; Above right (L-R): Alma Bates-Hannah, Jenny Bates.

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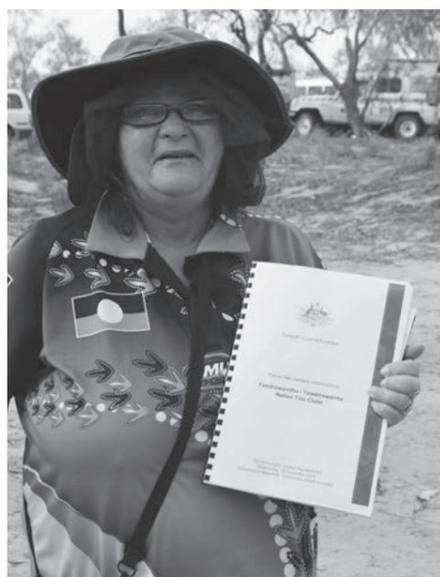
“It was very difficult yes, very difficult process, we had to see people sit and give their knowledge and their history of their family members that were lost and gone 60–100 years ago, it was very difficult for them to bring up their life history of what they lived out here and how they lived it, but at the end of the day, it’s all done for the best reason, so that’s good,” she said.

Leslie J Harris Pinnapinnaru Kinnipapa, Yindni-mincka, Baryulah, Ngapa Miri, Miri Karitjuru, one of the original applicants to the claim said it is good to finally have the claim resolved.

“My uncle asked me 22 years ago to go get our land back and so I went looking around and found out how to put a claim in. For me it is hard because I feel that the government should have done this a long time ago, but it is good that we have recognition now. It is still a fight and a struggle for our people and the native title is one step forward,” he said.

Mr Kyam Maher, South Australian Minister for Aboriginal Affairs said that the Yandruwandha Yawarrarrka hearing was a significant day.

“Today is very important, not only is it the last major native title decision in the north of South Australia, but it’s a recognition for the traditional owners, it’s a native title case that’s been running almost 20 years, and today brings that to a conclusion, it recognises that the land we’re on always has been, always will be Aboriginal land and I think from the passion and the emotion shown today it’s been a long process but one that I think means a lot to the people here today.”



Michael Pagsanjan, Lawyer for the Yandruwandha Yawarrarrka People, said that the resolution of the claim is testament to the bravery and resilience of the Yandruwandha Yawarrarrka People.

“In this claim a number of inspiring Yandruwandha Yawarrarrka elders overcame forceful dispossession of their land and led the community in their struggle to be recognised as the rightful custodians of their country” said Mr Pagsanjan.

At the Federal Court session, Mr Pagsanjan explained some of the challenges of resolving the determination. He first congratulated the claimants for changing direction after initially withdrawing the claim that was filed in 1998.

“The lesson here is simple, native title decisions are important and a decision to withdraw a native title claim should be made very carefully in light of a legal and political framework that is continually evolving”

He also reflected on the impact of fatigue on the resolution of native title issues and the importance of relationships in bringing claims to a resolution.

“The time it takes to resolve native title claims causes significant fatigue at all levels, including for example the community members who volunteer time away from family and work to travel great distances to attend meetings.

In this claim, effective relationships have been crucial to managing this fatigue. Those relationships demand sufficient time and energy to ensure that any disagreements are given the opportunity to be properly aired and resolved,” said Mr Pagsanjan.



Above: Applicant Anita Paterson following the Determination. From top (L–R): Rob Sinclair, Michael Pagsangan; Faye Nichols; Aaron Paterson, Leslie J Harris, Anita Paterson, Fred Brown, Theresa Bottrell; Lynette Naylor, Elsie Peabody; Debbie, Milla & Tamaryn Pagsangan; the Federal Court at Cullyamurra Waterhole; Theresa Bottrell; audience at Federal Court hearing; Theresa Bottrell & family, the Federal Court in Session; Kiona Wilton, Deborah Brown, Laurence Sinclair; Aaron Paterson, Tim Melor, David Yarrow, Lloyd Roe.

Enough time needed for people to be heard in South Australia's nuclear debate

Discussion on the possible growth of South Australia's involvement in the nuclear industry, including uranium processing, power generation and nuclear waste storage continues across the state.

The Royal Commission into the Nuclear Fuel Cycle has hosted Public Sessions on Consultation with Aboriginal Communities and Regional and Remote Engagement sessions over the past few months. The Commission has also visited regional and remote communities including Ernabella, Indulkana, Pipalyatjara, Kanpi, Ceduna, Yalata and Mimili in that time.

During the public sessions, the Commissioner Mr Kevin Scarce acknowledged that many Aboriginal people had expressed negative views about the expansion of the nuclear industry in South Australia.

"I do understand... the significant negative associations particularly felt by Indigenous people with nuclear activities, given the events of Maralinga," he said.

"I also understand from submissions from many Indigenous communities more generally the deep concerns, and in many instances, the opposition of Aboriginal people to the activities being considered by the Commission. If such activities were to go ahead, a fair, full and informed process would need to occur," the Commissioner acknowledged.

South Australian Native Title Services CEO Mr Keith Thomas was invited to present to the Commission, to share SA Native Titles Services experience of talking with Aboriginal people about land use.

"Time is very important because in terms of the process, you've got to have time to be able to inform people properly in terms of what it is that they're agreeing to and that type of thing and what are the matters that they're negotiating," Mr Thomas explained.

"So it's very important to allow time for people to take in the information, to understand the information and then be making decisions based on having a level of understanding about what they're actually making decisions about" he said.

Mr Thomas said that language is one reason that time must be allowed for full discussions.

"Some groups we've got people with English as a second language, so you need a lot more time because you actually have to have an interpreter and take the time to actually understand that people understand what you're saying. So it's a bit of a feedback process in there as well, asking questions back and so it does take more time because it is about how you communicate," he said.

Mr Parry Agius, Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board also presented to the Royal Commission during the public sessions.

Mr Agius explained that the NRM Board works in a cooperative way with traditional owners, interested community members and government. He explained to the Commission some of the reasons that genuine consultation takes time.

"Think about it from the region: you know, distance, the need for information, the cost of bringing people together, are all things that were part of our consultation process. So you had the logistical matters, and then when you got people together, catering for their needs then there, because you've got people who are keen to come along and listen and to engage, and so you have elders, young people, kids from school, unemployed people, you know, people just generally interested in what's happening on their piece of land, and so you cater for the whole community," he said.

Mr Agius also emphasised that language was central to effective communication.

"So if you are using a technical word, what is the Aboriginal meaning to a technical word? If you are meaning looking at a word that there is no Aboriginal meaning to it, then how do you find a way to explore that?" he asked.

Mr Andrew Collett, Counsel for Maralinga Tjarutja & Yalata Community also presented to the Royal Commission. Mr Collett has provided legal advice for the Maralinga people since 1984, when the Royal Commission into the British Nuclear Tests in Australia in the 1950s took place.

Mr Collett explained that local people were not consulted or informed at all about those tests at the time they happened and only learnt about it fully during the Royal Commission.

"At that stage the Maralinga people knew nothing about the nuclear tests or the contamination. So the first issue through the Royal Commission was to find out as much as they could about the history of the tests, how they affected Aboriginal people and, as emerged in the Royal Commission, the state of the land," he said.

"At the start of the Royal Commission, Maralinga Tjarutja had one of about fifty reports that were available from the Commonwealth. At the end of the Royal Commission that had increased to about 500 reports once the British doors had opened and MT got that information over the first year. So the first issue was to work out what the problem was and then how to deal with it. Over the next six years, the community had to work out what was the extent of the contamination and the nature of the contamination and how it could be fixed," said Mr Collett.

Karina Lester is Chair of Yankunytjatjara Native Title Corporation and her family were victims of those British Nuclear Tests in the 1950s.

"Are we really in such a bad state economically in the state of South

Australia? And this is the solution, this is the money solution? Which is very short term thinking, because nuclear waste will be around for thousands of years, and you know I always ask – is this the future we want for our children? Is this what we want to leave behind for the next generation?" she asked.

Ms Lester's submission to the Royal Commission included an emphasis on the importance of language in its consultation.

"From the very beginning, we expressed the concern to make sure that language was getting across to the Aboriginal Community, and in particular for those who speak a different language, like Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara, so we pushed the Royal Commission to say you need to be working with interpreters, you need to brief the interpreters to know the language, for the interpreters to know the language they're going to be speaking, and to work through the language that they have within our own traditional language, to work on the best way of explaining this situation" she said.

Royal Commission Community Engagement Officer Jon Bok has been leading the public information sessions held in regional and remote communities, including Aboriginal communities. In recent months the emphasis of those sessions has to let people know about the Commission's processes and how they can have a say. The sessions have involved an Anangu interpreter to ensure people's participation in the sessions.

He says the response the Commission has heard in those sessions has been mixed.

"A lot of these events will have people who speak up and express concerns or reservations. At the same time there will be other member of the audience who will be talking about the opportunities and more comfortable with the risks and how they might be managed," he said.

However many people, including those in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands expressed concern.

"It's fair to say a lot of what was expressed publicly, for example on the APY Lands, was more negative, there was more focus on concerns than opportunities.

"What was apparent on the Lands was the history of the atomic testing is very firmly in people's minds and got the sense that a lot of the apprehension about nuclear activity was related back to that first experience, which clearly was negative one for the people involved," Mr Bok said.

The Royal Commission will release tentative findings in February 2016, and there will then be a five week period for people to offer their thoughts on those proposals. The Royal Commission presents its final recommendations to the Premier in May 2016.

Federal Government proposes Nuclear Waste Storage sites in South Australia

The Federal Government has released a list of six places where nuclear waste could be stored, including three in South Australia and is seeking feedback about the proposed sites.

The three South Australian sites are Cortlinye and Pinkawillinie near Kimba on the Eyre Peninsula, and Barndioota near Hawker, north of Port Augusta.

The sites were chosen after the government invited voluntary nominations from landowners across Australia.

The Federal Government said it will engage with the community in closest proximity to the finally selected site and will discuss a package of benefits for that community.

It's been reported that up to \$10 million dollars would be available to communities around the selected site.

For nuclear waste to be stored in South Australia, current legislation banning nuclear waste storage would need to be repealed.

South Australia Premier Jay Weatherill has said he won't respond to the Federal Government's proposal formally until the Royal Commission into the Nuclear Fuel Cycle is complete.

However the Premier has indicated that the State Government is open to considering a South Australian site.

Mr Keith Thomas, South Australian Native Title Services CEO recently received a letter from The Federal Minister for Resources, Energy & Northern Australia, Mr Josh Frydenberg, informing him of the proposed sites in South Australia and inviting comment by community members.

Comments can be submitted to the Minister at the website www.radioactivewaste.gov.au

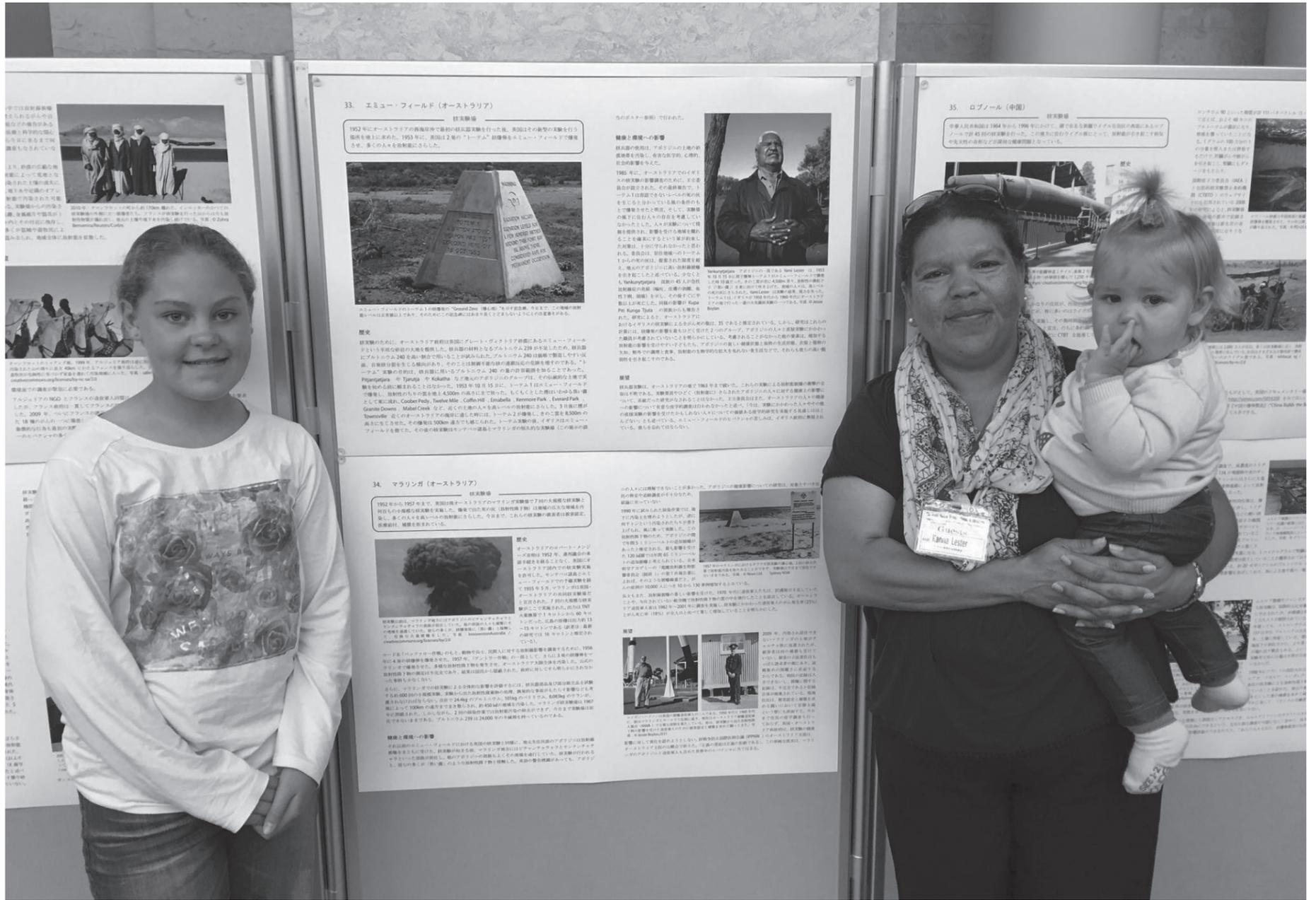
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Comments must be received by 5pm AEST on 11 March 2016

International victims of nuclear recognise history of SA Aboriginal people



A worldwide forum to mark 70 years since the dropping of an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima has acknowledged a statement by Aboriginal people from South Australia.

Karina Lester, Chair of Yankuntjatjara Native Title Corporation and youngest daughter of Yami and Lucy Lester attended the World Nuclear Victims Forum in Hiroshima in November 2015.

At the Forum, Karina tabled a statement prepared by Aboriginal people at a meeting held in Port Augusta to discuss the Royal Commission into the Nuclear Fuel Cycle. The statement expressed South Australian Traditional Owners opposition to uranium mining, nuclear reactors and nuclear waste storage on their land.

"I was able to read the statement to the international community to get endorsement from that international community, so that was well received by the World Nuclear Victims Forum, so we have international support on this," Ms Lester said.

"That was really amazing, it was a wonderful experience, and it was a great opportunity for me to have Anangu people represented at an international forum. I was able to go and share my Dad's story, my Nanna's story and also my story, in that I'm a messenger to let

the wider international community know that Aboriginal people of South Australia and Aboriginal people across Australia; are victims of nuclear," she said.

Ms Lester's father Yami Lester was impacted by tests that happened on 15 October 1953 in Emu Fields while he was living with his family in a community at Walatina.

"On that day, that's when Dad recalls the ground shaking and the black mist rolling and soon after a lot of family passed away, became very sick, violently ill, vomiting and diarrhoea and rash on their skins and sore eyes, very sore eyes and you know within our own family history you hear stories of my grandparents digging holes and burying their parents. So you know, that's the story within our family and eventually by 1957 Dad became fully blind, so we're reminded every day of these tests that took place and what it took away from us and that was the fact that they made Dad blind and Dad's never seen us three children," she said.

The forum gave Ms Lester an understanding of the number of victims of nuclear around the world.

"What I took away from it was it was so common globally and it was a global issue. We're not the only victims in Australia, there are victims everywhere around the world."

Ms Lester and her daughters Jessie and Larissa met and heard from international victims of nuclear activities, including testing in the Nevada desert and the bombing of Hiroshima.

"... we're reminded every day of these tests that took place and what it took away from us and that was the fact that they made Dad blind and Dad's never seen us three children."

"We met a gentleman called 'Soho' who was a 'Hibakusha' you know that's the term which is the victims from those Hiroshima tests. He was a victim and he was 75. So when that atomic bomb did hit Hiroshima he was five years of age. That was such a moving story, so you know hearing his story and knowing that he was a survivor of what took place back then, 70 years ago, and him sharing his story. The big message he said to me was to talk up for the future generations. And that's what I'm doing" she said.

The World Nuclear Victims Forum issued a declaration that emphasised



Top (L-R): Jessie, Karina and Larissa Lester; Above: Karina Lester.

the importance of health services for the victims of nuclear and called for the ceasing of nuclear activity around the world.

"That's where we need to continue our fight, our struggle, our campaigning, our work that we do individually to really stand strong on this that we as victims you know because we come from that experience, it doesn't co-exist, nuclear and human life," said Ms Lester.

Stolen Generations to receive compensation

The State Government has announced the delivery of a Stolen Generations reparations fund to make payments to Aboriginal community members who were removed from their families.

Historically, a proposal for such a fund has been stalled by the State Government and complicated by a lack of records.

An introduction of a Bill to adequately compensate members of Stolen

Generations from South Australia was first introduced into Parliament in 2010 by Greens Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson Tammy Franks MLC.

It was followed by a referral to the Aboriginal Lands Standing Committee for inquiry and growing support across the Parliament.

The Liberal Opposition then introduced a Stolen Generations Reparation Bill in 2014 and again in 2015.

The Labor Government announced the The Next Steps – Stolen Generations

Reparation Scheme in November 2015, establishing an \$11 million fund, including up to \$6 million for ex gratia payments.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher said the reparations scheme is a significant step in South Australia's reconciliation journey.

"Since our apology, South Australia has developed a range of policies and initiatives with a focus on Reconciliation and the wellbeing of Aboriginal people," said Minister Maher.

The launch of a reparations scheme will enable the government to compensate South Australian members of the Stolen Generations without the need for litigation, and taking into account the loss of documents.

Minister Maher said individual reparations will be recommended by an independent assessor.

"The assessor's primary role will be to determine whether an applicant is eligible for an ex gratia payment, and if so, assess what level of harm has been caused.

"As part of the process, the assessor will be able to hear the personal stories of applicants, and speak with family members and people connected with the removal.

"Based on the assessor's recommendations, the Minister will decide the amount of the payment," said the Minister.

The scheme allows for payments of up to \$50,000.

Tammy Franks MLC, welcomed the Government's announcement of a Stolen Generations reparations scheme.

"It is heartening to see the Weatherill Government finally take the Stolen Generations apology words and put them into action with, at long last, a reparations scheme.

"I commend the leadership of Minister Maher on this issue. Sorry doesn't just mean never doing it again, it also means truly making amends.

"We've got a long way to go until we have reconciliation in this nation, but this is a step in the right direction on that long journey to justice," Ms Franks said.

Co-Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Frank Lampard said the reparation fund is vital for the healing process of those members of the Aboriginal community.

"There are many members of the community who have been waiting a long time for recognition by the government for its actions and the damage and hurt it has caused.

"The compensation is a crucial move towards that healing process, and something that aids in reconciling the past."

"I praise Minister Maher for his efforts on getting this across the line," Mr Lampard said.

The Minister said the scheme will also feature a \$5 million fund for whole-of-community reparations.

It will be available to those whose usual place of residence was South Australia at the time of the separation.

The reparations scheme will begin on 31 March 2016 and the application process will remain open for 12 months.

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More employment in public service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Federal Government aims to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed by the Commonwealth Public Service over the next two years.

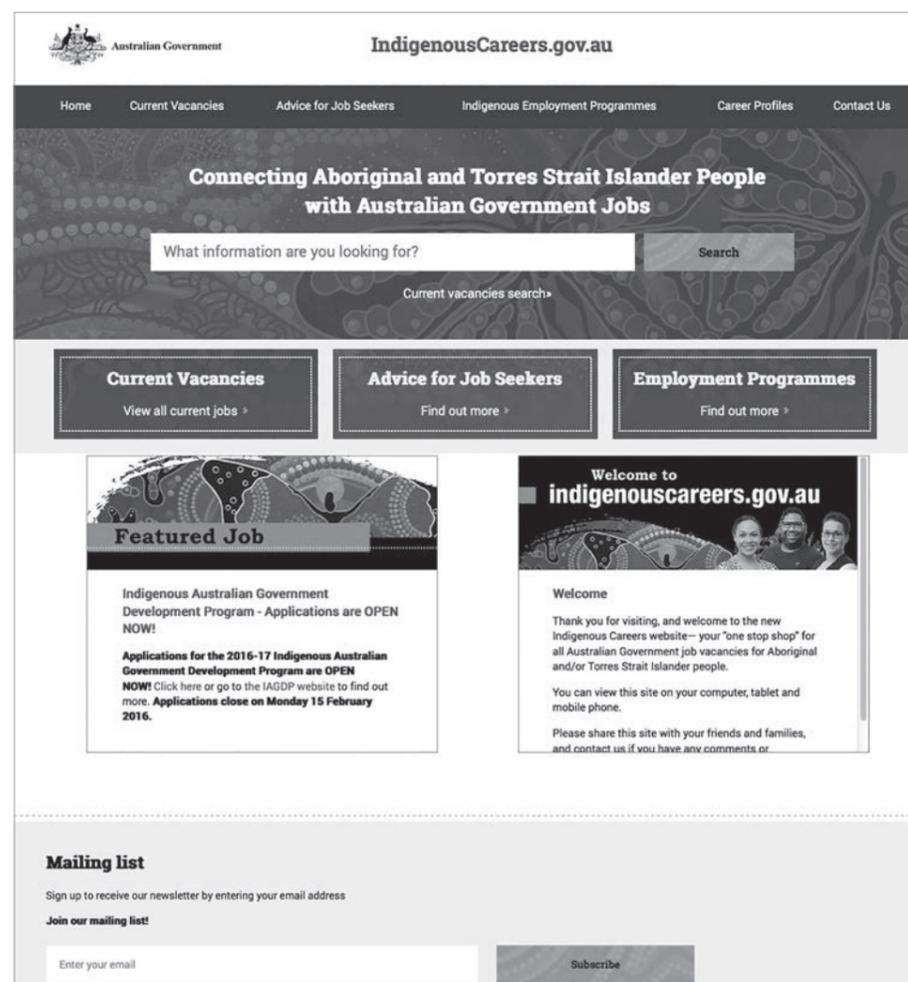
A Commonwealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy was recently launched by Senator Michaelia Cash, and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion, outlining an increase in employment.

The strategy is part of the Government's response to Mr Andrew Forrest's Review of Indigenous Training and Employment Programmes report, The Forrest Review: Creating Parity.

The Forrest Report found that the employment rate for working-age first Australians is significantly less than other Australians, with remote living being a key factor in limited employment opportunities.

The goal of the strategy is to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees across the Commonwealth public sector to three per cent by 2018.

Progress towards the targets will be reported annually by agency from next year on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website: www.dpmc.gov.au



New DVDs to minimise Elder abuse

The Aged Rights Advocacy Service (ARAS) in Adelaide has launched two DVDs which outline positive steps that older people can take to safeguard their interests and maintain control over their own lives.

The aim of the DVDs is to minimise the risk of abuse of older people in our community. ARAS produced the DVDs with support from Office for the Ageing, SA Health, to encourage older people to engage with their communities, promoting strong community connections.

The DVDs have evolved into a valuable resource and an important instrument in raising awareness about preventative strategies to reduce the risk of being abused.

Research indicates that one in twenty people 65 years and older experience some form of abuse, that is, physical, financial, psychological, social, sexual and neglect, often by someone the older person trusts, such as a son or a daughter.

The DVDs have the potential to be used as an educational tool by those working with older people in the

community. Furthermore, they will enable older people to engage and create conversations about the scenarios and how they can apply those ideas and take positive steps to safeguard their rights.

Marilyn Crabtree, CEO of ARAS, said the promotion of the DVDs will build awareness raising and confidence amongst older people.

"Elder abuse has no boundaries and happens in all communities and cultures. The DVDs will provide organisations, service providers and community groups, with a series of key messages that can assist older people to stay connected, stay active, stay healthy and stay in control within their community."

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Cabinet to meet on the APY Lands

Four regional areas will host South Australian Government Country Cabinet meetings in 2016 including the first Cabinet meeting in the APY Lands in more than 20 years.

The first three meetings to be held in 2016 will be at:

- Leigh Creek, Flinders Ranges and Port Augusta (28 February – 1 March)
- The APY Lands (1 May – 4 May)
- Tatiara, Southern Mallee and Karoonda (11 September – 13 September)

Details of a fourth Country Cabinet meeting will be announced later in the year.

South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill said "the Regional South Australia

contributes about \$25 billion to the State's economy, and these Country Cabinet meetings help give regional areas a stronger voice,"

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock said the face-to-face meetings with locals during Country Cabinet provided valuable feedback about the range of issues facing their communities.

"Country Cabinet offers the chance for people to ask questions directly of Cabinet Ministers and senior executives.

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The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board meeting milestone

The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board celebrated a milestone with its 50th meeting, held in Adelaide, in late 2015.

Translated to "North-West" in Pitjantjatjara, the Board is the only all-Aboriginal NRM Board in Australia, supporting natural resources management across the far north-west of the State, including APY, Maralinga Tjarutja, Yalata and the Far West Coast.

Parry Agius, presiding Board Member, said a strength of the

Board was its partnership approach and strong governance.

"The Board is playing a critical role in supporting communities to set long-term visions for the region's people, country and water," he said.

"It is important that we have long-term thinking, a strong partnership approach and that we show leadership back in our communities."

Board Member Maureen "Mima" Smart from Yalata said it is Board policy that work is delivered by the community.

"We also have big visions about supporting natural and cultural-based tourism in our region, which will create more jobs for our young people and provide an economically sustainable base for remote communities," she said.

Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter said since its establishment in 2004, the Board has achieved some very significant outcomes for the region.

"Using its Regional NRM Plan, the Board has developed an innovative and community-driven approach to

ensure sustainable use of precious water resources in the region, while at the same time protecting country and culture.

"Water management in particular will become more important given the projected impacts of climate change in the region with temperatures forecast by the Goyder Institute to rise by 1.5 degrees and rainfall to decrease by 12.1 per cent by 2050," he said.



New Aboriginal Commissioners for SA

Ngarrindjeri and Kurna Elder Frank Lampard OAM and Inawantji Scales from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands have been appointed as South Australia's new Commissioners for Aboriginal Engagement.

They will share the role of providing Aboriginal leadership in South Australia, advocating on behalf of all Aboriginal people and communities across the state.

Established in 2007, the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement is a point of contact for Aboriginal people to express their concerns about issues that matter to them, provide advice to the State Government, as well as promoting Aboriginal inclusion more broadly through the non-Aboriginal community.

Ms Scales is from the Pipalyatjara community in the APY Lands, and is a current member of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council. She is very active in the NPY community, and is currently working with the Council to implement the Empowered Communities initiative.

Mr Lampard was a long-term and highly regarded public servant with a background in education, and is currently the Deputy Chair of the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Committee.

Mr Lampard said he is extremely pleased and honoured to be appointed Co-commissioner.

"I first and foremost acknowledge my predecessors, Klynton Wanganeen and Khatija Thomas for their contributions



Above: Commissioner Frank Lampard OAM rallying outside Parliament house at the 2015 NAIDOC March.

in this role. They were both excellent Commissioners. I am here to serve my community as best I can and Ina and I will be working together and on different issues, providing a range of support.

"I am hoping that we can continue to build good relationships between government and community over the next 12 months," said Mr Lampard.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher said Mr Lampard

and Ms Scales will bring a diverse range of experiences and knowledge to the role.

"He has served in a number of senior roles including Chair of the Board of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Chair of the South Australian Aboriginal Training Advisory Committee, and was also a Native Title Commissioner for South Australia.

"She is also a qualified interpreter in the Pitjantjatjara language, and lectures in Pitjantjatjara language at the University of South Australia's summer school.

"Mr Lampard and Ms Scales also deliver an important city-country and gender balance for this key Aboriginal leadership role."

Minister Maher also acknowledged the contribution of the out-going Commissioner Khatija Thomas.

"Ms Thomas has been a strong advocate for Aboriginal people while serving as the Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, and I thank her for her service to Aboriginal people and the state."

30 years since Uluru handback

In 2015, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the historic handback of Uluru to its Traditional Owners the Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara people.

The Australian icons Uluru and Kata Tjuta were declared Aboriginal Reserves in the early 1900s (and many senior Anangu

still talk about being 'herded' into the Reserve). Ayers Rock was declared a national park in 1950, and in 1958 both Ayers Rock and Mt Olga were excised from the Reserve to form the Ayers Rock Mt Olga National Park.

Title was vested in the Director of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife

Service, but from 1978 until 1985, the park was actually run by officers of the Territory's Parks and Wildlife Service.

On 26 October 1985, all that changed when it was officially handed back to its Traditional Owners by the government of the day.

Hundreds of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people attended the 'Handover' when Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen passed over the title deeds at a ceremony at the base of Uluru.

Immediately following the handover the traditional owners signed an agreement leasing the park back to the Australian Parks and Wildlife Service for 99 years.

The agreement paved the way for regional management to be jointly shared by Anangu and the Australian Parks service.

The Northern Territory Government was so angered by the handover that it withdrew from the management arrangements.

The first Board Chair was Yami Lester (formerly a land rights campaigner and an executive member of the Pitjantjatjara Council). He stood by and translated Sir Ninian Stephen in 1985.

Each year on 26 October, both Anangu and Parks Australia, along with many others across the country, celebrate on the importance of keeping culture and land strong, for many generations to come.



Oak Valley Pipeline secures fresh water supply

The Oak Valley community on South Australia's west coast now has access to a more secure water supply following the completion of a 40 kilometre pipeline into the area.

Oak Valley is a remote Aboriginal community located on the southern fringe of The Great Victoria Desert, approximately 516 km north-west of Ceduna on Maralinga Tjarutja Lands.

It is approximately 320 km north of Yalata by 4WD track, crossing the Trans Australian railway line at Ooldea.

The project was delivered by local workers, with the support of SA Water and the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments.

The project provided employment and training to 27 community members, who worked on the installation of the pipeline with SA Water's Remote Communities group.

Water and the River Murray Minister Ian Hunter said "The newly-completed pipeline provides a more reliable and efficient method of getting water to the 100 or so people in the Oak Valley community".

Richard Preece, General Manager of the Maralinga Tjarutja Administration Office said SA Water and the community developed a partnership approach to the water supply problem for the Oak Valley community.

"SA Water delivered the first 17 kilometres of the pipe and we used our machinery

and community members to clear land and dig a trench for the pipeline.

"The collaboration significantly reduced the cost to SA Water and gave the community members the satisfaction of being closely involved in the project's development.

"We also received approximately one hundred thousand dollars from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to assist in some of the costs of the community's share of the project.

"We now have a reliable safe water supply without the risks of trucks transporting water through the streets, so it's not only the supply of fresh water that is an achievement but also the significant reduction of risks associated

with trucks carrying thousands of litres per trip. The community is very satisfied with the outcome," said Mr Preece.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Kyam Maher was told of the importance of a reliable water supply by the locals on his last visit to Oak Valley.

"The local community is very proud of its role in this critical infrastructure project," he said.

"The community is also pleased the completion of the pipeline project means the water tanker will be off local roads."

SA Water also purchased pipeline materials and supplied a project design, and will operate and maintain the pipeline from here on.



Above: Oak Valley community no longer need trucks to transport their water supply.



Wattleseed Icecream Pudding

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Place 4 tspns ground wattleseed into a cup and just cover with boiling water. This will swell the wattleseed and release the flavours. Allow to cool.

Slightly soften 2 litres vanilla ice cream in a bowl. Stir through the wattleseed slurry and then add 700g Christmas pudding (crumbled), a handful of glace cherries and a good slosh of Quandong Liqueur (or Grand Marnier).

Grease a pudding basin with a little oil and line with clingfilm and then fill with the icecream mix.

Freeze. (make and hide it a week before special occasion)

To serve remove from freezer and unmould onto serving plate. Remove cling wrap. If you have trouble removing the pudding from mould gently warm sides with hot wet towel.

Garnish with glazed quandong (or fresh cherries).

Serve with pouring cream or custard.



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SANTS is recognised and funded as the Native Title Service Provider for South Australia by the Commonwealth Government under s.203FE(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

SANTS performs all of the functions of a representative body throughout South Australia. Those functions as set out in Section 203B of the Act are:

- Facilitation and assistance;
- Certification;
- Dispute resolution;
- Notification;
- Agreement making;
- Internal review; and
- Other functions.

SANTS provides a range of services to South Australia's Aboriginal Nations who hold or may hold native title. These are delivered by a professional client services team.

SANTS provides legal representation and guidance, anthropological research and community liaison to support native title applications, negotiations and determinations. SANTS also provides services to Aboriginal Nations to enhance their capacity to achieve their aspirations. This includes natural and cultural resource management, community and organisational development, governance and training and economic development services.

SANTS is committed to working with Aboriginal Nations to realise their aspirations which are often broader than the recognition of native title.



SANTS facilitates innovative pathways for our clients to achieve sustainable native title outcomes at the regional level.

Native title remains an important foundation for Aboriginal Nations to gain recognition and bring about positive and lasting change.

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the running of SANTS to its full potential.

The Board and Senior Management work closely to achieve a significant level of confidence and security for our clients and the future of SANTS.

Our Vision

Sustainable Aboriginal Nations.

Our Values

Across all our work at SANTS, we uphold the following values:

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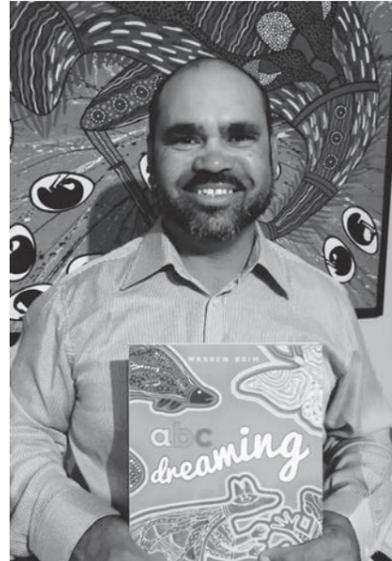
This page, from top (L–R): Wangki 'Gavin' Peel, Far West Coast; Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi Consent Determination; Sturt Desert Pea; Bench at the Adnyamathanha Stage 2 and 3 Consent Determination at Wilpena Pound Station; Neville Douglas and Michael Pagsanjan; Lucy Evans and Keith Thomas (SANTS) at National Apology Day Breakfast 2015; SANTS Four Wheel Drive Training, Tailern Bend 2015. Opposite page, from top: Jimmy Gepp Gawler Ranges Rock-hole Project; Lesley Thomas, Keith Thomas, Michael Colbung and grandchild.



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ABC Dreaming

A vibrant and charming ABC book for early readers from renowned Queensland artist Warren Brim (below with book).



Dingoes, bats, red-eyed green tree frogs... an ABC of amazing Australian creatures.

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About the illustrator

Warren Brim was born in Cairns and grew up in the rainforest village of Kuranda on the Atherton Tablelands. He is from the Djabugay people and his artwork is based on the Dreaming stories told to him by his family.

Warren holds a Diploma in Visual Arts and his work is held in private collections in Australia and overseas.



Magabala Books

He now lives in Canberra with his family.

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Farewell Aunty Josie

(8/2/1934–30/12/2015)

Hundreds Hundreds of mourners gathered to farewell Aboriginal Leader Josephine Marjorie Agius, well known by many as Aunty Josie, at a funeral service in Port Adelaide on 14 January. Since her passing late last year, people have expressed in their tributes and personal stories of how Aunty Josie was a true inspiration and a wonderful woman.

Best known for her “Welcomes to Country”, Aunty Josie was monumental in upholding culture in modern day Australia.

She will be remembered for her love and humour as well as her work as an Aboriginal educator, health worker and as a highly sought after cultural consultant.

Keith Thomas, South Australian Native Title Services CEO said “her encouragement,



Above: Premier Jay Weatherill and Aunty Josie at the Premier's NAIDOC award night 2014.

passion and commitment will never be forgotten. She welcomed all who visited Kurna country and was proud of her heritage”.

During her acceptance of the State's NAIDOC Awards in 2014, Aunty Josie said it was time for the next generation to take charge of the future.

“This is the last year for me. This is where all the young people come in now... and they better do it properly!” she said.

Premier Jay Weatherill said Aunty Josie's humour will be missed.

“Aunty Josie was well known for her welcomes to country delivered in Kurna language – and often with her trademark wit,” he said.

Born at Wallaroo in 1934, she grew up at Point Pearce and later moved to Adelaide. She was a Narungga, Kurna, Ngarrindjeri and Ngadjuri leader and among South Australia's first Aboriginal health workers.

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