

Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
14TH DECEMBER, 2008
AT RUMBALARA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Welcome: Mrs Frances Mathysen/Alf Boydie Turner

Minutes of previous meeting passed.

Note: Spelling mistake in Robyn Jackson's name.

Moved: Zeta Thompson

Seconded: Aunty Walder

Elders paid tribute and memory to ancestors and welcomed members to Yorta Yorta country where the meeting is hosted (Shepparton)

Neville: Acknowledged Uncle Boydie as an elder, and asked to welcome to country.
A minute silence held.

2. **Apologies:** Brenda & George Nelson, Bryan & Shannon Andy, Valda Doody, Leonie Drummond, Mark Thompson, Nicole Thompson, Simone Thompson, Merle Morgan, Sandra Bailey, Nola Kelly, Mark Ferguson, Merinda Morgan, Mark Jackson, Betty Clements, Rubin Baksh David Wirrapunda,

3. **Reports:** Neville advise that Jade will be doing a Power Point Presentation.

Review Process:

Yorta Yorta Nations Internal Review December 2008. One of the key motions that were moved was for the governing committee to conduct an internal review into the operations of Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation.

Snap shot of what's been done to date & what needs to be done in the future.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was tabled by Russell Guppy. Please see attached.

Russell Guppy: When Government give you money to buy properties there is always a cavity on the property so it can't be sold off.

Financial Report is tabled.

Moved Lee Joachim

Seconded: Aunty Walda

All in favour.

YYNAC are completely dependant on Government funding. Administration should be looking at getting as much Government funding as they can. To get Government funding you need to have all your basic structure in place, good governing body good organisation.

There is money here, but only enough to keep the doors open.

Break:

Chairperson's Report:

Neville: Typing error first paragraph second sentence reads "Thankyou for giving up your commitment" should read thankyou for giving your commitment.

To my current governing body members, Elders, and staff thankyou for giving your commitment to rebuilding the pathways of Yorta Yorta people.

2007 YYNAC – Strategically focused on building key relationships with agencies in Victoria and the Australian Government.

YYNAC we are awaiting outcomes, we can say their will be a new earer of accountability which we are moving towards in 2009.

YYNAC – Honouring Uncle William Cooper grandfather of Uncle Alf Boydie Turner, for his protest into apposing nartzism.

General Business:

Leon Atkinson: We have 3 or 4 employees to look after our concerns, but in general land management issues as well.

January we will be advertising 3-4 positions.

Neville: We need to create better management over crown land area. Previous places, Alpine National Park. In this case area to be processed or looked at higher River Red Gum areas, Goulburn River also length of the Murray.

Aunty Frances: Would like to know when Elders have the right to make decisions? Aunty Frances stated she did not go through the Court system for that, she went through court because of our Elders that fought before us and we are here to carry on from them. Our people should be with us or behind us.

Ella Anselmi: Stated that calling the 'bush' a forest or national park is upsetting and wrong. Forests are in America and Canada not in Australia we have always called it the "BUSH".

Lee Joachim: We need to recognise the key positions that have been created Parks Victoria specifically focus on those being Yorta Yorta Nation position in relation to the Management of National Park. YYNAC develop a training package that looks at our cultural knowledge being shown to our younger ones, learning from people like Uncle Colin, Ella, Larry, Leon and many others, and to be a part of that educational process.

Leon Atkinson: Yorta Yorta has no capacity there is only a couple of people trying to satisfy the whole community. We are slowly but surely building capacity to help each other out.

Aunty Frances: I do not agree with 2 committees, there should be one committee because we are still going through the hard times, and young people have the luck to be educated whereas people like me didn't get the opportunity like the young ones today to have an education.

Leon: Department of Agriculture are putting together an Indigenous fishing strategy.

Discussions regarding trees, size and age, making sure that when bark is removed the tree wont die.

Petah Atkinson: Asked if YYNAC has formed any partnership with any other aboriginal organisation in the Goulburn Valley and Echuca. Availability to share resources like Rumbalara, similar to Larry and his Cultural program. YYNAC we need to maintain control.

C.E.O Report

Jade Mathysen: I acknowledge the efforts and challenges achieved for the past governing committee and other council members, thanking the Government for its support to YYNAC.

C.E.O Report tabled:

See Attached.

Auditors Report. Tabled.

YYNAC AGM closed @ 2.00pm