



Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre
Annual General Meeting

	DATE: 17 October 2001 Meeting opened 11.10am	LOCATION <i>Cemetery Beach Port Hedland</i>
1.	Present: Rosie Munro, Edna Hopiga, Dundora Whyardie, Dora Possum, Marg Burrugarra, Winnie Coppin, Alma Gray, Richard Oderson, Susie Brown, Denese Griffin, Rose Murray, Marnmu Smyth, Kathleen Thomas, Ann Sibosado, Bruce Thomas, Steve Nile, Gordon Pondroy, Frank French, Charlie Wanatarn, Donny Lewis, Norton Williams, Toby Jones, Bruce Thomas, Jack Braeside, Kevin Fred, Mac Gardiner	ACTION
	Staff: Albert Burgman, Fran Haintz, Gina Gray, Nyaparu Wellington, Vicki Webb, Jilalga Murray, Stephen Bennetts, James Wally	
	Apologies: Lorraine Injie, Slim Parker, Peter Coppin, Sandy Brown, Trudy Hayes, Lesley Woods.	
2.	Welcome Welcome by Kariyarra elder Norton Williams to everyone who came. Rose Murray – Chairperson for the day. Last minutes read by Rose Murray. Acceptance of previous AGM 2000 minutes Moved: Marnmu Smyth Seconded: Bruce Thomas Passed	
3.	Chairperson Report Read By Rose Murray in Lorraine Injie's absence	
4.	Audit Report Presented by Steve Nile Constitution amendments relating to qualifications. It's been a good year no overspending of the money with a lot of work carried out. There' s been a surplus in most projects. Some problems will be worked on during the year. Rose said that there may be a big meeting during the year to change the constitution smaller committee to run day to day stuff bigger committee welcome to attend smaller meetings. Acceptance of the Financial Statements. Moved: Edna Hopiga Seconded: Ann Sibosado Passed	
5.	Elections Run by Fran Haintz Chairperson Lorraine Injie Nominated by Rose Murray Seconded: Marnmu Smyth All in favour: Passed Vice Chairperson Bruce Thomas Nominated by Marnmu Smyth Seconded: Edna Hopiga	

	<p>All in favour: Passed</p> <p>Secretary Denese Griffin Nominated by Ann Sibosado Seconded: Edna Hopiga & Marnmu Smyth All in favour: Passed</p> <p>Treasurer: Rose Murray Nominated by Marnmu Smyth Seconded: Dora Possum All in favour: Passed</p> <p>Public Officer Marnmu Smyth Nominated by Rose Murray – declined Ann Sibosado by Denese Griffin Seconded: Rose Murray All in favour: Passed</p>	
	<p>General Committee Members Nominations Nominated: All people here today Marnmu Smyth, Norton Williams, Winnie Coppin, Rosie Munro, Edna Hopiga, Dora Possum, Dundora Whyardie, Marg Burragurra, Gordon Pondroy, Frank French, Charlie, Wanatarn, Richard Oderson, Donny Lewis, Toby Jones, Jack Braeside, Kevin Fred, Mack Gardiner.</p>	
6.	<p>Appointment of Auditor Nominated Steve Nile & Associates Moved: Ann Sibosado Seconded: Bruce Thomas Passed</p>	
7.	<p>General Business</p>	
7.1	<p>Restitution of Materials Talk by Nyaparu Bennetts about the things in the museums what has been found and what to get back. There is a list by language groups. (Attached list) of what has been found. There have been a significant number of remains (bones) the museum wants to help the different language groups what they want. Most of the remains is in the W.A museum need to think about where to store the remains until they can be picked up WDPAC and Moorgunyah Hostel permission has been given by the Kariyarra owners when the remains are brought back do we want someone to travel with the remains. There are 6 that come from the Pilbara but don't know where from. Do we want to leave it at the museum or bring it back to the Pilbara? Bring them back but before that someone has to take the responsibility this could be the second stage, after the known remains are returned Wangka Maya will write a letter to the different corporations outlining what has been found and what is happening questions by Marnmu Smyth when remains are found out bush what happens? Under the law it has to be taken to Perth but D.I.A wants to stop that from happening where the remains end up back in the museum often in the Pilbara after the remains are exposed. In Bidyadanga skeletons were found by contractors but they were told by one elder to bury the skeleton and not to dig again.</p>	
	<p>Lunch</p>	
7.2	<p>Kariyarra Albert: There has been an issue about Kariyarra displayed and used publicly we have produced two books Vicki worked with Gordon, Norton and Raylene. A book of words and a grammar a book of songs and stories this has been produced.</p>	

	<p>Norton says that it's ok to me to have it this. Old man referring to Gordon been with Kariyarra for long time he knows the language. Because old people pass away we are getting old now we have been doing this in Woodstock somebody might want to read them. They will be lost. Discussion you fellas are the last we are not sure what Diana wants.</p> <p>Albert: What do you want? Can white people learn.</p> <p>Norton: It's alright for people to learn to talk.</p> <p>Gordon: When we old people pass on at least we got this (pointing to book)</p>	
7.3	<p>Cross Cultural Awareness</p> <p>Marnmu Cross Cultural Awareness explained we have had a problem with Pundulmurra so we want to have meeting with the elders to sort it out.</p>	
7.4	<p>Copyright</p> <p>Albert intro that we have to sort it out.</p>	
7.5	<p>Frank French</p> <p>Old Warnman man working on a video.</p> <p>Alma Gray</p> <p>I've been away for a month at Bidyadanga so I'm back now.</p>	

Meeting Closed @ 2.00pm