



Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre
2002 Annual General Meeting & Special General Meeting

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| | <p>DATE: 07 October 2002 Meeting opened 11.50am LOCATION Shay Gap Park South Hedland</p> |
| 1. | <p>Present: Bridget Warrie (Roebourne), Lorraine Coppin (Roebourne), Kathleen Thomas (Strelley), Maggie Ginger (Strelley), Toby Jones (Strelley), Guy Parker (Tom Price), Gordon Yuline (Newman), Pansy Hicks (Roebourne), Michelle Adams (Roebourne), Judith Coppin (Roebourne), Jill Faulkner, Nik Nikoleff, Trudy Hayes (Onslow), Anne Hayes (Onslow), Glenys Hayes (Onslow), Anne Sibosado (Hedland), Norton Williams (Woodstock), Lily Spring (Woodstock), Peter Coppin (Jinparinya), Bruce Thomas (Punmu), Rose Murray (Hedland), Kevin Fred (Marble Bar), Daniel Romaine (BHPB), Muuki Taylor (Punmu), Alma Gray (Tjalka Wara), Ian Taylor (Hedland), Ellery Sandy (Roebourne), Smithy Robinson (Jigalong), Richard Oderson (Tjalka Wara), Charlie Coppin (Yandeyarra), Susie Brown (Tjalka Wara), Diana Robinson (Hedland), Jeffrey Brown (deGray), Patrick Henry (Snr) (Yandeyarra), Rosie Munro (Bidyadanga), Dora Possum (Bidyadanga), Margaret Billycan (Bidyadanga), Edna Hopiga (Bidyadanga), Donny Wilson (Yandeyarra), Winnie Coppin (Jinparinya), Delores Williams (Strelley), Kerry Churnside (Roebourne), Brett Smith</p> |
| | <p>Staff: Albert Burgman, Gina Gray, Nyaparu Wellington, Vicki Webb, Raylene Gordon, Nyaparu Thomas, Harry Taylor, Charmaine Sinclair.</p> |
| | <p>Apologies: Sandy Brown, Denese Griffin, Fran Haintz</p> |
| 2. | <p>Welcome Welcome by Kariyarra elder Norton Williams to everyone who came to the meeting. (Diana Robinson agreed) Lorraine thanked Kariyarra people for allowing meeting on their land and having Language Centre.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Minutes of the last AGM Read by Rose Murray Acceptance of the last minutes as being correct Moved: Edna Hopiga Seconded: Anne Sibosado Passed unanimously</p> |
| 4. | <p>Chairperson Report - See attached for written report Lorraine Injie spoke to the meeting. Wangka Maya Language Centre has been open since 1987.</p> <p>Lorraine has been chair for the past 6 years. Lorraine thanked the outgoing committee for all their work and introduced the staff to the meeting.</p> <p>Lorraine stated that they have always tried to get committee members who speak language.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the chairperson to attend meetings on behalf of the organisation; Lorraine thanked Denese for standing in on these meetings for WM.</p> <p>Lorraine explained to the meeting that WM staff and committee attended a meeting with other WA language centres during the year. All the centres there agreed to make a stand opposed to FATSIL as funding has not changed over the past many years except for the Stolen Generation dollars. Also that FATSIL did not in fact represent our language centres. WM and other language centres want more of the bucket of money, as compared with Eastern states who have less languages than us, and we have some languages close to extinction eg Martuthunira and Putijarra.</p> <p>WM continues to ask the government for more dollars to pay old people and linguists so languages don't miss out.</p> |

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| | <p>Languages need to be taught to kids and community needs to use language more. Wangka is crucial to Aboriginal identity. WM will continue to keep working to get more funding.</p> <p>Lorraine stated that extra funding has allowed WM to buy new computers and pay extra staff which allowed more projects to be completed than in the past.</p> <p>Lorraine stated that WM needs more help from the community to continue to do the language work required.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Audit Report Presented by Rose Murray Points raised – Not having the AGM before 30 September - Receipts not written out for some grants received Acceptance of the Financial Statements. Moved: Rose Murray Seconded: Kevin Fred Passed unanimously</p> |
| 6. | <p>Appointment of Auditor Nominated Steve Nile & Associates Moved: Ann Sibosado Seconded: Bruce Thomas Passed unanimously</p> |
| 7. | <p>Constitutional Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o OBJECTS 6f To coordinate research work relating to Aboriginal language and culture in the Pilbara. <p>Change to: 6f To coordinate research work relating to Aboriginal language, culture and history in the Pilbara including the effects of past and present government policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o COMMITTEE 9.(7) There shall be a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be the office bearers and shall be elected by the members of the Committee at the first meeting of the Committee after the first general meeting of the Association and thereafter at the first meeting of the Committee after each general meeting of the Association and shall be eligible for re-election. <p>Change to: Include Vice Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BANKING 19.(1) Official receipts shall be issued for all moneys received by the Association. <p>Change to: Delete entire point.</p> <p>Moved acceptance of recommended changes: Trudy Hayes Seconded: Anne Sibosado Passed unanimously</p> |
| 8. | <p>Elections Run by Albert Burgman</p> <p>Chairperson Bruce Thomas Nominated by Rose Murray Seconded: Anne Sibosado</p> |

Kevin Fred nominated by Ian Taylor
Seconded: Lorraine Injie

Trudy Hayes nominated by Ian Taylor
Trudy declined nomination

Daniel Romaine nominated by Ian Taylor
Seconded: Donny Wilson

Put to the vote by hands:
Bruce Thomas elected Chairperson with the majority of votes.

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Vice Chairperson

Lorraine Injie Nominated by Rose Murray
Seconded: Edna Hopiga

Kevin Fred Nominated by Ian Taylor
Seconded: Donny Wilson

Diana Robinson Nominated by Norton Williams
Seconded: Lily Spring

Put to the vote by hands:
Lorraine Injie elected Vice Chairperson with the majority of votes.

Secretary

Rose Murray Nominated by Alma Gray
Seconded: Edna Hopiga

Daniel Romaine nominated by Anne Sibosado
Declined nomination

All in favour of Rose Murray as Secretary: Passed unanimously

Treasurer

Trudy Hayes Nominated by Lorraine Injie
Seconded: Anne Sibosado

All in favour of Trudy Hayes as Treasurer: Passed unanimously

Public Officer

Anne Sibosado Nominated by Rose Murray
Seconded: Lorraine Injie

All in favour of Anne Sibosado as Public Officer: Passed unanimously

General Committee Members Nominations

Nominated:
Daniel Romaine nominated by Ian Taylor
Michelle Adams nominated by Ellory Sandy

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| | <p>Kevin Fred nominated by Trudy Hayes Diana Robinson nominated by Ian Taylor Lorraine Coppin nominated Michele Adams Alma Gray nominated by Ian Taylor Muuki Taylor nominated by Lorraine Injie Smith Robinson nominated by Lorraine Injie Delores Williams nominated by Daniel Romaine – declined nomination</p> <p>These were put to a vote by raising of hands with the top three being</p> <p>Muuki Taylor, Alma Gray, and Smith Robinson elected as Executive Committee Members.</p> <p>All other nominees will be asked to attend quarterly general meetings, as will Anne Hayes and Guy Parker</p> |
| 9. | General Business |
| 9.1 | <p>Land and Buildings</p> <p>The meeting put a motion that Wangka Maya should buy land for our new office. WM will talk to the Kariyarra people about the use of the land. We will make plans to build ASAP in South Hedland.</p> <p>The planning meeting gives permission for the executive to use our savings for this purpose.</p> <p>Moved: Edna Hopiga Seconded: Bruce Thomas Passed unanimously</p> |
| 9.2 | <p>Bilingual Literacy</p> <p>Motion that Wangka Maya needs to seek funding from the Council of Independent schools to allow WM to investigate ways to set up bilingual schools in towns across the region.</p> <p>Moved: Raelene Gordon Seconded: Michelle Adams Passed unanimously</p> |
| 9.3 | <p>Manggalyji Relationships</p> <p>Ellory Sandy suggested participants are sent a list of people who will attend a meeting in case of manggalyji relationships.</p> |

Meeting Closed @ 2.00pm