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To:
The Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water

This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *the Public Sector Act 2009*, and *Section 43L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

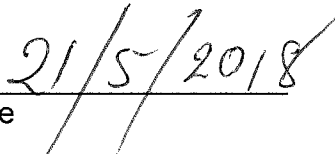
This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the Kanku - Breakaways Conservation Park Co-management Board by:

Ms Maureen Williams

Chairperson


Signature


Date

Delay in meeting the 30 September 2017 statutory deadline to Minister
Whilst the main body of the attached Annual Report was completed prior to 30 September 2017, the audit opinion on the financial statements was not received in sufficient time to enable the Minister to table the Annual Report within the statutory timeframe. In addition the reappointment of board members and changes in board membership were not completed in sufficient time to enable the Board to review the report within the statutory timeframe.

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park Co-management Board is responsible for providing the duties of a co-management Board of the, Aboriginal owned, Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park. The Board is a unique partnership between the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Aboriginal Corporation (AMYAC), District Council of Coober Pedy and the State Government.

The Board acknowledge the principles within the Co-Management Agreement (CMA) to:

- Ensure the continued **enjoyment** of the Park by the Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara people for **cultural, spiritual and traditional uses**;
- Ensure the continued **enjoyment** of the Park by members of the public in a manner consistent with the CMA;
- Ensure the **preservation** and **protection** of Aboriginal sites, features, objects and structures of **spiritual or cultural significance** on the Park and
- Provide **protection** for the **natural resources**, wildlife, vegetation and other features of the Park.

The Board and the manner in which the park is operated seeks to make a significant contribution towards the reconciliation of Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people.

Objectives

The Board through managing the implementation of the Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park Management Plan are committed to:

- Providing opportunities for people to access and learn about the Kanku and Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara culture and the Coober Pedy community in a sustainable and culturally appropriate way.
- Protect and conserve the Kanku's natural values and rich Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

Key strategy	SA Government objective
Identify and implement activities that foster the participation of the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunyjtjara Aboriginal Corporation in decision making and management, including providing regular reports on management of the park.	South Australia's Strategic Plan (SASP) Target 28: Aboriginal leadership; increase the number of Aboriginal South Australians participating in community leadership and in community leadership development programs.
Employ AMYAC members to supervise commercial activities conducted within the cultural conservation zone.	SASP Target 53: Aboriginal employees; increase the participation of Aboriginal people in the South Australian public sector.
Improve the scientific and cultural basis for management by integrating scientific and traditional land management concepts, identifying knowledge gaps, conducting research and monitoring the condition of key Kanku values.	Target 69: Lose no species; lose no native species as a result of human impacts.

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Comments
Functions and powers of the Board are set out in the Co-management Agreement, the National Parks and Wildlife Act and the Regulations.	Regular perusal of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, Breakaways Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), and Breakaways Conservation Park Co-Management Agreement (CMA)	Advise the Minister on matters relating to the Management of the Park by providing an Annual Report.
In Exercising its functions and powers the Board must have regard to the objects of co-management as specified in the NPWA and clause 4 of the Co-management agreement, and must not act inconsistently with the Management Plan for the Park	Regular contact between the Board and Antakirinja Matu-Yankunyjtjara Aboriginal Corporation (AMYAC) to discuss co-management issues and general park operations.	The Board have presented at AMYAC meetings and held discussions with AMYAC chairperson, Aboriginal Liaison Officer and AMYAC business entities.

<p>The Board will prepare and deliver to the minister an annual report in accordance with the requirements of the NPWA and Regulations</p>	<p>Annual submission of the Annual Report to the Minister</p>	<p>The report informs the community on the Boards achievements and compliance with relevant acts and regulations.</p>
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Legislation administered by the agency

The Board is responsible for complying with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, *National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016* and *National Parks and Wildlife (Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park) Regulations 2013* which are administered by DEWNR.

Organisation of the agency

In accordance with regulation 5 (2) of the *National Park and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016* the Board consists of seven members appointed by the Minister of whom 4 are Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara people appointed on the nomination of AMYAC, 2 are persons nominated by the District Council of Coober Pedy and one is an officer of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Members are appointed for 2 years.

The Board membership and remuneration is reported in the South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report.

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister’s area/s of responsibility)

Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Employment opportunity programs

The Board has no staff of its own and utilises the services of District Council of Coober Pedy (DCCP) through a funding agreement with Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Executive, administrative and project support are provided to the board via DCCP staff.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
The Board undertake a performance review, including evaluation of its effectiveness and governance responsibilities.	Not assessed in this reporting period.
The Board maintain a register of attendance at meetings	Board members attendance are recorded in the Minutes.
Government employees supporting the Board's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers	An annual performance agreement and appraisal process is followed with staff working on the Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park.

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs	Effectiveness
All OHS and rehabilitation programs are undertaken by District Council of Coober Pedy (DCCP), according to the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by DCCP, for work undertaken on behalf of Kanku – Breakaways Co-management Boards	Reporting on this matter is undertaken within the DCCP Annual Report 2016-17.

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Board in this reporting period.	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Financial services are provided to the Board by DCCP. Please visit www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au to view the DCCP Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy.

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakaways-conservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakaways-conservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES Level 1	0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakaways-conservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

For further information, the [Office for the Public Sector](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10,000 each	-	\$0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each	-	\$0
Total all consultancies		\$0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakaways-conservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. See also the Consolidated Financial

Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Financial performance of the agency

The following is a brief summary of the overall financial position of the agency. The information is unaudited. Full audited financial statements for 2016-17 are attached to this report.

The Board is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own. DCCP administers the budget for Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park on behalf of the Board and provides a financial report to members at each meeting. Expenditure has been maintained within budget allocation. The audited financial statements for 2016-17 are included in Appendix 1.

Other financial information

Nil to report.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report.

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Name and date of act or regulation

National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Regulation 23
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For the purposes of section 43L of the Act, the annual report of the co-management board for a park must include the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Information relating to traditional hunting activities in the park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the Act;(b) Information relating to the effect of traditional hunting activities in the park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the Act on native plants and protected |
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animals or the eggs of protected animals (in particular endangered species, vulnerable species and rare species);

(c) Information relating to the operations and work programs undertaken by or on behalf of the Board;

(d) Information relating to park infrastructure;

(e) Any other information required by the Minister.

No traditional hunting activities were undertaken during the reporting period.

The work plan for the park has included protection of managed areas, rehabilitation of some minor tracks, promotion of the park with school groups, undertaking promotion of the park through local events including the Opal Festival and The Great Kanku – Breakaways Marathon. Significant work was undertaken on the infrastructure master plan and a report on the costs to upgrade the main entrance road to the park.

DCCP staff reported to the board regarding park management activities at each meeting. Visitor numbers, permit information including commercial photography and filming and commercial tour operators, grading, road closures, storm damage and corrective action, and sign installation were reported.

Park infrastructure is managed by DCCP and reported on at Board meetings. Park signage in the park has been updated to have language names for park locations. Signage has been developed through collaboration with DEWNR Business and Asset Services in order to meet the requirements of the CMA regarding signage that is consistent with other DEWNR parks.

Old posts, fencing and signage has been removed allowing the park to look more natural and clean. The infrastructure master plan sets in place future directions for infrastructure within the park.

No additional information was required by the Minister during this reporting period.

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by Kanku-Breakaways National Park Co-Management Board	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
All complaints	No specific complains have been received by the Board

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakaways-conservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
All complaints	No complaints have been received or acted upon

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2016-17

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the District Council of Coober Pedy and the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Financial Report, in respect to the Breakaways Co-Management funding agreement operated by the District Council of Coober Pedy for the year ended 30 June 2017. The financial report has been prepared by management based on the expenditure of funds provided by the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary that the limitations in the Emphasis of Matter paragraph not existed, the financial report of the Breakaways Co-Management funding agreement for the year ended 30 June 2017 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirement of the Funding Agreement with the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources.

Emphasis of Matter – Note to the financials

It has been noted in the financials that the District Council of Coober Pedy is expecting to be invoiced \$25,000 from the 2013/14 financial year. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Basis of accounting and restriction of distribution and use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the financial report is prepared to assist District Council of Coober Pedy to meet the requirements of the Funding Agreement. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than District Council of Coober Pedy or the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the funding agreement with the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources (the Funding Agreement).

The council is also responsible for ensuring that the entity complies with all of the procedures and requirements contained in the Funding Agreement, and for such internal control as the council determine is

necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at <http://auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Bentleys SA Audit Partnership



DAVID PAPA
PARTNER

Dated at Adelaide this 22nd day of December 2017

Capital			
Visitor man plan and park infrastructure		25,000	6,612
Management Plan		-	41
Tallaringa Management Plan		-	0
Road Realignment/Car Park Rellocation		10,000	0
Signage Installation		13,000	9,276
Vehicle capital costs		8,400	9,270

Total Works Program **\$ 66,000 49,376**

Total **\$ 284,892 226,955**

End Of Financial Year evaluation

DEWNR Funds for 2016/17	237,392
Expenditure for 2016/17	226,955
DEWNR 2016/17 Funds remaining	10437

Carried over funds from 2014/15 and 2015/16	30,249
Park pass and CTO income 16/17	40,264

TOTAL FUNDING TO CARRY OVER TO 17/18 **80,950**

Notes

Opening event expenditure in 2013/14 -

DCCP has still not been invoiced for opening event costs although were expecting the invoice during 2013/14 financial year, \$25,000 has been assumed will go to that from 2013/14 financial year

Pass and licence income is in addition to grant funding and is carried over year to year.

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