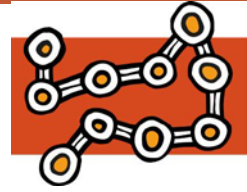




Case Study

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (The APY Lands)

The APY Lands cover an area of more than 105,000km² and are located in the far north-west corner of South Australia. The APY Lands are inhabited by approximately 3,000 Indigenous persons known as Anangu who live in communities and homeland settlements. Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) is an Aboriginal organisation created under the 1981 *Pitjantjatjara Lands Right Act* to manage the activities on the APY Lands. The Anangu culture is strong, with Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara spoken as the first languages in all communities.



Waste Strategy Development - The Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC-AARD), with funding from Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and Zero Waste South Australia (ZWSA) engaged A.Prince Consulting to undertake the *Regional Waste Management Priorities and Implementation Plan* (RWMP&IP). The report contained 70 recommendations. http://www.papertracker.com.au/pdfs/rubbish_report.pdf

Previous Waste Disposal System - All domestic and commercial waste was deposited in landfills and periodically burnt for volume reduction.

Waste Strategy Initiatives - The strategy recommended a range of initiatives including two which lead to the development of this project:

1. That a cardboard baler must be provided to every community store across the APY Lands to enable the separation for return and recycling in Adelaide
2. That the community store freight contract require for the free back-loading of recyclable materials at no cost to the APY communities. That this provision should be incorporated into all future freight contracts.

Implementation – The Australian Packaging Covenant with matched funding from Zero Waste SA provided Waste Aid with our inaugural grant of \$97,000 to purchase, install and commission five cardboard balers and co-ordinate the reverse logistics of up to 1600kms. A MOU was signed by all parties defining roles and responsibilities:

- Waste aid - facilitate, project manage the purchase, installation and commissioning
- Mai Wiru Regional Stores Aboriginal Council –responsible for operating the balers
- Toll Logistics - undertake reverse logistics as part of the freight forward contact
- ORORA Recycling - Income is returned to the community's stores network through their Mai Wiru Community Benefits Program

Outcome – It is anticipated that 650 bales or 81 pallets containing 42 tonnes of cardboard will be returned for reprocessing after one full year.

“the waste volumes have reduced by approximately two thirds since the program was introduced”
Community Store Manager at Pipalyatjara. ***“we would be willing and keen to support expansion of the project to any other sites and or communities”*** Orora Recycling

