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Justice, Rights and Respect for Australia's First Peoples



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COVER ARTWORK



Sandy Brumby
Acrylic on Belgian Linen 2011
183 x 167 cm

Sandy was born in the bush at Victory Downs, an outstation near Pukatja (Ernabella) circa 1950. Sandy now resides in the Pipalyatjara area. In 2010, in his sixties, Sandy Brumby picked up a paintbrush for the first time and discovered a passion for paint and a strong need to tell his story. The iconography in his work is reminiscent of symbols that are sometimes seen in rock or cave paintings around Uluru and Kata Tjuta. In the relatively short period of time he has been painting, Sandy's works have been acquired by significant public collections, including the National Gallery of Victoria and Queensland Art Gallery.

Ninuku Arts is a wholly Aboriginal owned Art Centre that supports artists from two communities – Pipalyatjara and Kalka. Both communities are located in the far north-western corner of South Australia, near the borders with Western Australia and the Northern Territory. The name of the Art Centre derives from 'Ninuku Tjukurpa' meaning Bilby Dreaming, which is the main Dreaming story for the country surrounding the Kalka Community. ANTaR supports Ninuku Artists through our Economic Development Program.

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



For ANTaR 2011-2012 has been a mixture of successes and challenges. The greatest non-campaign challenge was the burning down of our office in Dulwich Hill which left our staff homeless for many weeks. Fortunately no one was hurt in the

fire but the damage done to the building and the fire, smoke and water damage done to office equipment and resources was, in most cases, irrecoverable. Despite the loss of office and resources, the difficulties of working from home, holding staff meetings in cafés and, in their spare time, searching long and hard for new offices, our staff maintained their resolve, diligence and dedication, keeping ANTaR alive and upholding a high standard of performance and community engagement. These were testing weeks and our National Director, Jacqui Phillips, demonstrated great leadership and calmness in the face of adversity, so a big note of gratitude to her and her staff.

This year has also seen significant challenges in our campaign and advocacy work. The passing of the Stronger Futures legislation, the delays in Canberra over political agreement concerning the model for constitutional recognition of the First Peoples of Australia and the slow action of governments to address imprisonment rates, among a raft of other issues, have been sources of frustration and concern. The lack of focus and clarity by governments in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs has led to a constant feeling of disorientation in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. As a national voice working in partnership and solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations such as the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, ANTaR has continued to demonstrate expertise in policy, research and campaigning. For much of our work, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples has been an effective policy guide.

Although there has been slow progress in the nation's consideration of the question of constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander peoples, the Expert Panel's recommendations released in January has provided a roadmap for us to follow. The funding that has been released to Reconciliation Australia for community education provides us with a golden opportunity to 're-think the nation' over the next year and hopefully a referendum will be placed before the people of Australian in the not too distant future. It is the next step after the National Apology and hopefully will move us closer to addressing the unfinished business of reconciliation.

We have begun the process of developing our next strategic plan, continuing to improve our management and governance systems, increasing the frequency and quality of communications - including through our brilliant new website - and strengthening our Economic Development Program which promotes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander produced products. Our recognition in the media has meant that we are often referred to due our expertise on a variety of issues concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and reconciliation.

As well as thanking our National Director Jacqui Phillips for her leadership during our homeless period we also thank her for her outstanding policy, campaigns and media work.

Thanks are also due to all the ANTaR staff who have worked with real commitment and enthusiasm, including to Oliver Levingston who worked on our campaigns for half the year and our new Campaigns Manager Jane Powles, Robyne Stacey, Lesley Pepper, Adrian Rigg, all our dedicated and multi-talented volunteers, and my fellow members of the Executive and National Management Committees for their continuing support and leadership.

And lastly, thanks to you, our donors and supporters without whom we could not do any of this. Your contributions are making a difference.

Dr Peter Lewis
November 2012

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The passion and commitment of our supporters and the power of campaigning in coalition have been two key themes this year. It has been a privilege to meet so many ANTaR donors, members and supporters and community reconciliation

and social justice groups at community events around the country. These events have left me feeling inspired and re-energised.

The extraordinary response we received to ANTaR and Our Generation's joint 'Stand for Freedom' campaign calling for a new framework for engagement with Northern Territory communities reminded me that there are many thousands of Australians who care deeply about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights and are willing to take a stand on key issues. The success of this campaign was also testament to the power of video campaigning, and has prompted ANTaR to explore greater use of this medium. Although we have not yet succeeded in securing a change to Government policy, we have reignited a movement for change and registered the community call for a more respectful framework for engagement with NT communities loudly and clearly.

The 2011-12 financial year was a momentous one in our long-term campaign for Constitutional Recognition of Australia's First Peoples. The release of the Expert Panel's report on Constitutional Recognition after a year-long consultation was a key campaign milestone. The report reflected many of ANTaR's recommendations, made front-page news and set out a blueprint for advocacy and reform.

A personal highlight for me was the opportunity to engage in dialogue with Aboriginal members of the communities of Bawaka and Yirrkala about Constitutional Recognition, in a uniquely beautiful and pristine part of Australia. It was an honour and privilege to be welcomed to the Bawaka community, and to engage in this important conversation and I thank Reconciliation Australia for enabling ANTaR's participation.

Reflecting ANTaR's commitment to campaigning in partnership, we have played an active role in supporting coalitions and coordination between civil society organisations with shared goals. ANTaR has worked hard to support collaboration between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and the broader community sector on Constitutional Recognition, imprisonment issues and the future of Northern Territory communities.

Of course, as many of you would know, the financial year ended with the ANTaR office suffering damage from a fire on 3 June, which started above the premises. I cannot express enough my appreciation to the staff, all of who showed extraordinary resilience and cohesion in difficult circumstances and managed to maintain ANTaR National's campaigns and economic development activities despite working remotely for months. My thanks also go to the many ANTaR supporters, volunteers and friends, who generously offered assistance. I am pleased to say that we are now settled in a new office space and are looking to the future with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

It has been an eventful and unusual year for ANTaR National with a number of key campaign milestones achieved, despite significant disruption. Thanks to the National President, Executive and Committee for their guidance and advice throughout the year. Finally, thanks to all of our supporters for your passion, commitment and support. We look forward to working with you to achieve great things in 2013.

Jacqueline Phillips
November 2012

ABOUT ANTAR NATIONAL

ANTaR is a national advocacy organisation dedicated to Justice, Rights and Respect for Australia's First Peoples.

ANTaR has been working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and leaders on rights and reconciliation issues since 1997.

ANTaR works in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to advocate for rights, justice and respect.

ANTaR's primary public campaign in its early years was the Sea of Hands.

ANTaR's work remains essential due to the fact that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to experience injustice and disadvantage.

OUR VISION

ANTaR's vision is for an Australia where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples enjoy the same life chances as other Australians, and where inherent rights to self-determination, land and culture are recognised and upheld.

OUR PURPOSE

ANTaR listens to and supports the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and works to educate the wider community, shape public opinion, speak up against injustice and influence public policy to advance our vision.

ANTaR is an independent national organisation, with affiliates in states and territories.

OUR GOALS

- To support the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' voices to be heard.
- To reignite a social movement to achieve social justice, to encourage and give a voice to all those Australians committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights and reconciliation, to mobilise support for public campaigns, to influence public opinion and policy, and to strengthen a new generation of activists.
- To operate sustainably and effectively.
- To achieve broad support for our vision within a generation.

WHAT WE DO

ANTaR seeks to persuade governments, through advocacy and lobbying, to show genuine leadership and build a cross-party commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy.

ANTaR's focus is on changing the attitudes and behaviours of non-Indigenous Australians so that the rights and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are respected and affirmed across the community.

ANTaR works to generate in Australia a moral and legal recognition of, and respect for, the distinctive status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians as First Peoples.

ANTaR is a non-government, not-for-profit, community-based organisation.

In 2011-12, we have campaigned nationally on a range of issues, including to:

- Reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal people in prison and the tragic rate of deaths in custody.
- Achieve constitutional change to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and embed the principle of racial equality;
- Shift government policy on Northern Territory remote communities towards a sustainable community development strategy; and
- Reform native title laws to improve outcomes for Aboriginal communities.

ANTaR's CAMPAIGNS ARE:

- ✓ Evidence-based
- ✓ Collaborative
- ✓ Inclusive and non-partisan
- ✓ Characterised by professional excellence
- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Informed by human rights principles.

CAMPAIGNS

ANTaR National's major campaigns in 2011-12 were focused on Constitutional Recognition and Justice, while we maintained our role as a partner in the Close the Gap campaign for health equality.

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

The 2011-12 financial year was a very significant year in our long-term campaign for Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

A Government-appointed Expert Panel conducted a year-long community consultation on options for constitutional reform, stimulating a national conversation. ANTaR played an active role in the national debate and mobilised our supporters to participate in the consultation process. We made a detailed submission to the Expert Panel, putting the case for substantive reform to remove racial discrimination from our founding document, and sent copies to all major parties. We also invited our supporters to express their support for change to the Panel and to decision-makers, compiling a supplementary submission of supporters' views and launching a number of online actions.

The Expert Panel released its report on January 2012, outlining a package of changes to end our Constitutional silence with respect to Australia's First Peoples and create a Constitution based on the principle of racial equality. ANTaR welcomed the report, and adopted its recommendations as a platform for advocacy.

In addition to direct advocacy, ANTaR delivered a range of community awareness initiatives to grow the popular movement for change. Supported by grant funding, we launched a national postcard campaign, distributing 110,000 postcards around the country to raise community awareness and encourage participation in the national conversation. In partnership with Reconciliation Australia, we produced a campaign video clip, which screened to more than a million people at the Moomba Festival in Melbourne. Also in partnership with Reconciliation Australia, ANTaR installed a large Sea of Hands at the National Rugby League (NRL) Grand Final and used the opportunity to engage league supporters in conversations about reconciliation and recognition. In May, we launched a Supporter's Kit, including Factsheet, FAQs and other resources. Finally, with support from grant funding, we are planning an awareness-raising 'Rock for Recognition' concert series. The series, headlined by Dan Sultan, is to take place in November 2012.

Reflecting our commitment to campaigning in partnership, ANTaR worked with Oxfam Australia to coordinate a national NGO network of organisations supportive of Constitutional Recognition. We organised a series of roundtables on different aspects of the campaign, developed messaging and information resources for network members to use and maintained an email network to enable information exchange. We also worked with Oxfam Australia to coordinate submission of a joint letter to the Expert Panel outlining broad support by the Network for substantive reform. By the end of the financial year, the network had about 40 organisational members and a Steering Group involving representatives from Reconciliation Australia, Oxfam Australia, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, the Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law at UNSW, the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Council of Trade Unions and Uniting Justice.

Throughout the year, the National Director and President spoke at numerous conferences and community forums on Constitutional Recognition to raise awareness and build support for change.

JUSTICE

ANTaR National's Justice Campaign for a smarter and more humane approach to crime had a powerful impact in the 2011-12 financial year. The campaign was launched in April 2011, on the 20th anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, with a national call to action broadly endorsed by key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, human rights and legal organisations around the country. The launch made national media headlines and set a public policy platform for our campaign.

The Government's positive response to a parliamentary report, *Doing Time: A Time for Doing*, on the over-representation of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the criminal justice system indicated that ANTaR's campaign was having an impact. Our ongoing task is to monitor Government action against the recommendations of the *Doing Time* report to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment. The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody published 20 years ago still offers a blueprint for reform to governments, with many recommendations ignored to date. This comprehensive report informed our campaign objectives and messaging.

Through a series of online actions in 2011-12, we mobilised our supporters to contact their national, state and territory leaders and justice ministers to call for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice targets to reduce imprisonment rates to be agreed by the Council of Australian Governments. Many supporters received a direct and detailed response from the Federal Government, outlining various Aboriginal justice initiatives but falling short of a commitment to justice targets. This remains a core campaign focus.

To build political support for the campaign, we engaged in direct lobbying of key Federal decision makers, meeting with the Federal Attorneys General, McClelland and Roxon, along with departmental officials. We also wrote to state and territory leaders and justice ministers seeking a commitment to coordinated national action to reduce imprisonment. It was clear from these meetings that our Justice Campaign was known to decision-makers and was having an impact, but the extraordinary challenge of securing broad political support was also clear. The change we are seeking will require sustained pressure on politicians to show leadership.

This year we have also sharpened our focus on deaths in custody as a key aspect of the campaign. The tragic and unnecessary death of Kwementyaye Briscoe in the Alice Springs watch house in January 2012 highlighted a range of systemic problems, which must be addressed to prevent further deaths. We ran a media campaign in response to Mr Briscoe's death and wrote directly to the Northern Territory Government seeking assurances about the independence of the inquiry. This year, ANTaR joined the National Police Accountability Network to enable greater information exchange and collaboration with other human rights and legal organisations advocating for increased accountability for police violence and misconduct.

Justice Reinvestment, an innovative approach to crime prevention, remains a key theme in our Justice Campaign. Trialled with positive results overseas, Justice Reinvestment involves the diversion of resources over time from the corrections system into effective community-based programs, which prevent crime. There is growing interest and momentum around the potential of Justice Reinvestment to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment rates. ANTaR has been actively campaigning for governments to develop Justice Reinvestment policies, and working with other national organisations to increase our campaign impact.

CLOSE THE GAP

ANTaR has continued to play an important role as a founding member of the Close the Gap campaign for health equality in 2011-12.

This year saw important breakthroughs in the Close the Gap campaign with the Government agreeing to develop a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health plan in partnership with First Peoples' leaders and organisations. This has been a key campaign objective since the beginning of the campaign in 2007.

This year has also seen the emergence of a strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leadership structure, with a National Indigenous Health Leadership Forum playing an important role in setting policy and campaign priorities for the Close the Gap campaign and lobbying key decision-makers.

As a member of the Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee, ANTaR has engaged in media advocacy, direct lobbying and advised on policy and campaign planning.

ADVOCACY

In addition to our core campaigns, ANTaR has been an effective advocate on a range of social justice and policy issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our advocacy strategy incorporates a range of different activities:

- participation in government policy processes and parliamentary inquiries;
- media advocacy;
- supporter communications and actions; and
- direct lobbying.

THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN TERRITORY COMMUNITIES

The future of Northern Territory communities was in the spotlight in 2011-12, with the original Northern Territory Emergency Response (or 'Intervention') measures due to expire in mid-2012.

ANTaR has played a proactive and constructive role in debates about the future of Northern Territory communities, publishing a substantial policy paper in September 2011 critiquing current policy settings and outlining a comprehensive alternative community development agenda.¹ The paper was informed by the international development experience and principles of community control, capacity-building, empowerment, governance and development. Its publication was welcomed by governments and key stakeholders as an important contribution to debates about the future of Northern Territory communities. ANTaR used the paper as a platform for advocacy in meetings with Government representatives. We then made a further submission specifically in response to the Government's introduction of the Stronger Futures legislation.²

We were pleased to see many of our funding recommendations taken up by the Government in its announcement of more than \$2 billion to fund programs in NT remote communities for the next 10 years. The commitment of long-term funding for basic services was seen by many as a positive development, despite concerns that many controversial measures would remain in place.

1. The paper is available for download on the ANTaR website at www.antar.org.au.

2. ANTaR, 'Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Committee, Inquiry into Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory and two related bills 2011, February 2012', available at http://antar.org.au/sites/default/files/draft_submission_to_stronger_futures_in_the_northern_territory_bill_2011_inquiry_final.pdf.

However, in response to the continuation of a range of coercive measures, we launched a new campaign in May, *Stand For Freedom*, in partnership with Our Generation Media. The online and media campaign called for an end to top-down interventionist policies and a new direction based on human rights and community development principles. Supported by a powerful campaign video, close to 40,000 people signed the online petition within weeks generating national media interest. Despite this strong community call, the Government passed its *Stronger Futures* laws extending key Intervention measures for another decade with the support of the Opposition.

Looking forward, ANTaR will focus its efforts on monitoring the impact of these laws and working with others to highlight human rights breaches and other adverse or unintended impacts. We will also continue our advocacy for a community development approach, using the Budget submission process and other strategic advocacy opportunities, and working in partnership with key organisations.

NATIVE TITLE REFORM

ANTaR has continued our advocacy for a fairer native title system this year, participating in legislative reform processes while also seeking to broaden the debate through media and online advocacy.

In July 2011, ANTaR made a submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011, introduced by the Australian Greens. Our submission expressed broad support for the amendments proposed, including proposals to reverse the onus of proof and enable Aboriginal communities greater control over the land, while highlighting some technical problems with the bills.

In June 2012, to mark the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision, ANTaR launched a joint online campaign with the National Native Title Council calling for substantive reforms to deliver the promise of the Mabo decision. We continue to advocate for such reforms online, in media and through the policy reform process.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LANGUAGES

ANTaR used the Federal parliamentary inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages to ensure that language preservation, maintenance and revitalisation was in the national spotlight.

We made a submission and gave oral evidence to the inquiry, and engaged in media advocacy to highlight the critically endangered state of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and to call for urgent action to remaining languages and support language learning.³

The Committee's report extensively quoted from ANTaR's submission and picked up key recommendations.

FEDERAL BUDGET 2012-13

As in previous years, ANTaR made a strong submission to the Federal Treasurer outlining a range of spending priorities to advance rights, community development and health and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The submission included recommendations across a broad range of policy areas: health, education, employment, reconciliation, remote communities, languages and housing.⁴

3. See ANTaR, *Language Learning in Indigenous Communities*, Submission to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, available at: http://antar.org.au/sites/default/files/antar_submission_on_language_learning_in_indigenous_communities_final_0.pdf

4. See ANTaR Pre-Budget Submission 2012-13 available at: www.antar.org.au

ONLINE CAMPAIGNS AND ADVOCACY

Over the last financial year, ANTaR has continued to increase our capacity to engage, educate, inspire and mobilise people to support the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through online tools including E-Bulletins, Take Actions, the ANTaR website, Facebook, Twitter, and blog posts.

To increase this capacity a decision was made during the 2011-2012 financial year to begin development on a new website, launched in October 2012.

WEBSITE

In 2011-12 we launched a number of online actions to engage our supporters in lobbying decision-makers directly, including:

- National Call to Action to reduce imprisonment rates;
- Justice Targets online action;
- Constitutional Recognition online action, in support of the Expert Panel's recommendations.

Apart from the home page, the most visited areas of the ANTaR website were the campaign pages for our Anti-Racism Campaign and our campaign for Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The vast majority of ANTaR website users were referred there through Facebook pages.

The chart below compares unique visitor numbers to the ANTaR website from the 2010-11 financial year and the 2011-12 financial year.



The development of a new, user-friendly and action-oriented website was a key focus of ANTaR's work in 2011-12. The decision to upgrade the website was in recognition of the growing importance of online activism and the need for better integration with social media. The website was launched in October 2012.

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

Facebook continues to be a significant tool through which ANTaR stays in regular dialogue with our supporters and engages with new and potential supporters.

We have an organisational Facebook page, two campaign pages and a group through which we promote our events and advocacy work and contribute to current debates surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

At the end of the 2011-2012 financial year, the ANTaR facebook page had 1463 fans, up from 1086 at the end of the previous financial year, a 35% increase.



TWITTER

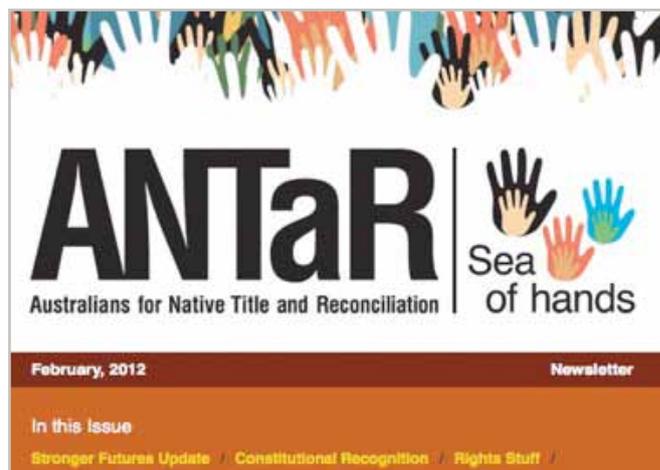
At the end of the 2011/12 financial year, ANTaR had 2,021 followers on Twitter, an increase of 739 followers this year, or 58%.

Twitter is an increasingly important forum through which ANTaR promotes its campaigns, responds to key developments, keeps the public up-to-date and contributes to current policy and media debates.



E-BULLETINS

ANTaR has produced regular E-Bulletins throughout the year to update supporters on campaign progress and promote opportunities to get involved. The bulletins are short, engaging and accessible. To sign up, visit our website www.antar.org.au



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ANTAR NATIONAL EVENTS

ANTaR National held a number of successful community engagement events in 2011-12:

- Constitutional Recognition NGO Network roundtables, jointly coordinated with Oxfam Australia (August, December 2011)
- ANTaR NAIDOC Murandak film screening, in partnership with Marrickville Council. With performance by Emma Donovan and messaging around Constitutional Recognition (July 2011).
- AGM with guest speakers Les Malezer, Co-Chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, and Senator Claire Moore (November 2011)
- Sea of Hands at NRL Grand Final (September 2011)

ANTAR NATIONAL STALLS

- Yabun
- Manly Fair Trade, NSW
- Marrickville Festival, NSW
- Dulwich Hill Festival, NSW
- Newtown Festival, NSW
- NSW Law Fair
- ACOSS Conference
- NSW Teachers Federation Conference
- Aboriginal Teachers Conference

ANTaR NSW Coordinator Patrick McCloskey at the ANTaR Marrickville Festival Stall.



ANTAR PUBLICATIONS

SUBMISSIONS AND PAPERS

A Better Way: Building healthy, safe and sustainable communities in the Northern Territory through a community development approach. (September 2011)

Pre-Budget Submission 2012-13. (January 2012)

Submission in Response to the Anti-Racism Strategy Discussion Paper. (May 2012)

Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Committee Inquiry into *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011* and two related bills. (February 2012)

Submission to the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition (September 2011)

Submission to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Inquiry into Language Learning in Indigenous Communities. (August 2011)

Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011. (July 2011)

CAMPAIGN RESOURCES

Sea of Hands Schools Kit. (1 June 2012)

Constitutional Recognition Fact Sheet. (12 May 2012)

Constitutional Recognition FAQ Sheet. (12 May 2012)

8 ways to take action for Constitutional change. (12 May 2012)

Event hints and tips. (12 May 2012)

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Workshop on Constitutional Recognition at ANTaR Western Sydney forum, 'Making a Difference, Sydney, Jacqueline Phillips, 28 June 2012.

Speech and workshop at Mt St Benedict Social Justice Forum, Sydney, Jacqueline Phillips, 30 May 2012.

Speech at Sydney University Reconciliation Week Sea of Hands event, Jacqueline Phillips, 28 May 2012.

Sorry Day Speech at Glebe Primary School, Jacqueline Phillips, Sydney, 25 May, 2012.

Workshop on Constitutional Recognition with local community and Government representatives, Bawaka Homeland, Arnhem Land, NT, Jacqueline Phillips, 19 May 2012.

Lecture on Indigenous health and communities, Koori Studies Centre, University of Sydney, Jacqueline Phillips, 10 May 2012.

Speech on Northern Territory Emergency Response and related issues at Amnesty International Manly forum on homelands, Jacqueline Phillips, 2 May 2012.

Victorian Council of Churches Social Questions Commission Meeting, Dr Peter Lewis, Melbourne May 2012

Monash Local Reconciliation Group Public Forum on Constitutional Recognition, Dr Peter Lewis, May 2012

Inverlock Local Reconciliation Group Public Forum on Constitutional Recognition, Dr Peter Lewis, May 2012

Altona Reconciliation Public Forum, Dr Peter Lewis, May 2012

Victorian NGO Forum on Constitutional Recognition, Oxfam Melbourne, Dr Peter Lewis, April 2012

Presentation to NSW Law Society Meeting on Constitutional Recognition, Jacqueline Phillips, 2 April 2012.

Speech on Northern Territory Emergency Response at Our Generation screening in Brunswick, Melbourne, Dr Peter Lewis, 28 February 2012.

Fitzroy ALP Branch Meeting, Dr Peter Lewis, February 2012

CERES screening of Our Generation Film Melbourne, Dr Peter Lewis, February 2012

Paper at Post-colonial Conference, Whitley College, Melbourne, Dr Peter Lewis, January 2012

Speech on Northern Territory Emergency Response at Balmain Uniting Church screening of Our Generation, Jacqueline Phillips, 6 December 2011.

Speech on Northern Territory Emergency Response at Amnesty International Sutherland Shire Our Generation screening, Jacqueline Phillips, 8 November 2011.

Workshop at Fitzroy Legal Service November 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

South Oakleigh ALP Branch AGM November 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

Presentation to Reconciliation for Western Sydney AGM, Jacqueline Phillips, 19 October 2011.

Constitutional Recognition speech to NSW Women's Refuge Resource Movement Conference, Jacqueline Phillips, 12 October 2011.

RMIT University Forum Melbourne September 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

ANTaR Constitutional Recognition Public Forum Melbourne September 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

North Carlton Railway House Neighbourhood House Group September 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

Indigenous Social Justice and Health, Lecture to Koori Centre students, University of Sydney, Jacqueline Phillips, 21 September 2011.

Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights, University of Sydney, Jacqueline Phillips, 12 September 2011.

ANTaR volunteers forum Melbourne August 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

More Praxis Youth Conference Yarra Valley August 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

Constitutional Recognition campaign presentation to Reconciliation Network Northern Sydney Region meeting, Jacqueline Phillips, 12 July 2012.

Uniting Church Ministers Conference Alice Springs July 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

Victorian History Teachers Conference Melbourne July 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

Greens Conversations Melbourne July 2011, Dr Peter Lewis

MEDIA RELEASES AND OPINION ARTICLES

'National Reconciliation Week – Let's Talk Recognition', *RightNow*, Jacqueline Phillips and Jane Powles.

'Stronger Futures defies Aboriginal community aspirations', 29 June 2012.

'ANTaR urges all Australians to "talk recognition"', 31 May 2012.

'Budget delivers investment in remote communities', 9 May 2012.

'Time now critical to set new path in NT', 7 May 2012.

'Long term commitment to NT communities welcomed', 29 March 2012.

'33,000 Australians oppose Stronger Futures bills', 20 March 2012.

'Musicians join campaign against Stronger Futures', 8 March 2012.

'Senate Committee approves Stronger Futures despite growing opposition', 5 March 2012.

'Symbolic and practical actions must go hand in hand', 15 February 2012.

'40TH Anniversary of Aboriginal Tent Embassy: Time For Change', 26 January 2012.

'An historic step towards recognition and equality', 19 January 2012.

'Time to modernise our Constitution', 18 December 2011.

'Government commits to act to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment', 25 November 2011.

'Missed opportunity to reset policy direction and relationships with NT communities', 14 November 2011.

'Genuine partnership essential for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health', 3 November 2011.

'Human rights in the spotlight at CHOGM', 25 October 2011.

'NRL Grand Final plants a hand for recognition', 30 September 2011.

'ANTaR welcomes Bolt decision', 28 September 2011.

'Practical action needed now to address 'national shame' of Aboriginal imprisonment', 8 September 2011.

'Support NT communities to shape their own development', 8 September 2011.

'ANTaR backs calls to support homeland communities', 9 August 2011.

ANTAR'S RIGHTS STUFF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

WORKING TO GENERATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES.

The *Rights Stuff* economic development program works to generate economic, cultural and social benefits for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples by offering a range of vibrant and thoughtful products to Australia and the world. In doing so, ANTaR actively promotes a more just and equitable Australia. Any profit generated through ANTaR's *Rights Stuff* program is directed to achieving justice, rights and respect for Australia's First Peoples.

This year, the *Rights Stuff* program expanded its reach with the launch of our new online shop in November 2011. Our capacity to promote and sell globally the products of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, community enterprises and individuals was confirmed with our first order coming from the UK.

A key goal of the *Rights Stuff* program is to generate social and cultural benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year the *Rights Stuff* team in conjunction with Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd, produced greeting cards to promote awareness of **The Papunya Tula Artists Aged Care Program**. The program financially supports aged and frail artists to maintain and improve their quality of life. Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd is Aboriginal owned and represents around 120 Western Desert artists living predominately on traditional lands in the communities of Kintore and Kiwirrkura.



PAPUNYA TULA ARTISTS AGED CARE PROGRAM

Papunya Tula Artists Aged Care Program supports aged and frail artists to maintain and improve their quality of life. The Aged Care program finances artists' specialised care and accommodation for daily living and extends to include the provision of health professionals for assisted travel back to ancestral country. The program is the latest community care initiative of Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd furthering its key role in founding and supporting the western desert dialysis provider Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Aboriginal Corporation, the Kintore Pool and many other community activities and events. The popular success of the Central and Western Desert Art Movement founded by Papunya Tula Artists enables Papunya Tula Pty Ltd to support the wellbeing and autonomy of thousands of Western Desert people.

For the past year the *Rights Stuff* program has been supporting and promoting the **Waltja Reusable Diary Cover Project** by selling diary covers through the *Rights Stuff* catalogue and online shop. The Project provides an opportunity for Aboriginal people in Central Australian communities to earn additional income, thereby alleviating financial hardship. Under the project, individuals are able to earn income by painting diary covers for a set amount per cover, with remuneration paid in cash or in supermarket vouchers.



WALTJA REUSABLE DIARY COVER PROJECT

Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Association (Waltja), Alice Springs, grew from the Central Australian Family Resource Centre. The organisation's objectives are to address issues of social and emotional wellbeing, substance abuse, child protection, violence, health and safety. The purchase of a diary cover supports an emergency relief fund that provides shelter, food, clothing, fuel and the opportunity to create immediate income for Aboriginal families and individuals. So far the fund has assisted over 800 Aboriginal people to overcome situations of financial stress while staying in Alice Springs.

As well as continuing to provide long term support to more than 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, community enterprises and individuals, the *Rights Stuff* program is keen to support and promote new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business. This year the *Rights Stuff* program worked with **Gaawaa Miyay** to retail a range of Gaawaa Miyay branded products. Gaawaa Miyay has had considerable success this year with their products now being sold in gallery and museum shops in NSW, ACT and Queensland.



GAAWAA MIYAY (RIVER DAUGHTER)

Gaawaa Miyay was established by Lucy Simpson in 2009. Lucy is a Yuwaalaraay woman, born and based in Sydney who draws inspiration from family, culture and landscape. Gaawaa Miyay combines age old traditions of narrative and storytelling with contemporary prints and design to create the next generation of Indigenous visual storytelling.

Over the past year, the *Rights Stuff* team has held a number of community events celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including events for NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week. We have been involved with and invited to events for Sorry Day, Close the Gap Day, the Aboriginal Teachers Conference, NSW Teachers Conference, and Yabun.

ANTAR NATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT



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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
ANTAR INCORPORATED**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of ANTAR Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012, the profit and loss for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report
The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the results of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

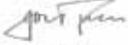
Opinion
In our opinion the financial report of ANTAR Incorporated:

- (a) is in accordance with the constitution, and presents fairly the association's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- (b) complies with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

Basis of Accounting
Without modifying our opinion, we draw your attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Material Uncertainty Regarding Inventories and Receivables
Without qualifying our opinion we draw attention to Note 4 in the financial report which indicates that there is uncertainty regarding the value of inventories and receivables. The value of inventories is uncertain due to the inability to undertake a physical stocktake as a result of a fire. The value of receivables is uncertain due to an insurance recovery for which the final amount has not been received.

PASCOE WHITTLE
Chartered Accountants


JOHN S PASCOE
Sydney

5 November 2012

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ANTAR INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The committee has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements comprising the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and notes thereto:

- 1 present fairly the financial position of ANTAR Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and the results of the association for the year ended on that date;
- 2 at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that ANTAR Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


Committee Member


Committee Member

Date: 5 November 2012

ANTAR INCORPORATED
A.B.N 24 185 038 309

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and do not take into account the changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Accounting policies are consistent with the prior period unless otherwise stated.

2. INCOME TAX

The income of the Association is exempt from income taxation pursuant to Subdivision 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

3. LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS

In the event of the Association being wound up and not being able to pay its debts in full, every member is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Association as required by rule 9.

4. OTHER MATTERS

On 2nd June 2012 a fire occurred in neighbouring premises. As a result some disruption to services and activities occurred.

Due to the above:

- (i) No inventory count was able to be completed at year end, and
- (ii) included in the financial statements is an amount considered receivable from the Association's insurers. To date no monies have been recovered and the final amount recoverable is still to be confirmed.

ANTAR NATIONAL BALANCE SHEET

AS OF JUNE 2012

	This Year	Last Year
Assets		
Total Cash at Bank	\$183,506	\$180,948
Total Cash on Hand	\$2,791	\$2,616
Total Recievables	\$43,343	\$10,856
Total Other Current Assets	\$6,721	\$18,393
Total Fixed Assets	\$4,414	\$12,317
Total Stock on Hand	\$31,756	\$32,313
Total Assets	\$272,531	\$257,442
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	\$6,227	\$24,245
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$6,579	\$5,199
Total Tax Liabilities	\$3,766	\$8,247
Total Payroll Provisions	\$41,458	\$33,626
Total Other Liabilities	\$47,797	\$10,137
Total Inter-State Office Amounts Due	\$11,750	\$8,558
Total Liabilities	\$117,576	\$90,012
Net Assets	\$154,955	\$167,430
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$167,430	\$151,224
Current Year Earnings	-\$12,475	\$16,206
Total Equity	\$154,955	\$167,430

ANTAR NATIONAL PROFIT & LOSS

FROM 1 JULY 2011 TO 30 JUNE 2012

	This Year	Last Year
Income		
Total Fundraising	\$507,688	\$510,016
Total Grants	\$14,000	\$31,500
Total Merchandise	\$84,300	\$95,264
Miscellaneous Income	\$176	\$688
Total Income	\$606,165	\$637,468
Cost of Sales		
Total Cost of Sales	\$47,890	\$57,669
Gross Profit	\$558,275	\$579,799
Total State ANTaR Disbursements	\$72,730	\$68,518
Total Staff Expenses	\$278,523	\$260,822
Total Community Engagement	\$38,927	\$55,856
Total Fundraising and Promotion	\$110,053	\$110,532
Total Travel and Accommodation	\$13,030	\$10,664
Total Professional Fees	\$4,000	\$6,420
Total Facilities	\$34,262	\$33,959
Total Depreciation	\$2,464	\$1,149
Total Other General Expenses	\$21,634	\$21,256
Total Expenses	\$575,622	\$569,179
Operating Profit	-\$17,348	\$10,620
Total Other Income	\$5,294	\$5,607
Total Other Expenses	\$421	\$20
Net Profit / (Loss)	-\$12,475	\$16,206

ANTAR NATIONAL GOVERNANCE

This year, the National Management Committee has continued to focus on strengthening our governance arrangements, with an ongoing governance review in progress.

This review has included examination of our processes for engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and organisations, exploring mechanisms to facilitate enhanced national, state and territory coordination and consideration of options to ensure we can recruit the right mix of skills to meet our current and future needs.

There have been a number of changes to the National Management Committee in 2011-12, with Tammy Solonec and Sheena Watt stepping down and Joanne Kerr joining the committee as the new Australian Council of Trade Unions representative. Our thanks go to Tammy and Sheena for their significant contributions to ANTaR National, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with both of them in their new capacities.

ANTAR NATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (NMC) 2010-11

Executive

Dr Peter Lewis - President
 Angus Frith - Vice President
 Phil Anderson - Treasurer
 Andrew Bartlett - Secretary

Organisational Members

Edmund Rice Centre - Phil Glendenning
 Oxfam - Andrew Meehan
 National Native Title Council - Brian Wyatt
 Australian Council of Trade Unions - Sheena Watt (part-year) and Joanne Kerr (part-year)
 Amnesty International Australia - Rodney Dillon (part year)

At large Members

Darren Dick

Other organisational members (since November 2011)

Amnesty International Australia

Ordinary Members

ANTaR ACT	Janet Hunt (part year)
ANTaR NSW	Sally Fitzpatrick
ANTaR QLD	Cecilia Homerlein (part-year); Melanie Wright (part-year)
ANTaR SA	Lynette Crocker
ANTaR VIC	Jill Webb
ANTaR WA	Tammy Solonec (part-year); John McBain (part-year)

ANTAR NATIONAL STAFF AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS

STAFF



Jacqueline Phillips
National Director



Jane Powles
National Campaigns Manager
(from June 2012)



Lesley Pepper
Economic Development Manager



Robyne Stacey
Finance Officer



Adrian Rigg
Donor Support Officer



Emma Franklin
National Campaigns Coordinator
(from July to December 2011)

Oliver Levingston
National Campaigns Manager
(from January to June 2012)

REGULAR VOLUNTEERS

Allan West	Janita Klein
Chris Maltby	Jean Murphy
Emma Franklin	John Burnheim
Emma Mitchell	Rajiv Viswanathan
Enid Hokin	Ray Lee
Frosanna Kelso	Violet Stokoe-Miller
Iain Watt	

SPECIAL THANK YOU

ACOSS	Jody Broun
Allan West	Larissa Behrendt
Alan Wilkinson	Leigh McLaughlin
Amnesty International Australia	Les Malezer
Chris Maltby	Margaret Day
The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Marrickville Council
Damien Curtis	Mick Gooda and staff of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Unit
Diddy FitzGerald	National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
Edmund Rice Centre	Oxfam Australia
Emma Donovan	Patrick Lesslie
Emma Franklin	Rajiv Viswanathan
Emma Mitchell	Ray Lee
Frennie Beytagh	Reconciliation Australia
Frosanna Kelso	Shen Dycer
Greenhouse Marketing Services	Severine De Winkel - Sevdesign
Iain Watt	Stephen Garrett
Jackie Hartley	Tammy Solonec
Janene Collins	Violet Stokoe-Miller
Janita Klein	Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation
Jean Murphy	YouMeUnity
John Burnheim	

UPDATE FROM STATE AND TERRITORY AFFILIATES

ANTaR National works closely with state and territory ANTaR affiliates around the country.

ACT

CAMPAIGNING AND EVENTS

In 2011-2012, ANTaR ACT hosted and supported several events in the Canberra region, addressing a number of campaign issues and supporting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups and organisations.

The annual David Hunter Memorial Lecture focused on development in the Northern Territory, reflecting on what has and hasn't happened in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities since the Intervention. Professor Jon Altman, from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, and John Paterson, CEO of Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory, both spoke about the impacts of policy decisions on communities and reflected on issues that must be addressed to improve community life.

Continuing its work on campaigning to reduce the high rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration in the ACT, ANTaR ACT provided a joint submission on the ACT Government's Blueprint for Youth Justice with the ACT Council of Social Services (ACTCOSS). The Blueprint will be a strategic plan to reform the youth justice system in the ACT over the next 5-10 years.

ANTaR ACT actively participated in a number of events for Reconciliation Week. In partnership with ACTCOSS, ANTaR ACT hosted a lecture reflecting on twenty years since native title, including the impacts of native title on Aboriginal communities, the challenges and disappointments of native title and important next steps. Professor Mick Dodson, Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University, provided a national perspective. Masepah Banu, Chair of the ACT Torres Strait Islanders Corporation, provided a local perspective, both in regards to his work in Canberra and his community in the Torres Strait.

In partnership with Reconciliation Australia and the ACT Parks and Conservation Service, ANTaR ACT also ran an Aboriginal ranger guided walk in Tidbinbilla national park to celebrate Reconciliation Week. The walk provided community members with insight into local Aboriginal history and culture. The event was well attended and received local media attention.

ANTaR ACT supported a number of community events and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations throughout the year, including providing support for the celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the tent embassy, providing sponsorship for the Yuin Monaro United Aboriginal football team to support their participation in 42nd NSW Koori Knockout and participating in NAIDOC Week on the Peninsula.

GOVERNANCE

ANTaR ACT welcomed several new committee members this year. The committee continued to meet monthly at formal meetings. To strengthen its relationship with the wider ANTaR ACT membership base, committee members also attended and promoted several local events including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander movies and theatre performances and the National Sorry Day march. Members worked hard to strengthen the committee's relationship with other local community organisations including ACTCOSS, the Journey of Healing, the National Sorry Day Committee and ReconciliACT.

John Paterson, CEO of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory, speaking at the ANTaR ACT David Hunter Memorial Lecture.



NEW SOUTH WALES

CAMPAIGNING AND EVENTS

Juvenile Justice Campaign

ANTaR NSW continues to be a lead stakeholder and partner in the Justice Reinvestment for Aboriginal Young People Campaign (JRAYP).

In 2012, ANTaR NSW contributed \$2,000 towards the funding of the Campaign coordinator's position. ANTaR NSW is represented on the Campaign main working group and the policy, fund-raising and youth engagement sub-committees. Sally Fitzpatrick is a Campaign Champion, Joanna Lunzer and Bob White have been engaged with the campaign's working group and Patrick McCloskey has been engaged with the youth engagement and fund-raising sub-committees. <http://justicereinvestmentnow.net.au>

Launch of the Justice Reinvestment for Aboriginal Young People Campaign

ANTaR NSW assisted with the launch of the campaign held at the residence of Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales. The launch was attended by all the organisations supporting the Campaign, many of the campaign champions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people supported by Weave Community Services addressed the launch, performed a song for the politicians and were the focus of the publicity of the evening. The campaign continues to grow in attracting new partner organisations, developing and advocating for justice reinvestment policies

Best practice case study: Tirkandi Inaburra Consultation

Tirkandi Inaburra is a best practice residential program for Aboriginal young people from Western NSW, which provides positive youth development programs for young Aboriginal people at risk of entering the justice system.

ANTaR NSW is working to profile the good work that Tirkandi Inaburra are doing through the JRAYP campaign and to provide opportunities to connect Aboriginal young people throughout NSW with the JRAYP campaign. Tirkandi Inaburra was profiled as an example of a local initiative that could be developed with the savings that a justice reinvestment policy enables.

ANTaR NSW facilitated the relationship building and consultation with Tirkandi Inaburra in Coleambally NSW. This included a field trip for five young people and three representatives from the Campaign. ANTaR NSW will be developing funding submissions in partnership with the JRAYP to facilitate an annual leadership development camp for approximately 10-15 Aboriginal young people. The camp would offer a range of positive activities and exemplify the types of best practice programs which would be supported in a Justice Reinvestment framework. <http://www.tirkandi.org.au>

ANTaR NSW will continue to develop the partnership with Tirkandi Inaburra and other regional and urban organisations supporting justice reinvestment programs and activities to develop an application for funding to establish an annual Justice Reinvestment Leadership camp to be held in partnership with a range of organisations working on the JRAYP Campaign.

Rock for Recognition

ANTAR NSW made a \$2,000 contribution to support Sydney-based Aboriginal musician Leah Flanagan to perform with the Rock for Recognition Concerts which is due to take place in Sydney on 9 November 2012 at the Factory Theatre.

Sea of Hands

The Sea of Hands was accessed by approximately 20 community groups over the past 12 months. During Reconciliation Week over 12,000 hands were distributed to a range of schools, community groups and universities to promote National Sorry Day and reconciliation activities throughout NSW. Since the office relocation, ANTaR NSW is seeking new storage premises for the Sea of Hands. ANTaR NSW has applied for funding to purchase durable plastic containers for the preservation of the Sea of Hands and will also seek the services of a volunteer to coordinate the Sea of Hands activities in 2013. ANTaR National has also developed a Sea of Hands School kit to promote Sea of Hands activities throughout 2013.

GOVERNANCE

AGM

The 2012 ANTaR NSW AGM was held at the NSW Teacher's Federation. The theme of the AGM was 'Constitutional Recognition' with presentations by Professor George Williams from UNSW, Tenisha Lawrence from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and Jacqueline Phillips the Director of ANTaR National who launched the ANTaR National Constitutional Recognition supporter's kit.

Administration

In 2012 Patrick McCloskey replaced Adam Moynihan as the NSW Campaigns Manager and Violet Stokoe-Miller, Robyne Stacey and Adrian Rigg continue to provide administrative, financial and membership support.

We are extraordinarily grateful to our office volunteers, especially Bob White who regularly donates his time to ANTaR NSW activities and Jeanette Penklis who contributed to the ANTaR NSW Juvenile Justice Campaign in 2012. ANTaR NSW acknowledges the amazing work of local ANTaRs and reconciliation groups in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights at the grass roots. There are currently approximately 190 individual members and 45 organisational members with ANTaR NSW.



ANTaR NSW Campaigns Manager Patrick McCloskey (back left) at the Tirkandi Inaburra consultation on justice reinvestment



- Candle Light Walk: L-R ANTaR SA Steering Committee member Patrick Byrt; (Rear) Pitjantjatjara man Johnno Tunkin from Amata (APY Lands), Yankunytjatjara Kungka Virginia Umala from Mimili (APY Lands), (front) 2yr old Phillip Tunkin; (Rear) Yankunytjatjara Kungka Audrey Umala from Mimili, (front) 5 yr old Diandra Tunkin from Mimili.



- Outside the Government House Gates, Adelaide: From LR Ngarrindjeri Korni - Kurna Descendant Owen Karpany, Patrick Byrt, Audrey Umala, Johnno Tunkin, (front) Phillip Tunkin, Virginia Umala, Cheryl Chin (Human Rights Volunteer), Simon Apostolidis (Human Rights Volunteer), (front) Diandra Tunkin, Kurna Elder Lynette Crocker, Jose Némorin (Aboriginal Legal Rights)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CAMPAIGNING AND EVENTS

ANTaR SA participated in many exciting events over 2011-12. Major highlights of these included:

- Supporting the ongoing Ngarrindjeri Justice and Peace Candle Light Walks around Government House Adelaide (128th -141st) for Treaty and a Bill of Rights. The 141st walk was featured in the National Indigenous Times (Issue 282) with a feature article and a photograph of the five Anangu walkers from Mimili in the APY Lands, accompanied by ANTaR SA members and walkers.
- ANTaR SA worked with the SA Journey of Healing, the Roma Mitchell Human Rights Volunteers, the Ngarrindjeri Lands and Progress Association (NLPA), Kalparrin Community Incorporated and Warriparinga Living Kurna Cultural Centre, to produce some 4,000 A3 2012 calendars, including a calendar of some 80 Significant Aboriginal Dates. These organisations' calendars were ordered and distributed by the NLPA's Ngarrindjeri Camp Coorong Race Relations and Cultural Education Centre at Meningie (500), the Kalparrin Community at Murray Bridge (250) and the Living Kurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga, at Marion in Adelaide (500) separately from the others produced, including for the Aboriginal Political Party (250) and the Aboriginal Alliance Coalition Movement.
- Survival Day, 26 January 2012 event held at the Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute. ANTaR SA held a joint display/stall with SA Journey of Healing, the Aboriginal Alliance Coalition Movement and Roma Mitchell Human Rights Volunteer Centre and distributed Treaty calendars.
- Letters Patent Day, 19 February 2012. ANTaR SA jointly held with the Aboriginal Political Party a 176th commemorative luncheon on the anniversary of the 1836 Letters Patent, in a city venue. Guests included ANTaR SA members and the former leader of the SA Democrats, Sandra Kanck.
- ANTaR SA supported the production of a Cultural Mapping Brochure by the City of Holdfast Bay for the Kurna Nation that had attracted involvement from the Multicultural Writers Association of Australia Inc., the SA Journey of Healing Association Inc., and the Roma Mitchell Human Rights Volunteers. The brochure, as produced by the City of Holdfast Bay, is a cultural mapping template available for use by other Local Government areas to extend Cultural Mapping across Australia.

- Assisting in formulating, negotiating and finalising the new Adelaide City Council (ACC) Sorry Day Recognition and Funding Agreement with the SA Journey of Healing. The State Co-ordinator of ANTaR SA, John Browne, chaired and co-signed the agreement at Sorry Day 2012 as the State Chairperson of the SA Journey of Healing, with the Adelaide Lord Mayor, Stephen Yarwood, and Yvonne Agius, the Aboriginal co-chair, with the Lord Mayor of the ACC Reconciliation Committee.
- Sorry Day, 26 May 2012. ANTaR SA held a joint stall with SA Journey of Healing and the Roma Mitchell Human Rights Volunteer Centre. Aboriginal artists were on stage every moment of the day, which was attended by 600 people despite pouring rain nearly all day. Speakers included the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Caica MP, Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood, Cheryl Axelby - Director of ALRM, the Chief Executive of Anglicare SA and former South Australian Premier Lynn Arnold, and Stolen Generations member John Browne (State Co-ordinator and Chair of ANTaR SA and Journey of Healing) from the UniSA David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research. The Lord Mayor was videoed signing the ANTaR Treaty scroll and placing a thumbprint on the scroll. The ALRM quarterly newsletter and also the Aboriginal Way newspaper reported on and published the details about Sorry Day, National Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week events.
- National Reconciliation Week, including Mabo Day, 3 June 2012. ANTaR SA's Reconciliation Week response included continuing advocacy support for the promotion of Constitutional Recognition.
- NAIDOC Family Fun Day, July 2012. Joint attendance by the SA Journey of Healing Chairperson and ANTaR SA State Co-ordinator and members with Roma Mitchell Human Rights Volunteers.

VICTORIA

CAMPAIGNING AND EVENTS

Constitutional Recognition

ANTaR Victoria's major campaign focus over the 2011-2012 financial year was on the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. ANTaR Victoria was instrumental in setting up a Victorian NGO Constitutional Recognition network including VCOSS, Oxfam, Reconciliation Victoria and the Uniting Church.

Several extremely well attended forums on Constitutional change were held over the year including:

- A conversation on Constitutional Recognition at the Brotherhood of St Laurence.
- A public question and answer forum and workshop at RMIT in September 2011. Guest speakers included John Harding (leading Aboriginal playwright, involved in the 1967 referendum campaign) and Anne Barton (great granddaughter of first Prime Minister Edmund Barton).
- An NGO forum at the Aborigines Advancement League, October 2011.
- An NGO forum at Oxfam in April 2012, facilitated by VCOSS.
- A film screening of *Freedom Rides* followed by a discussion on Constitutional change.

ANTaR Victoria took the opportunity to address the topic of Constitutional Recognition at many speaking events including:

- A workshop at the History Teachers Association Victoria Conference
- A forum on Constitutional Recognition at Melbourne University
- The AGM for the ALP Hotham Electorate
- Jindi Worabak Day at Methodist Ladies College
- Two events (a workshop and Treaty Scroll day) with the 'Talking on Tuesdays' reconciliation group at Railway House in North Carlton

Northern Territory Communities

ANTaR Victoria was a signatory on the *Concerned Australian's* advertisement in The Australian on 13 June 2012, 'Stronger Futures Legislation Discriminates'

Reconciliation

ANTaR Victoria, along with Reconciliation Victoria, has continued to support the activities of Local Reconciliation Groups throughout Victoria. Quarterly local groups meetings have been held and several forums organised including a speaker's skills forum, a workshop on media and a forum on Constitutional Recognition.

ANTaR Victoria continues to support:

- The Wampan Wages (Stolen Wages) working group;
- the Victorian "Coalition of the Intentional" Closing the Gap alliance;
- the Northern Close the Gap in Indigenous Employment Campaign;
- the Melbourne Anti-Intervention Collective;
- Concerned Australians including the launch of the book *Listening but not Hearing*;
- Several screenings of *Our Generation*;
- the Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation (VAYSAR) carnival; and
- the campaign to save Ballerit Mooroop College.

Additional Events

ANTaR Victoria's other events over the year included:

- A highly successful fundraising trivia night in March 2012;
- A commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal tent embassy at the Share the Spirit Festival on Survival Day, January 26, 2012;
- A film Screening – *Our Generation* presented by ANTaR Victoria and the Victorian Society of Friends (Quakers);
- Helping to promote the ongoing public sculpture project by the artist Tom Nicholson - an unfinished monument to Batman's Treaty - which put commemorative signs on chimneys in living rooms around Melbourne. The project takes as its starting point Melbourne's first chimney, the chimney built for John Batman by William Buckley. Several ANTaR members helped Tom to hand out signs at Federation Square;
- ANTaR Victoria supported the *I feel Proud Today* breakfast to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations;
- New website launched at the 2011 AGM;
- ANTaR Victoria stalls were held, including the Treaty Scroll, whenever possible and there were many requests for Sea of Hands installations;
- Other fundraising activities included sausage sizzles at Bunnings, a chocolate drive, and a wine fundraiser.



ANTaR Victoria's Trivia night

GOVERNANCE

Our work at ANTaR Victoria continues to be supported by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of staff and volunteers, despite the need in 2012 to reduce the number of paid staff days each week due to funding constraints. We held two volunteer induction sessions over the year and several drinks and discussion evenings for volunteers and the Committee. The ANTaR Victoria committee met monthly with Clare Land as our current chairperson. Our sincere thanks to all volunteers, members and supporters and to Jem Bamford and Khristo Newall who worked in the Office and Volunteer Coordinator roles, and to Jing Zhou, our bookkeeper. We have reviewed internal processes this year, with an emphasis on developing stronger financial procedures and clearer reporting, and we are working on the transition to a new membership database management system.

QUEENSLAND

ANTaR Qld would like to thank all the Volunteers, Working Groups and supporters of justice and rights in our state for helping make 2011-12 another great year.

CAMPAIGNING AND EVENTS

ANTaR Qld continued work in many existing campaign areas including Close The Gap, Reducing Imprisonment Rates, Stolen Wages and Learning More, whilst developing in new areas like Constitutional Reform.

Close the Gap

Our 5th Annual Close the Gap in Health Awards were again held at Parliament House on 25 October. The Honourable Curtis Pitt, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships co-hosted the 2011 event and the award recipients were Children of the Dreaming from Ipswich. ANTaR Qld assisted Children of the Dreaming to showcase their organisation and programs in front of dozens of MP's and Qld media. This year we were pleased to have the best response from media thus far, gaining coverage for Children of the Dreaming on various radio stations including CAAMA and ABC and making the Channel 9 news website.

Project 10%

ANTaR Qld saw Project 10% launched as its own incorporated identity in 2011 and continues to work with partners Murri Watch and ATSIWLAS to help reduce incarceration rates in Queensland. ANTaR Qld hosted the 'Time for Reflection' Afternoon to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and attended rallies, like the 'Stop Black Deaths in Custody'. The May Day Stolen Wages March was also a focus for ANTaR Qld. Supporting the production of the book *Wundirra- Standing in the Light of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples*, also helped to showcase the many community organisations and individuals working for equality in our justice system.

Sea of Hands

The 'Learning More' Program hosted 12 events throughout the year including an evening with Dr Noritta Diop and many discussion and film nights in St Lucia, Queensland. The Sea of Hands was displayed all over the state, by many school and university groups as well as private organisations.



Members and Supporters at the 2011 ANTaR Qld Close the Gap Awards at Parliament House

ANTaR Qld also held our own major Sea of Hands event at the Northey Street Markets including 'Bush Tucker' and 'Rights and Responsibilities of Traditional Ownership' discussion at this event.

Constitutional Recognition

ANTaR Qld developed submissions on Constitutional Reform, the Draft Justice Strategy, the Review of the Commission for Children and Young People and Musgrave Cultural Centre. Finally we enjoyed hosting the National AGM in Brisbane in 2011, with guest speakers Senator Claire Moore and Les Malezer.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CAMPAIGNING AND EVENTS

Reconciliation

ANTaR WA held a stall at Sorry Day, and participated in NAIDOC Week events. Our Sea of Hands has been in keen demand.

Constitutional Recognition

ANTaR WA is pleased to be hosting two of the four national Rock For Recognition concerts in November 2012, and look forward to those events raising the profile of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and ANTaR campaigns.

Acknowledgment Plaques

A launch event is being planned to raise community awareness of the status of Noongar peoples and to promote the acknowledgment and respect for the first peoples of the area.

GOVERNANCE

Committee

In this financial year, ANTaR WA farewelled our Aboriginal Chairperson Tammy Solonec, due to family and other commitments. More recently acting Chairperson, Claire Barrett-Lennard, also resigned due to her work commitments and the increased associated interstate and international travel. A number of other committee members also resigned this year: long standing member Len Luxford, Richard Sheridan and Adam Flynn.

ANTaR WA thanks all for their fantastic contributions to ANTaR WA in advocating on behalf of the original peoples of this state and nation, often over a long period.

We gained Bruce Campbell as a committee member – Bruce is also on the local Deaths in Custody Watch Committee and has and will be a source of growing collaboration between both groups.

The changes to our committee have made this year a challenging one and we are now looking to recruit new committee members to strengthen governance for the future.

Strategic Planning

ANTaR WA undertook a strategic planning process facilitated by Jan Gillies and backed up by Harry Kleyn. We thank both people for their roles in assisting us finalise a strategic plan for implementation.

Summary

This year has been a challenging one for ANTaR WA. Nevertheless, the committee is now looking to strengthen and grow the organisation in looking to the future.

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