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# Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park Co- management Board **2017-18 Annual Report**

Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park Co-  
management Board

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Minister for Environment and Water

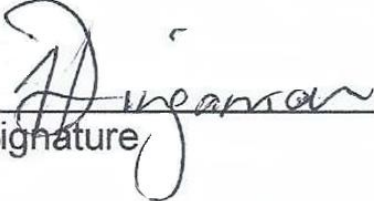
This annual report is to be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *the Public Sector Act 2009 and Section 43L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

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:

Andrew Dingaman

Chairperson

  
Signature

28/04/2020

Date

This report is submitted after the 30 September deadline due to reasons outside the Board's control. The content of the report was approved prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The audited financials were completed after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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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 managing 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, the Council and AMYAC representing the Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara people are working in partnership to make a significant contribution towards the reconciliation of Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people.

### **Objectives**

Manage the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park Management Plan and implement the Management Plan objectives to:

- Provide opportunities for people to access and learn about the Kanku and Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara cultural and the Coober Pedy community in a sustainable and culturally appropriate way.
- Protect and conserve the Park'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 participation of the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara 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.  2036: Our Vision for South Australia, A Strong Plan for Real Change, Liberal South Australia,  More Park Rangers
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	Outcome for South Australia
Functions and powers of the Board are set out in the Co-management Agreement, the National Parks and Wildlife Act and the Regulations.	Meeting obligations of relevant legislation including the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> , National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016, Breakaways Indigenous Land Use Agreement and Breakaways Conservation Park Co-Management Agreement	Managing the Park in an effective manner and advising the Minister on matters relating to the Management of the Park for the continued conservation of cultural, geological and environmental sites and assets.

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
In Exercising its functions and posers the Board must have regard to the objects of co-management as specified in the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> 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-Yankunytjatjara 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.
The Board will prepare and deliver to the minister an annual report in accordance with the requirements of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> and Regulations.	Annual submission of the Annual Report to the Minister	The report informs the community on the Boards achievements and compliance with relevant acts and regulations.

### Legislation administered by the agency

The Board is responsible for complying with the National *Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016.

### Organisation of the agency

In accordance with regulation 5 (2) of the National Parks 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 who is an officer of the Department responsible for administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. As at 30 June 2018, the Board had one vacant AMYAC member position.

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 for Environment and Water

**Employment opportunity programs**

Program name	Result of the program
	<p>The Board has no staff of its own and utilises the services of District Council of Coober Pedy through a funding agreement with the Department for Environment and Water.</p> <p>Executive, administrative and project support are provided to the Board by the District Council of Coober Pedy.</p>

**Agency performance management and development systems**

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
<p>The Board undertake a performance review, including evaluations of its effectiveness and governance responsibilities.</p>	<p>The Board reviewed its achievements against the themes and strategies in the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park Management Plan at their April 2018 Board meeting.</p> <p>The Board also undertook governance training, delivered by Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources in April 2018.</p>
<p>The Board maintain a register of attendance at meetings</p>	<p>Board members attendance is recorded in the minutes of each meeting.</p>
<p>Government employees supporting the Board’s operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.</p>	<p>An annual performance agreement and appraisal process is followed with staff working on the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park.</p>

## Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Program name and brief description	Effectiveness
All work health and safety and return to work programs are undertaken by District Council of Coober Pedy, according to the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by the Council, for work undertaken on behalf of Kanku-Breakaways Co-management Boards.	Reporting on this matter is captured in District Council of Coober Pedy annual reporting.

## Work health and safety and return to work performance

	2017-18	2016-17	% Change (+ / -)
<b>Workplace injury claims</b>			
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0
Fatalities	0	0	0
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0
<b>Work health and safety regulation</b>			
Number of notifiable incidents ( <i>WHS Act 2012, Part 3</i> )	0	0	0
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices ( <i>WHS Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i> )	0	0	0
<b>Return to work costs**</b>			
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0

\*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the *Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

\*\*before third party recovery

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakawaysconservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>



## 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 District Council of Coober Pedy. Please visit [www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au) to view the District Council of Coober Pedy Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy.

Data for previous 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 previous 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
All Executive Levels	0

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/breakaways-conservation-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) 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
<b>Consultancies below \$10,000 each</b>		
AMYAC	Heritage guide services for events and commercial filming	\$615.25
	Subtotal	\$615.25
<b>Consultancies above \$10,000 each</b>		
	Subtotal	\$0
<b>Total all consultancies</b>		\$615.25

Data for previous years is available at:

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## Contractors

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the District Council of Coober Pedy as part of the funding agreement which supports the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Contractor	Purpose	Value
David Shannon	Infrastructure Master Plan Development presentation resources	\$248.20
Kaata Tidje Pty Ltd	Cultural competency training facilitation (including travel)	\$8988.00
AMYAC	Cultural Competency Training co-facilitation (including travel)	\$8920.65
SA Ambulance Service	Paramedic services for Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon	\$1198.88
Norman Waterhouse Lawyers Pty Ltd	Legal advice	\$1408.00
Event Strategies	Event timing services for Kanku-Breakaways Marathon (including travel)	\$5028.00

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

## 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 2017-18 are attached to this report.

The Board is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own. The District Council of Coober Pedy 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 2017-18 are included in Appendix 1

During 2017-18 the Board was without a quorum from 31 July 2017 to 25 January 2018 due to Board appointments not being completed consequently the work program and budget was unable to be expended as planned. The Board approved the carryover of those funds to undertake significant capital works in 2018-19.

## 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
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<b>National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Regulation 23</b>
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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"><li>(a) Information relating to traditional hunting activities in the park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the Act;</li><li>(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</li></ul> |
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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.

Operations and work programs undertaken by or on behalf of the Board include:

Theme: Welcoming people and supporting the Coober Pedy Community

- The Board continued to improve park signage, and rehabilitate tracks and damage by visitors.
- The Board released the Infrastructure Master Plan for public consultation. The plan details future visitor infrastructure to better communicate the significance of the area, protect the natural environment, enhance cultural connection and provide increased options for visitor use.
- Permits have continued to be issued for filming in the park and access to cultural conservation zone including employment of AMYAC members to supervise those activities.
- The 2018 Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon was run by the Board and park staff and provided an opportunity for visitors to both gain information about the cultural significance, through being a reconciliation activity, and also through promoting nature based tourism and healthy parks, healthy people strategies.
- Park staff also participated in Science Week and NAIDOC week activities with Coober Pedy Area School. Additional activities included Tourism Central Australia Walkabout stall and Co-management Conference participation.

Theme: Keeping the Kanku Strong

- On park works include maintenance of infrastructure, grading of roads, rubbish removal, signage maintenance and rehabilitation works.
- Compliance activities were undertaken by park staff including promotion of park boundary and rules through a letter box drop.
- Regular reporting occurred from the Board to AMYAC on the management of the park.
- Weeds were monitored and managed.
- A field guide of plants and animals was developed for the park and is used by park staff.
- Park infrastructure is managed by the District Council of Coober Pedy and reported on at Board meetings. 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 and sign installation were reported.

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 District Council of Coober Pedy on behalf of the Board	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
Service Delivery	2

Data for previous years is available at:

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### Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
Roads within the park are too rough	The roads are monitored more regularly and grading undertaken when conditions are suitable.

**Appendix 1: Audited financial statements 2017-18**

## District Council of Coober Pedy

Kanku-Breakaways Co-Management Board  
2017/2018

Full Year Budget Actuals to date

	To Today	
	30/06/2018	30/06/2018
<b>Park Income</b>	47900	-86,047
Site Fees	400	0
Breakaways Pass Income	18,000	-26,255
Breakaways Heritage Guide Fees	0	
Commercial Licence Fees	4,500	-2,410
Commercial Visitor Use Fee	25,000	-46,448
Sundry Income		-10,934
<b>DEWNR Funding</b>	294637	-294637
<b>Previous Financial year surplus (16/17)</b>	55101	-55101

<b>Total Available Funding (State Government and pass fees etc)</b>	<b>\$ 397,638</b>	<b>\$ 435,785</b>
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### Board Support

<b>Administration</b>	<b>233,506</b>	<b>210,661</b>
Wages	158,065	129,001
On-Costs	22,129	17,649
Training	6,000	20,914
Recruitment	500	96
Vehicle	7,692	2,411
Travel & Accommodation	7,000	5,116
Office & Equipment	17,120	16,301
Accounting & Finance	15,000	15,000
DEWNR		
Depreciation Expense (non cash)		4,173

<b>Board</b>	<b>52,400</b>	<b>42647</b>
Fees	7,000	4,969
Administration	2,000	570
Marketing	5,000	3,792

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Marketing - Marathon		20,000	24,372
Travel and accommodation		8,400	7,536
Other Board Costs		10000	1,408

<b>Advisory Committee</b>		<b>6,000</b>	<b>2,211</b>
Fees		3,000	1,126
Administration		1,000	0
Travel and accommodation		2,000	1,086

**Total Expenses Fixed** \$ 291,906 \$ 255,519

**Works Program**

<b>Maintenance</b>			
General Park & On ground		25,000	27,505

<b>Capital</b>			
Visitor man plan and park infrastructure		69,400	8,719
Management Plan			
Tallaringa Management Plan			
Road Realignment/Car Park Relocation		10,000	0
Signage Installation		13,000	1,811
Vehicle capital costs		8,400	9,746

**Total Works Program** \$ 125,800 47,780

**Total** \$ 417,706 303,300  
**Total Less depreciation (non-cash Expense)** \$ 417,706 299,127

**End Of Financial Year evaluation**

DEWNR Funds for 2017/18	294,637
Expenditure for 2017/18	303,300
<u>DEWNR 2017/18 Funds remaining</u>	<u>-8,663</u>

Carried over funds from 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17	55,101
Park pass and CTO income 17/18	86,047

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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TOTAL FUNDING TO CARRY OVER TO 18/19	136,658
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**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

Arrangements are currently being negotiated to put this amount into a trust account on the Boards behalf.

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

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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 2018. 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 2018 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).



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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**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Papa".

DAVID PAPA  
PARTNER

Dated at Adelaide this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020