

Remote Caretaking Staff Information Pack

Remote & Regional Service Development

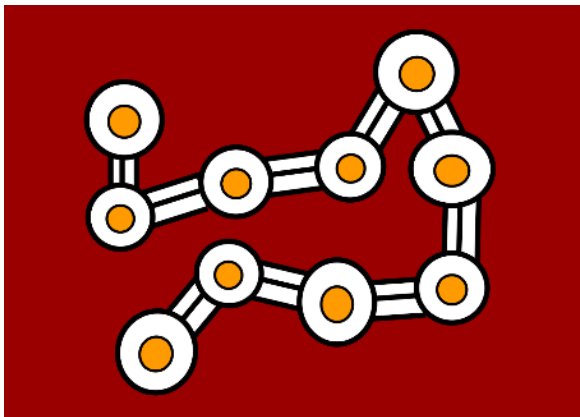
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APY Background Information

The Remote and Regional Service Development (RRSD) team collaborates with services and communities to plan, develop and implement place-based responses that support safety and wellbeing outcomes for everyone, with a focus on remote Aboriginal community members across South Australia. The RRSD works in Ceduna, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Coober Pedy, Adelaide and APY Lands.



Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY Lands)

The **APY Lands** is a local government area situated close to the north-west border of South Australia and is governed and managed by an executive board comprised of Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara People.

Since the early 1980's following the establishment of the **Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Land Rights Act 1981 (APYLRA)**, numerous Homelands within APY as well as the major Communities; Pipalyatjara, Kalka, Kanpi, Nyapari, Amata, Kaltjiti (Fregon), Watinuma, Pukatja (Ernabella), Mimili and Indulkana (Iwantja), have been managed by Anangu community members with an administrative centre operating out of Umuwa.

DHS staff in APY work alongside the local Aboriginal people (Anangu) to support access to services, strengthen partnerships between community and service providers and support programs that promote health, wellbeing and community participation, contributing to positive long-term outcomes.



RRSD Staff in APY

RRSD has staff based and living on the APY Lands, in **Mimili** and **Amata**.

These staff are responsible for:

- Managing the day-to-day operations of Family Wellbeing Centres in Amata and Mimili and working with community and service providers to develop and support program delivery from the centres.
- Overseeing operations of the Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre and Mimili Laundry
- Managing Service Provider Accommodation houses in Amata
- Supporting Youth Programs delivered by the NPY Women's Council

Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre



Mimili Maku Accommodation Centre (MMAC) provides short term accommodation in the community, for service providers, contractors and people visiting the area to work with Anangu and their communities.

MMAC offers a secure space to stop over, refresh and rejuvenate, in comfortable, shared living style accommodation.

The APY Lands Project Officer supports with the operations, maintenance and administration of the MMAC including managing the online bookings system.

The centre also employs Anangu staff to support with operations with the aim to support ongoing local employment and training opportunities.

Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre

The Mimili Family Wellbeing Centre is a site for community engagement and the delivery of programs and activities. DHS shares this space with Australian Regional and Remote Community Services (ARRCS) Aged Care team and the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) Youth Development Officer.

The Program Coordinator oversees the running of the centre and supports community members with day-to-day wellbeing and navigation of services, such as Centrelink, banking, funeral assistance, and applying for identification as well as connection to supports for issues such as family and domestic violence, and drug and alcohol services.

The centre provides a hub for people to 'drop in' for support and yarning, as well as offering programs and events to community, such as op shop days, community breakfasts, movie nights and community fun days. The centre also provides space for other organisations to run programs, and often hosts visiting organisations, such as Money Mob, Tjanpi Desert Weavers and banking services.

Amata Family Wellbeing Centre

The Amata Family Wellbeing Centre supports service delivery and coordination in Amata by offering space for service providers to work, meet clients and host events. The space is shared by ARRCs who deliver the APY Aged Care Program.

The Centre has multiple offices that are used by services such as Drugs & Alcohol South Australia (DASSA), Child & Family Mental Health Services (CAMHS), APY Land Management, Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPYWC) and PY Media.

The centre supports community wellbeing and connection by offering recreational programs and events such as Community BBQs, movie afternoons and weekly kangaroo tail cook ups.

A local Anangu Community Support Worker has been employed to support the Program Coordinator to connect the community to the Centre, and to support the development of programs and the daily operations of the centre.



All programs are developed in consultation with Amata Community Council and community members.

Amata Service Provider Accommodation Houses

To further support service delivery in Amata, DHS manage two houses (1x two-bedroom and a 1 x three-bedroom) that are available for service provider accommodation. The Program Coordinator manages the bookings and maintenance of the houses.

The Caretaking Role

DHS staff living and working in APY have regular 8 weekly respite breaks where they leave the APY Lands for 1-2 weeks.

During this time caretaking staff are essential to keep DHS services running and provide continuity for the local community. Caretaking staff are paid their usual salary plus a meal allowance for each day away from Adelaide.

Every day in APY looks a little different as staff respond to the needs of the local community and service providers and it is important to be flexible and adaptable.

Below is an idea of the general tasks the caretaking role for each position will include:



APY Lands Project Officer - Mimili

This role oversees day to day operations of the MMAC. You will be using the booking system, checking guests in and out, changing linen and cleaning the facility, reporting maintenance, and supporting local Anangu staff.

Program Coordinator - Mimili

You will be opening the Family & Wellbeing Centre each day, responding to enquiries from community members and service providers, and supporting operations of the Aged Care and Youth programs which are delivered from the Wellbeing Centre.

Program Coordinator - Amata

In this role you would be opening the Family & Wellbeing Centre each day, supporting local Anangu staff, dealing with enquiries and supporting service providers working out of the centre. You would also be overseeing the service provider accommodation houses including checking people in and out, managing bookings and changing linen.

Remote Travel & Vehicles



Staff generally fly from Adelaide into Alice Springs airport where a DHS 4WD vehicle is available.

There is a store in each community with a limited selection of food, but it is recommended that staff pick up food and supplies in Alice Springs before heading out. The DHS vehicle is equipped with a fridge to keep food cool during the drive.

Staff drive the 4- or 5-hour trip out to APY Lands communities. Depending on which community you're travelling to, most of the drive can be on unsealed roads so it is important to be confident with driving a 4WD vehicle. For staff safety the vehicles are equipped with trackers, satellite phones and Starlink internet connection. Staff are also required to check in before and after any long-distance drives.

A permit is required to enter APY Lands, and this will be organised for you before you go.

As part of the induction process for this role, we offer successful applicants a full day 4WD course.

Support for Remote Caretaking Staff

The RRSD Adelaide-based team of Managers and Project Officers work closely with the remote staff. They will check in with you daily or as often as required to make you feel supported in your work.

There are also other members of DHS staff available in Amata or Mimili who will be able to support you.

Induction

Successful applicants will have a thorough induction before commencing the role including;

- A full day 4WD course
- Introductory visit to the APY Lands accompanied by current staff.

If you have any questions about the role, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.



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