

# APY E-Brief

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working on the APY Lands

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## Milestones reached for APY Trade Training Centre

**A new generation of skilled workers is emerging in the South Australian Outback and it's thanks to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Trade Training Centre (TTC) at Umuwa in the APY Lands.**

Since the TTC opened in 2013, the centre continues to increase its enrolments and number of certificates awarded to trainees.

The purpose-built education and training facility is equipped to teach skills and deliver qualifications in agriculture, automotive industries, bakery, construction, engineering, horticulture, hospitality, carpentry and joinery, cookery, landscape gardening, metal fabrication and tiling.

Students are drawn from all schools in the APY Lands.

Student Aaron Fraser is positive about his future.

*"My training will probably help me with future opportunities, work experience and eventually a job in civil construction."*

*"I'm really excited about this opportunity. We don't have many chances like this so I feel pretty lucky,"* Aaron said.

*"This place is really good for learning and to grow and become a good worker. People are good and teach really well, they're friendly and funny."*

The TTC is a hub for life-long learning, and its importance doesn't just extend to students. Being in one of the State's most remote areas, it lets the students' families see the younger generation actively participating in nationally accredited training.

Successful students can get a job, or undertake further training or a traineeship. This could be in the APY Lands, at Ayers Rock Resort or even further afield.

And it's not just the student's employability that increases because of their training; it's their confidence and pride as well.



The TTC allows Anangu students from across the APY Lands to learn new skills and receive qualifications in a range of industries.



Commercial kitchen of the TTC.

Highlights in 2016 included:

- The first Anangu school students completing the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations;
- The first Anangu school student (a female) completing the Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation;
- A group of young Community Patrol staff completing the Certificate II in Community Services; and
- The Anangu Schools “Cook-off” competition.

With increasing demand for the use of the TTC, it looks like training and education opportunities for Anangu can only grow.



*Trailer and equipment inside the TTC.*

## **APY roads upgrade creates local jobs**

***Extensive road upgrades in the APY Lands will mean so much more than just smoother travels.***

The benefits are set to spread across the communities.

The Commonwealth and South Australian Governments have committed \$106.25 million to upgrade 210 km of the Main Access Road between the Stuart Highway and Pukatja in the APY Lands, as well as around 21 km of community and airstrip access roads in Pukatja, Umuwa, Kaltjiti, Mimili and Iwantja.



*RASAC construction of earth dams (water storage) at Ronald's Bore.*

Apart from the obvious benefits associated with safer roads, it means guaranteed jobs for Anangu in the construction phase, and the mandatory involvement of local organisations.

Around 75 jobs will be generated specifically for local people who live in the APY Lands out of a total of 250 direct and supply chain jobs. Roles on offer include survey assistants, traffic management personnel, plant operators (including trucks, rollers, graders and front-end loaders), labourers, facility management assistants, and interpreters.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, with the APY Executive Board and the Community Development Program provider, Skill Hire, has developed training programs specific to the project.

These programs support Anangu in building skills and job readiness, and contribute to the strength and sustainability of communities. To date, two training programs have successfully been delivered:

- ‘Workzone Traffic Management’, completed by 53 trainees; and
- ‘White Card Construction Induction’, completed by 75 trainees.

A school-based traineeship program has also been established, with two students from each community undertaking either a Certificate II in Civil Construction or Certificate III in Community Development.

In addition, smaller contracts are being called via selective tender under the State Government’s Aboriginal Business Procurement Policy, promoting Aboriginal business development.

Of the 72,798 on-site construction hours undertaken to date (as at 31 July 2017), 23,695 hours (approximately 32%) have been worked by Anangu.

**Construction works completed (as at 17 August 2017):**

- 4 km Pukatja Airstrip Access road (including final seal);
- 7 km Stuart Highway to Indulkana;
- Construction of earth dams (water storage) for Stage One (Pukatja to Double Tank);
- Raising and crushing pavement material for Stage One (David's Well); and
- Construction of earth dams (water storage) for Stage Two (Double Tank to Mimili).



*Aaron Fraser, Crispian Fraser and Kumana (Rupert) Wikilyiri receiving their Personal Protective Equipment in preparation for field work.*

**Construction works in progress (as at 17 August 2017):**

*Pukatja to Umuwa (Double Tanks)*

- Construction is progressing with works anticipated to be completed in the second quarter of 2018.

*Umuwa (Double Tanks) to Mimili*

- Raising and crushing pavement material at Fregon East 50 pit commenced (expected to be completed in late 2017);
- Raising and crushing pavement material at Mimili West 90 Pit commenced (expected to be completed in late 2017); and
- Construction is scheduled to commence in the last quarter 2017 (expected to be completed in late 2018).

*Mimili to Indulkana*

- Raising and crushing pavement material at Mimili East 115 is anticipated to commence in the last quarter of 2017.