



Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

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Extension of Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation (KAC) AGM 2021 date

I am writing to advise the Kokatha community and our stakeholders that the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) has granted our request to extend the date for our 2021 Annual General Meeting to take place in early 2022, rather than November 2021.

This request followed a unanimous decision by Directors at their October meeting to delay the scheduled November Kokatha Common Law Holders Meeting to ensure more consultation with community members and representatives (such as the Culture and Heritage Committee) by Mining companies wishing to present draft agreements at a meeting of Kokatha people.

As the board have planned the AGM and Community meeting to both take place on the same weekend, this meant moving both meetings for the benefit of the community. Holding both meetings on subsequent days means more Kokatha people have the opportunity to attend because financial support will be available. There is lots of important business in both meetings, so this means more Kokatha people can be supported to come along and have their say. The time in between also gives families more time to come together and talk about issues they want to raise and their views on the items to be voted on. We have heard the feedback from community that they want more time to consider issues, not less.

Other reasons for rescheduling include:

- a) The imminent confirmation of KAC's RARB status. This requires a general meeting be explain what it means and to confirm the policies. We may also suggest changes to the Objectives in the Rule Book to reflect this historic achievement. It's better to do this within the AGM with plenty of people there, rather than incur the costs of a one off meeting
- b) The ongoing risk of COVID-19 to Kokatha people, the demonstrated vulnerability of Port Augusta this year, the significantly lower Aboriginal vaccination rates and increased risks associated with SA borders opening in November
- c) Unavoidable disruptions to our face to face strategic plan community consultation program requiring an extension of time to allow more sessions so that a meaningful draft to be considered at the AGM
- d) The reduced meeting costs of dealing with as many of these issues at once as possible



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Whilst the delay is not convenient for all, we are committed to putting community first and doing what is best for Kokatha people.

It will mean delaying:

- the election of the 2022 KAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the next Board meeting after the AGM
- the 2022 Culture and Heritage Committee family representatives
- the approval to transfer of 50% of the Kokatha Peoples Native Title Compensation Trust income earned on investments into the 2022-23 Kokatha Charitable Trust budget

But because as the last AGM took place on 26 Feb 2021 due to COVID concerns, there is no significant impact on community services or finances created by a delay as long as it does not exceed 12 months since the last AGM.

Also, as our meeting preparation are almost complete, will expect to be able to send out the meeting notices and helpful information packs well ahead of time.

We look forward to coming together soon to share more about all that has been achieved for Kokatha people in 2021, and to talk about how we work together to make sure 2022 is our best year yet.

See you soon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Ramm', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Daniel Ramm
Vice Chairperson
Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation

26 October 2021