



More Rotary shelters for the APY Lands.

The Rotary Club of Onkaparinga (RCO) has been assisting communities in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands since 2017. The Club's initial project was to brick-pave an area at the Umuwa Trade Training Centre adjacent to the hospitality suite. In 2018 and 2019 more paving and other successful works led to the Club being invited, by the APY Executive, to design and construct shelters with associated water tanks and seating, along the roads which stretch across the 103,000 sq kilometres of this remote land.

Soon after these six shelters were completed their importance became evident as an indigenous family sheltered at one site for three days whilst waiting for heavy rains to pass and for their car, bogged nearby, to be mobile again.

More recently the Nganampa Health Council, the authority which oversees the health clinics in each of the APY communities, sought RCO's assistance in the provision of two shelters at the junction of the Stuart Highway and the turn-off to the Indulkana (and all other APY communities). Bus companies pick-up and drop off passengers at this point but facilities are minimal and waiting in inclement weather is uncomfortable and potentially life-threatening.

This project will commence in early March 2024. Construction crew volunteers are sought for this and future shelter work. Contact onkaparinga.sec@gmail.com

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the APY Lands.

The first of six Rotary roadside shelters for



Finishing touches before moving to shelter number two.

L-R: Peter Young; Laurie Doube; Colin Camac; Stephen Royal (the shelter's architect).



A Rotary Shelter adjacent to the Everard ranges.



Help was never far away for Stephen!