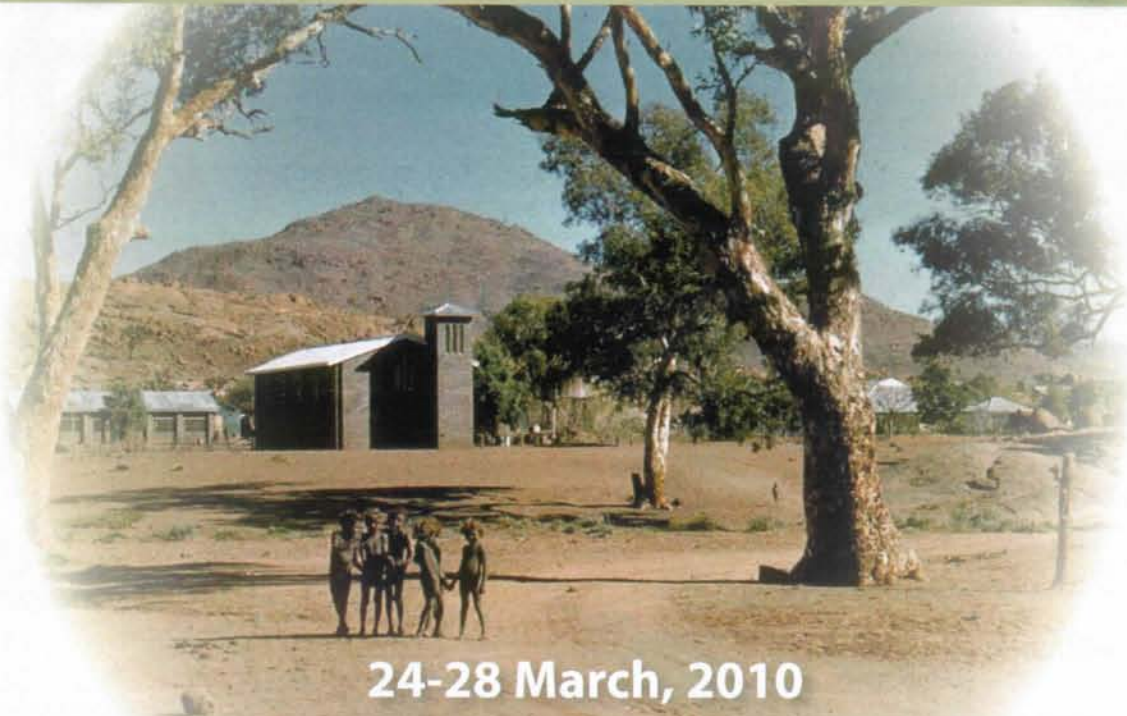




Celebrating the History of Ernabella Mission

and the Restoration and Re-opening of the
Ernabella Uniting Church Building
Pukatja Community, South Australia



24-28 March, 2010

Pukularirala kulini irititja panya Ernabella Mission nganmanyitja munula Church wali wirungku palyannyangka piruku alara palyanmananyi

Today we welcome Anangu and other families from many different communities. We are really happy to welcome you to be part of this community on this special day when our church building is re-opened and as we join together in the One Spirit. We thank God that you have come and that we are standing here together.

On this day, we also remember those who came here before us, who have worked in this place for a long time. We give thanks to God for our friends who came from faraway places and lived with the Anangu and cared for them for many years in the Ernabella Mission.

As we look at this community now, we see it is different but it is growing. We give thanks to God and to you our friends.

Kuwari anangu maru tjuta, piranpa tjuta pitjangu ngura tjutanguru, kala pukuipa mulapa nyura nganampa ngurangka tjunguringkuntja tjintu nyanga palula, ka kuwari nganana uwankaranganampa Church wali piruku alara Kurunpakutjungkatjunguringanyi. Kanganana Godala tjanytjunmananyi nyura pitjanyangka, nganana tjungu ngaranyangkatu.

Kala kuwari kulini anangu nganmanyitja tjuta, tjana panya iriti ngura nyangangka rawa workarinytja. Munula kuwari Godala tjanytjunmananyi nganampa malpa tjuta panya ngura pararitja tjutanguru pitjanytja, Anangu tjutangka tjungu nyinanytja, uwankara kanyinytja Ernabella Missionta.

Munula kuwari nganampa ngura nyakula nganana kulilpai ngura nyanga paluru kutjuparinytja palu ngura paluru pulkaringanyi.

(Graham Kulyuru and members of the Pukatja Uniting Church congregation)

Let us Come Together to Celebrate 'A new Day'

Program of activities

- **Wednesday – Friday, 24 – 26 March, 2010**

6.00 pm. Three Bible Studies led by the Rev. Alistair Macrae, President of the Uniting Church in Australia. Presented in English with Pitjantjatjara interpretation.

- **Saturday, 27 March. Ernabella Mission History Inma**

Afternoon – sharing the history with displays in the church of photos, music, and film.

3.30 pm. Official welcome to guests and visitors and Opening of the church.

7.00 – 9.00 pm. Inma: 'The story of Ernabella Mission' in movement, story and song.

- **Sunday, 28 March. 10.00 am. Palm Sunday Worship Service**

Preacher: The Rev. Alistair Macrae

Featuring the Ernabella Choir

Followed by Community Lunch

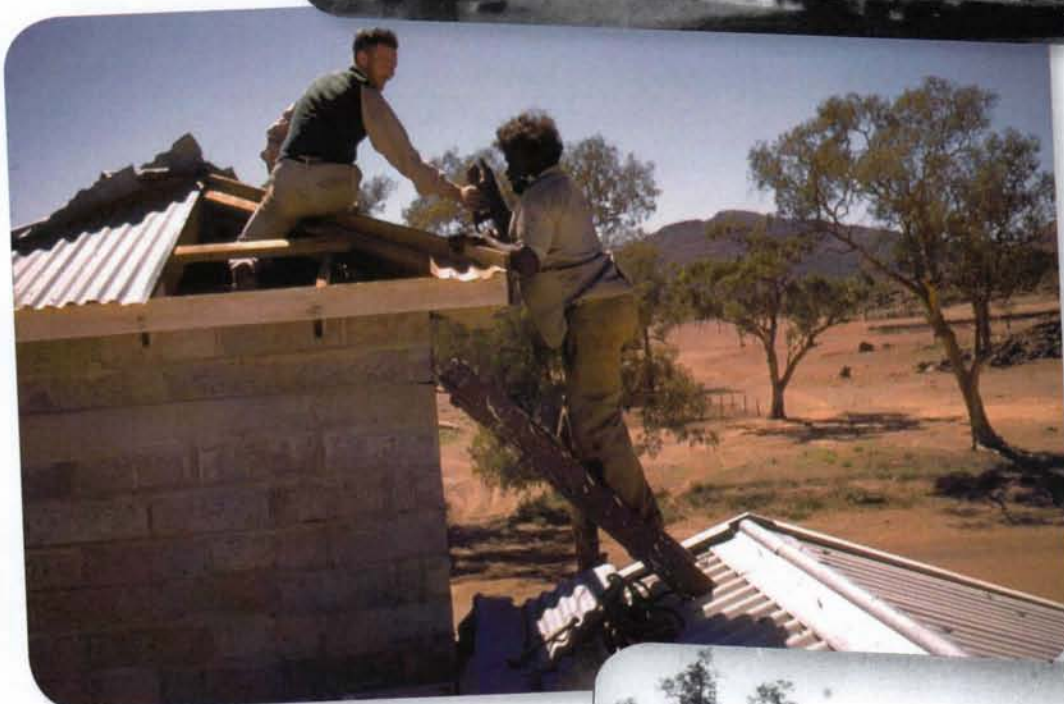


1944 brush church

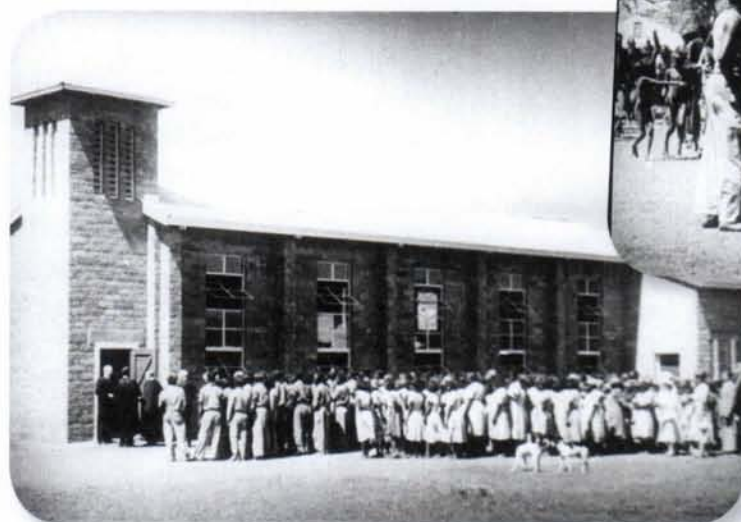


1941 early outdoor service

building the church



installation of church bell 1958

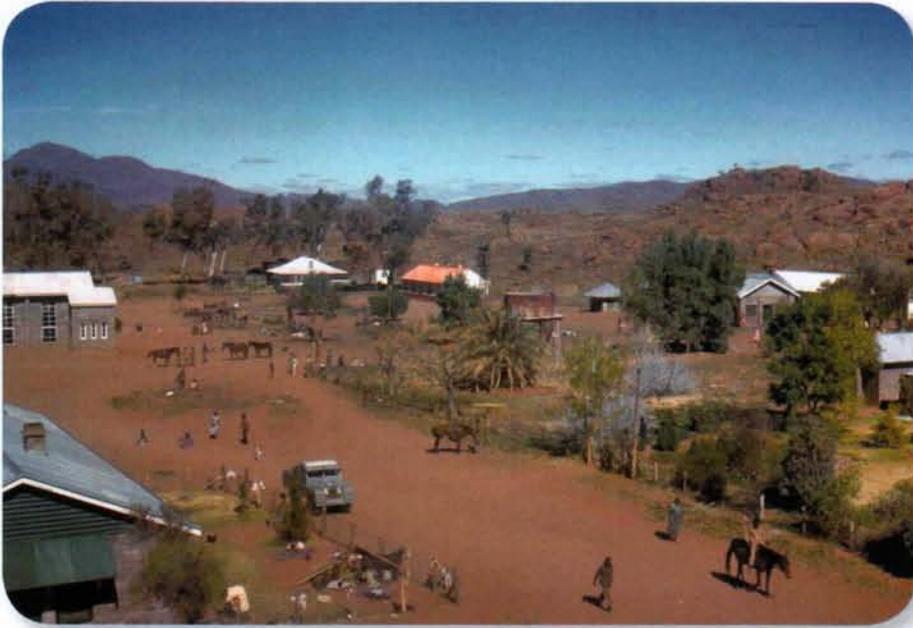


people entering the church for opening service

ERNABELLA CHURCH – TIMELINE

1937	Ernabella Mission established In early years church services were held in the open air.	Anapalanya tjaataringu Nganmanypa Anangu tjuṯa church inmaku tjunguringu urilta.
1941	Rev Bob Love recommended building a church and a dispensary from limestone. Progress delayed because of the War.	Mitja Loveanya kuliningi church wali, kilinika kuḷu palyantjikitjangku pulinguru. Palu war-nguru putu palyaningi.
1944 January	Staff and Aboriginal men erected a brush shelter with spinifex roof to serve as a temporary church building.	Mitja Lovealu tjana wati tjuṯangu wiltja church palyanu punu-nguru, tjanpinguru.
1949	A new school building was erected and used for church services.	Tjana wali kuula nyuwana palyanu, kaya wali nyangangka tjunguringu church inmaku.
1952	A large cement-block church building was erected. Under the supervision of a builder, local men made the blocks and assisted in laying them.	Tjana church wali pulka palyanu. Wati pirantu nintinnyangkaya wati tjuṯangu tjuminta tjuṯa palyanu munuya tjunkula wanara churchuku wallpa katu palyanu.
1952 19 November	The new church building was dedicated in the morning with approximately 400 local people present, and Church leaders from interstate.	Churchaku mayatja mankurpa pararinguru pitjangu munuya Church wali alara palyanmanu ka anangu 400 nguwanpa tjunguringu inmangka.
	At a service held that afternoon 20 young adults were baptized.	Ka mungartji tjukurtjarangu Anangu 20 baptisekatingu.
1957	By the end of 1957, 43 adults and 7 infants had been baptized at Ernabella.	1952-nguru 1957-kutu panya Anangu 43, iti 7 kulukulu baptise-aringu Anapalala.
1958 October	A 40lb bell donated by the NSW Presbyterian Fellowship of Australia was placed in the tower of the church.	Jesuku walytja tjuṯangu New South Walesalanguru bell pulka iyanu, kaya churchungka katu tjunu iltinkiltingkarinytjaku.
1961	Fregon outstation and Amata Government settlement were opened and as some of the baptized Christians moved to these stations, churches were established.	Missiontu Fregonnga ngura palyanu, ka Kapamantu ngura Amatanya palyanu. Ka anangu baptise-katinytja mankurpa ngura nyara pulalakutu ankunyangka Jesuku walytja tjuṯa tjunguringangi, ka panya church mulupa tjaataringu ngura nyara kutjarangka, church wali wiya palu anangitja.
1961 Easter	Church members at Ernabella elected four men as church leaders.	Anapalaku churchungka anangu tjuṯangu wati 4 ngurkantanu Church leader ngarala Jesuku walytja tjuṯa atunymara kanyintjaku.

1966 20 November	Five men were ordained as Elders of the Presbyterian Church at Ernabella.	Tjukurtjarangu wati 5 palyanmara tjunu Church Elder ngaranytjaku Anapalala.
1972	From 1972 the ordained Minister was not stationed at Ernabella. Elders were responsible for conducting most services.	1972-ngka tjukurtjara piranpa Anapalala nyinanytja wiyaringu, ka nyara palulanguru Elder tjuṯangu inma tjuṯa kanyiningi.
1973 2 March	The first funeral service was conducted in the church by Elder, Peter Nyangu.	Elder ini Peter Nyangu inma funeral nganmanyitja churchungka kanyinu.
1977	The Ernabella Church became a member of the newly established Uniting Church in Australia.	Anapala Church tjunguringu Uniting Church in Australiala.
1980	By the end of 1980, church congregations were established on several Pitjantjatjara/ Yankunytjatjara Communities. Approximately 500 adults had been baptised in the region and 28 Elders had been ordained.	Year 1980, Jesuku walytja tjuṯa tjunguringangi Godanya walkuntjikitja ngura tjuṯangka. Uwa, 1940-nguru 1980-kutu, anangu tjuṯa Jesuku walytaringu munu 500 nguwanpa baptise-arangu, ka Churchaku Elder tjuṯaringkula 28-arangu.
1983	The Rev. Peter Nyangu, having trained at Nungalinya College in Darwin, was ordained as Minister of the Pitjantjatjara Parish.	Rev. Peter Nyangu, Nungalinya College nintiringkuntjatjanu tjukurtjarangu Pitjantjatjara Parishaku.
2001	The South Australian Government listed the Ernabella Mission church, clinic and manse buildings on the State Heritage Sites register.	South Australian governmentangu wali mankurpa Anapalala ngurkantanu heritage site ngarantjaku. Ka pala palulanguru church wali iriti palyanytja heritage site ngaranyi.
2005	Graham Kulyuru and Kinyin McKenzie were commissioned as Community Ministers at Ernabella.	Northern Synodalu Graham Kulyurunya pulanya Kinyin McKenziya palyanmara tjukurtjara tjunu panya Community Minister ngarantjaku Anapalala.
2006	The church was closed because of the asbestos roof and damage to windows and doors.	Katutja panya roof kura ngaranyangka tjana church wali patinu tjarpara pikatjararingkuntaku-tawara.
2009	The asbestos was removed and new material was fitted to the roof and one wall. A work party repaired doors, windows and other fittings.	Tjana roof irititja aralytjara waningu munuya nyuwana palyara tjunu. Ka piranpa mankurpa pitjangu worka party munuya kutjupa kutjupa tjuṯa palyara wirunu.
2010 27-28 March	The refurbished church is reopened and rededicated as a place of worship.	Nganana Church wali piruku alani munu palyanmananyi wali panya Godanya Walkuntjaku.



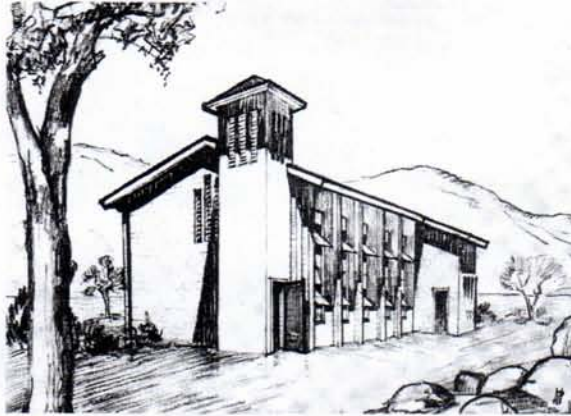
Ernabella Mission 1960



Baptism service 1964



The first 4 elected church leaders



Ernabella's new Church building splendidly fits its whole environment.

ERNABELLA NEWSLETTER

December, 1952.

A CHURCH IN BUILDING

In 1951 it became clear that a group of Pitjantjatjara were ready, by life, belief and understanding, to become the advance-guard of their tribe into the Christian Household of Faith. Class study was intensified and tribal approval was further encouraged. With the aid of a sympathetic architect, a church was designed to fit the whole environment. The people made the cement bricks and provided the unskilled and partly skilled labour. The building was completed in October, 1952.

The Board of Missions, knowing the limitations of accommodation, confined invitations to Mrs. Love, Rev. H. Taylor and the Rev. A. C. Wright (former missionaries at Ernabella), Mr. W. H. Penhall (Secretary, South Australian Aborigines Protection Board), Rev. J. I. Williamson (Commissioner of the Church in South Australia), Mr. A. Philpot (Architect), Rev. Hamilton Aikin (Visual Education Department), Miss C. Ritchie (Victorian P.W.M.U.), Rt. Rev. J. E. Owen (Moderator of the Victorian Church and Convener of the Board), Mrs. J. E. Owen and Rev. V. W. Coombes (General Secretary of the Board), Rev. H. C. Matthew, Dr. C. Duguid and Mr. H. R. Balfour (all closely associated with Ernabella's commencement and development) were unable to attend because of illness.

ANSWERS WHICH WERE RATHER STARTLING

After several very busy days of preparation, all was ready for the special services on Sunday, 9th November. On the Saturday evening, twenty candidates for baptism were examined by the Superintendent, the visiting Ministers and Elder. To the twenty-five or thirty questions asked they gave answers which were rather startling in their revelation of the Bible knowledge, grasp of doctrine and personal commitment of these young men and women. It was known that as many more were preparing for later public profession of faith. Surely it could never be said of these, as is often said of Aboriginal Christians, that they confessed a new faith merely because it would please their Missionary!

1952 Ernabella Newsletter

Ministers of the Ernabella Church

1937-39	Rev. Harry Taylor.
1941-46	Rev. JRB (Bob) Love
1946-48	Rev. C. Wright
1949-57	Rev. Ron Trudinger
1957-58	Rev Bruce Edenborough
1958-72	Rev. WH (Bill) Edwards
1973, 1976-80	Rev. WH (Bill) Edwards - Pitjantjatjara Parish Minister based at Fregon (1973) and Amata (1976-80)
1983-	Rev. Peter Nyangu

Community Ministers

2005-	Graham Kulyuru
2005-08	Kinyin McKenzie

Support Workers

1988-92	Rev. Bruce Bickerdike
1995-2000	Mr Bob Capp
2006-08	Rev. Murray Muirhead
2009-	Rev. Peter Greenwood

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- The Australian Government
- Traditional Owners of the Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park
- The Church of Scotland
- The John Flynn Uniting Church, Alice Springs
- Jesuku walytja kutjupa tjuta

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Ka nganana kurunpa pulkara pukularinyi piruku wali nyangangka Tjukurpa
Palya kulintjaku munu Godanya walkuntjaku.

Our hearts are full of joy to once again hear the Good News and worship God in this building.

Nganana uwankara kutjuringu Jesula Christala kutjungka. (Kalaitjiyaku 3:28)

We are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

Hymn: We love the Place O God

Palyaringanyila

1. Palyaringanyila
Godaku waliku,
Palumpa pukuipa
Panatja purunywiya.
2. Tjunguringanyila
Tjapilpaingkalta
Nyuyunku Godalu
Palula palyani.
3. Pukularinyila
Tjukurpa wankaku,
Pikangka-tawara
Pilunpa titutja.
4. Talunyjtungku nyanga
Nganana inkaku,
Mukuringanyila
Inma Ilkaritja.
5. Jesu, nganananya
Nyangangka palyanma!
Kala Ilkaringka
Nyuntunya nyakuku.

We Love the Place, O God

We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells,
The joy of thine abode
All earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer,
Wherein The servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there,
Thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the word of life,
The word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife,
And joys that never cease.

We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But O we long to know
The triumph song of heaven

Lord Jesus, give us grace,
On earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face,
And with the saints adore.

The Ernabella Choir has been a feature of the life of the Ernabella church since the early years of the mission. Following the opening of the mission school in 1940, the children were taught western part singing. As they grew to become young adults they sang as a choir as a background to Christmas pageants. In 1954 the choir visited Adelaide to coincide with the royal visit of Queen Elizabeth II. In 1956 they sang at the opening of the John Flynn Memorial Church in Alice Springs. The choir toured Victoria and South Australia in 1966, singing in Melbourne, Adelaide and several provincial cities and towns. In 1979 they visited Fiji and Sydney. In the early 2000s they sang with other Aboriginal community choirs during Alice Springs Festivals and in 2004, performed during the Adelaide Festival of the Arts. A recent encouraging development has been the re-emergence of the Ernabella School Choir.



Ernabella Choir in Scots Church, Adelaide 1966