

The Andamooka Press

Win for opal miners

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SafeWork Australia's proposed regulatory changes to opal mining practices that were due to come into effect in January 2012 have been deferred for 12 months and special consideration will be given to small mining operations.

APOMA's chair Peter Allen travelled to Coober Pedy in August this year to meet with Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN), the Opal Alliance and other relevant stakeholders to discuss the OHWS changes proposed by SafeWork Australia.

RDAFN's submission to SafeWork Australia provided feedback on 20 regulation changes including ventilation and air safety controls,

emergency plans, exits and signage, personal protection and training and preparation of mine surveys. The regulations were deemed either unnecessary or placed a burden on the miner.

SafeWork Australia received a large number (89) of submissions regarding the OHWS changes. RDAFN's submission was considered extremely highly and raised the point of smaller miners. It was also considered so highly that it was the second appendix in the overall consideration file. It would appear that the submission has had a great affect on decision/law makers having to rethink their approach to OHWS laws for small miners/mining companies.

APOMA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who braved the heat and attended the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Annual General Meeting on Saturday 19th November. The main subject of this years meeting was governance and the possibility of introducing a professional management committee to manage Andamooka. Due to a rapidly increasing population which will bring about other issues, it is no longer sustainable to manage our town on volunteer hours. Mark Sutton from the Outback Communities Authority was present at the meeting to help explain this proposition to the community. The committee would consist of two members of APOMA, 2 members of the

OCA and 1 impartial member. It is hoped that Andamooka residents would elect all 5 members. In the short term (now to March 31st) the committee would prepare a strategic plan, business plan and budget in preparation of a community levy for July 1, 2012. The community levy will be rateable to all block owners and all monies received will only be expended in and for the benefit of Andamooka. Mark answered questions from the floor regarding contiguous blocks. Residents owning contiguous blocks will only pay one levy (eg. one house on two blocks). If the property is used for commercial use (eg. two houses on two blocks), the levy will be charged to each block.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

However the Andamooka Management Committee will need to put together specific details and payment rates.

The committee will also manage road infrastructure and plan for necessary improvements aligned with town expansion, pursue long term sustainable planning for autonomous governance model and negotiate with the Kokatha Uwankara claimant group for ILUA.

The new VAST television system was discussed during general business. The Satellite Subsidy Scheme (SSS) will provide assistance for Andamooka residents installing the system. Mark Sutton advised that the subsidy will be available January/February 2012. The OCA will advise APOMA when this available.

Six APOMA committee members were up for re-election with two new formal nominations. The votes were as follows:

Peter Allen: 32
Cass Rowett: 33
Ange Murphy: 28
Jim Rogers: -
Alan Heath: 33
Brenton Musolino: 29
Luke Alder: 27
Chris Allen: 20

10 proxy votes were delegated to APOMA members, 6 to Rob Hancock and 4 to Peter Allen but were not included in the count.

Due to the lack of young representation on the APOMA committee, a motion was moved to add two new members. Everyone was in favour of this movement.

A life membership was awarded to Marie Powell for her 35 years of service to the Andamooka community. Thank you Marie.

Tupperware Party

Andamooka Town Hall

10th December 2011

10AM

Everyone welcome
to attend



Andamooka Community History Research Group

A group of 10 Andamooka residents participated in a day and a half workshop with oral and social historian John Mannion on the 14th and 15th November. Travelling from Orroroo, John and his partner Helena were fascinated with Andamooka and loved listening and **learning about Andamooka's stories and history**. The workshop taught the group the basics of oral history, recording equipment, interviewing techniques and a number of ways the final product can be presented. After a number of mock interviews and a practice on long time Andamooka resident Jeff Munchenberg, the group decided on creating a historical research group. The aim of the group is to record and document life in Andamooka from its beginning to present time. The group will be interviewing residents and welcome input from any persons **having knowledge of Andamooka's early days**.

The group plans to purchase Minidisc recorders and look forward to start the interviews.

The group nominated the following positions:

Coordinator: Conrad Powell

Assistant Coordinator: Sylvia Hobbs

Secretary: Cass Rowett

Assistant Secretary: Jean Lawrie



Alison Henderson, Conrad Powell, John Mannion, Mark Shirley (OCA), Cass Rowett, Sylvia Hobbs, Rogie Dally, Ruby Turner, Jean Lawrie (seated)



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**Date (Fortnightly): Wednesday
(from 9th November)**

Time: 9am - 12 midday

Location: Andamooka Community Hall

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CATHOLIC MASS

Father Kevin Matthews celebrates Sunday Mass in the Community Church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11.00 a.m.

ALL WELCOME

Damage to Andamooka Air Strip

Roughly \$12,000.00 of severe vandalism has been caused to the Andamooka airstrip earlier this month forcing it to close until funds can be secured for repairs. This will entail watering, grading, reforming and rolling the entire strip.

A visiting entertainer who performed at the school during the day had great difficulty taking off due to the damage. The matter was brought to the attention of APOMA and SAPOL the following morning.

The interstate perpetrator has been identified and the matter is now in the hands of Andamooka Police Station.

The OCA are aware of the matter and will submit an insurance claim on our behalf. Signage has been placed at the airstrip and the wind sock has been removed.

It is obvious that this, and similar instances will become an ongoing and escalating problem as the towns demographics change rapidly due to the BHP Olympic Dam expansion.



Andamooka Police Report

Back in 2008 some valuable member of the community decided that it was a wise move to drive his car on the Andamooka Airstrip and do so in a reckless and dangerous manner. At the time, the airstrip was unusable and caused some great inconvenience to a few needy people. Lo and behold it happened again. On the third of November 2011, Andamooka Police reported an adult male for property damage after 'donut' marks and wheel 'ruts' up to 100 millimetres deep were found on the Andamooka Airstrip by a member of the community. The airstrip has been made unusable and the damage is estimated to cost between \$10, 000 and \$12, 000 to repair. He will front court over the matter, more than likely after the new year.

A few road users have found out the hard way that the Andamooka Police Vehicle, AKA the Super Troopie, has been recently fitted with a mobile radar device. This marvellous piece of technology is used to detect vehicles travelling at excessive speed and can do so from up to 5 kilometres away! Road safety is everybody's responsibility and I urge all community members to watch their speed,

whether it be in Andamooka or out of town. Expiation notices for speeding offences range from \$312 and one demerit point to \$710 and an instant loss of licence. Or worse.

The Andamooka Opal Hotel and Andamooka Police issued a barring notice for 6 months to an Andamooka resident following an incident at the Hotel on Friday the 4th November. I urge all patrons of this fine establishment to remember that no patron should be inconvenienced or put at fear due to another's actions.

Can I please remind everyone that I am not Omni-present and all-seeing. If I don't get told about it I probably won't find out about it... for Police assistance please call 131444 or 000 in an emergency.

I wish you all a great Christmas - drive safe!

Bomber

Paul CLIFFORD

Brevet Sergeant

Officer In Charge Andamooka Police Station

Father Kev's Thought of the Week!

"The are only two ways to handle tense situations: you can change them, or you can change the way you look at them. There is enlightenment to be had in changing the way you look at things."

"The Little Book Of Calm" by Paul Wilson (1996)



Remembrance Day 11.11.11

Andamooka residents came together on Friday 11th of November to pay their respects to members of our armed forces who have died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts fighting for our country. Thank you to Jean Lawrie, Jeff Munchenberg, Sister Pat and Paul Clifford for their service contribution.



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.



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Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc

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APOMA Annual General Meeting

Andamooka Town Hall - Saturday 20th November 2011 - 2PM

MINUTES TAKEN	Alison Henderson
PRESENT	Bill Addington, Chris Allen, Peter Allen, Bev Burge, Andrew Collins, Rogie Dally, Kym Faehrmann, J & K Garnett, Rob & Liz Hancock, Arthur & Val Harrison, Alan Heath, Alison Henderson, Stephen Lyons, S McIntyre, Jeff Munchenberg, Ange Murphy, Brenton and Kerry Musolino, Brian Nayda, Marie Powell, Conrad Powell, Cass Rowett, P & V Sheppard, Dave Spargo, Scott Stringer, Ivan & Muriel Unic, D & A Ziberna, Sylvia Hobbs, Greg Franklin, Paul Kileen, Stefan & Di Bilka, Rosie Waters, Jean Lawrie, Mark Gillings
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Read and Accepted Moved: Di Bilka Seconded: Ivan All in favour
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	<p>General discussion regarding VAST television system. Subsidy will be available January/February 2012. OCA will contact APOMA when more information is available. APOMA will advise community via newsletter/posters.</p> <p>General discussion regarding proposed community levy. Mark Sutton from OCA explained that contiguous blocks will pay only one levy (eg, one house on two blocks) unless blocks are used for commercial purposes (eg. two houses on two blocks).</p> <p>General discussion regarding road works. Peter Allen advised that a meeting with DETI has been arranged to discuss our current and future budget.</p>
5. TREASURERS REPORT	<p>Budget and audit produced Moved: Conrad Seconded: Jeff All in favour</p> <p>First time books have been audited professionally, assets valued at \$2.5 million.</p>

<p>APOMA COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS</p>	<p>Members up for election with votes:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Peter Allen</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>Cass Rowett</td><td>33</td></tr> <tr><td>Jim Rogers</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>Ange Murphy</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>Alan 'Staffy' Heath</td><td>33</td></tr> <tr><td>Brenton Musolino</td><td>29</td></tr> </table> <p>Formal committee nominations:</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Luke Alder</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>Chris Allen</td><td>20</td></tr> </table> <p>Peter Allen noted at the meeting the lack of young people on the committee. It was agreed to add two new committee members. Moved: Di Bilka Seconded: Cass All in favour</p>	Peter Allen	32	Cass Rowett	33	Jim Rogers	-	Ange Murphy	28	Alan 'Staffy' Heath	33	Brenton Musolino	29	Luke Alder	27	Chris Allen	20
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<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p><i>Marie Powell was awarded an APOMA life membership for 35 years of serving the Andamooka community.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding future governance of Andamooka. APOMA is unable to manage a rapidly growing town on volunteer hours. It is suggested that, for the short term, a management committee is created to professionally manage the town. The committee would comprise of 2 members from APOMA, 2 members from the OCA and 1 impartial member. It is hoped that these members would be elected by the Andamooka community. The committee would need to develop a strategic plan, business plan and budget for the short term for the introduction of a community levy commencing July 1 2012. Levy monies received from Andamooka residents will only be expended in and for the benefit of Andamooka</i></p> <p><i>The medium term (July 1 2012- June 30 2013) will see the committee putting in place a plan for the long term management of Andamooka.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Progress updates to be placed in community newsletter.</i> • <i>Community need to consider what level of service they want/need – community levy.</i> • <i>Suggested more APOMA committee meetings to be held.</i> • <i>Community urged to provide feedback to APOMA.</i> <p><i>Moved: Stefan Bilka Moved: Conrad Powell All in favour of Andamooka Management Committee.</i></p>																
<p>Meeting Concluded at 3:10PM</p>																	



APOMA Meeting Minutes

Sunday 27th November 2011 2PM Andamooka Community Hall

MINUTES TAKEN	Cass Rowett
PRESENT	Peter Allen, Rob Hancock, Cass Rowett, Ange Murphy, Ray Christensen, Dave Spargo, Luke Alder, Chris Allen, Brenton Musolino
1. APOLOGIES	Stefan Bilka
2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Read and Accepted All in favour Moved: Cass Seconded: Rob
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girl Guides have finalised bill. • Container in place at playground – Bully to finish • Solar lighting ready to be installed – Cookie to finish
5. TREASURERS REPORT	Read and Accepted All in favour Moved: Brenton Seconded: Ange
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p><i>Rob suggests that APOMA committee positions remain as they are until a new governance model is introduced. All in favour Moved: Rob Seconded: Ange</i></p> <p><i>Old drive in projectors to go to scrap collectors. There are no organizations or collectors who want them. All in favour Moved: Cass Seconded: Ange</i></p> <p><i>Rob suggested that Chris assist treasurer.</i></p>
Meeting Concluded at 2:50	



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