

The Andamooka Press

Australia Day Awards

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The Andamooka community celebrated a hot Australia Day with a traditional Aussie BBQ and a cool drink. During dinner, Jean Lawrie announced the Andamooka Australia Day awards.

There were three award winners this year for Citizen of the Year. Firstly, Andrew Collins and Ron Collins for their generous contributions to the community. Both Andrew and Ron have been instrumental in creating a large portion of the skate park/bmx track for the children of this community at no cost whatsoever to the town. Without their machinery and efforts it is unlikely that they playground would exist in its expanded form. During flooding in 2010 Andrew & Ron were both working away with some of their equipment and got rained in near Maree. They returned to town by 4WD and hired equipment at considerable expense and repaired the roads around town as required. Those actions resulted in a net loss for Northern Earth Moving of a considerable amount of money but they nevertheless carried through because they recognized their obligation and the needs of the community. Congratulations to Ron and Andrew!

Andamooka's third Citizen of the Year was awarded to Dave Spargo. Over the years Dave has been involved in many volunteer committees such as APOMA and the Hospital Auxiliary and is always willing to help out in any way that he can. Recently he has put in many hours and effort into restoring Andamooka roads and looking after the cemetery. His camp oven dinners are also to be applauded. Congratulations Dave!

Andamooka Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Rosalyna Ames for being a pleasant

and active member of the community. She has worked with both CFS and SES and has completed many training courses that make our community a safer place. She attended the Coober Pedy fires last year with the Andamooka unit and provided invaluable support to the team. She also recently went overseas for 2 months, by herself with her own earnings—an incredible achievement for someone so young! Congratulations Rose!

Community Event of the Year was awarded to Greg Franklin. **This 'top bloke', as stated on nomination forms**, has gone to huge efforts to cater for the youth in Andamooka. He has organised the Go Kart derby for the past two years with great success and the NYE Splash Party in 2011. Congratulations Greg!

Due to a large number of nominations this year, the panel had difficulty in deciding which recipient had done most for the community. Not everyone is able to receive an award, so rather than overlooking these worthy people entirely, it was agreed that some form of recognition is warranted. To this end, the Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Kristi Jackson who gives a lot of her time working with the young people in our community. Kristi is involved with the Girl Guides and attends to the community swimming pool, allowing kids to cool off in this hot weather. Congratulations Kristi!

Congratulations to all Andamooka award winners this year and thank you for your kind contributions towards our community.

A special thank you to Jean and the panel and a thank you to those who helped with the BBQ, salads and setting up. *Photos on page 2*

Don't forget - School Term 1 starts Monday, 30th January 2012

Term 1 30 Jan—5 Apr

Term 2 23 Apr—29 Jun

Term 3 16 Jul—21 Sep

Term 4 8 Oct—14 Dec

Andamooka Town Management Committee

As the expansion of Olympic Dam moves inevitably closer, it is clear that the day to day management of Andamooka can no longer be run by volunteers. As mentioned in previous newsletters and at the last AGM, the Andamooka Town Management Committee has now officially commenced operation as of 1 January 2012. It has been established to firstly take over a large percentage of responsibilities currently covered by APOMA and volunteers and to provide advice and delegated functions in relation to the effective governance and management of the township. The committee must act in all times in the best interests of the Andamooka community.

The first Andamooka Town Management Committee meeting was held in Port Augusta on Monday 23rd January 2012. The group comprising of two APOMA members (Peter Allen and Stefan Bilka—Rob Hancock was unavailable to attend) and two OCA members (Mark Sutton and Jen Cleary) joined chair Cecilia Woolford to discuss the future of Andamooka. Once formal agenda items were discussed, and it was decided that the ATMC must adopt a **'council like attitude'**, conversation turned to the provision (management) of municipal and

socio-cultural services in Andamooka. The Andamooka Town Management Committee will manage and advocate for hard waste, power, sewerage, air strip (jointly with APOMA), roads, parks and gardens, cemeteries, town hall, municipal buildings, vehicles, Blue dam and Spencer dam, pest control, town planning, library, swimming pool, town services, Native Title, youth and aged services, newsletter and website (jointly with APOMA), stakeholders, strategic planning and tourism. The OCA will continue to manage water supply and street lighting. APOMA will continue to manage the air strip (jointly with ATMC), caravan park and fund raising. All three will contribute to social events in Andamooka.

With these provisions in place, the next step for the ATMC is to create a strategic plan, business plan and budget by 31st March 2012.

It is planned to consult with the Andamooka community with regard to a community levy by July 1 2012. The concept of a levy was well supported at the last two APOMA AGMs ,

The committee will be meeting again on February 14th.



Tuesday, 24 January 2012

TOWN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR ANDAMOOKA

Minister for State/Local Government Relations Russell Wortley and Outback Communities Authority chair Bill McIntosh today announced the Andamooka Town Management Committee has been formed to guide the future growth of this unique community.

Mr Wortley said Andamooka has evolved from a collection of miners searching for opal into a community that supports the mining industry, tourism, local businesses, a school and other services.

“Andamooka has been forced to evolve with changing circumstances and now the way the local community manages its own affairs also needs to adapt as well,” Mr Wortley says.

“A fast growing and diversified population is placing increasing pressure on the volunteers who make up the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association to deliver local management and services.

“The proposed expansion of the Olympic Dam mining project has also created an expectation that the township will attract new residents seeking accommodation and work outside of Roxby Downs.

“To assist the future growth of this regional community, the Outback Communities’ Authority with my full support has established the Andamooka Town Management Committee.”

OCA chair Mr McIntosh says the new committee held its first meeting Monday and resolved to build on the excellent contribution of volunteers and work with APOMA to advance the interests of the town.

“Andamooka is the largest community in the Outback with a population that is keen to determine its own way forward,” Mr McIntosh says.

“The establishment of this management committee ensures there is a capacity to run local affairs without an over reliance on volunteers while maintaining a close relationship with the OCA to address issues such as waste disposal and town maintenance.”

The new committee comprises representatives of the OCA, the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association and will be independently chaired by Cecilia Woolford.

Mr Wortley says one of the pressing tasks of the new management committee will be to draft a proposal for introducing a Community Contribution Scheme by 1 July 2012.

“The contribution scheme will provide a much-needed source of revenue to support the level of management, infrastructure and services required by a regional township in the 21st Century,” he says.

Farewell to Greg Franklin

Andamooka farewells Greg Franklin this month. Greg has been our town maintenance officer for the past three years and youth advisory council officer for a similar period.

His appointment came as a result of the Work for the Dole program in which he participated. He was in fact the first dole recipient to work in Andamooka and the results from his participation in that program highlighted the need for a town maintenance officer. The community were so impressed with his efforts that a town maintenance position was developed and Greg has performed that role ever since.

As part of his youth group responsibilities he spent numerous hours counselling and preparing activities and events. Last year he organised a trip to Woomera, the kids loved bowling and going to the observatory.

He actively helped to organise the go kart derby and gymkhana held last year in collaboration with the October long weekend festivities which included setting the area up, preparing food (donuts in particular) and organising and collecting sponsorship for trophies.

Most recently he has participated in the Trees for Towns program. 1000 local tree and shrub seeds were provided to Andamooka to



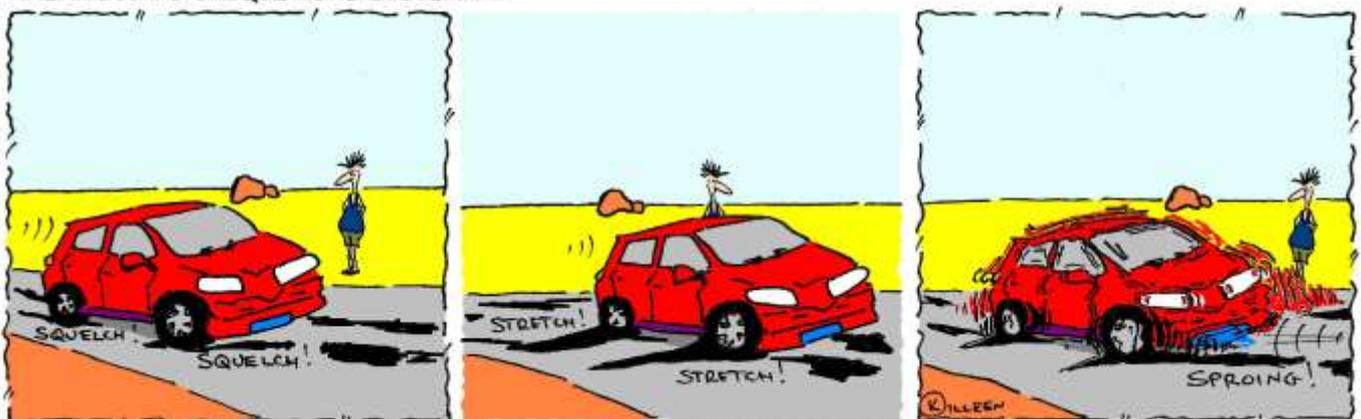
Greg with helpers and 1000 potted seeds.

enhance the look of our community. Greg attended a propagation workshop and with the assistance of some helpful locals, prepared 1000 seeds ready to be raised into healthy plants and shrubs.

Unfortunately Greg had already departed Andamooka so could not accept his Australia Day Andamooka Community Event of the Year award which he received for organising the go kart derby two years in a row with great success and the New Years Eve Splash Party. Greg also won Andamooka Citizen of the Year in 2009.

Greg recently joined the Andamooka CFS and SES. Greg has moved on to Leigh Creek to explore opportunities there.

ANDAMOOKA'S UNIQUE ROAD SYSTEM #2



Grant Success for Andamooka

APOMA have been successful in securing funds for all grants applied for in 2011. The **Premier's Community Initiative Fund** has been our most recent success, securing \$6,900.00 for constructing disabled access ramps into the town hall and public toilets at the playground. Other grant funding includes \$3,000.00 to develop interpretive signage at the old mining machinery display. The project will ensure that the history and heritage of the township is retained for both community members and tourists, \$500.00 from History SA for use of the history group, the Move It! Making Communities Active program has provided \$3,168.00 for the continued running of

the community bus for children's sports in Roxby Downs. We were successful in the Trees for Towns project which provided 1000 seedlings to be planted in Andamooka. We also received a combined \$69,000 from Planning SA and NRM to upgrade the playground area with a new bbq area and skate/bmx area.

In total we have received approximately \$82,5000 grant funding in the last year.

We are currently waiting on one round of grant funding from the Attorney-General's Department for the strategic installation of CCTV security cameras and street lighting. We should hear about this within the next few months.



Mystery pictures

We found this feature in an old Andamooka Newsletter and thought it would be a great idea to collect some short comments and memories for pictures which we currently have no information for. This will help the Andamooka History Group and APOMA's extensive photo archive. So if you recognise the people, place, event or remember any interesting stories behind the photo, please let us know. andamookaprogress@bigpond.com 8672 7152



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Wednesday	8.30 am - 3 pm
Thursday	8.30 am - 5 pm
Friday	8.30 am - 11.30 am

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CATHOLIC MASS

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Participants must be aware that it is a FULL two day's training ie 8.30am – 6.00pm with a short break for lunch. This is because 18 hours training must be successfully completed in order to attain the certificate. We just like people to be aware of this so that they can make the appropriate arrangements.

If these courses are something you would be interested in, please contact APOMA on 8672 7152. We need to secure numbers before we can book in times and dates.

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(from 9th November)**

Time: 9am - 12 midday

Location: Andamooka Community Hall

Visit Kylie and the team at the Roxby Downs Service Centre or call 8671 2555, or call our Member Services Team on 1300 654 321 to make an appointment.



Credit Union and Building Society group

Kind donations to Andamooka

Over the past few months 4 companies have donated time, service and equipment to go towards projects in Andamooka at no charge. Holcim - Axehead Quarry generously donated and delivered concrete for repairing damaged and upgrading graves at the cemetery. Monadelphous constructed and donated a gas bottle cage for the BBQ area at the playground. BOC has donated a box full of safety equipment including gloves, protective glasses, earmuffs, safety vests and even sunblock to assist those working outdoors. Finally, Olympic Dam Transport generously donated their grader, water truck and operators to assist in repairing the air strip which was damaged late last year. Combined, this assistance has saved the community many thousands of dollars. A certificate of appreciation has been presented to these companies.



Digital Satellite VAST update

APOMA have received an update from the digital switchover task force. Applications for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme (SSS) open on 30 January and close on 31 May 2012. Households in Andamooka that access the SSS will have to pay a household contribution of \$220 (this includes everything— satellite dish, box, LMB, card, professional installation and 12 months technical support). A letter about the Satellite Subsidy Scheme will be sent to households in Andamooka in early February. Maximum rate pensioners may be eligible for fur-



ther assistance under the Household Assistance Scheme (HAS). Householders that are eligible for the HAS will also receive a letter from Centrelink. Only households that have not converted are eligible for both schemes.

The VAST system will provide users with channels ABC1, ABC2, ABC3, ABC News 24, SBS ONE, SBS TWO, SBS HD, South Cross Seven (7), 7TWO, 7mate, Imparja (9), GO!, GEM, Ten, One, Eleven and a dedicated news channel.

For more information, look out for the letter in February. Otherwise, please visit www.digitalready.gov.au or call the Digital Ready Information Line 1800 20 10 13

Minutes



APOMA Committee Meeting
8 January 2012 4PM

MINUTES TAKEN	Cass Rowett
PRESENT	Cass Rowett, Peter Allen, Stefan Bilka, Luke Alder, Angela Murphy, Rob Hancock, Dave Spargo, Ray Christensen
1. APOLOGIES	Chris Allen (working), Staffy Heath, Brenton Musolino
2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Read and Accepted Moved: Dave Seconded: Cass
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Governance model: Peter can be up for reelection as chair after AGM. Trevor Peak's resume has been forwarded to Government offices, Lyn Breuer and Minster Wortley for consideration.
5. TREASURERS REPORT	Current total equity: \$107,282.70 Moved: Ray Seconded: Ange
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p><i>General discussion regarding town maintenance issues: Luke to draw up new weekly timesheets. Committee to organise daily jobs.</i></p> <p><i>All donations etc will be awarded with certificate. Alison to create certificates for Holcim and Monodelphous.</i></p> <p><i>Stefan and Dave to erect new pole for windsock at airstrip.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion regarding correspondence from Andrei Budau regarding leasing APOMA land. APOMA are unable to lease this property as it is dedicated land. Access and parking is acceptable. Alison to reply to Andrei.</i></p>
Meeting Concluded at 5:35	

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Father Kev's Thought of the Week!

"The trouble with the rat-race is that, even if you win, you're still a rat."

Lily Tomlin



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