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ATMC Draft Community Plan

Thank you to those who attended the community information sessions regarding the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) Community Plan. The draft plan incorporating the 2012/13 Annual Financial Plan and Budget will be available to the public for consultation until the period closes on 4 May 2012.

These draft documents set out the ATMC's core business activities and priorities for the next three years. If adopted, the plan will result in the introduction of community contributions from land owners for provision of services identified in the plan.

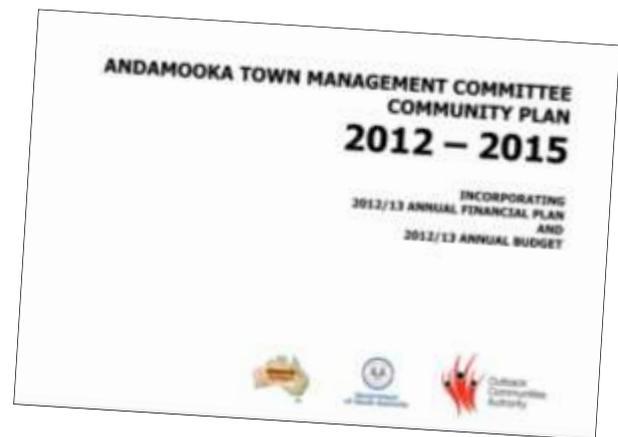
Outback Communities Authority General Manager and ATMC committee member Mark Sutton and Peter Allen, APOMA chair and ATMC member answered questions from the floor regarding the plan. The majority of questions from both sessions were concerning the budget and proposed community contribution scheme.

It is confirmed that revenue of \$250,000 from the Outback Communities Authority and \$45,000 from Transport SA for road maintenance is guaranteed. This is an improvement from the \$70,000 received from the OCA this financial year. The additional \$256,000 as outlined in the budget is from the proposed community contribution scheme.

The budget shows total expenditure matches total revenue as the ATMC is required to have a balanced budget.

The proposed levy will charge each block \$400.00 per annum. Quarterly payments would be available as would hardship allowances. The OCA does not have the authority to provide pensioner rates at this stage.

Allotments with or without a residence will be charged the standard amount of \$400.00. Allotments with two houses will be charged two



units of levy i.e. \$800.00.

It was suggested that vacant blocks should not have to pay the same as developed blocks however these allotments are able to be sold and will continue to increase in value as infrastructure in Andamooka is improved.

The amount businesses will pay will be influenced by a multiplier calculation as outlined in the Community Contribution Scheme, this document is available from the OCA office.

The OCA will collect rates as the 'taxer' and all monies collected from the Andamooka residents must be spent on the community of Andamooka. The OCA will absorb any and all administration costs relating to the levy.

The rate of the levy would not go up annually and for any change to occur Ministerial and community approval would be required other than any increase related to consumer price index.

APOMA will continue to function once the ATMC has begun operations in Andamooka but will manage progress association type activities such as fundraising, historical society, some grant applications etc.

Many attendees questioned BHP's contribution to the town as their employees make up a considerable number of local residents using the services and infrastructure in Andamooka. This matter has already been brought to the

attention of the ATMC via an issues paper and negotiations will begin in the near future.

The sessions were attended by roughly 40 people, both land owners and occupiers.

It was suggested at the meeting that reaching Andamooka residents may be a problem. We are currently publishing a monthly newsletter, placing posters in convenient locations around town, placing advertisements in the Roxby Downs newspapers and posting information on our webpage and Facebook page. It is unfortunate that secrecy provisions deny the ability of Government departments to share certain information and we are aware that a small percentage of land owners have been unable to be

contacted to date.

For those unable to attend the community information sessions, hard copies and feedback forms are available from the APOMA office or can be posted by request by contacting APOMA on 8672 7152 or the OCA office on 1800 640 542 (free call).

For further information about the ATMC, these draft documents are available from the APOMA website www.andamooka.sa.au or the OCA website www.oa.sa.gov.au.

Consultation of the Draft Community Plan, Financial Plan and Budget closes on 4 May 2012. Please provide your comments and feedback to the OCA or APOMA by this date.

Andamooka Australian Citizenship Ceremony

Long time resident Anne Budau has become the first Australian citizen to be naturalised in Andamooka for over 30 years.

Anne has resided in Australia for 10 years after travelling from Oxford, England in 2002. After successfully passing the Australian citizenship test, Anne was advised that she would need to attend a Citizenship Ceremony in Roxby Downs. As a proud Andamooka resident, Anne was eager to be naturalised in her home town and with help from APOMA, she can now call herself an Australian citizen.

The ceremony conducted fulfils legal requirements of the *Australia Citizenship Act 2007* and was conducted under the authority of the Australian Government Minister responsible for citizenship matters. Peter Allen, Chair of the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association has been authorised by Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to perform Australian Citizenship Ceremonies.

The ceremony was attended by Anne's friends and children from the Andamooka Primary School. Morning tea followed at the Community Library. A good time was had by all.



2008



Now & Then

As a regular feature in this newsletter, we will be including before and after photographs of areas around our community which have undergone recent changes and upgrades. The Andamooka Playground and Mining Machinery Museum have both undergone major changes within the past year. New skate and BMX facilities have been included to the playground area along with solar lighting, double gas bbq and public toilet facilities. Funding for these upgrades was received via grant programs through the South Australian Government. The development was officially opened by Minister Wortley on 20 March 2012. The mining machinery received a fresh coat of paint last year which was kindly donated by Sandvik. APOMA are currently working towards erecting informative signage for the museum. Grant funding of \$3,000 was received via the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal. Signage will be completed this year.

2012




Active- After School Activities



Healthy afternoon snack provided!

Term 2 2012



Activities will include:-
Dance, Netball and Aussie Rules Football!!!!

Coaching sessions starts Monday 30th April 2012!

Time: 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
at the School Community Courts

All children are welcome between 5 and 12 years old.





Youth @ Your Library

"Priority Youth Time"

Monday & Thursday Nights

3 pm to 5 pm

At the
Andamooka School Community Library

Ages: 10 to 18 year olds

Come along and join in the fun!!



Please contact Angela or Jodie at the school on 08 86 727 018 for more information!





Roger The Roving Vet

Will be consulting in Andamooka based at the
Andamooka Health Service
facilities on the following dates in 2012

CLINIC 1: 30th April 2012

(will continue to 1 May (am) if sufficient bookings)

This trip's Special: Male cat desexing, normally \$70;
reduced to \$50 for this trip only.

Bookings essential.

CLINIC 2: 15th October 2012

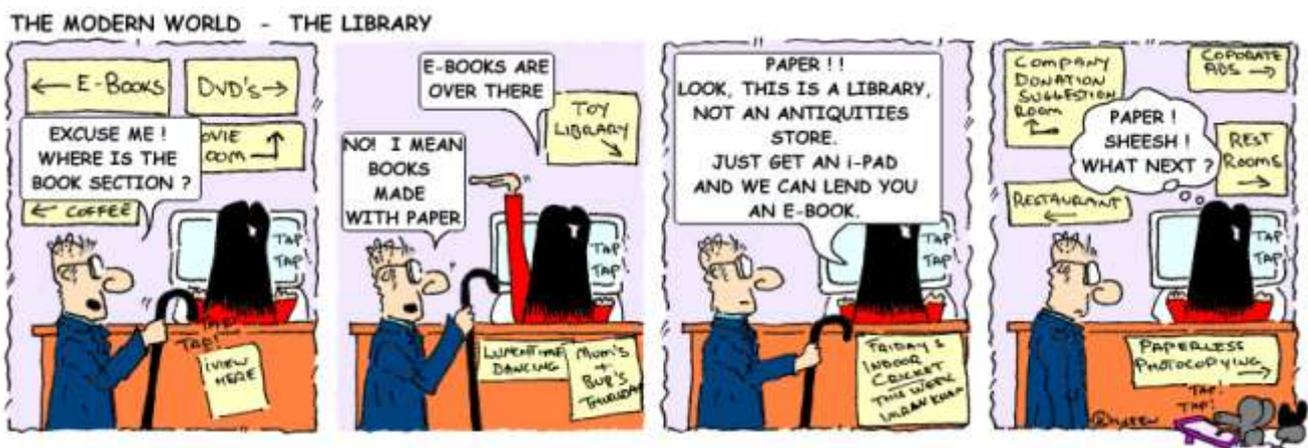
(will continue to 16th (am) if sufficient bookings)

Special will be advertised prior to the clinic.

Please phone Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding 08 86423308 for an appointment
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Thursday evening: 6pm-8pm Saturday: 8.30am-11am

As a 2012 special for Andamooka clients only, Roger will offer 10% discount
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'A Helping Hand, The Aussie Way'

This year's regional Yellow Pages under the theme *A Helping Hand, The Aussie Way*, recognises Peter Allen for his voluntary work as chairperson of the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association and committee member of the Andamooka Town Management Committee.

The inside cover reads 'Peter Allen has been the 'unofficial mayor' and volunteer council worker of Andamooka since 2007, when he stepped up to run the town which has no council. Peter's responsibilities grow as the population increases. With the support of the Andamooka Progress Association, Peter managed an annual community fund of \$250,000 that is raised primarily through fundraising and grants'.

Peter is particularly happy that Andamooka and the historical cottages will receive good publicity throughout the state.



Hon Lyn Breuer MP

Member for Giles

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Andamooka
Primary
School



Andamooka
Children's
Centre
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Andamooka School Community Library Opening Hours

Monday	8.30 am - 5 pm Ⓢ3.45 pm - 5 pm Priority Youth Time
Tuesday	8.30 am - 3 pm
Wednesday	8.30 am - 2.30 pm
Thursday	8.30 am - 5 pm Ⓢ3.45 pm - 5 pm Priority Youth Time
*Friday	Closed for general borrowing *Study Time Users Only by appointment. See Anne at front office to book!



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20th June, 11th July, 25th July

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Andamooka Reunion Success

The Andamooka reunion organised by Sammy Barclay (nee Greagen) ran over the Easter long weekend with past and present residents attended events held over the three days.

The APOMA Good Friday Easter barbeque was attended by well over 150 people and provided everyone the chance to catch up with people they may not have seen for a while. Saturday night saw everyone venture to the Tuckabox for a delicious dinner and great entertainment by Jack McGuire. The following morning the Hospital Auxiliary hosted morning tea followed by a sausage sizzle organised by Kristi Jackson and the Girl Guides.

A special thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend memorable.

Photographs by Caroline Christensen.



B I G S K Y

banking where members benefit

Big Sky Visitation

Big Sky has been a part of the Roxby Downs Community for 5 years providing Banking, Financial Planning and Insurance as well as community support.

We are extending our services to the people of Andamooka for convenient, easy banking on a regular basis.

- Personal Loans
- Mortgage and Investment loans
- Savings accounts
- Investment accounts
- Credit Cards
- Financial Planning
- General Insurance products & more.

**Date (Fortnightly): Wednesday
(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.



Dr Owen Lewis

MBBS DCH DRCOG DA FRACGP GDPHC

Clinics held most weeks on Tuesdays 10am – 12.30pm,

Andamooka Duke's Bottlehouse Motel

Appointments: please ring Roxby Downs Medical
Practice - 86711900

ANZAC Day Service

The ANZAC Day service this year was attended by well over 60 people, a great turn out! Thank you to the Hospital Auxiliary for hosting morning tea. Photographs by Caroline Christensen



QUIZ NIGHT ? ? ?

Andamooka Community Hall

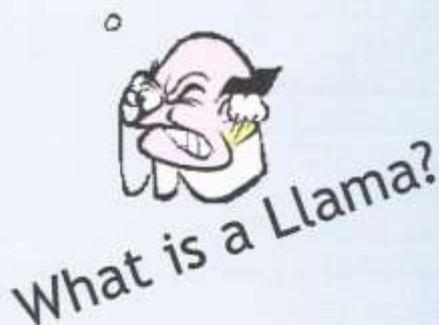
Saturday, May 5th

7.30 pm



Maximum teams of 6

\$5.00 for each team member



BYO drinks & nibbles

Tea & coffee available

Gold coin donation

Proceeds to

Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary

to aid the

Andamooka Clinic



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.



Australian Government



Satellite Subsidy applications close on 31 May 2012

Don't delay, apply now!

Skybridge are now in your area installing satellite TV equipment into the homes of people who have successfully applied for the Government's Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

If you think you might be eligible call **1800 20 10 13** to apply to have the satellite service installed in your home.

What do I get if I'm eligible?

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme offers subsidised installation of satellite TV equipment for eligible households. You will only be eligible for the subsidy if your local TV tower is not being upgraded to digital. Households that used to get their TV signal from a tower not being upgraded are eligible for assistance to move to the Government's Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

VAST will show the following 17 digital channels: ABC1, ABC2, ABC3, ABC News 24, SBS ONE, SBS TWO, SBS HD, Southern Cross Seven, 7TWO, 7mate, Imparja Nine, GO!, GEM, Ten, One, Eleven and a dedicated news channel.

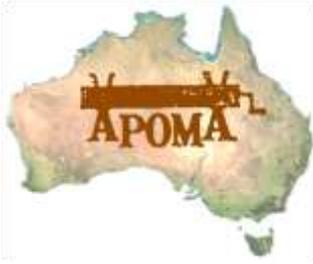
Once VAST is installed there are no ongoing fees or charges to access the VAST service.

Don't wait, apply now to watch 17 free-to-air digital channels!

Call the Digital Ready Information Line on **1800 20 10 13** or visit www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy to apply.



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Stay updated with APOMA and ATMC news as well as upcoming events!



Come and have some fun with good company each Friday morning. Scrabble starts at 11am at the CWA rooms! Everyone is welcome, hope to see you there!

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Looking to sell or buy? Classifieds in the Andamooka Press are free to Andamooka residents. Contact 8672 7152 or andamookaprogress@bigpond.com

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