

The Andamooka Press

Andamooka moving forward in 2012

December has proved to be a busy time for the APOMA committee with many positive outcomes for Andamooka.

On the 8th of December, the Standing Committee on Regional Australia visited Andamooka to discuss the impacts of Fly in, Fly out (FIFO) /Drive in, Drive out (DIDO) practices. The 7 committee members met with Peter, Rob and Cass of APOMA to discuss general impacts of FIFOs and DIDOs and the impacts already impacting Andamooka since the Olympic Dam expansion was announced, e.g. increase of caravans/buses on single properties, increased use of rubbish dump, building approvals for single men quarters, damage to the airstrip etc. The group was gobsmacked that State Government has allowed Andamooka to slip through the cracks. Tony Windsor, Chair, mentioned that it should not be difficult for Federal Government **to send \$1 million or 2 Andamooka's way every year or so** to assist with development of infrastructure. We will be following him up on this.

The following day Honourable Russell Wortley, Minister of State and Local Government Relations visited Andamooka with Mick Petrovski and team, Lyn Breuer was also present. The purpose of their visit was to discuss the proposal of a professional management commit-

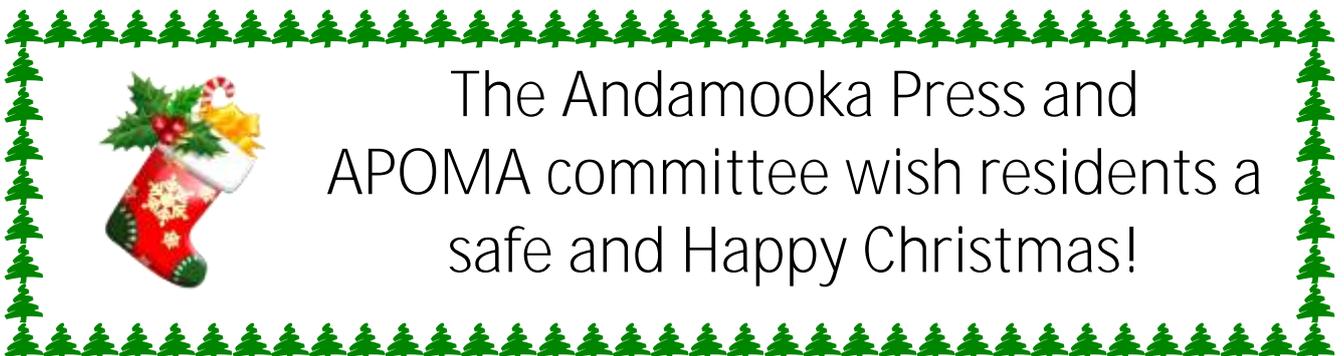
tee as discussed at the APOMA AGM and numerous times in the newsletter. The Minister agreed that the committee is the only way to professionally manage Andamooka without relying on volunteers. The committee will look at Andamooka issues as if it was a council and take over a large percentage of responsibilities currently covered by APOMA.

The OCA, who were present at the meeting also have created the Terms of Reference for the committee who will be delegated authority under a section of the Outback Communities Authority Act.

The Andamooka Management Committee's top priorities once established will need to be setting up a community levy and look into town water/waste water reticulation. APOMA have taken the first steps in providing GHD preliminary documents for an assessment.

2012 looks to be an exciting year for Andamooka with many positive outcomes on the horizon. We hope the community will continue to provide feedback to APOMA to enable us to improve your town.

The Andamooka Press would like to thank all volunteers for your hard work during the year, your efforts have made Andamooka a better place.



The Andamooka Press and
APOMA committee wish residents a
safe and Happy Christmas!

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Editorial

As we approach the end of the year, it is probably worth reflecting on the achievements of APOMA during the past twelve months and perhaps consider what may be in store for our community moving into 2012.

What have we achieved?

- Major upgrade to town park and memorial
- Significant new plantings of trees and bushes.
- Continued pest and weed control
- Major town playground upgrade which includes a stand alone solar power supply, strategic lighting for various areas of the playground, BBQ area and toilet installation. The project will be completed by 31st December.
- Finalise negotiations for a long time lease on Caravan Park, development will begin in January 2012.
- We have successfully applied for 6 grants totalling \$90,000.
- Jointly hosted a community forum to discuss impacts of the Olympic Dam expansion.
- Represented the community in opposition to power price increases earlier in the year.
- Maintained our opposition to the introduction of gaming machines in Andamooka.

2012 and beyond

We already are starting to see a flow on effect of Olympic Dam expansion announcements. We hope to finalise the establishment of the Andamooka Managing Committee made up of two APOMA members, two OCA members and one impartial fifth member to act as an independent chair. The committee will need to be resourced in a manner that will enable them to take over a vast percentage of duties currently managed by APOMA. It is planned to develop a community levy for introduction on 1st July 2012, which will result in a much improved funding package from State Government to manage Andamooka and the community in the future.

Thank you for your support over the last year, wishing all residents a Happy Christmas and a safe, prosperous and exciting new year.



Peter Allen

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(from 9th November)**

Time: 9am - 12 midday

Location: Andamooka Community Hall

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Father Kev's Thought of the Week!

"Make a point of connecting with someone new every day. And re-acquaint yourself with anyone you have not spoken to for some time by going through your address book."

"Your Personal Survival Guide To The 21st Century" by Roy Sheppard (1998)

Satellite Subsidy Scheme



Australian Government

Analog TV signals will be gradually phased out across the country between 2010 and 2013 and Australian TV will become digital-only.

To access digital TV, some towns in regional and remote Australia will need to switch to the new Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

Which channels will be on the new VAST service?

The VAST service will show the following 17 digital channels: ABC1, ABC2, ABC3, ABC News 24, SBS ONE, SBS TWO, SBS HD, Southern Cross Seven (7), 7TWO, 7mate, Imparja (9), GO!, GEM, Ten, One, Eleven and a dedicated local news channel.

To access the satellite service, households will need satellite TV equipment including a satellite dish and a set-top box that is 'VAST certified'.

What is the Satellite Subsidy Scheme?

Households in regional and remote areas that currently rely on TV reception from a local analog self-help tower, which is not being converted to digital, may be eligible for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme.

Under the Satellite Subsidy Scheme, the Australian Government will subsidise the installation of satellite TV equipment (a VAST set-top box and satellite dish) in eligible households.

The subsidy will be rolled out progressively across Australia. Households will receive a letter inviting them to apply for the subsidy when it opens in their area.

How much is the subsidy?

The subsidy will range depending on where you live.

The subsidy will not be paid as cash to households and households will not be reimbursed if they have already installed satellite TV equipment.

Subsidised installation of VAST satellite TV equipment in households will be completed by qualified installers contracted by the

Australian Government and who have experience in satellite dish installation.

The government will pay the subsidy directly to the contractor and the amount will be deducted from the total cost of the installation.

The subsidy is limited to one per eligible dwelling.

Satellite Subsidy Scheme

Will I have to pay anything?

Yes, you will incur some cost to convert to digital TV. Eligible households that receive the VAST installation package will have to contribute to the cost of installation, payable directly to the contractor on the day of installation.

This is a one-off cost and there are no ongoing fees to receive the VAST service

If you receive the full rate of one of the following payments: Age Pension; Disability Support Pension; Carer Payment; Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Service Pension or the DVA Income Support Supplement, please call Centrelink on **1800 556 443** as you may be eligible for further assistance.

Who is eligible?

Only certain areas across regional and remote Australia are eligible for the Satellite Subsidy Scheme. To be eligible:

- the area you live in must be identified as relying on TV reception from an analog self-help retransmission tower that will not be converted to digital
- you must be the owner, landlord or tenant of the dwelling where the equipment is to

be installed and be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia aged 18 years or over

- the dwelling where the equipment is to be installed must be a self-contained residential dwelling, at a distinct address.

Commercial dwellings are not eligible for the subsidy.

How can I apply?

Step 1

Check your eligibility and apply online by visiting the Digital Ready website at www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy or calling the Digital Information Line on **1800 20 10 13**.

Step 2

If you have applied and are eligible, you will be sent a letter from the Digital Switchover Taskforce with details about how your installation will be arranged.

Step 3

A representative from the government contracted installer will contact you by phone or letter to arrange an installation time.

Step 4

The VAST TV equipment will be installed. On the day of installation, you pay the government contracted installer the household contribution amount.

The Last

Andamooka Police Report

There has been a lot of rumour in the past months leading up to Christmas regarding me and my family leaving Andamooka and vacating the OC role at Andamooka Police Station. I can now confirm that this is true and I shall probably be making a formal move sometime in February 2012. The experiences that my family and I have had in Andamooka have been mostly positive. I can honestly say that I have learnt a lot in my time here, and that a handful of people have turned me into a better Police Officer, and this isn't only directed at the 'good seeds' in the community. Coming home to my hometown wasn't going to be an easy task, especially when it came to cautioning, expiating, reporting or even arresting those that I went to school with or grew up around. It is an experience that I wouldn't necessarily recommend to anyone else due to the 'conflict of interest' that regularly presented itself to me...

However, as previously mentioned, I have become a better Officer because of it. There is a handful of people in the community that have dealt with me on a regular - and negative - basis, but I truly feel that these individuals have become better people also, and certainly not as a direct result of my involvement. You know who you are and I wish you all the best. Andamooka has a bright future ahead of it and I am saddened that it is changing, but this change is inevitable and necessary. I can see this community becoming an even greater place to live in and work.

I have many people to thank for their support and encouragement during my tenure. In no specific order, I would like to acknowledge them specifically.

- Greg FRANKLIN : for keeping the younger men of our community under your wing. People may say you're a rough diamond mate - and you are - I wouldn't change that for the world. You do a great job!
- Peter ALLEN and staff : for the severely underappreciated role you play in our community. An intensely difficult task which you have pulled off... you have made many positive changes to our town and I feel these will be the cornerstone of the Andamooka of the future. Well done - Andy and Co too!
- Ange TURNER and the fantastic staff at the Andamooka School : you have provided our children with a positive and encouraging learning environment which they have totally enjoyed. If it wasn't for the dedication and commitment made by you and your staff, the time spent here by my wife and I would have been all the more challenging! Thankyou...
- Sergeant Stuart PAXTON : whilst you are not in Roxby anymore, you were aware of the issues facing any small town Cop. I was fortunate enough to be supervised by a Sergeant that not only encouraged me in my role and kicked me in the pants when I needed it, but had the trust in me to apply my ideas and adopt a Policing role that suited Andamooka specifically.
- My parents : for being there. I am sure you would at some stage bore the brunt of criticisms aimed at me and I thank you for your patience and support.
- Ray : for giving me a place to hang out and vent when I needed it... ta mate.
- Jim and Rob : for not always conforming!
- The Gambrels : for your wonderful friendship.

To my wife Leisha : for being my first and foremost confidant and supporter and for putting up with all the negativities that MY role has brought upon you!

There are MANY people that I have been unable to list - you know who you are. I will be around for the next couple of months - but not necessarily in a working role. That much being said - I am, and probably always will be, a Police Officer... if I see someone doing something stupid - you can guarantee I will pull you up on it... I'm big enough and ugly enough to do that :)

Until my replacement arrives 'on scene', I would encourage all community members to remember that SA Police are not mind readers. If you see something or hear something, please call 131444 or 000.

Ciao

Bomber

Paul CLIFFORD
Brevet Sergeant
O/C Andamooka Police Station

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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APOMA Committee Meeting 11 December 2011 2PM

MINUTES TAKEN	Cass Rowett, Peter Allen
PRESENT	Peter Allen, Cass Rowett, Rob Hancock, Alan Heath, Brenton Musolino, Ray Christensen, Dave Spargo, Stefan Bilka, Ange Murphy
1. APOLOGIES	Chris Allen, Luke Alder (both working)
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Read and Accepted Moved: Stefan Seconded: Cass All in Favour
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Chris Allen accepted as assistant treasurer.
5. TREASURERS REPORT	Not presented
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p><i>General discussion regarding historical society. All agree to provide \$1,000 to group for equipment, memberships etc. Moved: Stefan Seconded: Ray All in favour</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding Fly in, Fly out RDAFN visit to Andamooka. Peter met with 7 members of committee and gave tour of town. Rob and Cass joined meeting afterwards. Group cannot understand why State Government is not providing more assistance to Andamooka.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding Minister Wortley's visit. Discussion regarding future governance model of Andamooka – Management committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stefan suggests Peter should be on management committee but not remain as chair of APOMA.</i> • <i>Rob suggests Peter step down as chair by June 30th 2012. Moved: Cass Seconded: Brenton All in favour</i> • <i>Cass suggests Rob to be on management committee. Moved: Cass Seconded: Brenton All in favour</i> <p><i>Terms of reference – Andamooka Management Committee. Moved: Rob Seconded: Dave All in favour.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding difficulty in nominating a deputy in advance. Deputy should be nominated when required.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding town maintenance issues. Peter suggests water to be delivered by carters. Rob suggests a 'tool box' meeting with Greg. All in favour – meeting Saturday 17th 10AM.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding appointment of Trevor Peak as administrator needs to be discussed with management committee.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding Alison Henderson's hours, needs to be discussed with management committee.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding airstrip. It has now been closed.</i></p>
Meeting Concluded at 3.20PM	



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