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## APOMA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to residents who attended the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners (APOMA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 20 September. Over 60 community members attended, one of the best turn outs in many years.

There was discussion regarding the 2011 AGM minutes which contained information regarding the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS). At this AGM, the CCS had not been introduced nor had policies or procedures been put into place, therefore some of the meetings minutes can be deemed as incorrect.

Once the 2011 minutes had been accepted, the Chairman shared with the audience what APOMA has achieved this past financial year. This includes securing over \$50,000 worth of grant funding for projects within our town. The Chair declared that he would be tendering his resignation at the completion of the meeting after advocating and supporting Andamooka for 10% of his adult life.

APOMA committee members up for election—Dave Spargo, Ray Christensen, Stefan Bilka and Rob Hancock were all re-elected.

During general business discussions, it was voted that the APOMA membership subscription would be \$5 per member. The Chair reiterated

that APOMA membership gives members a chance to have a say on what happens in our community and voting rights at any AGM.

Voting was as follows:

*For: 24*

*Against: 15*

*That the APOMA membership subscription be \$5 per person per annum.*

APOMA membership renewal for 2012/2013 is due now. **Please see page 7 for more information.**

It was requested that APOMA investigate the viability of opening a community club. A community club is a facility run by the community for the community. It would have the ability to serve food and drink and provide a comfortable social setting for the community.

APOMA will look further into the viability of a community club and contact APOMA members regarding research outcomes. Voting was as follows:

*For: 22*

*Against: 7*

*To investigate the viability of opening a community club in Andamooka.*

Full APOMA AGM minutes can be viewed on page 2-4.

The Andamooka Community Contribution Scheme can be paid at the ATMC office on Tuesday—Fridays 9am—3pm. The office has facilities to accept cash or cheque only.

The next quarterly payment of \$100.00 is due

**30 December 2012.**



# Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc

*"Preserving our past and  
planning for our future"*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**20 September 2012**

**Andamooka Town Hall**

**7:00PM**

Meeting Opened	7:25PM
Minutes Taken	Cass Rowett, Alison Henderson
Present	S & D Bilka, P Allen, U Kahn, D Spargo, S & M Kerstan, M Dal Grande, D Allen, J Munchenberg, M & P Clifford, R Hancock, R Webb, B Christensen, K Christensen, P Hanson, R Christensen, B McFarlane, V & A Harrison, J & B West, L Christensen, Ron Brine, L & R Barany, D Spargo, S Papp, E Modei, A & D Ziberna, J & B Rogers, M Gillings, S Groeschel, K King, R Pfitzner, A Henderson, J Lawrie, R Dally, M England, A Allen, S Hobbs, P Killeen, T White, C Powell, D Gillings, H Gillings, G Dobie, R Russell, T Rigden, Peggy Tuip, C Guidolin, B Addington, R Collins, A Budau, M Duke, P Uhlik, A Heath, B Musolino, C Rowett
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Read and accepted Moved: J Munchenberg    Seconded: B Addington
Business arising from previous minutes	<p>B McFarlane queried as to why an AGM had not been called prior to the ATMC Community Contribution Scheme (CCS). The Chair declared that there would not be a debate on the issue.</p> <p>P Hanson queried as to why APOMA membership was not available on the night of the AGM. The Chair referred to the APOMA constitution that states no member shall be able to vote or stand for election until one month after the date on which their application for membership is received. Therefore making new applicants on the night unable to vote.</p> <p>B Addington queried comments made by OCA General Manager Mark Sutton regarding contiguous blocks and the Community Contribution Scheme. The Chair advised that these were the initial thoughts and plans regarding contiguous blocks, these proved to be incorrect.</p>

	<p>P Killeen queried comments made regarding that it was hoped that members of the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) would be elected by the community. The Chair confirmed that this option was favoured by the committee but Minister Wortley requested two APOMA members, two OCA members and one independent chair. APOMA was able to select the independent chair. The Treasurer explained that the ATMC was established to operate until the end of 2012 financial year. It will then go to Minister Wortley with a structure that the community is happy with. This has the possibility to include community elected mem-</p>
Chairpersons Report	<p>The Chair outlined numerous tasks and activities that APOMA have undertaken over the financial year. He thanked volunteers for their hard work maintaining the parks and gardens and those who have helped with other various projects. He also thanked local members, Lyn Breuer, Rowan Ramsey and The Hon Minister Wortley. The Chair declared he would tender for his resignation at the following APOMA committee meeting. He will remain on the committee.</p>
Treasurers Report	<p>The Treasurer tabled the 2011/2012 audited financial documents.</p> <p>The Treasurer discussed the 2011/2012 balance sheet and confirmed he is available after the meeting to answer any questions.</p> <p>Moved: C Powell    Seconded: D Bilka All in favour</p>
Committee Elections	<p>All APOMA committee members up for election have been reelected as there were no applications for committee membership from the general community.</p> <p>Dave Spargo Ray Christensen Stefan Bilka</p>
General Business	<p>The Chair advised that the committee has varied ideas regarding future APOMA membership fees now that the community is contributing via the Community Contribution Scheme.</p> <p>S Bilka moved a motion of \$5 per member subscription per annum.</p> <p>Seconded by R Dally</p> <p>J Rogers moved a motion that all property owners automatically become members at no cost.</p> <p>Seconded by R Brine</p> <p>The Chair dealt with the first motion and the result was 24 for 15 against. Carried.</p> <p>The second motion was allowed to lapse as it would have been in competition with the first motion that was carried.</p>

	<p>The Chair referred to local council rules that states membership is available for tenants of 3 months and over.</p> <p>The Chair reiterated that APOMA membership gives members a chance to have a say on what happens in our community. APOMA have the opportunity to influence the ATMC.</p> <p><b>Votes for: 24</b>  <b>Votes against: 15</b>  <i>That the APOMA membership subscription be \$5 per person per annum.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p>B Addington requested that the APOMA committee investigate viability of operating a community club.</p> <p><b>Votes for: 22</b>  <b>Votes against: 7</b>  <i>To investigate the viability of opening a community club in Andamooka</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> <p>The Chair explained that a community club is a facility run by the community for the community. It is a not for profit establishment which will provide meals and drinks and a place to socialize.</p> <p>C Christensen queried who will be running/maintaining the club. The Chair explained that any income from food or drink will be used to pay wages, maintain upkeep etc. Any other profits will be spent on the community.</p> <p><b>Votes for: 14</b>  <b>Votes against: 14</b>  <i>To open a community club in Andamooka</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Not carried</b></p> <p>APOMA will contact members regarding research outcomes and allow members to decide on final decision.</p> <p>P Tuip enquired what is going to be done regarding the dust bowl (Hiltaba camp location). The Treasurer confirmed that the ATMC Chair is meeting with BHP Billiton to discuss future options.</p>
Meeting Closed	8:15PM

**Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 June 2012**

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
Paid Up Capital		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,400,467	2,400,467
General Reserve	152,530	152,529
Accumulated Loss	(167,144)	(89,059)
<b>TOTAL SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	<b>2,385,853</b>	<b>2,463,937</b>
Represented By:		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Big Sky Cheque Account-S10	25,914	105,204
Big Sky Account-S1	2,711	-
Big Sky Dr Card	16,147	-
Bonus Saver - I10	125,000	-
Trade Debtors	9,262	14,864
Provision for GST	-	6,205
	179,034	126,273
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Buildings & Structures	2,200,633	2,188,500
Less Accumulated Depreciation	63,889	31,841
	2,136,744	2,156,659
Plant & Equipment	292,919	265,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation	78,525	40,625
	214,394	224,375
	<b>2,351,138</b>	<b>2,381,034</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,530,172</b>	<b>2,507,307</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Big Sky Account-S1	-	434
Big Sky Dr Card	-	130
Trade Creditors	1,783	10,180
Unspent Nat'L Resource Grant	-	745
Unspent Parklands Grant	-	912
Unspent Town Hall Grant	2,573	-
Unspent Drilling Grant	-	2,981
Unspent Community Bus Profits	11,106	11,398
Unspent Federal Volunteers Grant	-	1,100
Unspent State, Sport & Rec Grant	-	4,435
Unspent Youth Group Funds	-	560
Unspent NRM Cat Control Grant	1,462	8,480
Unspent Aged Care Facility	-	1,015
Unspent CCTV Project	14,750	1,000
Unspent FRRR Signage mach display	3,000	-
Unspent Move It Bus Grant	2,080	-
Unspent ATMC Office Fund	100,000	-
Provision for GST	7,565	-
	144,319	43,370
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>144,319</b>	<b>43,370</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,385,853</b>	<b>2,463,937</b>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*

# APOMA Update

As determined at APOMA meeting 20 September 2012, the current committee members are:

Stefan Bilka—Chair

Alan Heath—Deputy Chair

Cass Rowett—Secretary

Rob Hancock—Treasurer

Brenton Musolino

Peter Allen

Ray Christensen

Luke Alder

Dave Spargo

Chris Allen

Ange Murphy

A General meeting will be advertised before the end of October.

Please note that APOMA is no way affiliated with the Andamooka Town Management Committee. APOMA has an influence on the way our town is managed, but the ATMC have the final say.

APOMA is here to represent APOMA financial members . Membership of \$5.00 per member is



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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**

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# APOMA Membership 2012—2013

## Membership renewals are now due for 2012-2013.

By joining your Community Organisation, you ensure that your concerns will be listened to and acted upon. You can contact APOMA at any time.

As a member of APOMA you will have voting rights at meetings regarding the future of our town and entitlements to free barbeque meals at four annual functions.

As resolved at the recent Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners (APOMA) Annual General Meeting, the annual membership subscription will be \$5.00 per member.

Membership fees can be paid at the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC)

office, Tuesday-Friday during business hours. Your membership card will be mailed to you shortly after payment.



APOMA is using a database that has been updated over many years. Some of the data is incorrect. If your details have recently changed, please advise APOMA on the form below so that the database can be updated and you will not miss out on any future correspondence from both APOMA and the Andamooka Town Management Committee.

**Please remember, we can't contact you if we do not have your details.**

Please detach and return with you APOMA membership payment:

PO Box 246, Andamooka SA 5722

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive APOMA/ATMC updates via post or email?

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**Dr Roger Absalom, Veterinary Surgeon  
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**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.





# Youth @ Your Library


## "Priority Youth Time"

Monday & Thursday  
Nights  
3 pm to 5 pm

At the  
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Ages: 10 to 18 year olds  
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**If you did not receive the below correspondence from the Andamooka Town Management Committee. Please update your contact details with the Andamooka office. You can use the form on page 7.**

26 September 2012

Dear Andamooka Resident,

This is my second letter to the community since I began working as your Community Administrator. My first letter was delivered via letter box drop at the Andamooka post office and it has become apparent there is a short fall using this method so for that, I apologise if you missed out. If you did not receive the first letter and you would like to read it, a copy can be requested in person at the ATMC office, via the email address [admin@atmc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@atmc.sa.gov.au) or by phoning 08 86 727 246. Alternatively, APOMA have very kindly added it to their website and also have a copy on their Facebook page.

I understand the people of Andamooka want to be kept well informed about what is going on in their community. To satisfy that interest, I will endeavour to provide regular updates regarding the operational activities being undertaken by the ATMC Office. To improve my chances of reaching all community members, I asked for and received approval to use APOMA's address database which has been developed over many years. To ensure all of the community continue to remain informed, the database has to be kept up to date so if you become aware that these letters are not being delivered to your current address, please notify the ATMC Office of your correct contact details. If you are aware of someone not receiving these letters, please help them out and provide the ATMC Office details to them. I cannot keep everyone up to date if I cannot reach them. We are able to deliver electronic and hard copy versions. Obviously, electronic letters will decrease the administration cost of keeping the community informed.

Now to what has been going on. The entire roof on the Community Hall has been refixed in the last fortnight. A significant number of screws were either loose or



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missing which meant there was a genuine risk of losing all or part of the roof during the forthcoming windy season. I intend on targeting other significant community assets such as The Cottages and parks for ongoing preventative maintenance similar to what has been carried out on the Hall. Please feel free to pass on any concerns or issues you may identify around our town.

The construction of shelters for dogs found wondering at large or behaving in a manner that causes a public nuisance has begun. The shelters are being erected at the Depot located next to the Telstra building in the main street. I genuinely encourage anyone who owns a dog to use this time to take control of your pet if the animal regularly runs free or creates a general nuisance to the public. The ideal situation is that the shelters get very little or even better, no use because we have a town of responsible dog owners. The dog management policy is not being used to annoy or make life difficult for a few. It is being utilised to benefit and make life more enjoyable for the majority.

All materials required for the initial establishment of the Community Garden have been sourced locally and a variety of seedlings purchased. The garden uses a very simple hydroponics setup of PVC pipes and is located on the fence between the Community Hall and IGA. It will be made available to all ages and there is plenty of room for expansion should the community wish to develop it further.

A quarterly roadside hard waste pick up will begin in the next couple of months. Please note that this will only be for hard waste and is not a pick up service for household rubbish. The hard waste pick up will offer residents assistance in relocating loose materials such as corrugated iron to the rubbish tip; it will remove traffic and pedestrian hazards caused by materials stored outside private property boundaries which are adjacent to town roads and, it will clear road edges for the contractor whose job it will be to maintain the roads. I will send an advisory letter to the community at least four weeks prior to the pick up service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb Allen', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Deb Allen**

**Community Administrator**

Office for the Andamooka Town Management Committee



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**8672 7246 admin@atmc.sa.gov.au**

**New Office Hours: Monday: Closed**

**Tuesday—Friday: 9am-12pm 1pm-3pm**