



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

APOMA General Meeting

MINUTES

APPROVED 30 May 2024

MINUTES:	APOMA Committee Meeting 2 May 2025 5:40PM
	Andamooka Community Hall & Zoom
In attendance:	David Simons via Zoom Donna Waters Peter Sach Rodney Mitchell Lara Lukich Guest: Katalin Wilby, Public Officer & ACHWAG representative Richard Hawkins, Maintenance Officer
Apologies:	Corrie Ferguson, John Smirnios, Gill Rowley, Alison Smoker
Absent:	Richard Clifford
Minutes taken:	Alison Alder, Administration Assistant

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>1.1 Deputy Chair Donna Waters welcomed APOMA committee members to the meeting</p> <p>1.2 Quorum confirmed</p> <p>1.3 No declarations of interest declared</p> <p>1.4 Welcome to guest Katalin Wilby</p>	
2	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>2.1 The previous meeting minutes were presented and discussed.</p> <p>Motion: The minutes of the APOMA Committee meeting held on 21 March 2024 be accepted as true and correct.</p> <p>Moved: R Mitchell Seconded: P Sach</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p>2.2 Business arising</p> <p>Nil</p>	
3	Financial Report	

	Deferred to next meeting.	
4	Correspondence	
	4.1 RV Friendly Town Audit 2024 Audit complete and details updated Reviewed and office to ensure contact details are correct and up to date.	
	4.2 Dump Sign The OCA will assist with town signage, including the dump. The committee requests additional signage for public toilets, campground, Dine-a-Mite café, and the lapidary club. It was suggested to incorporate local artists to add a unique flair and support the artistic community. Motion: The committee has resolved that the mentioned signs will be undertaken as a matter of priority and authorize the town office to contact OCA to expedite the process. Passed: R Mitchell Seconded: D Waters All in favour	
	4.3 Leigh Creek Resource Recovery Centre Invitation reviewed and noted.	
	4.4 Woomera Demolish and Replace - March 2024 Project Update Woomera RAAF Base has offered to donate a modern aircraft hangar to Andamooka for use as a men's shed or other purposes. D Simons and community members have reviewed the structure, previously used for firefighting tests. The donation includes dismantling and delivery, with additional equipment available. The committee is interested in this opportunity to strengthen ties with Woomera. R Hawkins noted the project's complexity and potential for repurposing materials. APOMA will discuss storage and logistics with the community and expressed gratitude to Woomera for their support.	
	4.5 Group Rehabilitation - Community Church The RFDS requested to use the Community Church for rehabilitation classes but preferred the Rec Centre gym upon inspection. They are insured and offer training to the local fitness group. The APOMA committee unanimously supports their use of these facilities.	
	4.6 Regional directory advertisements Advertisements reviewed. Thank you G Rowley for meeting deadlines to have these published in the Regional Directory.	
	4.7 Rehabilitation exercise proposal As discussed at 4.5.	
	4.8 Members updates and advice re May community forum Committee Members confirmed receiving this via email.	

	<p>4.9 OCA - draft 2024-25 Business Plan & Budget and Community Contribution Scheme Policy & Procedures Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.10 Wildlife Management (Controller) permit Community member W Dries is facilitating the training.</p>	
	<p>4.11 Complete Personnel Activity Licence Deed R Hawkins is taking appropriate actions.</p>	
	<p>4.12 RFDS Community Kitchen and cooking classes The RFDS will hold cooking classes with a dietician, utilizing the community kitchen. The committee is pleased that the kitchen will be used for this purpose, and meals prepared during these classes will be distributed to community members in need.</p>	
	<p>4.13 OCA Strategic Blueprint (draft) Consultation Deferred and to be discussed at focus meeting prior to OCA community meeting. R Hawkins to forward relevant documents to the committee.</p>	
	<p>4.14 Draft Crown Land Management Regulations 2024 The Andamooka Opal Field boundary encompasses the designated area, with everything outside it classified as Crown Land. The Draft Crown Land Management Regulations 2024 will be circulated to the Andamooka community through regular communication channels.</p>	
	<p>4.15 FJ Shoebridge R Hawkins to respond to RJ Shoebridge. Offline discussion due to sensitive content.</p>	
	<p>4.16 OCA Sponsorship Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.17 EPA John Goldsmith Application for new business The committee approved the concept, and a working group has started. The committee met with the proponent, but no business plan has been presented to APOMA. D. Simons has discussed the project with the EPA and provided GPS assistance, but APOMA is not in partnership with the project. We are helping with necessary business steps, including compliance and due diligence. An official statement will be drafted to address community queries.</p>	
	<p>4.18 Plastic recycling feedback As discussed at 4.17. This feedback has been responded to.</p>	
	<p>4.19 2024 working calendar of events Deferred to next meeting.</p>	

	<p>4.20 Opal Classic Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.21 Letter from Dept Mining BHP application for retention lease 2 sites BHP Application for a Retention Lease at Oak Dam and Arcoona. The process was inadequate with a response required within 6 days and cultural concerns have not yet been resolved.</p> <p>Motion: The APOMA committee cannot support the current application due to insufficient time for adequate community consultation and awareness of serious cultural concerns with the current mining activity. Moved: Seconded:</p>	
	<p>4.22 Engagement Update & Post Participation Survey Outback SA Regional Drought Resilience Plan Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.23 Outback SA Drought Resilience Plan Workshop - Thank you for attending Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.24 Ministerial Visit Correspondence was sent to the Minister expressing APOMA's disappointment at not being included in the Minister's recent visit.</p>	
	<p>4.25 Outback Opal Hunters Series 8 - Location Release Form Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.26 FRRR March 2024 Newsletter Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
	<p>4.27 SA Parks Newsletter Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
5	<p>Community Forum – Sunday May 5th order of events / confirmation of table facilitators & other roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The room will be divided into tables, each dedicated to a specific topic. • APOMA committee members will circulate, engaging with community members/groups at each table. • Committee members have been assigned to specific tables. • Set-up will be minimal to avoid disrupting Dine-a-Mite café operations. • Confidential conversations can be had in the White Room. • The town office will organize and provide necessary documentation, stationery, etc. • BBQ 	
6	<p>Members</p>	

	<p>New membership applications tabled and reviewed.</p> <p>Motion: That the APOMA committee accepts new member applicants, Mary and Jim Middap. Moved: D Waters Seconded: L Lukich All in favour</p> <p>Motion: That the APOMA committee accepts new member applicant, Jacquelin Roughton. Moved: L Lukich Seconded: R Mitchell All in favour</p> <p>Motion: That the APOMA committee accepts new member applicants, Michael Gloede. Moved: D Waters Seconded: L Lukich All in favour</p> <p>Motion: That the APOMA committee accepts new member applicants, Danielle Yamada. Moved: R Mitchell Seconded: L Lukich All in favour</p> <p>Motion: That the APOMA committee accepts new member applicants, John Dunstan. Moved: L Lukich Seconded: P Sach All in favour</p> <p>Motion: That the APOMA committee accepts new member applicants, Kaya Aplin. Moved: xxxx Seconded: xxxx All in favour</p> <p>New: Trevor Close Application form not signed. Deferred to next meeting. New: M Soper Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Outback Gardening Event School is hosting an Outback Gardening event, check social media for more information</p>	
8	<p>Pest Control P Sach informs of increase of spiders in public toilets. Pest control required.</p>	
Meeting closed 2000		

Signed:

Date:

David Simons, CHAIR