



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community Forum

ANDAMOOKA - THE NEXT STEP FORWARD

MINUTES

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MINUTES:	30 April 2023 1415
	Andamooka Community Hall & Zoom
Minutes taken:	A Alder

Item	Action
1 Opening of Meeting David Simons, APOMA Chair welcomed attendees and officially opened the meeting at 1415. The Chair expressed his gratitude to the community and committee for welcoming him into the role and thanked the retiring chair and APOMA committee members on their hard work and dedication to Andamooka. The Chair introduced the 2023 APOMA committee and new members. The Chair thanked those committee members in attendance.	
2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES APOMA Committee Present: David Simons, Chair, Gill Rowley, Treasurer via Zoom, John Smirnios, Peter Sach, Ben Roberts, Rodney Mitchell Apologies: Ally Smoker, Secretary, Richard Clifford, Rose Williams Financial members present: Deb Mundy, Rogie Dally, Sue Gwin, Rebecca Dugan, Lara Lukich, Paul Williams, Mary Ames, Rose Waters, Donna Waters, Tanya Simpson, Julie Christie, Richard Hawkins, Steve Keane, Fiona Morris. Non-financial members present: Melody Crocker. Proxies: Susan McDonald represented by Steve Keane Ken McDonald represented by Steve Keane Heather Gordon represented by Maria Ames Ian Thompson represented by Richard Hawkins Griffiths Smoker represented by Rodney Mitchell Alison Smoker represented by Rodney Mitchell John Wilby represented by Lara Lukich Katalin Wilby represented by Lara Lukich	

	<p>Non-members present: Alison Alder, Luke Alder, Mike Grundy,</p> <p>Confirmation of Quorum</p> <p>Confirmed.</p>	
3	General Business	
3.1	<p>Overview of December to March quarter & current activities to end March 2022</p> <p>G Rowley provided an overview on APOMA's activities for the quarter, highlighting the associations focus on various projects and maintenance efforts. G Rowley emphasized the valuable support provided by the 11 participants in the CDP program, who have contributed significantly to these efforts.</p> <p>Grant applications for program development have been submitted and awaiting outcome. Two unexpected grant opportunities end of 2022 were successful, which will assist caravan park upgrades and install an overhead shelter for the pump track.</p> <p>Community programs are all working well. Thank you to individuals who have dedicated significant time and effort to making these programs a success in both generating supporting income streams and attracting local and visitor participants.</p> <p>It has been an encouraging quarter. We are now ready to launch into the new business plan which we will discuss later.</p>	
3.2	Financial Report	
3.2.1	<p>Qtly report to end March 2023 – Association, Town Management</p> <p>G Rowley discussed the current quarter and advised that APOMA is running to budget. Some incomes streams going well, others not quite as well as in previous years. The financial year will be close to budget. At this stage there are no major concerns regarding the budget or EOY report.</p> <p>We need to implement cost-cutting measures and efficiencies as we see an increases in areas particularly around utilities, which has impacted our incomes streams. Insurances have blown out by around 30% this year.</p> <p>We have successfully maintained the CCS rate for the year 2023-2024. However, we recognise the need to explore additional revenue streams and bolster existing ones by exploring external resources, promoting investment in the town, enhancing facilities, upskilling the community, retaining existing residents, attracting new ones, encouraging new businesses, and promoting visitation.</p> <p>Overall APOMA is working well under the business plan that ends shortly. The new committee are excited to begin a new 2024-27 business plan for 3-5 years.</p> <p>Q: D Simons asked how much is the insurance increase?</p> <p>A: G Rowley explained the increase is approx. \$3,500, approximately 30%.</p> <p>Q: P Sach commented that insurance likely has gone up due to addition of new assets.</p> <p>A: G Rowley explained that most of the new facilities were covered in 22-23 so likely only around \$500 is due to new assets, otherwise around \$3,000 is simply an increase.</p> <p>Nil further questions or comments from the floor.</p>	
3.2.2	<p>Grants & Projects – Funding 2022-23 and proposed direction for future funding</p> <p>As discussed in 3.1</p>	

3.3	<p>Report current projects and town maintenance /services</p> <p>R Hawkins explained that due to the number of ongoing projects, some maintenance tasks have fallen behind, however materials are ready to go i.e: Air conditioner pads for the hall.</p> <p>Projects are all going well. The toilet block is now complete and open at the recreation centre.</p> <p>The pump track shade shelter will be received next week; we are now looking for contractor to erect.</p> <p>Nil questions or comments from the floor.</p>	
3.4	<p>Community Programs and Services – updates and discussion</p> <p>Youth: R Dugan/D Waters - The Youth Group would like to announce their upcoming Colour Run event on 6 May 2023 9:30 am at the Tuckerbox. A BBQ will be provided at the finish line located at the pump track. The aim of the event is to foster community involvement and encourage both youth and adults to participate in physical activities. The group is grateful for the support received from local businesses and is pleased to advise that SAPOL will be present to ensure the safety of all attendees. The group is also seeking volunteers for the event and encourages interested parties to get in touch with the Youth Group.</p> <p>Community Garden: D Mundy advised that all is well in the community garden. She has now been in the role for 12 months.</p> <p>D Simons & R Mitchell thanked D Mundy for the Young Persons Art group that she is running on the weekends. D Mundy thanked those who have recently donated.</p> <p>Lapidary: D Simons provided an update on the Lapidary group's plan to extend their workspace for opal cutting and jewellery making. He noted that this would be a valuable addition to an already successful program. The APOMA committee is reviewing options for this expansion in consultation with key representatives from the Lapidary group.</p> <p>Arts Collective: M Ames advised that the art group will be updating exhibits in the hall space this coming week for the Waterhouse Club visit and after that preparation continues for the 2023 SALA festival.</p> <p>D Simons asked for a report from the Shooting Association however no one present at meeting.</p> <p>Wellness: D Simons shared the growing concern with the lack of transport for community members to access medical appointments. R Hawkins is looking to reinvigorate a drivers volunteers program. This is high priority. Thank you to R Hawkins for taking this on.</p> <p>R Mitchell advised the meeting that there is a NDIS support worker attending Andamooka. Her details are available in the Andamooka Press or please see town office or an APOMA committee member for details.</p>	
3.5	<p>Major Events - activities and development – 2023-25 June Long weekend</p> <p>The Waterhouse Club has scheduled a full-day tour of Andamooka on May 7th, 2023. This is their second visit. Waterhouse Club is a group associated with the SA Museum.</p> <p>Heritage Festival: Plans are again underway for an annual heritage festival to be held on the June long weekend. 2023 will be a start with this major event set to begin fully in 2024. Various events and activities are being considered for 2023, such as a wheelbarrow race, tug of war, markets, and camp oven dinner or long-table dinner. The floor was open to suggestions on additional events and preferred dinner</p>	

	<p>night, and there was general support for the June long weekend as the date and heritage festival concept, with Saturday being the preferred night for a camp oven dinner. D. Simons encouraged community members to share their ideas and thoughts on the weekend, and volunteers are needed for the successful execution of these events.</p>	
3.6	<p>Progressing draft - Andamooka Town & Community Plan 2024-27</p> <p>With Andamooka Town and Community Plan 2019-2023 coming to an end – having achieved its primary aims and fulfilled most of the planning and development concepts within the plan – with a few minor developments eg: mini-golf yet to be implemented.</p> <p>This now presents an opportunity via a the ‘next step’ plan 2024-27, for us to deliberate on the direction in which we want our town to continue to evolve, to determine the key areas for infrastructure enhancement and to decide on desired social and cultural outcomes. The new plan's outcomes will need to be reflective of the community's collective vision and will serve as a guiding reference while prioritising development and seeking grant funding.</p> <p>G Rowley explained that the APOMA committee has at times re-prioritized items detailed in the current plan based on available funding. G Rowley then opened the floor for discussion, urging attendees to chat with their social groups and to work with the committee on the new plan. Provide their input at meetings, by chatting about ideas with members of the committee or lodging them via email, on the desired services, infrastructure, and town improvements that would attract and retain residents, visitors, and tourists. Nil comments or questions put forward.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to share their ideas and feedback to ensure the community's voice is heard and included in the final plan.</p> <p>There will be scheduled informal meetings in the near future to discuss the Andamooka Town & Community Plan 2024-2027.</p> <p>R Mitchell suggested a Speakers Corner at the Heritage Festival for community members discuss their ideas.</p>	
3.7	<p>2023-24 CARM Agreement – presentation of draft / discussion / motion to progress</p> <p>The 2023-2024 CARM Agreement remains consistent with previous years' agreements, with a few clauses updated to comply with the association's rules and regulations. These changes have been reviewed and approved by the OCA. The Committee will negotiate some adjustments to the budget to allow for rises in costs and some efficiencies – but the funding bottom line will not change.</p> <p>Through prudent budgeting APOMA have successfully maintained the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) levy at the current level for another year. This contribution, currently paid only by local landowners and business operators, is critical to the upkeep of the town. We are working towards a fairer user-pay system to build income streams which will serve to assist with costs covered by the CCS. By applying modest charges to users of community facilities and services, including renters and occasional visitors, it means that all users will contribute towards the upkeep of the town. We are pleased with how this system is progressing and will continue to improve it.</p> <p>The budget for the CARM agreement includes an allocation of \$5,000 to cover costs and maintenance of the community bus. User donations supplement this with any end of year surplus put aside towards replacement of the bus. 2022-23 we anticipate approximately \$1,000 will be added to the total set aside over the past 6 years bringing this to around \$10,000, which we aimed to achieve to assist a planned bus</p>	

	<p>replacement in 2023. The APOMA committee will seek funding opportunities and review options for upgrading the community bus in the next financial year.</p> <p>The OCA will conduct a consultation period over May before finalising the draft.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>That the committee progress the 2023/2024 CARM Agreement towards sign off.</p> <p>Motion: D Mundy 2nd L Lukich</p> <p>10 in favour.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	
3.8	<p>Future of the Outback – update</p> <p>Cecilia Woolford not available for update.</p> <p>G Rowley – last advice is that we will not see any change to CCS arrangements until the next term of government.</p> <p>Nil questions or comments from the floor.</p>	
4	OTHER BUSINESS	
4.1	<p>Old Church Community Centre K Wilby (item from 2022 AGM).</p> <p>Defer to next meeting.</p>	Add to next agenda.
4.2	<p>APOMA membership</p> <p>Kindly take note that APOMA membership is valid for the duration of the calendar year and not the financial year.</p>	
4.3	<p>General Meetings</p> <p>D Simons urged the attendees to voice their concerns, issues, questions, and comments during the general meetings, to ensure that everything is heard and discussed.</p>	
4.4	<p>Emergency Services</p> <p>D Simons announced that the Andamooka and Roxby Downs Emergency Services will be linking branches in light of low volunteer numbers. As such, they are seeking new volunteers to join the team. It is encouraged that younger people apply, as secondary students may earn credit towards their SACE results.</p>	
5	Meeting Closed: 1507	