



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community

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MINUTES:	21 July 2024 1415
	Andamooka Community Hall
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Item	Action
1 Opening of Meeting David Simons, APOMA Chair welcomed attendees and officially opened the meeting at 1415. The Chair thanked APOMA and community members in attendance.	
2 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES 2.1 Attendance Committee: Chair, Dave Simons; Acting/Vice Treasurer, Gill Rowley, Lara Lukich; Rodney Mitchell In attendance: Richard Hawkins, APOMA Maintenance & Projects Manager; Katalin Wilby, APOMA Public Officer, ACHWAG Coordinator. Ordinary Members: K Aplin, S Gwin, L Rowley, G Mordan, M Clifford, G Bowman, R Christensen, M Soper, J Goldsmith, C Christensen. D Mundy Community: Peter Summers, S Mamerow, T Mamerow, M Dawson, P Fairweather Apologies: A Smoker (Secretary), D Waters (Vice Chair), P Sach, J Christie, H Gordon, P Williams, I Thompson, A Thompson, J Wilby, A Alder, L Alder. Proxies: K McDonald – Chair; S McDonald – Chair; S Stott-R Hawkins; J Mason-Reid- R Hawkins 2.2. Confirmation of Quorum - Chair Quorum declared – 17 financial members plus 4 proxies.	
3 General Business	
3.1 Chair presented an overview of activities for the April to June quarter and up to current. Highlighting the efforts of staff, CDP crew and many volunteers across projects, programs, events and town maintenance, and pointing out that all staff members work many volunteer hours over and above their paid hours and roles.	
3.2 Financial Report Financial report. Presented by G Rowley, Acting Treasurer.	

	<p>3.2.1. Independent Quarterly Report 1 January to 31 March – presented. Overall running to budget.</p> <p>3.2.2. Anticipated outcomes EOFY - primary association income streams draft figures given and explained, included Hub Precinct/hall; Recreation Precinct/C&CG; Community Bus; Events & fundraising; primary Community programs including Lapidary, Arts Collective, Youth, Children & Families; and Volunteer programs. The lapidary program demonstrates how a significant community program can become primarily self-supporting based on the user pay system bringing in significant visitor contribution, and this is a model for setting up and conducting other similar programs. GR gave recognition to G Bowman and M Clifford for their dedication and hard work towards the success of the lapidary program. End of June figures, subject to audit, will be available in August.</p> <p>3.2.4. – Precinct overview financial performance covered in 3.2.2</p>	
3.2.3	<p>3.2.3. Draft budgets for Association, Town Management, and Projects were presented and explained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> noting the Association budget is based on association income only, much of this raised via volunteer involvement. how amounts are assigned to contingencies, special needs, and across to the Town management Budget this indicates that around \$30,000 is contributed to town management by APOMA to bolster income received from CARM and CCS contributions. The Town Management Budget is a combination of CARM budget funding assigned to APOMA to manage on behalf of the community, and APOMA contributions from the Association funds. Projects is stand-alone covering one-off projects with individual set budgets which are funded primarily by grants and subject to their specific conditions. These are all dynamic documents and actual figures will be put against the budgeted figures quarterly so that members and community can clearly see progress and necessary adjustments can be made. <p>Questions from the floor relating to specific aspects were acceptably responded to. D Simons raised awareness around the extent of and substantial value of volunteer work and the significant number of unpaid hours put in by staff, the CDP crew and those coordinating or involved with community programs, which assists to keep the CSS payments down for community members.</p> <p>The Chair called for a motion to adopt the financial report and the Association and Town Management budgets for the year 2024-25.</p> <p>MOTION: That the members adopt the Financial Report including the Quarterly report for January to March 2024, and the 2024-25 annual budgets as presented. Moved: K Wilby Seconded: D Mundy Passed.</p>	
3.2.5	<p>3.2.5. Grants & Projects. The last four major OCA -Local Roads & Community Infrastructure grants covering 2022-24 have been acquitted on time and on budget. For 2024-24 – success with a \$98K LRCI grant via the OCA to expand the Old Grader Shed skills development complex, also housing a VET's workshop.</p> <p>One minor grant has been acquitted which together with three small grants carried over into 2024-25.</p>	
3.3	<p>3.3. Progressing Andamooka Town and Community Plan – G Rowley presented an overview of the draft layout for the Plan and its proposed inclusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a critical time with key infrastructure now mostly in place to support moving the town forward. This document will be essential to seeking funding for major projects in the future and so important to get it right as APOMA will need to seek significant funding for some proposed future projects. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also, essential that this Plan lines up with new OCA plans and strategies. • Contributions from community across this extended consultation period are being incorporated into the strategic action plan that is annexed to the Plan, and into sections of the body of the Plan. • Primary features to consider immediately is to establish the goals and objectives which form the fabric of the plan. Draft suggested goals were put forward for discussion and determined for inclusion in the draft with input from the floor. • Copies of the objectives for consideration extracted from the APOMA constitution were distributed. Other objectives can be added or incorporated into these. Some may need modernisation or adjustment. <p>D Simons explained that the objectives need to line up with those in the Association Constitution, which is currently under review, so these need to be looked at simultaneously and developed with community.</p> <p>R Mitchell encouraged members and community to continue to input into the plan as it develops.</p> <p>The Chair called for a motion for the Committee to progress the Plan as proposed.</p> <p>MOTION:</p> <p>That the members and community support APOMA to progress forward with the draft Town and Community Plan as presented, towards adoption at the 2024 AGM.</p> <p>Moved: L Rowley Seconded; D Mundy Passed.</p>	
3.4	<p>3.4. Report - Current Projects & Services – R Hawkins presented a list of work being undertaken and an overview of achievements across the past quarter explaining that the CDP program is changing and hours are currently reduced. He is seeking volunteer assistance with small projects such as paving and the Hub children’s activities upgrades. Several questions and ideas were raised from the floor. RH to follow through with suggested signage and some maintenance items raised. For projects –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to commence on the cemetery shelter roof replacement. • Taken charge of two large rainwater tanks and various building materials from the RAAF base in Woomera to apply to various projects. • New Grader Shed extension project currently going through the planning permission process. Kits for the new structures are under construction so working with contractors on construction dates. 	
3.5	<p>3.5 Community programs and services: GR provided a brief overview of activities. Updates are reported regularly in the newsletters.</p> <p>3.5.1 – ACHWAG – K Wilby, program coordinator, presented an overview of the advocacy group activities. A key focus is getting a local office in place for this utilising unused government buildings. The group have approached Eddie Hughes MP for assistance with this and with acquiring a vehicle to transport those in need to medical appointments etc. The group includes Committee members Dave Simons and Rodney Mitchell.</p> <p>3.5.2. APOMA Life Members – D Simons. This honour is available to members of the Association who have gone above and beyond in their long-term service to community and the Association. He announced that the Committee have nominated Stefan Bilka, Diane Bilka and Heather Gordon, giving a brief overview of their significant contributions. He invited members to nominate others they think deserve this recognition for consideration by forwarding their names to Committee. These nominations will be voted on at the 2024 AGM.</p>	

	3.5.3. D Simons drew attention to the Services Australia visit to Andamooka on 27 th August.	
3.6	3.6. Major Events 2024-25 – attention was drawn to SALA and the collaborative Camp Oven Cookout events in August, the Sustainable Living event across September and the October Long Weekend collaborative event which includes a number of exciting AOFTA events. Next Community Event Planning Group meeting end of July, open to anyone interested in assisting with events. Contact from ABC television “Backroads” re a visit to Andamooka passed to AOFTA to progress.	
3.7	<p>3.7 2024-25 Andamooka CARM Agreement</p> <p>The Memorandum of Understanding for the Andamooka CARM Agreement was put forward to members for acceptance and sign-off by APOMA.</p> <p>Adjustments to the final budget attached to the Agreement were pointed out and explained. A new contract is in process with the OCA for OCA toilet cleaning with a rise in income related to this. The format also showed the contributions that APOMA has been able to commit to the budget being \$3000 towards the cost of facilities power consumption extracted from user contributions paid to the Association in 2023-24, and \$1200 towards wages for youth officers which has been committed to APOMA from Cirkidz program funding. This is reflected in the newly adopted Association budget.</p> <p>D Simons called for questions from the floor. There being no further questions, DS put the motions forward as advertised in the meeting notices, for consideration to be put and passed by the members.</p> <p>Motion 1: The Chair called for Members to accept the Andamooka CARM Agreement 2024-25 and for the Committee to sign off on the Agreement, on behalf of the Andamooka community.</p> <p>MOTION: That APOMA accepts and signs off on the Andamooka CARM Agreement 2024-25 on behalf of the Community.</p> <p>Moved: R Mitchell Seconded: M Clifford Passed</p> <p>Motion 2: The Chair called for the members to approve for Committee to manage the 2024-25 CARM Agreement and Budget as presented, on behalf of the Andamooka community.</p> <p>MOTION: That the APOMA Committee manages the Andamooka CARM Agreement and budget 2024-25 on behalf of the Andamooka community.</p> <p>Moved: M Clifford Seconded: D Mundy Passed</p> <p>There being no objections from the floor the Chair declared that business done.</p>	
3.8	<p>3.8 OCA Update</p> <p>D Simons drew attention to the OCA Strategic Blueprint consultation, taking place in Andamooka on Tuesday 3rd September, 5-7pm at the Community Hall.</p> <p>GR explained that this is about regional development and of great importance to the future of Andamooka, encouraging those present to make time to be part of the consultation process and for them to encourage others to be there.</p>	
4	OTHER BUSINESS – no items lodged for other business	
5.	The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.50pm	