



Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING MEMBERS & COMMUNITY, 15th March 2020 at 1.30pm

Andamooka Community Hall, Opal Creek Blvd, Andamooka SA 5722

Minutes taken: G Rowley, Written: G Rowley

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ITEM #			ACTION:
1	WELCOME	Meeting opened: 1.40pm	
2	PRESENT / IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Committee Present: Peter Allen (Chair) Donna Waters (Vice Chair) Gill Rowley (Treasurer) R Ashenden</p> <p>Financial Members Present: Richard Hawkins – APOMA Project Manager / Asset Maintenance, Tanya Simpson – APOMA Events Coordinator/ Membership Officer, C Christensen, E Christensen, T Noske, A Alexander, C Mitchell, A Heath, S Sheedy, T Anic, B Roberts, M Crocker, R Daly, R Christensen, K O’Dowd</p> <p>Quorum of 19 financial members.</p> <p>Members Present (non-financial): New Member Applicants in Attendance: Smurf Ogden Non-members in Attendance: <i>Harley, T Carter, T Dale, L Tanner</i></p>	
2.1	APOLOGIES	Apologies: R Mitchell, A Johnson, I Thompson, J Franklin, K Bartram, B Addington, L Rowley, R McKenzie	
2.3	LODGEMENT OF PROXIES	No members lodged proxies for the meeting	
2.4.	PRESENTATION – RFDS ON COVID-19	Anne Alexander from the Andamooka Health Clinic gave a comprehensive presentation on Covid-19 followed by question & answer time, responding to a number of questions from the floor. This was met with great appreciation. P Allen extended his thanks to the RFDS on behalf of the community.	
2.5.	DISCUSSION RE COMMUNITY CONCERT PROCEEDING	G Rowley led discussion re the status of the community concert set for 21 st March. With growing restrictions being put in place around public gatherings by Government due to Covid-19, a decision needed to be made re cancelling or postponing the event. Following discussion, the general consensus from the floor was that pending further changes or	

		<p>outcomes around Government restrictions or Covid-19 outbreaks, the event being outdoors and within current size limits for crowd and events, should go ahead.</p> <p>A further Government announcement is due on Monday 16th March.</p> <p>Action: Cancellation or postponement will be at the committee's discretion.</p>	
2.4	PREVIOUS MINUTES	<p>Drafts of minutes from previous member meetings were presented to members for discussion. No questions or business raised from those. To be presented for adoption at the AGM.</p>	
3.	GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>3.1. Overview of 2019-20 achievements, current & on-going activities.</p> <p>P Allen provided a snapshot of work that has been completed to date, current projects and programs being put in place and those for which funding is being sought via grants.</p> <p>All projects are basically working to schedule.</p> <p>3.2. Overview of half year Financial Reports to end December.</p> <p>Treasurer G Rowley provided an overview of the financials at half year.</p> <p>3.2.1. Independent Financial Report to end December 19:</p> <p>Presented showing a sound financial position once the CARM income for the quarter is included - lodged 4 February.</p> <p>3.2.2. Budget report to end Dec 19: budget outcomes displayed on screen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • budget on track with income streams and fundraising activities above average to end Dec. • on track to develop futures and contingencies at EOFY. • the Covid-19 pandemic may affect income streams from the camp-ground and fundraising in the final quarter of 2019-20 which could impact that. • waiting on advice re grant applications for community facilities <p>Accepted by majority show of hands.</p> <p>& 3.2.6. Andamooka CARM Agreement and budget – half year report:</p> <p>Treasurer G Rowley provided an overview of the financials and budget outcomes for the quarter which showed results as on budget.</p> <p>- Asset Management now incorporates parks and gardens and also CDP as these are all inter-related. This item also contributes towards projects to fund upgrades and replacements as appropriate.</p>	

- CCS payments indicate that of the \$250K limit – this will most likely come in around \$230K-235K – which will cover budget but not provide much excess for investment as hoped.

However, taking into account the additional \$24K received via OCA drought funding and the chance to receive a further \$50K via the extension of that grant, that will contribute around \$75K into investments in community assets and programs. The next challenge is to work through methods to raise funds to support administration as more assets and programs need more management.

- Acquisitions and upgrades for office equipment funded via grants are now providing for greater efficiencies.

3.2.3. Update on Asset & Project Management and Grants

a) Treasurer G Rowley reported that all grants are up to date including acquittals.

Submission for community recreation facilities – the outdoor multi-purpose court has passed to the stage of being signed off by the Minister. Awaiting confirmation of success. Location to be determined subject to decisions around other opportunities.

B) R Hawkins presented an overview of the status of projects completed, in progress and pending.

- Finalising the community kitchen/workshop at the hall. This is planned to be fitted out to basic operational level before Easter 2020.
- Finalising the community hall upgrade. Youth storage and wifi hub completed & new glass sliding door/window to be installed to the front of the ‘white room’.
- Lapidary shed upgrade progressing.

3.2.5. Update Community Programs & Activities

Funding secured via the Government ‘Be Connected’ program to assist with community internet education and access. The community wifi hub is ready to commence the program.

Lapidary program and wellness program will commence as facilities are completed.

3.3. Draft Town & Community Plan 2020-2025

A synopsis of the Plan and direction displayed on screen.

G Rowley presenter:

The Andamooka Community and Town Plan is progressing with funding opportunities in 2020 accelerating some of the aspects.

The Plan addresses challenges the town faces into the future and seeks solutions for meeting these. Also to identify and form strategies around opportunities that can create and increase income streams serving to keep the town vibrant and

		<p>economically sound. One example is renovating and repurposing the Old PO to accommodate a new local business.</p> <p><i>The consensus of the meeting was positive support for the Plan.</i></p> <p>3.4. Current challenges, issues & opportunities heading into 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to research and seek funding and other opportunities for the community recreation facility that will better accommodate youth, provide for fitness activities and children’s activities as well as other community activities that will meet the day to day needs of the community. • Working towards a new town management model to better meet the needs of the town into the future. <p>3.6. Major Events – 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events in 2020 and into 2021 will progress depending on Government restrictions around Covid-19. • SALA progressing - staged July / August 	
4	Other Business	<p>4.1. Motion to release Reserve Funds for Old PO Project.</p> <p>GR explained that Reserve funds can only be released with the permission of members. However, after doing a re-assessment of the financials around the project and pending the success of other income streams and funds available in Asset Maintenance at EOFY, it may not be necessary to access funds from Reserves. Release of these funds, which are considered to be held at a minimum level, should only occur for extra-ordinary circumstances.</p> <p>So with agreement of the members, it was proposed that with the agreement of the seconder given to withdraw the motion, that the motion be withdrawn for this meeting and if necessary, pending EOFY figures, be re-presented at the mid-year members meeting.</p> <p><i>Action supported by majority show of hands.</i></p> <p>4.2. Items raised from the floor:</p> <p>4.2.1. E Christensen – welcome sign for entry to Andamooka. Referred to backlit signs at entry points to towns in the mid-north, Agreed these are effective.</p> <p>Response G Rowley – this has been discussed for the design of the entry point to the caravan park as it will assist visitors arriving outside of daylight hours.</p> <p>To be added to signage ideas in the town plan.</p>	

		<p>4.2.2. – A Heath – question as to when the directional signage will be erected at the Pimba turn-off. Response: this is actively being pursued with the assistance of OCA and the RDAFN. Anticipating that this will happen within the foreseeable future. Other promotional signage may proceed that.</p> <p>4.2.3. D Waters – letter to new Kokatha Board seeking their support for the upgrade of the Torrens Lake Road. This will assist a renewed effort to have the funds allocated by the previous Government released to allow that urgent need to be fixed. Action: <i>DW & GR to draft the letter to be hand delivered by R McKenzie.</i></p> <p>4.2.4. E Christensen – raised her concern and dismay with the wilful destruction to Brooks historic building. This is deemed to be the first permanent dwelling constructed in Andamooka which can never be replaced. She termed the act ‘unforgivable’. She suggested that the owner should be approached with the view to securing the building by the community for historic preservation and protection. Action: <i>This will be followed up by the committee.</i></p> <p>4.2.5. C Christensen – the town roads are deteriorating and need to be ‘done up’. Response P Allen: Has been communicating with Andrew Collins. The roads are too dry and grading will only make them worse. The budget restricts the use of large quantities of water. They will be done as soon as possible.</p>	
Meeting closed at 3.00pm			

Signed: _____
, Chair

Date: _____ 2020