Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

APOMA General Meeting

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MINUTES:	APOMA General Meeting 24 March 2024 1:40PM
	Andamooka Community Hall & Zoom
In attendance:	APOMA Committee: D Simons, C Ferguson, L Lukich, G Rowley, A Smoker, R Mitchell, J Smirnios Financial Members: K Wilby, T Simpson, I Thompson, L McBride, D Mundy, Ethan Hanold, G McDevitt, J Roughton, M Glaede, C Fahen, C Prohasky, J King, L Day, S Gwin, I Unic, R McKenzie, G Bowman, J Wilby, M Ames, L Rowley, J Middop, J Middop, R Henderson, P William, M Clifford, R Christensen, R Daly, S Sheedy, D Yamada, A Lippasaar, L Schultz, Carolyn Christensen, J Goldsmith, Mel Soper. Constance Attard via Zoom
Apologies:	M Amos, R Clifford
Absent:	
Minutes taken:	Alison Alder, Administration Assistant

Item		Action
1	**WELCOME** Chair David Simons welcomed APOMA committee members to the General APOMA meeting. No declarations of interest declared Quorum confirmed Proxies: Ken McDonald – David Simons Sue McDonald – David Simons	
2	**FINANCIAL REPORT** GR provided an overview of the current financial position, being that in general and overall, finances are working within budget. There will be some adjustments to use items with surplus funds to balance those heading towards a modest deficit. No major blow-outs to date. Work continues on the new budget format to be adopted for the new financial year. **2.2 Independent financial report to end of December 2023**	

	Independent financial report to end of December 2023 presented. GR provided brief overview of variations within the budget, which balanced overall, and invited questions from the floor. 2.2.1 Motion to adopt financial report **Motion**: That the quarterly financial report as presented is adopted. Moved: Ian Thompson. 2nd: Alison Smoker Passed on the show of hands. No objections	
3	**PROJECTS & MAINTENANCE** Three major projects currently in progress – due for acquittal end June 2024. Work on these to resume as soon as the extreme heat events cease. On schedule for completion and acquittal on time. Current funding submission underway to extend the skills development workshop towards creating a comprehensive community (men's shed) workshop complex housing welding, woodworking, dedicated men's/vets' social space, and an arts room, supported by the existing media/theatre room which is about to be fitted out with storage cupboards and benching. Richard Hawkins provided a progress report for projects and maintenance. • Overview of current projects in process – pump track space, camp ground upgrade. • Raised the issue of the aging pipeline for the town water supply. Confirmed that the OCA will be replacing the pipeline in the near future. • Back log of maintenance due to the extended extreme heat events over summer which will progressively be worked through as weather events permit.	
4	**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES** Dave Simons provided an overview of current and emerging community programs and thanked all members of the community who volunteer to keep these programs established, growing and emerging. GR noted that it is the community programs and groups that are the foundation of the Andamooka community which serve to create vibrancy, activities and growth for the town. • Lapidary Workshed is a significant visitor attraction and provides for community skills development, social connections and wellbeing. The Arts Collective is another significant contributor which has many cross-overs, working collaboratively with them. • New Fitness and Wellbeing group now being formed with APOMA support, towards building community fitness and wellbeing support activities. • ACHWAG – this health and wellbeing advocacy program assists the community to navigate and access aging and disability support and	

	services. Working now on upgrading the community bus, supported by a community transport service with a dedicated vehicle. • Dump - addressing outsiders using the tip. This is for Andamooka residents only and we have limited space. If over-used from outside dumping the OCA may need to reassess the use of this. New signage currently being produced and creative, cost effective methods of monitoring being worked through.	
5	**MAJOR EVENTS 2024/25** GR – this year will see a revival of events as we emerge from the Covid bubble. A new annual calendar of events has been drafted with APOMA planned events entered, which will form part of the planning forum to further develop. Plans are to form an events group of representatives from community groups and other associations to work as a team to develop on both a town and regional scale. Easter is busy with events, and we hope to see these well attended. June long weekend preparations are now underway. Planning underway for revival of the traditional October long weekend together with a bigger collaborative program of events – bringing the old and the new together. Regular Bingo back on the calendar.	
6	**ANDAMOOKA TOWN & COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-27** Dave Simons provided a brief overview of activities to date and on achievements from the current Plan, and deferred this to the Community Planning Forum to follow the member meeting.	
7	**2024-25 CARM AGREEMENT & BUDGET** GR explained for the benefit of new residents, that the CARM Agreement is made between the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) and APOMA for management of the town under the auspices of the OCA. This year it is anticipated to be fundamentally the same. It annually requires the agreement of the community to keep this in place, and funding is gained from contributions (CCS) paid by local property owners and businesses together with Government community funding of $34k and payment of services eg OCA toilet cleaning. In March each year APOMA present to the members for their approval any prospective budget adjustments they wish to negotiate with the OCA on behalf of the community. Also to seek approval from the members for the committee to proceed towards the next CARM Agreement on behalf of the community. The OCA create a draft which undergoes a month long community consultation, after which they provide a final draft for Committee to take to the members and community to approve APOMA to manage this on their behalf, and then for the members to approve for the committee to sign off on the Agreement. GR presented a full break-down of the proposed CARM budget for 2024-25 explaining proposed adjustments and new Association contributions that will assist to maintain the CCS at current levels.	

	This APOMA funding is supported by growth in the user pay approach being progressively introduced, which with the introduction of a new management model anticipated to be as early as 2025-26 is critical to have in place to fund certain aspects of the town budget. The user pay system is now accumulating sufficient funds to offset such items as the town power bill, allowing of some of the previously allocated funds to be transferred towards anticipated increases such as insurance costs, and towards management costs as more facilities and programs and the associated tasks increase staff workloads. Also to bring on staff, new talented staff members to assist with such tasks as promotions and communications, and to more fairly pay staff for what they do. All contribute significant volunteer hours. GR opened the floor to Q/A, responding to questions from the floor. Dave Simons then called for a motion for the APOMA committee to proceed towards the CARM Agreement for 2024-25 and for them to undertake negotiations towards the associated budget as presented. **Motion:** That the APOMA Committee have the support of the members, and community members in attendance, to progress with budget negotiations and to proceed towards the CARM Agreement for 2024-25 with the OCA. Moved: Rose McKenzie 2nd John Wilby Passed on the show of hands. No objections.	
8	**Other business** Confirmed that no items had been received for other business.	
Meeting closed 1410		

Signed: Date:

Dave Simons, CHAIR