



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community Forum

MINUTES

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MINUTES:	General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community Forum 2.00pm, Sunday 25th June 2023
	Andamooka Community Hall & Zoom
In attendance:	
Apologies:	
Absent:	
Minutes taken:	Alison Alder, Administration Assistant

Item	Action
1	<p>OPENING OF MEETING</p> <p>Chair Dave Simons welcomed and thanked members for attending the Community Forum.</p> <p>Acknowledge of country completed.</p> <p>Meeting commenced at 1412.</p>
2	<p>ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES & Previous Minutes</p> <p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Committee: Dave Roe Simons (Chair), Peter Sach, Ben Roberts, John Smirnios,</p> <p>Members: Richard Hawkins (APOMA Maint & projects manager) Rogie Dally, Sue Gwin, Colleen Pickering, Greg Bowman, Caroline Bell, Anne Nicholls, Fred Whitford, Greg McDevitt, Ben Bell, Ian Thompson, Rebecca Dugan, Diane Bilka, Stefan Bilka, Ray Christensen, (<i>scribble</i>) Elizabeth Christensen, Caroline Christensen;</p> <p>Via Zoom: Alison Smoker (Secretary), Gill Rowley (Treasurer), Lester Rowley, Mary Ames, Griffiths Smoker.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Richard Clifford, Cecilia Woolford</p> <p>Proxies:</p> <p>Lara Lukich represented by Alison Smoker</p> <p>John Wilby represented by Alison Smoker</p> <p>Katalin Wilby represented by Alison Smoker</p> <p>Heather Gordon represented by Alison Smoker</p> <p>Ken McDonald represented by Steve Keane or The Chair</p> <p>Susan McDonald represented by Steve Keane or The Chair</p> <p>Non-financial members: Melody Crocker, Karl Christensen</p>

	<p>Non members in attendance: Alison Alder, Bodean Faehrmann, Brooke Taylor, Clint Korvan, Sandy Samuels, (Scribble?)</p> <p>Confirmation of Quorum: Quorum confirmed.</p> <p>Previous Minutes 2023 – copies 2022 AGM and April meeting distributed and available at the desk for discussion. These will be presented at the 2023 AGM for adoption. Nil Business arising.</p>	
3	General Business	
3.1	<p>Overview of Association and Community activities April to end June.</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on recent APOMA committee activities, in particular negotiating with the OCA regarding the Andamooka CARM Agreement and liaising with a proposed aged and disability service provider for Andamooka.</p> <p>In addition, the RFDS contract has been renewed so they will continue to service the Andamooka community for a few more years.</p> <p>The Gun Club has their annual shoot event which was successful and a trial run was held at the Tuckerbox.</p>	
3.2	Financial Matters:	
3.2.1	<p>Anticipated outcomes EOFY – Association, Town Management</p> <p>G Rowley advised that overall financials are currently running to budget, and that there are no foreseen concerns.</p> <p>3 x interlinked grants associated with the recreation precinct include upgrades to caravan park, pump track overhead shade shelter and recreation precinct groundworks, accessways etc.. Anticipate that we will scape in on budget for these grants.</p> <p>After the end of this financial year APOMA will conduct a review of surpluses and minor deficiencies against the Association budget in order to make any necessary adjustments and redistribute funds accordingly. It is important to note that this applies specifically to the designated budget for Association which includes community programs, and this is separate from Town Management CARM Agreement funds and projects.</p> <p>Comprehensive financial details will be discussed at the upcoming AGM and progressively within the Andamooka Press.</p>	
3.2.2	<p>Grants/projects extending into 2023-24</p> <p>R Hawkins provided an update on current projects. All current projects have been extended to 2024, a 12 month automatic extension given by Government via the OCA to May 2024.</p>	
3.2.3	<p>Facility lease arrangements 2023-25</p> <p>The APOMA committee are reviewing a proposal from the Lapidary Group for additional facilities to extend their operations to neighbouring buildings being the Old Post Office and Old Vets premises on Christmas Hill Road and they are requesting a lease arrangement to provide certainty around securing the premises inclusive of the lapidary workshed, before they invest further into developing the premises for their use.</p>	

	<p>D Simons commented that the Lapidary Program is a very popular attraction for both locals and visitors and is a great asset to invest in.</p> <p>Motion: That APOMA will enter into a peppercorn lease agreement for a maximum of 5 years with the Lapidary Group, operating under the auspices of the APOMA Lapidary Program, for the current work-shed, the old post office, and the old vets premise on Christmas Hill Road.</p> <p>Moved: Ian Thompson Seconded: Greg Bowman</p> <p>Majority: 27 vote</p>	
3.3	<p>Report – update on current projects and town maintenance /services</p> <p>R Hawkins advised that recent weather events have impacted timelines for some projects however will continue when able.</p> <p>Air conditioner removal from hall may require a crane due to power lines.</p>	
3.4	<p>Community Programs and Services – updates:</p>	
3.4.1	<p>Community Bus – pending replacement</p> <p>The chair advised that the APOMA committee are investigating options into replacing the ageing community bus. A replacement will ensure the community's needs are better met, including it to be wheelchair friendly.</p> <p>R Dally questioned how expensive and how big will the replacement bus be? The chair responded that a replacement with wheel chair access will be roughly 60-70k. The bus will be aimed at being an 11 seater vehicle, which will be suitable for operation under a normal driver's license.</p> <p>E Christensen suggested that bus size is not a problem, but to organise more frequent outings. The Chair acknowledged this and advised that the volunteer driver program is to be revisited.</p> <p>Nil further comment from the floor.</p>	
3.4.2	<p>Community Care services</p> <p>The Chair and members of the APOMA committee have recently met with disability and aged support providers to establish these essential community services in Andamooka. Michelle and Katalin have qualifications and experience in these services. They will assist in getting support and home care packages for those who need it in our town. They are engaging with various departments, Ministers, and politicians etc to progress with the service. The APOMA committee has committed to support these efforts.</p> <p>More information will be posted as it become available. Please discuss with your neighbours who may not attend meetings or access the internet/social media. Furthermore, please speak to Alison Smoker as our community care advocate if you have any questions.</p> <p>Nil further comment from the floor.</p>	
3.5	<p>Major and Community Events – update and discussion</p> <p>A Sci-fi themed camp-oven cook-out has been organised for 12th August aligning with a significant astronomical event that weekend. The event will be an entertaining night of food, music, and visuals.</p> <p>Death by Carrot, band will be playing at the community hall on 1 July.</p>	

	Resident/member C Pickering is hosting SIDS for Kids breakfast at her residence, 7am 30 th June. All welcome to attend.	
3.6	<p>Progressing Andamooka Town & Community Plan 2024-27</p> <p>The new town and community plan is to be put in place for 2024-2027 following on from the 2019-23 plan. APOMA encourage active engagement from the community to think about what is needed, and what you want to happen. A feedback form is now available to be completed and returned to the office. No suggestion is too small, as APOMA is committed to thoroughly assessing all concerns, ideas and submissions and to keeping the community informed, including in the event that certain proposals cannot be achieved.</p> <p>Suggestions/questions from floor:</p> <p>Q: A number of street lights are out.</p> <p>A: R Hawkins advised that APOMA is already aware of this issue and actively exploring viable replacement options. The current lights, featuring underground battery storage, entail a replacement cost of approximately \$3,000. However, alternative solutions are being carefully considered.</p> <p>Q: Another proposal involved the installation of new signage for Andamooka, including a welcoming sign and informative signage highlighting public facilities such as toilets.</p> <p>A: APOMA is presently engaged in discussions with the OCA regarding the implementation of this suggestion.</p> <p>Regarding public toilets, we have noted requests for the inclusion of paper towels or hand dryers and a baby change table. The baby that table was requested and agreed to but this has proved difficult to install in the design of the new facilities.</p> <p>As the toilets are owned by the OCA, APOMA will need to coordinate with them to effect any changes. It is important to note that separate male and female toilets may not be a viable option due to government regulations.</p>	
3.7	<p>2023-24 CARM Agreement – acceptance by motions put to vote by financial members.</p> <p>The Chair explained that APOMA had negotiated adjustments to clauses relating to reporting and committee with wording aimed more towards smaller communities. The requests were accepted by the OCA for the Andamooka Agreement, so relevant clauses were reworded accordingly or replaced with 'not used'.</p> <p>Motions for consideration under item 3.7.:</p> <p>Motion 1:</p> <p>That APOMA accepts and signs off on the Andamooka CARM Agreement 2023-24 on behalf of the Community.</p> <p>Moved: Stefan Bilka. Seconded: Ian Thompson Vote: 21 Proxy: 8</p> <p>Motion 2:</p> <p>That the APOMA Committee manages the Andamooka CARM Agreement and budget 2023-24 on behalf of the Andamooka community.</p>	

	Moved: Di Bilka Seconded: Ian Thompson Carried	
3.8	Future of the Outback Nil report	
4	OTHER BUSINESS	
4.1	<p>S Bilka requested an upgrade to the tennis courts.</p> <p>P Sach commented on disabled parking facilities outside of the hall. OCA to be contacted regarding this issue.</p> <p>S Samuel Rowan commented that the footpath leading towards the school gate is damaged with loose pavers creating a trip hazard.</p> <p>P Sach suggested a speed limit sign due to recent dangerous driving. R Hawkins advised that this sits with Department of Infrastructure and Transport. APOMA will investigate.</p> <p>Suggestion that people within the community with different skills come together to work on maintenance issues within the town.</p> <p>A: The Chair said yes please, we have limited personnel and all and any help is appreciated. Please speak to Richard Hawkins on how you can assist.</p> <p>Comment on non-Andamooka residents dumping rubbish in the dump.</p> <p>A: APOMA do not have the authority to do anything about this. I Thompson suggested recording number plate and reporting to the OCA.</p> <p>P Sach requested crusher dust be used in the community hall car park to assist in keeping internal floors clean. R Hawkins will investigate options.</p>	
5	CLOSURE <p>The Chair thanked attendees for their participation and for raising concerns and suggestions. Thank you also for allowing APOMA to sign off and manage the OCA and Andamooka CARM Agreement.</p>	
Meeting Closed - 1905		