

**Committee established pursuant to Section 11 of  
the Outback Communities (Administration and  
Management) Act 2012**

**Andamooka Town Management Committee**


**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Meeting No. 22**

**Present:**

**L. Breuer (Chair), R. Hancock (Member), B. Gough  
(Member), E. McFarlane (Member), B. Musolino  
(Member), M. Sutton (Dir. OCA), D. Allen (Community  
Administrator)  
S. Lyons (Administrative Services Officer)**

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## Minutes

### Andamooka Town Management Committee

(Meeting Conducted in the Andamooka Town Management Office,  
Andamooka, on 19 May 2015 at 1:45 pm.

#### 1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

Chair L. Breuer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.  
Apologies – C. Woolford (OCA Chair)

1:47 pm **Moved Member Gough, Seconded Member Hancock** that the ATMC meeting move in-camera to hear Dir Sutton's presentation on proposed ATMC administration and staffing model, and that S. Lyons leave the meeting. **Carried.**

1:50 pm S. Lyons left the room.

2:50 pm ATMC resumed out of camera, M. Sutton left the meeting, S. Lyons returned.

#### 2. PRESENTATIONS

None.

#### 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2015 were circulated to all attendees.

**Moved Member Hancock, Seconded by Member Gough**

*That the minutes of the Andamooka Town Management Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2015 be accepted.* **Carried.**

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

#### 6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Breuer attended a recent OCA meeting in Port Augusta. Issues arising from that will be covered in other business.

Chair thanked CA Allen for her efforts and dedication over the three years of her appointment and wished her well for the new job in Darwin.

#### 7. MEMBER'S REPORT

**Member Hancock**

- Budget issues – Rob, Brenton and Vicki met with Byron at Mt Gunson last week to discuss the draft ATMC budget. APOMA's concerns have been addressed.



**8. COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT on what has been achieved in 3 years.**

**SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

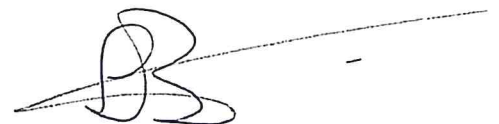
- \$50,000 from DPTI for each FY 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 to maintain the town's dirt roads
- \$55,000 grant application submitted on behalf of the CWA
- \$20,000 grant to upgrade the kitchen in the community hall (about to start)
- \$11,053 grant to purchase 6 solar street lights
- \$3,600 grant to purchase 3 recycling/waste bins with surrounds (submitted by OCA office – Port Augusta)

**IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

- footpaths around the community hall, school, Tuckabox Restaurant and public toilets
- 6 solar street lights erected (another 12 have been ordered)
- fencing around the playground
- street name signs are currently being erected around town
- disabled ramp access at the hall
- annual clean out of creek bed to reduce the risk of flooding for homes located in the creek
- erection of the Andamooka Opal Fields sign before the Pimba turnoff (funded by Rotary Club of Roxby District)
- erection of the town map sign at the information bay
- tourist facilities such as the Dump-Ezy and coin operated water dispenser provided at the camp ground
- parking pads for RVs and caravans at the camping ground
- toilet and shower block at the camping ground (currently underway)
- town park beautification with concrete edging and bark chips laid
- refurbishment of ironwork and replacement of shade cloth at cemetery
- fencing around rubbish tip pit
- speed humps at school
- construction of a splash pad
- blind spot mirror erected on John Lyons Road
- garden and shade sail area at rear of hall
- new municipal office open 4 days a week

**ISSUES RESOLVED OR EFFECTS REDUCED**

- the pipeline that delivers water from Olympic Dam's desalination plant to Andamooka's bulk water storage tanks ruptured 3 times
- dogs ran wild throughout the town causing traffic hazards and risks to pedestrians of all ages
- the rubbish tip was regularly being set on fire with plumes of toxic black smoke blowing over the town
- 1 of the bulk water storage tanks developed a number of significant leaks that resulted in the tank requiring replacement
- a catastrophic failure occurred in the water dispenser
- several smaller failures; as a result of the catastrophic failure, kept presenting over a number of months in the water dispenser

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### **SOME OF THE ATMC'S ACHIEVEMENTS**

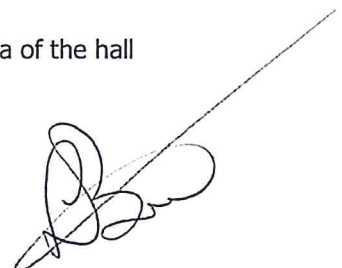
- maintain the rubbish tip, subsequently resulting in the pit being set alight only a couple of times and those fires being on a much smaller scale
- maintain the 20 km of dirt roads within the town boundary as per Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) funding eligibility requirements
- maintain the parks and gardens so that the most recent planting projects didn't die off as had occurred on several previous occasions
- clean the community hall to ensure it is always in a suitable condition for regular use and hire
- remove waste from the town's public areas
- clean the public toilets
- employ a youth activity co-ordinator

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

- A community engagement strategy was developed to provide direction for a community hub development project and to ensure that a broad range of local community members and key stakeholders were informed of the project and had the opportunity to participate in the community engagement activities.
- December 2013 - An engagement and communications plan was developed which included a series of community workshops, face to face meetings and online surveys.
- February 2014 – Phase 1 - In February 2014, surveys were undertaken and two workshop sessions were conducted by GHD to identify residents' concerns and aspirations for the new community hub. A total of 51 survey respondents and workshop participants, between the ages of 18 to 75, shared their vision for the Andamooka Community Hub.
- June 2014 – Phase 2 - In June 2014, GHD held 2 community information sessions and developed an online survey. The sessions were designed to include a recap of the project background, summary of the suggestions for improvements and a detailed presentation of the draft concept plans. This included providing an overview of the material and palette board as well as furniture and mood boards that had been developed. The draft Community Hub Concept Plan was placed out for broader community comment. Posters depicting current town layout and proposed works were available for public viewing on the day, and were on display at the ATMC office. Electronic versions were available and the community was encouraged to provide feedback via either hard copy survey or online through Survey Monkey.
- August 2014 - The feedback received from the workshops has been instrumental in developing the final Andamooka Community Hub.

### **ONGOING AND TO FOLLOW UP**

- The ablution block at the camping ground is almost complete with only the appliances requiring fitting
- Complete Personnel participants will paint signs to identify the building as an ablution block rather than purchase premade signs to keep the unique feel of Andamooka
- APOMA have been provided with a copy of a lease for the proposed Café in the Community Hall
- Further consultation is expected prior to the signing of the lease
- The local builder has inspected the ceiling of the kitchen, sitting area of the hall and will provide a quote for its replacement

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- The \$20k allocated in this FY budget and the \$20k grant for the Community Hall kitchen upgrade are to be used for that purpose only, should the community wish to erect a small kitchen facility outside the current kitchen area, this will require funding from elsewhere
- Should there be a requirement for dog control, the local SAPOL is the POC
- Stephen Lyons will take over management of water sampling for the town water supply until such time as the scope of works for the Parks & Gardens contract is extended to include collection of water samples for the town and splash pad during its operational period
- An insurance policy number is required from the new YAC prior to her contract being completed.

#### 9. ATMC BUSINESS


General discussion on the hall, kitchen upgrade, CCS collection, NRM levy. Member Gough will draft a letter to NRM to follow up on levies collected from Andamooka, NRM monies spent in Andamooka and future ability to pay the levy at the Post Office. At present a \$9-\$10 money order is required for those people without access to online payment systems.

General discussion on the ATMC - the function of the ATMC may be reviewed following information being sought from APOMA and the Andamooka Community, regarding their views of the role of ATMC in the future.

ATMC should in future create the budget and business plan and take it to the OCA, rather than the reverse which has been the practice up to now. Member Gough requested that for the next few ATMC meetings at least, we have this as an item on the agenda.

#### 10. Other Business

- CCS collection process generally – Member Gough explained how and why Flinders Ranges Council was chosen as the billing partner and added that the collection process will be a matter for ongoing review as more communities come on-board. With just Andamooka and Iron Knob being collected it is cost-effective to out-source the process. If at some point it becomes more cost-effective for the collection to be done in-house, that option can be explored by the OCA at that time.
- CCS debt collection process – Member Gough reported that the compliance rate for Andamooka is in excess of 90%. If likely doubtful debts are excluded from the figures then the compliance rate is close to 95%. Considering we are only just starting into the fourth year of the Andamooka CCS 95% is a fairly good result.
- Brief report on court processes thus far. The magistrate gave each defendant ample time to put their case to the court before passing judgement. 2 of the 7 debtors chose to defer judgement and adjourn the process to negotiate with the OCA on payment amount and terms. For the other 5 defendants, judgements were made in favour of the OCA, the debt collection process will now progress. Three defendants did not lodge a defence with the court and judgement was made in favour of the OCA in all three cases.



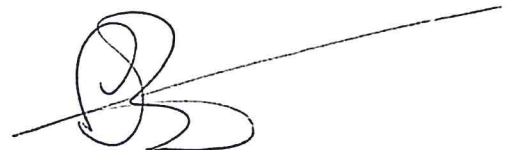


- Frontier Services – information received from Rowan Ramsey and by OCA from Frontier Services in Sydney, there should be no interruption to service, simply a change of management within the Uniting Church organisation.
- APOMA web page – APOMA and OCA (Byron) will meet after this meeting to discuss options going forward.
- Golf course clean up – APOMA will cover the cost of Northern Earthmoving to dig out the signs and remaining greens/tyres and RJCP will move it all to the dump. Member Gough recommended that APOMA keep Chris Larkins in the loop with what is going on.
- RJCP – general discussion of work they can do in the community. Agreed to invite Complete Personnel to the next ATMC meeting in July to discuss the project going forward, next budget/contract with APOMA is due to be put in place in August.
- Handy man issue – will be considered as part of the budget review.
- Budget – APOMA met with OCA and have agreed in principle on the ATMC budget for 2015/16.
- Caravan Park – feedback has been generally positive. One suggestion has been made that some van pads should be aligned at 90 degrees to the first lot.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 1:30 pm.

Meeting closed 4:25 pm 19/5/15.

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