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Outback Communities Authority/Andamooka Town Management Committee/Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association - Joint Media Release. 20 March 2013

## Andamooka Town Management Committee seeks community feedback

The Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC), has released its updated Community Plan incorporating a draft 2013/14 financial plan and budget along with a 'Future Governance Options' paper for community consultation.

ATMC Chair Cecilia Woolford said the first year of the ATMC has seen the establishment of various contracts for the management of town services and the transition of service management from the volunteer APOMA committee to the ATMC, now as we move forward it is time to ask the community how the ATMC model should look and what are the community's priorities for the next financial year.

"The ATMC has worked hard to relieve the significant burden of providing services to the Andamooka community by passionate and committed community volunteers."

Established by the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) and supported by the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA), the ATMC has come a long way in its first year of operations, effectively and efficiently managing municipal service delivery in Andamooka.

Bill McIntosh, Chair of the OCA said the work undertaken by the ATMC in its first year has enabled the community of Andamooka to manage its own future rather than reacting to pressure being placed on the community from influences outside of their control.

"The OCA congratulates the ATMC on the incredible amount of work and the significant achievements of establishing an Office with a Community Administrator and the filling of numerous contracts for effective and efficient delivery of community services."

"As we move forward and as part of our commitment when the ATMC was established, the OCA seeks community feedback on how best to continue the great work of the ATMC. I would encourage all members of the Andamooka community to participate in this important consultation, as together we strive to ensure the long term future of Andamooka."

Volunteer and Chairman of APOMA, Stefan Bilka said he was very impressed at what the ATMC had achieved in its first year. There have been results in creating employment opportunities for what was previously done by volunteers.



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“The town is looking better and I for one, am glad the volunteers are having a long deserved rest from running this town.”

The updated community plan, draft financial plan and draft budget, will, if adopted, result in the continuation of the \$400 community contribution scheme for provision of municipal services.

Community consultation on the draft document will close on 19 April 2013, following a four-week consultation period. The ATMC and APOMA will be holding two community sessions on Tuesday 2 April in Andamooka at 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm at the Community Hall to answer questions on the plan and the Future Governance Scenarios. Comments can be provided by completing feedback forms available from the Office for the ATMC or by contacting the ATMC on 86 727 246 or the Officer for the OCA on 1800 640 542. Documents are also available for downloading on the following websites; [www.andamooka.sa.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.au), [www.facebook.com/andamooka.progress](http://www.facebook.com/andamooka.progress) and [www.oa.sa.gov.au](http://www.oa.sa.gov.au).

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