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Community Plan Released for Andamooka

The Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC), has released its first Community Plan incorporating the 2012/13 financial plan and budget for community consultation.

ATMC Chair Cecilia Woolford said now the hard work in preparing this document is done, it's time to ask the community to tell us what they think.

"This community plan outlines the big ideas for dealing with the many challenges facing Andamooka now and into the future."

Established by the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) and supported by the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA), the ATMC has a clear responsibility to guide and manage future growth in Andamooka.

Bill McIntosh, Chair of the OCA said the releasing of the community plan for consultation was an important milestone for the ATMC as it was only established in January this year.

"I am confident that Cecilia (Woolford) and the other ATMC Members have a good grasp on the management needs of Andamooka and I look forward to reviewing the results of their community consultation."

Volunteer and Chairman of APOMA, Peter Allen, who is also a Member of the ATMC, said he was very excited by the work being done by the ATMC in bringing a professional management approach to community services and relieving the burden on volunteers.

"Andamooka needs professional management, volunteers just can't do everything in a rapidly expanding community supporting in excess of 900 people."

The community plan, financial plan and budget, for the first time in Andamooka, will, if adopted, result in the introduction of community contributions from land-owners for provision of services.

Community consultation on the draft document will close on 4 May 2012, following a three-week consultation period. The ATMC will be holding two community sessions on Thursday 26 April in Andamooka at 2.00 pm and 8.00 pm to answer questions on the plan. Comments can be provided by completing a feedback form available from the APOMA office or by contacting APOMA on 86 727 152 or the OCA on 1800 640 542.



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