

# media release

Outback Communities Authority Media Release. 27 September 2010

## Outback Communities Authority visit to Andamooka

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) will visit Andamooka on **Thursday, 30 September** to build partnerships that will help deliver infrastructure and services to improve life in the outback.

This visit, the first of a series of visits to outback communities, will include discussions with the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA), an afternoon tea with the community, and the OCA's monthly meeting.

OCA Chair Bill McIntosh has encouraged the community to join members for afternoon tea, so they can explain their role and how this might affect Andamooka.

"We'll be having afternoon tea at the **Andamooka Community Hall at 4pm on Thursday** and we would like the community to join us," Mr McIntosh says.

"At 5.30pm we will hold our monthly meeting and people are welcome to stay on and listen to discussions about this month's agenda items.

"We are absolutely committed to consulting the community, building partnerships and striving to develop local arrangements that suit local people.

"By sharing afternoon tea with locals, we hope to hear about what they need most, so we can provide the best possible support.

"As part of this commitment, we will continue to develop resourcing agreements by sitting down, every year with community leaders, to document our shared responsibilities.

"Basically, this will result in a plan to manage local services and infrastructure, that best suits local needs and can relieve some of the pressure on volunteers," Mr McIntosh says.

At OCA meeting, members will also consider waste management issues as well as flooding problems in Andamooka.

Two other documents will also be considered by members before being provided to the outback community to have a say.

These include a *Public Consultation Policy*, which sets the rules on how the OCA must contact everyone in the outback and listen to feedback, as well as a *Strategic Management Plan*, which details the big ideas that will guide the OCA's priorities and help to create a better outback region with stronger, more vibrant communities.



For further information contact Sara Polec on 0434 660 987  
or email [sara.polec@sa.gov.au](mailto:sara.polec@sa.gov.au)