

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Dear Andamooka,

It's been a little while between editions — and yes, we've heard you. The comments, the nudges, the side-eyes and the occasional bug in the bonnet. We get it. And honestly, you're not wrong.

A lot has changed since our last print. A fresh team has found its feet here at the Town Office and between keeping this town running there hasn't always been a spare moment to breathe, let alone publish. Three of us team, one town, endless moving parts — connection through chaos, as we've come to call it. But the wheels are turning again, and we're thrilled to have Emma Morris back on board. The Andamooka Press is back in your hands.

And what a time to come back. Andamooka is buzzing. The new art gallery, Mary's Outback Treasures, has opened its doors and is welcoming visitors daily. A community produce garden is taking root at the campground. The Na Djinang First Nations troupe are touring outback communities and coming to town — a genuinely special event. The Town Park revitalisation and planting initiative is underway, and a Buffel grass burn-off trial through town has drawn interest from universities around the world. The community BBQs continue to bring people together while raising vital funds for mine rescue equipment — a cause close to all our hearts. Our unique gemstones are generating some very exciting developments that we can't wait to share more about. The Lap Club extension is on the horizon. And bees — yes, bees — are coming back to Andamooka soon. Stay tuned for the buzz.

None of this happens without hands, and many of those hands belong to our crew around town and the incredible volunteers who keep this place running. Local residents, familiar faces, people who give their time, effort and heart to Andamooka again and again. This town would simply not be what it is without them. So much of what has been built, planted, cleared and cared for around town is thanks to their efforts, and there are countless others doing quiet, important work we haven't even named here. We see you, and we are grateful.

For all residents, old and new, it's worth understanding the structure behind our town — Andamooka operates a little differently to your average community.

Andamooka sits within a three-layer structure. The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) is connected to the South Australian Government and supports unincorporated outback communities across the state through infrastructure, funding and essential services. APOMA — the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association — is our local governing body. They represent the community and make decisions on behalf of the town. The Town Office is APOMA's on-the-ground team, managing facilities, events, projects, grants, communications, community services and much more. Each body has its own role, and understanding who does what helps ensure your questions, ideas and feedback reach the right place.

This edition is a bite-sized restart — a hello, a something rather than nothing — and we're building from here. Future editions will be bigger, fuller and packed with everything happening around town, and we'd love your help making that happen. The next edition prints on 29 June. If you have a story, notice, event or community update to share, please send it through to andamookapress@outlook.com as soon as possible.


If you'd like to advertise, reach out to the same address and we'll get you sorted.

And if you have a photo you'd love to see on the front page of a future edition — send it in. This newsletter belongs to all of us.


It's good to be back.





— The Town Office Team


ANDAMOOKA LAPIDARY IS OPEN!

 Saturday & Sunday

 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

 Andamooka Lapidary Shed

-  Watch the cutting and polishing wheels in action
-  Chat with our friendly crew and learn the craft of lapidary
-  See raw opal and stone transformed into sparkling gems
-  Beginner-friendly – a perfect chance to try something new

 *Closed shoes recommended*
New members welcome – join our lapidary family!

COMMUNITY CONTACTS
& INFORMATION

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
CALL 000**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- CFS 000
- SES 132 500
- Health Clinic / RFDS
- 08 8672 7087
- 1800 733 772 (After Hrs)

ANDAMOOKA CLINIC

Ph: 8672 7087
Hrs: Mon - Fri: 9:30am - 4:00pm
Lunch 1-2pm (closed)

POST OFFICE

Ph: 08 8672 7007
Hrs: Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm
Weekends: 11am - 3pm
Services:

- Dukes Bottlehouse Motel
- Laundromat
- Claims Registration

WATER & SEPTIC

My Little Desert Supply Co:
Gavin - 0419 196 760
Mooka Boys Water & Waste:
Cozza - 0427 879 787

POWER HOUSE:

Ph: 08 8672 7135

TOWN OFFICE:

Ph: 0477 184 485
Hrs: Tues - Thurs: 10:30am - 4pm
E: andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

OCA:

Ph: 8648 5970
CCS Payments & AVDATA @ PO

SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE:

Ph: 8672 7018
Library Hrs: Mon - Fri: Noon - 3pm
Thurs: Noon - 5pm
Sat: 9am - Noon

GAS BOTTLES:

Smurf: 0498 001 415

ELECTRICIANS:

Richard Elliott: 0417 807 257

VET NURSE:

Erika: 0427 052 362

CELLARBRATIONS / GROCERIES:

Ph: 0488 033 387
Hrs: Mon - Sat: 9am - 8pm
Sunday: 10am - 8pm

DINE-A-MITE CAFÉ:

Ph: 0409 512 692
Hrs: Mon - Tues: CLOSED
Wed: 9am - 2pm
Thurs: 9am - 2pm & 5pm - 7pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm
Sat - Sun: 9am - 2pm

CWA / ANDAMOOKA BOO-TEEK OP SHOP:

Ph: 8672 7044
Hrs: Fri - Sat: 9am - 12pm

MARY'S OUTBACK TREASURES:

Ph: 0419 855 059
Art Gallery: 9am - 4pm Daily
Coffee, Coke, Sandwiches: Mon & Tues

MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION:

Roxby Downs Town Council

ANDAMOOKA CARAVAN PARK:

Ph: 0477 184 485
Opal Creek Blvd

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

Join us for
NIGHTTIME BINGO
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

REGISTRATION FROM 6PM
EYES DOWN 7PM START

Great prizes, good company,
and a whole lot of fun!

THE Dine-A-Mite CAFE
OPEN FOR DINNER!
LAST ORDERING 6:30PM

GOOD FOOD, GREAT PEOPLE, STRONG COMMUNITY.
See you there!

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BINGO!
Sunday
28TH JUNE

REGISTRATION 1:00PM
EYES DOWN 2:00PM

AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Join us at the
MARKETS
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
9AM - 1PM

AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Support & Shop Local

Find something SPECIAL made with LOVE

Great foods, Great vibes, Support local!

TO REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT SHAZ ON
0473 479 270

Libraries SA July 1 - 31

Firstival

TRY SOMETHING NEW.
AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

Firstival is a brilliant month of amazing events, brought to you by libraries across South Australia.

CONNECT Meet new people and be part of your community.

DISCOVER Explore new ideas and find your next event.

LEARN Try something new and build your skills.

ENJOY Fun activities for all ages.

When was the last time you did something for the first time?

Firstival is a brilliant month of amazing events, brought to you by libraries across South Australia.

We're incredibly excited to present a diverse program featuring opportunities for connection, discussion and thrilling moments of discovery. There really is something for everyone!

ANDAMOOKA PRIMARY SCHOOL & COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Your library. Your community. Your place to discover.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD - SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES

Newsletter Submissions All editorial content, community notices and classifieds must be received by the **22nd of each month**. Send to: andamookapress@outlook.com Fees apply as per the fee schedule.

Advertising - Noticeboards & Digital Displays Advertising requests must be submitted by email at least **one week before the intended display date**. Please include all artwork and copy ready for use. Requests received after this time cannot be guaranteed.

Event Marketing Events require a minimum of **two weeks lead time** for marketing support. All artwork must be submitted by the **Friday before the Monday** update to be included in that week's materials.

If you require artwork and copy to be created on your behalf, please submit a request to andamookapress@outlook.com - please allow an additional 5 business days if you need artwork created.

ADVERTISING RATES:

Full Page: By Sponsorship Only
1/3 Page: \$32 or \$325 Annually
1/4 Page: \$25 or \$250 Annually
1/6 Page: \$15 or \$150 Annually
Strip: \$17 or \$175 Annually
Business Card: \$7.50 or \$75 Annually
Classified: \$5 or \$50 Annually

Advertising & notices are free of charge to local charities and groups.

CONTACT:

andamookapress@outlook.com

Join us at *The Cottages*

COMMUNITY BBQ &

**GREAT FOOD
GOOD COMPANY
STRONG COMMUNITY**

**PRESENTING
MARC RYAN**

RAW STORYTELLING
BOGAN HUMOUR
REAL CONVERSATIONS

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE FROM 5PM

ALL WELCOME –
BRING YOUR FAMILY
& FRIENDS!

GREAT FOOD,
GOOD COMPANY,
STRONG COMMUNITY

SUPPORTING OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY

KEEP WARM & RELAX!
FIRE PITS WILL BE
BURNING ALL NIGHT

*It's cold outside,
but we've got
you covered!*

RAISING FUNDS FOR
MINE RESCUE EQUIPMENT
HELP US SUPPORT THE VOLUNTEERS
WHO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY
SAFE UNDERGROUND.

PROUDLY HOSTED BY
MIM
MIND OVER MASCULINITY
MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

PRESENTING
MARC RYAN

GOOD FOOD. GREAT PEOPLE. STRONG COMMUNITY. *See you there!*

\$15 PER PLATE • COMEDY PERFORMANCE FREE

Na Djinang Circus presents

A moving acrobatic
performance linking
people, country
and culture.

ARTERIAL

**Andamooka
Community Hall**

FREE EVENT
Registrations essential

QR CODE

6PM
26 JUNE 2026
nadjinang.com.au

NA DJINANG CIRCUS

Australian Government

Creative Australia

outbackSA

APOMA

Art by Graeme Abella & Sarah Jagne

SPORTING CLAYS Shot to S.C.A. Grades/Handicap - 150 Targets 0.1G High Gun. 1st, 2nd, 3rd in AA/A/B/C/Ladies/Veterans/Juniors

Andamooka Sports Shooting Association

Presents their Annual

TWO DAY SHOTGUN SHOOTING EVENT**SAT 20th & SUN 21st JUNE 2026****SAT 100 TARGETS 8:30am START & SUN 50 TARGETS 8:30am START****CLUB GUN HIRE, MEALS & ACCOMMODATION FOR PURCHASE ON REQUEST****SENIOR NOMS \$130 / 17&UNDER-FREE / ALL SPECTATORS WELCOME**

Andamooka Shooting Range located 6kms from Andamooka on the Torrens East Rd

Turn left at the sign and follow the road in

RSVP'S ESSENTIAL

for nominations, accommodation & catering

Kelly.assasecretary5722@gmail.com

0439855617 or Matt on 0419504200

All NOMS received by
20th May go into a draw to
win 2027 nominations or
250 shot shells

CALL OUT

to all local
ANDAMOOKA
ARTISTS!

Get ready for
SALA 2026!

Celebrate
creativity.
Support local.
Be inspired.**EXHIBITION** *Arty Andamooka: Creative Showcase*

A vibrant showcase of Andamooka artists and makers, featuring diverse creative works across multiple mediums including painting, photography, opal jewellery, textiles, and handcrafted pieces.

OPENING NIGHT*Arty Andamooka: Creative Showcase*SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026
5:00PM - 7:00PM

Be the first to celebrate the opening of Arty Andamooka: Creative Showcase. Meet the local artists, tour around their work, and connect with our creative community. Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet, chat and sign up for workshops and events taking place throughout the month.

Free - no booking required

MORE THAN AN EXHIBITION!

Meet local artists, enjoy events and workshops throughout SALA Festival and experience the creative side of Andamooka in a fresh and accessible way during the month of August.

Whether you're passing through or making a special trip, come and celebrate local creativity!

HELD AT*Mary's Outback Treasures*

A welcoming local business and art space



- Mary Midgaj
- 0419 855 059
- marysoutbacktreasures@gmail.com
- Lot 117 Christmas Hill Rd, Andamooka SA 5722

BE PART OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CELEBRATION OF VISUAL ARTS!
SHOWCASE YOUR WORK. SHARE YOUR STORY. INSPIRE YOUR COMMUNITY.**SALA** SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
LIVING ARTISTS FESTIVALSALA FESTIVAL 2026
| 1-31 AUGUST 2026Please register to receive your newsletter via email, or to register someone you know who would need a print copy
Email: andamookapress@outlook.com or call / text (m) 0477 184 485