

## UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April: TBA**  
**Good Friday BBQ**
- ◆ **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April:**  
**The Great Outback Opal Hunt**
- ◆ **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April:**  
**ANZAC DAY TBA**

**Please Be Advised:**  
Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, events may be cancelled or postponed.

*More on Events page 9...*

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Header: Wild wattle flowers.

Source: M. Clifford

## EASTER IN ANDAMOOKA – changes to events and activities

Due to the rules and restrictions put in place by Government to contain the spread of Covid19 (Corona Virus), we are taking steps to work within those and in the interest of community health and wellbeing, as we work through what was planned to be a busy and exciting Easter in Andamooka.

These measures and planned events are as per the current status of risk in this region, but this could change on a day by day basis, so please check notice boards and the website for changes.

Underlying all events in 2020 is about the first years of settlement in Andamooka during the 1930's celebrating the first of our 10 year, Decade by Decade Countdown to Andamooka's 100year anniversary in 2030.

**CANCELLED:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, launch '1930's Andamooka, Living History Exhibition' However, work still continues on the exhibition and it will be displayed as planned and added to over the year, so locals and visitors alike will have the opportunity to learn more about our very early years and to contribute as we uncover more and more about those harsh but successful early opal mining *days in Andamooka and the characters that first pioneered our town and community.*

**GOING AHEAD:** Easter Thursday is the opening of 'The Great Outback Opal Hunt' with a twilight 'fossick by ultra-violet' activity. The Hunt will offer the chance to win Andamooka Opal and other great prizes and will run till the 29<sup>th</sup> August, commemorating the day that precious opal was confirmed from Andamooka in 1930. Competitors will need to register at the Post Office. Funds raised will go towards community programs and facilities.

**TO BE DECIDED:** Good Friday night, join in the traditional Easter BBQ at the Cottages. Locals, friends, family and visitors to Andamooka are welcome. It's a relaxed night with a great feed for a modest contribution and there will be

the magic of stargazing thanks to Andamooka Observatory. Funds raised towards preserving and maintaining these amazing historic cottages. BYO beverages, snacks and a deck chair if you have one.

**POSTPONED:** to a date to be decided: **Andamooka's 1930's Swing Ball.**

**TO BE DECIDED:** Easter Saturday Cocktail launch of the **Minnie Berrington documentary** which will be by invitation only, The documentary is being filmed in Andamooka over winter and will promote our early history and involve many locals including school students and youth.

**TO BE ADVISED:** Easter Sunday lunchtime repeats of **Opal Symposium presentations by Peter Taubers and Stuart Wattison**, who will also make himself available to talk about his work and findings on Andamooka's history. This day includes the **launch of the community Lapidary Program & Workshop**

**TO BE DECIDED:** Easter Sunday or Monday... **fun tag-a-long sunset 'discovery' tour.** Register your interest at the Town Office, Post Office or Bottle shop.

**CANCELLED:** Easter Monday morning Market

### POSTPONED: Andamooka's Rock Concert

It is with great disappointment that we have had to take this measure for this event that so many of our community and those of Roxby Downs and Woomera have been looking forward to.

Set for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March has been postponed due to Government restrictions to mass gatherings and in the interest of community health.

Subject to the situation with the Covid19 virus, the October Long Weekend has been mooted as the possible date to re-schedule the event.



Bonfire at the old airstrip.

Source: Matilda Moylan-Blaikie

**COMMUNITY CONTACTS  
& INFORMATION****FOR ALL EMERGENCIES  
CALL 000**

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**Police:** 131 444

**SES/CFS:**  
John West: 0408 807 943  
Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

**Andamooka Community Health Service:**  
Hospital Road 8672 7087  
See page 6 for daily clinic hours  
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**Post Office:** 8672 7007  
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- **Dukes Bottlehouse Motel**  
- **Laundry-mat**  
- **Claims Registration**  
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**Town Office:** 0477 184 485  
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**Andamooka School & Children's Centre:** 8672 7018  
Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

**Andamooka Community Hall:**  
Enquires, contact APOMA  
- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area**  
- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**  
- **Andamooka Yacht Club Cafe**  
Opal Creek Blvd.

**Andamooka Yacht Club Cafe:**  
Opal Creek Blvd. 0412 264 168  
Located at the Community Hall

**Andamooka Caravan Park & Playground:** 0477 184 485  
Opal Creek Blvd.

**Tuckabox Hotel:** 8672 7137  
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**Bottle Shop:** 8672 7183  
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**CWA:** 8672 7044  
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**Motor Vehicle Registration:**  
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**ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION****Andamooka Town Office**  
*One-Stop Shop for OCA, APOMA & Town Business*

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9:30am - 3:00pm (Closes 12 noon Fridays)  
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**Urgent Enquires:**  
**OCA (Byron Gough): 0427 687 772**  
**APOMA: 0477 184 485**

**Town Maintenance:** Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165  
**Address:** Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka  
**Postal:** PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

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**OCA:** oca@sa.gov.au

**APOMA/Town Office:** secretary@apoma.com.au

**Town Maintenance/Projects:** admin1@apoma.com.au

**Events & Memberships:** admin3@apoma.com.au

**Newsletter:** admin2@apoma.com.au

**OCA: 12 Tassie St, Pt Augusta Ph: (08) 8648 5970**

*CCS & Avdata payments now accepted at Post Office*

**Notes Focus Committee Meeting March 20:**

- Meeting focussed around concerns with the long term sustainability of the town and management in the current funding climate.
- Review of budget and budget performance for second quarter indicated that it is operating to budget.
- Focus on the OCA outback regions funding situation
- Discussion around how gaining more funding for the region can be achieved – all of region approach
- How to create an all of region approach to lobby government and for a prospective media campaign
- Discussion around funding town management for the long term – determining funding for a staffed office.
- Discussion on community programs and projects – priorities, needs and on-going costs vs incomes
- New wifi program ready to progress.
- Discussion on funding opportunities and assistance for community projects and major projects
- Overview of planning around up coming events in the face of the corona virus
- **At bank end of February 2020:**  
Operations Acc: \$52,534+ \$87.58 in CC acc,  
Allocated Funds: \$32,110  
Reserve Funds: \$15,570  
Asset Maintenance: \$5,750

**MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:**

Please visit the website to access minutes from APOMA meetings and for other information. If unable to access the website, please call APOMA to arrange an alternative.

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MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

*APOMA is the peak body representing the opal miners, residents, community and township of Andamooka.*

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community, protect miners rights & build a sustainable future for the town; maintain & develop the township; assist the development of opal mining & promote opal markets; promote & facilitate tourism, promote & facilitate community wellbeing, social inclusion & equality within the township.

**Chair:** Peter Allen

**Vice Chair:** Donna Waters

**Secretary:** Rodney Mitchell

**Treasurer:** Gill Rowley

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

**Email:** secretary@apoma.com.au

[www.andamooka.sa.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.au)

**Next Member/Community  
Meeting: TBA**

*Correspondence addressed to the Secretary due 7 days prior to meeting.*

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# APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

Please note the various measures APOMA is currently taking in managing community events, and keep an eye on noticeboards and the website for updates.



Australian Government

## Be Connected

Every Australian online.

### 'Be Connected' launches at new Community WiFi Hub

The Be Connected Program assists older adults and other community members with access to the internet and to learn how to connect with friends and family on-line, how to fill in forms, make appointments, or to do your banking, maybe follow social media or how to use a computer to find out information you might need, or maybe to take up a hobby like creative writing or graphic design.

It also provides a social hub for those assisting with putting Andamooka's history together, but most importantly, it assists our community to stay connected and up to date. The WiFi Hub will also be open to visitors to help them stay connected during their journey and will be available to youth for homework and project assistance.

Currently we need to work within Government restrictions around government funded community programs in regard to the spread of the Corona Virus, so this will limit how we move ahead with this new program for the time being. But in the meantime:-

**REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS:** planning in underway for workshops designed around our communities needs and availability. Please register your name and contact at the Town Office or Post Office, together with what you would like to learn about using the internet and what days and times suit you best.

**IF YOU NEED HELP NOW** – Maybe ACCESSING THE INTERNET or with FILLING IN INTERNET FORMS Etc.: please contact us at the Town Office and we can organise someone to help you.

## Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments  
Avdata Water Payments &  
Keys managed at the

Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS  
Contributions are due December

### MAKE SURE YOUR CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS REACH THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ATTENTION

*The OCA is the responsible body to manage and have addressed issues, concerns or complaints about:*

◇ **ROADS:** Including major external access roads, outer tracks and town roads.

◇ **CAT & DOG (Not feral) ISSUES:** Including attacks, nuisance, wandering and other serious concerns.

◇ **DUMP**

Please call direct: (08) 8648 5970  
or after hours if necessary Byron  
Gough: 0427 687 772

Or visit the Andamooka Town Office who will assist your call to the OCA via the Office.

## APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

RENEWALS DUE 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

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# KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

## WHERE IS THE FUTURE HEADING FOR THE OUTBACK?

The March APOMA committee meeting focussed around concerns with regional funding for the out of areas region in which Andamooka sits, and how that works in conjunction with the long-term sustainability of our town and management model in the current funding climate.

Considerations and challenges include:

- With national disasters at an unprecedented level together with the pandemic of corona virus, demand on Government funding on a federal and state level is currently being pushed to a new extreme which will require review and change.
- Short term this is expected to flow through to impact visitor numbers which will impact upon our economy in particular over the current and next financial year.
- Long term is an open book with change afoot in regional /out of areas funding sources we need to push the significant economic value of the outback vs funding via a regional approach.
- So we need to establish the governments vision for the outback and the focus for distributing funding regardless of how that is sourced. Who is included and the manner in which they will be funded?

Andamooka offers a traditional outback experience, historic mining of an internationally promoted Australian icon, and can provide international visitor experiences as well as domestic. Currently on a government level there seems to be no broad thinking or support in terms of capabilities of individual towns or groups of towns and an expectation of small outback towns that 'volunteers will take care of the real outback.

So now is the time to work with other towns within the un-incorporated areas and other enterprises to seek joint opportunities and to ensure that the second option is implemented and that those 'in the middle' of the arterials do in fact benefit and not be by-passed through lack of inclusion, promotion and funding.

## IN THE MEANTIME – WHAT DOES ANDAMOOKA DO?

With an Asset Sustainability Levy (ASL) considered a possibility to be implemented over the next few years, the challenge is that we maintain a balanced approach as we move forward into change, which will not negatively impact on people's lives, local business, on new and developing income streams and community programs that are working towards greater levels of self-sustainability.

*Andamooka has always been a town that looks after itself – the very fact that we pay a CCS is evidence of that, and so, rather than wait for the axe to fall, we need to act now as a community... and a region...*

On a regional basis, we need to jointly and actively work with other towns and industry, to put forward our value as a region together with our collective needs and plans for the future, and to work out how we best move the region and its towns and communities forward into a vital and sustainable future.

## GRANTS

Funding applications for Community Recreation Facilities resulted in a \$50,000 grant assigned in the first stage, being forwarded to the Minister for final approval.

The Country Arts SA grant for the Minnie Berrington documentary has been granted an extension so that filming can be done over winter.

A grant application has been lodged for outdoor activity equipment.



**R&H Roxby Downs** RLA 208715

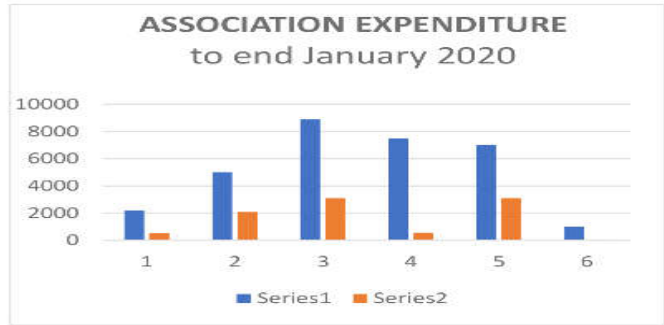
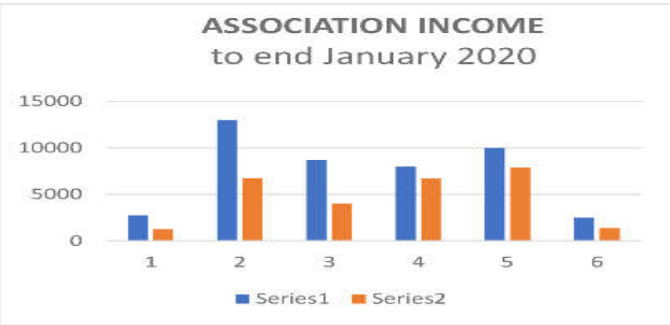
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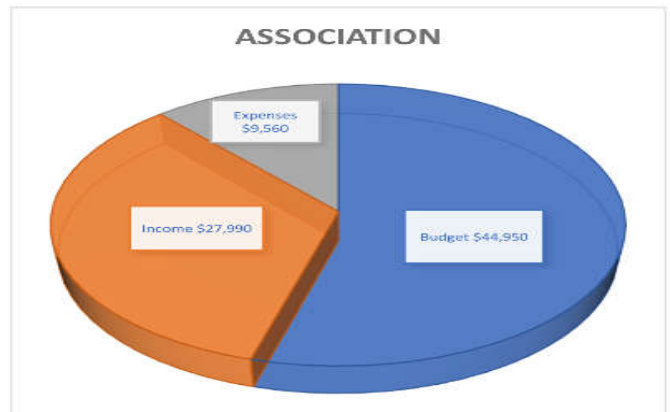
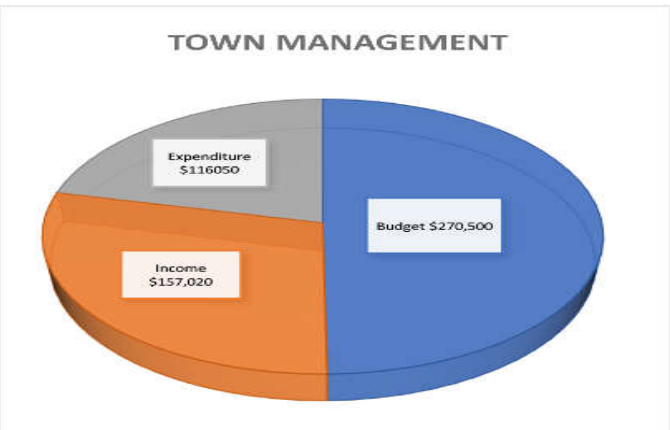
## BUDGET OUTCOMES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2019/20



**LEGEND:** 1. ADMINISTRATION 2. COMMUNITY BUS 3. TOWN MAINTENANCE 4. PROJECTS



**LEGEND:** 1. MEMBERSHIP / ASSOCIATION 2. MARKETING/EVENTS/FUNDRAISING  
3. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS 4. HALL / HUB 5. CARAVAN & CAMP GROUND  
6. COMMUNITY FACILITIES / PARKS & GARDENS

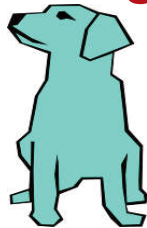


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For its own protection & for the protection of our native fauna.  
Have your cat microchipped, de-sexed & immunised.

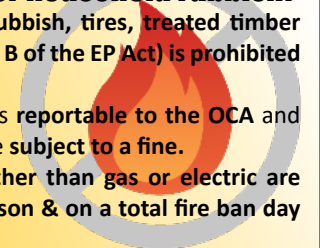


### Can I burn plastic and other household rubbish?

No, burning plastic, household rubbish, tires, treated timber and listed wastes (Schedule 1 Part B of the EP Act) is prohibited under the Air Quality Policy.

Backyard burning in Andamooka is reportable to the OCA and people breaching the policy can be subject to a fine.

Remember that no open fires other than gas or electric are permitted during the fire ban season & on a total fire ban day without a schedule nine permit.



# ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Fit-out of the community kitchen/workshop is forging on with the cabinets being put together ready for installation of appliances and benches. On schedule to be ready by Easter.

The youth storage cupboard has been installed and the new sliding door unit has been delivered ready for installation. This will provide more contact between the two youth activity spaces and less space intrusion into the 'white room' by a hinged door.

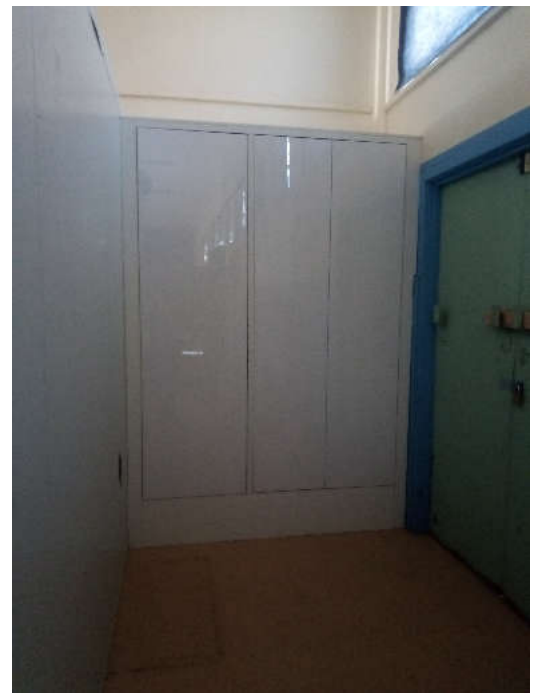
This has freed up space for the Wi-fi hub where the bench has been installed and internet connected ready for youth activities and homework nights and for the 'Be Connected' program to get up and running.

The additional 2 power points to the Caravan & Camp Ground have been installed to meet the increased high season visitor demand for power and work has been done on the development of a camping area adjacent to the existing shelter shed.

The Old Post Office has a new floor installed and in the process of a face lift ready to house a new business venture in town. The re-purposing of this historic building will now return funds to the town and self-support maintenance of that site.

The Lapidary Shed is in the process of upgrading to accommodate the new Community Lapidary Program which is due to launch over Easter. This project was put on hold so the Old PO could be ready for occupation in March.

The existing Community Church, which is awaiting the outcome of an insurance claim for repair of storm damaged walls after which time its future use and development will be determined.



**Coffee Available**  
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**Mon - Wed**  
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**THURS - SAT: 9am - 3pm**

**SUNDAY: 10am - 3pm**

**MON - WED: Closed**

## OPAL HUNTING SEASON OPENS

# Twilight, Easter Thursday, 9th April

Chance for all Wanna-Be Opal Hunters  
to **seek their fortune** in the

# “GREAT OUTBACK OPAL HUNT”

Andamooka Opal Field  
Commences April  
and closes 29th August 2020  
Register at Andamooka Town Office,  
Post Office or Cellarbrations bottle-shop  
Registrations open 1st April 2020.  
*Proceeds to Andamooka community  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays**  
 Join in the fun & activities or just enjoy a cuppa & chat  
**10AM - 12PM**  
 At the CFS / SES Shed

**Andamooka Community Church**  
 Meet at Hall on Sun @ 3pm  
 For music, worship & sharing of evening prayer  
 More Details: 8671 0270

**Andamooka / R.D. Bible Church**  
 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday  
 Bible Study 7:30 Wednesday  
**Water Way, Andamooka**  
 Contact: 8672 7004

**Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.**  
  
 For more information on activities & events  
 Contact: Matt 0419 504 200

**JANUARY**  
 APOMA Memberships Due  
 26th: Australia Day & Citizen's Awards

**FEBRUARY**  
 14th: Valentines Day

**MARCH**

**APRIL**  
 9th Outback Opal Hunt opens  
**Good Friday BBQ - cottages**  
**Sun 12 Opal Presentations**  
 Lapidary Program launch  
**Minnie Berrington launch**  
 25th: Anzac Day

**MAY**  
 ASSA Opal Classic

**JUNE**  
 June Long Weekend Activities  
 Winter Markets

**JULY**  
 Dog Registration Due

**AUGUST**  
 SALA Festival Exhibition  
 Hospital Auxiliary Camp Oven Cookout  
 29th Outback Opal Hunt closes.

**SEPTEMBER**

**OCTOBER**  
 31st: Halloween  
**October Long Weekend**  
 Sunday Family Fun Day & Markets

**NOVEMBER**  
 2nd: All Souls Day  
 11th: Remembrance Day

**DECEMBER**  
 25th: Community Christmas Lunch



**VISIT**  
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# WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

## ANDAMOOKA DECADE BY DECADE ANNIVERSARY BALL

1930'S SWING  
THEME AND DRESS  
CELEBRATING ANDAMOOKA'S  
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SETTLEMENT

EASTER SATURDAY  
11TH APRIL  
AT THE  
ANDAMOOKA  
COMMUNITY HALL

**EVENT POSTPONED**

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Evening rounds for Friday or  
Wednesday nights.

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PRESENTING ANDAMOOKA'S HOT MARCH NIGHT

## ROCK THE COTTAGES CONCERT

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& DRINK

FEATURING  
ADELAIDE BAND

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+ LOCAL ACTS

AT THE ANDAMOOKA HISTORICAL COTTAGES

**21** SATURDAY  
1ST MARCH

**FROM 6PM**  
KIDS 'TILL 8  
THE REST STAY LATE

**EVENT POSTPONED**

# BINGO

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY**  
1:30 PM at the Community Hall

All proceeds go towards new community facilities

**NEXT DATES**  
TBA

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## CAL THE STONER

SCULPTOR AND ARTISAN STONEMASON



'Cal the Stoner' (Cal Prohasky) sculptor and artisan stonemason moved to Andamooka from St Kilda to build the Andamooka Tiger and establish his Stonemasonry Art Studio.

'I wanted a place to make my stone tiger, I was out and about allot in St Kilda and needed a clear head to get it done. A good lady friend found the town for me.'

A mate later said ' Anda bloody mooka. Pal she is really trying to get rid of you!'. Its good here, the town welcoming and I am at ease. I just walk out the back door and start working, no packing or unpacking gear, no travelling, and when the tiger grows a little bit every day ...it's an ideal situation really or nearly.

The Andamooka Tiger is made of Grampian sandstone. a life-sized tiger that when complete will have opal eyes, claws and the tip of the tail. Cal aims to complete the Andamooka Tiger by August 2020

'Each rock next to each other isn't from the same rock!'

Visitors: Go check out the process and progress of the creation of the Andamooka Tiger!  
Visit Cal's studio between 2-3pm  
Call Cal and let him know you are coming:  
0403042973

*Text and photos curtasy of Conan Fahey*



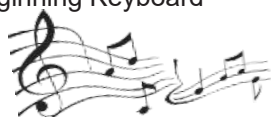
### Music Tuition

edge2centre studio

- Individual Guitar
- Group Mixed Instruments
- Group Guitar
- Beginning Keyboard

Fee: \$15 / 30 Minutes

Concession for groups  
Adults welcome



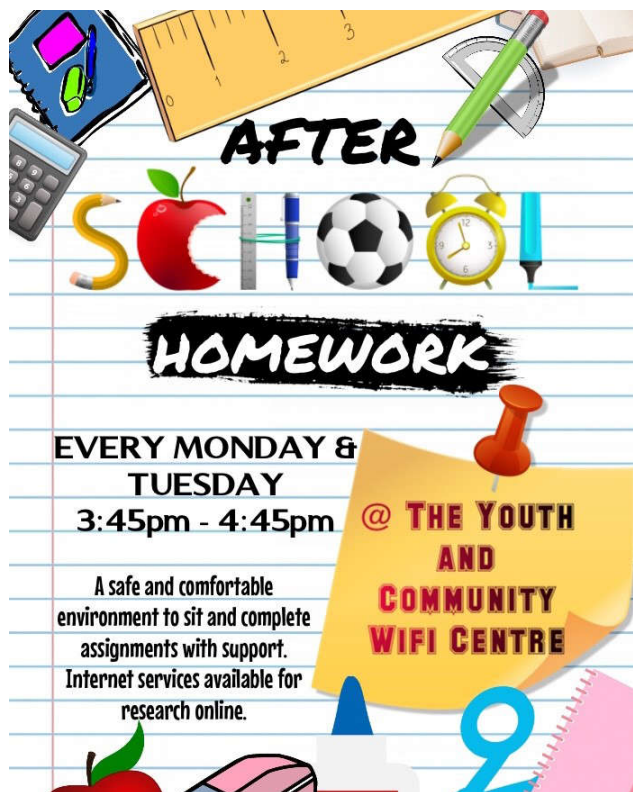
### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

SHARE YOUR ART IN THE CREATIVE CORNER

Come share your work and creativity with the community, and get your art showcased here. We're always on the look out for creative talents, whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, metal, wood, opal, or anything really, we'd love to hear from you.

Drop Us an Email: [admin2@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin2@apoma.com.au)

Or see Emma at the Town Office: Tuesday & Thursdays, 9:30am to 3pm



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## GET FIT 'BOOT CAMP'

Starts 8.00am till 10.00am Sundays  
First session 'Andamooka Playground'  
or Hall if it's hot!

**Casual attendance -**  
Join in or leave at any time during the session.

**Work as hard or as long as you like.**

Activities for all, from beginners or 'the unfit' to tuff-stuff that will challenge your boundaries. Bring a friend and work as a team, or do your own thing...

**All welcome!**

Donations will go to maintaining or purchasing equipment.



**PUT YOUR NAME DOWN  
AT OFFICE, BOTTLESHOP OR PO.**

## CASUAL 'WALK-A-CISE' SESSIONS

**Community Hall  
Wednesday morning 8.30 to 9.30**

Friday evening 'drop-in / drop-out'  
session 4.30 to 6.00

Great for beginners, all ages and stages catered for.

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Call Donna on 0476298992

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**JUNE 16TH - JUNE 19TH  
4PM-6PM**

**ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL**

## SALA Returning in 2020

Donna Waters and Heather Gordon have volunteered to co-ordinate Andamooka's entry in the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival Exhibition held during August 2020. You're invited to participate.

Contact Donna 0476 298 992 or Heather 0414 318 829 early in the New Year to register your interest.

## Muso's Corner

Inviting anyone with an interest in music to join in, for an opportunity to express your passions, develop your talents, learn from others or simply just enjoy the music. [Interested in participating? Get in touch!](#)

For more information, or expressions of interest, please contact:

Wendy: 0447 170 607

# RE-BUILDING ANDAMOOKA'S HISTORY

## NEW LIFE FOR HISTORIC 'OLD POST OFFICE'

Surprisingly few people in Andamooka are fully aware of the history and beginnings of the 'Old Post Office' building located in what is becoming developed as 'Arty Andamooka' corner where Christmas Hill Road joins Opal Creek Boulevard.

For some years, since the post office first relocated to the then medical centre at the location of the current Town Office in the early 70's before moving to its present home in 1996 at the legendary 'Bottle House' complex, this non-obtrusive building has been used for a variety of purposes ranging from a workspace for the history group and tasks such as producing the Andamooka Press, to a tea room for the CDP group and for storing files and various bits of equipment.

However, few know that behind the rather plain facade of the front extension lies the original semi-dugout structure of the first post office in Andamooka with its log and metal ceiling and the original supporting poles, which opened on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1947 as a non-official post office manned by Andamooka's first post mistress Minnie Berrington. From this humble structure, Minnie acted vitally as a conduit for news, information and assistance for local miners and visitors. This section of the building is as strong as the day it was built and still utilised as an integral part of the building.

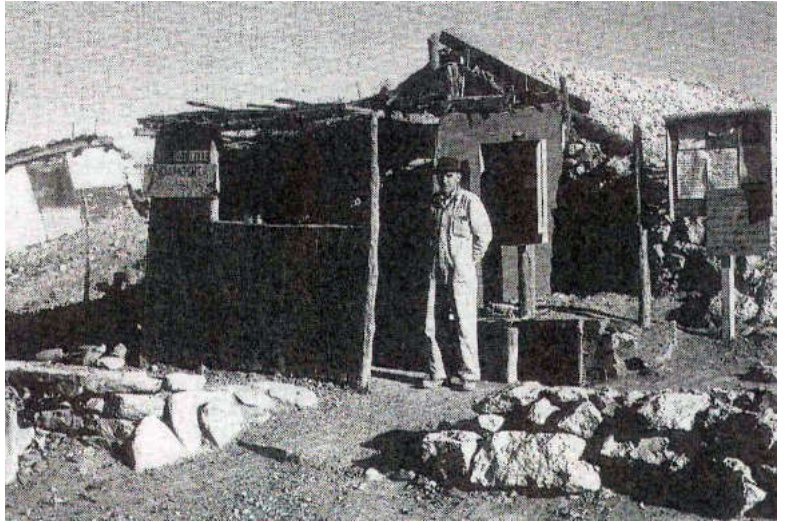
This plain, utilitarian building is now being given a face lift and new life as a functional shop to house a new retail clothing business owned by members of an historic Andamookan family, Tamee and Amanda, daughters of Julie Christie, granddaughters of much loved town matriarch, Bev Burge. The 'girls' are keen to promote the history of the building by decorating the shop with historic photographs and other items.

Over the past two months, passing residents may have noticed a lot of activity going on around the building as a group of volunteers, CDP crew and town office staff assisted by the new tenants, work to repair and renovate what was a rather rudimentary floor, paint the interior and upgrade the outdoors space ready to have the business up and running by the end of March. It will be so good to see it become a vibrant part of Andamooka life again.

The Andamooka Opal Fields non-official Post Office was once the vital link to the outside world and friends and family, considering that there was no other form of communication at the time until a radio-telephone office opened in December 1948. Minnie handed over the post office to Dick Clark around December 1949.

The radio-telephone office was eventually combined with the PO in May 1965, which is about the time that the new extended front was added. In September 1967 Andamooka was allocated the 5722 post-code and in January 1985 the status was changed to an official Post Office Agency, the name changed to Andmooka PO in July 1990 and on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1993 the status was changed to a licensed Post Office. During this process the Post Office changed hands from Dick to Terry Cavanagh in the mid 60's who passed it on to Margaret Buzza who relocated to the medical centre in the early 70's and from there to Margot Duke, the current post office licensee and relocated to the current premises which also houses the local mines agency, an amazing array of opals and jewellery and the renowned Andamooka Underground Museum, once again establishing the PO as a one stop shop for information about Andamooka and opals for locals and visitors alike.

On behalf of APOMA committee and members, we wish Amanda and Tammy, all the success for the future with their enterprise housed in these historic premises, and we encourage all our locals to visit the shop.



## OPENING MARCH AT THE OLD PO.




  
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## DECADE BY DECADE: THE 1930s

### The miners of “Andamooka’s Pride” one of the most valuable early finds on the Andamooka Opal Field

In 1936 when Minnie Berrington, the first female opal miner to own and mine a claim in her own right, was finding success mining her ‘stones of fire’ including black opal, another two pioneering men Walter ‘Pop’ Bartram and his friend, Mr. Wundersitz, decided to try their luck mining opal in the new Andamooka opal fields. They did quite well and were later joined in 1938, when the population numbered around 30 people, by Pops son-in-law Bern Grund, who was experiencing hard times farming in Kimba during a significant drought and the depression, and they joined forces to mine together. Mining for 9 months of the year earning around 5 pounds a week, being around 2 pounds more than the basic wage at the time, they did quite well and so could spend the hot summer months in their southern homes.

Mr Wundersitz was a hard worker who could manage double the digging of most miners on a day by day basis. Living was tough, as was the mining. Shafts were dug about 4’6” by only 2’ wide, barely large enough for a person to fit into let alone use tools to extract the dirt and hopefully opal. Fortunately, much of the opal in those days was found at a depth of around 20 to 30 feet.

In September 1940, mining partners Pop Bartram and Bern Grund unearthed at a depth of 28’ a valuable high quality opal gemstone on their claim at Stephen’s Creek (now simply called ‘Stephen’s’) on the Andamooka opal fields. The opal was said to be the best quality that chief buyers had seen from the Andamooka field, which made it pretty special given the high quality of opal being found on this field. This gem was given the name Andamooka’s Pride.

Pop Bartram purchased the second half share of the opal in the rough at a price offered but not accepted from a buyer, and later Bern Grund cut and polished the much admired stone which was then sold to Mr Agnes Donaldson of Melbourne in May 1945 at an undisclosed price.

The Bartram family stayed on in Andamooka and one of Pop’s grandson’s, Keith, is still actively involved with opal cutting and polishing and with managing the town and community today. Keith is one of the driving forces behind the new lapidary facility and program, and once open, he will be conducting workshops there teaching the basics of how to cut, shape and polish opal, imparting his talents in the special art of determining and enhancing the best ‘face’ to maximise the brilliance of the stone.

Source and reference: Dr Don Bartram, 2020 (*book publication pending*)



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# Police Report

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
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I hope the New Year finds everyone safe and well, and that everyone in the town had an enjoyable festive season.

Since the last report three drivers have been reported for driving whilst unlicensed or disqualified. All three will appear in court at a later date and two of those drivers have had their vehicle impounded for a period of twenty eight days.

Sometime in mid-February a bulldozer was used to demolish a house on Bartram Street. This was done without the knowledge of the owner, and police are conducting investigations into the matter. If anyone has any information into this matter can they please contact the Roxby Downs Police Station, or crime stoppers on 1800-333-000 where you can remain anonymous.

Thank you  
 Senior Constable First Class Tristan Fantinel  
 Roxby Downs Police Station  
 South Australia Police  
 8671 4200



**Eddie Hughes MP**

**Member for Giles**

My office can help with issues related to services provided by the State Government.



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 Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713  
 Email giles@parliament.sa.gov.au

Eddie Hughes MP

## Are you covered for Ambulance Services?

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## Dr Simon Lockwood

**Practising monthly in Andamooka**

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 At the **Andamooka Health Service**

Strictly by appointment.

Book an appointment through **Roxby Downs Family Practice**  
 Ph: (08) 8671 3231

## Andamooka Health Service

**Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka**

Attended by: Diane Bilka, Anne Alexander & Health Service Assistants

**Opening Hours:**

Monday/Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 12pm
Thursday/Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday/Sunday	Closed

Closed 12pm to 2pm for Lunch on all days

Ph: (08) 8672 7087 Email: [andamooka@flyingdoctor.net](mailto:andamooka@flyingdoctor.net)

**After hours calls will be redirected to the RFDS**

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 CENTRAL OPERATIONS



On behalf of the APOMA members and community, the Committee give a vote of thanks to RFDS nurse Anne, for her very informative presentation on the latest news on Covid19 (Corona Virus) and how we can best manage that on an individual and community level, at the APOMA member/community meeting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Community Hall. **MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE: KEEP YOUR HANDS WASHED WITH SOAP AND AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE.**

This attracted a number of questions from the floor and all in attendance expressed their gratitude for this opportunity to learn more about the virus. They pledged to pass on what they learnt to their friends, families and others.

So once again, thank you Anne and RFDS, for taking the time out to so expertly delivering this vital information and message at the meeting.



## WANTED

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### Surviving a Heat Wave

With the hottest months upon us, now is the time to be vigilant and aware of the dangers of heatstroke and dehydration. Drink plenty of fluids and keep out of the sun during the day. Take care of the elderly and the young, who are at higher risk from heat. Think of others as well, check on neighbours and those that are unwell.

## LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

Hot weather has brought out snakes & lizards so watch out for these creatures and make sure that you know what to do in the event of a snake bite.

*This region is home to potentially deadly venomous snakes including the dark skinned Mulga and the Western Brown variations of which may be orange with a black head, or yellow head with greenish body, some have black bands. Don't confuse this with the harmless Desert Banded Snake which grows to only 40cm long, or the Ringed Brown which is venomous but not dangerous, growing up to 60cm.*

*A good practice is to keep a large, firm pressure bandage at hand in your car and home.*

**Call 000 for emergencies**



**Andamooka  
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For the latest school news  
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Visit: [www.andamooka.sa.edu.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.edu.au)

Phone: (08) 86727018

Andamooka Primary School and Children's Centre are taking enrolments now for 2020. Do you think your child would thrive in a smaller setting? We have excellent resources, small classes and very experienced educators.

### Community Library Open to the public:

Internet/Wi-Fi Available

Located:  
Andamooka School

Mon: 11:30am - 4:00pm

Tues: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Wed: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Thur: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Check **Facebook** for holiday hours.

## Andamooka Community Bus Services

REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBY DOWNS  
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PORT AUGUSTA TRIPS

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

for information on scheduled trips.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

(Andamooka community only)

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### Seeking volunteer drivers

If you can assist with volunteer driving for Roxby Downs Thurs trips, please contact Richard at the APOMA Office on (m) 0418 855 165 or [admin1@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin1@apoma.com.au)

### FIGHT THE BITE, DAY & NIGHT



**Protect yourself against disease carrying mosquitoes.**

There is currently **NO CURE** and **NO VACCINE** to protect against Ross River or Barmah Forest virus so the only way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten.

**COVER UP:** Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing including jeans.

**REPEL:** Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.

**ELIMINATE:** Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home.

For more information call **SA Health on 08 8226 7100** or visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite)

# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

## MINING CLAIMS

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7 DAYS A WEEK

ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am-5pm weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

*For further assistance or information on the procedure contact:*

Ashley Wood, Acting Registrar,

Opal Field Program .

Ph: 08 8678 9058

Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

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