

UP-COMING EVENTS

♦ Saturday 26^h Sep: Lapidary Workshops Commence!

◆ 18th - 19th Oct: **Cirkidz Workshops and** Comedy Night! Watch out for more Info coming soon.

Friday Night Take Away Check posters & Facebook for details.

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

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ANDAMOOKA ALIVE!

are all surviving the COVID restrictions in style. What a great place to isolate here in the desert!

There has been much activity around the hub of late. The new Café is up and running. Julie Christie and Peter Sach are running the new Dine-a-Mite café. They won the right to lease the café after a well-contested process. The Committee found it very encouraging to see more that one partnership put up their hands to take it on. The Café has been cleaned by local workers and is now fully up to speed with cleanliness and safety standards. Please give Julie and Peter your support as they build this special business inside the community hall. It is something of a modest income stream for the town and a big drawcard for tourists and locals alike, so a big thankyou to Trish and the CDP crew.

The Be Connected program is up and running too. It's about access to computers. This allows older people and people without computers at home to get online and do their business. This space inside the hub will be very handy for contacting Centrelink through MyGov and checking your emails or just surfing the Internet. If you have just started with computers there will be volunteers to help you get started. It will also be a site of much activity for the Minnie Berrington movie documentary crew.

Talking about the movie. Lara got up at the last APOMA meeting and gave us all an insight into the early research on Minnie.

She was an Englishwoman who was the first female opal miner in Andamooka and the first Postmistress as well.

Hi Everyone. Lets hope you and your families She was a tower of strength in a very masculine situation. Her story will be a way to focus people's attention on the unique history of Andamooka and the essential role that women played in that story.

> The Youth Club is back! Donna has wrangled new resources and worked her magic to get those kids engaging in all sorts of activities. The Committee is very focussed on making Andamooka a child friendly town for all sorts of reasons and especially to support the school. We need families to come and stay.

> The new Community Kitchen has been a great success. If you haven't got down there to sample the good food yet you have been missing out. The atmosphere has been great on these evenings. A big fire, good food and good company. What better way to wean ourselves out of isolation? Look out for posters around town and on Facebook for the next one. The amount of volunteer hours that have gone into this kitchen is a credit to the town.

> So with a lot of successes achieved within this challenging year, we are now facing new challenges heading into 2021, but these include exciting challenges and others that will potentially succeed in servicing the town better as we head into the future. See you at community meetings for your input and information sharing. **Rod Mitchell**

APOMA Secretary

AndamookaPortal



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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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Police:	131 444
SES/CFS:	
John West:	0408 807 943
Stefan Bilka:	0427 181 752

Andamooka Community

Health Service: 8672 7087 Hospital Road See page 6 for daily clinic hours After Hours: Emergencies Only

Post Office: 8672 7007 Open 7 Days, Opal Creek Blvd. Dukes Bottlehouse Motel Laundry-mat **Claims Registration** Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays 11am - 3pm Weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse: 8672 7235 Power Cards @ Friendly Grocer

Andamooka Friendly Grocer: Opal Creek Blvd. 8672 7034 Gas Refills/Fuel/Hardware Open 7 Days, 9am - 6pm Weekdays 9am - 3pm Sat, 10am - 1am Sun

Town Office: 0477 184 485 School Rd Open: Tue-Fri, 9:30am - 3pm

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 0477 184 485 Opal Creek Blvd.

Tuckabox Hotel:	8672 7137			
Takeaway availab	<i>le</i>			
Opal Creek Blvd.	Open 7 Days			
Bottle Shop:	8672 7183			
Opal Creek Blvd.	Open 7 Days			
Roving Vet:	8642 3308			
CWA: 8672 7044 Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop Open Fri & Sat, 9am - 12pm				

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Ph: (08) 8648 5970 **OCA:** 12 Tassie St, Pt Augusta CCS & Avdata payments now accepted at Post Office

Notes Focus Committee Meeting July 20:

Major item was hearing submissions from two separate bids on the Café operation. Both presentations were very good. Both emphasised the importance of the Café as a hub of activity and a great way to showcase the town to visitors which made decision making difficult, but a unanimous decision was finally reached.

The financial report showed that we are doing well against all indicators. Ian made the point to all present that Gill has worked a minor miracle over five years to bring APOMA back from a financial brink and for that we thank her. This includes considerable project funding supporting the Lapidary Workshop, the Community Kitchen and the Café refit. All these special grants need to be acquitted and reported on. Gill has done that too. The Caravan Park has been busy and so produced a useful income stream.

There was some concern about Roxby residents using our rubbish dump. The Committee resolved to put more pressure on Roxby Council.

There was some discussion about the upcoming members meeting. A motion addressed the issue of email proxy votes requiring them to be voice confirmed by phone

APOMA Members meeting - 26th of July.

Stefan Bilka agreed to stand-in as independent chair in the absence of Donna (our acting Chair) who was unwell on the day. The main item of business was the CARM Agreement. The members present saw no problem in confirming that. The agreement looks very much as it did last year. Check out the Financial Report for more detail.

The Committee also reported on a Committee presentation to the OCA Board by Donna, Gill and Rodney in Port Augusta in mid June. At this meeting the OCA revealed that they are looking at a "root and branch" review of the way outback communities are governed. The Committee believe there has to be change and gave an indication that we are very keen to collaborate with OCA on this.

You, as community members, have a right to contribute and will have that opportunity via OCA community consultation during August. In the meantime we are hosting a visit from one Mr Chris Howis who is something of an experienced expert in the area of community solutions. He is visiting Andamooka on the 17^{th} and 18^{th} of August to have a look around and talk with people about an new approach into the future for our town.

The members meeting on the 26th endorsed this initiative as a first step towards informing the OCA review. Please, if you have some time on the evening of August 18th

 come down to the Hub and have your two bobs worth.
 The Committee made the point to the OCA that APOMA will do nothing likely to put upward pressure on the so called Community Contribution. In the meantime, for those of you that aren't APOMA members I would encourage you to join. If you are interested in serving on the Committee you would be most welcome to put in a nomination. We need diversity on the Committee and you need to be a member to be considered for the role. Makes sense to me.

At bank end of July 2020: Operations Acc: \$101,378+ \$351 in CC acc, Allocated Funds: \$31.311		ADVERT
Reserve Funds: \$15,572 Asset Maintenance: \$5,750	Rod Mitchell APOMA Secretary	Full Page 1/3 Page
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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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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.

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Next Member/Community Meeting: TBA Sep 2020 Correspondence addressed to t Secretary due 7 days prior to meeting. the

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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.



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc. "Preserving our past and planning for our future"

: NOTICE :

NOMINATIONS OPEN

FOR ELECTION ON TO THE APOMA COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

FOR TERM COMMENCING October 2020

Elections will take place at the APOMA Annual General Meeting, to be held Sunday 25th October 2020, Andamooka Community Hall.

To nominate for election to the Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association (APOMA) Committee of Management, nominators and candidates need to be eligible, and must fill in and sign the APOMA nomination form available from the website, by email, or from the Andamooka Town Office, and must lodge this with The Secretary, APOMA by the due date as below.

Signed original forms only will be accepted via:

- Post to PO Box 246, Andamooka SA 5722 to be received by final post, Thursday 24th September 2020,
- By email scan of the original form to <u>secretary@apoma.com.au</u> which must be verified by telephone call by the Secretary to the nominator, seconder and nominee by 12.00 noon Thursday 24th September 2020,
- or by lodging the form at the Town Office, located School Road, Andamooka, by 12.00 noon Thursday 24th September 2020.

Nominations are open from Friday 28th August 2020 and close at 12.00noon on Thursday 24th September 2020 under the above conditions of acceptance.

To be eligible for nomination, persons must be a financial member of APOMA for a period of three months prior to nomination.

To be eligible to nominate or to second, persons must be a financial member of APOMA and eligible to vote requiring the expiration of one full month from joining the Association prior to placing the nomination. Retiring or seconded members of the Committee are eligible to stand for election or reelection without nomination.

It is the sole responsibility of members to check their financial status before signing this form. For assistance please contact the Secretary via Phone or SMS on 0477 184 485 or email: secretary@apoma.com.au

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APOLOGIES FOR THIS LATE NEWSLETTER

This edition of the Newsletter has hit a 'perfect storm' in regard to getting it out to the community. Recently we have had absences due to health and other commitments, a load of other events and meetings to manage, a printer break-down, and so much else happening with the café and Minnie Project, which has collectively resulted in an overload on our small staff and volunteers and hence held-up the newsletter. We plan on having the next one out early October so that we can get another one out before Christmas.





Old Kingoonya Road, Pimba SA _{fortnightly} Cash paid for all deposit-able items

Bottle Collection Fortnightly at the Tuckabox

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.

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 1st JANUARY

For the year 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2020

Individual/Single: \$10 Family: \$20

Concession Rate of **\$5** applies to Concession card holders.

Delivery available fortnightly by appointment

KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

CHALLENGES WE FACE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ANDAMOOKA

Creating a platform for a self-sustaining and self-perpetuating economic future for Andamooka is the underlying business strategy of the draft Town & Community Plan 2020-24 introduced in late 2019 as a follow-on to the APOMA Management Plan 2016-20.

That plan was designed to create a sound foundation upon which ultimately to make Andamooka a great place to live and to visit, taking Andamooka through three critical stages. 2016/17, determining the scope of the then current and unsustainable situation and planning a way forward. 2017/18 creating a support network for management, administration and consistent local approach, and clearing a backlog of projects. 2018-19 building financial stability to broaden and strengthen the town's economic advancement for a new way forward by the end of 2019-20.

With that foundation now in place, the Association and town, under local management and governance of the OCA, is in a stable financial position, meeting a balanced annual budget inclusive of futures for asset replacement and primary developments. Also developing systems, meeting compliances and adequately insured. Assets have been upgraded, most with self-sustaining income streams also contributing towards community programs.

The Future:

Recent events have left the town with no general store, no fuel outlet, and no pub. On the positive side, the café has re-opened with a more local-friendly approach and we have seen record visits to the camp ground. The new Wi-fi hub is underway, the lapidary workshop is about to open, and the community kitchen is functioning well. A \$105k grant will see new recreational facilities built by mid-2021.

Currently, APOMA and the Town Office is working with a group of experts to look at a better management model for the town based on the cooperative approach that Andamooka has always taken towards town management. *The first step is a feasibility study which will be presented to the community for consideration pre-Christmas, with the view to gaining support to take the next step forward.*

The Town itself is an exceptionally marketable product so building on and actively promoting its history and character together with creating facilities, services and attractions to support visitation and population growth is a major focus.

Within this, the development of sustainable industry unique to the town and based around 'the outback product' will encourage new investment, create new business and employment opportunities and result in physical and economic growth. Population growth will give strength to opportunities and efforts to develop new community facilities to support lifestyle and wellbeing.

Attraction and retention, particularly of young people, are key challenges. So well planned facility and service development is critical including a general store to provide local day to day requirements, options around food, hospitality and accommodation, a community arts and cultural centre, and community recreational facilities to accommodate youth, families, seniors, sport and wellness, children's activities and events, also skill building.

There is no doubt that Andamooka, given the right community investment and support from Government and the right reach into industry and tourism, has the capacity to not only succeed with creating an economically sound future for the town, but moreover, to actively contribute to the broad economy of South Australia as a township supporting major mining concerns and as a nationally and internationally recognised tourism destination. However, there are inherent problems associated with current levels and sources of government funding, and with the existing town management model.

The way forward: Taking all into account, it suggests the best way forward for Andamooka as a township and community, is development on a cooperative level. This approach and a supporting effective town management model should be investigated to provide for the needs and advancement of the town and to return direct benefits to the community.

The challenge now is for us as a community, regardless of uncertain government funding, to maximise the current existing circumstances to build a sound and sustainable platform for advancement including population growth.

So, whole of community input, involvement and support is critical to ensure that this new approach is in line with the needs and aspirations of the community and that it gains whole of community support on-going.

Please take the time and effort to stay informed and get involved with advancing our town's future.

GRANTS

Application in for \$1000 to conduct Be Connected 'Get Connected Day' event.

SA Country Arts Grant – Minnie Berrington documentary. Filming commenced September. On track.

OCA Drought Funding - \$105,000 received for youth and community facilities – in planning process.

Funding sought via BHP Vital Resources fund for community programs and feasibility study on way forward for Andamooka.

Application in process for Volunteer Grant to assist volunteer development and cost covering.

Seeking funding for tourism related activities, events and marketing.



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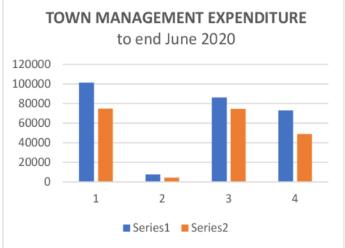
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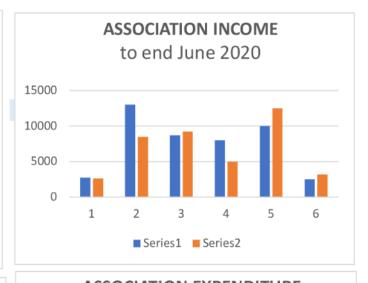
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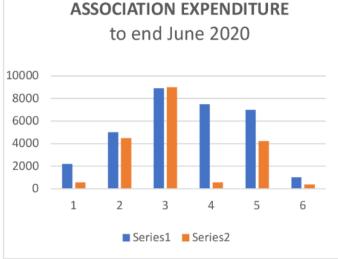
DRAFT BUDGET OUTCOMES @ 30TH JUNE 2020





- 1 Administration
- 2 Community Bus
- 3 Asset Maintenance
- 4 Grants & Projects





- 1 M/ship & Assoc
- 2 Marketing & Events
- **3** Community Programs
- 4 Hall/Hub
- 5 C&C Grounds
- **6** Community Facilities



ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community Hub café:

A significant amount of work has been required to bring the café up to the revised Australian standards for food premises and equipment (AS 3.2.3) prior to the new lessee's occupying the premises. These include the following:-

- New commercial stove/oven being installed.
- Installation of a dual outlet commercial grade range hood.
- New under bench refrigerator.
- Installation of new stainless steel splash backs.
- Upgrade of the power supply.
- Replumbing the ice machine.
- Repairing the gyprock walls & ceilings & repaint.
- Relocate the concrete serving bench & recoat.

Community kitchen:

As with the café we are endeavoring to bring this up to the same standard as the Hall café including the following:-

- Stainless steel bench tops & splash backs.
- Commercial grade range hood.
- Stove/oven from the hall café has been repaired & certified & relocated into the kitchen
- Additional 3 drawer bench & pantry also being installed.

Community bus:

Some issues were identified during the monthly safety inspection and the following work was done to maintain standards:-

- The windscreen has been replaced.
- Rear tyres have been replaced.
- The number plates have been replaced.
- We also undertake a deep clean for Covid-19 the day prior to the bus going out for shopping trips.



The community kitchen is well equipped for events and the seniors' meals delivery program.

Community Hall:

The following work has been completed in the community hall:-

- The front verandah lighting has been upgraded & now operates on a timed switch similar to the splash pad with the addition off a manual override in the building for planned events.
- A triple window sliding glass door has been installed in the white room at the eastern end of the hall.

Andamooka Dump:

Another issue that has been brought to the attention of the Town Office by several members of the community is the amount of out of towners that are illegally dumping their waste in our landfill.

The Roxby Downs council has been notified and will follow up on this.

In the meantime if you see illegal dumping taking place then please remind them that the practice is illegal.

Other projects underway:

We have a number of community volunteers that are actively building the sets & props for the up & coming Minnie Berrington documentary.

We have updated the Covid safe plans for our public spaces to reflect the current restrictions.

We would like to thank our volunteers both locals & travelers, for their assistance.



New sliding doors open up 'The White Room' in the community hall.



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THE ANDAMOOKA PRESS

AN EXCITING UPDATE FROM THE MINNIE BERRINGTON PROJECT



Hello all,

We're happy to share that we are currently in pre-production mode for the Minnie Berrington documentary. Filming of the interview portions of the documentary was done on **September 8th** - **September 13th.**

As well as interviewing our local historians throughout the week, two special guests travelled to Andamooka to participate: Stuart Wattinson and Lorna Cameron (nee Brooks). We were thrilled to have Lorna Cameron (née Brooks), daughter of Sam Brooks, come to revisit the town she was born and raised in across the 1930s-50's.

Lorna is the daughter of Sam and Rose Brooks, and as many locals are aware, the Brooks family is integral to the history of Andamooka with Sam recognised as one of a partnership that found the opal floater that resulted in the birth of the Andamooka precious stones field.

Lorna has fond memories of time spent with Minnie as a child, and we are hopeful that through her recollections we will all be able to learn more about Minnie on a personal level. Her vivid recollection of life in Andamooka's foundation year's, of various events and of Minnie was captivating and we found so much more to assist our re-creation in her collection of photographs which she has kindly donated to our developing historic collection.

Stuart is a retired electrical engineer, Philatelist, Classical music lover, and Minnie Berrington researcher. He presented an in-depth talk about Minnie Berrington on Saturday 12th September at the Community Hall and he has been of great assistance to getting dates and events correct for the documentary.

As part of the weekend around 80 locals, guests and friends gathered at Greg Franklin's incredible outdoor cinema situated out in the opal field, for a **CINEMA UNDER THE STARS** event on the Friday night. The event was a BYO chair and guests enjoyed a great BBQ relaxing by the fire as they watched three wonderful short films made in Andamooka. Sponsored by our friends Matt Glasser from MineTech and Greg Franklin, with all proceeds to benefit The Minnie Berrington Project. Thank you to all who assisted with the amazing event. We can't wait to do this again.

- Lara Lukich



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Undercover Playground

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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	APRIL 25th: Anzac Day	MAY	JUNE June Long Weekend	
Worship Service 10:30 Sunday Bible Study 7:30 Wednesday Water Way, Andamooka Contact: 8672 7004 Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.	JULY Dog Registration Due 26th: Quarterly Member & Community Meeting	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER 11th: Cinema Under The Stars 12th: Andamooka Opal: From Foundation To Future 26th: Lapidary Workshops Commence	
For more information on activities & events Contact: Matt 0419 504 200	October Long Weekend 4th: Bingo Sunday Family Fun Day & Markets 18th - 19th: Cirkidz Workshops 25th: APOMA AGM 31st: Halloween	NOVEMBER 2nd: All Souls Day 11th: Remembrance Day	DECEMBER 25th: Community Christmas Lunch	
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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

Dine-a-mite Café Open for Business

At last our café is open again for business and in true family style, with long-standing locals Julie Christie, partner Peter Sach, daughter Amanda Stone and mum Bev Burge busy in the kitchen Wednesdays through to Sunday between 9.00am to 3.00pm and open Friday Nights till 8.00pm for take-aways.

Julie's burgers are legendary in town and so they were literally 'flying out the door' as the café literally exploded in a very hectic first week which saw hundreds through the doors, but now settling into a steady stream of locals



Dine-a-Mite café crew Julie Christie and Mum Bev Burge, with partner Peter Sach busy cooking in the background.

Great Comedy and Entertainment with Cirkidz and Kev Kropinyeri visiting Andamooka Oct 18th-19th 2020

Thanks to the Outback Communities Authority (OCA), CirKidz and stand up comedian Kev Kropinyeri are planning a visit to Andamooka, arriving Sunday 18th October.

According to Josh Hoare, artistic director at the SA Circus centre in Adelaide, "This is the beginning of a program connecting communities with the beautiful mix of circus and comedy. The Cirkidz' circus workshops are being brought to your community by the OCA and Kev is being toured through Country Arts SA."

Activities for the visit are yet to be fully determined, but it is proposed to run a community workshop on Sunday 18th afternoon, with kids doing a workshop at the school on the following day, Monday 19th. There is also an opportunity for Kev to do workshops for standup comedy and perform for a community event which might be held on Sunday night and also incorporate space for comedy workshop participants to present their material.

So, watch out for more information on this exciting visit and don't miss the chance to enjoy some great entertainment, learn about circus or to 'have a go' at comedy.

and visitors enjoying the great food and atmosphere down at the Community Hall.

With the splash pad now open and a children's menu offering all kind of kiddie goodies, the whole family can spend a relaxing hot day down at the airconditioned hall. On Friday evenings grab beverages from Cellarbrations and enjoy your take-away dinner sitting out in the rear courtyard or sitting in a cooling mist out on the front veranda overlooking the splash pad.

Julie and Peter are keen to work in with community events and activities and other special days around the Hub, so if you haven't visited yet, take the time to pop in and enjoy a bite of the Dine-a-Mite fare.



Be Connected

Australian Government

Every Australian online.

Get Online Week 19-25th October

Workshops to assist members of the Andamooka Community to 'Get Online' will be held throughout the week, at the Wifi Hub, Andamooka Community Hall

Learn how to:

- Use a laptop, tablet or phone to get online
- How to shop online or do online banking
- Access and enjoy online books, games, puzzles and entertainment.
- Make your own book, photo album or calendar
- Look up your ancestry
- Discover and explore history, travel, geology and more
- Find online courses and education tools
- Set up a MyGov account
- And more....

Look out for posters, or contact the Town Office, or drop into the Wifi Hub on Be Connected days for more information.

VERY THIRD SUNDAY 1:30 PM at the Community Hall

NEXT DATES OCT 4th

All proceeds go towards new community facilities



LAPIDARY WORKSHOP OFFICIALLY OPEN!

On the afternoon of Saturday 12th September around 30 members of the community gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new community lapidary workshop, located on the corner of Opal Creek Boulevard and Christmas Hill Road.

Well known opal experts Elizabeth Christensen and Peter Taubers jointly 'cut the ribbon' to open the well set up facility which will generate new interest in opal and gemstone cutting and polishing for locals, Roxby Downs residents and many visitors to our town who are keen to visit time and again to take their fossicking activities to the next stage. Unable to attend on the day was Keith Bartram, another skilled opal cutter invited to be part of the opening ceremony. Keith has been instrumental, along with Ian Thompson and Richard Hawkins, in getting the workshop equipped and up and running.

"This is the right time and opportunity to renew interest in this special art, especially in our younger generation, so that these skills are not lost." said Peter in his speech at the ceremony. "Thanks to APOMA we now have a dedicated place to hold workshops and provide equipment for learning and practicing." Liz nodding agreement added that "It will be good to see the workshops starting soon."

"We have around 40 names down for workshops and we plan on expanding the program into jewellery making which we anticipate will open up cottage industry and employment opportunities for locals and for our youth." said APOMA committee member, Gill Rowley. "So we thank all those involved in the workshop project and this also includes Ben Roberts from Monodelphous for the benches and Brenton Musolino for his donation of equipment to supplement machinery purchased through the OCA Drought Communities funding which funded the workshop."

Ceremony over, a number of people gathered around to watch demonstrations as Peter cut and polished the very first opal finished at the Lapidary Workshop. This will need to be given a very special place in the workshop to remind us of both our heritage and our future as a major player in the world-esteemed Australian Opal Industry.

A timetable of workshops and open hours is in process of being put together, so watch for news on Facebook, in the newsletter and on posters around town and on the front of the workshop. Contact the Town Office for more information.

Opening hours will be from 10-2 on Saturdays, commencing Saturday 26th September.



Elizabeth Christensen & Peter Taubers cut the ribbon to open the lapidary workshop.





Joe's love for opal raising interest in upcoming generations

Elizabeth & Peter working on the very first opal finished in the Lapidary Workshop.

Music Tuition

- Individual Guitar Group Mixed Instruments
- Group Guitar

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

Call out for creative volunteers with time on your hands Design one of nine 'putt-putt' golf 'holes'

A mini-golf course has been a popular subject of discussion for many years for those looking for something for local entertainment for families, groups or individuals and also visitors.



So we are seeking creative locals to take on designing one of 9 putt-putt greens made up in typical Andamooka style from bits and pieces, especially items associated with opal mining, with a theme promoting Andamooka - maybe mining, maybe a business, or past activity or historic structure or machine???

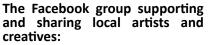
The mooted idea is to install 7 holes laid out within the trees near the playground, the 8th hole at the Town Park for walkers to take a break on the trip between the camp ground and the 9th hole which has been suggested should appropriately be located outside of the Post Office so that golf clubs and bits can be returned and also conveniently next to our 'local watering hole'.

Once the course designs are decided we will form a working group to design the course and to work on the construction. There are no timelines set for the project which will be dependent on community involvement, but we do have a few enthusiastic locals who want to make it happen sooner rather than later.

So, if you are looking for an interesting challenge why not look around for some quirky bits and pieces and turn them into a fun golf station, which could put your name to something special in Andamooka.

For more information contact: Richard M 0418 855 165 E admin1@apoma.com.au







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From the Chair To All Andamooka Residents.

With COVID-19 restrictions continuing, it has been quite a challenging time for many in our community. However, with restrictions slowly but surely easing It is so encouraging that, more than six months into the coronavirus pandemic, we as a community and region as a whole have so far remained untouched by COVID-19. With no cases reported, we have been able to slowly get back to resuming our day-to-day lives - with the necessary safety requirements, of course.

I wish to warmly thank BHP for allocating funds to APOMA to complete the fit-out of the community kitchen and assist with getting the community meals delivery program up and running and producing much-needed meals to our seniors. A big thank you to all volunteers and staff, who have been doing a fantastic job with both projects.

We've certainly got a lot of projects happening in and around the town at the moment, and this will continue throughout this year and into next year. We're pleased to say that a lot of the work is possible after the Town Office sought grants on behalf of the community, so we think it's a massive win that the community gets to experience wonderful facilities such as the community kitchen, community Wi-fi Hub which has youth and seniors programs happening, the lapidary shed and various upgrades that we can all benefit from.



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Each project will present new journeys of discovery within, through inspiring programs and the creativity of those who will work within each space. The community will enjoy the experiences with fondness and warm affection.

We also handed down and discussed the 2020-2021 CCS and association budgets and CARM Agreement 2020-21 at the July Member & Community quarterly meeting which was voted and agreed for APOMA to sign off, on behalf of the community. Thank you to Stefan Bilka for taking the lead as chair on short notice for the meeting as I was stuck home with the flu.

The committee have also been working on the roads developments, dealing with the Aboriginal Groups Kokatha and Kuyani and speaking with local government.

We welcomed Chris Howis into a discussion with community stakeholders about how we can best move Andamooka forward into the future and we have really appreciated his expert input. This has started a feasibility study process.

Congratulations to Julie and Peter for taking on the lease for the Cafe so excited for you both and what a perfect name you have chosen. \bigotimes DINE-A-MITE \bigotimes CAFÉ...

As always, we've got events coming up and we encourage you to join us where and when-ever possible. Unfortunately this year we couldn't run a physical exhibition SALA due to COVID-19 rules and regulations. We've decided not to proceed with SALA this year at all. Instead, we will step up our promotion through the Arty Andamooka Facebook Page and look forward to SALA 2021.

To our community I thank you for the wonderful support you have shown us. The committee I stand together and we are passionate about our community and members in it.

Thanks to All, Donna Waters APOMA Chair

Centacare have received extra funding to assist remote communities in the current climate (groceries)

What we will do is identify the need and I will contact the closest supermarket/ general store and set up a method of payment (credit card)

Individual will shop to the amount allocated after they have done a phone interview with our finance officer (Bernadette 8641 2379) to check eligibility. 15

Andamooka Seniors Enjoy a Special Day.

The Andamooka Over 50's & Seniors Information Day & Luncheon held at the Community Hall on Wednesday 2nd September.

Fifty four of our more senior community were treated to a day out sponsored by the Be Connected Program, which is aimed at assisting seniors and others who may not have access or skills to get connected to the internet. Be Connected funding has assisted with setting up the new community Wi-fi Hub at the hall to accommodate the program and to also provide internet access for youth activities, locals and visitors.

APOMA Chair, Donna Waters welcomed guests to the Day inviting them to enjoy catching up with each other and hearing more about seniors' activities over a delicious 3 course luncheon prepared and served by a busy band of volunteers including our Meals Delivery Team. Thank you to Tanya, Julie, Doreen, Trish, Angela, Kath and Gill, also Luke and Richard who assisted with the set up and to Mash who also created the beautiful wildflower arrangements for the event. Thank you too, Julie and Peter for providing tea and coffee from the new Dine-A-Mite café.

Katalin Wilby who has kindly volunteered to coordinate the Be Connected program for the Andamooka community, gave an overview of the program, inviting seniors to sign up. She and Margie have worked together to bring the program to life for our community and workshops and one-on-one sessions will be commencing mid-September.

It was great to have the Royal Flying Doctor Services attend on the day with information and goodie bags around the Be Healthy programs and other services they provide to the community. For further information please don't hesitate to contact the wonderful team from our Community Health Services at the Andamooka Clinic.

Another local seniors' activity is the Wacky Wednesday social morning held Wednesday mornings at the Emergency Services Shed on Christmas Hill Road. Contact Sylvia Hobbs for more information.

Information about social services was also at hand with Hayley Scrivens and Sylvia O'Conner from the BHP Community Hub attending and providing some much appreciated goodies and support for the day. Don't hesitate to contact them for information or assistance.

Be Connected is a government initiative to get internet disadvantaged people and seniors connected to the

internet. Now more than ever we are required to be reliant on the internet whether we are doing business, connecting with family and friends, keeping our memories safe, or just for leisure purposes.

With our Community WIFI Hub up and running and we are ready to help our community to Be Connected. 13 seniors registered interest at our luncheon for the program.

If you are interested in using the WiFi Hub or volunteering as a mentor, please contact the BE Connected Coordinator Katalin Wilby or the Town Office and leave your details or call into the WIFI Hub when open on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We look forward to seeing you soon and assisting you with getting connected.

Be Connected Andamooka Volunteer Coordinator Katalin (Kat) Wilby



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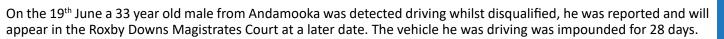
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Police Report

The Andamooka Road has officially had the speed limit changed back to 110 kilometres an hour. I'm sure this will make many people happy. Just a reminder that police will be continually conducting speed detection on this section of road, and if you hold a provisional, probationary or learners permit the maximum speed you can travel is 100 kilometres an hour.



Police have also been made aware of items being stolen from work vehicles, and these vehicles damaged in recent months. These reports have occurred on the Andamooka Road during the upgrades to the road, and others on the opal fields.

I know times are hard given the recent situation involving the Covid-19 virus. It's good to see that people in the town are usually upbeat, and that a new café is opening to encourage people to come and explore the township.

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



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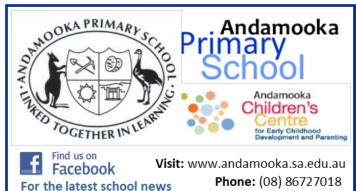




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HEALTH WARNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS Developed a fever or cough? ISOLATE **CALL YOUR** LIST TRAVEL YOURSELF DOCTOR HISTORY COVER YOUR WASH HANDS OFTEN **STOP THE SPREAD** Australian Government www.health.gov.au FIGHT THE BITE, DAY & NIGH 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 bit through tight clothing including ieans.

REPEL: Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl tolu amide) or picariden and always follow instructions on the label.

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