

UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **23rd - 25th Mar: RFDS Dental Clinic** - Please book!
- ◆ **28th Mar: General and Community Meeting**
- ◆ **2nd April: Good Friday BBQ at the Cottages**
- ◆ **3rd April: Dine-A-Mite Cafe** Open for Take-Away Dinners
- ◆ **4th April: An Arvo with Kell n Co'** Outback Opal Hunters

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: Andamooka Sunset.

Source: E. Morris, 2021

ANDAMOOKA ALIVE *a new way forward...*

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has made its mark on the township and community of Andamooka, but in the tradition of Andamooka's 'last great act of defiance', we stand once again as a community that is facing up to the challenges of creating a new way forward for this dusty, quirky but amazing township we live in or love to come back to...

Yes, the 'pub's' closed down and we don't know when it will open again... the local store shut down and awaiting its future... fuel is a problem and things have looked a little quiet on the surface, but scratch away that dusty top layer and you will see Andamooka's true colours shining.

In a move to overcome difficulties for many locals, the Bottleshop took up the role as a 'general store' stocking day to day staples together with their great range of beverages, and this has been a veritable lifesaver for so many.

In a brave move, the Café re-opened. A new business mid-pandemic! and the Dine-a-mite crew have served our community and visitors so well for the past 7 months, creating a welcoming atmosphere around the hub.

Volunteers worked hard to run a series of 'take-away' nights across the tourism season to serve locals and visitors alike and there were some good evenings spent at the hub catching up (from a correct distance) with others who normally would congregate at the Tuckabox on a Friday night. There are more planned.

The legendary 'Andamooka Boo-teek Op Shop' re-opened its doors in February and this has also attracted visitation back to Andamooka and provided another meeting place for locals.

Projects continued throughout, and with the help of so many local businesses and volunteers we've seen the realisation of an amazing community kitchen that supports the local community food program including seniors' meals deliveries and distribution of food packages.

The new Wifi Hub supports the Be Connected internet access program which has assisted isolated seniors to connect with family and friends nationally and worldwide, and to learn new skills to assist with living in a restricted Covid world. It has also been a great social service bringing locals together on a regular basis as has the seniors 'Wacky Wednesday on Tuesdays' at the Hall. Coordinator Kath Wilby has great plans to expand these programs so please put your support behind her quest to bring more joy into the lives of our valued seniors.

On another level, there is now an active project group working together with expert assistance on a number of projects including the major community sports and recreation facility project with the vital support of community volunteers. We have had great funding support from BHP and via the OCA for services and facilities and we also have an amazing documentary being produced in and about our town.

Other new working groups are forming. An emerging marketing/tourism focus group had a very successful marketing & tourism meeting with the RDAFN in early February. A new historic focus group is emerging, the new lapidary group is working on revitalising the local opal industry, and there is a glimmer of an arts focus group forming. Trails are a major focus connecting genres, features, events and adventure and building enterprise.

Our community is coming together with a renewed spirit reinvigorating existing volunteers and bringing others on board to support the enormous amount of work being done. There is a core few across our community with a quest to advance our town, population and future. *But as Covid restrictions ease, we need everyone to get on board if we all want a real future for our town.*

Feedback from visitors to the town speaks of friendly, happy people who make them feel 'like a local' ... of a clean and tidy town with great facilities, of a place with so much hidden beneath its dusty surface that fascinates and surprises and which keeps them here for longer than expected... then lures them back again.

So, come on.. be part of this regeneration. (*think of the mouse and the eagle*) Open your hearts and minds, smile, put your support behind projects and local business. Maybe think about new opportunities for yourself that could emerge from these new projects.... Everyone counts.

Together let's bring ANDAMOOKA ALIVE!



Ground work underway at new rec and sports centre!

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

Your call will be directed to the right organisation to manage the situation.

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
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 @ Post Office

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 Dine-A-Mite Cafe**
Opal Creek Blvd.

Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:

Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692
Located at the Community Hall

Andamooka Caravan Park

& Playground: 0477 184 485
Opal Creek Blvd.

Bottle Shop: 8672 7183

Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 Days

CWA: 8672 7044

Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop

Open Fri & Sat, 9am - 12pm
Top of CWA Rd

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council

Roving Vet: 8642 3308

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**Committee Meetings Jan/Feb:**

Discussion and decisions around major projects:

- Decision on location for new Recreation complex determined as part of a broader project for the combined camp-ground and 'grader shed' sites into a comprehensive recreation and sports complex.
- Future of 'community church' site under discussion.
- Progress with lapidary facility and program
- Progression and funding of trails project inclusive of cottages restoration, Minnie Berrington project and cemetery.
- Torrens road upgrade and Borefield connector – ongoing
- 2021 major events and fundraising/funding
- Ongoing discussion re servicing the community including local access to fresh food, fuel and other vital commodities, plus concept of community shop.
- Also on youth and seniors program development
- Joint discussion with OCA re 'Outback Futures' and how Andamooka will fit into changes associated with this.
- Also re 2020-21 and 2021-22 CARM Agreements and funding.
- Financials and advancements with financial management and reporting. Online discussion with accountant.
- Also upgrades to advance IT and electronic communications including for meetings.
- Recruitment of members and volunteers.
- Determination of meeting dates including quarterly member/community meeting March.

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.

ANDAMOOKA TOWN OFFICE

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OPEN TUESDAY - FRIDAY
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URGENT ENQUIRIES

OCA: 08 8648 5970 **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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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 accepted at Post Office

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: Ian Thompson

Secretary: Rodney Mitchell

Treasurer: Gill Rowley

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

Email: secretary@apoma.com.au

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, 28th March 2021

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

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

All community members invited.

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community

1.30pm, Sunday 28th March 2021

'Meet & Greet' BBQ and registration from 12.30pm

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. OPENING OF MEETING & WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES
3. GENERAL BUSINESS:
 - 3.1. Overview of achievements, & current & on-going activities – Nov 20 – Mar 21
 - 3.2. Half Yearly Financial Report – Association & Town Management
 - 3.2.2. Budget Report – Association & Town Management
 - 3.2.3. Update on Assets & Projects - grants / funding
 - 3.2.4. Update on Community Programs - grants / funding
 - 3.3. Update on Asset Maintenance and Facility Upgrades
 - 3.3.1. Overview of maintenance schedule – work completed, in progress, planned.
 - 3.3.2. Camp-ground precinct development – Pump Track
 - 3.3.3. Community Church site
 - 3.4. Andamooka CARM Agreement 2021-22 – presented for approval to progress & sign
 - 3.4.1. 2021-22 CARM Agreement – outline & budget
 - 3.5. Proposed APOMA Association / Town Management Budget 2021-22
 - 3.5.1. Overview of Budget 2021-22 and end of financial year projections 2020-21
 - 3.5.2. Adoption of the APOMA budget for 2021-22 as presented.
 - 3.5.2. OCA Review – Future of the Outback – Out of Areas management
 - 3.5.3. CARM Agreement 2022 - onwards
 - 3.6. Events and fundraising – 2021
4. OTHER BUSINESS
5. CLOSURE

Items for GENERAL BUSINESS: must be lodged by Monday 22nd March 2021, addressed to The Secretary, APOMA, in person at the Town Office, or by email to secretary@apoma.com.au, or by mail received last post, to PO Box 246, Andamooka 5722.

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Incorporated (APOMA)
 Postal: PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722 email: secretary@apoma.com.au www.andamooka.sa.au
 Phone: 0477 184 485

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments
 Avdata Water Payments &
 Keys managed at the

Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS
 Contributions are due.

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 1st JANUARY

For the year
 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2021

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Family: \$20

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

UNDERWAY! – NEW COMMUNITY SPORT & RECREATION COMPLEX

Many thanks to those members of the community who responded to the community consultation survey on development of community facilities, in particular the preferred location for the new community sport and recreation complex. This has greatly assisted the committee with planning and vital decisions around major projects.

The survey resulted in overwhelming conditional support for the 'school site' with the 'grader shed' site the clear second preference. The school site was not made available for re-dedication by the Education Dept. so after much discussion and sound deliberation, the decision was made to locate the new Community Sport & Recreation Complex at the 'grader shed' site off Koska St.

That group of 3 blocks is dedicated to APOMA for community use and includes the 'grader shed' block and the two adjoining blocks immediately behind that, putting the complex in proximity to the playground and BBQ shelter, toilets, and to the proposed bush food orchard and walking track connecting to the town hub.

The old grader shed has been upgraded as headquarters for the town maintenance crew and is currently in the process of being set up as a community workshop housing metalwork and woodworking. There are plans to attach a lean-to workshop to accommodate mosaics and other similar craft.

The new complex will comprise of an indoor, airconditioned, all-weather sports court of volley-ball dimensions being approximately as for junior netball, providing for social competition and training for a number of court sports as well as various other activities. Plus, an attached youth facility with storeroom to one side and to the other side, space for fitness activities, secure children's play space, and an undercover courtyard/entry. With both facilities at the site, share parking and toilet facilities will reduce service costs and allow for other savings.

The size of the site can accommodate outdoor passive recreation including community garden spaces with water supplied by catchment from the extensive roof spans.

This project has been made possible by a combination of two grants secured via the OCA, with \$105K from Drought Relief funding and \$200K from DPTI Roads and Infrastructure funding, together with significant in-kind community volunteer support and additional funding from APOMA fundraising and income streams. With groundwork due to commence, the building is anticipated to be completed ready for use by the end of August.

Please put your support behind this significant project. From volunteering with various tasks to simply supporting our fundraising efforts, especially the youth efforts, or perhaps making a small donation. We can all help make this much needed and desperately wanted facility a reality at last!!

GRANTS & INCOME STREAMS

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.

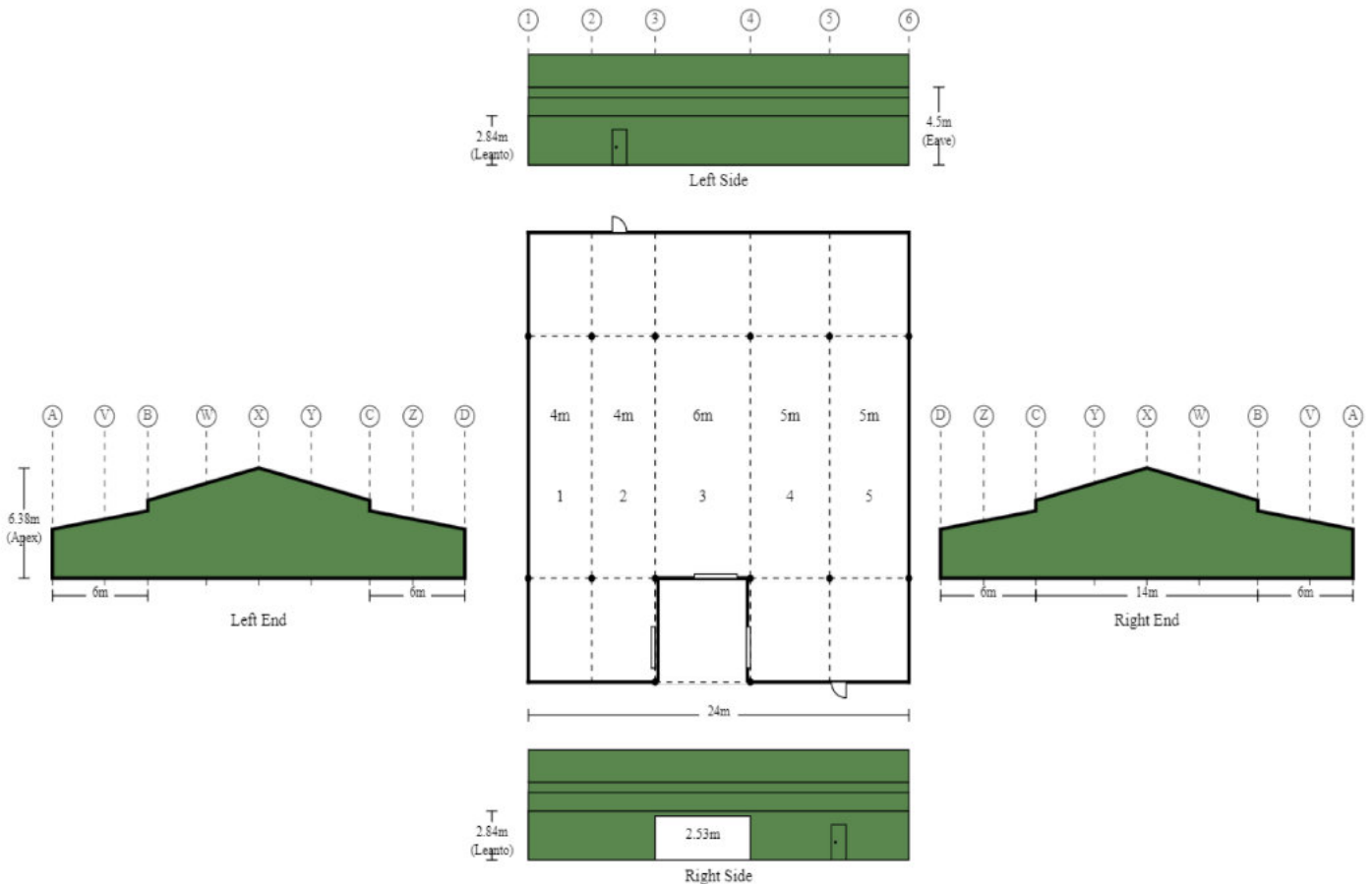


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FLOORPLAN AND FOOTPRINT – ANDAMOOKA RECREATION & SPORTS COMPLEX



Central sports hall – dimensions 24m x 14m – multi-court layout also ideal for gymnastics, martial arts and such events as markets.

Left side dimensions 24mx6m – this is dedicated to a Youth Centre with the interior layout to be decided in conjunction with the Youth Group.

Right side – overall dimensions 24mx6m - incorporates two spaces. One to accommodate fitness and the other for activities such as children's social play-space or workshops. These are separated by an undercover outdoor seating space and entry to the sports hall.

COMPLETE
personnel

group

Thinking employment?
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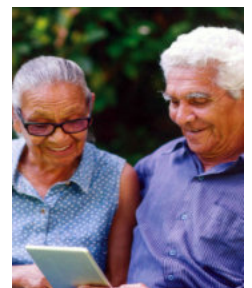
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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Maintenance & Projects Update

It's been all hands on deck since the Community Development Program (CDP) recommenced on the 12th of March and a number of outstanding projects have re-commenced or now been completed. We currently have 7 CDP participants, all regularly put in volunteer hours beyond their obligated requirements. If you come across them at work, feel free to stop and say g'day and compliment them for a job well done.

Sporting & Recreation Facility:

This is our major project for 2021 and so will require most of the CDP hours both obligated & volunteered. If you feel you can contribute any skills & labour to this project please don't hesitate to approach us at the town office.

The present schedule for preliminary works are as follows.

- Survey work has been completed & boundaries have been delineated.
- Soil sampling has been completed.
- Development approval is being lodged.
- Civil preparation will commence on the weekend of 20/03/21.
- Footings will begin in the week starting 22/03/21, then boxing up & reinforcement installation commencing immediately after that.
- The concrete pour will commence around the 8th of April & conclude on the 16th.
- The prefabricated building kit will be completed 29th of April with construction commencing immediately after delivery.

Community Hall/Hub Complex:

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

- The café water tank has been relocated & repurposed as a storm water surge tank for the café roof. This will mitigate flooding that previously occurred in the garden from runoff directed into the splash pad holding tank.

- Painting of the hall interior is continuing.
- The community gardens are currently undergoing a comprehensive overhaul & plantings for the winter/spring period are underway. The ailing lemon tree has been relocated from its flailing above ground planter to a permanent in ground position where the relocated café water tank was.
- No other issues reported.

Community Hall café premises:

- We are currently investigating some damage in the café waste-water system which may require some remedial work in the future.

Community bus:

- Covid deep cleaning is continuing prior to the bus being used.

Lapidary Workshed:

- Another 6-wheel lapidary machine has been delivered to meet increasing demand and the 'team' are busy readying that for the next open day.
- A pump has been installed to assist water pressure including to the air cooler.

Minnie Berrington project:

- We have a number of community volunteers that are actively building the sets & props for the up & coming Minnie Berrington documentary.
- Renovations and repairs funded by BHP Community Donations, of historic cottages which will also be feature in the documentary and are central to the new historic trail.

Other activities:

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

We would like to thank our volunteers both local & travelling, for their invaluable assistance.

*- Richard Hawkins,
APOMA Project and Maintenance Manager*



THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ANDAMOOKA

PUMPTRACK COMING TO ANDAMOOKA

The OCA has sought grant funding for the installation of a series of 'Pump Tracks' throughout outback townships. Andamooka has been offered the opportunity for one to be installed in town, with the preferred location being within the camp-ground precinct.

This precinct is quite extensive and locating the PUMPTRACK adjacent to the camp ground offers both locals and visitors another dimension for fun and fitness. It is adjacent to the sport and recreation precinct and youth centre, so well placed for all members of the community to access.

Information downloaded from the Pumptrack website at: www.modularpumptrack.com.au

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LOCATION: The APOMA Committee & project group is recommending installing this at the camp ground precinct adjacent to the playground, toilets and outdoor BBQ facilities. There is plenty of parking and it will also be in close proximity to the new youth facility and rec & sports complex.

FUNDING: OCA funding for the project includes the track, installation, groundwork and landscaping. We just need to provide labour for the installation. *So volunteers are welcome!*



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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentines Day

MARCH

23rd - 25th: RFDS Dental
 Clinic - Bookings Essential

28th: APOMA Member &
 Community Meeting

APRIL

2nd: Good Friday BBQ
 4th: Arvo with Kell n Co'
 25th: Anzac Day

MAY

JUNE

June Long Weekend

JULY

Dog Registration Due

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

October Long Weekend
 31st: Halloween

NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls
 11th: Rememberence Day

DECEMBER

25th: Christmas



VISIT

ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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 (by appointment)

**INFORMATION
 &
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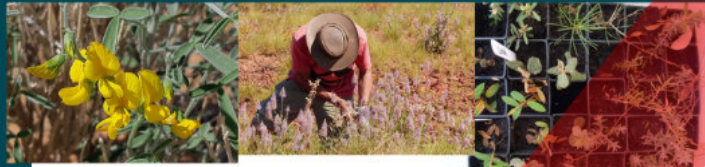
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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA



Native Plant Workshop

Learn how to select, propagate and care for native plants suited to the arid lands region

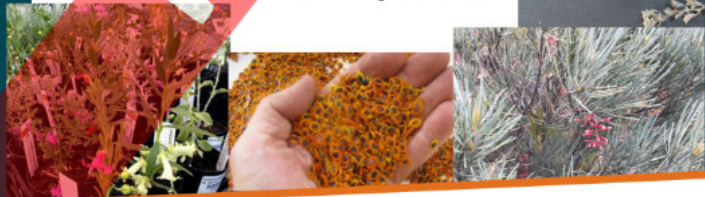
Presented by Andrea Tschirner

Friday 12th March

5:00 - 7:30PM

Andamooka Community Hall

Followed by free BBQ



To register contact Sarah Stevens
0499 983 877 sarah.stevens@sa.gov.au

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OPAL QUEEN

“ARVO WITH KELL N CO”



We are excited to announce an 'Arvo with Kell n Co' on Easter Sunday.

Kelly Tishler, the very popular 'Opal Queen' from the TV series 'The Outback Opal Hunters' will be joining us late afternoon on Sunday 4th April.

Meet local opal miners and cutters, with demonstrations and information at the Lapidary Workshed open to visitors from 4.00pm.

Transitioning into a casual meet & greet with Kell and other Hunters from 'The Ridge' over at the Community Hall, including a BBQ tea serving from 6.00pm and after dark skygazing. BYO beverages.

Kelly is keen to hear and share stories with other local opal miners and the community.

BINGO

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

All proceeds go towards new community facilities

NEXT DATES
TBA

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

Local photographer, Ali Smoker, has captured 'the love' in this gallery of local birdlife pairs and families caring and sharing.



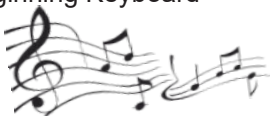
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Come share your work and creativity with the community, and get your art showcased here. We're always on the look out for creative talents, whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, metal, wood, opal, or anything really, we'd love to hear from you.

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

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

- BY WAYNE DRIES

In March 2013 I travelled to Port Lincoln to say goodbye to Brain Tansell. Brian had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and passed away the following month, 6/4/2013. Before I left Port Lincoln, Brian gave me a box containing items he'd been using for research purposes on the early history of Andamooka. Among these items were documents relating to Minnie Berrington's time on the field, book reviews of her book "Stones of Fire", photographs, newspaper cuttings and a few of her sundry items. Once a copy of her book was gratefully sourced for me, I resumed Brain's research pretty much where he'd left off.

A bit over a year ago I was informed that Lara Lukich intended to produce a documentary about Minnie Berrington and I was asked to be involved with the research along with Stuart Wattison, a philatelist (no, you don't get arrested for being a philatelist, philately is the study of postage stamps and postal services). Stuart developed an interest in Minnie Berrington due to her position as first postmistress of Andamooka, although his study of her has extended well beyond that role.

In an effort to glean as much information about Minnie as possible before filming resumes later this year I travelled through the towns archives. While this search didn't provide as much new information as I would have liked, it did confirm some things that had been suspected, and every little bit adds to the total picture. Also buried deep within the archives was a number of interesting articles in the form of letters and interviews from and about past residents, mostly pre-1950.

In mid February I submitted the last of my research to Lara and with the time finishing that research has freed up I offered to write a history article for the newsletter search month using information found in the towns archives as a reference. First month will be Minnie Berrington, next month somebody else, next month Minnie Berrington and so on. If the information is there, might as well use it, it's no good just sitting in boxes.

The intention of the articles will be to shed some light on mostly pre-1950s Andamooka and to give people a better understanding as to why Minnie Berrington has been deemed worthy of having a documentary made of her, the character of the woman alone would warrant it. If, after you're suitably impressed you start thinking about naming a street after her, don't be too hasty, we already tried that. Unfortunately somewhere along the chain of command her name was mis-spelt! And instead of Berrington Court, we got Barrington Court.

Curiously, I checked to see if we'd at least named the street after somebody famous, and it turns out we did, George Barrington (most likely an alias). George Barrington was transported to Australia as a convict around 1790 for picking pockets in England. Through his trials George somehow managed to acquire a minor celebrity status, and that status seemed to follow him to Australia. He was granted an early pardon, land grants, and within a decade of being found guilty to picking pockets, was appointed chief constable of Paramatta, retiring in 1800 and dying in 1804. It's weirdly appropriate that it should be called Barrington Court because George Barrington stood trial in court three times that I know of, maybe some things are just meant to be.

In summery, instead of having a street named after the first female opal miner, first postmistress etc, we have a street named after a convict pickpocket. Some people I've mentioned this to have expressed the opinion that having a street named after a convict pickpocket better suits Andamooka anyway. For impartiality reasons I'll keep my opinion to myself. While we're on the subject of opinions, might be appropriate to finish with a quote for the month.

"Opinions are like arseholes; everybody has one." – Clint Eastwood

NEXT MONTH: MINNIE BERRINGTON MEETS ALICE IN WONDERLAND

The Facebook group supporting and sharing local artists and creatives:



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LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

OPENING HOURS: SATURDAYS, 10AM - 2PM

HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

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AND RECONNECTED PROGRAM

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back with
a new
look to
the old
twist!



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Creative activities and Staying Connected

KEEPING ACTIVE AND HEALTHY IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR WELLBEING SO COME ALONG AND SHARE TIME TOGETHER AND MAYBE EVEN MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS

CURRENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

BOARD GAMES

SCRABBLE AND CHESS

(NEW CREATIVE ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED)

IF YOU LIKE TO READ OR JUST HAVE A CHAT OVER A CUPPA AND SHARE SOME STORIES, LAUGHTER AND JOY

ENJOY SOME VISITS FROM OUR FRIENDLY RFDN WITH THEIR EXERCISE PROGRAMS AND DIETITIAN WHO WILL SHARE THEIR TIPS TO HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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BHP

Guiding Children's Behaviour & Phoenix Cups Framework

With **Dr Louise Porter**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24

COMMUNITY HUB WITH CRECHE

9AM - 10.30AM PHOENIX CUPS

11AM - 12.30AM PHOENIX CUPS

ROXYLINK AUDITORIUM NO CRECHE

3PM - 5.30PM GUIDING BEHAVIOUR

6.30PM - 8PM PHOENIX CUPS

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Dr Louise Porter on Children's Behaviour

Dr Louise Porter literally wrote the text books on guiding children's behaviour used around the globe. She is a child psychologist having taught at Flinders University, conducted private practice for over 30 years working in mainstream and disability agencies and schools. She is passionate about safeguarding children's self-esteem, promoting their social skills, supporting their resilience in the face of the challenges that life often raises, and teaching them to behave considerately, being mindful of how their behaviour affects others, rather than what consequences it may earn them.

If you're looking for a framework for understanding behaviour look no further than the Phoenix Cups! This model of describing needs profiles has been helping parents and educators in Roxby Downs for the past couple of years since their resources were introduced to parents and educators through the Community Hub and the Roxby Downs Children's Centre. Dr Porter is a highly sought after keynote speaker and consultant, and we encourage you to take advantage of this rare opportunity for such high quality and FREE professional and personal learning.

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ATTENTION ANDAMOOKA YOUTH & PARENTS

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST WITH THE LAYOUT DESIGN FOR THE NEW YOUTH FACILITIES

Check the overall design layout of the new Andamooka Sport and Recreation Facility on page 5 which shows the allocation to one side of the court for dedicated youth space. The outer dimensions for this space is 6m x 24m which will open into the new indoor sports court area creating an extensive area for youth group activities.

The all-weather indoor sports court will be large enough for a full-sized volleyball court and badminton court, plus approx. regulation modified practice court / junior court for basketball and netball with nets at each end. The other side of the court will include an undercover courtyard, secure children's play space and space for fitness activities.

Internal walls have flexibility as to where they are built so we encourage you to think about how you think the layout should look. IE: what different spaces are needed for what purposes, what size they might be and perhaps where the walls should go.

Feedback to date from the youth group has included:

- Space to accommodate game equipment/activities
- Including space for a table tennis table/s. This activity could be accommodated at one end of the sports court if it is not being used for competitive activities using both ends of the court.
- Space for VR activities
- A passive space to accommodate couches and TV screens, consoles etc
- An office area for the youth coordinator with viewing windows
- Large storage space which will accommodate games equipment as well as other equipment and items. We envisage this will have an internal roller door enabling easy access and handling.

As well as this feedback, to assist us with development of services we are also seeking an indication of other types activities/workshops that you would like. Some that have been discussed to date are:

- Cooking / nutrition
- Artistic
- Career oriented skills
- Personal grooming / health
- Fitness classes
- Camp-outs and trips

It would be great to have your feedback. Please email your ideas and sketches to admin1@apoma.com.au or drop off at the Town Office by Monday 8th March.

RFDS DENTAL CLINIC

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POLICE REPORT

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 1800 333 000

The Roxby Downs Police have been largely focusing on traffic matters over the summer, in particular drug and drink driving. Since the last report police detected three drink drivers, all of whom reside in Andamooka, have been issued with licence disqualifications and had their vehicles impounded for a period of 28 days.

Police have also detected no less than ten drug drivers in Andamooka since November last year. Driving whilst having drugs in your system significantly impacts your ability to react, and you become a danger to all road users including yourself.

In November 2020 a house on Galignite Road was broken into. A television and other items were taken from the house. In January 2021 another house on Galignite Road was broken into where significant damage was caused and a number of items taken.

In December 2020 whilst police were conducting enquiries at a house on Dunstan Drive, located a number of Cannabis plants. These plants were seized and a 34 year old male who lives at the address was reported and will appear in court at a later date.

If anyone has any information on the above matters, they are asked to contact the Roxby Downs police station on 8671 4200, or if you wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime-stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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.

PO Box 2476 Whyalla Norrie 5608
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 f Eddie Hughes MP

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Saturday/Sunday	Closed

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LET'S NOT UNDO ALL THE GOOD.

Keep playing your part to help Stop the Spread



Keep practising good hygiene



Stay 1.5 metres apart

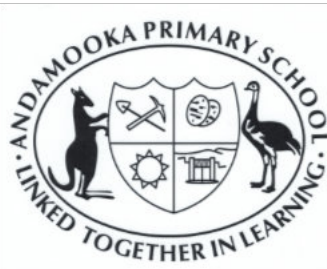


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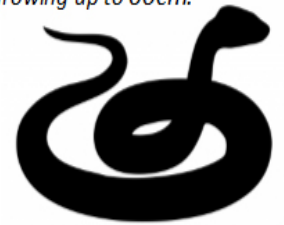
Andamooka Primary School and Children's Centre are taking enrolments now for 2021. Do you think your child would thrive in a smaller setting? We have excellent resources, small classes and very experienced educators.

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

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.

STOP THE SPREAD



COVER COUGHS
 and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow



WASH HANDS
 regularly, especially when unwell



WIPE SURFACES
 that are touched frequently



STAY HOME
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<p>2 MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES COMMON IN SA</p>	<p>REPEL: USE INSECT REPELLENT</p>
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ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

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