

### **UP-COMING EVENTS**

- ♦ 25th April: ANZAC DAY
- ◆ 27th April: Seniors **Meeting,** about the future of the seniors program
- ♦ 6th May: SALA **Registrations Due**
- ♦ 23rd May: General and **Community Meeting**

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: Nesting pair of budgerigars.

Source: A. Smoker, 2020

#### BUILDING THE BIGGER PICTURE

I am writing this missive from a balcony in downtown Murray Bridge. Just lately I have been working out of town. Something a lot of Andamooka people do on occasion. Take Bully for example. The last time I saw him was in Wellington. He was working on a house down there. Just last week he was back in Andamooka supervising the cement pour for the new Sports and Recreation Centre alongside his Andamooka mates. You know who you are. We know who you are. There are too many names to list here.

The Committee has settled down a little of late. lan Thompson has taken on the role of Chairman at this critical time also stepping in to help manage the new build. There were some that argued that Andamooka didn't deserve a Sports and Recreation Centre. Not enough children. There were others that argued that without good sports facilities young families would pass our town over. Children are important to any town with a future. You don't have to travel far in Outback South Australia to realise that without children the thing doesn't work.

Our facility will also incorporate an outdoor theatre, passive outdoor leisure spaces and will link to adjacent spaces where residents can learn new skills and find new opportunities.

I just finished a contract in Marree. They are another outback town supported by the OCA. They have a progress association much like ours. They struggle to find volunteers to sit on their Committee much like we do. Just last year the OCA built Marree a new fake grass tennis court. Its well loved and not well used. But it sits there adjacent to the Marree Hotel and the Arabuna Cultural Centre. There is nothing stopping the tourists from taking a break from the endless kilometres and having a hit of tennis.

The key with facilities like sports fields and recreation centres and community Fix-it Sheds is in the day-to-day management. Who is there to make sure the assets are looked after? Who is there to welcome new participants and visitors and make sure they follow the negotiated code of conduct?

Who is there to keep the place open and accessible? The new lapidary workshed is an example of a successful project resulting from enthusiastic volunteers running the venture.

We need people to step up into these volunteer positions. One day they may well be paid positions, but we are not there yet. The precinct APOMA is creating incorporating the caravan & camp ground, the children's' playground, the skate ramp, the new Pumptrack, the all access craft and 'fix it' shed and the native botanic garden and community garden set to provide the town with fresh produce, will be safe alternatives for Mum Dad and the kids. Mum can be in the craft shed while Dad is playing indoor football with the kids. Or maybe the kids can be fixing stuff while Dad works out in the resistance training room and Mum tackles the buffel grass in the common space up and down the creek.

The Caravan Park is headed for a boomer year. There are development plans to provide more shade shelters and to create camping and picnic spots within surrounding bush orchards. Michelle is keeping the facilities spotless and Andamooka is on Trip Advisor getting good ratings. It might not be opal but its gold for the town.

The new Rec Centre is financed by new money coming into the town, over and above the rates. APOMA leadership wrote for and won the grants. Hats off.

- Rodney Mitchell









#### 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 0427 181 752 Stefan Bilka:

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:

Power Cards @ Post Office

Town Office: School Rd

0477 184 485

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 0477 184 485 Opal Creek Blvd.

**Bottle Shop:** 8672 7183 Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 Days Bottle Shop:

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

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## ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC

#### **Meeting Postponement:**

Members of the Committee, the Town Office staff and critical volunteers collectively experienced unprecedented set of personal circumstances which led to the need to postpone the planned member and community meeting set down for Sunday 28th March 2021. The meeting has since been rescheduled.

Committee Meeting scheduled for Saturday 24th April.

#### Financials as at end March 2021:

Operations Account: \$56,800 next CCS qtrly payment

due first week April 21 Debit Card: \$467

Allocated Funds: \$46,311 - \$15,000 grant funds

transferred in from Operations

Project Account: \$194,508 - \$51,500 expended on

projects as at 31 Mar. Reserve Funds: \$15,576

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

#### Email:

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

CCS & Avdata payments accepted at Post Office

APOMA representing opal the 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, 23rd May 2021

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

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**CONTACT:** Gill Rowley Email: treasurer@apoma.com.au



# APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

#### All community members invited.

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community

Rescheduled to be held at 1.30pm, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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 Apr 21
  - 3.2. Half Yearly Financial Report Association / Town Management / Andamooka Projects
    - 3.2.2. Budget Report Association / Town Management/ Andamooka Projects Mar 21
    - 3.2.3. Update on grants / funding Assets & Projects
    - 3.2.4. Update on grants / funding Community Programs
  - 3.3. Update on Asset Maintenance and Facilities
    - 3.3.1. Overview of maintenance schedule work completed, in progress, planned.
    - 3.3.2. Recreation / Camp-ground precinct development
    - 3.3.3. Community Church site
    - 3.3.4. Other Opportunities
  - 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 and funding 2022 onwards
  - 3.6. Events and fundraising 2021

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. CLOSURE

**Items for GENERAL BUSINESS:** must be lodged by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021, addressed to The Secretary, APOMA, in person at the Town Office, or by email to <u>secretary@apoma.com.au</u>, 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:

**♦ 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

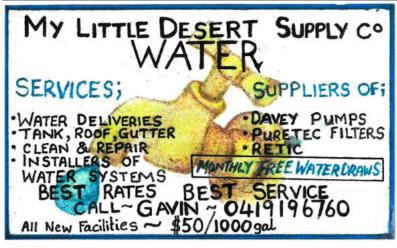
RENEWALS DUE 1st JANUARY

For the year 1st Jan - 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021

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# **KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS**

There is no doubt that with all the action around projects and community programs over the past month, residents are realising that Andamooka is Alive...

We had a huge Easter kicking off on Friday with a busy day in the 'Lap Shed' and the café. It was a perfect night for the traditional Good Friday BBQ attended by around 60 locals and visitors, who enjoyed a night of good food and music under the stars. Saturday was another busy day with visitors out and about exploring our town's attractions and tucking in at the Dine-a-mite Café. Sunday featured a visit by the Lightening Ridge contingent from Outback Opal Hunters series, joining locals for a chat at the very busy Lap Shed and later for a BBQ dinner at the Community Hall served from the community kitchen. *Many thanks to all who worked and assisted on these busy days.* Monday proved to be yet another busy day in town with many visitors enjoying a trip back in time in our quirky and authentic opal mining town. *This weekend was a great boost to our economy with local businesses all reporting great returns and the lap shed attracting a raft of new memberships.* 

#### **OUR FUTURE TAKING SHAPE**

It seems that half the town turned out at dawn to marvel at the sight of a huge boom pump truck transfering loads of concrete from a busy fleet of 'agies' as our team laboured to put down the huge sports court base for the new recreation and sports facility, led by concrete contractor, Ian Bull assisted by Dad, Kelvin 'Bully' Bull together with a team of local volunteers including members of the CDP crew. WE OWE ALL THESE PEOPLE A HUGE VOTE OF THANKS and I hope, that if you see them out and about that you take the time to say 'Thank you'.

Over the past nine months the Projects Team has been working through the Town Plan, putting sytems, infrastructure and programs in place that work towards creating a vibrant and sustainable future, and looking at developments within the town and listening to community feedback, all in a quest to 'reset' the Town Plan to address the impact

Covid-19 has had on our town.

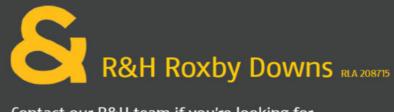
We have seen the closure of the local general store together with the town fuel and gas supply, and of the legendary Tuckabox hotel, both of which had an initial devastating impact on the town and community, also the closure of the AYC café.

But, in typical Andamooka spirit, thanks to a number of our residents and businesses, new ways around this and new ideas and enterprises have been established to overcome major issues, take the opportunity to develop their businesses and to bravely take on new opportunities,

and there is more to come, which we will see emerge over the coming months.

The vital gas supply is now provided out of Woomera and working well with added services. Cellarbrations bottle shop has expanded its business to carry a raft of everyday staples and a great range of excellent meats, creating a great service for locals and visitors alike. The recent instalment of self-serve fuel, reinstatement of which was driven by determined locals, will be appreciated by many and will assist visitors.





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The Op Shop has re-opened and busier than ever. Desert Threads has managed to hang in there and establish itself, so we anticipate that this season will reward them for their tenacity.

Andamooka Observatory has worked hard over this time to 'bring back the buses' to the benefit of all. In the background, work on the Trails Project and the Minnie Berrington project will add a greater dimension to visitor experiences, as will the Lap Shed enterprise with a pending expansion into jewellery making.

A new local café team took a leap of faith opening in the midst of the pandemic and although it has had its struggles, Dine-a-Mite has established itself as a sound business and a great asset to the town. The café has become the 'new' Friday night social gathering spot with plans to make Friday nights at the Hall more entertaining for both locals and visitors.

Plans are coming together for a new 'enterprise' based in the community kitchen to cover the cafés closed days early week, and to provide another evening 'take-away' with the option to stay and socialise at the hall and courtyard. This is aimed at creating an income to cover costs of the community food program on-going and to support local employment.

Speaking of which, with the huge rainwatershed created by the new recreation complex and access to town water, an integral part of the new complex will be a managed community garden community enterprise aimed at providing fresh vegetables and fruit for the community, supported by the CDP. The aquaponics unit will be relocated to this site. Part of this enterprise will be to create and care for green passive recreation spaces within the complex.

These projects are integral to developing the camp-ground and recreation complex as a self-supporting, integrated community asset. The new Pumptrack will create a further attraction for both locals and visitors, and we plan to have the mini-golf course installed by the end of 2022 adding a further dimension to this comprehensive recreation facility and visitor attraction and each have potential to raise income.

Within the project, the 'Grader Shed' will be fitted out for metal and wood work and a planned new extension will support mosaics, cold fire pottery and perhaps glass craft. This will create further opportunities for locals to extend into cottage industry around these crafts to provide them with an income.

The developing bush foods trail is another associated project that will ramp up over the next 18months and this will provide opportunities for cottage industry around foods, events and cosmetics.

Sales opportunities, workshops, training and marketing of products and produce will be centred in a new 'Community Shop' which will offer local artists and artisans the opportunity to market and sell their products on-line and at the shop. This will also afford a level of anonymity and safety that some desire.

The vision for 'the shop' is to not only promote and assist sales of local products, but to also act as a Visitor Information Centre, to assist bookings and information on activities, tours and accommodation, and to set up and take care of exhibits within and around the hub, developing this into a cultural and active community space.

The Community Shop has the potential to assist the creation of self-employment within the town and to support our wonderful arts community, as well as providing a comprehensive tourist hub, which is a service we have found to be missing and needed, and which will be benefit many enterprises within the town.

It is this Community Shop that we see as the next critical stage in the sustainable economic development of the town and as service to attract and retain new residents to the town as well as tourists and visitors.



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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  $12^{\text{th}}$  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.
- $\bullet$   $\,$  The concrete pour will commence around the  $8^{\text{th}}$  of April & conclude on the  $16^{\text{th}}.$
- The prefabricated building kit will be completed 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## **GRANTS & FUNDING UPDATE**

Office staff and volunteers have participated in grant writing workshops this month to build their confidence in applying for grants and funding.

Andamooka Community Recreation and Sport facility: DPTI Roads and Infrastructure Funding: \$100K /50% has been received to add to the \$52.5K/50% received from Drought Relief Funding. Around \$120,000 has been expended to date from this grant on the steel structure which will be delivered in kit form, and the concreting plus a deposit on the sports court surfacing.

Progress continues on rationalisation of community facilities and services and a vision forward is coming together. This research and re-set to overcome the impacts and to stimulate the town's economy, create enterprise and employment opportunities and build services for the town, has been assisted by \$50K funding received from BHP Vital Resources Fund R2 granted to assist a revitalised way forward for Andamooka.

Activity is building around the **Minnie Berrington project and documentary funded by SA Country Arts**. A team of volunteers and the CPD crew have commenced building the props, re-building historic structures and renovating the Cottages in time for filming the recreations of Minnie's life in Andamooka. This is a whole of community project, so don't hesitate to offer assistance, put in a donation, or to just get involved.

**BHP Community Donations Fund** - \$30,000 has been granted for restoration of The Historic Cottages and other historic cottages that will feature in the documentary. This grant is also assisting the establishment of the community food program and contributing towards youth equipment and programs.

A new enterprise will be commencing in the Community Kitchen which was made possible by \$42K from BHP Vital Resources funding R1 aimed at funding long term, the costs associated with maintaining the kitchen and to continue the vital community food program which has been established through BHP funding.

Further funding via grants is being sought to build our volunteer program which will ensure that vital resources such as the senior's program, Be Connected program and community wifi hub, the history project including trails, youth programs, events and new community enterprises will continue to grow and flourish by providing for volunteer costs and training opportunities.

**Small grants** and other funding will be sought to assist growth and sustainability of the Lapidary Project, the senior's program as well as youth and developments within the new comprehensive community recreation complex.





118 Christmas Hill Road Andamooka Find us on Facebook, Instagram and at www.desertthreadz.com



# THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ANDAMOOKA

# **Showcasing local Lapidary artists**

The lapidary shed has been having great turn outs every Saturday 10am-2pm Featured this month we have stones cut and polished by Mash, Anne, Trish, Sandy and Leila Local treated rainbow matrix, crystal opal and tiger eye Wonderful work!

If you are interested in giving it a go pop into the shed on a Saturday















# CARAVAN

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  Undercover Playground
  Waste Pump-Out Facility
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DINE-A-MITE

Open Wednesday- Sunday 9am-3pm Including Friday Night until 8pm

LOCATED IN THE ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL





# 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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **JANUARY**

26th: Australia Day

## **FEBRUARY**

14th: Valentines Day

## MARCH

## **APRIL**

**2nd: Good Friday BBQ** *25th: Anzac Day* 

## MAY

6th: SALA Registrations Due

23rd: APOMA Member & Community Meeting

## JUNE

June Long Weekend

## JULY

Dog Registration Due

## **AUGUST**

1st- 31st: SALA Festival

## **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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Opal Jewellery
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( by appointment )

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# WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA



- Spot the signs that a friend might be struggling
- Take '4 Steps to Better Mind Health'
- Access community resources for support
- Use tips and tools to improve your mind health

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Please direct all enquiries to Emma Collins

- t 08 7100 5435









**Gawler Ranges** 

Iron Knob Iron Knob Golf Club,

ındamooka





Sun 16th May 2021

Mon 17th May 2021

Mon 17th May 2021

Tue 18th May 2021

All welcome!

To book your free tickets, go to invigorwellbeing.com.au





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- It's FREE
- It's quick it only takes 15 minutes
- You can make a booking with a friend, family member or group
- It's the best way of detecting breast cancer early (before symptoms start to show), giving you a greater chance of successful treatment

Call us on 13 20 50 to make your appointment or to find out more.

You'll find us:

In the Roxby Downs Hospital car park Burgoyne Street







**NEXT DATES JUNE TBA** 

# THE GREATURE GUINERSHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

SALA 2021
GET READY FOR ART AND AMOOKA

The South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival is recognized as the largest and most innovative community based visual arts festival in Australia. https://www.salafestival.com/

The SALA Festival was established in 1998 to promote and celebrate the many talented visual artists in South Australia.

During 2017, Andamooka's first SALA Festival, the 3 artists exhibiting were Debbie Warren, Heather Gordon, and Yvonne Dalton.

During 2018, Andamooka's second SALA Festival, the 8 artists exhibiting were Debbie Warren, Donna Waters, Heather Gordon, Kari Atze, Melanie Jane, Tia Atze, Trish Curnow, Yvonne Dalton, and the Andamooka Youth Group.

During 2019, Andamooka's third SALA Festival, the 14 artists exhibiting were Beck Hanold, Ben Roberts, Bill Addington, Chado Addington, Donna Waters, Drago Antic, Emma Morris, Heather Gordon, Junita Lyon, Kari Atze, Mash Clifford, Moira Brennan, Trish Curnow, Yvonne Dalton, and the Andamooka Youth Group.

Andamooka's SALA statistics for exhibiting artists –

**2017:** 3

**2018:** 8 + Youth Group participants;

**2019:** 14 + Youth Group participants.

2020: Cancelled due to Covid uncertainties.

**2021:** Are you ready to contribute to Arty Andamooka?

Are you South Australian? An Andamookan or wanna be Andamookan? Are you bold or delicate? Subtle or dramatic? Very smooth or a bit broken? Geometric or curvaceous? A bit arty, a bit quirky and want to showcase your visual art?

Convenor and Curator for Andamooka's 4<sup>th</sup> SALA Festival is Emma Morris.

#### **Key Dates:**

Register your interest by 6 May 2021

Forms are available from Emma at the APOMA office.

Andamooka's Registrations (including payment) close on Thursday 6 May 2021.

Exhibition Installation: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 from 9am

Exhibition Launch: Saturday 31 July 2021 at 2pm

Exhibition: 1-31 August 2021

Final Chance to meet the 2021 SALA Artists: Saturday 4 September 2021 at 2pm

If you're keen to exhibit your artwork this year, please contact Emma at the APOMA office to ask any questions or collect an Expression of Interest form and to pay your contribution for registration.

There are FEES for registration. <u>Festival Participation</u> <u>— SALA - South Australian Living Artists Festival (salafestival.com)</u>

SALA Festival is an **open access festival**, meaning that all artists are welcome to participate regardless of age or level of experience.

Official forms to register are available now from Emma at the APOMA office.

See Arty Andamooka on Facebook for SALA promotion in Andamooka during August 2021.



An outdoor portion of the 2019 Exhibition.

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

# A BLAST FROM THE PAST

#### - BY WAYNF DRIFS

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was born at Daresbury Cheshire on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1832. He attended Rugby and Christ Church, Oxford, became a deacon in 1861, and went on to become a brilliant mathematician, writing several books on the subject.

What has this go to do with Anadamooka history? More than you might think. That's one of the fascinating things about research, much like Alice's pursuit of a chronophobic white rabbit, you never know where it's going to lead you.

Not only was Dodgson a better than average mathematician, he was also endowed with a vivid imagination and a flair for nonsense literature becoming better known as the author of the children's classics Alices Adventures In Wonderland, published in 1865 and Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There, published in 1871 under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll.

These two books with their interpretation of words, names, rules and logic have been subject of intense critical scrutiny since their publication in an attempt to analyse the reasons for their success, and the profound effect they had on the imaginations of children in their day. Along with Alices Adventures Underground, published in 1886, written for 10 year old Alice Liddell, the real life Alice, the three books became a trilogy commonly referred to at The Alice Books.

Though Carroll was a prolific author none of this later works matched the success of The Alice Books, and he died at Guildford on the 14th January 1898.

Three months prior to his death, on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1897 another Alice was born, less than 20kms from Carrolls birthplace, her name, Alice Minnie Florence Davies-Berrington. We may never know the social and economic environment his Alice was born into, but fate already had hardship moored on the horizon.

A snap-shot of her life in mid 1908 tells the story. Her father Evelyn Davis-Berrington has just passed away at the age of 46, young Alice is 10, her older brother Arthur is 11 or 12, her younger brother Cedric is 5, and her mother Eleanor is left widowed at the age of 42, 6 ½ months pregnant with that will be her 4<sup>th</sup> child Victor. The first state Pension was introduced in 1908, unfortunately the eligibility age was 70 and only 24% of the population lived long enough to access it. War would erupt in 6 years and with it comes the inevitable lack of basic commodities and rationing. By the time the war ends Alice Davis-Berrington would be a 21 year old woman.

Escapism takes many forms and it seems young Alice's portal was in books. We know from her book "Stones of Fire" that she was an avid reader in her youth. Being born in Cheshire as Carroll was, she would have become well aware of Carroll's Cheshire Cat, and being Alice, encountering The Alice Books would have been inevitable, and they may well have proven to be her salvation.

These books gave her more than a reprieve lasting the duration of the book, they seem to have given her a resolve, that one day she would be Alice (as she was), and she would have her own Adventures in Wonderland.

Circumstances would not allow this until 1924 with the death of her mother at the age of 58, by now she had dropped the use of Alice as her first name, curiously reinstating it as her preferred form of address later in life. Now she wasted no time the following year at the age of 28, she and her brother Victor now 17 boarded the SS Bendigo, arriving in Adelaide on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1926.

Chapter 1 of her book is titled "The Adventure Unfolds" and the theme of her adventure is repeated on pages 3, 4 and 5. The Australian bush was her Wonderland, a sentiment expressed 6 times in the book, and her reference to "The Walrus and The Carpenter" confirmed what was initially a theory. Perhaps the final words should be left to Minnie. "But the memory of my dally in wonderland was mine forever. A wonderland where the old hands – and the new – still find glorious gems."

Footnote: The real life Alice, Alice Liddell passed away in 1934, the same year Minnie Berrington arrived in Andamooka.

"Hardship molds character." – June Barbara Elliott

# NEXT MONTH: TERRY (DUSTY) MILLER MEETS JIM SHAW

The Facebook group supporting and sharing local artists and creatives:



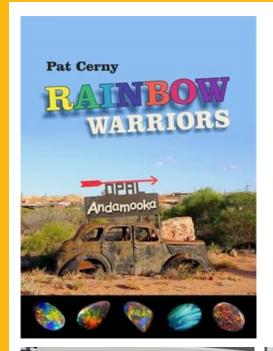
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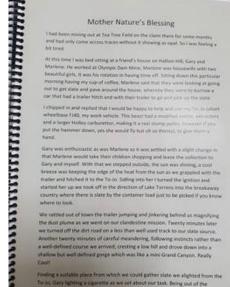
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"Each story and photo is just a snapshot, a tease to give you that appreciation of those characters that were opal miners."

"Would you give up everything you know and possess to go out into the far outback to dig for a gem that could make you rich, and to endure the inhospitable climate and environment, hand mining the ground that you may be lucky to find that elusive gem or perhaps end up broke in the process, mentally, physically and financially. Do you dare to dream or do you have the guts to do it!"





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We were spellbound at what was taking place before our very eyes. Then could it got any better?

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# **Work Underway On Props For Minnie Berrington Documentry**



The well winch has been reinstated at the cottages by the CDP.



Minnie's Bough Hut is currently being reconstructed with the assistance of the CDP.

# **INVITATION TO ANDAMOOKA OVER 50's**

#### A MORNING GET-TOGETHER

10.30am, COMMUNITY HALL - TUESDAY 27th APRIL

"MAKING THE SENIORS PROGRAM ABOUT WHAT SENIORS WANT AND NEED..... "

FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH AT 12.00noon

Please help us to make the seniors program the best it can be for seniors by coming along and talking together about the best way to do this...

Over the past couple of months our seniors have been experiencing some changes to their social day and this unfortunately came at a time when our town office staff and volunteers were collectively going through a spate of health issues and sad occasions relating to themselves or family. So, the seniors program has suffered a bit. Various people have stepped in to assist, but this is not the same as having a regular coordinator looking after this social morning.

Prior to this, the future for the Seniors program had been discussed in the office and it was decided that to ensure that this truly meets the needs of our over 50's on all levels, that we needed to hold a lunch meeting with seniors for them to tell us what their needs and their expectations are.

That way we can form a program with their help that best fits their needs and then work together to make it work for seniors.

There are various ideas about expanding the program and establishing a 'home' that belongs to seniors where they can be comfortable and can properly relax and enjoy the company of others and if they desire, where they can choose to participate in new activities ... or just stick to what they enjoy!

Somewhere to share a cuppa and chat, also to find information or to seek assistance with the neverending forms we are now required to fill out and to submit, often by internet, for benefits and services.

Thank you to Ali Maleckas who has volunteered to help out, and who was 'thrown in the deep end' to take on the seniors social Tuesday when Kath needed time off for family reasons.

Kath is busy working on some winter warming ideas for everyone so please if anyone has any ideas for activities that they would like to share, please contact us through the APOMA office or drop in and chat with Ali on Tuesday mornings.

Stay warm and look after your health, as the colder weather comes upon us.





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CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

In March police responded to a domestic disturbance on Clark Street. As a result police located a male the following day in Andamooka who was arrested for a number of serious domestic violence offences. He was refused bail and appeared in the Port Augusta Magistrates Court.

There is no tolerance for any kind of domestic violence, and every matter is treated with extreme seriousness. There are a number of agencies who provide assistance in relation to domestic violence, and it is imperative that incidents are reported.

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





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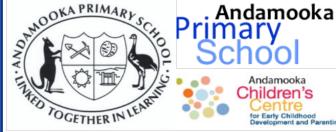
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A good practice is to keep a large, firm pressure bandage at hand in your car and home.

Call 000 for emergencies





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