

UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ June Long Weekend
- ◆ 11th June: **Dine-A-Mite Pizza Night**
- ◆ 13th June: **Presentation**
"Exploring The Geology of Andamooka Opal Fields"
- ◆ 13th June: **Ribs, Shanks & Shashliks Night**
- ◆ 26th June: **'Death by Carrot' Concert**

Please Be Advised:
Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, events may be cancelled or postponed.
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LOOKING FORWARD, NOT BACKWARDS

Just the other Tuesday I was playing a few tunes at the Seniors Group (now at the Community Hall on Wednesday mornings) when I noticed the Café staff busying themselves with preparation. A tourist bus rolled in with about thirty hungry tourists on board.

It seems the Café had arranged to open for lunch. The Café lease was one of those things the Committee was able to reset after the worst of the pandemic scare had passed. In that contract the Café operators are asked to be flexible and responsive. What I saw demonstrates it. They also cater for special events like funeral wakes and Friday night socials, and so support a couple of great local traditions.

The Café creates employment and a focal point for other operators who cater for tourists. Like the Andamooka Observatory town and mine tours conducted by Conan and Leila. They have brought together a team of enthusiasts including Cal the Stonemason and David the Mathematician to inform and entertain tourists. They experience Andamooka as a unique place with an interesting mining story, a vibrant arts community and a beautiful night sky. These people cast our village in a good light.

The meeting last Sunday was the chance to review our annual agreement with the Outback Communities Authority (OCA). Some might remember the CARM Agreement and associated Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) was instigated by Minister Gail Gago MP in boomtown Andamooka in 2006/7 and was considered by many as an unwelcome push to raise tax.

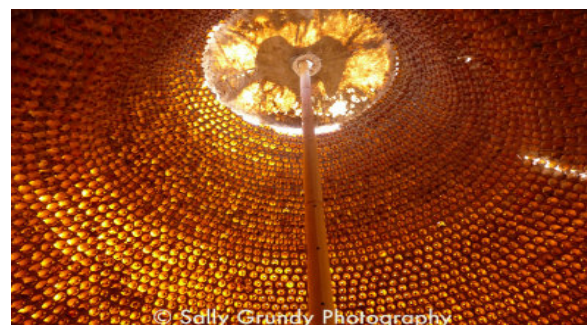
No tax is popular. Some outback towns resisted, some outback towns still do. Some outback places were never asked to pay a contribution. There were many in Andamooka who resented the intrusion. They were distrustful of government for lots of reasons and who could blame them? What have the Romans ever done for us?

It was the height of the first stage of BHP's plan to expand Olympic Dam into the world's biggest open cut mine. The height of the bubble. I loved Andamooka and the house I was renting so I invested. But if you couldn't trust the government you couldn't trust the global economy. It was in meltdown within two years. The catastrophic loss in house value didn't worry me. I wasn't as exposed as many other landowners in Andamooka.

I wonder if those landowners would agree with me that the developments in 2006 rescued Andamooka for the future we are building now. Gradually. With care and consent.

They may well have chosen chaotic growth, social dysfunction, spectacular profits and higher taxes. The best thing about the meeting was we were again able to reiterate our promise to forestall a rise in contributions in Andamooka while growing the town amenities at a sustainable rate.

- Rodney Mitchell



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Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

Andamooka Community Hall:

Enquires, contact APOMA

- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area**

- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**

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ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**Committee Meeting Thursday 20th May**

- Quarterly report to end Mar 2021 sanctioned for presentation.
- Major Project – Community Spts & Rec Facilities on schedule and budget.
- Recreation precinct - overview for presentation at member meeting
- Hub precinct – revamp of 'white room' to house tourist info centre / wifi hub / community shop complex
- Community church development sanctioned for seniors headquarters – grant funding to be sought
- SA Country Arts – Minnie Berrington – update
- BHP Vital Resources Funding - round 2 – fund development and establishment of Community Shop
- BHP Community Donations – cottages / youth / seniors
- Volunteers support grant - \$5000 – moving to stage 2
- Café annual agreement and Old PO: due for renewal – fees agreed.
- 2021-22 CARM Agreement / budget – motion: approved to present to members for approval to progress and for signing off.
- Roads – DPTI funding – access to community facility (church) – seniors
- Marketing – RDAFN – overnight visit proposed – community forum.

Financials as at end May 2021:

Operations Account: \$78,838

Debit Card: \$8,250

Allocated Funds: \$46,310

Project Account: \$29,580

Reserve Funds: \$15,576

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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; to 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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Treasurer: Gill Rowley

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NEXT MEETING

End June 2021

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

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

Points from the town meeting:

This meeting was considered to be critical to our Town's future, with a number of items to be discussed and decided upon in regard to future development.

- **Overview of past financial year.** Achievements – Asset rationalisation project is progressing with establishment of lapidary program which continues to grow and develop. The Grader Shed is in process of development as community workshop and craft centre. Church being upgraded to accommodate seniors, passive pursuits and worship. New Rec & Sport facility under construction. Active community kitchen – working to fulfil a raft of community needs on day by day basis. Progress with trails project. Primary aim of this extensive project is to create more employment and business opportunities plus provide training opportunities.
- **Quarterly financials and budget report** accepted by motion – key outcomes:
 - Association – shows that income streams are performing well. With lapidary funds raised being invested back into the program. C&CG at record high to date. Funds have been invested back into assets eg: air curtains have been installed in hall. On track for modest surplus to invest into projects and programs after contingencies. Around \$1500 into bus replacement.
 - Town Management – based around the CCS budget shows that all aspects are working within budget. Grant funds are being progressively expended.
 - Projects – new GST branch with separate account makes reporting on major projects easy to follow. The budget is balancing to date for major projects.
- **Grants report** – over \$550k in grant funding for town projects has been secured over 2020-21 with the projects due to be completed by the end of 2021. Several other grant opportunities flagged to support community programs including volunteers and seniors as well as the Lapidary program and proposed community shop. See 'New Community Shop – set to be the heart beat that will drive the towns economy into the future'. Volunteer grant sanctioned by Rowan Ramsey for submission.
- **Projects and Maintenance reports** – Maintenance up to schedule. Significant job is to upgrade drainage systems at the community hall. OCA installing new toilets at the Hub. The major recreation facility project is on schedule. Pumptrack to be installed end of year. Repair and upgrade work to be started on the 'church' in June. Cottages and other historic structures are progressively being restored with an end date scheduled around end July. This will support filming of the Minnie Berrington documentary and these will be included in the Historic Trail that is being developed as a tourist feature.
- **Future development**- an overview of the two primary projects – Hub precinct including the Community Hall complex, Christmas Hill Road sites and Cottages and the Recreation Precinct – encompassing the extensive camp ground area, grader shed site and new recreation & sport facility site. Overview of proposed developments provided. These have reached a point of development that requires drawing up of concept plans to ensure that as sections are developed and items installed, that they fit within an agreed plan sanctioned by the community. A show of hands was requested in support for APOMA to proceed with this approach. Carried on the show of hands.
- **CARM / CCS** – motion to progress with the CARM Agreement and associated budget for 2021-22 passed. Motion to approve the Committee to sign off on the CARM Agreement 2021-22 passed. See 'Budget 2021-22 Overview' for key points. Mark Sutton, Director OCA, contributed to discussion and fielded questions via ZOOM. Consultation open till early June.
- **APOMA Association / Town Management budget 2021-22** – combining APOMA with CARM budgets - adopted by motion (overview - see page 5)
- **OCA Review – Future of the Outback' and proposed changes to town funding end 2022 onwards.** – Mark Sutton provided a brief and fielded questions.
- **Events & fundraising** – recognised that the town is missing both social and income aspects of this. Keen to see a revival subject to Covid developments. Bingo set to recommence regularly. More social activities planned – discussion. SALA back 2021.
- **Other business:** several ideas and questions raised from the floor: -
 - Town water deliveries – what can be done to make this more secure? – ACTION: Committee to work with local providers to assist establishment of service
 - Borefield Connector – what is the progress with this? – ACTION: ongoing – Looking at rational of using established Stuart Creek track rather than a 'new' track to 'Fourways'.
 - Melody Crocker addressed the meeting re: creating a community choir and a music group, plus more dancing activities. Encouraged locals to put their name down if interested on lists around the town.
 - Ben Beaumont addressed the meeting re: A) funds raised by community for a pool. What is happening with those? Could they be used towards other recreation facilities and projects? RESPONSE: Committee to follow up. If members and community are in support of redirecting the funds this will be followed through. B) Bus – BHP shutdown – this service is not provided for Andamooka residents as for RD and Woomera. This creates a safety issue for travel/tiredness. Is there anyway that APOMA can assist in restoring a service.

The meeting was constructive, supportive and positive. Thank you to all who took the time to attend and to contribute towards our town's future.

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

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Reminder that the next CCS
Contributions are due.

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APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

APOMA 2020 memberships lapsed end of March 2021.

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

'New Community Shop – set to be the heart beat that will drive the towns economy into the future'

Andamooka is growing... arms, legs and vital organs. Collective thinking bringing brains and ideas together... But, to make it truly 'Andamooka Alive' our town needs a strong functioning heart.

A community 'owned' heart that sustains and supports the town. Offers new opportunities. A place to learn. To access technology. To display goods and talents. To welcome visitors to the town and to assist them with a great visitor experience. A vibrant place to sell wares and to promote local business and cottage industry. A place to get together and to find support to help grow local business and events.

Importantly, a place from which to create a brand for Andamooka... one that can be marketed collectively on the world-wide web to the benefit of all.

A centrally and prominently located 'community shop' and business hub is the answer. One that incorporates a tourist information centre, a community wifi hub, a space to display goods and promotional materials, to have casual pop-up stalls for local artists, artisans, produce and more and for visiting stall holders. To manage exhibitions within the community hall indoor and outdoor environs and to assist with fundraising efforts. Importantly, a place that offers support to emerging, new and existing local business and enterprise. A place that brings vibrancy and life to the centre of the town.

The sections of the centrally located community hall currently used by youth, seniors and worship groups will soon be available to accommodate this comprehensive community shop complex. This will remain flexible enough to be packed away to allow for use of the whole central open space for events from time to time.

With the relocation of Youth into their new dedicated premises, and work commencing on upgrading the community church to accommodate seniors headquarters, other passive recreation pursuits and worship, this is a win-win situation in regard to asset rationalisation and creation of vibrant, active facilities that contribute to the towns economy and community wellbeing.

There's growing excitement around this concept and the upcoming renovation of the Hall's 'white room' and adjacent space to incorporate the 'Community Shop' to retail and promote local products and services of all types, to accommodate pop-up market stalls and exhibits, and also to hold art, craft and cooking workshops, becoming the nucleus to promote and service Andamooka on state, national and international forums.

But to achieve this, we need to commence discussion. A get-together of locals who are interested in getting involved, in taking advantage of what will become a broad selling forum promoting individual brands and items through a collective 'face' – hence a broader reach, less costs, and prospectively improved sales.

Being part of this will also offer opportunities for workshops and training in business, marketing and sales. So even if you have not yet commenced your business, or you just want to explore if you can make a dream of your own come true, please don't hold back. Join in and see where this might take you.

The time is now.

It is important that whilst we have funding to do so, that we work together with expert assistance to develop a comprehensive and far reaching promotional and sales network utilising a variety of social media and other resources.

The first of these meetings is timed for June 2021. To register your interest, please email to olivian.apoma@gmail.com

This vital project has been made possible thanks to BHP Vital Resources Fund.

BHP



Design of new Hub toilet block to replace the existing rundown facility at the Hall.



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Budget Report – current and 2021-22

To end March quarter 2020-21

Results of the budget as at the end of the third quarter show that both budgets, Association and town management are generally on schedule. A second GST branch with an independent bank account has been created for major Projects. This makes reporting and tracking much easier and clearer to understand. This effectively now divides financials into 3 distinct budget and reporting lines. Projects are on budget.

Asset maintenance is anticipated to finish on budget after some funds have been allocated towards maintenance aspects of community projects. The CDP is back up and operational and this will offset some costs for project and maintenance work. The CDP crew have invested many hours into projects over May and June.

Income from the hall/hub complex has been invested in upgrading the café and also to partially fund the fly control air-curtains that have been installed across the doorways. This has created an over-run which was planned to be amortised over two years to EOFY 2022. A major maintenance expense flagged for this financial year is to upgrade the drainage system from the rear of the hall – cost circa \$3500 will partly utilize funds from the next financial year.

The caravan & camp ground has almost exceeded the record income in 2019-20, heading towards circa \$15,000 by year end. After costs and contingencies are set aside there may be around \$5000 to put towards precinct development after surplus is balanced.

Pending any unforeseen occurrence, the community bus will have an additional minimum \$1500 added to the \$6000 in hand for replacement. This will be transferred across into Reserve Funds till required.

Events income is down by around 80% due to Covid. Regular events are being reintroduced with major events planned across the next 6 months subject to Covid restrictions. The Lapidary Program is expected to finish on budget. Grant applications will be pursued to assist with development.

CARM BUDGET 2021-22:

The CARM Budget was agreed to by those present at the APOMA member and community meeting on 23rd May.

Income: the next financial year has seen some increases and changes. Guaranteed income from CCS, \$225K an increase of \$10K; Cash contribution \$ 32K an increase of \$2000; OCA toilet cleaning reim \$8320 – plus reimbursement for 2020-21 to be received. Increase to youth \$2k. Total: \$267,320.

APOMA will contribute to administration from income streams managed by the office as for utilities from café, camp ground and other streams where levies are applied to utilities.

Expenditure: Increases in Operations- insurance, utilities – set for increase as additional facilities come into operation. Infrastructure will see a small rise for water for the same reason. Community Development – youth has effectively doubled with expansion of the youth program. This will be offset by grant funding and charges applied to some activities. APOMA will be contributing funds towards costs for youth and seniors.

Feedback on the budget is that it is clear to read and adequate to meet the essential needs of the town.

It is critical that we maintain a tight budget and create reserves as we work towards changes to OCA funding and town funding set to occur circa 2022-23.



Work has started stripping out the old ceiling and framework to replace with a new insulated ceiling structure.

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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Andamooka Community Recreation and Sport facility: DPTI Roads & Infrastructure Funding: 90% received plus 90% of the Drought Relief Funding received by end June. Around \$235,000 has been invested to date on this project with a further \$70,000 yet to be expended.

Progress continues on rationalisation of community facilities and services and a vision forward has emerged thanks to **BHP Vital Resources Fund R2 granted to assist a revitalised way forward for Andamooka.** After looking at a number of opportunities it was found that a multi-functional community shop is critical to opening up and catering for vital factors that will serve to stimulate the town's economy, create enterprise and employment opportunities and to build services for the town. Around \$38k of the \$50K funding received from has been expended to date. The remainder of the stage 1 funding will be invested in drawing up comprehensive site/ground/floor concept plans for our primary community precincts and complexes and other facilities identified for various purposes, plus to cover various development costs. A further \$64K reserved for Stage 2 is under review to be invested in the new Community Shop complex based on stage 1 outcomes.

Activity is progressing around the **Minnie Berrington project and documentary funded by SA Country Arts.** You will see various props and reconstructed historic structures emerging around town thanks to a team of volunteers and the CPD crew. They are also renovating the Cottages and recreating the original PO for the recreation of Minnie's life in Andamooka. Many of these will remain as interactive features of historic walking trails for locals and visitors to enjoy. 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 granted to fund 3 projects. Restoration of The Historic Cottages and other historic cottages that will feature in the documentary and visitor trails on-going.

Plus, establishment of the community food program which will need to become self-sufficient from 2022, and a contribution to youth equipment and programs. A new enterprise has emerged 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. *So if you're up for a coffee and snack on a Monday or Tuesday when the café is closed you'll find the window open at the hall courtyard and good food available in great surroundings. Open between 10.00am and 1.00pm.*

We have been successful in reaching application stage 2 for the 2021 Volunteer Grants Round funding, thanks to Rowan Ramsey MP, Member for Grey, who has sanctioned our application to move to the next stage. The funding will ensure that vital resources such as the senior's program, community wifi hub, Foodbank deliveries, greening project plus the history project, trails, youth programs, events and new community enterprises will continue to grow and flourish by providing for volunteer costs and training opportunities.

Other grants between \$5k to \$20k are being applied for to assist growth & sustainability of the Lapidary Project, setting up the 'Church' for the senior's program, as well as an expanded youth program and other developments within the new comprehensive community recreation complex. An outdoor theatre and a community produce garden to ensure that locals have access to fresh fruit and vegetables are proposed key features.

A small grant of \$2000 has been secured by the OCA to supplement 2022 youth funding to help cover greater costs associated with an **expanded youth program** with an overall budget increase of around \$8k in 2022. Further funding opportunities are being sought.



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THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ANDAMOOKA

On Sunday the 2nd of May Andamooka had the pleasure of hosting a visit by 'The Waterhouse Club' for the day. The club offers members access to the South Australian Museums scientists and we were joined by some of them and their amazing members.

I was lucky enough to assist Greg with activities on the day in the Lapidary shed. We met some lovely people interested in the art of Lapidary and even had some re-join us in the shed in the afternoon to try their own hand at stone cutting and polishing.

They left us with a polished stone and smiles on their faces.

- Olivia Newell



The members of the Lapidary group would like to express their gratitude to Peter Taubers from the Bottlehouse Motel & Underground Museum, and to Rob Hancock from Cellarbrations for their kind donations to Lapidary program.

Peter donated four diamond wheels and Rob donated a three-disc sander. Both of these donations are gratefully accepted and will be of lots of help to members. Thank you!

- Olivia Newell

Lapidary Club Members & Opal Enthusiasts

Sunday the 13th of June

Lap shed open 12pm-4pm

4:30pm Presentation @ Community Hall

"Exploring the Geology of Andamooka
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>JANUARY 26th: Australia Day</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 14th: Valentines Day</p>	<p>MARCH</p>
<p>APRIL 2nd: Good Friday BBQ 25th: Anzac Day</p>	<p>MAY 6th: SALA Registrations Due</p>	<p>JUNE June Long Weekend - 11th: Dine-A-Mite Pizza Night - 13th: Geology Presentation - 13th: Ribs, Shanks & Shashliks 26th: 'Death by Carrot' Concert</p>
<p>JULY Dog Registration Due 23rd: Germein Concert 29th: SALA Exhibition Installation 31th: SALA Launch Event</p>	<p>AUGUST 1st- 31st: SALA Festival</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 4th: SALA Exhibition Disassmbly and Closing Event</p>
<p>OCTOBER October Long Weekend 31st: Halloween</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2nd: All Souls 11th: Rememberence Day</p>	<p>DECEMBER 25th: Christmas</p>



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BBQ CHICKEN with bbq sauce, shredded chicken, onion and mozzarella.	18	HOT CHIPS your choice of plain salt or chicken salt.	6



Pizzas are made on a 12" base.



Welcome to the Infinity Loop Vol II * Winter Edition *Video Shoot'

Saturday 26th June
Death by Carrot 'Underground Riffs vol III
Death by Carrot have begun their massive national Infinity Loop tour and are on route to Andamooka!
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Time: 4pm
Venue: TBC
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28 ALICE SPRINGS		
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**NEXT DATES
JUNE 27th**

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

SALA 2021
GET READY FOR ARTY ANDAMOOKA



The Big and the Bonsai

Metal crafters Sandy Rowan-Samuels and Ben Roberts are working on their exhibits for the SALA Exhibition.

SANDY SAMUELS-ROWAN

Media: Aluminium 1mm craft wire. 100 metres of wire in each sculpture.

Inspiration: Videos on TikTok.



Above & Aside:

Sandy Samuels-Rowan: Trees, Completed.

Below:

Ben Roberts: Eagle, Work in Progress.

BEN ROBERTS

Media: Repurposed mild steel. More than sixty hours of work.

Inspiration: Moira Brennan's wire sculptures.



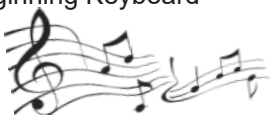
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A BLAST FROM THE PAST

- BY WAYNE DRIES

The following article is taken from a letter found in the archives, written by Terry (Dusty) Miller. The letter appears to have been written in the mid-1990s and describes his time at Andamooka in the mid to late 1940s. At the time of writing Dusty was a pensioner acting as caretaker of Cashmere Downs Station, Sandstone, Western Australia. The letter is 8 A4 pages long, so have been abbreviated.

Dusty was an English seaman aboard the SS Rembrandt when he "jumped ship" and "scored a job" at the Whyalla Shipyards some time around mid 1946. The shipyards adjoined the wooden wharf where the workers ate their lunch, "and it was here that I met a bloke by the name of Jim Shaw."

"It was in those days, a great entertainment to send a Pommy up, to kid him along, you know what I mean. We commenced an ongoing dialogue and after a lot of chiaccking about ruddy Poms, he entered into his favourite subject, opals. He explained to me the beauties of opal and the method of mining it. Jim said to me, you'll arrive at the opal fields, there's old camps about that you can use, there's old picks and shovels etc laying about, all you have to do is dig a hole, and there's your fare back to England."

Dusty explained in the letter, that he wasn't interested in a fare back to England, but said he did swallow the spare camps and tools part of the conversation. The "opal fever" got "into my bones" he wrote, so he bought a sturdy second-hand push bike, christened it "The Iron Duke", tossed in his job and headed for Andamooka. He explained that he "thought the trip was going to be something like cycling in Britain." By the time he reached Woolealla the cycling novelty had worn off. He left his bike with the Anderson family and under new instructions caught the train to Pimba where he was to await the mail truck to Andamooka.

Harry Rathman's "station run" serviced Arcoona, Purple Downs, Roxby Downs, and Andamooka stations, the final stop being Andamooka Opal Fields. The cost of the fare from Pimba to the opal fields was 30 shillings.

"One of the events that stands out on that trip was stopping at Andamooka Homestead for refreshments, we stood around in a large spotless kitchen, while a very competent lady dished out mugs of tea and scones etc." As they departed the homestead Harry Rathman informed him it was normal policy to "drop a few bob in the daughters moneybox."

"We arrived at the diggings at 11 o'clock at night, don't ask me where we'd been since afternoon tea". It was normal practice to take the long way in the early years of the field to avoid leaving easily accessible tracks to avoid an influx of miners due to the water shortages experienced by the station.

"We got off the back of the truck, it was quite chilly, with a little touch of rain in the air, and hurricane lamps with people holding them were coming across the flat just over from the old post office to get their stores."

"Now I must tell you that a stick of wood was precious in those days, and spare camps and tools was beyond all imagination. As the miners gathered around and talked I waited for a lull in the conversation, and then called out (I can hardly believe it myself) in a loud voice, 'where's all the spare camps lads?' There was a loud silence, I choke when I think about it, to this day I can imagine how the miners were trying not to split their sides laughing at this green Pommy. I could have shot Jim Shaw when I woke up to it all."

"The truck disappeared, all the hurricane lamps disappeared, all the stores had disappeared, the only thing that hadn't was me. With a few clothes in a sugar bag, a few stores, and four pounds in my pocket." The wage for a non-tradesperson at the time was 6 pounds per week.

"I stood alone for a few minutes trying to work out the situation when a hurricane lamp re-appeared. It was a miner by the name of Johnny McGlin, excuse me if I've got the spelling wrong, but there's one thing I haven't got wrong, the man was a saint."

The correct spelling is McGlyne and was later known as Jack McGlyne. His name appears in the old cemetery records as Jack McGlenn(?). Jack McGlyne was a friend of Alan Treloar. He put Dusty up for the night, fed him, lent him some tools, and put him onto a likely prospect in the shallows at German Gully. As Dusty put it "who could do more for a man". He now possibly lies in one of the un-marked graves in the old cemetery.

Unfortunately Dusty wasn't aware you need to break through the concrete to get to the mud. "Day after day I was sinking four foot holes getting down to the conglomerate and not going any deeper. I then thought it might be worthwhile moving up the hill a bit, but now I was digging 6 foot holes and stopping at the concrete, if only I had opened my mouth and asked."

After going to Rey Absalom's Store and buying a bag of apples with his last ten pence, he went a bit further up the hill to sink one last hole.

"By mid-day or perhaps later, I had a hole just over 6 feet and had not hit bottom, I knew I was beaten, and just sat there for a time contemplating life from the bottom of a 6 foot hole. I was sitting at the bottom of the hole thinking things over, when I heard somebody approaching and a bloke looked down at me and said 'how yer goin'?"

This was Bernie Strickland, a good friend of the Brooks family. He invited Dusty to tea that night, and after a discussion with his mining partner Sammy Fellows, Dusty was invited into a three way mining partnership. As Dusty put it, "who said there aren't miracles or angels, and I must say I met a lot of angels in the bush, the bush seemed to breed them in those days."

After the sale of their first three way parcel, Dusty had 6 ten pound note in his pocket and immediately bought a camp in Opal Creek from Mr+Mrs Schneider.

Dusty eventually moved from the field, married and raised a family. "I paid a brief visit back a couple of years ago, maybe 4 years, and my old camp was still there just as I left it forty off years ago."

NEXT MONTH: MINNIE BERRINGTON GOES BUSH

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SENIORS GROUP "WACKY WEDNESDAY"

The Seniors Group has returned their day for activities to Wednesday running from 10am to 12noon based at the Town Hall. I have been supporting the group during Kaitlyn's absence finding great pleasure in playing Scrabble and becoming acquainted with my fellow Andamookans Recently I added jigsaws to the collection of board games which include Scrabble, Chess and playing cards.

Since the move from the SES Shed our numbers have gradually increased creating a vital and fun-filled atmosphere.

Behind the scenes, working in the Community Kitchen, we are fortunate to have the ever-smiling Tamara, who provides us with delicious snacks and tea & coffee and Chris offers support to learn to access online services and improve your computer skills generally.

Regular visits from RFDS and the Financial Services representative keep us updated on available services.

Recently we had a group discussion with Gill and Stefan regarding the future directions for our group We were pleased to hear of the coming renovations, improvements and repairs to the Community Church building where we will meet and have as our permanent base once it's completed.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us to come on over and enjoy Friendship and Conversation with us.

Hope to see you soon.

Cheers from Ali Maleckas

UPDATE FROM THE MINNIE BERRINGTON PROJECT

Things are quietly humming along in the background of The Minnie Berrington Project. Work has begun on structures and props that will be used in filming re-creations of key scenes from Minnie's life. Our local historian, Wayne Dries, has built accurate copies of the windlass and the unique cowhide bucket that Minnie used while mining. Re-creating these items as authentically as possible required time, patience and an eye for detail - all attributes Wayne thankfully possesses! We will post photos of the windlass and bucket on our Facebook and Instagram pages shortly, so make sure you're following us to check them out.

On Sunday, May 2nd, Andamooka was visited by The Waterhouse Club. The club consists of supporters of the SA Museum, who travel, adventure and explore destinations accompanied by the Museum's researchers. The group visited our local attractions, which included a tour of the Historical Cottages, an opal mining tour with the Andamooka Observatory, a visit to the Underground Opal & Mineral Museum, the Lapidary Shed and a trip out to the fossil field. **We are pleased to announce that The Waterhouse Club has generously donated \$1,100 toward the making of the documentary.**

As most would be aware, creating a documentary (or any film for that matter) is incredibly expensive. I'd like to share a little bit about the process and how we plan to structure the documentary. Hopefully, this explanation helps to deepen the understanding of why creating a film is so costly-although to be frank, we are doing it on a very stripped down budget!

The documentary will be approximately 50minutes in length, comprising of 4 layers; interviews, archival materials, re-creations and animation.

1. Interviews.

We completed the bulk of our interviews last year. We still have to interview our local "modern-day Minnie's" - the women who mine the opal fields today.

2. Archival Materials.

Thanks to our researchers, Stuart Wattinson, Wayne Dries and Lorna Cameron, we have a wealth of photos and documents. These items will ultimately be uploaded onto our website and the Andamooka portal for preservation and education purposes.

3. Re-creations

Re-creations of key scenes from Minnie's life will be filmed in the next few months. Locations include the Flinders Ranges, Pichi Richi Railway, Coward Springs, William Creek, Coober Pedy, and of course Andamooka. These re-created scenes are key in drawing the viewer into the beauty and harshness that this courageous English woman faced on her adventure into the Australian outback in 1926.

4. Animated portions

Animated portions? In a documentary? While this may seem odd, animated segments have appeared in mainstream documentaries since 2000. Some examples are *Bowling for Columbine*, *Searching for Sugar Man*, *Cobain: Montage of Heck*, *Belushi* and *Everything's Cool*. Animated sequences function either as 'connective tissue' or 'disruptive interjection!' We will also use animation as a device to convey scenes that are a reflection of Minnie's imagination. She saw the opal fields as her very own version of "Alice in Wonderland," as explained in Wayne Dries article, "A Blast From The Past." We are incredibly fortunate that the director of our documentary, Homeros, is also an animation director. Currently, Homeros is directing a children's animated series for a Netflix/Dreamwork co-production.

You can do your part in helping us achieve our funding goal! Scan the QR code or visit the Documentary Australia Fund website to donate online (all donations over \$2 will be issued with a tax receipt). Alternatively donate at the local businesses that support us: the Post Office, Dynamite Cafe, Bottleshop, APOMA office and Lapidary Shed.



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Police are still actively targeting drug offending in the Andamooka and Roxby Downs areas. We are aware that this is occurring, and are taking steps to target this behaviour.

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
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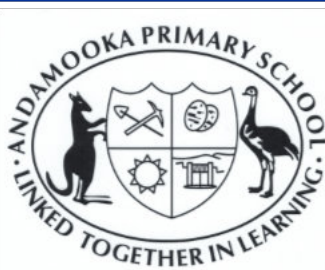
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