



## UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> November:**  
All Souls / All Saints Day
- ◆ **11<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Remembrance Day
- ◆ **20<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**COMMUNITY FORUM**  
Saturday, 3:30PM  
@ Community Hall

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

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**Header:** Crested Pigeon drinking.

Source: A. Smoker, 2020

## FUTURE OF THE OUTBACK - ON TRACK... BUT LET'S TAKE THE NEW ROAD AT A SAFE PACE... NOT AS A RACE TRACK

For some time APOMA has been lobbying for a forum or conference of representatives of stakeholders residing and operating businesses within the OCA governed unincorporated outback area, where we could meet those managing other towns and communities and discuss our issues, share resources, and look for solutions for a better way forward, and ways to collaboratively build economic drivers like tourism, major events and enterprise.

Most importantly, to be able to form a strong united voice that could lobby for funding and assistance to build a sustainable and vibrant future for our towns and region. A voice that could clearly give direction to the OCA in terms of what stakeholders need and what action we need to take for the OCA to make this happen.

The thought was that this would give strength to the OCA in terms of their efforts to work for and to fund our region.

We saw this as a partnership – there are things that a strong community voice can achieve that a government agency might be too restricted to fight for. Also, if the OCA were given strong united support when they lobbied on behalf of the community, it would give them so much more strength towards achieving outcomes. We anticipated that there would be greater and full discussion, and sound consultation ongoing, and that final decisions would be shared and ensured to have stakeholder support before being implemented.

The OCA Board took this up. The numbers that attended and contributed to outcomes at the Strategic Planning Workshop held in Coober Pedy in early September, clearly demonstrates that the vast majority of stakeholders want to be integrally involved in planning and working on strategies to ensure that those plans are well managed and funded. Most importantly to be fully informed and party to decisions made on their behalf.

*The OCA did a great job with the planning workshop. We sincerely thank them for this. So much was discussed,*

and productive ideas were mooted around solutions and methods of managing, marketing, developing, and funding towns, communities and regions, and for attracting tourism, residents and investment.

*However, a critical factor to achieving this, was that **time** is needed to massage all this input to map a way forward.*

At the end of that very productive workshop, community representatives agreed that we need to stay in touch and to form a strong united front. To firstly ensure that all of what was brought forward, discussed and decided upon, was followed through with ongoing input from the stakeholders – the people of the region – and secondly, to ensure that this process, which is so critical to our future and livelihoods, is progressive and would not be rushed.

The OCA community presentation staged in Andamooka on Sunday 24th October, presented a somewhat confusing scenario with little information that the audience could relate to for discussion. They were then presented with a set of basic figures which relate to complex situations but with little consideration given to options or potential sources of income to offset costs that would ultimately be charged to property and business owners – user pays.

The 3rd and preferred option for governance presented was not in line with the wording that was voted on at the workshop – that being for a hybrid model which would be developed in consultation with stakeholders with greater and more equitable representation from the outback. Not as put to the community, a simple scenario for just an extra person or two on a board chosen? nominated? or elected? from somewhere in the outback... (elections are costly)

Unfortunately, it appears that for what-ever reason, a report to the Minister on a way forward, is required before Christmas. That report will need to have some recommendations and figures included.

This means that, the timeline from that initial and valuable workshop, to delivery of a report that maps out the future for our region and the manner in which it will be managed and funded across time... is only around 15 weeks.

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**ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.****Annual General Meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 21**

2020/2021 Annual Report – available from the Office and on the website end November.

- C Woolford commented on the number of people present. Thanked APOMA Chair for report, noting that over 10% of the community volunteer and contribute to the town and community.

- Treasurer, G Rowley - 2020/2021 has been a big step forward in way of managing finances. A number of large grants have been received that benefit the community, but create complex financials and our auditors, SGK & Associates, have done an amazing job to audit these. The 2020-2021 audited financial statement, Profit & Loss, and budget outcomes presented.

- Project & Maintenance manager, R Hawkins thanked all helpers, volunteers, contractors, and G Rowley who have assisted with projects and maintenance this year. R Mitchell queried missing sails at rear of Café. R Hawkins advised that the sails will be converted to hard-cover and it is anticipated that this will be completed for summer 2022.

- Budget 2021-22 tabled - Combined APOMA and CARM – brief overview. Estimated surplus after grant monies in hand extracted and allocations made circa 10k to invest into development. Additional OCA reimbursement for public toilet cleaning 2020-22 providing \$16k towards cost of installing toilets at the Rec Centre. C&CG net return circa \$14K which may also contribute to this.

- Bus expenses higher last year. Leaves \$500 to Bus replacement fund – now at \$6500.

- Next major project - Pumptrack, approval on design and location received from members. 100k funding via OCA. 26 week delivery of kit. Once received, put together quickly.

- OCA grant assistance 2020-21 and into 2022 acknowledged. P Sheppard – acknowledged help and support from BHP.

- Committee 2021-22. Continuing: Ian Thompson, Rodney Mitchell, Gill Rowley, Richard Clifford, Alison Smoker, Richard Webb, Mathew Kathagen. New committee member - Luke Alder

- SGK & Associates appointed to continue as auditors.

- Thanks was extended to A (Staffy) Heath for holding the position of Public Officer for so many years. Currently absent from Andamooka. K Wilby appointed as Public Officer

- R Christensen commented on and thanked APOMA for the Andamooka signage on Pimba Road.

- L Lulich provided an update on the Minnie Berrington project. A successful event was held over the October long weekend

- G Rowley extended thank you to all members who continue to provide feedback, attend meetings, and take an interest in APOMA activities and what is going on in Andamooka. Overall, community support is there and noted. A thank you to all office staff and C Woolford for her assistance and advisory support and to members of the committee for their support.

- C Woolford commented that it is a pleasure to work with the Andamooka community and APOMA. The progress and recent changes are evident.

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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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**Secretary:** Rodney Mitchell

**Treasurer:** Gill Rowley

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**NEXT MEETING**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

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# APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

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Realistically, that is not enough time to design a map for our future to put into the hands of a Minister, in particular when time for their action is tight, as we head towards an election, posing a real risk that what we saw on Sunday 24th October will become a reality.

The Committee believes that decisions around our future have gone into 'fast track' mode. So, we have made a stand and taken action in an attempt to resume a more inclusive process and to bring this back to a stakeholder supported, open and progressive way forward.

**Time**, to allow for that partnership approach to evolve, and for stakeholders to be integrally involved in what goes into the report, including the mapping, rationale, recommendations, financials, and with the future challenges and opportunities presented that will shape our future.

We do not want to incite 'anti' feelings or make this a battleground. **Our key issue is** that the process is now being rushed and is at risk of a hasty report being handed to politicians where decisions could be made based on hollow, premature recommendations.

Reaction around a proposed ASL and community charges is also premature – how this evolves as an equitable and fair levy that is also distributed/applied in an equitable and fair manner that benefits towns, communities and businesses is a key reason why we need to slow the process down and have another year, which is government funded to cover this hiatus, to come up with the right solutions.

We ask that our community and others, recognise that there has been improved OCA support for Andamooka and more of a partnership approach emerging, and, that they please assist and support us to take a calm and considered approach in our attempt to slow back the process and, we hope, have the chance to work together with other regional stakeholders, to bring it back on track.

- APOMA Committee

## Andamooka Community Forum - All Welcome FOR OUR FUTURE

3.30pm Saturday 20th November 2021  
Andamooka Community Hall

Our community voice can make a change, so please join in and bring your concerns, questions and ideas to the forum.

The Committee will then ensure that those collective outcomes are put together and forwarded for inclusion in the planning process for the  
**Future of the Outback.**

**OPEN INVITATION TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS**

## Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

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## APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

**APOMA 2020 memberships  
lapsed end of March 2021.**

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# KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

## The Precincts Principle

Those present at member and community meetings across the past two years, would be familiar with the term ASL (asset sustainability levy) which is a proposed levy to be charged out via the OCA to property owners, pastoral leases and business operators within the unincorporated areas, with funds raised to be spent on developing and maintaining assets and services within the region. This is explained in simple terms to be in the interests of travellers, visitors and residents alike and to the region's economy. How this is applied is primarily the underlying purpose of the current consultative process for the 'Future of the Outback'.

At Andamooka community meetings we have raised the expected imposition of a regional levy and concerns about how this might affect our town, and with yet unknown changes afoot in terms of town funding and the future of the CCS, the Committee recognised the need to find ways to progressively prepare for those changes and to create income streams from broader sources and from our assets to cover the costs of maintaining and servicing our towns assets. This approach forms part of our Town Plan to 2023, when we anticipated that such a levy might be imposed.

*These local income streams are also vital to ongoing development in the interest of local servicing which will help attract and retain residents in the town.* We are all aware that population is the key to local delivery of services for health, education and community wellbeing. Development of attractions and visitor services is vital to increase and maintain visitor numbers to our town that ultimately support local business to ensure their viability and success, to the benefit of residents.

Some assets already have income streams attached to them and others have potential for this, and others will need to primarily rely on those income streams to cover their maintenance costs. This self-supporting system, introduced 5 years ago, is progressively paying off and working well towards this direction.

**This is where the principle of precincts comes in.** By grouping assets from the two primary areas within the town into two distinct precincts, it will be easier to create a master development plan for each and to make each financially self-supporting in terms of maintenance and servicing, by spreading income from various sources within the precinct across the group of assets.

It also creates a more equitable way for all residents and visitors to contribute towards town services, maintenance and development, by contributing towards the services and assets that they use.

This means that it will not just be property owners and local businesses that are paying via the current CCS system or proposed new ASL scheme. This local system was designed to progressively address change, and to maintain the current rate of the CCS which it has achieved to date.

**PRECINCT 1: Andamooka Recreation Precinct** – encompasses the extensive camp-ground area, the existing 'grader shed' block, adjoining recreation centre lots, and the playground and historic mining machinery museum. The primary income source currently is the caravan and camp-ground which has had another great year grossing \$18.3K for the year up to end June 21.

The grader shed is set to be developed into an Arts & Crafts Centre to support local artists and to assist skills development. The vision is for a vibrant artists hub with workshops, teaching spaces, and pop-up markets, which visitors can explore and provide income for local artists who are producing and selling goods. This will be designed to be self-supporting based primarily on user pay principles.

The recreation centre will also be based on user pay at rates that are fair. Income will also come from small grants and associated events such as regular outdoor theatre/drive-in nights and the mini-golf course which will contribute via donation collection cleverly integrated into the activities.

**PRECINCT 2: Andamooka Town Hub Precinct** – encompassing the expanding community hall complex, Christmas Hill corner, the Cottages and 'The Church' community centre. Each of these assets will have income streams attached – some minor, some just covering costs, and the Hall complex the greatest income earner with new income streams set to be introduced across 2022.

**How Does This Change The Future?** - Importantly, this makes the precincts more cost effective to market and to generally maintain, and also to develop, so that each become great attractions for visitors and great places for locals, also contributing to skills development and business opportunities, and each will work together with local business to promote their services and attractions.

Ultimately, this will mean that as we implement a cost-effective method of maintaining our town assets and community services, those costs will not just be put upon property owners and local business, but spread more equally across all users whether residential or visiting.

**How can you help make this happen?** - For residents that are not aware of what has been progressively developing in their town over the past 5 years, we urge you to come along to the APOMA member and community meetings. To learn more about what is happening in, around and for our town, and to be part of the planning and decision making process. There are some exciting developments afoot in this town, both community and private business, and each will work to the benefit of the town and our community wellbeing.

- Gill Rowley



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# END OF FINANCIAL YEAR RESULTS

## Balance Sheet

### Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Inc (APOMA) As at 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 2021	30 Jun 2020
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Allocated Funds Account	46,311	31,311
Andamooka Projects	17,683	5,750
Debit Card	5,787	3,825
Operations Account	172,724	111,993
Reserve Funds Account	15,577	15,573
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>258,082</b>	<b>168,451</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Accounts Receivable	15,718	4,568
Petty Cash	500	500
Youth Petty Cash	92	92
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>16,310</b>	<b>5,160</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Building & Facilities	(121,717)	(60,109)
Buildings & Facilities	2,464,305	2,464,305
Motor Vehicles	30,125	30,125
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Motor Vehicles	(11,992)	(5,947)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,360,722</b>	<b>2,428,374</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,635,113</b>	<b>2,601,984</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	7,511	9,041
BAS Suspense Account	(4,705)	-
GST	(19,655)	164
Rounding	(4)	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(16,853)</b>	<b>9,205</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(16,853)</b>	<b>9,205</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,651,966</b>	<b>2,592,779</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	59,187	47,420
Retained Earnings	2,321,348	2,273,928
Revaluation Surplus	271,431	271,431
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>2,651,966</b>	<b>2,592,779</b>

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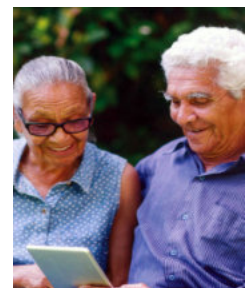
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# ANDAMOOKA GRANTS & PROJECTS

## Andamooka Recreation, Sport and Youth Centre

- construction of this desperately needed new facility is funded by a combination of DPTI Roads and Infrastructure Grant and Drought Relief R2 fund, via the OCA. Costs such as survey, soil report and other charges relating to construction and approvals have been covered under BHP Vital Resources R2 funding. This project has had a few set-backs to completion due to Covid related difficulty sourcing some materials and delayed deliveries. The shooting rings are in, carpeting down in the activity rooms, and ground-work about to commence. Overall, on track to be completed for grant acquittal at the end of November 2021 and to be open to the community end of January 2022.



**'The Church' Community Centre** – materials for major repairs to the structure and other construction related tasks have been covered under the same DPTI and Drought relief grant as above. The toilet upgrade from a dilapidated outdoor long-drop to a new ambulant standard facility, has been made possible by a \$10k FRRR grant received in September. Labour has been a mix of paid tradespersons, CDP 'TAs' and volunteers, greatly reducing costs to enable a better outcome for this much-loved historic building.

**Historic Cottages restoration** – urgent repair work and security measures were made possible by BHP Community Donations funding. \$14k was investing into security fencing to prevent further roof damage to these irreplaceable semi-dugouts, plus roof and structural repairs and the original thunderbox style long-drop toilets restored and sealed off. Some ongoing minor repairs are being undertaken by volunteers to assist presentation, preservation and security.



**Andamooka Visitor Information Centre & Community Shop** – BHP Vital Resource Funding R2 has made this re-assignment of space vacated by youth and seniors to a new and much needed Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and associated community shop and integrated wifi centre possible. Work has commenced on organizing materials and equipment for this space, with the view to the VIC open in time for the new visitor season in 2022 with the shop progressively developing to display and sell local products made by local artists, as well as a range of SA specialities. The space will offer workshops, pop-up market stalls and manage exhibitions, social events and regular town markets.

**Lapidary Shed veranda extension** – an Easternwell small grant has made it possible to open up more space with a veranda extending the length front of the existing workshop. Offering social seating space and enclosed at the other end, it will accommodate growing demand from people keen to learn the art of cutting and polishing opal and other stones, by providing room for additional workbenches. Materials have been ordered and once delivered, work will commence on the build by band of volunteers.

**'Minnie's Post Office'** – located on Christmas Hill Road – so much of this restoration work on a semi-dugout of almost identical circa, design and construction to the original Andamooka post office, has gone unseen and is being undertaken by a dedicated group of volunteers, including CDP crew. It is anticipated that this will be up and operational for the tourism season 2022 and will be a fascinating drop in attraction for visitors, offering historic images, stories and information from Andamooka's beginnings, plus a variety of items and souvenirs, proceeds from which will be reinvested into the project. Further funding is being sought for this extended project incorporating much of the SA outback region.

**Pumptrack** – Recreation Precinct – this new project made possible through Local Roads & Community Infrastructure funding via the OCA, will add another dimension to the precinct and to children's activities in the town. The location, size and design of the track as recommended, was supported by the members and community at the AGM. The order will be placed early November with 26 weeks to delivery. Groundwork and preparations will be done in the meantime. Anticipated completion time June 2022 with grant acquittal due end June 2022.

**Small Grants** – OCA Small Sports Grant \$500 – in the process of being expended on equipment for indoor sports court activities.




  
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# THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ANDAMOOKA

## Lapidary Group Updates

The Lapidary Shed had an exceptional turn out over the October Opal Festival weekend. The newly installed display cabinet was a hit, displaying a wide variety of rock and mineral specimens from Greg, the groups coordinators collection over the festival weekend. The shed also has a new sign on the fence to help visitors locate it easier and was dressed with gorgeous bunting to bring the shed into the festival vibe, thank you to all involved in the Lapidary group for making it a success for our locals and visitors over the long weekend. I have featured a photo of some of our local lapidary artists, Caroline and Mash, the jelly opal is Mash's the other stones are Caroline's including, Snowflake Obsidian, Star Chiastolite and possibly Malachite with Quartz.

Now let's turn to a spookier side of Lapidary in the spirit of Halloween. I came across these photos on our 'Andamooka Lapidary' Facebook page and they caught my eye as to being something different to the stones we have featured before. The artist behind the creations is August Voss, a member of the Facebook group and shared them to the page. He used untreated Andamooka matrix opal for the moon carving cameo and treated for his skull necklace. If you are interested in any of his pieces you could check out his work on Facebook.



- Olivia Newell

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 just enjoy a cuppa & chat  
**10AM - 12PM**  
 At the Community Hall

**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

<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>26th: Australia Day</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>14th: Valentines Day</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p>
<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>25th: Anzac Day</p>	<p><b>MAY</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p>June Long Weekend</p>
<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p>Dog Registration Due</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b></p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p>October Long Weekend</p> <p>24th: APOMA AGM</p> <p>31st: Halloween</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>2nd: All Souls</p> <p>11th: Rememberence Day</p> <p>20th: Community Forum</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>25th: Christmas</p>



**VISIT**

**ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM**  
**ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE**  
**Motel**

Opal  
 Opal Jewellery  
 Opal Cutting and Demo's  
 ( by appointment )

**INFORMATION  
 &  
 ACCOMMODATION**

**View our ANDAMOOKA OPAL MUSEUM**  
**Underground Worldwide Opal & Mineral Display**

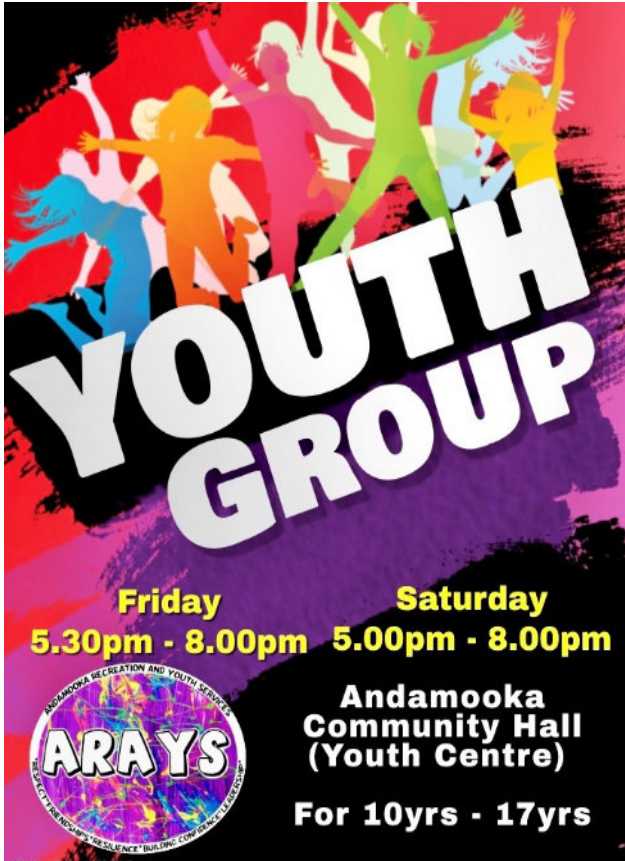
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 275 Opal Creek Boulevard, Andamooka, SA.  
 Email... andamookaopal@hotmail.com  
 Web... www.andamookaopal.com.au



**Open 7 Days**



# WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA



**YOUTH GROUP**

**Friday** 5.30pm - 8.00pm  
**Saturday** 5.00pm - 8.00pm

**Andamooka Community Hall (Youth Centre)**

**For 10yrs - 17yrs**

**ARAYS**

ANDAMOOKA RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICE  
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## ANDAMOOKA HEALTH SERVICE

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations will be available at the Clinic from 17/18<sup>th</sup> November.

Check with the clinic for details.

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

Open hours on page 14.

## Remembrance Day

**11th November**

10:45am at the Memorial Park

Followed by Morning Tea

provided by the Hospital Auxiliary

*Lest We Forget*



# ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY

WHERE: ANDAMOOKA CEMETERY

WHEN: DUSK \*8PM\*

TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

COME HELP CELEBRATE ALL SOULS BY PLACING A CANDLE AT THE CEMETERY

LIGHT A CANDLE, BRING A DRINK TO TOAST LOVED ONES & REMINISCE

ALL WELCOME – YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A LOVED ONE BURIED LOCALLY TO ATTEND

BYO CHAIR

Sponsored By: Andamooka Bottleshop & APOMA



# BINGO

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY**

1:30 PM at the Community Hall

All proceeds go towards new community facilities

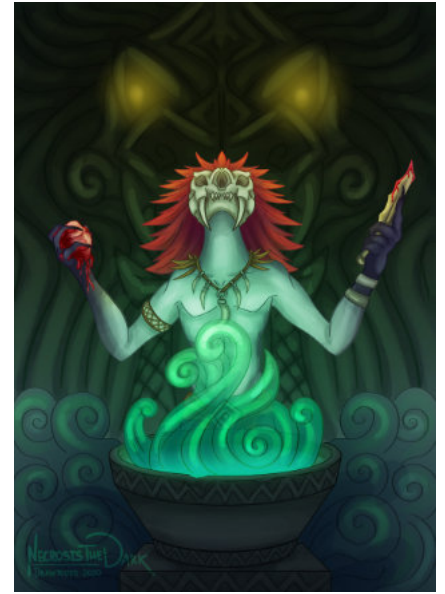
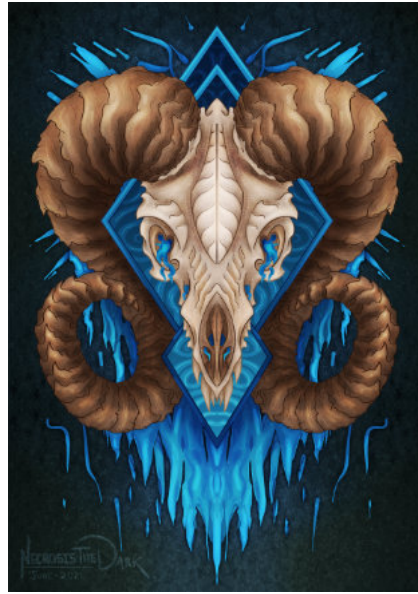
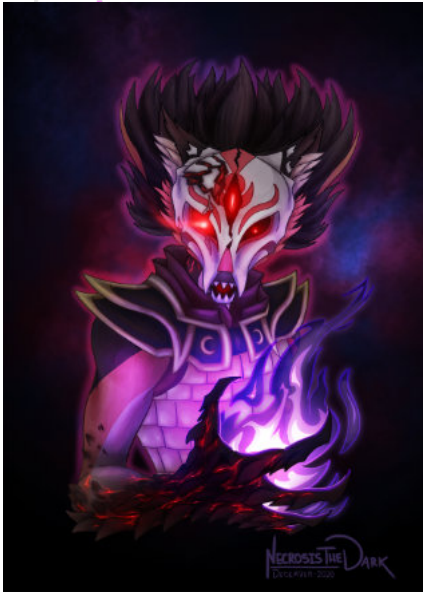
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# THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

## DARK ART

SPOOKY ART FOR THE SPOOKY SEASON



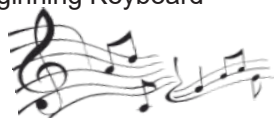
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### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

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

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

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

# A BLAST FROM THE PAST

- BY WAYNE DRIES

On a cold winters morning at Sandy Creek station, in 1926 Minnie Berrington woke to a brand new world. Acknowledging the news of the night before stood out always after as a turning point in life, she writes "The dawn was already bright. I lay revelling in my sea of happiness." Her first night in the country she penned a "wonderland", and the beginning of her long awaited adventure.

After a period of morning trade with the staff of Sandy Creek station, the van was packed, and preparations made for the next stage of their journey, along a seldom used track through the sand dunes to Coober Pedy. With the numerous references to Sandy Creek station, one should be mindful of Minnie Berrington's use of pseudonyms. They weren't necessarily restricted to people, it seems cattle stations were fair game as well. Sandy Creek is 6 kms east of Gawler, and yes it does have a station, but it's a railway station, not a cattle station. The Sandy Creek station mentioned in her book is actually Anna Creek station, and yes Anna Creek is often a sandy creek. Confused?

As the van neared Coober Pedy, Minnie's brother explains, "See those black oblongs on the hills?, they're the entrances to dugouts made by the diggers to live in." she responds, "Caves! What more breathtaking and wonderful could you have than an opal field where the people lived in caves?"

Minnie Berrington spent 7 ½ years at Coober Pedy before leaving to try the then rumored new field of Andamooka. In 1926 she spent her first Christmas in Australia guarding half a bullock carcass aboard a broken-down truck en route to Coober Pedy from Sandy Creek station as her brother walked through the night to raise the alarm. On arrival of the rescue party, they sat down to a Christmas feast of bread, corned beef, and a can of tinned peas, washed down with a pannikin of billy tea. Typically unphased she recalls "For Roger and me it was as jolly as a conventional one with Christmas pudding and crackers."

Her first parcel "several ounces of opal stones" was dug with her brother, and classed by Bill Hallion of Hallion Hill fame. It earned them about 3 months wages each and a reward "Apricots and cream figured largely on the menu that night instead of the usual damper and jam." Her second parcel she found alone and it left her "Wobbly at the knees with excitement", only to regain her composure to be "Wrapped in a rosy cloud of dreams, and oblivious to everything around me."

Inevitably the finances began to dwindle and alternatives needed to be considered. "The prospect of saying goodbye was looming up again. It saddened me. I loved the life, and viewed with apprehension the dreadful alternative- a typists desk, rooms, and the morning and evening rush hour."

"Then a wholly unexpected situation arose, Joseph Holland (Jacob Santing) asked me to manage his store. Delighted but apprehensive" she accepted the offer. "The mornings were free. I could still dig. The more I thought about it the more I firmly believed in magic. I had longed to see the bush; longed for an opal; longed to remain on the field. Each wish had been fulfilled in some totally unforeseen way. I reminded myself this was wonderland" adding "I was very happy."

Shortly after she began managing the store, her brother was offered a job at Sandy Creek station, maintaining the pump and car engines, which he accepted. For the second time since her arrival in the country she was without her brothers company. Any fears for her safety living alone on the field were dismissed in an interview with Ernestine Hill, which was published in the Sunday Sun and Guardian on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1932 in which Minnie was quoted as saying "Among these men typical of the outback, and particularly among the old miners, one couldn't be unhappy or nervous. Always they have been to me the soul of courtesy and kindness- a lesson in chivalry. Most of my best friends in Australia are here among them. Working at the store gave her the opportunity to acquaint herself with most of the resident miners at Coober Pedy, however, as she put it, "I simply couldn't let this wonderful bush experience degenerate into humdrum living."

Her remedy for the monotony of regular working hours was learning to drive. "For a week or so I took particular note of the diggers who drove these old dependable to the store. Then I mustered my courage. "Whether the fact that her choice of instructors was "tall and sun-tanned, a bushman to his finger-tips" had anything to do with her choice, wasn't mentioned. What was mentioned was that he kept his door partly opened with one foot on the running board ready to bail out. Turns out Minnie was a bit of a lead foot.

Her first car was nicknamed "The Red Terror", her second was an Austin seven utility, commonly known as the Baby Austin. It was this car that she and Bill Hallion travelled in to Andamooka, accompanied by George Malycha in his truck in 1934.

Prior to Christmas 1933 she writes, "For some time there had been a persistent rumour of a mysterious new opal field in South Australia". The rumour was soon discounted and "the story lost interest." Minnie joined the exodus south for Christmas, "When I returned to Coober Pedy a few weeks later, I found that interest in the mystery parcel had flared up afresh." Bit by bit facts emerged until "I was simmering with suppressed excitement. I knew something more. It so happened that a friend of Mac's was in possession of the full story, but being unable to go prospecting himself he told Mac and me where the opal had been found. That such a rare and wonderful thing as the discovery of a new field should happen while I was an opal digger, convinced me that fate was giving me a lavish share of good luck."

Information was discretely sought and preparations made for their departure. "In less than a week the fully loaded utility and the equally well loaded truck started on the trip to Andamooka." Minnie recalls, "I think this must have been the most exciting period of my life. Not just from the fact that I was going to a new field. It was a secret field...."

## NEXT MONTH: ANDAMOOKA BOUND + END OF THE BOOK

The Facebook group supporting and sharing local artists and creatives:



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# LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

OPENING HOURS:

SATURDAYS, 10AM - 2PM • SUNDAYS, 12PM - 4PM

# ANDAMOOKA OPAL FESTIVAL

CINEMATICA FILMS & APOMA PRESENTS

## The Minnie Berrington Project

*From Foundation to Future!*



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Support the Minnie Berrington Project

**Andamooka Opal Festival 2021**, hosted by Cinematica Films for fundraising for the Minnie Berrington project Documentary and the trail of Minnie.

First, a huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way they could, either in preparations leading up to the festival, at the festival or pack up/cleaning after the festival. Our community engagement is what made this festival a success. Thank you to our local small businesses for supporting our festival; Desert Threads, Cellarbrations, Rodney from Edge2centre Studios Andamooka Opal showroom & Underground Museum, Andamooka Observatory and the Dine-a-Mite Café who were absolutely run of their feet getting their amazing food/drinks out.

They even ran out of some food as the demand was so high! Thank you to all members of our Lapidary group and to Greg, the group coordinator. A special mention to Wayne Dries, for your amazing props that were set up on our community hall stage, it was truly wonderful to have them there for people to admire what you have achieved through your artistry and hard work. Thank you to APOMA and the CDP work crew, we could not of had this festival without you! Thank you to our Roxby Downs stall holders. If you personally attended our festival then a thank you to you too, we hope you enjoyed it and constructive feedback for future festivals is appreciated.

### FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Kick off for the festival on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October had Dine-a-mite Café busy as usual for the Friday night. This has become a wonderful time for everyone to catch up for the week, grab a meal and have a beverage. The opal raffle was proudly on display, and we sold quite a few tickets. The stage was set with the props created by Wayne on display, boards with photos of Minnie's life, the post card art competition entries display made the community hall colourful, backed by Rodney's tunes.

### SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER

The afternoon Tea on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October saw the historical cottages get their well-deserved clean and spruce up in preparation for the long weekend. The cottages were beautifully decorated with lace bunting, vintage tablecloths, and vases of little flowers thanks to Angela Thompson. Tunes playing in the background from Minnie's era were the finishing touch in setting the scene. All the setup of the cottages made for a wonderful atmosphere that I'm positive would have made Mrs. Perry smile. Thank you to those who baked traditional cakes with recipes of some of our lovely local women who have since passed, gosh they were delicious, and this added a very special touch to the afternoon. Karl Christensen's stall with an assortment of goodies was well received by locals and visitors. Ally Smokers bug n bees can creations looked a treat at the cottages, and I saw a few people carrying them around. Thanks, Ally, for continuing to make these cuties for us as a donation to our project, we are so grateful.

Open mic night/karaoke at the community hall on the Saturday night had Rodney performing some great well-known classics, Barry and Alison Lewis, musician visitors were wonderful as was Nick our local lad with absolute ripping talent. Quite a few of us, including myself threw caution into the wind and got up to sing with our windpipes...after a few beverages, seems to be the way karaoke goes, what fun!



### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER

The atmosphere at the historical cottages continued with the festival markets, lace bunting fluttering in the breeze and brightly coloured canopies shaded our stall holders. By 10am the crowds descended and the attendance by locals, Roxby Downs folks and visitors surpassed our expectations! Many explored the Historic Cottages for the first time ever, and feedback was so positive that it made us appreciate how fortunate we are to have these treasures from our town's history. The fossicking treasure opal hunt was a huge hit, lots of happy children and adults found a piece of Andamooka Opal of their own.

Children had the opportunity to then make a fossil with clay or a pot dressed in opal or whatever took their imagination. Hilda's rock painting was also a hit, I saw lots of children covered in paint clutching their painted rocks, probably much to many parents' excitement ha-ha. Thank you to Ruby and Angela for supervising the children's area and making it fun for them. Market Day attendees enjoyed Asian fare from the Garden of Nang Food Truck, and demand was so high that our friend, Stacey Dadleh ended up behind the counter, taking orders and helping to get food out to the hungry hordes! It was truly wonderful to sit back and watch the buzz of over 100+ locals and visitors alike shopping at the Market, checking out the Historic Cottages, and then drifting over to visit the Opal showroom & Underground Museum, the Lapidary Shed, Desert Threads and popping over to the Hall and the Dine-A-Mite Café.

The opal raffle prizes were there, shining their amazing rainbow colours in the natural sunlight. We still have tickets for sale and time to buy, you can find them at the Andamooka Post Office, Dine-a-mite Café and Cellarbrations, soon to be online, keep an eye on Minnie's Facebook and Instagram for the update on the website launch. What a wonderful Christmas it will be for whoever wins one of the prizes, raffle is drawn on the 21/12/21 at 5pm at the Historical Cottages. Keep in mind all the proceeds go directly to 'The Minnie Berrington Project' to support us in making our documentary & 'The Trail of Minnie'.

#### MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OF OCTOBER

Monday saw us happy with what we had achieved over the weekend and exhausted. Lara, Katalin and I then had the task of choosing our Postcard Design competition winners, gosh was that a hard task, they were all so wonderful, we thank each one of you who entered.

The winning entries are as follows:

**Category 1- Ages 4-9 years:** Krystal Legg, Alicia Groeschel and Vinnie Pruis.

**Category 2 – Ages 10-17 years:** Lauren Groeschel, Lily Kemenyvary (2 designs) and Samuel Petkovic. **Category 3-Adults:** Beck Hanold, Mel Kemenyvary, Alison Henderson, Caroline Bell and Arrananyinha Donna Waters.

**People's Choice category:** Caroline Bell

Congratulations, we are looking forward to seeing your Minnie inspired artwork created into circulating post cards. You can now collect your prize from the town office on a **Thursday** afternoon between **12pm-3pm** from Olivia.

Please check out the artwork which is still currently displayed in the community hall.

Once again, a huge thank you to all from us at Team Minnie.

*- Olivia Newell*



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# POLICE REPORT

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On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August a thirty eight year old male from Andamooka was stopped by police on Water Way. He provided a false name to the officer and was arrested. Checks reveal that he was not authorised to drive a vehicle, and his vehicle was impounded. He was bailed to attend the Roxby Downs Magistrates Court where he was later convicted of the offences.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October a twenty six year old female was stopped driving a vehicle on Opal Creek Boulevard. Checks revealed that she has never held a licence. She was reported for the offence and will appear in court at a later date. The vehicle she was driving was impounded for a period of twenty eight days.

Thank you

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




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 Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713  
 Email giles@parliament.sa.gov.au  
 f Eddie Hughes MP

## Andamooka Health Service

**Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka**

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

### Opening Hours:

Monday/Tuesday	9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 1pm
Thursday/Friday	9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm
Saturday/Sunday	Closed

Closed 1pm to 2pm for Lunch on all days

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

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

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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



Download the COVIDSafeapp

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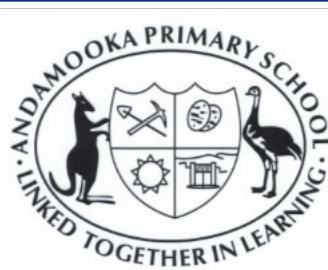
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*This region is home to potentially deadly venomous snakes including the dark skinned Mulga and the Western Brown variations of which may be orange with a black head, or yellow head with greenish body, some have black bands. Don't confuse this with 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.*

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# COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

## MINING CLAIMS

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7 DAYS A WEEK

ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am-5pm weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

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

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Opal Field Program .

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