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UP-COMING EVENTS

♦ **Apr 9th: Arid Recovery Open Day**

♦ **April 15th: Good Friday BBQ**

♦ **Apr 16th: Unveiling the Andamooka Tiger**
Stonemason Artistry by Cal the Stoner

♦ **May 4th: Regional Health Forum**

♦ **May 6th: Neville Bonney Road Show**

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

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Header Photo:
Bright skies and rolling clouds.

Source: E. Morris, 2020

COMMUNITY DRIVING ANDAMOOKA FORWARD

Bill Addington has come back to Andamooka. He pulled me up at a recent APOMA meeting in the Hall. I made the announcement that APOMA would be doing all it could to have the Good Friday community barbeque at the cottages. I made the mistake of calling it the APOMA Good Friday barbeque. Bill set me right. It was once a community barbeque managed by APOMA as a combined fundraiser together with the CWA and SES. There was also a popular annual Camp-oven Cook-out run by the Hospital Auxiliary and we hope with support from APOMA to reinstate that event in 2022. Bill and Staffy took care of the coals and camp-ovens for that.

We've lost Staffy, and Bill has retired from the cooking side, so for Good Friday we are calling for young barbeque chefs to lend a hand. APOMA Committee members and casual staff will be lending a hand too. See you there for a good feed.

At the same meeting Bill asked the town to attend a wake for his (and most of the town's) old mate Staffy at the Cemetery on Easter Sunday afternoon. Everyone has a Staffy story. I'm sure Staffy would like us to raise a glass.

APOMA will be conducting a membership drive on Good Friday because an Association without a broad majority membership has no legitimacy. If APOMA left the field it would leave the OCA in charge and they are already crying poor. The most likely result would be an increase in community contributions carried by titleholders, to cover the burden of a full time staff position and a quazi-council bureaucracy. I know what I prefer.

I prefer a locally recruited team of part time casuals working in differing areas of expertise held together by a strong Treasurer/ Office manager (part time) with the backing of professional bookkeeping and auditing services. The advantage of employing locals is pretty obvious. They are stable and can perform their duties well and with efficiency. They know the locals. The casual nature of the work suits most because they do other things as well. I don't think there is any enthusiasm at all for a local council on the Coober Pedy model. Ask them about rates. That's why we need as many Andamookans to sign onto the APOMA register and bolster our legitimacy in the eyes of the new government.

Our arts community is bringing Andamooka to the world. I took a quick preview look at Cal the Stoner's Andamooka Tiger the other day. It was always going to be brilliant. The dedication he has brought to this project is astonishing. Cal made Andamooka his home a while ago now. You can help celebrate Cal's unique stone art on April 16. Easter Saturday. He is going to throw his studio open for a ticketed event welcoming the beast into the world. Death By Carrot (the band) will provide the stoner rock. They are on the return leg of a successful Western Australian tour. It was in Andamooka they pivoted and decided to turn west three months ago. They spent a couple of days in the edge2centre studio last time they were here.

The Andamooka Observatory mob are planning more concerts during winter and spring. There is a vibe around Andamooka and music. It goes back to *The Last of The Knucklemen* and that weird score that rollicked along as Gerald and Michael slugged it out on that sand dune. It was very strange music. Then there was a successful Battle of The Bands campaign with Smurf and the Petrovics expertly managed by Conan.

Who could forget the old Boogie in the Bush concerts? These were bush concerts organised by energetic local music fans in the early naughties. Now we have stoner rock live, Conan's concerts and Lot 85 edge2centre. You can go there direct online. As can anyone with a phone.

<https://calthestoner.com/>
<https://andamookaobservatory.com.au/>
<https://soundcloud.com/nothongs>
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<https://www.reverbnation.com/settlement>

There is an emerging consensus that Andamooka's best chance for survival long term is a thriving live arts scene, opal mining and cultural tourism. We can tell stories from both the indigenous perspective and the settler's point of view. Our town's security can be built on a celebration of a unique cultural history, an enchanting landscape and a compelling history of settlement.

- Rodney Mitchell

COMMUNITY CONTACTS
& INFORMATIONFOR ALL EMERGENCIES
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Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

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- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**

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ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Committee Meeting March 22

- Quarterly independent financial report accepted.
- Recommencement of community programs – decision to take the opportunity now that the new facilities are set to open, to reset community programs in consultation with stakeholder groups in the community.
- Discussion re community Forum / member meeting brief on Future of the Outback and town funding for the next 2 years of transition.
- Maintenance and projects – CDP now operating again – on catch up and then setting a schedule for the rest of 2022.
- Community bus – Covid restrictions & procedures continuing which seem to be working well with support of users.
- Community Facilities and town office progressively reopening to the public – staff transitioning from work at home - available by arrangement. Supervised community program activities. Covid restrictions will apply.
- Community events. Agreed to re-commence work on getting events and activities up and running – planning for April onwards.
- Update on action around OCA Future of the Outback and concerns around local impacts – Copy of report to Government received and discussed. Reps to attend on-line meetings for regional stakeholders on March 21 and 22.
- Next meeting – Ordinary Committee Meeting April DTBD.

At Bank 28th February 2022:
Operations acc \$115,565
Debit Card \$5,584
Allocated funds acc \$46,311
Projects acc \$61,770
Reserve Funds \$15,578

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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; 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: Alison Smoker

Treasurer: Gill Rowley

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NEXT MEETING

End April 2022

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

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

MEMBER MEETING / COMMUNITY FORUM OUTCOMES

Critical topics formed the core discussion for a vital town meeting on March 20th :

APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR 2022-23 CARM AGREEMENT and for future changes to funding arrangements – was supported by those in attendance and a motion made to that effect was passed by the members. We expect little change to next year's agreement and budget. It is anticipated that it might take until 2024 before the introduction of change.

The current Town Management financials as presented for the end of December 2021 are in line with budget. Carry over project funds are progressively being expended towards acquittal.

UPDATE ON OUTBACK FUTURES – Cecilia Woolford, has dedicated many hours acting in an advisory capacity to the Committee and Andamooka community, into research and discussion with various stakeholders, politicians and OCA board members about the report sent to Government re future funding and management for our region in December 2021, and the consequent response from the Liberal Government. Cecilia presented an overview of what she has learned.

The outcomes in this report reflect bi-partisan support from both sides of State Government and so we anticipate that these broad outcomes will be honored by the new Government but leaving room for further discussion. Cecilia gave credit to the arguments, suggestions, rationale and lobbying put up by the APOMA committee leading up to last December, the leadership they showed within the region, and to the support they received from the Andamooka community, all of which contributed significantly towards the primarily positive outcomes within the report, which are more in line with what the regional community is seeking. There is still work to be done on various levels, but there is a sense that overall, the new approach will offer a better way of doing things and funding the region.

Those present were pleased to learn that the new Andamooka funding model is a proposed regional levy recommended to be capped at around \$250 for Andamooka title holders adjusted annually by CPI, combined with a contribution towards town specific community needs if deemed necessary or from time to time. In the regional model there will be greater financial input from the State Government and other users of the outback to ensure that local communities are not expected to carry the burden for regional services and amenities.

The OCA and OCA Board entered into further consultation with stakeholders the following week via two on-line presentations to work through the proposals and outcomes, and to seek further input from communities. Also, to take questions and provide answers where they could and seek answers where they couldn't, which will assist them to move forward with on-going negotiations with Government. Several members of the Andamooka community and the APOMA committee took part in this consultative process.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTATION FORUM – Wednesday 4th May. This is your chance to have your say and to provide input to the new model for providing health services to outback towns. This includes visiting specialists and post hospital care. Feedback postcards will be distributed throughout the town, and we urge your participation so that we can best ensure that the right services are put in place for our community.

MEMORIAL TO STAFFY – those present supported the committee's position to approve the proposal for the installation of a sensitively placed memorial to Staffy at the Andamooka Cemetery. This will also preserve a well-recognised Andamooka icon, intricately associated with him and the stories of many past (and present) Andamookans within this popular tourist attraction, and will help to promote the Andamooka spirit and lifestyle from the mid 1900's.

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

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Reminder that the next CCS
Contributions are due.

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◇ **CAT & DOG (Not feral) ISSUES:** Including attacks, nuisance, wandering and other serious concerns.

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APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

APOMA 2021 memberships lapse end of March 2022.

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

OVER TO YOU...

The committee and town office staff, supported by a great band of volunteers have had a couple of BIG years. With a pandemic raging and all sorts of changes and challenges to everyone's every day life, we have pressed forward with putting infrastructure in place to assist significant change to our town and how we do business, so that we can as a community have a real chance of creating sustainability, vibrancy and economic stability to build our future upon.

We, as a group, have learned so much about different ways of doing things throughout this pandemic, and although we have seen and felt the frustration and anxiety this has caused, we have also seen the opportunities for change that this has created.

It also presented us with a windfall of additional funding to assist us through the pandemic, to rebuild our programs and services and to assist with developing new social and business opportunities for our community.

So now is the time to press the RESET button. To put aside how we did things in the past and then together, look at what works for the community now, then to work out how to best take our programs and projects forward into the future. Also what will attract and retain new community members in this current climate, who we should target to promote our town, and what we can do to fix that which we know can put off new residents

The rest of this financial year will be dedicated to:

- finishing off our projects and getting them operational with new and improved community programs and services, including visitor services;
- looking at ways of utilizing what we have, to create vibrancy and lifestyle
- building our income streams to ensure that our facilities and services are maintained
- seeking new funding for the next stage of development and to support our programs and services ongoing
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- working with government services on matters such as community health and care

- working with the OCA to get the best outcome around the new levy and how our town is serviced and managed into the future
- looking at solutions to challenges around detracting factors
- and looking at sustainable community practices to build health and resilience for our residents

BUT THIS REQUIRES A WHOLE OF COMMUNITY APPROACH AND EFFORT... We will be advertising stakeholder **'LETS GET STARTED'** workshops across the next couple of months. So come along to them... bring your ideas, energies and skills forward, put your hand up... join with others to **MAKE** things happen.

For instance. Imagine a thriving community garden that can provide fresh vegetables and fruit to our community.. and this being sold via a community shop with the proceeds supporting the costs associated with this production Isn't this something that we are all wanting to see back in our town? How good would it be for volunteers to enjoy outdoor social interaction in a peaceful and productive environment with the end result being that they are supporting community health and wellbeing??? Other towns in Australia have made this a reality – so why can't we?

It doesn't stop there. That same shop can become a hub and selling forum for all of our local artists, artisans and cottage industry with vibrant pop-up market stalls, exhibitions, workshops, and internet sales under a new banner of 'The Andamooka Collective'... this working in conjunction with a new visitor centre, wifi facility, community kitchen – each building and supporting opportunities for new small business ventures and community enterprise.

THIS IS NOT A DREAM – IT IS NOW A REALITY. *But it is up to you...* and the rest of the community to make it happen and make it a success. *If you don't think it can be done... Just look at what a small group of determined Andamookans have done with the old deserted shed on the Christmas Hill corner in the middle of a pandemic.*

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller



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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

GRANTS & PROJECTS

Recreation, Sport and Youth Centre – the Centre is ready for community programs and activities to commence. The toilet block has been held up due to Covid delays in manufacture and delivery, and the local flood event. Delivery of this secure and functional facility which includes a baby change facility is expected in March. The base is nearing completion in readiness to drop the transportable unit and simply connect.

Regional Star Club, based in Roxby Downs will assist with getting junior sports up and running and an OCA Sports Grant will fund a basic kit of junior sports equipment. Funding will be sought for children's programs. Consultation will be undertaken after February with local families to explore, plan and prioritise activities.

'The Church' Community Centre – completion of this project has also been held up due to the local Covid outbreak and flood event. Work has progressed and it is anticipated that this Centre will be open for community programs and activities by the end of March. Thanks to an FRRR grant, an upgraded ambulant toilet facility has been installed under the main roof and easily accessed from the indoor space.

Pump Track – this is another project impacted by Covid, but this is on an international level. Due mainly to shipping, delivery has been delayed from April to June and the cost has increased meaning that we have around \$5000 less to spend on the project but we are negotiating some assistance to cover for this. A positive is that we will now have an improved model Pump Track.

Community Market Place / Tourist Information Centre – work has started on this project supported by BHP, which has been put back around 5 months as a consequence of Covid outcomes and frustrating hold-ups for the relocation of seniors and youth. An open meeting will be called around late March or early April for locals who are interested in getting involved.

This community enterprise will provide opportunities and facilities for producing, selling and display spaces, access to equipment, workshops and work space, and importantly to cooperative services and marketing for local artists, artisans, tourism based small business, and others who will benefit from affordable and supported options and opportunities to get their business / enterprise or ideas up and running. Also, to take advantage of promotions and sales under a banner which retains and protects their individual privacy. We look forward to making a start on this cooperative collective.

Discovery Trails – BHP has provided funding towards promotional and directional materials and signs for local tourist trails. Work is gradually progressing on these. The cottages renovation and security measures have been completed, and features which will also support the local section of the Minnie Berrington Trail have progressed well and they are looking so good. These have also experienced delays due to Covid restrictions that have impacted availability of volunteers and the CDP, and by local flooding events.

Lapidary Shed veranda – funded by (Easternwell) this is yet another project impacted and delayed by Covid and floods. The kit has been delivered and it is anticipated that the veranda will be up and functional by Easter.

Other projects that have been put on the agenda for 2022 include:

- Bush foods plantings and orchard
- Andamooka mini-golf course
- Outdoor Theatre
- Arts & Crafts & Training Centre

We encourage your attendance at the up coming community forum to bring your ideas and support towards future planning and current projects. This makes our job of ensuring that these projects are meeting the needs of the community so much easier and it makes our volunteer efforts more rewarding.

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TRANSFORMING ANDAMOOKA

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Here's a thorny issue. Asbestos and home renovation. The old houses fall down, and the asbestos is unmanaged. Things burn. Asbestos spreads in the air. In a better world householders and landlords could be encouraged to remove asbestos. We need a village approach to asbestos removal and disposal. With a properly funded program we could look forward to Andamooka becoming asbestos free.

It's a difficult issue because it doesn't affect everyone. Not everyone's house or shed has asbestos in it. It's mainly the older places. But if these properties fall into disrepair then the asbestos can become a problem. If these properties default to OCA as they currently do, it becomes an OCA problem too. As they demolish or prepare properties for resale, OCA can help us design the systematic removal of asbestos from Andamooka.

You can do a lot to contain asbestos by looking after it. But sooner or later someone has to get the stuff out. I hear tell there is a local man qualified for this work.

Costs could be shared across a number of property owners and environmental health authorities.

Another way we can encourage householders to responsibly dispose of asbestos waste is to have somewhere they can take it. There has been an unwritten tradition in Andamooka of throwing asbestos down old mining shafts. It works a treat... but it's not going to work in the nanny state. Not any more. We need a safe way to dispose of asbestos right here in Andamooka or at least a way to safely accumulate it here and transport it out safely.

Going back to a recent story. You must have noticed gas and fuel prices rising precipitously on the back of the invasion of Ukraine. With a community cooperative energy strategy and an enthusiastic provider, every rooftop in Andamooka could be fitted out with solar panels at very little cost to the householder. We could have our own community battery. Every household could be linked to our excellent micro grid through the existing poles and wires. The money looks after itself and before too long everyone has cheaper power, even those who can't go the extra yard and get batteries for themselves. It's not rocket science.

- Rodney Mitchell

Time to face the Piper...

In looking at solar as a solution to cheaper/cleaner power, we need to look at other factors including the environmental impact of materials and manufacture of panels and batteries together with the long-term impact and costs around disposal, and then weigh this up against environmental impacts around other forms of power generation... it's a great time to give this all, serious thought.

This new page will challenge us as town to think about how we might do things in the future towards a cleaner, greener and more vibrant lifestyle.

- Gill Rowley



ANDAMOOKA LAPIDARY PROGRAM

Some amazing and interesting fossils and artifacts are unearthed in Andamooka every year. These are precious items which can help piece together a picture of the past. Some finds reported, have changed the opinions of scientists regarding what existed in this region and when. Over the Easter Weekend why not pop in and check out the wonderful stones that the members of the Andamooka Lapidary shed have created. There is a display case that also has stones for sale and will help support our local lapidary artists. While you are there, have a try at cutting your own stone or have a chat with some of the knowledgeable friendly members.

What would you do if you found a fossil?

Can you spare a minute to help Sally Hurst a Masters of Research student at Macquarie University in Sydney. Sally is currently undertaking a project that asks the Australian community what they might do if they ever discovered a fossil, or an Indigenous artefact (fossils and artefacts are both included in this research as they are often items found on the land by property owners and are often mistaken for each other).

These questions about fossils and Indigenous artefacts are being asked through an Australia-wide survey which is open to every person over the age of 10, with the aim of promoting the celebration and conservation of natural and cultural heritage material in Australia.

The survey itself is completely anonymous, and only takes about 6 minutes to complete. You can check it out here: www.foundafossil.com/the-survey

If you wanted to know more about Sally's project and the work she is doing, you can check out her website: www.foundafossil.com

What Would You Do

IF YOU FOUND A FOSSIL OR AN ARTEFACT?

As part of a study with Macquarie University, we are seeking anyone over the age of 10 to participate in a **short, anonymous survey** about Australian fossils and Indigenous artefacts.



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activities & events

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentine's Day

MARCH

5th: Marco Circus Livestream

APRIL

9th: Arid Recovery Open Day

15th: Good Friday BBQ

16th: "Death By Carrot" and
Launch of the Andamooka Tiger

17th: Easter Sunday

25th: ANZAC Day

MAY

4th May: Regional Health
Forum

5th: SALA Registrations Close

6th: Neville Bonny Roadshow

JUNE

June Long Weekend

23rd: 500 Plus Miles of Music
Tour

JULY

Dog Registrations Due

AUGUST

1st: SALA Installation

3rd: SALA Exhibition Opens

SEPTEMBER

5th: SALA Exhibition Closure
& Pack-Up

OCTOBER

31st: Halloween

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

25th: Christmas Day



VISIT

ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

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SAT 10TH APRIL 2022 Viewing from 2pm - Midnight
Official Unveiling under the lights at 7:30pm

Call the Stoner's open-air Stonemasonry studio 82 Grosvenor St Andamooka
Merchandise and Licensed bar 5pm - Midnight no BYO

Tickets \$15 + Booking Fee

Includes: Entry to the draw to win a Tiger claw
Snacks at the venue
A long island and beard photo at Cat's iconic bar
10% from Stoner Rock band death by carrot

Kinetic shuttle bus - return trips from Stoner Downs to Andamooka please
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BYO

1915 - 2022

ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

25th April

- COMMEMORATION -

9 AM - Town Park

Followed By Morning Tea
Provided By The
Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary

DINE-A-MITE CAFE

EASTER HOURS

Friday 15th:
9am-2pm

Saturday 16th:
9am-2pm 5pm-8pm

Sunday 17th:
11am-3pm

Monday 18th:
Closed

Tuesday 19th:
Closed

Open as normal from Wednesday 20th.

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

ARTISTRY IN STONE

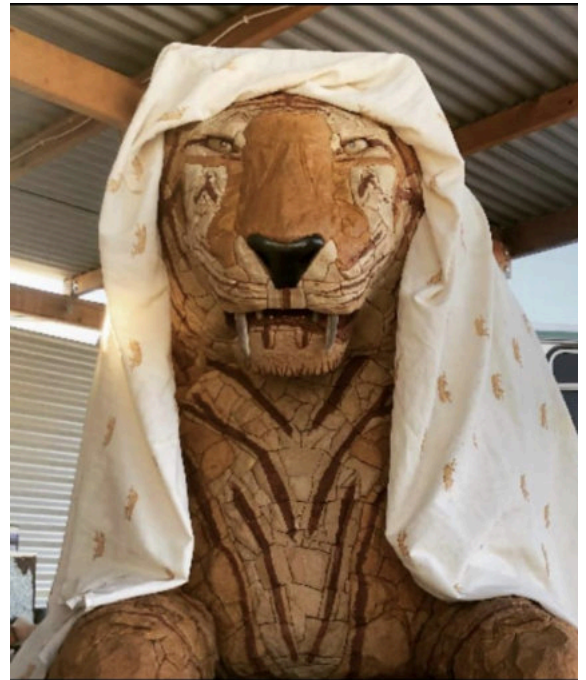
UNVEILING THE ANDAMOOKA TIGER

Cal the Stoner is a creative stonemason, inspired by his love of tigers and his favourite football team Richmond, he began work on his tiger on August 4th, 2018, in St Kilda, Melbourne. The tiger was then relocated to Andamooka in March 2019 where it metamorphosed into the opalized Andamooka Tiger. Three and a half years from its beginning the very last piece of stone fitted uncannily coincided with the beginning of the lunar year of the tiger on 1st February 2022. "Not prone to being of the prophetic or overly deep nature this did conjure a strong hint that The Andamooka Tiger was meant to be", says Cal.

Cal's Andamooka Tiger is truly a must see, made from Grampian sandstone, every piece has been handcrafted by Cal to fit perfectly into position. The Tigers stripes are the natural colours of the sandstone, which have carefully been placed to fit the design, that's right the stripes are not painted on! The combination of Cal's locations can be seen reflected in the Tiger, the sandstone from the Grampians and the stunning Andamooka Matrix features.

A unique masterpiece with over 8000 hours of work. Come and see the unveiling of the Andamooka Tiger on April 16th from 2pm (see event poster).

Wanted urgently - Red rainbow matrix pupils, 2 x 10mm diameter with red rolling flash. Contact Cal – 0403042973



SALA REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 5TH MAY 2022

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35

FORMS AVAILABLE AROUND TOWN

IMPORTANT DATES

INSTALLATION: 1ST AUGUST

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PACK-UP: 5TH SEPTEMBER

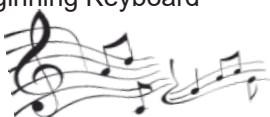
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Drop Us an Email: admin2@apoma.com.au

ANDAMOOKA HISTORY RE-VISITED

- BY WAYNE DRIES

Over the past 2 ½ years events have necessitated a review of the towns early history. Tours for The Royal Geographic Society in October 2019, The Waterhouse Club in May 2021, and the current Minnie Berrington Project have required additional research to shed light on old questions.

1931 is the year often put forward as the year the first of the miners arrived from Coober Pedy, establishing a payable opal field, from which the town and community we have today evolved. The Andamooka Heritage Survey of 1984, produced by The Department of Environment and Planning suggests 1933 as the year the Coober Pedy miners began to migrate to Andamooka.

As we're approaching the 10 year count down to Andamooka's 100th anniversary it's probably important to know we're celebrating the correct time period. Several versions of the towns beginnings can be easily accessed in one form or another, it's the intention of this article to deal with some of the more contentious issues, including the time of permanent settlement.

Since they're meant to be historic cottages, we should probably start with the information panels in front of them. "Albertoni's House" was begun in 1934 not 1931. Francis Albertoni died in 1974, not 1977. He's buried in Port Augusta and the base of his headstone reads "Always Remembered", it seems that somewhere along the way we forgot to remember. He and his brother Andrew came to Andamooka from Coober Pedy not Blinman, they may have once lived in Blinman but they were originally from Drouin in Victoria (mother was Irish and father was Italian). The living room and workshop weren't built together. The front room was a stand alone structure until at least 1938.

The next cottage "Percy Ward's Dugout", was built by George Malycha, not Molycha, and it was built for Bob Lutzow not Cutzow. The end dugout "Absalom's House" was most likely built by Andy and Joyce Absalom. Andy Absalom was Jack Absaloms uncle, not his father.

Now the 1984 Heritage Survey. It records the opal floater found by Sam Brooks and Roy Shepherd as being found on Treloar Hill. The floater was found on the hill now known as One Tree Hill, incidentally, it was Roy Shepherd who picked up the floater and threw it to Sam Brooks. Roy was Rose Brooks's brother, or Sam Brooks's brother in law.

Confusion possibly arises from the fact that the first opal, and consequently the first parcel found in the level, came off Treloars Hill. As Alan Treloar put it "Paddy then found floaters on what is now called Treloar's Hill, or mostly Brooks's Hill as that's where they live. Paddy sank a 6 foot hole on Treloar Hill and found nothing, he left it. A couple of days later I came back from riding the tracks and went up on the hill with a pick and shovel (our camp was right at the foot of the hill), I started sinking and at about 18 inches hit a piece of good opal, I had struck the lead, we found quite a lot of opal in the vicinity after that."

The Segnit Report describing the geological features of the region was dated 13/9/1935 not 1939. The Heritage Survey records, state the first well was put down in Opal Creek in 1946. Most accounts claim the well was put down in 1947, though it wasn't the solution to the towns water problems it has often been portrayed to be. An A.B.C. news broadcast on the 6th April 1948 reported that "the 140 residents of Andamooka will have to quit the opal fields unless water is provided immediately." It wasn't until a new bore was put in by the Department of Mines that water shortages eased. Another A.B.C. news broadcast on 12th July 1948 reported "A new bore brought in is producing one thousand gallons a day."

While living in Coober Pedy, Minnie Berrington wrote articles for The Adelaide Chronicle under the pseudonym "Puggy". While living and mining in Andamooka she wrote articles for the British monthly magazine The Wide World. The April 1937 edition gives an account of her arrival in Andamooka where she writes "My choice fell on the first hill, the one above the wells." Around the time of her arrival, two wells were put in close together and joined a the base to provide extra storage capacity. The miners had put in their own well by September 1935, and is recorded in The Segnit Report of that date. Frank Albertoni put in a well of his own, and another well was believed to have been put down near the bend in the creek adjacent to the town park. So prior to 1946/'47 at least 4 or 5 wells had already been put down in Opal Creek.

There are varying accounts of who identified the floater found by Brooks and Shepherd. Some accounts credit Oxy Nugent, including his wife Jean, and some accounts credit Bruce Foulis, the station manager. In a taped interview for the school in 1975, Oxy stated that the floater was brought to him for identification as he was boring for water nearby, and once dug for opal at Coober Pedy. He reportedly told the men he didn't know what it was because he was earning good money boring for water, and didn't feel like digging more holes for opal. When Sam Brooks next visited the homestead he showed the floater to Bruce Foulis, and it is he that is credited with the identification, possibly in consultation with Paddy Evans, a station boundary rider and another ex-Coober Pedy miner.

NEXT ISSUE: GENESIS

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 LIFE

VOLUNTEER NEWS

VOLUNTEER SA FUNDING WILL ASSIST VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT AND COSTS

\$3000 funding has been received from Volunteer SA to assist with volunteer development and training, and to also assist with costs incurred by volunteers which may discourage them from getting involved and enjoying being part of various community programs, activities, events and projects. In 2022 APOMA will be investing in assisting locals to get involved in a host of programs and activities from growing fresh foods, to creative projects and the new community collective group. We are keen to encourage locals to try new things or to take the opportunity to learn or qualify in new skills.

UPSKILLING VOLUNTEER HELP TO QUALIFY WORKERS FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

This funding provides for APOMA to assist interested community members take up the opportunity to upskill via courses such as a certificate 1 in the 'community & family services', by offering those who qualify to enrol, training subsidies through our volunteer program. This can lead to future job opportunities.

This program in Pathways to Community Services is offered by TAFE as a 2-month full time or part time equivalent and the course is available on-line and provides volunteers with knowledge and skills to help run programs.

We can offer access to computers and/or the internet. We can also assist with training on using a computer and the internet. We may also assist with such things as stationary and appropriate attire, where this cost might prohibit some from undertaking the course or from volunteering for particular activities.

Many members of the community may be eligible for Government subsidy which can significantly reduce costs of courses, so check the TAFE SA website or call 1800 882 661 to discuss your eligibility or to learn more about the course. Together with an APOMA volunteer subsidy, for some, this might end up with fees being fully covered.

Our subsidy and support will require you to provide volunteer time to our community programs, and these include a choice of seniors, youth, children's and family programs and events.

This Course offers a pathway to paid employment in community services, so it can be a win-win situation for those who take up this opportunity, by setting them on the way forward towards a new job or career.

ASSISTANCE WITH VOLUNTEER COSTS & EXPENSES WILL HELP VOLUNTEERS TO GET INVOLVED:

Andamooka volunteer program can offer locals assistance to purchase items and apparel appropriate to the activity they are volunteering for, where this might otherwise burden them or exclude them from volunteering. Also, to help cover costs incurred.

Regulation PPE is provided to volunteers where this is required, but please do not hesitate to talk with us if you need assistance with costs to enable you to volunteer for various activities or tasks.

With the new rec and sport centre ready to go, sports coaching or umpiring, plus train the trainer courses will be available via the Star Group program - so if you are interested in taking part, please register your interest at the office.

We are keen to give back to our valuable volunteer force, and so if you need any assistance to help you get involved, please make a time to come in and chat with us.

YOUTH NEWS

Hi everyone, hope you are all safe and well!

Exciting news!! ... We are back!!!!!! We're starting at the space The Andamooka Sporting Recreation Centre.

We will be running programs, starting Tuesday the 12th of April! Woohooo! 🥳🥳🥳

We are looking at running programs on a number of nights after school 3:30 - 6pm and on Saturdays. Please keep a look out on Facebook Pages for days and times. We often have special events for our kids, so we will be starting our own Facebook page to keep the community updated with activities and other news.

A friendly reminder .. all kids attending the Youth centre under 9 ... MUST be accompanied by an adult! and please make sure your child is registered with the Centre! If your child is not registered, please see our staff for registration forms.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we are mindful of the importance of maintaining social distancing and we have installed hand sanitiser stations to encourage hand hygiene and we have also created more space.

When signing in please make sure that you give a current contact number in case we need to contact parents or carers 😊

If your child is sick or displaying any signs that they are unwell they are not to attend, otherwise they will be required to be picked up from Centre.

See you all soon!!! 🥳🥳🥳

For more information, please contact Donna Waters (Youth Coordinator) 0476298992 and watch out for our Facebook page.

Andamooka Clinic is pleased to welcome Annie, our new permanent full time Nurse. Annie has relocated to Yorke Peninsula from the Northern Territory and has 20 years' experience working in remote communities. As a team, Annie, Remote Area Nurse; Helen, Mental Health Clinician; Jess, Dietician; and Bec, Health Service Assistant, are happy to announce that we are in the planning stages for some upcoming Health Promotion events for the community.

The clinic has had lots of enquiries about COVID booster vaccination and currently they can be done through your GP and Roxby pharmacy. Flu vaccinations will be available in the next month.

Upcoming – May – Dental Team and Gulf and Ranges Optometrist



Left to right Jess, Bec, Annie & Helen



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Roxby Downs Health Service Health Service Planning Have Your Say during April & May....

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network has established a Service Planning Steering Group to undertake a service planning process which will identify future needs and service opportunities for the Roxby Downs Health Service.

We invite you to share your views via the following ways:

- Fill out an electronic survey that will be available via the attached QR code during the month of April
- Grab a paper based survey or a "Tell Us What You Think" postcard available from various locations across Roxby Downs, Andamooka, Woomera and Pimba and return it to various designated drop off boxes OR bring it to one of the drop in sessions.
- Attend a drop in "chat session" to chat to staff, participate in the interactive wall gallery or fill out a paper based survey at:



- **Andamooka Wednesday 4 May 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Town Hall**
- **Roxby Downs Thursday 5 May from 9.30 am to 7pm at the Community Hub**
- **Pimba/Woomera TBA.**

Please contact Kim on kim.hewett@sa.gov.au to request a call back to make an appointment for the drop in times (not essential) or receive an email survey copy during April.

For more information

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network
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Wanted Dead or Alive!

Do you have an old Land Rover taking up space in a shed or garden? I'm looking for early Land Rovers for restoration. Any models will be considered and I don't mind if they are non-runners and not in brilliant shape - anything considered and I am willing to pay top prices for the right vehicles.

Please get in touch with photos either by text: 0488109158 or email: jack@jackoliverdobson.com





POLICE REPORT



On the 16th of February 2022 police were called to an address on Horse Paddock Road after a report that a male had driven through a fence, and entered a vacant property smashing a number of windows. Police are conducting further investigations into identifying this male and taking appropriate action.

A number of other property damage matters on vacant houses have been reported to police around the Dynamite Drive area.

Further enquiries are still being conducted in relation to the fires which were deliberately lit at a number of buildings around town in December 2021. It is imperative that anyone with information which may assist the investigation contact the police through the Roxby Downs Police Station, or through crime stoppers.

If you wish to remain anonymous you can. This can be done by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800-333-000. Rewards are offered for information that leads to a conviction.

Thank you
Senior Constable First Class Tristan Fantinel
Roxby Downs Police Station
South Australia Police
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Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

Attended by: Anne, Bec & Verlaine

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Saturday/Sunday	Closed

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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.

Call 000 for emergencies



ARID RECOVERY

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2022

ARID RECOVERY RESERVE 2:30PM - 8PM

Long pants, closed shoes and a hat must be worn by all visitors at all times. Please bring water and a torch. Camera recommended.



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