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UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ SALA Registrations - **Now Open**
- ◆ **7th April: Good Friday BBQ**
- ◆ **25th April: Anzac Day**
- ◆ **2nd May: SALA Registrations Close**
- ◆ **6th May: Youth Group Colour Run**
- ◆ **9th - 12th June: Andamooka Heritage Festival**
- ◆ **SALA Exhibition 2023 Install: 30th July**
Exhibition: 2nd Aug- 2nd Sep
More on Events page 9...

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COLLECTIVELY TAKING THE NEXT GIANT STEP

Most Andamookan's would be aware by now of significant mining industry developments underway in our region. This is set to progressively increase Andamooka's resident population, offer both new or expanded business opportunities, and new and broader job prospects to our community.

APOMA has been working under the current Andamooka Town & Community Plan to prepare for the challenges and opportunities within anticipated regional change. Expansion of the Old Grader Shed workshop into a community skills development complex is underway, which together with the new media room within the Recreation Centre, will not only work to build skills, confidence and job readiness for those seeking to find employment, either locally or within the broader mining industry, but also offer opportunities for other members of the community to start up small business or to be part of the growing local cottage industry.

This complex will offer facilities and equipment for members of the community to learn skills ranging from media and IT, to trades, hospitality, gardeners/food production, and the arts, with funding and assistance to be sought for short courses and workshops, including business skills.

The Caravan and Camp Ground is about to undergo an upgrade with expanded facilities, supported by new recreational facilities and activities. Community like interest groups are growing and developing to provide a wide range of activities for residents and attractions for visitors.

These major projects and their respective challenges, together with such critical issues as keeping the town water pipeline together until its replacement is completed, have taken a toll on our limited workforce. General maintenance is struggling to stay on schedule. Regardless we have managed to make a start on the Hub upgrade and should see most of the planned work around wind and water mitigation, shade shelters and landscaping completed over the next 6 months.

The OCA have plans for a public Wifi network across our region, which will be installed in the Hall. All of which will better support development of the Hub as a vibrant visitor complex and great gathering space for residents.

Leading a renewed return to opal mining, stone cutting and jewellery making, and new outlets for opal sales, the Lapidary group has contributed greatly to this revival also developing the Lap Shed as a popular visitor attraction. History and heritage is another area emerging as a visitor attraction with upgrades underway to historic features including the graveyard, and these will be connected by self-guided walks/drives, and supported by exhibits, and interactive features in the Hall.

Coming out of the covid bubble is encouraging attendance at events, creating more energy within the community, and staging the way for bringing back a calendar of regular and annual events, with lively talk recommencing across the community around ideas for new special events.

Conversely, the cost of running community facilities and programs is rising. Utilities are up. Insurances up by around 25%, and the cost of most items for operation, maintenance and repair is rising. On another level, volunteers are getting scarce, and our critical community programs and facilities need personnel to coordinate them to support and encourage on-going participation. So, this year's town budget is going to create challenges in terms of how we distribute our funds, find efficiencies, and how overall we meet these costs.

All of this is to be raised for discussion and community input at the next community forum / member meeting. *So please take time to be there.* One hour out of one day, can collectively create great thinking and direction towards the next critical step for town and community planning.

- Gill Rowley

**COMMUNITY CONTACTS
& INFORMATION****FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
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John West: 0408 807 943

Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

**Andamooka Community
Health Service:**

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See page 6 for daily clinic hours

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- Dukes Bottlehouse Motel

- Laundry-mat

- Claims Registration

Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays

11am - 3pm Weekends

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Andamooka Powerhouse:

8672 7235

Town Office: 0455 321 638

School Rd

Open: Tue-Thur, 10am - 3pm

**Andamooka School & Children's
Centre:**

8672 7018

Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

Andamooka Community Hall:

Enquires, contact APOMA

- Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area

- Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions

Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:

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Top of CWA Rd

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www.andamooka.sa.au

ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**Committee**

APOMA Chair: Dave Roe Simons

Secretary: Alison Smoker

Treasurer: Gill Rowley

Committee Members:

John Smirnios

Rose Williams

Rodney Mitchell

Richard Clifford

Ben Roberts

Peter Sach

At Bank End March 2023:

Operations acc \$145,848

Debit Card \$10,937 - Includes \$10k of project funds

Allocated funds acc \$41,311

Projects acc \$3,981

Reserve Funds \$20,687

MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:

Please visit the website to access minutes from APOMA meetings and for other information. If unable to access the website, please call APOMA to arrange an alternative.

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APOMA: 0455 321 638

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OCA: 26 Mildred St, Pt Augusta West **Ph:** (08) 8648 5970

CCS & Avdata payments accepted at Post Office

APOMA is the peak body representing the opal miners, residents, community and township of Andamooka.

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community, protect miners rights & build a sustainable future for the town; maintain & develop the township; assist the development of opal mining & promote opal markets; promote & facilitate tourism, promote & facilitate community wellbeing, social inclusion & equality within the township.

Chair: Dave Roe Simons

Secretary: Alison Smoker

Treasurer: Gill Rowley

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NEXT MEETING

April 30th

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

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

: NOTICE :

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community Forum

ANDAMOOKA - THE NEXT STEP FORWARD

2.00pm, Sunday 30th April 2023

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

AGENDA:

1. OPENING OF MEETING
 - 1.1. CHAIR'S WELCOME
 - 1.2. Introduction of new APOMA Chair and Committee
2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES
 - 2.1. Confirmation of Quorum
3. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - 3.1. Overview of December to March quarter & current activities to end March 2022
 - 3.2. Financial Report
 - 3.2.1. Qtly report to end March 2023 – Association, Town Management
 - 3.2.2. Grants & Projects – Funding 2022-23 and proposed direction for future funding
 - 3.3. Report current projects and town maintenance /services
 - 3.4. Community Programs and Services – updates and discussion
 - 3.5. Major Events - activities and development – 2023-25
 - 3.6. Progressing draft – Andamooka Town & Community Plan 2024-27
 - 3.7. 2023-24 CARM Agreement – presentation of draft / discussion / progression
 - 3.8. Future of the Outback – update
4. OTHER BUSINESS
5. CLOSURE

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Incorporated (APOMA)

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Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS
Contributions are due.

MAKE SURE YOUR CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS REACH THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ATTENTION

*The OCA is the responsible body
to manage and have addressed
issues, concerns or complaints
about:*

◇ **ROADS:** *Including major
external access roads, outer
tracks and town roads.*

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

◇ **DUMP**

*Please call direct:
(08) 8648 5970*

*Or visit the Andamooka Town
Office who will assist your call
to the OCA via the Office.*

APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

**APOMA 2022 memberships
lapse end of March 2023.**

*To make your vote count,
please make sure that you
have paid-up your 2023
membership fees.*

**Fees can be paid at the
Town Office or online to:**

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

Welcome to the new APOMA Committee

We welcome the new members of our APOMA committee, headed up by new Chair, David Roe Simons (known as Dave to most). Check page 2 for the list of Committee members. In March, the Committee joined together for a successful familiarization / governance training workshop, which finished with a meet and greet with staff and others that they will be working with across community programs and town management.

This new team will lead the town through a time of significant change. Changes to the way the town is funded and managed. Challenges of rising costs for servicing, maintaining and insuring programs and facilities, and substantial change to the regions demographics and population driven by new developments and expansions in regional mining operations.

So they are going to need united and active community support to achieve the best outcomes for the town and community as they find a new way forward. Please take the time to stay informed and to attend community meetings and to add your ideas, voice your concerns, and to assist the Committee with their decision making on your behalf.

We look forward to seeing a great turn-out at the member and community meeting on Sunday 30th April.

Welcome to new Office staff

As the town has developed, and in view of the changing way of doing things, so have staffing needs changed within the Town Office to best serve the community. The last three years have been challenging and disrupted, but the Office has managed to scrape through and to keep the town generally well maintained and moving forward. Now, with so many changes afoot and with more established, new and emerging active community groups to support and service, we need to put the right team in place to generally manage the town and community needs into the future.

Staff has undergone a basic re-structure and we welcome onto the team:

- Alison Alder in the role of secretarial support to the Committee. Alison will be familiar to many, and you will catch up with her at community meetings.
- Rebecca Dugan – in the role of Community Program Coordinator – Rebecca is a new resident of Andamooka, well experienced and qualified in community work, who started work in Andamooka as a youth worker. This expanded role which includes her work with other community activities, much of which has been voluntary, is essentially a go-between the office and community to assist and service community groups and programs and to ensure they are well supported and funded.

There will also be some changes to how the office operates to better meet the need for a broader public reach, and these changes will be progressively introduced across the remainder of 2023 with input and support from the new committee.

PROJECTS AND GRANTS

So much was achieved across 2022 around construction and upgrades to community facilities, and work continues with this thanks to significant Federal funding provided under their Roads & Infrastructure development grants made available to regional communities via the OCA. This has been enhanced by funding from BHP, FRRR and SA Community Grants.

The opportunity to gain two further grants late 2022 meant that some other works to finish off some projects have been put on hold to meet our obligations, but with more numbers now in the CDP we hope to catch up on these jobs over the next few months.

RECREATION PRECINCT:

Ground-work is almost completed to enable landscaping to commence for pathways, vehicle access and parking, and development of the outdoor theatre and outdoor social seating space. This has also included completion of the base for the two classrooms which have been donated to our community by St Barbara's School, Roxby Downs.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS & GRANTS

These are anticipated to arrive in around mid-year and will provide a 'wet room' for arts development and youth activities, and a training room which will also double as a music room for youth.

New toilet block – will be 'open for business' end of April. The waste systems 'grow bed' design will support a strip of attractive trees and scrubs to provide shade and a screening border.

New media room - Progress is set to commence with setting up this exciting facility as part of the training complex. This will cater for all members of the community for workshops, group activities such as photography and film making, access to IT to assist community members to undertake on-line courses and qualifications, and will also provide a well set up 'Tiny Theatre' for youth, families and groups to enjoy on a social basis.

Pump Track – The completed track is already proving popular with local and visiting kids. Construction of the new shade shelter which will cover the whole lawned space around the track, will be commence in spring. Plans are to install a set of outdoor fitness stations on the perimeter. Protective fencing will be installed on 3 sides of the BBQ space and additional seating installed strategically around the space.

Caravan & Camp Ground Upgrade – work will commence shortly on this much needed upgrade thanks to Federal Roads & Infrastructure funding. This will include a second ablution block with compliant disabled facilities, ground work to level out van sites with two new pet friendly shade shelters and upgrade to the existing shelter, and a third 4-way shelter set up to provide greater comfort for campers. Additional plantings will provide further shelter from wind and sun and there are plans for a couple of fire pits to be installed.

Future plans include installation of a mini-golf course which will provide further family entertainment for locals and visitors, and a community produce garden which will not only provide greening to the space, but importantly provide fresh fruit and vegetables to the community as part of a community enterprise with plans to expand into a small commercial venture growing mushrooms and micro-greens to sell to a network of nearby regional towns.

TOWN HUB PRECINCT:

Hall and Environs - Work has commenced on an upgrade of the Hall and Hall outdoor environs. This planned work has suffered delays due to the pressures of major projects, as well as finding solutions to difficult or challenging problems, but progress is back underway and we anticipate that the Hub will be looking its best by the end of 2023.

The Arts Collective has been busy with keeping up exhibits in the Hall which have attracted the attention of visitors and resulted in many sales of local works. SALA is attracting great support again for 2023.

Lapidary Workshed - the Lapidary Group continue with developments and improvements of their program and facilities. The Old PO on Christmas Hill Road is to be repurposed as headquarters for their jewelry making activities and a grant has been sought to conduct jewelry making workshops.

Further up Christmas Hill Road, thanks to local investment, an historic semi-dug-out is being restored as a replica of the original Andamooka Post Office and will form part of the town's historic trail, promoting the life and times of Minnie Berrington and creating a very special interactive visitor attraction.



Above: Lapidary shed veranda.

The Cottages are also set to undergo some attention for minor repairs and to make them more secure to prevent this sort of destruction to these irreplaceable icons in the future.

Old Church Community Centre - is now servicing a number of activities and has proven ideal for meetings and workshops as well as for groups who use the building for worship. Final works include paving and artificial grass spaces under the veranda, plus an upgrade to the kitchen space to make that more workable for such activities as birthday parties, workshops, meetings and social activities.

It is great to see the Hub developing as a vibrant social gathering space for locals and visitors. Progress is being made towards the Hall being open 7 days a week, with refreshments available for visitors and locals, exhibits and sales of community wares, and providing a first stop for visitors to be given first line information and directed to local attractions. If the OCA succeed with their project to install public Wi-Fi in towns and centres throughout our outback region, we will have this installed in the Hall.

We thank the following sponsors, corporates and government funding bodies that have provided vital support to our community in our quest for growth, sustainability, resilience and wellbeing.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS & GRANTS

Maintenance & Project Update

We currently have 6 participants in the Community Development Program that regularly put in volunteer hours.

Sporting & Recreation Facility:

- There has been a flurry of activity in this area in recent weeks. We have completed the installation of the toilet block septic system & evaporation/transpiration beds.
- Extensive groundworks are being undertaken to control stormwater runoff & level the area for general use.
- We are currently sealing the area with crusher dust & gravels for final finish.
- Work on the car park area and new access road will commence this week & is expected to take a week.
- Outstanding jobs are vehicle/pedestrian delineation and all-weather pathways which will commence as soon as crews become available.

Community Hall complex:

- The splash pad is up and running.
- Replacement bats for the evaporative air conditioner have been procured & are in hand and will be fitted prior to next summer.

Lapidary Work shed:

- The front verandah has been erected & has been enjoyed by the lapidary crew.
Pump Track
- The pump track has been completed & temporarily opened to the public while the shade structure is being fabricated/delivered. area will be closed down at a suitable time to allow for the construction of the structure.

Cottages:

- The cottages have been cleaned and the BBQ repaired prior to the easter long weekend.

We have a number of community volunteers that are actively building the sets & props for the up & coming Minnie Berrington documentary.

We would like to thank our volunteers both local & traveling for their assistance.



Above: Completed Pump Track.



Above: Ground work at the community recreation centre.



Youth Activities postponed due to ground work at the community recreation centre.

Resumes after school holidays.



THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ANDAMOOKA

GUIDE TO FOSSICKING

So many visitors are keen to head out onto the fields to fossick the mullock heaps in the quest for opal, but many have little idea of where they can go safely and worry about encroaching on registered claims.

Andamooka PO incorporates the local mining agency and they can help you with where to go and what you'll need. They also hire out fossicking kits.

For beginners, arm yourself with a sturdy bucket, a small pick and a small garden shovel, gloves, sturdy footwear and sun safe clothing. There is a fossicking heap located on the edge of the Andamooka Caravan & Camp Ground on Water Road, where from time to time, lucky visitors find a nice piece of opal.

When looking for somewhere to fossick, stay clear of deep shafts which may or may not be covered, and the friable edges of open cuts, and stay well clear of machinery. It is not wise to go fossicking at night if inexperienced. There are many dangers among the mullocks.

It is wise to start off with a guided tour or join a trip out with the Lapidary Group who are located at the Lapidary Workshed on the corner of Opal Creek Blvd and Christmas Hill Road in the town hub. Many tours run night time activities where you can make use of 'black light torches' which cause the opal to fluoresce and easier to spot. This will also assist you with gaining experience in night-time fossicking.

It is important that fossickers don't trespass or more importantly take opal from registered claims. Opal Miners invest a lot of time, work and money into their claims. The gaping holes and seemingly barren rocky heaps sitting on claims may be the result of a long, hard and expensive labour of love extracting the 'dirt' at the opal bearing level lying anywhere between 4m-25m beneath the surface. Therefore, they do not take kindly to fossickers 'ratting' through the heaps before they have the chance to 'work it' or put it through a noodler. Taking opal from a registered claim is theft which is a criminal offence.

However, most miners are friendly folk who are only too happy to show you around their claim, give you a few tips, or direct you to an area that is both safe and not on a registered claim. In some cases, you can use existing primary tracks to drive through parts of claims in order to access other areas, but be careful not to drive through areas that are being worked.

Claims are identified by marker posts with indicators set at right angles defining the boundary lines. Claims can be as small as 50mx100m or as large as 200mx200m, so you will need to 'sight' the 4 corner marker posts to be sure that you are fossicking outside of the boundaries,.

Once you have established that you are not on a registered claim, choose mullock heaps that are not 'fines', but which have a rocky or rough composition, tending brown or whitish in colour as distinct from the softer red earth of the surface layers.

If you have made a find, take it to one of the local outlets for advice. The Post Office/Opal Museum, , the Lapidary Workshed, and also the Bottle Shop are all happy to assist.

These outlets can also direct you to local cutters and finishers who do excellent work for very reasonable prices. Or give cutting and polishing your stone a go at the Lapidary Workshed. Some cutters are also jewellers, who can assist you with setting your stone.

GOOD LUCK.... & ENJOY!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentines Day

MARCH

SALA Registrations Open

APRIL

Easter Long Weekend
25th: Anzac Day

MAY

2nd: SALA Registrations
Close

6th: Youth Group Colour Run

JUNE

9th - 12th: Andamooka
Heritage Festival

JULY

Dog Registrations Due

30th: SALA Installation

AUGUST

2nd: SALA Exhibition Opens

SEPTEMBER

2nd: SALA Exhibition Closes
3rd: After SALA Exhibition
Reshuffle

OCTOBER

October Long Weekend

31th: Halloween

NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day

11th: Remembrance Day

DECEMBER

25th: Christmas Day

Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

Join in the fun & activities or
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

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activities & events

Contact: Matt 0419 504 200



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ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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Opal Cutting and Demo's
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&
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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

GOOD FRIDAY BBQ

COOKING FROM 6 PM
AT THE COTTAGES

FOOD
\$5 DONATION

BYO

1915 - 2021

ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

25th April

- COMMEMORATION -

9 AM - Town Park

Followed By Morning Tea

Thanks to our Volunteer Contributors.

ANDAMOOKA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

JUNE LONG WEEKEND
FRI 9TH TO MON 12TH

- Revival of historic events
- Markets, stalls & car-boot sale
- Tag-along Tours
- Exhibits & installations
- Demonstrations & 'have-a-go' activities
- Music, movies..
- Campfire dinner under the stars
- Food & fun for all the family

Check Facebook [#andamookahub](#)
for details and updates

THINGS TO DO IN ANDAMOOKA

- Go fossicking for opal - great fun for all, & you never know what you'll find!
 - See how opal is cut & polished at the community lapidary workshed— have a go!
- Watch opal jewellery and crafts being made, and learn more about local minerals and precious stones
- Visit historic and art displays at the Community Hall
- Explore Andamooka's many unspoilt features and don't forget your camera...
 - Visit local opal mining operations & meet the Town's miners
 - Drive out to endless horizons, see haunting Lake Torrens, the old airstrip, discover ancient sites
 - Check out the Underground Opal & Gemstone Museum & their amazing opal displays.
 - Explore the Historic Miners Cottages
 - Track stars across Andamooka's brilliant night canopy with the Andamooka Observatory
 - Visit The Stoner who has sculpted an amazing life-size tiger with flashing opal claws
 - Take the kids to the playground and pump track, or Splash Pad at the hub, both with BBQs
 - Enjoy a coffee at the Dine-a-Mite Café sitting out in the leafy community garden space...
 - Join a tour around the town or a self-drive tour to outlying Stuart Creek & other special spots
 - Renew your wardrobe for a song at the famous CWA Op Shop...

THE CREATIVE CORNER
SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

SALA 2023
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Andamooka SALA Exhibition 2023

AMBITION



! REGISTRATIONS OPEN !
GET READY FOR SALA

**CALLING ALL LOCAL CREATIVES
THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIVING
ARTISTS (SALA) FESTIVAL IS
RETURNING TO ANDAMOOKA**

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 2ND MAY 2023

FORMS AVAILABLE AROUND TOWN

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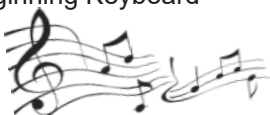
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ANDAMOOKA LIFE

Garden Update

In May of last year, I took on the role of Coordinator for the Arid Explorers and Andamooka Community Garden. We have cleared, planted and mulched, so the garden is looking good. We also have some new red chairs too. As soon as the weather cools down we have a lot to do for now, it is just trying to keep up watering and sheltering the plants we already have.

- Debra Mundy

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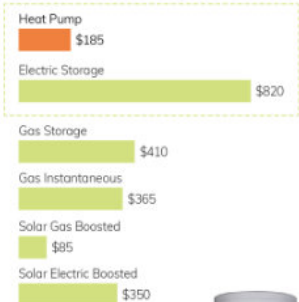
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YOUTH NEWS

The Andamooka Youth Group has commenced for 2023

Despite the number of sessions being cancelled, due to the heat and the occasional drenching, we have had a relatively good attendance rate.

Rebecca and Donna have been busy putting together the activity schedule and up and coming youth events.

A special thanks to Kaya and Rodney, whom have volunteered some afternoons to assist with facilitating the sessions.

Volunteers are urgently required to continue supporting the viability of the youth group program. If you have some time spare, particularly of an afternoon, the youth would greatly appreciate your support.

You only need a positive attitude and a voluntary WWCC (No cost), which we can assist you with obtaining



Upcoming Youth Group organised events – Colour Run/ Walk – Part of May Day celebrations/ activities



We are calling for all local businesses and groups to purchase a colour station along the track. The colour stations cost \$50. This includes the colour sachets plus a donation to the Andamooka Youth Group. Entry for runners/walkers will cost \$10 per person. This includes a sausage sizzle and drink to be enjoyed at the conclusion of the run. Children participating in the run/walk will receive a colour run accessory pack (Limit Supply).

For more information please speak with Rebecca or Donna or email: andamookayouthgroup@gmail.com



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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.

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