

UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **8th March: Chin-Up - Men's Mental Health Seminar**
- ◆ **17th March: Pine-Apple Creations - Resin Art / Garden Workshop**
- ◆ **18th March: OCA Drought Engagement Consultation**
- ◆ **24th March: APOMA Members & Community Planning Forum**
- ◆ **29th - 31st March: Easter Long Weekend**

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Header: Flora in bloom after recent rain.

Source: E. Morris

AUSTRALIA DAY THE ANDAMOOKA WAY



Andamooka celebrated its local citizens and community groups on January 26th, including award winners Bev Burge, *Citizen of the Year*, Ethan Hanold, *Young Citizen of the Year* and the Lapidary Club, *Community Event of the Year*.

For more please see page 6.



**COMMUNITY CONTACTS
& INFORMATION****FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
CALL 000**

Your call will be directed to the right organisation to manage the situation.

Police: 131 444

SES: David Roe-Simons
0429 192 215

CFS: Dave Bastian
0419 924 696

**Andamooka Community
Health Service:**

Hospital Road 8672 7087
See page 13 for daily clinic hours
After Hours: Emergencies Only

Post Office: 8672 7007
Open 7 Days, Opal Creek Blvd.

- **Dukes Bottlehouse Motel**
- **Laundry-mat**

- Claims Registration

Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays
11am - 3pm Weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse:

8672 7235
Power Cards @ Post Office

Town Office: 0477 184 485
School Rd

OCA: 08 8648 5970
CCS & Avdata payments @ PO

**Andamooka School & Children's
Centre:** 8672 7087
Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

Andamooka Community Hall:
Enquires, contact APOMA

- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area**
- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**

Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:

Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692
Located at the Community Hall
Mon-Tues: Closed
Wed-Thurs: 9am - 2pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm
Sat-Sun: 9am - 2pm

**Andamooka Caravan Park
& Playground:** 0477 184 485
Opal Creek Blvd.

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Dodgy Dr. Open 7 Days
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Sun: 10am to 8pm

CWA: 8672 7044
Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop
Open Fri & Sat, 9am - 12pm
Top of CWA Rd

Motor Vehicle Registration:
Roxby Downs Town Council

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**Notes from APOMA Committee Meetings:-**

January:

- Elections of Officers 2024
- Andamooka Community Health & Wellness Advocacy Group (ACHWAG) instated as formal APOMA community group
- Work continues on budget development
- Splash pad repairs done – major upgrade to be done over winter
- Donation of cubby house for Hub Precinct
- Outback SA Regional Drought Resilience Plan – OCA consultation Andamooka in March.
- Vote of thanks to office staff for conducting community events over summer. Acknowledgement of community donations.
- Bingo to recommence after summer.
- New solution for café air-conditioning – approved.
- Community planning forum set for 24th March. Invite key groups to attend recap.

February:

- Rec precinct projects recommencing end summer – pump track rainwater tanks and campground upgrades.
- Project group assigned to work on enquiries re proposed new local business ventures
- Changes to delivery of newsletter supported
- Letter of support to AOFTA for tourist funding submission for local event
- Discussion on feedback processing and key concerns
- Committee planning workshop followed close of meeting in preparation for community forum 24 March

At Bank 31st Jan 2024:
Operations acc \$153,215
Debit Card \$1,635

Association acc \$19,666
Projects acc \$356.55
Reserve Funds \$22,400

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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URGENT ENQUIRIES

OCA: 08 8648 5970 **APOMA:** 0455 321 638

Town Maintenance: Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165

Address: Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka

Postal: PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

Email:

OCA: oca@sa.gov.au

APOMA/Town Office: secretary@apoma.com.au

Town Maintenance/Projects: admin1@apoma.com.au

Events & Memberships: admin3@apoma.com.au

Newsletter: admin2@apoma.com.au

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

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

Email: secretary@apoma.com.au

NEXT MEETING

24th March 2024

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

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

Welcome to the APOMA committee!

At the 2023 AGM three new committee members joined with other enthusiastic serving committee members to foster change and vibrancy in our town, while respecting the rich history and culture of this unique community.

Lara Lukich

Lara is an avid long term Andamooka resident and instigated the Minne Berrington Project. This is Lara's first term on the APOMA committee. Lara grew up in Andamooka in the 1970s and 1980s. Her parents emigrated from Europe and settled in Andamooka after initially coming to town in the 1960s hoping to "strike it rich!" but it was the freedom they experienced that kept them on the field, and to stay and build a home.

In the 1970s, Lara remembers that while there was no television reception, movies were a highlight of the social calendar.

"Practically the whole town would attend the Friday night movie at the Community Hall, and the Saturday double feature at the Drive-In," she said. "My dad worked as a projectionist at both venues. I know my love of film and storytelling is because of those days."

Lara left in her early twenties to study graphic art and then drama interstate, but eventually the sense of community and the freedom of Andamooka drew her back.

Lara is passionate about our town's history and the Arts.

"This year through the APOMA committee I hope to facilitate the creation of the Andamooka History Group to protect, preserve and promote our rich history," Lara said.



Donna Waters

Donna Waters is of Kokotha and Kuyani First Nations descent with deep connections to Andamooka, Lake Torrens and surrounding country. This is her second term on the APOMA committee.

Donna's Great Grandparents lived and worked as boundary riders on horseback on Andamooka Station. Her father also ended up working on the Station and Donna has also worked on the station mustering cattle and fixing fences since her teen years.

"I learnt about the water system, repaired fencing, and discovered the ins and outs of the different locations to the area of this landscape before WMC had brought it," Donna said. "I still remember these locations when I go out on Country."

Donna works at the Roxby Downs Children's Centre, previously having worked at the Andamooka Primary School as a SSO and Library assistant.

Donna has been awarded back-to-back Young Citizen of the year, NAIDOC person of the year, and was recently Andamooka's long-serving Youth Officer.

Now back on the APOMA Committee and looking forward to bringing her passion for Indigenous heritage, protecting country, Youth, and Community to drive progress, the arts and native bush foods.



Corrie Ferguson

Corrie Ferguson moved from Roxby Downs to Andamooka last year with his wife and three children, drawn to the freedom and adventure of Andamooka as a place to raise a young family. Corrie who works for BHP at Olympic Dam is from a rural background and has lived and worked in remote WA, NT, and QLD.

In 2023 Corrie was on committees for the ASSA, the Roxby Downs Children's Centre, and the Roxby Downs Soccer Club.

He took part in the Regional Development Far North Leadership Development Program, an intense extension of the Committee Basics training he completed in Andamooka.

"I have always found myself in leadership positions in work and community" Corrie said. "The skills and knowledge through this professional development opportunity will greatly assist me with my role on the APOMA committee."

I am interested in fostering local Youth and Community programs, maintaining and developing facilities, services and events." Corrie said.

Corrie looks forward to bringing together community members to harness their individual passion and drive for the town, region, opal, and tourism industries, to work united to achieve positive change for Andamooka this year and beyond.



Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments
Avdata Water Payments &
Keys managed at the
Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS
Contributions are due.

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

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

◇ **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 2023 memberships lapse end of March 2024.

To make your vote count, please make sure that you have paid-up your 2024 membership fees.

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

NAB

BSB:085 896

Acc: 2425 11591

KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

BE THE CHANGE

2024 will see progressive announcements of an exciting new approach towards regional and community planning and development, managed via the OCA, with increasing contact between regional communities progress associations to bring broad input towards regional planning, funding and events. This opens up many new opportunities which were raised at the APOMA 2024 committee planning workshop held on Saturday 24th February.

Importantly, the committee determined that to create effective change for Andamooka for the future, and a truly inclusive approach to planning, it's time to stop talking.. it is not just about consulting with community. ***It needs creation of focus action groups which include members of local organisations, groups and invested individuals working with committee members, to take the verbal outcomes of community consultation, and turn these into successful tangible outcomes for the community to use and enjoy, creating inspiration for new ventures and businesses.***

Call out for members of the community, whether representing an organisation or interest group, or just an individual who wants to be part of change, to join with other like-minded community members, to join an action group and ***Be the Change.***

This not only broadens the community perspective, but also spreads the load. This way we take the stress off so few trying to do so much, to get things happening sooner, and we all benefit.

Currently we are calling out for people to help form:

- **Andamooka Events Group** – there is so many ideas and so much passion around this and reviving past events, so this group will create a broad forum to pull together a vibrant Annual Calendar of Events, working with other regional communities, local organisations, and community groups.
- **Andamooka Opal Miners Action Group** – there are developments afoot which will have consequences for opal mining and the opal industry. So now is the time for local opal miners and others invested in this industry, to get involved and proactively work with other opal towns nationally for the survival of this iconic national industry, and to raise the profile of its great value to the tourism industry and the Australian culture.
- **Andamooka Projects Group** – this is a support group to assist the committee and projects team with putting projects in place, planning schedules, sourcing items, and seeing them through to completion. There are many members of the community with knowledge and skills that can provide valuable input and assistance, or simply labour, once again spreading the load, and in many cases speeding up the process.

Other activities currently underway towards development of active community groups include:

- assisting the development of a new Fitness and Wellness Group which will be based in the Recreation & Sports Centre. It is anticipated that this group will be launched by mid 2024.
- **Andamooka Legends** – local historic society and we encourage anyone with a keen interest in Andamooka's history to join the group who's aim is to bring all of the fractured information together, house it in one dedicated spot, and develop a broad promotional program to tell the world our story. Register your interest to help get this group up and going via email to: AndamookaLegends@gmail.com

Be the change – Be at the Community Planning Forum on Sunday 24th March. Following a short APOMA Open Members Meeting commencing 1.30pm, which will address progressing the CARM Agreement for 2024/25. All community members welcome.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS & GRANTS

JOIN IN WITH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

2024 will be a year of new activities for existing programs, others being revived or expanded, and new programs and activities starting up for locals and visitors to join in.

There is also an ever changing list of small, but exciting projects that need some extra hands to help get them up and going, and the community produce garden will be a major project launching early 2024.

Like to know more? Maybe thinking about joining in a program, or helping out with a project... or maybe you have a program or project that you would like to get up and going, or that you think Andamooka needs.

Let us know by sending us a copy of this list with a tick or cross next the items you are interested in, and your contact details, then we will have the right people contact you back. Copies available around town in the usual spots, or download from the website, or we can email you a copy. Email to secretary@apoma.com.au or lodge at the town office or post office.

| tick here | PROJECT OR PROGRAM | CURRENT / 2024 |
|-----------|--|--------------------|
| | Lapidary Group – opal, gem and stone cutting & polishing | Current – on-going |
| | Jewellery making and stone carving | On-going |
| | Fossicking, Getting started in opal mining | On-going |
| | Arts Collective - all genres / workshops and exhibits | On-going |
| | Mosaics, cold fire pottery, metal work, fabrics - new dedicated location | On-going |
| | Photography, filmmaking | 2024 |
| | Astronomy | emerging |
| | History Group – research, collation & records, exhibits, events | On-going |
| | Historic buildings – restoration projects | On-going |
| | Films and projection, outdoor theatre/drive-in & Cottages | 2024 |
| | Book Club, Creative writing | emerging |
| | Community Kitchen – meals / food delivery program | Re-visited 2024 |
| | Youth & Children’s Program – youth activities / kids activities | On-going |
| | Family fun nights / family movie nights | |
| | Parents & Carers, Home schooling support group | 2024 |
| | Fitness & wellness | 2024 |
| | On-line study and courses – from general interest to uni studies Learn Microsoft, how to fill in forms, do your banking, talk to friends and family, make books or calendars... | 2024 |
| | Cooking Club, nutrition | 2024 |
| | Music club | emerging |
| | Community workshop – men’s shed activities, Vets Group, woodworking Metal working, making stuff from junk.... men, women and kids... | 2024 |
| | Gardening & Growing – all types, propagation, soils and more | 2024 |
| | Major Project and on-going program – Community Produce Garden and Enterprise, includes home growers | 2024 |
| | Environment, regeneration and restoration | On-going |
| | Project – garden walls & roof hall courtyard | 2024 |
| | Project - orchards for the future - including bush foods | 2024 |
| | Project - Mini golf – based on opal fields and made from old mining junk with interpretive signage re the fields and mining history | 2024 |
| | Project – installation of stages at The Cottages & rec precinct | ongoing |
| | Project – courtyard tables – arts project incorp mosaics and other artforms | 2024 |
| | Project – constructing garden beds and fencing for the Community Produce Garden | 2024 |
| | Project – constructing funky seating for the outdoor theatre | 2024 |
| | Small projects on-going – all kinds of assistance for all kinds of projects, Training provided and costs covered. | On-going |
| | ANY OTHER IDEAS??? | On-going |



Andamooka Celebrates Australia and Community

A fantastic turn out of local community members attended the Andamooka Australia Day breakfast and Citizen Awards ceremony. A big thank you to all who supported the event and celebrated the award winners, and the hardworking volunteers who made this event happen. In particular, a shout out to community volunteer Paul Williams who manned the barbeque and volunteered alongside APOMA committee members and staff, serving up a delicious cooked breakfast.



A sincere congratulations to the well-deserved award winners who were recognised for their outstanding commitment to the Andamooka Community.

Congratulations to:

Young Citizen of the Year:
Ethan Hanold.

Citizen of the Year:
Bev Burge

Community Event of the Year:
The Lapidary Club



Andamooka Orphan's Christmas Lunch

Christmas cheer and community spirit was in abundance at the traditional Andamooka Orphan's Christmas lunch on December 25. A lovely turn out of local community members got together and shared a tasty spread of cold meats, salads, and deserts prepared by a hardworking APOMA team and their families. Thank you to those who dedicated their Christmas Day to putting on this event and to all who attended. A particular shout out to the Opal Angel who generously joined with APOMA to sponsor the cost of catering to ensure this event was completely free to attendees. A heartfelt thank you for your support of the local community.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentines Day

21st: Service Australia Visit

23rd: Youth Movie Night

MARCH

8th: Men's Mental Health Event
17th: Pine-Apple Creations Workshop
18th: OCA Drought Engagement Consultation
24th: APOMA Member & Community Planning Forum
29th - 31th: Easter Long Weekend

APRIL

25th: Anzac Day

MAY

JUNE

June Long Weekend

JULY

Dog Registrations Due

AUGUST

SALA

SEPTEMBER

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

Contact: 8672 7004

Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



For more information on
activities & events

Contact: Matt 0419 504 200



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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

ANDAMOOKA, SA



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by
MINNIE BERRINGTON



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Want to see change..? Be there...

ANDAMOOKA OPEN MEMBER MEETING at 1.30pm –
progressing CARM Agreement 2024/25,

& COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM commencing around
2.00pm

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024, ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY
HALL

BE THE CHANGE – join with other locals to contribute your ideas and interests towards planning for our town and community's future, and the 2024-27 Andamooka Town and Community Plan.

Things to discuss include new precinct developments, events and tourism, town services, community programs and facilities, arts, mining, food security, residential matters and new business and enterprise.

Thank you to all who have already contributed their feedback. This has been noted and will be included in discussion.

Please continue to send feedback to email:
AndamookaTownOffice@gmail.com

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

READY, SET, GO!
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SALA 2024?

Calling all artists! Preparations are underway for 2024's South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA). Are you ready?

A state-wide event, SALA celebrates artists and creatives from all skill levels across South Australia. Every Year since 2017 Andamooka has participated by hosting a community driven exhibition in the Andamooka Community Hall, open to all local residents.

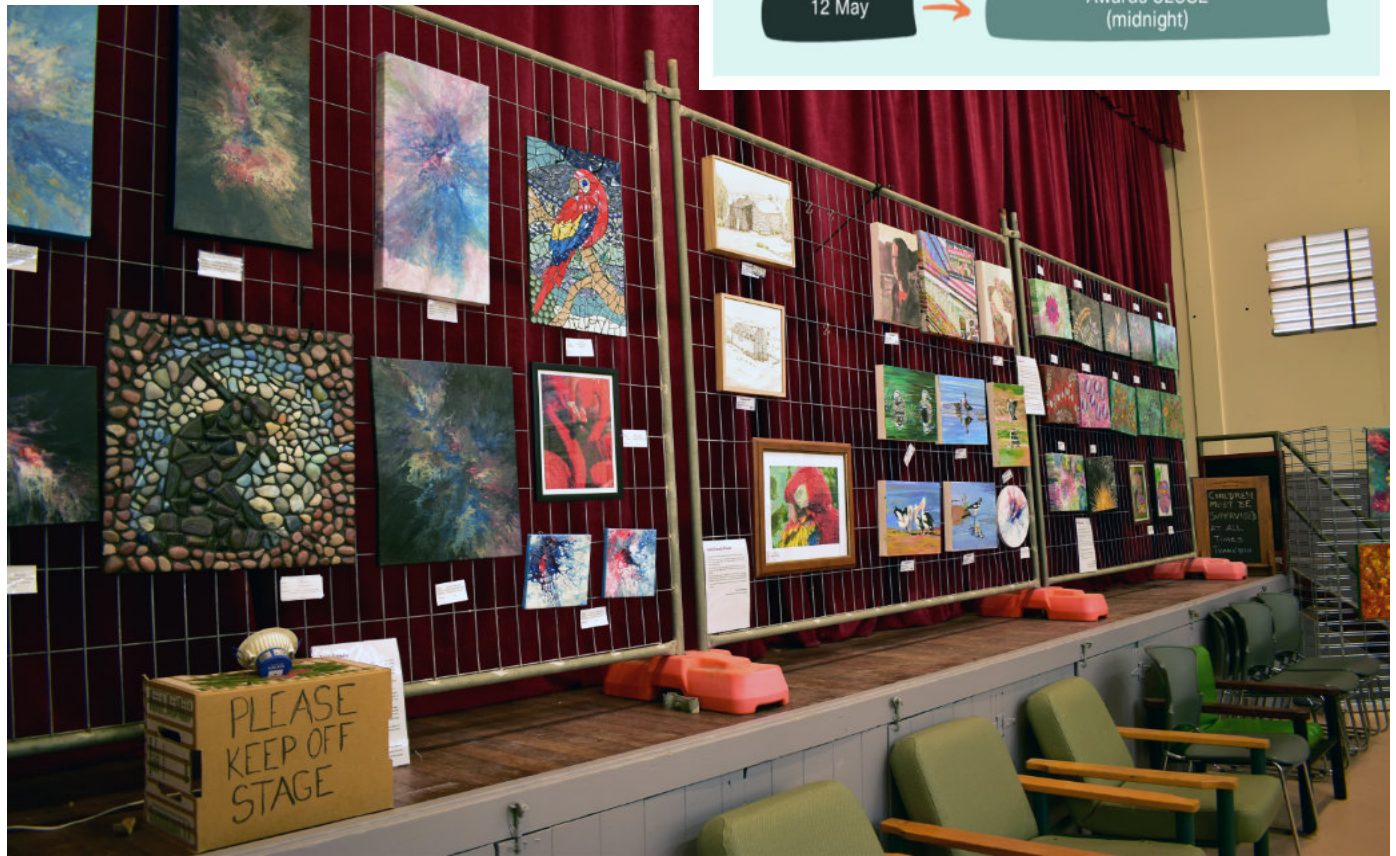
Registrations open in March, so it's time to get busy. Painting, Sketching, Metal Work, Clay, Sculpture, Photography, Digital and every other visual media under the sun. Whatever you work with, we invite you to join!

(Please be aware that registration fees apply)

SALA

Key Dates 2024

| | | |
|------------|---|---|
| 22 January | → | Artist & Venue Noticeboard OPEN |
| 1 March | → | Registration & Awards OPEN |
| 8 April | → | Early Bird Registration CLOSES (midnight) |
| 28 April | → | Artist & Venue Noticeboard CLOSES |
| 8 May | → | Registration CLOSES (midnight) |
| 12 May | → | Awards CLOSE (midnight) |



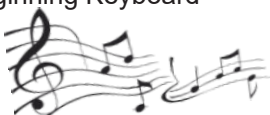
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Community HUB

Wellbeing Programs

Making Resolutions Stick
Monday 19th February 1.30pm
or
Wednesday 21st February 6.30pm

Journey to Change
Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March 6.00pm
or
Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March 1.30pm

Walking / Running Group Begins
Wednesday 3rd April 7am

Weekly Programs

Monday
9am-1pm - Hub Time
Tuesday
9am-1pm - Hub Time
Wednesday
9am-1pm - Hub Time
Thursday
1.30-2.30pm Young Parents Group
Friday
9am-1pm - Hub Time
1.30-3.00pm - Bibs & Burps

TERM 1 2024

For more information scan
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hub@healthyenvirons.com.au
or 8671 2461



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Environs**

The Community Hub is proudly supported by BHP in partnership with Healthy Environs Pty Ltd.

Parenting Programs

**Circle of Security Parenting
For Young Parents**
Thursday 8th & 22nd February, 7th & 21st March,
11th April 1.30pm

Tuning in to Teens (abbreviated)
Wednesday 28th February, 13th & 27th March
6.30pm
or
Wednesday 6th & 20th March, 3rd April 6.30pm

**Circle of Security Parenting
Taster Session**
Wednesday 10th April 6.30pm

One-Off Events

Dr Neil Tamlin visiting Bibs & Burps
Friday 9th February 1.30pm

Welcome to Roxby / Neighbourhood Day
Saturday 10th February 2pm

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LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

OPENING HOURS:

SATURDAYS, 10AM - 2PM

SUNDAYS, 12PM - 4PM

ANDAMOOKA LIFE



MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Cameron Taylor has an unrelenting passion for increasing awareness and breaking the stigma around men's mental health. He recognises the struggles men face with speaking out and the difficulties which arise with seeking help.

Cameron has provided group seminars around Australia regarding this topic and will be coming to Roxby Downs and Andamooka to talk with men in our community and create a network for ongoing support. Come down to the Roxby Downs Bowls Club on the 7th of March or the Andamooka Rec Centre on the 8th of March and get amongst!



7th March
Roxby Downs Bowls Club
6.30pm

8th March
Andamooka Rec Club
12.00pm

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STAY HEALTHY IN THE HEAT

Drink water

Fill a bottle with cold water and take it with you when you're out and about.



Plan your day

Avoid going out in the heat.



Stay cool

Make use of fans or air-conditioners set to cool. Draw your blinds or curtains.



Help others

Check on friends, family and neighbours most at risk like the sick, elderly and young.

Dress down

Wear lightweight, long sleeved, light coloured, loose fitting clothes made from natural fibres, like cotton or linen.



Hot cars can be deadly

Don't leave children or animals in cars. The temperature inside parked cars can double within minutes.



Soak

Take a cool shower or bath to help you cool down when you feel hot.



Shade

Wear a hat or take an umbrella with you for shade if you're outside on a hot day.



- > Know the signs and symptoms of heat related illness
- > See your GP if you are unwell
- > In an emergency call 000



To learn more visit:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/healthyintheheat



Andamooka Community Health Wellbeing Advocacy Group (ACHWAG)

Community update

Hello everyone and welcome to 2024!!!

It's already February and we are excited for the year ahead.

What we're currently working on:

We are working together with areas of our community in addressing some of the challenges of our community facing with support in home based care support.

We are engaging with community groups, local and regional businesses and government agencies in addressing some of our challenges and concerns for our community around services for aged care, Youth Development and community health and wellness services and programs, mental health support programs and services.

We are committed and working towards the upgrade of community transport services

Our aim is to ensure that our communities wellbeing needs are being supported!

If you are needing help or support or want to share some ideas or suggestions, please reach out to our team we are here to listen.

How to contact us:

via email: achwag.andamooka@gmail.com

Please keep a look out in the local newsletter and Facebook Community Hub page, community notice boards for some updates on upcoming events.

Staying Healthy together

Andamooka Community Health Wellbeing Advocacy Group
(ACHWAG)



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CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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Visiting service

We're visiting your community soon.

If you need help with Medicare, Centrelink and Child Support come and speak with our staff.

We're visiting from:
Tuesday 20 February to Friday 23 February 2024

You can find us:

Dunjiba / Oodnadatta, Public Hall, on Ikartuka Terrace
- Tuesday from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Andamooka, Town Office, Lot 281 School Rd
- Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Roxby Downs, 34 Pioneer Drive
- Thursday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Nepabunna, Council Office, Arkaroola Rd
- Friday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

For more information about payments and services you can call the Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 136 380**.

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Clare,
Care Finder
Port Augusta

Ask me about Care Finder

Short-term, in-depth support for older persons to help with understanding and accessing My Aged Care and other community supports.

Clare will be ready to answer all your questions.

At : Andamooka (Dates to be advised) OR

On: 8643 5600



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Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

Attended by: Anne, Bec & Verlaine

Opening Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm

Wednesday 9am - 1pm In Roxby 2pm - 5pm

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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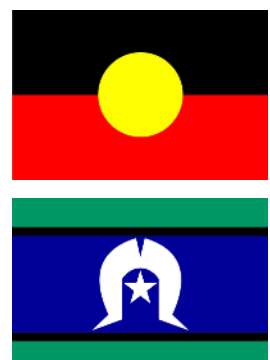
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY

Dear Andamooka Town,

Sadly Bec and I have left but wanted to just let everyone know how much we came to love this fantastic town and community in our time working with the RFDS. Bec has worked here for 4.5 years and myself for 2.5 years. Initially I was just going to do 12 months but I loved the place that much I stayed on. The many beautiful moonlight nights to the amazing sunsets will be very much missed. A highlight for both of us is the friends we made through the Lapidary Club, such an amazing group of people who took us in and made us both feel so welcomed and part of the community. I had the chance to learn so much about the local area, opals and also how to make a piece of rock into something beautiful. We both thank Mash, Greg B and all the Lapidary Shed members for their support and friendship. I will miss my Sunday morning Tennis games with Stefan and his cheeky sense of humour! Bec and I both appreciated the support we got from Margo and others at the Post Office and the chats with Rob and Jim at Cellarbrations. We will miss seeing all the characters of Andamooka and especially some of its long time residents whom we will miss having dinners with. I'm sorry I didn't get to see the legendary Tuckerbox open up again, but I loved the Friday nights at the Dine-a-Mite Café.

Both Bec and I made many friends here and we hope those friendships will continue long into the future. Bec and I will be back in town from time to time visiting, getting away from City and I will be doing some work over at Olympic Dam from time to time. I have bought a caravan just so I can come back and stay anytime. Bec and I both wish everyone in Andamooka a very Merry Christmas and a very fulfilling and Happy New Year! May all your wishes come true. We both look forward to seeing you again when we come back to visit! We'll keep tabs on you.





SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

12 February 2024

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.
via email: secretary@apoma.com.au

Dear Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.,

I write to advise you of the immediate closure of the Andamooka Police Station. The station has not been staffed or operated since 2017, with police providing a response to the local community from Roxby Downs.

The permanent closure of the police station will not affect how the police maintain a presence or response in Andamooka, as the service has continued to have been provided whilst it has been vacant. The future response from Roxby Downs Police will include proactive patrolling of the community and responding to any calls for assistance.

It is intended to keep the former staffing position based in regional areas, but repurpose the role to continue to provide a high level of service to people in our regional communities.

Police stations will still be open in nearby towns for those who prefer to visit at station and speak to a police officer directly, or they can call Triple Zero or 131 444 for assistance.

Please contact Superintendent Paul Isherwood from Port Augusta should you require any further information via email at paul.isherwood@police.sa.gov.au

Yours faithfully

Paul Isherwood

Paul Isherwood
Officer in Charge
Far North Local Service Area



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Eddie Hughes MP

Member for Giles

My office can help with issues related to services provided by the State Government.

PO Box 2476 Whyalla Norrie 5608
Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713
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Eddie Hughes MP

Andamooka Primary School

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Andamooka Primary School

Community Library

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Tuesday 1:30pm – 5pm
Wednesday 3pm – 5pm
Thursday 1pm – 5pm
Friday 1pm – 5pm

A Place Where Hidden Gems Are Unearthed

LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

Hot weather has brought out snakes & lizards so watch out for these creatures and make sure that you know what to do in the event of a snake bite.

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

FIGHT the BITE

* COVER UP. REPEL. ELIMINATE. *

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www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite

Do you know where your cat is at night?

Lock it up

For its own protection & for the protection of our native fauna. Have your cat microchipped, de-sexed & immunised.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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7 DAYS A WEEK

ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

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&

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Ring my office for an appointment next time I am in ANDAMOOKA



Rowan Ramsey MP

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