



# THE ANDAMOOKA PRESS

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## ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK:

- ◇ We have a 12 page issue this month as we develop our community features & your feedback and input will be valuable for this.
- ◇ Seeking feedback for **location of new street lights**. P.8.
- ◇ We welcome your **stories and photos**.
- ◇ Watch for more on local **gardening and cooking** with in season foods in forthcoming issues.
- ◇ Please contact Gill on 0427508075 with enquiries.

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Header photo: Autumn sunrise over mullocks GR

## BIG TURNOUT FOR ANDAMOOKA EASTER MARKET

**A big crowd estimated to be the biggest yet, enjoyed a day of sunshine and relaxed entertainment at the annual Andamooka Easter Market on Easter Saturday.**

Held at the historic Community Hall, reports are that sales were brisk keeping stall-holders busy throughout the day. A local stall-holder, well-known for her hand-crafted quilted bags said that "I sold more at the Easter Market than at other markets I have attended this year. It was really well organised and I enjoyed the whole day"

Fundraising efforts by the local youth group, lead by Donna Waters, included a zany 'pie-in-the-face' activity for those who dared and raised \$100 to be donated to Fijian schools devastated by cyclone Winston. They also raised \$100 for the Hospital Auxiliary / RFDS from the BBQ and Bouncy Castle. Donna said "Everyone put in at the market and we had great fun the next day with the Easter Egg Hunt and pancake breakfast, so we are already planning for next year."

Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary Treasurer, Belinda Godden said "We thank Elaine Florance from Kangaroo Island who donated many jars of jams and relishes that sold very well at the market, as did our Lucky Squares Raffle, so our fundraising efforts did really well." (*Winners & acknowledgements—back page*)

"So many great stalls and lovely to see so many people getting involved. Looking forward to the next market day" said Matilda from the 'Andamooka Yacht Club' café.

The APOMA Committee raised a vote of thanks to organisers Matilda Moylan-Blaikie and Donna Waters, also to the many volunteers that assisted with the set-up and clean-up and to those local businesses that supported the activities. Also a big thank you to the various stall-holders and those that assisted with activities, as well as to those that participated in the day to make it such a success.

*More photos on page 5.*



**This months photo:** Coffee on yet?? This young roo wandered into the Community Hall courtyard during early morning set up for the Easter Market on Easter Saturday. Photo: Matilda Moylan-Blaikie April 2016

## COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION

**Police:** 86727072

**SES/CFS:**

John West: 0408807943

Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

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Hospital Road 86727087

*See page 10 for daily clinic hours.*

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**Post Office:** Open 7 days.

**Dukes Bottlehouse Motel:**

**Laundry-mat:**

**Claims Registrations:**

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11-3 Sat & Sun

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10-1 Sun.

**OCA/ATMC (Town) Office:**

86727246

School Road

**Andamooka School &**

**Children's Centre:** 86727018

**Public Library:** internet/Wi-Fi

8-10 & from 1.30 weekdays.

Check for closing hrs.

School Road.

**Community Hall:**

Enquiries contact APOMA

**Kids Splash Pad & BBQ**

**AYC Café:** 0478139188

Opal Creek Blvd.

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Opal Creek Blvd. 8672 7246

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**CWA:** 86727004

**Boo-Teek Op shop:**

Top of CWA Road

Hrs: 9-12 Wed/Fri/Sat

**Motor Vehicle Registration:**

Roxby Downs Town Council

More details:

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## APOMA NEWS

*Preserving our past and planning for our future*

### Points of Interest from the APOMA Committee Meeting, March 2016

- Gill Rowley has been seconded onto the APOMA Committee via casual vacancy and has been appointed to the role of Secretary.
- The 2016/17 ATMC Budget has progressed to approval of matched government funding following the ATMC meeting on 5th April.
- Community contributions are at around 95%.
- The new APOMA business plan is progressing towards community consultation in the new financial year.
- A further \$100,000 in road funding has been approved for 2016/17 for a total of \$150,000.
- The ILUA agreement for Andamooka Precious Stones Field is nearing finalisation following a meeting with the Dept. of State Development.
- Insurance claim for repairs to storm damage sustained by the Church progressing.
- Permission has been given for the AYC to erect signage at approved public sites under specific conditions that will apply to other local businesses and organisations.

### MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:

*Please visit the website to access minutes from APOMA meetings. If unable to access the website please call APOMA to arrange an alternative. Minutes can be emailed or posted to members on request.*

## APOMA ACTIVITIES

### The Committee advises that:

- Restoration work on white-washed walls in the Historic Cottages has been successfully undertaken by the RJCP group.
- Caravan park— tropical roof over the ablution block has been completed Work continues to complete the ablution block project.
- Additional 12 street lights to be installed following community consultation.

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### Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

*APOMA Is the peak body representing the opal miners, residents and township of Andamooka.*

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community and protect miners rights; promote social wellbeing; maintain and develop the township; develop and promote opal mining and opal markets; promote tourism, promote and facilitate social inclusion and equality within the township.

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**Secretary:** Gill Rowley

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**Treasurer:** Rob Hancock

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### Next meeting first week May 2016

*Correspondence addressed to The Secretary due 1st of each Month.*

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## NEW CARM AGREEMENT FOR ANDAMOOKA TOWNSHIP MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT NEARING COMPLETION

The new CARM Agreement for Andamooka 2016-19 has progressed. Managed by the Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) which is a partnership between the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) and APOMA, together with independent community representatives and an independent chair, the Agreement sets the direction for administering and developing the township including financials, facilities and services.

Much work has gone into formulating the 2016-17 ATMC budget which will be the first to be introduced following the 3 year ATMC inception period ending 30 June 2016. This will pave the way for the APOMA Committee to work progressively towards future improvements that will benefit the community.

## REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS OF MINING CLAIMS NOW AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK AT POST OFFICE

Under the new system which commenced 11 April, local miners are now able to lodge or renew a precious stones claim 7 days a week at the Andamooka Post Office.

The Post Office has a dedicated area set aside for lodging claims, open 9-5pm weekdays and between 11-3pm on weekends with a friendly staff on-hand to assist.

### To lodge a claim miners will be required to:

- Fill in the relevant form - signatures will be scanned and checked as a security safeguard.
- The PO will fax to The Registrar for processing
- Payment can be made via credit card over the phone to The Registrar at Coober Pedy, or a you will be billed from Head Office with 30days to pay.
- The claim registration will be cancelled if payment is not received by the due date.
- Cash payments will be available at the PO once the procedure has been put in place.

Ashley Wood, Acting Registrar, Opal Field Program said that "Compliance checks will continue as before." Ashley is based in Coober Pedy and available for phone or email queries.

Ph: 08 8678 9058 Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

## SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Now accepting expressions of interest on sale of

## Chamberlain Tractor & Roller

Contact: APOMA

Rob: 0429 889 210

Peter: 0427 831 032

Email: apomaprogress@gmail.com

## ATMC Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
8:30 am—1:30 pm

Please leave a message Ph: 08 8672 7246

Email: admin@atmc.sa.gov.au

**Urgent enquiries:**

**Byron Gough (OCA) on (m) 0427687772**

ATMC minutes available at

**oca.sa.gov.au/atmc**

## ANDAMOOKA CARAVAN PARK

### Cnr. Opal Creek Blvd & Water Rd

Grid ref: 30.27.92 S / 137.9.40 E

*Sealed road from Stuart Hwy*

**Unlimited nights at \$3 per person per night**

- Showers & Toilets
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ANDAMOOKA SA 5722**



## BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

### Planning Workshop

A workshop meeting of APOMA committee members together with independent consultants and state government representatives, was held on 13 April towards the development of a revised business plan to revitalize Andamooka.

This will assist with grants and other funding opportunities to support a range of community projects and implementation of a marketing strategy to increase visitation to the town.

If successful, the additional funding will have the capacity to significantly increase investment into beneficial projects and services for the township.

Once the draft is ready for comment, APOMA members and residents will be invited to put their thoughts and support forward.

## KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

*Progressing the Andamooka Town Development Plan*

### WORK CONTINUES ON CARAVAN PARK AND TOWN MAINTENANCE

#### New tropical roof over the caravan park ablution block completed.



The new tropical roof adds protection to the camp ground ablution block.

#### Weed eradication following big rains

As part of the on-going maintenance of parks and gardens, Karen has been focussed on weed control in our rocky terrain using wipe-out on the top garden beds and an environmentally friendly straight vinegar mix where necessary for noxious weeds around the creeks.

The whipper-snipper will soon be back in action following repairs, to attack the bigger problems and during May Karen will be giving the cemetery a clean-up.

If you have any questions of her when she is out on the job, please don't hesitate to approach her for a chat.



#### Notes from the honour box:

*To the Town of Andamooka.*

*A great stay at the camp ground. Wonderful facilities. Great time had exploring and embracing what the town is all about. The town folk were warm, welcoming and obliging. Thoroughly recommend to all we meet.*

*\$50 from Glyn and Carol.*

*Thank you for nice clean facilities.*

*We will be back at some stage.*

*Thank you.*

*You have an awesome town and splash pad. We stayed at the Camping area until Easter Monday.*

*Thank you ANDAMOOKA from Leo, Mari, Harry, Marc and Kathryn.*

Original on display in the Community Hall



The Andamooka RJCP group recently installed the dedication plaque on the 'Big Matrix' located at the Historic Cottages.

#### New plaque to recognize donor of the 'Big Matrix' at the Historic Cottages.

A dedication plaque has been installed by the RJCP group on the 'Big Matrix' which is on display at the Historic Cottages.

The plaque is in recognition of the donor of this massive matrix which was unearthed on 'Tea Tree Flat' by Andamooka opal miner Otto Zuna and donated to APOMA by Lucy Zuna.

Andamooka matrix (pronounced maytrix) is a unique brown sedimentary rock. Best quality matrix contains myriads of tiny deposits of gem opal and can be cut, polished then treated to produce an attractive and sought after stone that reflects the rainbow colours of crystal opal and is often used to make jewellery.

*The Historic Cottages are open 7 days and entry is free.*

## OUR HISTORIC COTTAGES GET A FACELIFT THANKS TO THE WORK OF LOCALS FROM THE RJC PROGRAM

**There is no doubt that the Historic Cottages are an iconic and special feature of Andamooka.** These ramshackle structures line the main track, now known as Opal Creek Blvd, on the section that remains the hub of the township. These once lively abodes now rest peacefully in the shadows of mullock hills that resulted from endless hours of toil with nothing more than humble picks and shovels. They remain much as they were when built in the early 1930's by men and women, many of them migrants, searching for their fortune in the newly discovered Andamooka opal fields.

In what would have been an isolated and unforgiving environment, the cottages were designed to protect hardy miners and their families from the harsh elements and endless summer heat. Built primarily from locally gathered materials, their unique construction has withstood decades of harsh desert conditions. Tough mulga wood, rocks, stones, clay and whatever metal could be begged, borrowed or shipped in, was roughly nailed, tied or plastered together. Tiny windows were often covered only by a hessian sack which also served when wetted down, to cool the interior when breezes blew through the dampened fabric, but only when sufficient water allowed for this.



The cottage frontages face towards the morning sun and the usually dry creek bed, projecting outwards from what is in most cases a single room burrowed into the mullocks. These semi-dug-outs served to maintain a more stable inner temperature in which the miners would eat, sleep and store their goods and chattels.

To the credit of the builders, the cottages have withstood the ravages of the outback environment well, but they have been gradually crumbling. So over the past two years members of the community supported by APOMA and the RJC have worked tirelessly on restoring the cottages and environs as authentically as possible. Most recently the RJC workers have spent hours researching and sourcing the right materials to restore white-washed walls that not only blend perfectly with the originals, but which are tough enough to withstand the elements.

To create a realistic snapshot of living conditions at the time, members of the community have donated historic mining tools and equipment, cooking utensils, furnishings, and household gadgets, together with a myriad of amazingly ingenious innovations for all sorts of tasks.

Tables and benches have been installed adjacent to the cottages which are used for various local events such as the annual Camp Oven Dinner in August, cooked in much the same way as the miners would have made their meals.

Visitors are welcome to join the locals under a canopy of stars for this authentic outback dinner that reflects the flavours of the town's vibrant multicultural background, along with a range of favourite classic 'Ozzie' puddings. But we ask that they be mindful of the spirits that whisper through these timeless structures.



*Nowadays, interpretive signs lead visitors on a journey through time and you can't help but wonder what stories these rough old walls could tell.*



*The Historic Cottages bask in Andamooka's warm winter sun. The display is open 7 days and visitors will get a realistic snapshot of an Andamooka miner's life in the opal boom of the 1930's.*

*See more of Andamooka's history in the Underground Opal Museum located across Opal Creek Blvd. at the Post Office.*



## WHATS ON IN ANDAMOOKA APRIL & MAY 2016

### Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

*Join in the fun & activities or  
just enjoy a cuppa & chat*

**10.00-12noon**  
at the CFS Shed

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

**1915 –2016**

**Monday April 25**

**9.00am**

**Town Park**

Followed by Morning Tea  
Provided by the  
Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary



## 12 MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Proudly sponsored by Andamooka Opal Showroom & Museum*

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
ANZAC Day Commemoration Mon 25th	Visiting Vet: Wed 4th  Million Paws Walk Sun 15th	ASSA Opal Classic 150 Target Shotgun Event Sat 18th-Sun 19th  Visiting Vet: Mon 27th
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Dog registrations due	Annual Camp Oven Dinner at The Cottages  APOMA AGM	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
October Long Weekend Event.  First Aid Course (14-16th)		APOMA Christmas Dinner
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
		APOMA BBQ Good Friday Easter Market Saturday Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast Sunday

### Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



For more information on  
activities & events  
**Contact:** 0419 504 200

### Monthly Quiz Question:

**Where is the 'Big Matrix' located in Andamooka?**

Email or post your answer to The Editor. Addresses Page 2

**Entries close last day of month**

*Correct answer scores go into a monthly draw with one prize awarded from our prize pool donated by local businesses. Correct scores are added monthly and placed into an annual draw in December.*



## VISIT

## ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

Opal  
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(by appointment)

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&  
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## HOT CONTEST EXPECTED FOR THE ASSA 'ANDAMOOKA OPAL CLASSIC'

The Opal Classic is a 150 target shotgun event held at the Andamooka Sports Shooting Association headquarters over two days on the third weekend in June each year. The event attracts a good number of competitors and their families from all over Australia to either compete, or to support and encourage the competitors. In 2015 competitors came from as far as Queensland

This year's Opal Classic event will be held on the 18th&19th June. The weekend has built a solid reputation on its unique courses, the friendly hospitality provided by the 'local characters' and the great food. It hosts an opportunity for registered shooters, potential shooters and families to come out to the club, have a crack at the targets, camp out, enjoy the food, hospitality and good conversations with locals and other visitors.

The success of the weekend relies heavily on ASSA's valued sponsors and the club members, visitors and volunteers who continue to support the event and make it possible to host such a successful annual shoot.

"New members and families are welcome. We have a great team of members willing to teach new shooters to ensure that firearms are used properly and safely at all times. Ladies and juniors are always welcome at ASSA." said club contact, Matt Glasser. "This is a safe and fun sport that anyone can do. So if anyone wishes to know more about the club or the sport you can contact us at Andamooka Sports Shooting Association (ASSA) and please feel free to send an email to [asa.secretary@outlook.com](mailto:asa.secretary@outlook.com)."



ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB

COFFEES, TOASTIES, SMOOTHIES  
ART & JEWELLERY

HOURS:  
Tues-Sat: 9-4  
Sun: 10-3  
Mon: Closed

Community Hall  
School Road, Andamooka  
PH: 0478 139 188  
Email: [andamookayachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:andamookayachtclub@gmail.com)  
[www.andamookayachtclub.com](http://www.andamookayachtclub.com)

**WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE** happened for local Marie Greagan who took the challenge on Adelaide Cup Day raising \$850 towards cancer research with great support from friends & the Andamooka crowd at the Tuckabox Hotel.

So it's a big **THANKYOU** to everyone from Marie with a special mention to Johnny & Anna for providing the venue. **Well done Marie!! ..Ed..**



## Andamooka Sports Shooting Association Presents



# OPAL CLASSIC 2016



## TWO DAY SHOTGUN EVENT

**SATURDAY 18th JUNE 2016** **SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2016**

100 TARGETS  
START 8:30am

50 TARGETS  
START 8:30am

Andamooka Shooting Range Located 3km from Andamooka on the Lake Torrens Road  
Turn Left at Sign and Follow the Road.

Please RSVP  
if Attending and For  
Nominations and  
Catering Purposes

Ben Crompton  
0428 841 548

Stuart Eggart  
0419 189 063

Matt Glasser  
0419 504 200

[asa.secretary@outlook.com](mailto:asa.secretary@outlook.com)

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Shot to S.C.A. Grades/Handicap  
150 Targets O.T.G. High Gun  
150 Targets O.T.G. 1st 2nd and 3rd  
in AA/A/B/C/Ladies/Veterans/Juniors  
(If sufficient numbers)

All postal/phone nominations \$95.00 each  
All nominations received by 3rd June go into a draw:  
1st Prize 2017 nominations + meals. 2nd Prize 250 shot shells  
Meals \$55.00 all inclusive:  
Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch  
Free Nominations for Juniors 17 and under, meals excluded.

Gun Licence & Shooting  
Experience NOT Required,  
Beginners to Experts,  
Women and Children:  
**ALL WELCOME!**

Club Guns Available on  
Both Days if Requested.

Range Restrictions apply  
please call Ben Crompton  
0428 841 548



## It's bloomin' lovely after the rains

Wildflowers began appearing after the big March rains, as local gardens bloomed. (photos:GR)



## MORE STREET LIGHTS FOR ANDAMOOKA

### APOMA Invites Community Input on Installation of New Street Lights

An additional twelve (12) street lights will be installed in Andamooka. Five sites include locations such as the hospital and SES, as well as key entry points into the town, particularly from the opal fields.



Community input is sought on preferred sites as well as those sites recommended by APOMA as below:

- Water dispenser area
- Mobil/Police corner—Opal Creek Blvd & Horsepaddock Road/Koska St
- CWA
- Hospital Entrance
- Emergency Services entry point
- Cnr Christmas Hill Road & Hospital Road
- Top end of Christmas Hill Road
- Recreation Ground—cnr Opal Creek Road & easement

Please forward your feedback by Friday 29th April:

- via email at [apomaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:apomaprogress@gmail.com)
- or drop a letter into the ATMC office addressed to "Street Lights", c/o The Secretary, APOMA



**COMPLETE** group  
personnel

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## ANDAMOOKA EASTER MARKET



A big crowd kept stall-holders busy and happy.



Members of the Andamooka Youth Group with the bouncy castle.

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

## Police Report

On 22nd March an incident occurred in front of the Andamooka Post Office in which two police reports were taken for assaults on two people. After investigating the matters police have determined that no further action is to be taken in relation to these matters and all parties have been spoken to.

On Thursday 24th March police located a Ford sedan which had been reported stolen from an address on Nikolic Drive at the end of 2015. Police have taken further action in relation to the people who had possession of the vehicle.

It was good to see a larger crowd in town for the Easter Long weekend. The events arranged by the Youth Group and Andamooka Yacht Club over the weekend were sensational and were great for everyone to attend. Overall the behaviour of people over the weekend was good, and I hope everyone got their fair share of chocolate.

A reminder that police are still targeting traffic offences, which include speeding and driving unregistered vehicles. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Thank you

Brevet Sergeant Tristan Fantinel  
Andamooka Police Station  
South Australia Police  
8672 7072

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**Eddie Hughes MP**

**Member for Giles**

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**Eddie Hughes MP**

### ANDAMOOKA HEALTH SERVICES

#### Personal Alarms for safety and peace of mind

A new type of personal alarm that seems to overcome some of the concerns with these apparatus is being investigated by the Remote Area Nurses at Andamooka Health Services.

Personal alarms can alert medical assistance and family members if you should suffer an emergency when alone.

For more information contact the nurses to discuss if a personal alarm would be of value to you and your family.

#### Dr Owen Lewis

MBBS DCH DRCOG DA FRACGP GDPHC

Clinics held most weeks on Tuesdays

10 am - 12.30 pm

Andamooka Dukes Bottlehouse Motel

**Appointments:** please ring

Roxby Downs Medical Practice **8671 1900**

**24/7 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
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Ask to speak with the on-call **RFDS Doctor**

**1800 RFDS SA**

**1800 733 772**

**HF Radio**  
4010 kHz  
6890 kHz  
8165 kHz



### Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Road, Andamooka.

Attended by: Diane Bilka & Vicki Finzel, Remote Area Nurses

#### Opening Hours:

9.00 –12noon—2.00 to 5.00pm Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri  
9.00-12noon Wed. **On call 24hrs— emergency only**

Ph: **08 8672 7087**

Fax: 08 8872 7222

Email: [andaclinic@bigpond.com](mailto:andaclinic@bigpond.com)

**REMINDER:** Don't Forget to check on your **AMBULANCE COVER.**

**Contact:** SA Ambulance Ph: 1300 13 62 72  
or visit: [www.saambulance.com.au](http://www.saambulance.com.au)



## Q&A Session on Community Care Options raises several questions for Andamooka residents

Around 30 people attended a presentation and Q&A session at the Andamooka Community Hall held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April to introduce the new Federal Government My Aged Care program and Calvary Community Care program which have been initiated to support health and care services for aged, disabled and those requiring respite assistance or home care.

Most questions from the floor related to concerns with registering with the program and on-going contact particularly in emergency situations. There were some concerns with the proposed system which relies heavily on phone or internet contact and offers little personal contact for clients or carers. Many felt that it didn't seem to adequately address issues with the ability to use telephones and the internet, or with hearing difficulties and also with people for whom English is a second language.

There was also concern with clients contacting remotely based services that had limited knowledge of their patient history.

Another concern related to transport services, particularly for medical appointments, which has worked successfully in Andamooka in the past with the assistance of volunteer drivers.

Respite care was also discussed at length with several ideas mooted including the possibility of establishing a respite service within the local region.

Representatives from My Aged Care and Calvary Community Care were open to discussion towards creating solutions to issues and concerns raised and this will be followed up by the ATMC and the Remote Area Nurses stationed at the Andamooka Health Service towards achieving a functional and effective community care system for the residents of Andamooka.



**Calvary**

Community Care

For more information contact: 1300 660 022

Visit: [www.calvarycare.org.au](http://www.calvarycare.org.au)

### My Aged Care

Contact: 1800 200 422 or visit: [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)



**Andamooka**  
**Primary**  
**School**

**Watch out for kids this month!**

**School holidays:**

**Sat 16th April to Sun 1st May 2016**

## FIGHT THE BITE, DAY & NIGHT

**Protect yourself against disease-carrying mosquitoes.**



There is currently **NO CURE** and **NO VACCINE** to protect against Ross River or Barmah Forest virus so the only way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten.

**COVER UP:** Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing including jeans.

**REPEL:** Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) or picariden and always follow instructions on the label.

**ELIMINATE:** Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home.

For more information call **SA Health on 08 8226 7100** or visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite)

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## All Welcome

### Ping Pong nights

Tuesdays 6.00pm  
Community Hall

Contact: Kurt 0478143595

## RFDS

Andamooka / Roxby Downs

### First Aid Course

14-16 October

Contact: Alison Day

Ph: 08 8238 3336

## ANZAC Day Commemoration

9.00am 25 April Town Park

## ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets 3rd Sunday of each month

1.00pm for lunch,  
Communion 2.00pm

Next meeting: 20th March

## ANDAMOOKA / R.D. BIBLE CHURCH

Worship Service 10.30 Sun.  
Bible Study 7.30 Wed.

Water Way, Andamooka

Contact: 8672 7004

## Drop in & Grab a Bargain!!

Andamooka CWA

### 'Boo-Teek' OP Shop

Open Wed, Fri & Sat

9am to Midday

Find us at the Top of CWA Road

Proceeds support local & other vital charities.

## GRANTS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

**\$50 Sports Voucher Program:** open to parents & carers to claim \$50 to use towards their children's cost of sport club fees & memberships.

Visit: [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au)

### AMP Tomorrow Fund:

\$1million in grants open to determined people with big dreams who need help to bring them to life. Grants available for between \$10-\$100K

Visit: [ampstomorrowfund.com.au](http://ampstomorrowfund.com.au)

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Up to \$500 available to community clubs and associations. Grants considered monthly.

[www.clubone.net.au/club-one-sponsorships.asp](http://www.clubone.net.au/club-one-sponsorships.asp)

## Vet Visits to Andamooka

Wed 4 May & Mon 27 June

Andamooka Medical Clinic

To make an appointment

Ph: 08 8642 3308

Monthly newsletter for pet owners

Visit: [www.redgumboarding.com.au](http://www.redgumboarding.com.au)

**Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding**

24 Woodcock Road Port Augusta

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- Group mixed instruments
- Beginning keyboard
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Registered teacher

Lot 85 Christmas Hill Road

Mitchell 0447072730



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



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Painting donated by Andamooka PO

winner:- John Florance, Victor Harbor

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**Chocolates winners:-**

- Alby & Marie, Andamooka
- Anne Budau, Andamooka
- Alix Palmer, Roxby Downs

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