



# THE ANDAMOOKA PRESS

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## ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK:

- ♦ Lots happening in the community & we have attempted to keep you informed in this issue
- ♦ APOMA General Meeting advice.
- ♦ CARM Agreement Meeting advice.
- ♦ New Town Management Plan info.
- ♦ Seeking feedback for location of new street lights. P.3.
- ♦ We welcome your stories and photos.
- ♦ Please contact Gill on 0427508075 with enquiries.

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Header photo: Stockyards near the station fence. GR

## 2016 ANZAC COMMEMORATION

There is always a great sense of futility and loss whenever we gather together to commemorate the thousands of young lives, lost not only on the first ANZAC Day in 1915, but also in the on-going conflicts which continue to this day.

As members of the Andamooka community gathered at the memorial in the Town Park to reflect upon family and mates lost and heroic deeds, there was also a great sense of pride in the Aussie spirit that drove these young men to stand up and fight for their country, their beliefs and our freedom.

Thanks to those that have fought for our country we live in harmony and freedom. Andamooka is an example of how cultures brought together through adversity, can grow to care for and support each other and to work together to build a town & a future.



We stand annually before these memorials to commemorate and to recognise the courage and determination of those that gave their lives to not only keep freedom in our country, but to also fight for the freedom of others, even when it comes at a price.

***So to those lost, those returned, and those out fighting today, we in Andamooka, humbly thank you all.***

Thank you to the Hospital Auxiliary for another delicious morning tea, to Rodney Mitchell for the professional audio, and to Sister Pat for leading the ceremony.



***This months photo:*** Lizard diggings and tracks tell a tale in the sand dunes. *Photo: Gill Rowley 2015*

## COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION

**Police:** 86727072

**SES/CFS:**

John West: 0408807943

Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

**Andamooka Medical Service:**

Hospital Road 86727087

See page 6 for daily clinic hours.

**After Hours: Emergencies only.**

**Post Office:** 86727007

Open 7 days. Opal Creek Blvd.

- **Dukes Bottlehouse Motel**

- **Laundry-mat:**

- **Claims Registration:**

Hrs: 9-5 weekdays 11-3 weekends

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10-1 Sun.

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

School Road 86727246

**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.

**Caravan Park/ Playground:**

Opal Creek Blvd. 8672 7246

**Tuckabox Hotel:** 86727137

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Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

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Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

**Roving Vet:** 86423308

**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:

[www.andamooka.sa.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.au)

## APOMA NEWS

*Preserving our past and planning for our future*

### Points of Interest from the May 1 APOMA Committee Meeting:

Guest attendees: Stephen Lyons, ATMC, Katalin Wilby, independent consultant, Claudia Mitchell, Calvary Community Care.

- Proposed site boundary for the caravan park was presented by K Wilby. Assistance will be sought with the design of a new site plan with designated van parking and camping areas plus plantings and other facilities.
- Annual Christmas Dinner sub-group formed.
- Permission granted to AYC for 'crazy painting' of Hall courtyard cement paving.
- ILUA — waiting on response from Kokatha.
- Progressing roadwork and street lights.
- Calvary Community Care update
- Balance at bank \$17,015. \$14,000 outstanding. Actual around \$31,000

### MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:

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

## APOMA ACTIVITIES

During the month of April, APOMA committee members collectively volunteered over 400hrs to services and projects for the Andamooka Community .

- The Management Plan is progressing with the assistance of independent consultants from the local community and SA Government. Focus sub-groups are working on particular aspects. (more page 4)
- Planning is moving ahead for the installation of street lights and road works. (see page 7)
- Research and construction has commenced on road and directional signage. (see page 4)
- Grant submission forwarded for work on Historic Collection
- \$1500 Grant successful for Youth Group for equipment. (see page 5)

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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.

**Chairman:** Stefan Bilka

(m) 0427181752

**Secretary:** Gill Rowley

Email: [apomaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:apomaprogress@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Rob Hancock

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### Next meeting 5 June 2016

*Correspondence addressed to The Secretary due COB Friday 3 June.*

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## NOTICE OF APOMA GENERAL MEETING

Members please be advised of a  
**GENERAL MEETING OF APOMA MEMBERS**

Sunday 5 June at 5.00pm at the APOMA Office,  
 Community Hall, Opal Creek Road, Andamooka.

**To decide on the disposal of the APOMA tractor & roller**

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RESOURCING & MANAGEMENT (CARM) AGREEMENT

& Community Contribution Scheme  
 ANDAMOOKA

## PUBLIC MEETING

Andamooka Community Hall  
**5.30pm Tuesday 17 May 2016**

*The meeting is the community's opportunity to gain a clear  
 understanding of the CARM Agreement  
 & how it relates to the development of the Town.*

Pre-meeting you can view a copy of the draft documents:

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

Call: the OCA Office on 8648 5970

Email: [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au)

Members of Andamooka community are encouraged to attend  
 the meeting and then to forward any comment to the OCA  
 before the end of the consultation period which closes at  
 5.00pm, 27 May 2016.

*Feedback forms available at the ATMC Office or on-line*

Forward to: OCA via

Post: PO Box 2353 Port Augusta SA 5700

Or email: [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au)

*Or raise with the APOMA Committee for follow up*



## SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Peter: 0427 831 032

Email: [apomaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:apomaprogress@gmail.com)

## ATMC

*Andamooka Town Management Committee*

## 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](mailto:admin@atmc.sa.gov.au)

**Urgent enquiries:**

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

ATMC minutes available at

**[oca.sa.gov.au/atmc](http://oca.sa.gov.au/atmc)**

## ANDAMOOKA CARAVAN PARK

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## KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

*Progressing Andamooka Town Development*

### **New APOMA Management Plan on track for presentation to Members at the AGM in August.**

The Plan will provide APOMA members and the community with a greater understanding of the relationships and advantages created by the ATMC and OCA arrangement. It is designed to encourage greater community participation in decision making and input.

Once the draft overview has been presented the new Plan will be open to community consultation and input for a month with a general meeting proposed in October 2016 for adoption of the Plan.

*The comprehensive Plan will be progressively built upon and will set the direction for future planning and management of vital services and projects within the town as well as new developments.*

The Plan contains strategies for:

- General management of the Association & activities
- Financial management towards economic sustainability
- Business & Development including funding opportunities
- Marketing including events
- Resulting Action and Project Plans

The community will be updated regularly on progress of Action and Project Plans and will have the opportunity to provide input and to also participate more actively via sub-committees and action groups.

The primary aim of the Plan is to make Andamooka a great place to live and to visit, and fundamental to the Plan is the need to retain and maintain Andamooka's unique character and lifestyle.

*We urge all members of the community to attend the APOMA AGM in August to view the presentation of the draft Plan and to follow this through with their feedback. That way we can ensure that the Plan truly reflects the needs, views and ideas of our community.*

### **Notes from the caravan and camping ground honour box:**

*To the Town of Andamooka.*

*Had a pleasurable stay in your town, thankyou.*

*Would just like to let you know the lock in the ladies bathroom is broken.*



*Cheers 'Happy Camper'*

Lock fixed as soon as we heard about the problem. Thank you

***Thank you Andamooka!***

*Avan camper trailer stayed 24/4/16*

*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.*

## ROAD SIGNAGE FLAGGED AS ONE OF THREE PRIORITY PROJECTS TO ATTRACT VISITORS

**APOMA has been moving ahead with several vital projects during the formulation of the new Management Plan.**

These include:

- Preservation and display of Andamooka's unique historic collection. Continuing with the dedication of the History Group and RJCP workers;
- Upgrading of the website which is progressing with the intention of a new, easy to access website with comprehensive information for both the community and visitors to be on-line in July.
- Moving forward with the upgrading of existing signage and the design, construction and installation of new road and directional signage extending from

Stuart Highway to the South and William Creek to the North, and to Lake Torrens.

The new strategy for signage has commenced, with input from independent community consultants, on an audit of existing signage and also research on location and location opportunities.

Work is continuing on determination of audiences and the right messages for promotional /directional signage and how to best present these.

Sponsorship and funding opportunities are being followed up and regional partnerships explored.

Work has commenced on local signage including directional signage extending between Andamooka and Lake Torrens.

## YOUTH WEEK IN ANDAMOOKA

The OCA received funding from the Office of Youth to conduct Youth Week events at Andamooka, Marree and Leigh Creek. The Youth week event at the Andamooka Yacht Club, located in the Community Hall was well received by the community, with 15 youth attending plus many community members who supported the celebration of youth within the town.

The youth enjoyed the OCA handouts and there were also games and table tennis set up in the hall by Youth Officer Donna Waters. Port Augusta Musician John Sharp, who had previously held a music workshop at the Andamooka primary School, provided music throughout the event.



The AYC did a brilliant job at catering, featuring Asian, Italian and Mexican dishes which everyone enjoyed. It was great to see the youth assisting in the kitchen serving up dinner and cleaning up.

The OCA organised six events across three different communities: Andamooka, Leigh Creek and Marree. These included an Andamooka music workshop, Andamooka youth dinner, Leigh Creek music workshop, Leigh Creek youth lunch, Marree music workshop at the school and a Marree youth BBQ dinner in the Community Park. Approximately 46 youth were involved in the events across the three towns.

*Information & photo provided by OCA Community Development Officer.*

### \$1540 GRANT FOR ANDAMOOKA YOUTH GROUP

The AYG have received funding of \$15400 via a Small Sports Grant from Community Benefit SA towards equipment that will be used regularly on Friday and Saturday nights.

Youth Group leader, Donna Waters, will be working with OCA Community Development Officer, Mark Shirley on purchase of the equipment.

The youth group have recently undertaken fundraisers for charities and the local hospital, so it is great to see them getting a reward. *Some might see this as karma.*

Further funding will be sought towards facilities and equipment for youth in 2016-17.



### ANDAMOOKA HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH GRANT FUNDING DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG LOCALS .

A grant from the Outback Communities Authority has provided funding to support 50 hours of project skill development for young people between the ages of 18 to 24.

Ashleigh Legg and Amelia Hancock have been selected by OCA Community Development Officer, Mark Shirley, to undertake training in community events.

Both girls have worked as volunteers in various community programs and events in the past and their new skills will be of great value to future events.

A Marketing and Events sub-committee is being formed under the new APOMA Management Plan towards the development of an on-going annual events calendar supported by various pop-up and special events. The girls will have the opportunity to be part of this planning and management.

In line with the approach towards a sustainable community, the event calendar is anticipated to build towards offering employment and business opportunities within the township.

**Congratulations Ashleigh and Amelia!**





## WHATS ON IN ANDAMOOKA MAY & JUNE 2016

### Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

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

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

**All Welcome**  
**Ping Pong nights**  
Tuesdays 6.00pm  
Community Hall  
Contact: Kurt 0478143595

### 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

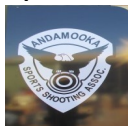
Worship Service 10.30 Sun.  
Bible Study 7.30 Wed.  
Water Way, Andamooka  
Contact: 8672 7004

## 12 MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Proudly sponsored by Andamooka Opal Showroom & Museum*

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
ANZAC Day Commemoration Mon 25th	Million Paws Walk Sun 15th  Community Meeting re CARM Wed 17 Community Hall	<b>APOMA General Meeting</b> Sunday 5 June 5.00pm  Visiting Vet: Mon 27th
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
APOMA Yearly Membership Renewals due.  Dog registrations due	Annual Camp Oven Dinner at The Cottages  APOMA AGM	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
October Long Weekend Event.  First Aid Course	Remembrance Day 11th  Andamooka All Souls Day	APOMA Christmas Dinner
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Australia Day BBQ		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

### RFDS

#### First Aid Course

Andamooka / Roxby Downs  
14-16 October  
Contact: Alison Day  
Ph: 08 8238 3336



## VISIT

## ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

Opal  
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## INFORMATION & ACCOMMODATION

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## ASSA 'ANDAMOOKA OPAL CLASSIC' HEADING TOWARDS A RECORD YEAR

According to Andamooka Sport Shooting Association representative Matt Glasser there has been about 20 Early Nominations to date which he says "Is pretty good for this far out."

"We envisage that it will be record numbers this year as last year was the best event to date with 87 shooters, & catering for about 120 on the Saturday night for Dinner."

Matt gives credit to all ASSA Members with the massive push around all of the organisational jobs to date. "A big thank you for that." he said "we are in a very good position so far, still plenty to do but on top of it all, pending the rain!!!"

The event has had great sponsorship to date with a lot of local companies helping out once again. "We would like thank the sponsors, helpers and members that have put in so far towards making the event a success." said Matt.

"We urge all of the community in Andamooka to get behind this event as it brings a lot of people in to the town over that weekend." Matt said.

For more information:

Contact Club Secretary Ben Crompton at  
[assa.secretary@outlook.com](mailto:assa.secretary@outlook.com)



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ART & JEWELLERY

HOURS:

Tues-Sat: 9-4

Sun: 10-3

Mon: Closed

Community Hall

School Road, Andamooka

PH: 0478 139 188

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## 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

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

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(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.

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Both Days if Requested.

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0428 841 548

## WANDERING DOGS IN ANDAMOOKA

The community is putting out an earnest plea for local dog owners to keep their dogs from wandering.

Whilst most wandering dogs do not pose dangers to people and other dogs, some have caused issues with harassing and in some cases attacking, walkers and their dogs.

The Andamooka Community Clinic has expressed concern with this problem.

*Remote Area Nurse, Vicki Finzel said "Some townsfolk have been put off taking their dogs for a walk because they worry about wandering dogs, and that can unfairly affect their health and that of the dog."*

**Wandering dogs can also cause vehicle accidents** which may cause injury to occupants let alone the dog if it is struck and this may result in significant costs to the owner.

**If you see or find a stray or lost dog:** You are cautioned not to approach the dog but to take note of the location and the direction in which the dog is travelling.

**If the dog finds you:** If possible keep the animal somewhere sheltered and secure to await pick-up by an authorised person who will safely house it and seek to return a pet to its owner.

**Report a lost, found or wandering dog. Call the ATMC office on 86727246.**

**Dog registrations due 31st July at Post Office**

## ANDAMOOKA LIFE

### APOMA Invites Community Input on the location of New Solar Street Lights

An additional twelve (12) street lights will be installed in Andamooka. Five allocated 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

**We have extended accepting feedback to Friday 21st May.**

**Forward:**

- 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

**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 de-sexed and immunised.**



Room with a view! Nest built in a loader cab.

### Vet Visiting Andamooka

**Mon 27 June**

Andamooka Medical Clinic

*To make an appointment*

**Ph: 08 8642 3308**

**Monthly newsletter for pet owners Visit:**  
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## A HISTORY OF THE ANDAMOOKA AMBULANCE

A story from the APOMA Historic Collection. (author unknown)



### THE AMBULANCE

*The first Ambulance Vehicle used in Andamooka was a VW Combi Van.*

*This was used for emergencies and also by the sisters at the A.T.M. Hospital to get around the fields.*

*This was replaced by a St John' Ambulance in 1976. The headquarters for this area is Port Augusta but a local Committee in Andamooka handles most of the business.*

*Ambulances sent to places like Andamooka are supplied by Port Augusta. To keep the ambulance here in Andamooka, the townspeople must support their local committee by subscriptions and donations. The vehicles are second-hand and are looked after by the local committee here in Andamooka.*

*In late 1978, the Holden ambulance was changed for a 4-wheel-drive. This is necessary as it is needed mainly for emergencies in very rugged or very wet conditions when the flying doctor plane is unable to land.*

*The vehicle is kept at the Hospital so that, in an emergency, the sisters have it at hand.*



**See Page 10 for news on a brand new Andamooka 4WD ambulance which will be delivered some time in the next few months.**

## THIS MONTH IN:

### 1960s: PORT LINCOLN OPAL SYNDICATE STRIKES IT RICH

Andamooka Opal Syndicate, Brian Tansell, who was a well known opal cutter at the time, together with son, Roger Tansell and John Jancic pegged a claim in Andamooka.

They made their 5th cut on 25th May with a hired tractor with rippers, then later using the customary pick and shovel to sift through the broken ground, the Tansells, who had been left to continue working after John had left the fields, found an Andamooka matrix weighing a total of 140 lbs.

Rumours at the time valued the find at around \$1.5 million, but the syndicate denied that stating that it would sell at a reasonable price. The find was later valued closer to \$20,000.

*Information from a yet to be identified newspaper cutting within the Andamooka Historic Collection.*

**2008—May 15: Roxby Sun** ran an article titled “**Vandals strike, Andamooka victims of vandalism...again**”

This featured a photograph of then APOMA Chairman, Peter Allen, sifting through the smashed remains of Andamooka's only public toilet.

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

## May Police Report

There have been reports from around town that items have been taken from houses which are only occasionally occupied, or belong to deceased estates. It is an offence to enter any property without permission, or remove any item regardless of the time it has been left there.

Any person caught on a property without permission, or with possession of items which are believed to be stolen, faces serious charges with fines or imprisonment. Please report any suspicious behaviour to police immediately.

There have been a number of fines issued out for traffic offences such as excessive noise from a vehicle, speeding, failing to wear seatbelts and driving unroadworthy vehicles. Please ensure that when driving please drive sensibly and obey all traffic laws to ensure the safety of everyone who uses the road.

Thank you

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

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**Eddie Hughes MP**

**Member for Giles**

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



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Eddie Hughes MP

**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**

### ANDAMOOKA HEALTH SERVICES

#### NEW AMBULANCE FOR ANDAMOOKA.

You may have seen a different 4WD Ambulance in and around Andamooka recently.

This is because there is a re-shuffle of vehicles that will result in Andamooka receiving a brand new Ambulance in the near future.

Marree's ambulance unfortunately broke down and so Andamooka's ambulance was relocated to Marree with Andamooka now using an ambulance from Roxby Downs.

When the new Ambulance arrives in Andamooka, the Roxby Downs unit will be sent to Marree and our trusty 'old girl' will return to Andamooka as a back up ambulance for the township.

**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)

**24/7 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
(in Outback SA)

Ask to speak with the on-call **RFDS Doctor**

**1800 RFDS SA**

**1800 733 772**

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

**Royal Flying Doctor Service**  
CENTRAL OPERATIONS

#### 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)





Calvary

Community Care

### NEWS FROM CALVARY COMMUNITY CARE

Care Coordinator, Claudia Mitchell has worked tirelessly with the community on a smooth transition to Calvary Community Care. She said "Since April 16 we have new and past clients joining up for domestic assistance, transport and social support."

Cost was a major concern but Claudia says "The cost is affordable at \$8.00 round trip to Roxby Downs or \$90.00 return to Port Augusta. Domestic assistance is \$8.00 an hour and there are also packages available for different services and needs."

"The old HACC programme or package is now the CHSP for people over 65" she says "and there is funding available for people under 65 years who will need to get a referral from their Doctor."

For any information on your needs or if you just wish to chat about what Calvary Community Care can do for you, please contact **Claudia at Calvary Community Care, Andamooka** on phone: **0418 973 502**.

**Office hours at the Andamooka Clinic:**  
**9am-4pm Monday to Thursday.**

***Calvary is a value based, not for profit organisation with a rich heritage of caring in the community.***



**Andamooka  
Primary  
School**  
**& CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

#### Incorporating:

- **Childcare**
- **Pre-school**
- **Health**
- **Education**
- **Parenting services**

#### Latest news:

**New Principal appointed for our local school.**

Visit: [www.andac7sa.edu.au](http://www.andac7sa.edu.au)

Phone: 8672 7018

#### Visit the Community Library:

Internet/Wi-Fi available

Open to public: 8-10am & from 1.30 weekdays.

*Check for closing hrs.*

Located: School Road, Andamooka

### 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)

### My Aged Care

Contact: **1800 200 422**

or visit: [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)

Contact Andamooka Health Service if you need assistance.

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### Passing Lanes To Go Ahead

The Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey is pleased passing lanes between Whyalla and Port Augusta and on the Augusta Highway south of Port Augusta, including the widening of the Merriton Bridge south of Crystal Brook will go ahead after the South Australian Government has come on board with their share of the funding.

"I had been working with Eddie Hughes to get the state to back the deal and I am very pleased that agreement had been reached before the government went into caretaker mode."

Mr Ramsey said it had been a long and frustrating time since he announced the Federal Government commitment in July last year waiting to secure the required twenty per cent contribution from the state to allow the investment to proceed.

"I announced the Federal funding in July last year and it has taken almost a year for the State to come on board," Mr Ramsey said. "With a new budget and the end of the financial year looming it would have been an enormous challenge to quarantine the \$7m allocated for the two projects past that period."

Mr Ramsey said, "My office has been fielding regular demands from the public to do something about both the Whyalla passing lanes and the Merriton Bridge over a long period of time and I am pleased these projects are coming to fruition."

"Last year I was able to strike a deal with Jamie Briggs, the Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Infrastructure which injected an extra \$8m into the regional highway network in Grey."

Mr Ramsey said, "Traffic loads continue to increase on both roads and extra pressure has been added to the Whyalla-Port Augusta road with establishment of the diesel terminal at Port Bonython. This work is essential."

Mr Ramsey said there were still two outstanding projects in Grey one on the YP and the other on Eyre Peninsula that the state had elected not to support and said he would keep fighting to deliver those projects as well.

**Office of Rowan Ramsay MP**

### NOTICES:

### 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 charities.*

### MINING CLAIMS

#### REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS

7 DAYS A WEEK

ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am-5am weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

For further information on the procedure contact:

**Ashley Wood, Acting Registrar,**

Opal Field Program .

Ph: 08 8678 9058

Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

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



**Rowan  
Ramsey MP**

**Federal Member for Grey**

*My office can help with Federal issues including Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs & many more*

Please contact Rowan's Office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744

Email: rowan.ramsay.mp@aph.gov.au

PO Box 296 Port Pirie SA 5540

### Vet Visiting Andamooka

Mon 27 June

Andamooka Medical Clinic

To make an appointment **Ph: 08 8642 3308**

**Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding**

24 Woodcock Road Port Augusta

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

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