



# THE ANDAMOOKA PRESS

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- ◇ Outcome of APOMA General Meeting.
- ◇ Progress with Town Management Plan.
- ◇ CARM Agreement
- ◇ What's happening with town maintenance and developments.
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- ◇ Annual advertising arrangements now open for 2016/17
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Header photo: Sunset before the storm. May 2016  
Photo: Carolyn Christensen.

## IN THE SPIRIT OF ANDAMOOKA

In a town where adversity is just another word, our outback community has seen more than its fair share of ups and downs, boom times and changes.

However, this has always been met by sheer determination and a spirit of caring, none more so than that of our volunteers.

This hard-working band of locals have been the back bone of Andamooka, maintaining vital services, staging fundraisers and events, as well as developing and caring for town attractions and facilities.

Our diligent SES/CFS crew constantly train to keep up skills necessary to respond to a raft of emergencies, and they are in urgent need of new volunteers.

From driving the community bus or medical vehicles, to cleaning up the town, preserving our historic collection, sweating over BBQs & setting



Artwork by Dave Kovac

up events, the OP Shop, sewing & baking, building & repairing, volunteers selflessly give up many hours of their time to the benefit of all.

Please consider volunteering some of your time to keep Andamooka's heartbeat strong & lively.

**VOLUNTEERS DAY—13 JUNE, WE SALUTE OUR ANDAMOOKA VOLUNTEERS!**



**This months photo:** Our Andamooka family is growing up but with no road sense. Photo: Matilda MB 2016

## 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

**Andamooka Powerhouse:**

86727135

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**Friendly Grocer:** 86727034

**Gas refills/Fuel/Hardware:**

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Open: 9-6 weekdays, 9-3 Sat.,  
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

*Takeaway available.*

Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

**Bottle Shop:** 86727183

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**

## APOMA NEWS

*Preserving our past and planning for our future*

### Points of Interest from the June 5 APOMA Committee Meeting:

In Attendance: Stephen Lyons, ATMC.

- New website progressing and on track to be functioning end of July.
- Decision made for APOMA to hand over the responsibility of NRM permits for creek maintenance to OCA.
- Students from the Roxby Downs Area School vocational training program to be working with Parks & Gardens on irrigation and tree planting.
- ILUA—still waiting on response from Kokatha.
- Map tabled—location of street lights. RJCP to assist with installation.
- AGM set for 28 August 2016
- Balance at bank \$34,500

### 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 May APOMA committee members collectively volunteered around 320hrs to services and projects benefiting the Andamooka Community .

- The Management Plan is progressing with the assistance of independent consultants from local business and community groups and from Regional Development Australia Far North. Focus sub-groups are working on particular aspects of the plan (more page 4)
- Roadworks have been completed
- Research and construction continues on road and directional signage.
- Street light locations have been allocated
- Community Bus maintenance underway.
- ATMC Meeting 7 June
- Planning & Development Meeting, 15 June

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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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(m) 0427181752

**Secretary:** Gill Rowley

(m) 0427508075

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Post: PO Box 246 Andamooka 5722

**Treasurer:** Rob Hancock

### Next meeting 3 July 2016

*Correspondence addressed to The Secretary due COB Friday 1 July.*

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## APOMA NEWS

### APOMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

**30 June 2016**

Payment accepted at:

- ATMC Office
- Post Office
- Please check & update your contact details

### New Members welcome

Application forms available from the ATMC Office or phone or email The Secretary (*contact details Page 2*)

To qualify for voting at APOMA general meetings including the AGM:

- members must be financial (ie membership fees up to date)
- *there is a requirement of the expiration of one month from the date of joining for new members.*

## ATMC

Andamooka Town Management Committee

### Office Hours

Monday to Thursday

8:30 am—1:30 pm

- Community Bus bookings
- Community Hall bookings

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 PROGRESS & OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Andamooka Community Hall

**2.30pm Sunday 28 August 2016**

***Nominations open on 1 July 2016 for APOMA committee members for the 2016/17 period commencing August 2016***

**Nomination Forms** available from the ATMC Office or phone or email The Secretary (*contact details Page 2*)

**Nominations close Friday 29th July 2016**

Postal nominations received up to last post on  
Friday 29th July

*Preserving our past and planning for our future*

## APOMA TRACTOR & ROLLER

Please be advised that at the APOMA General Meeting held 5.00pm, Sunday 5 June 2016, Members voted 18+3 proxies (21) for / 4 abstained - to sell the APOMA tractor and roller and to invest resulting funds into community development.

## 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
- Undercover BBQ kitchen
- Potable water available
- Waste pump out facility
- Undercover playground
- Walking distance to town hub



## ANDAMOOKA FRIENDLY GROCER

- Big range of groceries, fresh fruit, veg & meats
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- Hardware, camping gear & garden supplies
- Car accessories & batteries
- Pre-paid power cards
- SA Lottery Agency
- **ATM**
- Craft & Stationery



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DEALER IN PRECIOUS GEMS**

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**(08) 8672 7162**

**PO BOX 53  
ANDAMOOKA SA 5722**

## KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

*Progressing Andamooka Town Development*

### OPEN COMMUNITY MEETING - Presentation of the Draft APOMA Management & Development Plan

**1.30pm, Sunday 28 August, prior to the AGM, Community Hall**

Formulation of the Draft Plan is progressing well and undergoing wide consultation and discussion with community groups, local business and other parties, to ensure that APOMA presents a draft plan that represents the views and interests of Andamooka community.

Key issues will be discussed at the next development meeting on June 15, following analysis of the current situation and formulation of draft recommendations for future direction.

The next step is to draft action plans for all aspects of the Plan including finances, community development, marketing and events, to present at the Open Meeting after which we will invite broad community feedback over a month to the end of September, with a general meeting proposed for October 2016 to adopt the Plan.

The comprehensive Plan will be progressively built upon and reviewed twice annually in Open Meetings so it can continue to set the direction for planning and management of vital services and projects with on-going community input.

The Plan contains strategies for general management the Association to maintain accountability in planning and managing budgets and funding opportunities, community and facility development, marketing and promotions including tourism and events, and also community projects.

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 OPEN MEETING 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 reflects the needs, views and ideas of our community.*

### PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

APOMA is moving ahead with several vital projects during the formulation of the new Management Plan.

#### ANDAMOOKA'S HISTORY:

Research, preservation and display of Andamooka's unique historic collection thanks to the dedication of the History Group. APOMA has sought grant funding and also assisted with procurement of scanning and copying equipment.

#### NEW ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA:

Construction of the website is progressing & will have comprehensive information for both the community and visitors, aiming to be on-line end of July. Social media networks will be added progressively.

#### ROAD & DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE:

Moving forward with auditing and upgrading existing signage and with the design and installation of new promotional road and directional signage extending from Stuart Highway to the South, William Creek to the North, and out to Lake Torrens.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Work is continuing on development of a 12 month calendar of events including four annual major event weekends supported by regular events, some already established within the town and new events aimed either primarily at the community or at attracting visitors to the town.

### PROGRESS ON THE CARM AGREEMENT 2016-17

APOMA Committee members attended the community consultation meeting for the 2016/17 CARM Agreement on 17th May and took on board several points for discussion in the new Management and Development Plan for further community consultation & resolution.

Points noted from the meeting were also raised at the ATMC meeting on the 7th June and the OCA were pleased to note that relevant points had been addressed within the draft Plan.

The new Agreement is due to commence on 1 July 2016.

### NEW ROAD SIGN FOR WHITE DAM ROAD

*Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) has liaised with Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) in regards to installation of a "Dry Weather Road Only" sign on White Dam Road near Andamooka. DPTI have approved the use of signage and provided a recommended design that the ATMC will install in the coming weeks. The ATMC hopes this will reduce vehicle traffic during wet conditions and help preserve the road surface for local residents.*



## IN & AROUND ANDAMOOKA

### ALWAYS A GREAT FEED AT THE ICONIC TUCKABOX

*When it comes to history you will go a long way to find a better story than the one behind the Tuckabox Hotel.*

First established in the 60's, the Tuckabox Restaurant, as it was known in those days, started out as a ramshackle structure serving food to the local opal mining community.

Steve Smirnios, a Greek immigrant working as a chef in Sydney moved from the big city to make a new start in his own restaurant business, which he bought sight unseen in an outback town known as Andamooka. He had never been to the outback.....

From that beginning, the family has worked through the highs and lows of Andamooka's boom and bust to build both the now impressive structure and the expanded venture into an iconic, internationally renowned feature of the town.

Visitors are fascinated by the buildings façade of patterned ageless stone unique to the region and by the many historic photographs and paraphernalia that adorn the walls, not to mention the pinball machine.

The drinks are deliciously cold, the meals as much as you can eat with a variety scrumptious dishes that often surprise visitors as being available 'in the middle of the desert', and there is the warmth of genuine family style hospitality.

The Tuckabox has traditionally hosted Darts Club home matches on Wednesday nights as well as a number of community events and some great wakes.... none as well attended as that of Steve himself after he sadly passed away in August 2014.

Nowadays son Johnnie & his wife Anna run the Tuckabox and they have introduced new services including U-BET. They continue to host community events but the most popular night with the locals is 'Footy Friday' which is a traditional gathering around the big screens, with raffles and vibrant banter on favourite teams or codes and who is sitting top of the Footy Tips Board.

Locals are always up for a chat and visitors often comment cheerfully on how they are welcomed in 'like a local'.

*So if you are visiting Andamooka, don't miss a night at the Tuckabox, or maybe drop in for a lunchtime Tuckabox 'burger with the lot' which is plenty big enough to fill the spot' and keep hungry miners happy!*

## Visit the Renown TUCKABOX HOTEL

*Serving miners since 19..*

**Open 7 Days from 11.00am**

*Eat in or take-away*

*Lunch 12-2.00 full menu*

*Plus Hamburgers & Toasties*

*Happy Hour from 5.30 nightly*

*Dinner 6.00-8.30*

*Full salad bar*

**Check the Board for daily specials**

**Ph: 8672 7137**



**UBET**



## WHATS ON IN ANDAMOOKA JUNE & JULY 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*

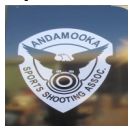
### ANDAMOOKA / R.D. BIBLE CHURCH

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

## 12 MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
ASSA Event 18th-19th Visiting Vet: Mon 27th	APOMA Yearly Membership commences 1 July. <b>Federal Election 2 July</b> Dog registrations due	Annual Camp Oven Cook Out at The Cottages TBA Sun 28th APOMA AGM
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<i>Proposed Progressive Dinner</i>	<b>October Long Weekend Event.</b>  <b>First Aid Course</b>	<b>Remembrance Day 11th</b>  <b>Andamooka All Souls Day</b>
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
APOMA Christmas Dinner	Australia Day BBQ	
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
APOMA BBQ Good Friday <b>Easter Market</b> Saturday <b>Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Pancake Breakfast</b> Sunday	<b>ANZAC Day Commemoration</b>	<b>MAY DAY Weekend</b>

### 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  
Opal Jewellery  
Opal Cutting and Demo's  
(by appointment)

## INFORMATION & ACCOMMODATION

**View our ANDAMOOKA OPAL MUSEUM**  
**Underground Worldwide Opal & Mineral Display**

Ph 0886727007

275 Opal Creek Boulevard, Andamooka, SA.

Email... andamookaopal@hotmail.com

Web... www.andamookaopal.com.au



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS REVIVAL

Support for a number of once popular community activities and events has dwindled over the past couple of years due to a variety of reasons and residents' feedback has indicated that they would like to see them back.

So APOMA is working with the community, and local clubs, organisations and businesses, to revive community favourites together with developing new events in a coordinated calendar of events that both the community and visitors will enjoy.

Bingo Sundays, Quiz nights, market days, Christmas Dinner and long weekend events and activities are on the list along with themed historic, art and cultural exhibitions and sporting events.

A Progressive Dinner fundraiser is being discussed for later in the year and other ideas include a 'return to Andamooka' weekend along with foodies events, outdoor theatre and music events and workshops for all manner of interests and hobbies.

The Events Calendar will be developed and managed by a new Marketing and Events sub-committee together with a number of focus groups for specific events. The groups are open to all members of the community and we encourage you to get involved.

*A proposed calendar for 2017 will form part of the new marketing & events plan, so if you would like to contribute your ideas or your time towards the events calendar, events or activities, please contact Gill on 0427 508075 or by email to andamookapress@gmail.com*


## ASSA 'ANDAMOOKA OPAL CLASSIC'

Put your support behind this nationally recognised event. Competition starts 8.30am daily, Sat 18 & Sun 19 June.

For more information:

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

**Andamooka Sports Shooting Association Presents**



**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.

**SPORTING CLAYS**  
 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.

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

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



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)

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## ANDAMOOKA LIFE

**Locations for New Solar Street Lights**

An additional twelve (12) solar street lights will be installed in Andamooka with the assistance of the RJC Program which is contributing towards the installation.

Following community consultation, street light sites have been determined as:

- Cnr Opal Creek Blvd & Curila Crt
- Water dispenser area - Water Rd
- Police corner—Opal Creek Blvd & Horsepaddock Rd
- Town Park at Gelignite Rd end
- Cnr Opal Creek Blvd & Christmas Hill Rd
- CWA on CWA Rd
- Hospital Entrance
- Cnr Hospital Road & Christmas Hill Rd, Emergency Services entry point
- Cnr of Christmas Hill Rd & Stuart Crk / Farina Road
- Recreation Ground Cnr Opal Creek Rd & Access Rd
- Corner of Horsepaddock Rd & John Lyons Rd
- Corner of Horsepaddock Rd & Hallion Hill Rd

Work is due to commence end of June 2016

**Remembrance Day**

**11 NOVEMBER 2016**

**The Poppies Project** will create a River of Poppies flowing through the Andamooka Town Park,

for a stunning visual tribute to Australian & New Zealand servicemen and servicewomen.

Help us to make a crafty display of poppies for Remembrance Day 2016.

Poppies can be sewn, knitted, crocheted or felted from any materials or made from paper and crepe paper, as long as they are Red and measure 10-14cm in diameter.

I invite you to join with us in this meaningful and heartfelt project.

Please send your poppies to  
Donna Waters  
PO Box 84  
Andamooka SA 5722

## Music Tuition

### edge2centre studio

- Individual Guitar
- Group Guitar
- Group mixed instruments
- Beginning keyboard
- Recording technique

Fee: \$15/30 minutes

Concessions for groups

Adults welcome

Registered teacher

Lot 85 Christmas Hill Road

Mitchell 0447072730

**PUT YOUR SUPPORT BEHIND THE POPPIES PROJECT**

*Donna invites all members of the community and also those that visit our town and would like to leave a poppy in the Town Park 'field' for Remembrance Day, to contribute one or more poppies or perhaps suitable materials for making them.*

*The Andamooka Youth Group has taken up the Project and will progressively plant the Poppies as Remembrance Day draws near. It should create a wonderful sight and will also help our youth to understand the magnitude of sacrifices made by Australian men and women in defence of our country.*

**Vet Visiting Andamooka**

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**  
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E: [gotgasplumbing@outlook.com](mailto:gotgasplumbing@outlook.com)  
QLD: 061 115 177 VIC: 20944



## VISITOR GUIDE TO FOSSICKING IN &amp; AROUND THE MULLOCK HEAPS

So many visitors are keen to head out onto the fields to fossick the mullock heaps in the quest for opal, but many have little idea of where they can go safely and without encroaching on registered claims.

It is important that fossickers don't trespass or more importantly take opal from registered claims. Miners invest time and money into their claims and the seemingly barren rocky heaps that are sitting on claims may be the result of a long, hard and expensive labour of love extracting the 'dirt' from the opal bearing level anywhere between 4m-25m beneath the surface.

Therefore they do not take kindly to fossickers 'ratting' through the heaps before they have the chance to put it through a noodler or otherwise. Taking opal from a registered claim is theft which is a criminal offence.

However, most miners are friendly folk who are only too happy to show you around their claim or direct you to an area that is both safe and not a registered claim. Be aware of deep shafts and the friable edges of open cuts and stay well clear of machinery.

Claims are identified by marker posts with indicators set at right angles defining the boundary. Claims can be as small as 50mx100m or as large as 200mx200m so you will need to sight the 4 corner marker posts to be sure that you are fossicking outside of the boundaries, although you can go through claims when using tracks to access other areas.



If you have established that you are not on a registered claim, choose heaps that are not 'fines', but which have a rocky composition. These may be brownish or white in appearance as distinct from the red earth of the surface layers. There is a fossicking heap located at the camping ground where from time to time, lucky visitors find a piece of opal.

If you think you have made a find, take it to one of the local outlets. You will find advice at the Post Office/Opal Museum, which also hires fossicking equipment and also at the Bottle Shop. These outlets can also direct you to the local cutters and finishers who do excellent work for very reasonable prices. Some are also jewellers who can assist you with setting your stone.

GOOD LUCK.... & ENJOY!



Claim marker post against a setting sun.  
photo: Matilda MB

STORIES OF OUR PAST  
IN THE MONTH OF JUNE:

Andamooka Community News-  
paper, Edition 8, 13th June 1980

Saturday 14th June at 8.00pm

*C.P.C. Dance*

Come along and have fun!!

BYOG / licenced

Local band: G MRS A

Supper Plate Available 50c

Raffles: tickets 20c

1st prize—6 assorted wines

2nd prize—2 beer mugs / opener

3rd prize—2 bottles summer wine

Admission: Adults \$2.50

Yr 7 & up students \$1.00

Children free

*.Whimsical notice in the  
Andamooka Community News-  
paper, Edition 9, 27th June 1980*

## NOTICE FROM WHITE DAM

For all powered lawn mower  
repairs, contact the Publican  
at White Dam.

*(Shows the legendary Bill  
McDougall's great sense of  
humour as 'Publican', Bill's Pub,  
White Dam)*

FINNTECH

*Computer and Phone Repairs*

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**TANYA - Computer / iPad / Tablet  
Repairs**

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**JADE - iPhone Repairs**  
**0417 087 400**

**Cellarbrations**  
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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

## June Police Report

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May police attended a property on Buza Hill Road in relation to someone being on the roof. Police attended but were unable to locate anyone. The resident has done the right thing by calling for police, if you do hear noises at any time of the day or night, and are feeling unsafe please call for police to attend. If nothing else it will put your mind at ease.

The Far North Local Service Area is about to participate in the 'Dob in a dealer' program, in which residents are asked to contact police by either their local police station or crime stoppers, and provide information on drug activity. I'm aware that Andamooka, despite being a great place to live with many outstanding residents, does have a drug problem like many other country towns.

Police are asking the public for information to help battle the drug problem in society. Any person suspected of using, supplying or manufacturing any kind of illicit substance will be targeted by myself and other police and dealt with appropriately. Drugs have no place in society and can only impact negatively on everyone. Hopefully with everyone's help we can stop any drug problem that Andamooka has or may have in the future.

Thank you

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

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
.com.au  
**1800 333 000**



**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  
Email giles@parliament.sa.gov.au

Eddie Hughes MP

### ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY BUS SERVICES & HIRE

**REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBY DOWNS:**  
**THURSDAYS WEEKLY**  
Departs Community Hall

#### PORT AUGUSTA TRIPS

Call (m) 0427181752 for information on scheduled trips.

#### AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

Call the ATMC office on  
**8672 7246**



**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.**

### Are you covered for Ambulance services?

*Did you know that many private health insurers only cover emergency ambulance services?*

Ambulance services are expensive. For a modest annual investment you can take out comprehensive ambulance cover, or cover for non-emergency services to top up your medical benefit arrangements.

**Contact: SA Ambulance Ph: 1300 13 62 72**

**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**





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 and she is pleased to report that more residents are registering with CCC for domestic assistance, transport and social support.

There are still some areas that are being worked through during this transitional period but costs for services have been kept to a minimum with domestic assistance offered at \$8.00 per hour and packages available for different services and needs.

Round trip travel is affordable at \$8 for Roxby Downs and \$90 for Port Augusta.

"The old HACC programme or package is now the CHSP for people over 65" said Claudia "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**

#### News:

School holidays start Sat 9 to Mon 25 July

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 picaridin 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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**Monitor**

*Your Community Newspaper ~ Roxby Downs*

*Delivered to  
Andamooka weekly!*

Local news, sport,  
weather and  
community  
interest pieces.



Please register to receive your newsletter via email, or to register someone you know who would need a print copy  
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## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Proudly sponsored by Rowan Ramsay, Federal Member for Grey

### Andamooka Retro

#### Short Stay Shack

Accommodates 2-5 persons

Minimum 3 nights

*Linen included  
service options available*

Ph: 0427 508 075

### Pastor Robin Zadow

*Visiting pastor for Roxby  
Downs & Andamooka*

**Next visit 31 July**

9am Service  
with Holy Communion

For further information  
Ph: **0427881540**.

### 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.*

### The Roxby Downs Business Forum

*invites Andamooka residents to a series of information nights with  
candidates for Grey.*

Oasis Restaurant, Roxby Downs

6:30pm for a 7:00pm start on the dates below

**Rowan Ramsey MP**, Federal Member for Grey, 9 June

**Andrea Broadfoot**, Nick Xenophon Candidate for Grey, 23 June

**Scott Martin**, Labor Candidate for Grey, 27 June

**All welcome**

Tea and coffee provided. Bar available.

For information contact Katalin 0427617046



### MINING CLAIMS

**REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS**

**7 DAYS A WEEK**

**ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE**

**9am-5pm 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.ramsey.mp@aph.gov.au

PO Box 296 Port Pirie SA 5540

### Roving 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

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