



# The Andamooka Press

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

### ◆ Starts again Feb:

**BINGO**, 1pm at the Tuckabox

### ◆ Sat 26th Jan:

**Australia Day BBQ**

### ◆ Sat 2nd Mar:

**ANDAMOOKA'S HOT MARCH NIGHT**, with **GREG CHAMPION**

### ◆ Date: TBA

**BILL'S PUB BBQ & WORKING BEE**

*More on events page 9*

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Header: Pink Sturt's Desert Pea. Source: Unknown 2010

## DEC -'THE HALLS' - EMBER

*As we reach the end of 2018 we reflect back on a year of challenge and achievements, we reflect on a year where we have seen the loss of a number of our much loved older citizens who have left behind a wonderful legacy to the town, and we have also greeted a number of new babies, bringing yet another generation into our community.*

Regular visitors to Andamooka have expressed their amazement and pleasure at how they have watched the town flourish on many fronts including our greening project and the revitalisation of the town hub. They have nothing but praise for our town's visitor facilities and for the open friendliness of our community.

There is a definite sense of revival in the town and within the community, with our population growing again to around 500 residents and business opportunities emerging which have in turn encouraged new business around tourism and the arts.

2019 will see further development of community programs which will benefit from refurbished hall space arrangements together with the new community kitchen/workshop and re-purposed work-shed and also re-use of other adjacent structures, all of which will be the project focus for this financial year.

So with another year on the horizon, working together towards a sustainable future for Andamooka and further fostering community wellbeing, we extend our very best wishes to all those who make up our amazing community for a wonderful Christmas and for the New Year, we wish everyone a year of health, happiness and harmony.

Chair



**SAVE THE DATE....** Andamooka's  
2019 **'HOT MARCH NIGHT'** Features  
**GREG CHAMPION**  
*of 'Coodabeen Champions' fame*  
*for one big night of entertainment*  
**SATURDAY 2nd MARCH**  
**Andamooka Community Hall**



**Photo:** The aftermath of Novembers wet'n'wild weather. Captured by Carolyn Christensen, 6th November 2018

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## Community & Visitor Information

### FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 000

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

**Police:** 86727072

#### SES/CFS:

John West: 0408807943  
Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

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Hospital Road 86727087  
See page 14 for daily clinic hours.

#### After Hours: Emergencies only.

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11-3 weekends

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**Friendly Grocer:** 86727034

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Open: 9-6 weekdays, 9-3 Sat.,  
10-1 Sun.

**OCA (Town) Office:**  
School Road 86727246

**Andamooka School & Children's Centre:** 86727018  
**Public Library:** See notice on page 16.

**Community Hall:**  
Enquiries contact APOMA  
- Kids Splash Pad & BBQ  
- AYC Café: 0408 621 228  
Opal Creek Blvd.

**Caravan Park/ Playground:**  
Opal Creek Blvd. 0456578604

**Tuckabox Hotel:** 86727137  
Takeaway available.  
Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

**Bottle Shop:** 86727183  
Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

**Roving Vet:** 86423308

**CWA:** 86727044  
**Boo-Teek Op shop:**  
Top of CWA Road

**Motor Vehicle Registration:**  
Roxby Downs Town Council

For More Details:

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

## APOMA News

Preserving our past and planning for our future

### Andamooka Town Office

**One-stop-shop for OCA, APOMA & Town business**

**Open Monday to Friday**

**9.30am-3.00pm** (closes 12.00noon Fridays)

**PH: 08 8 8672 7246**

#### Urgent Enquiries:

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**APOMA: Gill Rowley (m) 0456 578 604**

**Town Maintenance: Richard Hawkins (m) 0418 855 165**

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**Town Maintenance & Projects:** admin1@apoma.com.au

**Events & memberships:** admin3@apoma.com.au

**Newsletter:** admin2@apoma.com.au

**OCA, 12 Tassie Street Port Augusta Ph: 8648 5970**

#### Points of Interest - November Committee Meeting:

- AYC advised of intention to sell the business and requested a lease transfer arrangement.
- Insurance arrangements signed off for 2019
- Works approved for upgrade of community hall smoke alarms and also hub water pump system.
- Stronger Communities Programme grant application submitted.
- Aquaponics joint use agreement and CDP managed activities declaration form signed off.
- Community Hall mural renovation progressing. Discussion re upgrades to hall to better utilise and share space between user groups & for WiFi.
- End of Month Balance for November at bank: Operations: \$31,748 Donations: Oct/Nov \$ 1520 Allocated Funds:\$19,200, Savings:\$15,524, Asset Mgt:\$8250. Total: \$74,863
- Marketing—brochure progressing / Pimba sign in production.
- Waiting on outcome re ILUA from Kokotha AGM
- Maintenance and projects— working to schedule.
- Fundraising for community kitchen/workshop progressing.
- Community programs & grants progressing
- Large signs for public toilets to be progressed.

#### MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:

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

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### Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

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

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community and protect miners rights; assist and promote social wellbeing; sustainably 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.

**Chair:** John Wilby

**Vice Chair:** Ian Thompson

#### Secretary / Treasurer:

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#### Next Committee Meeting:

Feb 2019 - date TBA

**Open Community Forum TBA**

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## APOMA News & Notices

### NOMINATIONS OPEN

#### For 2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Do you know someone about whom you have said "*that person deserves a medal*"?

Well now is the time to give them the recognition they deserve.

**Citizen of the Year Awards** include:

- Andamooka's Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Good Neighbour Award
- Service to Community Award

Nomination forms are easy to fill in and provide details of criteria for each Award and available from the Post Office, bottleshop and Town Office.

Or via email from: [admin3@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin3@apoma.com.au)

*Original signed forms can be posted to the Town Office or dropped into the Town Office or Post Office.*

Nominations close on Thurs 17th/or last post Fri 18th January 19

*Make the time to nominate those that contribute towards our wellbeing*

### Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

#### Quarterly Payments &

**Avdata Water payments & keys managed at the Andamooka Post Office**

Reminder that CCS contributions are due

### NEXT

## Open Community Forum

### BBQ Meet & Greet

To be held March 2019 at a date to be determined.

*Discussion will focus on the CARM Agreement for 2019-20 & on prioritising 2019 projects and programs, also seeking input into future developments to assist the planning & funding process.*

**Members of the APOMA Committee**  
**WISH ALL ANDAMOOKA RESIDENTS, VISITORS & FRIENDS**  
**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
**& ALL THE VERY BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR**

WE THANK, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY,  
 ALL THOSE WHO WE HAVE WORKED WITH ACROSS 2018, FOR THEIR VALUABLE INPUT, TIME, SKILLS & DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY,  
 ALSO,  
 ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR THE COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR VITAL SERVICES OR AS VOLUNTEERS FOR EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISERS & SPONSORSHIPS.

IT IS THESE PEOPLE WHO SERVE TO MAKE ANDAMOOKA A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND TO VISIT.

*We humbly thank you all*

### APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

#### RENEWALS DUE 1 JANUARY 2019

For the year  
 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2019

Individual single: \$10

Family: \$20

Concession rate of \$5 applies to concession card holders.



## ANDAMOOKA FRIENDLY GROCER

- Range of groceries, fresh fruit, veg & meats
- SA Lottery Agency
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# Keeping Up With Business

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

## PROJECT UPDATE:

2018 has been a very busy year for projects. These have included:

- ◇ Completion of the pedestrian lights project.
- ◇ Extension and shade space for the community garden funded by 'Time for Wellbeing'.
- ◇ Completion of the Arid Explorers Garden resulting from an NRM grant.
- ◇ Changes to the hub outdoor space to create a family friendly leisure space with BBQ, shade and seating set around the splash pad thanks to the hard work of the CDP crew. This also better supports youth activities.
- ◇ Stage 3 of the Greening Andamooka project with new strips of trees and bushes now flourishing and replacements of dead plants within existing strips, once again made possible by the hard work of the CDP crew.
- ◇ Installation of a 4way power post at the Caravan & Camp Ground thanks to volunteer assistance from the community for ground-works and further greening of that space thanks to the CDP crew.
- ◇ Addition of a community work shop/ kitchen & storeroom to the Hall—due for completion March 2019 which is a demonstration of the developing skills of the CDP crew.
- ◇ Commencement of the aquaponics garden, also a CDP project.
- ◇ Replacement of smoke alarms within the Community Hall.
- ◇ Restoration and repair of the splash pad inclusive of pump arrangements and water outlets, repair and repaint of the fish, and a resurface. Thanks again to the CDP crew.

All this has been scoped and managed from the Town Office under project manager, Richard Hawkins, working mostly on a volunteer basis.

## Setting Direction for 2019

Following on from the direction set by the community for 2018-19, the Committee will participate in a future direction planning seminar in February, focussed on discussion around the 2019-20 CARM Agreement and budget, and how to gain the most Government support from this community investment, and how funds will be best managed and invested towards a sustainable future for Andamooka and community wellbeing.

The new arrangements around office support, the OCA goods and services contract and the asset maintenance management has worked well to mid-year with local management resulting in sound financial and service benefits to the town. However, this arrangement is over-reliant on volunteer time and skills to achieve this, which creates concerns around the viability of this becoming a long-term arrangement, so sound future planning around this issue is critical.

Also critical issues remain around the accumulated community debt disclosed in February 2018 which need to be resolved. The committee has continued to lobby government and to seek an audience with ministers to settle this situation.

After two years of catch-up, the Association is currently in a stable financial position with a dynamic working budget driving up income streams & making the most of CARM funding to create investment back into the town & community.

However, this remains as tenuous as those volunteers that manage this. So in the less than six months since the new Town Office has been put in place systems are being evolved for responsible succession planning and hand-over along with the development of independent partners, to stabilise and maintain sound management of finance, projects and day to day general management, issues and procedures.

Projects for 2019-20 need to be planned and budgeted for, with on-going funding opportunities determined inclusive of grants, with recommendations made ready to be presented to the community for discussion and prioritisation.

Proposed plans, strategies and projects to support community programs and tourism will be discussed with the community at the major open community meeting to be held in March.

Outcomes from that meeting will form the basis for a management plan for 2019-20 inclusive of on-going community consultation and support around these vital community issues as the plan progresses.

### Everybody's vote counts:

Conscious of feedback received that there are a number of community members who are not financial APOMA members, who believe that their voice and ideas do not count on decisions made around town projects and issues as they don't hold an Association vote, the committee has moved to recognise the votes of all residents and property owners on issues relating to town management.

A motion was passed at the December committee meeting to ensure that votes for both members and non-members are counted and will count, and will be formally recorded in minutes to show the extent of support for and to better demonstrate that, decisions made on behalf of the community are in line with the wishes of the whole community. *We trust this will encourage more community members to attend Open Community Forums and Open APOMA meetings.*

## GRANT UPDATE:

'Time for Wellbeing' grant funded wellness workshops Nov/Dec & balance will be invested in equipment for gentle exercise & resistance exercise.

The FRRR grant funds have been invested in insulation and inner lining to be installed over summer & 'Men's Shed' grant will fund mobile storage units & non-slip flooring in the community workshop.

'Smarty Grant' funding for outdoor games for youth unsuccessful.

Moving ahead with submissions to fund hall upgrades and arts programs.

Materials have been purchased via the Easternwell grant to build the shade shelter at the camp ground.



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# 2018-2019 BUDGET

2018-19 BUDGET	INCOME			EXPENSES			ALLOCATED FUNDS		NOTES	Performance			ASSET
CATEGORY	BUDGET	ACTUAL as at 30 June 18	VARIANCE	BUDGET	ACTUAL as at 30 June 18	VARIANCE	C/O from 2017-18	C/O into 2019-20		Allocated funds acc	surplus	deficit	INVEST- MENT
ADMIN personnel/accs / OCA contract	48500	12333.3	-36166.7	48325	9073.4	39251.6	0				0		
Admin - office	12860	1100	-11760	12860	396.83	12463.2	0	1000	equipment replacement	1000	0		1000
Newsletter / website	3500	3085	-415	3500	818.94	2681.06	0					0	
Committee / Association	800	0	-800	1000	106.32	893.68	0	1000	contingency insurance excess	1000		0	
Membership	1000	105	-895	250	45.8	204.2	0				0		
Marketing / Events & Fundraising	6000	4583.55	-1416.45	4500	568.36	3931.64	0	1000	for future community projects	1000			
Community Projects / Grants c/o	30000	14500	-15500	30000	1377.65	28622.4	14350	2000	c/o com kit/wshop, wellbeing, C&CG	0	0		30000
Community Bus	7000	5550.9	-1449.1	6000	1076.64	4923.36	2000	1000	bus replacement	3000	0		3000
Community Programs	5000	3500	-1500	4000	1087.5	2912.5	1500	1000	\$1000 bus replacement 1500 seniors	2500	0		1000
Youth Development	1500	700	-800	1500	375	1125		0				0	
Community Hall / Hub	8000	2293.65	-5706.35	5000	55.17	4944.83	0	2000	futures - replacements	2000	0		
Caravan & Camping Ground	7500	5790	-1710	5000	7071.1	-2071.1	0	2000	futures - replacements	2000	0		
Town Parks & Gardens/Reserves	400	275.4	-124.6	300	145	155	0				0		
Community Assets	500	70	-430	1500	0	1500	0	0					
outstanding balances													
2017-18 /lights c/o	8700	8700	0	9000	8917.9	82.1	0	0	paid CARM asset maint			0	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>141260</b>	<b>62587</b>	<b>-78673</b>	<b>132735</b>	<b>31116</b>	<b>101619</b>	<b>17850</b>	<b>11000</b>		<b>12500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35000</b>
<b>Indicated surplus / deficit for qtr.</b>		<b>8525</b>	less outstandings at end Sep of approx -\$4500						CDP funds c/o	2000			

**BUDGET NOTES:** The budget has been evolving in line with new developments and it is carefully monitored in detail to ensure that we maintain clarity in managing this day to day and in presenting outcomes to the community. As we approach mid-year, the budget indications are that we are on track with budget expectations despite significant outlays being made around town/asset maintenance and major projects underway.

The outstanding payments for the pedestrian lights project has been cleared using surplus funds in the CARM Asset Maintenance budget 2017-18. An additional \$2000 has been received from the Easternwell Grant for materials to construct a shade shelter at the caravan and camp ground.

The budget indication resulting from this quarter now appears to be in the order of \$4000 after extracting outstanding amounts for income and expenses, but the expectation for the end of the financial year is more an expectation that there may be a small deficit of around \$2500. Half yearly results will be a better indication of performance.

## Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding

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**Dr. Roger Absalom, Redgum Vet, will be consulting in Roxby Downs**

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## Community Fitness Group

At Andamooka Community Hall

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# ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

***The primary aim of this multifaceted project is to create a welcoming, accessible, and multifunctional hub with flexible spaces that can accommodate a wide range of events and activities, and which will increase and maintain community wellbeing, contributing towards a sustainable future for the township of Andamooka.***

Andamooka weather inevitably throws out its challenges to work in progress and the November rain event was no exception.

Following the storm the CDP crew have worked hard at the Aquaponics project site to reinstate trenching and to restore the collection tank to its original depth within the ground. They also had a bit to clean up around the community kitchen/workshop site, which have put the projects schedules back a bit. They are now back on track and all are working hard to finish projects by their respective required dates for completion, with the FRRR/ANZ grant due for acquittal at the end of February 2019.

Fundraising for the fit-out of this exciting new community facility and the new dedicated storeroom is steadily gaining momentum with another \$1000 from events transferred into allocated funds and around a further \$3500 required.

The community bus shelter will be constructed behind the storeroom and will provide much needed protection from the elements for our bus.

The splash pad restoration project, which proved to be a bigger job than first expected, was completed in November but has since hit a hitch with the new surface proving a bit too slippery, so with safety paramount, the facility has been closed whilst an extra layer of non-slip coating is applied.

A newly restored, donated table and seating arrangement has now been installed in the shelter and gas has been connected to the adjacent BBQ. New shade sails will be installed around the splash pad environs over summer to take the sting out of the hot sun and to provide more shade and wind break under the grassed shelter, so all will be set up for community members to enjoy relaxing BBQ evenings with family and friends down at the hub, maybe even cooling off with a casual game of 'splash pad cricket'.

***The Aquaponics project has been made possible through the Community Development Program (CDP) and the work put in by members of the CDP crew. The community workshop/kitchen facility has been made possible by funding received***

***from an ANZ Seeds of Renewal grant via the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) which supports projects that support regional development, enterprise and sustainability.***

***These vital projects will help shape the revitalisation of the Hub space and will open the way for future projects to support on-going community demands & wellbeing also assisting to encourage more residents and young families into the township and community.***



ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB  
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ART & JEWELLERY

## Community Hall

School Road, Andamooka

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

[www.andamookayachtclub.com](http://www.andamookayachtclub.com)

## HOURS:

Tues-Sat: 9-3

Sun: 10-3

Mon: Closed

## Things To See And Do In Andamooka...

### **DON'T MISS A BIG NIGHT WITH GREG CHAMPION** of 'Coodabeen Champions' fame..

#### **Some background on Greg:**

Raised in Adelaide and 'accidentally' born in Benalla, Victoria, Greg grew up in SA and went on to achieve an Arts degree from Adelaide University before taking up a career in sport and music. He is a lifelong Norwood and Crows fan.

After playing in four Adelaide bands he moved to Melbourne in 1979 to explore the band scene.

He met members of Coodabeen Champions in 1983 and is still a member, 36 years on.



Greg enjoys song-writing and reflecting his other passion of sport, he wrote Ozi favourite, *"I Made a 100 in the Backyard at Mum's"* in 1985 and he has since performed in 23 Tamworth Festivals, a dozen Port Fairy Festivals, dozens of Gympie Musters, Maldon Festivals, Canberra fests and other music festivals nationally.

Other Oz favourites written by Greg include *That's The Thing About Football* in 1994 winning a double platinum album for *Aussie Christmas with Bucko & Champs*. He's won what he terms, "a few Tamworth gongs, Victorian Country Music gongs" and two ARIA nominations.

He has played at three VFL-AFL grand finals and several one-day cricket finals, but he says he is *"an artist, still trying to work out what it is he does."*

One thing we know he does really well is entertain, so get ready for a BIG night of top entertainment with Greg Champion featuring at Andamooka's 2019 **"Hot March Night"** on Saturday, 2nd March, at Andamooka Community Hall.



Greg pictured with a classic truck at Silverton

## Andamooka Caravan Park

Fossick for opal, fossils & many other minerals in & around this friendly, un-spoilt opal mining township. Get up close to its colourful history & take time to explore the unbridled horizons & fascinating town attractions.

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### Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

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

**10am - 12pm**  
At the CWA Rooms

### Andamooka Community Church

Meets each Sunday at 4:00pm  
For music, worship & sharing  
of evening prayer

**More Details:** 8671 0270

### Andamooka/ R.D. Bible Church

Worship Service 10:00 Sun  
Bible Study 7:30 Wed

**Water Way, Andamooka**  
**Contact:** 8672 7004

### Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



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

# Calendar of Events

Proudly sponsored by Andamooka Opal Showroom & Bottlehouse Motel

## January

APOMA Membership Due  
**26th Australia Day and  
Citizen's Awards**

## February

14th Valentines Day  
BINGO

## March

**2nd 'Hot March Night'**  
featuring the remarkable &  
amusing, **Greg Champion**

Open Community Forum

## April

**Good Friday BBQ**  
Easter Market  
Youth Easter Egg Hunt &  
Pancake Breakfast  
**25th Anzac Day**

## May

ASSA Opal Classic

## June

**June Long Weekend**  
Winter Market

## July

**Dog Registrations Due**

## August

**Camp Oven Cookout**

## September

## October

APOMA AGM

## November

**Andamooka All Souls Day  
at Cemetery 2nd Nov**  
**11th Remembrance Day**  
**18th BINGO**

## December

## VISIT

# ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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**Open 7 Days**



**Merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone from Duke's Bottlehouse**

## What's On In Andamooka



*Join in the celebrations  
at the*  
**Andamooka**

### Australia Day Breakfast BBQ

26th January  
Andamooka Community Hall  
starts from 8.30am to 11am

Australia Day Awards

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Save the Date!!

**Andamooka's First Decade  
1930's Anniversary Ball**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019



**Every Third Sunday**

**1:30PM at the TUCKABOX**

Proceeds raised go towards the new Community Kitchen

**To Be Hosted: February @ 1pm  
2019 Dates TBA**

**- Bill's Pub -  
White Dam Working Bee**

Seeking Expressions of Interest from  
individuals and groups to participate.

Check Facebook & Posters for more details.

# The Creative Corner

Showcasing Local Artists

## Plesiosaur Student Art Contest



During this term Andamooka Primary School students were fortunate enough to be invited to view the fossilised remains of Andamooka's own Plesiosaur at the local museum based in the Post Office.

After students viewed the Plesiosaur skeleton they were asked to imagine what the Plesiosaur looked like 'in the flesh' and to draw a picture of a Plesiosaur. Students then researched the Plesiosaur using the Internet and books and drew a second illustration of a Plesiosaur as it would have looked. These drawings were entered into a competition which was organised by Peter and Margot from the Post Office.



### The winners of this competition were:

- ♦ Daniela (Winner) - a Year 5 student who was the winner from the group of older students, she called her Plesiosaur Silvie. I can imagine it now on signage.... "Silvie the Andamooka Plesiosaur"
- ♦ Riley (Runner-Up) - a Year 4 student who only did his 'before' image, but the judges really liked that he drew his Plesiosaur in plan view and side view (the only student to have done this). He named his Plesiosaur Fred.
- ♦ Macey (Winner) - a Reception student who actually did two 'before' pictures and one 'after' picture, naming all her images as Bunny, Funney, Sparkles and Dot.
- ♦ Julian (Runner-up) - a Reception student who went to extensive efforts to imagine his 'before' version of the Plesiosaur and colour his entire Plesiosaur page.

*Thanks go to Peter and Margot for supporting this competition and for their very generous gift to all students who entered the competition.*

## Music Tuition

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

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**Fee:** \$15/30 minutes

Concessions for groups

Adults welcome

Registered teacher



**Calling all artists. Come share your art work and creativity with the community, and get your work showcased here.**

**Drop Us An Email:** [admin2@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin2@apoma.com.au)

**Or see Emma at the town office**

**Tue & Thurs 9.30AM-3PM**

# Andamooka Primary School Christmas Concert



Andamooka school students excelled once again with all who attended the 2018 Christmas Concert thoroughly entertained by some very talented and enthusiastic young Andamookans.

Students had been practicing and preparing for weeks ahead and although the night of the concert was in the middle of the hottest week of the month with daytime temperatures hovering around 40 degrees, the kids played it cool and performed magnificently.

'The drums' have been reported to be the highlight of the night creating a vibrant and exciting, if somewhat noisy, atmosphere which had toes tapping and heads nodding to the beat.

The concert was attended by around 50 parents, friends and family members with many of our senior citizens also enjoying a great night of fun and laughter.

Sad news is that principal, Trish Williams will be leaving Andamooka to take up a well earned promotion in Whyalla, but she assures us that she will be back to visit regularly to catch up with the many friends she has made within our community. We wish her well in her new position.



## SALA 2019 - GET INVOLVED!

Looking for local artists and creatives to get involved with the preparations for SALA 2019. Register your interest at the Town Office or on Facebook @ArtyAndamooka

Lets make it **BIGGER** and **BOLDER**, and put **Arty Andamooka** on the map!

## Muso's Corner

Inviting anyone with an interest in music to join in, for an opportunity to express your passions, develop your talents, learn from

**Interested in participating? Get in touch!**

For more information, or expressions of interest, please contact:  
Wendy - 0447 170 607

## ANDAMOOKA LIFE

### Halloween Messy Play Night



This family fun night was held on Friday 9th November with 21 kids getting as messy as possible in a quest to win prizes in all sorts of messy games. Highlight of the night, was Tory Hanhold's facepainting and prosthetics fun.

### A Special **THANK YOU** to our sponsors

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### Andamooka Book Launch: *Red Raw by Kayleen Greagen-Castle*

Roxby Travel & Cruise we're honoured and proud to sponsor Kayleen Greagen-Castle with her book launch in Andamooka.

Her book is truly an inspirational story and shows that if you truly believe, you can rise above the adversities in life and follow your dreams. Thankyou to everyone who came and supported the event.



### See how our garden grows...



## Andamooka Life

### Volunteering really does make a difference!!!

Over the months of September to the end of November the Town Office took records of the countless hours undertaken by volunteers for town projects, community events and fundraising, and generally managing the town. Calculated at just \$25 per hour, the total value of volunteer labour was around \$34,000. This suggests that annually this value would be in the order of \$140,000. So next time you pay your CCS contribution, consider that with the support from CARM funding for projects, facilities and equipment, volunteers can give back a further two thirds of the collective value of community contributions, towards the progress and wellbeing of our community.

**If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Richard at the town office.**

- ◇ Community garden tasks - there is a number of garden beds ready for planting out.
- ◇ Aquaponics project
- ◇ Work on construction of the Community Workshop and community bus shelter
- ◇ Maintenance work at the cemetery
- ◇ Working Bee at Bill's Pub, White Dam

**Contact Richard (m) 0418 855 165 E: admin1@apoma.com.au**

*New activities and events coordinator, Tanya Simpson is seeking help with a raft of events planned for 2019 and also regular events such as bingo and community BBQ's. If you can help, please contact Tanya at the town office.*

**Contact Tanya E: admin3@apoma.com.au or at the Office or ph: 86727246**

This last month the CDP crew have assisted with getting the hub outdoor space ready for summer activities by assisting with the splash pad, replacing watering lines in the gardens, restoring and installing the new picnic table, and assisting with installing the BBQ adjacent to the shade shelter.

### YOUTH NEWS:

A big thank you to all parents that assisted on the Halloween Messy Play Night to help clean up the big mess at the end of the night.

Thank you too, to each and everyone of the community for supporting the Andamooka Youth Group and myself with volunteer assistance and generous donations towards our fundraising events and Easter activities, and especially at the Hot August Night event where we made the most money towards youth for the year.

*On behalf of the members of the youth group we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe & happy new year.*

*See you all back in 2019.*



### SENIORS NEWS:

**LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE ON SENIORS 3 DAY BUS TRIP TO HAHNDORF.**

**BOOK NOW. CONTACT: SYLVIA 0408 842 738**

**SENIORS & CONCESSION CARDHOLDERS: CHECK YOUR ADDRESS DETAILS ARE IN LINE WITH CENTRELINK RECORDS OR YOU MAY MISS OUT ON 'COST OF LIVING' CONCESSION FOR THIS YEAR.**

**CALL SYLVIA OR SEE RICHARD AT THE TOWN OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**NEW MOBILITY AND GENTLE EXERCISE SESSIONS: COMMENCING SPRING: CONTACT CLAUDIA OR TOWN OFFICE FOR INFORMATION. PH:0427 999 448**

### Any Dog Obedience Group About Us

Any Dog Obedience Group is unique in its approach to dog obedience. Instead of training the dog, we teach owners how to train the dog and to establish clear lines of communication between dog and owner.

Establishing clear communication with the dog, and understanding the dog's physical and social behaviour is the most fundamental lessons to learn.

**Classes:**  
**SATURDAY** - Breen Park, Woomera  
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ANDAMOOKA



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

# Police Report

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

It appears as though it's been a busy month with things getting busier rather than slowing down towards the end of the year. Police have issued a number of fines for speeding on the Andamooka Road. As much as people don't like it, the speed limit is now 100 kilometres an hour, and has been for over a year. If you exceed the speed limit on this road you run the risk of being fined. Unfortunately this isn't the only issue recently in relation to traffic offences. On the 5th of November police stopped a vehicle for a random breath test on Dunstan Drive. The male, a 43 year old male tested positive for alcohol and was reported for driving with a prescribed concentration of alcohol, issued with an instant loss of license and had his vehicle impounded.

Also on the 5th of November a 55 year old male was reported for failing to keep a firearm correctly secured. Although I don't believe there was any intent to breach firearm regulations, it is an offence and danger not to have firearms correctly secured. All firearms must be kept in accordance with firearms legislation, and locked securely in an authorised safe.

On the 9th of November police attempted to stop a vehicle on Treloar Road. This vehicle has failed to stop and police engaged in a brief pursuit with this vehicle through the town before finding the vehicle dumped on Hallion Hill Road. Police located a 39 year old male shortly after this and he was arrested on numerous serious offences. He was refused bail by the police, but unfortunately was given bail by the courts with conditions and is due to appear in court next in December at Roxby Downs. This is an extremely reckless and irresponsible act, and one that is taken extremely seriously, especially taking into account the community event occurring at this time.

If any person has any information in relation to this offence or any others they are asked to contact the Roxby Downs Police.

Thank you

**Senior Constable First Class Tristan Fantinel**  
Roxby Downs Police Station  
South Australia Police  
8671 4200




**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  
f Eddie Hughes MP

## DR SIMON LOCKWOOD practicing locally fortnightly in Andamooka

Available Tuesday afternoons fortnightly at Andamooka Clinic, located at the top of Hospital Road.

**Hours:** from 1.30pm, Tuesday afternoons fortnightly.

**Strictly by appointment**—which must be made by 12noon on the Monday prior to the day you want the appointment.

**Book an appointment**— Through Roxby Downs Family Practice on 86713231

## Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Road, Andamooka.

Attended by: Diane Bilka, Tim Trellick & Remote Area Nurses

### Opening Hours:

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

**Ph:** 08 8672 7087 **Fax:** 08 8872 7222

**Email:** andamooka@flyingdoctor.net

*After hours calls will be redirected to the PA RFDS for medical assistance.*

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

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

**1800 RFDS SA**

1800 733 772

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

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CENTRAL OPERATIONS

## Andamooka CWA's funds raised, reaching across the world

In August 2018 the CWA ladies were pleased to be able to donate \$10,000 to the **Farmers Family Emergency Fund**.

Also this year we have filled a fifth shipping container with clothes, toys, books and household items. All bound for **Ghana**, to help mothers and children in prisons, orphanages and other causes.

We also provided the funds for the **new clinic carpet**, as well as for the purchase of the **large screen TV** for community exercise classes.

*As it is fast approaching Christmas we once again are here to help families who are doing it tough. Please contact 0428 115 280.*

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2019.



Andamooka  
**Primary School**

Andamooka  
**Children's Centre**  
for Early Childhood  
Development and Parenting



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For the latest school news  
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Phone: (08) 86727018

Andamooka Children's Centre taking Kindy enrolments now for 2018. Do you think your child would thrive in a smaller Kindy setting? We have excellent resources and very experienced Early Years educators.

## Community Library

Open to the public:

Internet/Wi-Fi Available

Mon & Thur: 8am - 4pm

Located:

Tue & Wed: 1pm - 4pm

Andamooka School

Check **Facebook** for holiday hours.

## Andamooka Community Bus Services

REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBBY DOWNS  
THURSDAYS WEEKLY

Departs Tuckaboo at 11:00 AM

Leaves Roxby Downs at 1:30 PM

PORT AUGUSTA TRIPS

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

for information on scheduled trips.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

(Andamooka community only)

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

## Seeking volunteer drivers

If you can assist with volunteer driving for Roxby Downs  
Thurs trips, please contact Richard at the APOMA Office on  
(m) 0418 855 165 or [admin1@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin1@apoma.com.au)

## FIGHT THE BITE, DAY & NIGHT



Protect yourself against disease carrying mosquitoes.

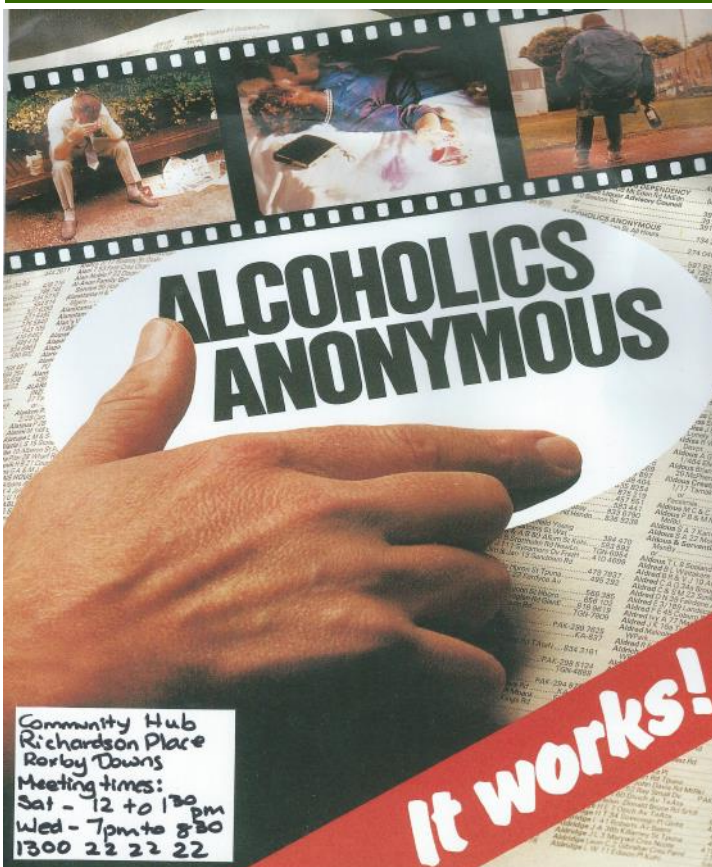
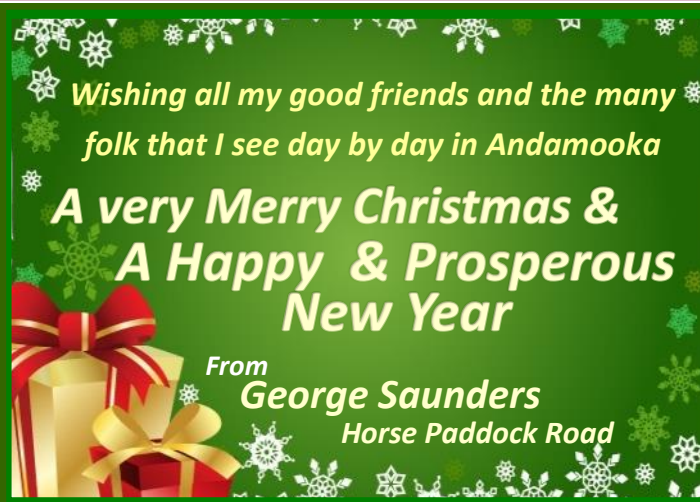
There is currently **NO CURE** and **NO VACCINE** to protect against Ross River or Barmah Forest virus so the only way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten.

**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 tolu amide) 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)



# Community Noticeboard

## MINING CLAIMS

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9am-5pm weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

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Ashley Wood

Manager Opal Fields.

Ph: 08 8678 9058

Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

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**Every Thursday at 7.00 pm**

**CFS:** John West: 0408 807 943

**SES:** Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

**FIRE EMERGENCY CALL 000**

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



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