



The Andamooka Press

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ANDAMOOKA COMES ALIVE IN 2018

Across The Editor's Desk:

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- ◆ Call out for volunteers, can you help?
- ◆ Outcomes from March Members Meeting
- ◆ March Event wrap-up
- ◆ A community farewells Inge Duke
- ◆ OCA Board Visit
- ◆ We welcome your **stories and photos**
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Header: Rusty relics of the past. Source: E Morris 2018

Seems that the world has finally found Andamooka, a last frontier, and the romance of that has drawn a growing list of photographers, film makers and emerging businesses from all over Australia to explore and promote our quirky, independently natured township and community.

It is this 'last frontier' sense of unspoilt freedom and remoteness that sets Andamooka apart from so many other 'popular' tourist destinations and as we develop our facilities, programs and services we must not lose sight of this or of the ingrained culture of inclusiveness and acceptance which makes visitors to the town feel so welcome.

Add to that the amazingly clear star-scape that encompasses the township nightly, the photogenic mullock hills and mining cuts that literally glow in the soft light of dawn and dusk, the amazing birdlife, wild flowers and reptiles. Lives etched into the faces of the towns myriad of cultures and characters and the conglomeration of homes and other buildings that grew and changed shape along with the town, and you have a photographers paradise.

The new arts revival is steadily gaining momentum and we will see more workshops and exhibits of local works together with events that will encourage more participation in music and entertainment.

Add to this, the events group who are keen to not only create new events for the town, but to also revive a number of past events such as bingo, the quiz night

and the historic wheel-barrow race that would integrate well into major long weekend activities. This year's Easter events went so well thanks to those that volunteered their time and efforts to make this so successful.

There is a new groundswell of young Mums who are keen to get fundraising happening in town to support lifestyle activities for their peers and families and to have out of school hours care made available to assist them with taking up training and employment opportunities.

There is also the established volunteer groups. The CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, Buff Club, the Tuckabox social club, and the CFS/SES together with local business which all donate so much towards the wellbeing of the town.

Our local CDP program has been so successful with skill building and creating job readiness that most of the participants have now found employment locally, which is brilliant but has diminished the amount of time that they have to assist with town projects and programs.

So, to keep the town moving forward we are seeking the assistance of residents or visitors who can dedicate their skills or time voluntarily to projects, both big and small on a regular, occasional or a one-off basis. There will be a regular list of tasks published on page 5 that we are seeking volunteer assistance with.

Andamooka was literally built on the backs of volunteers, and it will be volunteers that will keep it alive and well!



Demonstrating that the new Arid Explorers Garden is creating a sanctuary for small indigenous creatures, this basking sand goanna was captured on a large concrete conglomerate mined from opal level, thrilling the people active in the garden at the time.

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

Andamooka Community

Health 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:**

- **Opal Mining Claims**

Registration:

- **Underground Museum:**

Hrs: 9-5 weekdays
11-3 weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse:

86727135

Power cards: Friendly Grocer

Friendly Grocer: 86727034

Gas refills/Fuel/Hardware:

Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 days

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.

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Bottle Shop: 86727183

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CWA: 86727044

Boo-Teek Op shop:

Top of CWA Road

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Roxby Downs Town Council

For More Details:

www.andamooka.sa.au

APOMA News

Preserving our past and planning for our future

Points of Interest from March APOMA Committee Meeting:

- Meeting with group re proposed Community Swimming Pool
- OCA representatives in attendance. Pre-meeting discussion re 2018-19 budget.
- Brendan Weber has retired due to work commitments that prevent him from attending committee meetings. His valuable contribution to the town was recognized by the Committee.
- End of Month Balance for February at bank: Operations: \$29,999 plus \$5500 CARM funding. Donations \$205. Savings acc: \$15,470. Independent half yearly report to end Dec17/Jan 18 showed a deficit of \$1007 leading into the next half year, in line with the budget deficit.
- Budget performance to end of Dec 17 discussed. Applications in process for grants for community hub and camp ground.
- Successful event on March 1st resulted in approx. \$1000 injected into the community hall revitalization project.
- Splash pad sensor not working properly. Timer to be installed to prevent waste of water and power.
- Easter weekend activities organised in conjunction with volunteers assisting.
- Next Open Community Forum – proposed May to progress community projects and programs
- Town to be busy over April with visiting film and photography crews.
- Preparations discussed for Member Meeting 17 March.

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 months of February and March APOMA committee members and staff collectively volunteered around 500hrs to services, events and projects benefiting the Andamooka Community.

- Discussions with OCA around CARM and 2018-19 budgets
- APOMA financial and budget reporting and projections
- Work continues on new developments, funding opportunities and grants.
- Work continues on community hub and garden projects
- Event management for a raft of community events
- Updating the Constitution and organizing insurances
- Discussions with community groups around programs and activities

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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.

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Vice Chair: Ian Thompson

Secretary / Treasurer:

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Next Meeting: Tue 17th April

May meeting date to be advised.

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APOMA News & Notices



Outback Communities Authority Andamooka visit

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) and Board will be visiting Andamooka on **Wednesday, 18 April 2018 at the Andamooka Community Hall from 7pm** and are keen to hear from you as to how they can make a positive difference to life in the Outback.

We hope you can join us. Light refreshments will be provided.

The OCA is absolutely committed to ensuring that you have a say, and is making every effort to deliver the infrastructure and services that the Outback community needs most.

The OCA will also be holding its Board Meeting on **Thursday, 19 April 2018 at the Andamooka Community Hall from 8am.**

All are welcome.

Please call the OCA office on 8648 5970 if you have any queries.



Andamooka Town Office

OCA Office Hours

Outback Communities Authority

Monday to Thursday
9.00 AM - 3.00 PM
(Closed for lunch 12-1pm)

Ph: 08 8672 7246
Email: admin@atmc.sa.gov.au

Urgent Enquiries:

Byron Gough (OCA) on
(m) 0427687772

oca.sa.gov.au

APOMA Office

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association

Tuesday & Thursday
10.00 AM - 2.00 PM

Ph: 0456 578 604
(9.00 AM - 4.00 PM Weekdays)

Natural Resources
SA Arid Lands

98% of previous attendees in SA Arid Lands would recommend Jill's workshop to others

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- Your businesses' success depends on your self-management
- Understanding capacity
- ... and much more.

DATES & LOCATIONS Subject to change depending on registered participants

Monday May 14 GLEDAMBO Glendambo Hotel	Tuesday May 15 PORT AUGUSTA Arid Lands Botanic Gardens	Wednesday May 16 LEIGH CREEK Leigh Creek Outback Resort	Thursday May 17 COOBER PEDY The Mud Hutt
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Fully catered event

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?

Please register your interest to Lisa Stevens
Lisa.Stevens@sa.gov.au or 8648 5304

Don't Miss The Next Open Community Forum

Your chance to have your say & to find out more about what is happening in out town

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Andamooka Community Hall

27th May 2018
1:30 PM



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Keeping Up With Business

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

OUTCOMES FROM APOMA OPEN MEMBERS MEETING, SAT 17th MARCH

The meeting, attended by 20 financial members was called for the purpose of:

- presenting an overview of the APOMA budget performance to the end Dec 2017 and the draft budget for 2018-19 and how that could dovetail into the 2018-19 CARM budget,
- presenting the proposed changes to the APOMA Constitution to gain member consensus to progress with the view to adoption of the revised Constitution at the 2018 AGM.

Results for the APOMA budget performance to 31 Dec 17

Results showed a deficit of \$1290 inclusive of unexpected costs for outstanding pre-2017 projects which possibly mean that reserve funds from the savings account will be needed to balance this financial year depending on the amount of income generated over the next half year.

A number of concerns were raised by the committee on the proposed 2018-19 CARM budget which they believed needed to be addressed before they or the community agrees to sign off on the 2018-19 CARM Agreement.

A consensus was passed for the Committee to proceed with discussion and negotiation with the OCA around the CARM Budget for 2018-19 and the implications around that, before proceeding with signing of on the CARM Agreement on behalf of the community.

APOMA ASSETS:

During 2017 the Committee undertook a full review of assets and insurances to identify and list the assets, then to review their values and insurance arrangements to ensure that the Association is not put at risk and that all assets are adequately insured.

An updated list of assets was distributed and a report together with recommendations to upgrade, dispose or hand over of some listed assets such as creek crossings, will be distributed to members and the community to consider prior to the 2018 AGM where the recommendations will be voted on.

Major Assets have been collectively valued at \$2,218,000 and this will be reflected in on-going financial reports.

PROCESS FOR CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- **STAGE 1:** Support from members to review and revise the Constitution for modernisation and to reflect the current objectives of the Association. **Agreed: 2017 AGM**
- **STAGE 2:** Presentation of proposed changes to the Constitution at the General Meeting March 2018 for support to proceed with putting together a revised Constitution. **Agreed: General Meeting March 18**
- **STAGE 3:** Draft revised Constitution under expert guidance before circulation to members for scrutiny: **March to August 2018**
- **STAGE 4:** Adoption by Members 2018 AGM - **October 2018 with immediate effect.**
- **STAGE 5:** Registration of Revised Constitution

AREAS UNDER REVIEW FOR CHANGE:

OBJECTIVES: -

- to better reflect the role of APOMA as representatives of the Andamooka Community to Government and the OCA.
- To better reflect the full scope of activities that APOMA facilitates within the community
- To better reflect the issue of economic development towards a sustainable future for the town

MEMBERSHIP:

- Align the membership types with the definition of membership
- Modernise and make clearer the procedures for membership application and eligibility.
- Update due date from July to January

COMMITTEE:

Powers and Duties of the Committee –

- signing of financial instruments to reflect modern payment methods via internet banking etc.
- value inserted in the empowerment of the committee to acquire or replace fixed capital assets. Recommended as \$10,000. (eg: if the hall air-conditioning breaks down and needs replacement)
- power of the committee to dispose of any fixed capital asset
- Definition of fixed capital asset to be added to Definitions.
- Proceedings for Committee Meetings — Modernise to allow for attendance via telephone and for motions via email which are done under strict procedures which will be set down.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

- Changes as passed at the 2017 AGM to modernise and bring in line with requirements around auditing and presentation of annual financial statements.
- Modernisation of member notices for general meetings to reflect the use of email correspondence.
- Correct eligibility for voting at general meetings with corrected definition of a full member in item 5.1
- Modernise the keeping of Minutes records to reflect modern methods of record keeping and access.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

- Seek legal advise on modernising the procedure

FINANCIAL REPORTING:

- As above.

A motion to progress the changes to the Constitution was passed unanimously.

GRANT UPDATE:

The two small 'Smarty Grants' for the Portable Movie Screen and Portable Shade Canopies are in the process of acquittal as is the NRM 'Arid Explorers Garden' grant.

Submissions have been forwarded for funding from the 'Time for Wellbeing' program for assistance with the community "Mind & Body Wellness" program and also for community art & craft and wellbeing workshops. Also from the FRRR small regional grants to assist with a 4-way power outlet at the camping ground which will generate greater income to support maintenance & development of that facility.



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Community News

PUBLIC LIABILITY – A ‘NECESSARY EVIL’?

Over the past few months the issue of public liability has been at the forefront of organising & participating in APOMA community events. Public Liability can be viewed as a ‘necessary evil’, put in place to protect the Association from litigation and participants from suffering financial or asset loss due to unfortunate circumstances.

In 2017, during the process of rationalising and updating Association insurances, community assets and community activities and events, it became apparent that covering risks in these litigious times needed serious attention.

Consequently committee members met with our insurance brokers to work through & update cover for the Associations responsibilities, activities & assets, then to assess potential risks to ensure that the Association, its assets, activities and events are also covered for public liability in the event of an accident, incident or claim against them.

This necessitated a number of changes to insurance arrangements which were implemented late in 2017, most of which are upgrades to past arrangements and which have no direct impact on the residents and community. However, recently some community events and their participants have been affected by the changes.

It is not the day to day activities and events that are affected, nor APOMA volunteers and personnel, but it is the events that pose a risk either directly or indirectly that require additional cover to retain effective insurance protection.

Disappointingly, the planned Youth Billy Cart Derby became a victim of the times. APOMA was unable to secure public liability cover for the event. If available the cost would have been prohibitive and additionally would have required cover for the Youth Coordinator in her role as organiser. Also the requirements to set up and manage the course were very demanding. So unfortunately, this great historic Andamooka event had to be cancelled. However we will look to create a modified version that may allow for the event to go ahead.

Another requirement of the Association’s public liability arrangement is to confirm that all food stall or market stall holders hold current public and product liability insurance. This protects both the Association from claim and stall holders from the potential cost of litigation. A number do have cover but most local stall holders don’t, which could cost them upwards of \$250 per year to have.

So to make this vital insurance affordable to them APOMA took out a stall holders public and product liability insurance policy which participating stall holders can individually attach to on an event by event basis at a cost of around \$17 per stall holder. APOMA offers this service to stall holders at \$15 per event which results in a considerable saving to them and encourages their participation.

If any one has any questions or concerns about APOMA’s public liability insurance arrangements and restrictions around those, we encourage you to call, email or drop into the office during APOMA’s office hours or raise them at an Open Community Forum.

Call out for volunteers!!!

We are seeking residents or visitors that can volunteer a few hours to assist with:

- Resurfacing the shelter at the cemetery entrance
- Construction of a dry stone wall in the Arid Explorers Garden
- Installation of community garden reticulation systems

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

Anzac Day ~ Commemoration ~ 1915 - 2018

Wednesday 25th April
9 AM - Town Park
Followed by Morning Tea
Provided by the
Andamooka Hospital Auxillary

Community Fitness Group

At Andamooka Community Hall

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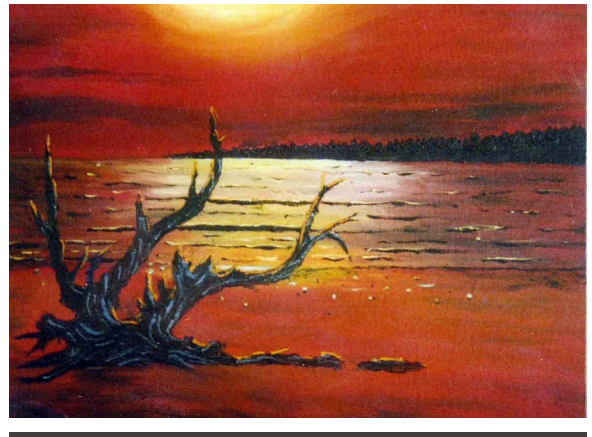
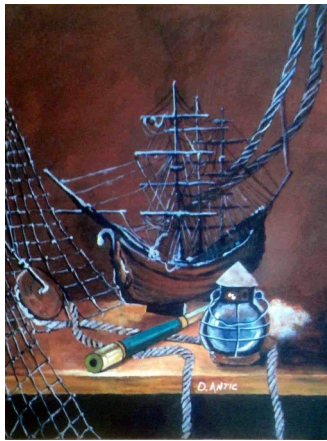
Artist Spotlight: Drago Antic (aka Tarzan)

Drago Antic, better known as Tarzan by the community, is a local artist and long-term resident of Andamooka.

Croatian-born, Tarzan first arrived in Andamooka in the mid 1960s. He began painting in 1970, and sold his first piece within the same year.

Also an accomplished photographer, he works in acrylic paint, as well as drawing mediums such as pastel, graphite and charcoal.

There are plans for an exhibition of Tarzan's amazing work, so keep an eye out for news on this soon.



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Things To See And Do In Andamooka...

Andamooka Observatory

Once a past resident in Andamooka in the late 80's and mid 90's, Conan Fahey together with partner Karyn revisited Andamooka a few years ago and came up with the notion of taking a few months break from their business interests in China and 'renting a place' in Andamooka. However, with property prices plummeting at the time due to Olympic Dam's expansion ceasing, they made an offer on a 'property with potential' and developed a plan to construct an astronomy observatory and viewing platform and to build a tourism business around that.

Their idea was to include a book shop that would help fund the development and to open at night and early in the morning for sky phenomena and cosmic events, and using it as a base camp for an 'opal miner for a day' and nocturnal tours. Supported by 'old mates', photographers & local miners they now host opal mining, astronomy and astrophotography presentations and sessions.

To celebrate the second blue moon in one month phenomenon over Easter, together with other astro-interested locals, Conan hosted what became locally known as the 'Moonie Night' with around 50 people including local families, visitors, members of the Andamooka School reunion group, and a visiting film crew, all getting a very clear and detailed view of this special event on the new APOMA portable outdoor movie screen.

All who attended agree that it was an amazing experience to get up close to this huge full moon within Andamooka's sensational star-scape transposed onto such a big screen and being able to track stars and constellations as they moved across the sky. Just to add to the effect, Conan lit up neon lights to flash across the mullocks that wrap around the observatory.

So, if your visiting Andamooka be sure to drop in, or if you're a local and haven't yet visited the observatory, take the next opportunity to experience space travel in your own backyard.

To learn more about the project and its location, or to see some of the amazing visuals enjoyed by others visit : www.facebook.com/andamookaobservatory/

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At the CWA Rooms

**Andamooka
 Community Church**

Meets each Sunday at 4:00pm
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 of evening prayer

More Details: 8671 0270

**Andamooka/ R.D.
 Bible Church**

Worship Service 10:30 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	February	March
APOMA Membership Due 26th Australia Day	14th Valentines Day	Good Friday BBQ Easter Market
April	May	June
Youth Easter Sunday Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast 25th Anzac Day	ASSA Opal Classic Youth Movie Night	11th June Long Weekend Event
July	August	September
Dog Registration Due Winter Market	Hospital Auxiliary Camp Oven Cookout	Spring Market
October	November	December
APOMA AGM Halloween Family Fun Night	Andamooka All Souls Day at Cemetery 11th Remembrance Day	25th Community Christmas Lunch



VISIT

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What's On In Andamooka

COMMUNITY SURVEY

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

IN LINE WITH THE APOMA COMMITTEE'S CHARTER TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY AWARENESS & CONSULTATION IS UNDERTAKEN TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY SUPPORT PRIOR TO MOVING FORWARD WITH DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PROGRAMS, PLEASE LOOK FOR & ASSIST US BY FILLING OUT, A COMMUNITY SURVEY ABOUT A PROPOSED COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL FACILITY.

RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM, 1.30pm SUNDAY 27 MAY, COMMUNITY HALL.

SURVEY FORMS AVAILABLE AT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY OUTLETS FROM 17th April & will shortly be on-line at www.andamooka.sa.au

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UBET



SUGGESTED PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES FOR

ANDAMOOKA'S JUNE LONG-WEEKEND

9-11 June

STARGAZING NIGHTLY

SATURDAY? or SUNDAY? MARKET

9.00am to 12.00noon at the COMMUNITY HALL

Stall holder registrations open. Contact Emma.

SATURDAY NIGHT OUTDOOR MOVIE

NIGHT at the Historic Cottages

KIDS MOVIE – 6.00pm

MAIN EVENT – 8.00am

To get involved, or if you have any other ideas, or want to know more, and if you can volunteer a few hours to help with the events in the lead up to, or on the day, please contact Emma:

Phone: 0436 028 903

Email: admin2@apoma.com.au

SUNDAY – ANDAMOOKA CHALLENGES:

- WALK, RUN OR RIDE TRIALS
- BIG MACHINERY CHALLENGE – WHO'S THE BEST OPERATOR IN TOWN?
- WHEEL BARROW DERBY
- TUG – O - WAR
- KIDS FUN & GAMES
- & MORE.....

SUNDAY NIGHT

'STRUMMIN' IN THE COURTYARD'

- 'Construct your own burger' BBQ
- Live entertainment BYO

MONDAY – TAG ALONG TOURS

ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY GARDENS PROJECT

The Andamooka Community Gardens Project has 3 major aims that will provide great benefits to the town:

- 1:** to regenerate arid lands plantings that will beautify the township and create enjoyable leisure spaces, assist with alleviating raised dust and abating erosion of creek-lines and also provide habitat for beneficial insects and native fauna.
- 2:** to educate about, propagate and plant out within their natural environment and in town gardens, plants that will provide bush foods and medicines which can be harvested by the community and create an opportunity for cottage industries within the town.
- 3:** to develop community gardening space for members of the community to share gardening skills and experiences and to grow a variety of foods including fresh herbs, vegetables and fruits that can be shared and enjoyed by the community and assist with healthy eating.

Thank you to the Time for Wellbeing community health program which has provided a grant of \$5000 towards vital infrastructure for the Andamooka Community Gardens Project and to the NRM for the \$9400 grant for development of the Arid Explorers Garden and also the community garden space at the Community Hall.

DROP IN AT THE HUB & BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN BEDS & ARID EXPLORERS GARDEN - there's a selection of herbs ready for picking!

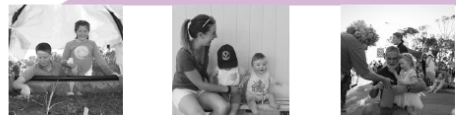


A concerted effort by APOMA project manager, Richard Hawkins together with the CDP crew assisted by Pip & Charlie from the AYC and other volunteers, has seen the Arid Explorers Garden literally blossom with new planter box seats for the community to relax and enjoy the garden and a network of pathways and bridges integrating with indigenous plantings and creative spaces that will encourage small creatures and birds into the space.

There is still a little more to do to complete infrastructure within the space with the long hot summer impacting on safe work hours, but with a month's extension granted by the NRM to complete the project to sign off, the garden will continue to develop & grow into a wonderful community space.

We encourage all members of the community to visit and see the amazing transformation of the space and to take advantage of the delicious fresh foods growing in this cool, relaxing courtyard or to 'get digging' in the garden.

Take the time to visit and sit awhile, you will be pleasantly surprised by what you discover.



Time for Wellbeing

Time for Wellbeing is a community health program to foster community awareness and support initiatives for mental wellbeing, physical health and early childhood development.

If you're interested in getting involved in a conversation about the health and wellbeing of your community, we'd love to hear from you.

To get involved or find out more, please contact us!

connect with us on facebook,
facebook.com/timeforwellbeing

visit our website
timeforwellbeing.com.au

or contact our coordinator
Angela Lafferty on 0448690263



ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

A concept plan for the layout of the new community workshop / kitchen, which is replacing the existing old store-room at the rear of the Hall, was presented to the community at the February Open Community Forum and received great support from those present to move ahead with its construction.

Salvageable materials from the existing structure will be re-purposed into more efficiently designed storage space and a proposed carport to protect the community bus.

Deconstruction and ground work is anticipated to commence in May with the structure expected to be ready for fit out in August and functional well before the end of the year.

This new and much needed community facility has been made possible by funding received from an ANZ Seeds of Renewal grant via the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal which supports projects that support regional development, enterprise and sustainability.

The workshop will support a wide range of art & craft and healthy living workshops & activities to encourage all members of the community to enjoy new experiences and wider social engagement. Equally to encourage new cottage industry within the town and to regenerate interest in opal cutting and jewellery design. It will also support youth activities and will have correct lighting installed for fine skill activities such as needlework and quilting.

To allow for greater participation and expanded space to support workshop activities APOMA is applying for a grant to fund installation of flexible dividing walling that will effectively divide the hall into two primary and workable spaces, but which will have a variety of applications to support community activities and events.

These will be valuable in providing space for community body and mind fitness sessions for which equipment is being donated inclusive of a large TV to be installed on the wall donated by the Andamooka CWA funded by their Op Shop.

These projects will continue the revitalisation of the Hub space and will open the way for future projects to support other needs that have been brought to the attention of the Committee such as young children's enclosed play space and provisions for after school hours care to support and encourage more young families into the community.



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WE MOURN THE LOSS OF A SPECIAL ANDAMOOKAN



INGEBORG EMMA DUKE
 3rd June 1926 – 13th March 2018

Margot & Nick Duke would like to thank everyone who came to mourn Inge’s passing & to celebrate her life.

Many thanks for the flowers & cards, and to the supporters and helpers through this sad time.

Inge was happy to go & is now in a pain free world

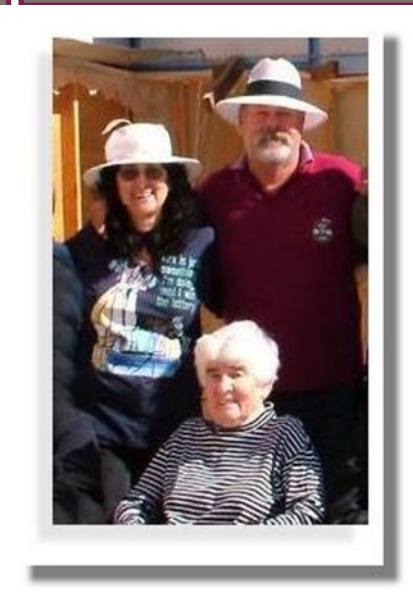
Dear Editor,

I would just like to take this opportunity to commend Margot on her love & devotion towards her Mum. She cared for Inge in such a loving way for so many years, especially these past few years. She also made sacrifices, as did Peter, so that her Mum could get the best treatment possible in her last days on this earth and fulfilled her mother’s wish to pass away in her own home. I only wish this could be true with many others who live in this community.

Inge enjoyed all the flowers that everyone brought her, but she especially enjoyed smelling the homegrown roses from my brother Raymond’s rose garden.

Of course, the flowers always die in this world, as does everything in time. But in heaven flowers will never die and will be perfect. God bless you Margot and Nick.

Carolyn Christensen



On the day Inge was laid to rest, the cavalcade of vehicles stretched from the outskirts of the town to the cemetery on the other side demonstrating what a popular and greatly loved and respected character Inge was.

Her wealth of stories across the golden years of opal mining in Andamooka will be related in coming issues of the Press, so look out for them and enjoy snapshots of a colourful past of an exceptional woman.

On behalf of the APOMA Committee and members, we honour this amazing pillar of Andamooka’s community. Rest in Peace Inge, you have more than earned your place in history.



Andamooka Life

Oh What a Night... *Andamooka Community Concert 2018*

Responding to a community call for more music and another big Andamooka event, we promoted the Andamooka Community Concert, held Friday 2nd March at the Community Hall, as Andamooka's 'Hot March Night' promising a big night of top country music, & we delivered.

On a very warm & balmy night around 220 locals and visitors of all ages were treated to a huge night of Aussie country music. The event wrapped around Fanny Lumsden's Country Halls Tour on her first visit to SA & first concert in a remote outback town and Andamooka proved her sceptics wrong, that she could never attract a good crowd in such a remote location.

A defiant Fanny & her travelling band The Thrillseekers together with guest act Cookie Baker filled the Hall with singing, dancing & laughter for three full hours of rocking country entertainment, putting a big smile on everyone's face, so we thank her so much for taking a punt on Andamooka. At the end of her performance, Fanny acknowledged & thanked the whole community for their support.

Outside under a golden moon in a clear canopy of stars, patrons enjoyed great food & cold beverages served up by a big team of local volunteers which kept the night affordable for all.

More great music was provided by local muso Rodney Mitchell & Maree based country singer Reg Dodd who kicked the night off on stage with his haunting ballads. Later, beautiful lilting ballads by Lisa Jane added yet another dimension to the mix.

This incredible night was a triumph for the town. *This was without doubt a true community event in every sense.* We send a big thank you to Fanny Lumsden & the Thrillseekers and hope that the success of this night will encourage more locals to join in future events lifting the Hall into a vibrant and welcoming community hub that serves all the community.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH & ON THE NIGHT:

Rob and Jim at Cellarbrations for being so supportive loaning & stocking an ice freezer, ordering & storing beverage stock and maintaining an EFTPOS facility to facilitate cash sales of tokens for the event.

AYC – for creating the opportunity to host Fanny Lumsden's Country Tour in Andamooka, and for their contributions across the months of planning & promotions as well as preparation of the hall space.

Margot and Peter Bottlehouse Motel/PO – who opened their commercial kitchen for food prep & storage, with Peter lending a hand in the kitchen.

Friendly Grocer - to Tammy who assisted with food orders & storage. To Chris Lyons for donating the bread and rolls for the event.

Andamooka SES/CFS for their assistance with manning the gates and emergency exits and on call for first aid and any emergency event. It was great to see the cadets involved too.

Coates Hire & Red Mulga, Roxby Downs – for organising sponsored hire equipment to service the event.

The Logistics team – Logistics Manager Richard Hawkins & the CDP group, Trish, Ryan, Niles, Luke & Nick, for the huge task of constructing, servicing & packing down the site and assisting with so many other tasks. Also Ian Thompson, Charlie Sim, Brendan Weber, Mark Rathjen, Jono Johnson, & others who picked-up and delivered various equipment & items, managed the power and lighting, and also assisted with vital tasks, Pedro who cleaned the whole space ahead of the event. Many of these people worked tirelessly from Monday through to Monday or in whatever available hours they had, to set up, work throughout the event, & to pack down again.

The Food Catering team: Claudia Mitchell & Janet Weber, Prep team, Sally Webb and Tania Simpson, Cooks, Bill Addington & Staffy Heath; Paul & Annie Ulic, Ann & Mark Rathjen, Carlos 'Wogg'; Donna Waters & the youth team. All put in a huge night cooking up a delicious range of food for all to enjoy.

The Bar team: Coordinator, Kate O'Dowd and Tania Simpson & Bec Johnson who worked throughout the night serving cold beverages across a very busy bar.

Ticket sales went very smoothly thanks to Amelia Hancock, Terry Crowe & Kath Wilby, Claudia Mitchell, Trish Williams, and Angela & Ruby Thompson.

Behind the scenes team: Emma Morris for the many hours in the office assisting with a myriad of tasks making up signs and supporting general management tasks. Richard Hawkins, who put enormous hours into planning & coordinating logistics for site set up, facilitation, servicing and pack down. Gill Rowley, event manager, who coordinated the teams, promotions, media & entertainment, sorted formalities & generally managed a myriad of tasks and issues.

In addition, and there are just too many to name, thanks goes to all those who delivered and/or loaned various items inclusive of party lights, iceboxes & BBQs, who kept up a wide promotional campaign via shop fronts, social media or spreading the word via their networks, & those that contributed valuable time to assist or to take part in planning meetings.

It is thanks to these volunteers and supporters, that the community of Andamooka has raised around \$1200 towards the development of the Community Hub.

So on behalf of the APOMA committee, a BIG thank you to All.

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ANDAMOOKA



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

March Police Report

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I hope everyone is doing well in Andamooka, and from what I've heard it's been a great month with a number of fun events. I have received information however that there has been an increase in drug activity within the town. Obviously with the use of drugs come a number of health issues, but this also affects the wider community with a number of other offences, such as thefts and burglary. If any person has information on the use, sale or supply of any illicit substance they are asked to call the Roxby Downs Police, or call crime stoppers where you can remain anonymous.

With the coming months, and the number of public holidays nearby there will be a greater focus on traffic offences, such as speeding, and drink driving. A reminder that the Andamooka Road is now 100 kilometres an hour, as much as we may disagree with this decision, this is unlikely to change. Please stick to the speed limit on this road and drive safely.

Thank you

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




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Member for Giles
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f Eddie Hughes MP

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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

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Lot 33 Hospital Road, Andamooka.

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

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Nominations for NRM Group Members

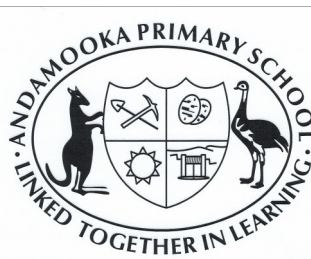
The SA Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board is seeking people who are interested in natural resource management for its Gawler Ranges, Kingoonya, Marla-Oodnadatta, Marree-Innamincka, North Flinders and North East Pastoral NRM groups.

For further information and nomination forms visit www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/aridlands

or phone 8648 5300.

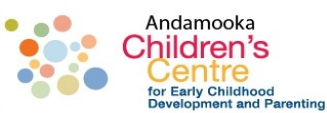
Nominations close 5pm Friday 20 April





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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 bit through tight clothing including jeans.

REPEL: Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl tolu amide) 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

The Kingoonya NRM group invites you to

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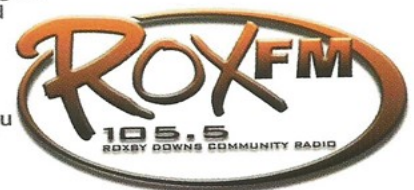
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