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- OCA Public Meeting
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- Please contact Gill on 0456 578 604 with enquiries

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Header: Moth enjoying the community garden. Source: E Morris 2018

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ANDAMOOKA'S UNSUNG HEROES

Underlying the many higher profile members In addition to this there are more who help of the community including volunteers and with school projects and activities, the CWA volunteer groups are a great number of Op shop, folding newsletters, watering the people who also assist with so many things, community or neighbours gardens, doing but quietly in the background.

There are also many who simply work over and above and across so many different projects, programs and activities.

Many are shy of recognition, but this page is all about them and although they may not want their names published they silently know who they are.

So here's to our unsung heroes. The ones that look after their neighbours and are there for others when they are sick, or down and out. Those that are always happy to donate their time and energy to help with catering for community events. Others that help keep our town clean and tidy by gathering up roadside rubbish on their daily walks. The person who works over and above keeping our parks and gardens clean and tidy and winning the town accolades from visitors for how clean and well maintained the toilet and ablution block is kept and how clean and welcoming the hub space is. The person who manages the community bus and the team of bus drivers who do regular trips for the community.

tasks or caring for our elderly and our youth, and other who assist with so many other small day to day tasks.

Others that have been involved with the CDP program which is the backbone to community projects and continue to help with those projects after they have found employment. To the CDP Coordinator who is a person who never seems to stop working, and to the community project manager without whom so many vital projects would either not be run as efficiently or may not have happened at all.

To the members of Andamooka's volunteer committees who work in the background to keep our vital community organisations and clubs operational and who are supported in turn by their volunteer members.

Andamooka is a small town with a big heart and that heartbeat is only as strong as the community and those that support it.

So on behalf of our community the APOMA Committee gives a huge vote of thanks to our unsung heroes for all that you do and all that you are.



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the right organisation to manage the situation.			
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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 <i>Takeaway available.</i> Opal Creek Blvd <i>Open 7 days</i>			
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:			

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APOMA News Preserving our past and planning for our future

Points of Interest from March APOMA Committee Meeting:.

- Points addressed in Open Members General Meeting 17 March discussed and logged for attention.
- New approach to Committee Meetings passed to hold fortnightly focus meetings supported by quarterly extended meetings which tie in with quarterly Open Community Forums and end of quarter budget review and reports.
- OCA Board visit and meetings discussed.
- CARM Agreement and budget discussed re proposed changes to be negotiated.
- End of Month Balance for March at bank: Operations: \$35,012. Allocated Funds: \$3,000. Donations \$2767. Savings acc: \$15,476.
- ANZAC day and June long weekend discussed.
- Splash pad sensor installed.
- Easter weekend successful.
- Next Open Community Forum proposed May 27th to progress community projects & programs including hub and pool.
- Work to commence on new community workshop/kitchen in early May.
- Lights progressing with funds from Community Asset maintenance budget.
- Seniors allocated \$1500 towards annual trip.
- Issue of after school hours care discussed.
- Youth Week delayed to May.
- Clean-up & alternative use of volleyball court discussed.

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 March /April APOMA committee members and staff collectively volunteered around 400hrs to services, events and projects benefiting the Andamooka Community.

- On-going 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 and Camp ground upgrades.
- Event management for a raft of community events
- Updating the Constitution and organizing insurances
- Discussions with community groups around community 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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Next Meeting: Tue 29th May

June meeting date to be advised.

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2018-19 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RESOURCING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT & COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME – ANDAMOOKA

APOMA News & Notices

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) has drafted the 2018-19 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement, (including a Community Contribution Scheme) for the Andamooka area for consultation.

The draft CARM agreement will be available from 20 April 2018 at the Andamooka Town Management office at Andamooka, or accessible at <u>www.oca.sa.gov.au</u>. Hard copies are also available by contacting the OCA on 1800 640 542 or by email <u>oca@sa.gov.au</u>.

Interested parties are invited to make written submissions on the CARM and / or the Community Contribution Scheme prior to the conclusion of the consultation period.

A public meeting for discussion on the 2018-19 CARM and community contribution will be held in the Andamooka Town Hall at 6:00 pm on Monday 21 May 2018.

The public is encouraged to review the draft document, and provide any comment to the OCA:

PO Box 2353 Port Augusta SA 5700 or <u>oca@sa.gov.au</u>

Consultation on both the CARM Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme commences on 20 April 2018 and concludes 5:00 pm 8 June 2018.

Byron Gough Governance Manager

> April 2018 Objective ID: A3515316

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE COMMUNITY FORUM:

- Community Garden /Aquaponics project
- Community swimming pool
- Community Workshop / kitchen
- 2018-19 CARM & budget & associated changes
- Community programs new and developing

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<u>Urgent Enquiries:</u>

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Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association

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

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

To Be Held Next At: Andamooka Community Hall

> 27th May 2018 1:30 PM





Keeping Up With Business Progressing Andamooka Town Development

APOMA COMMITTEE'S POSITION ON MOVING FORWARD WITH THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RESOURCING & MANAGEMENT (CARM) AGREEMENT including the Community Contributions Scheme (CCS):

FOR URGENT ATTENTION BY THE ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY:

On Monday 21st May the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) as part of their annual CARM consultation process, will meet with the Andamooka Community with the view to gaining their support to continue the CARM Agreement inclusive of Community Contribution Scheme Primarily, these initial adjustments provide greater (CCS) which funds Andamooka's town management, funding to the community to offset the additional services and maintenance. There is no doubt that CCS responsibilities given over to APOMA to manage funding has benefited the town in this regard.

At the Open APOMA Members Meeting held in March, the community was made aware of a previously undisclosed deficit in CCS funding raised during discussions in a pre-2018-19 budget meeting between APOMA and the OCA. This significant deficit has resulted from spending of CCS funding which was allocated to the After further consideration, and with concern around the town under CARM budgets using projections formulated implementation of deficit recovery in the same year as a from the amount to be invoiced to the community over a \$30,000 reduction to the budget and the potentially period of financial years commencing with the crippling effect on planning for vital projects to support introduction of the CARM Agreement in 2010, and which community programs and to increase community income was allowed to accumulate shortfalls resulting from streams, the Committee is proposing that the budget unpaid CCS bills into a deficit in the order of \$420,000 should include \$210,000 of CCS funds with the additional comprising of what is considered to be both recoverable and non-recoverable debts.

Over the past two years contributions received have exceeded the \$200,000 allocation to the budget with 2018-19 anticipated to be in the order of \$215,000. So, in 2018-19 the OCA has implemented recovery of the deficit using CCS funds collected from the community or recovered debts above the \$200,000 allocated to the budget annually.

Also in this financial year the OCA has reduced its contribution to the budget by \$30,000 which ultimately resulted in reduced funding for expenditure for services, and also deleted the marketing/ maintenance development budget that is invested into marketing, developments and projects that are designed to build community income streams and to lift the economy to create a sustainable future for the town.

The APOMA Committee met with the OCA Board and executive during their visit to Andamooka in April and The Committee can explain this further to the Community agreement was met around initial adjustments to the to 31st May to sign off for 2018-19. budget to enable the OCA to move forward with the

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.

consultation process, without APOMA signing off on the budget with the view to further negotiations towards what APOMA considered to be workable and acceptable to the community, also keeping within the funding restrictions placed upon the OCA.

community asset maintenance and development by taking \$17,000 from OCA management and expenses and putting that against Town Office costs and development. lt is anticipated local management will result in significantly lower costs allowing for more to be achieved across the budget year.

\$10,000 split evenly across reinstating Marketing & Development into the budget and retaining the level of funding for Asset Maintenance allowing APOMA to develop a Primary Equipment Fund within the new Allocated Fund account, which will accrue towards major repairs or replacement of such items as air-conditioners, community kitchen appliances and water pumps.

The Committee considers that this will create a workable budget that will support the Town's progress towards a sustainable future and the community's wellbeing. It also provides time for the Committee and the community to absorb the issue of the deficit and to open-up discussions with Government on how to manage this.

The table opposite shows a comparison between the proposed budgets. It is up to the community to work with the OCA for an acceptable outcome which allows APOMA to sign off the CARM Agreement on behalf of the community.

following productive and open discussion around the at the Open Community Forum on Sunday 27th May, deficit, the budget and future planning, a basic 1.30pm at the Community Hall, after which we have up



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DRAFT Andamooka Budget For the year ending 30/06/19

Income	0	CA proposed					APOMA proposed
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CCS Contribution	\$	200,000				\$	210,000
OCA - Outback Communities							
Authority	\$	170,000				\$	170,000
DPTI - Road Maintenance	\$	60,000				\$	60,000
CCS Income over \$200,000	\$	15,000				\$	5,000
	\$	445,000				\$	445,000
			OCA				APOMA
Expenditure		OCA (1)	Changes	Am	ended Amts		proposed
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Operations							
OCA Support	\$	105,000		\$	105,000	\$	105,000
Municipal Services	Ŧ	,	-\$17,000		,	т	,
Management	\$	45,000		\$	28,000	\$	28,000
Office supplies	\$	4,500		\$	4,500	\$	4,500
Consumables		2,500		\$	2,500	\$	2,500
Insurance	\$ \$	8,000		\$	8,000	\$	8,000
Utilities	\$	11,000	-\$750	\$	10,250	\$	10,250
Utilities - Internet (APOMA)	\$	· -	\$750	\$	750	\$	750
CCS Collection	\$	35,000		\$	35,000	\$	35,000
SUB TOTAL:	\$	211,000		\$	211,000	\$	194,000
Infrastructure							
Roads - Maintenance	\$	60,000		\$	60,000	\$	60,000
Waste Management	\$	40,000		\$	40,000	\$	40,000
Parks & Gardens	\$	54,000		\$	54,000	\$	54,000
Community Asset Maintenance	\$	24,000		\$	24,000	\$	29,000
Public Conveniences	\$	5,000		\$	5,000	\$	5,000
Water Community Facilities	\$	5,000		\$	5,000	\$	5,000
SUB TOTAL:	\$	188,000		\$	188,000	\$	193,000
Community Development							
Youth Development	\$	6,000		\$	6,000	\$	6,000
Community Programs/Activities	\$	5,000		\$	5,000	\$	5,000
Community Bus	\$	5,000		\$	5,000	\$	5,000
Marketing & Development	\$	-		\$	-	\$	5,000
APOMA Administration Support			\$ 17,000				
	\$	15,000		\$ \$	32,000	\$	32,000
SUB TOTAL:	\$	31,000		φ \$	31,000	\$	53,000
balance of CCS income	\$	15,000		\$	15,000	\$	5,000
Budget Expenditure	\$	445,000		\$	445,000		445,000

Call out for volunteers!!!

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

- Resurfacing the shelter at the cemetery entrance
- Work on construction of the Community Workshop
- Contact Richard (m) 0418 855 165 E: admin1@apoma.com.au

Inviting anyone with an interest in music to join in, for an opportunity to express your

join in, for an opportunity to express your passions, develop your talents, learn from others or simply just enjoy the music.

Interested in participating? Get in tou

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



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Pop-Up Andamookans

In typically quirky Andamookan style, Margot Duke held a competition aimed at populating the town with "Pop-Up Andamookas", an idea inspired by a frequent question raised by visitors at the Post Office over the hot summer months, "Where is everyone?".

So a fun challenge posed to the residents of the town to create a community of "build your own" local characters to welcome visitors, saw keen interest from the community, resulting in an extraordinary line up of local characters now residing out front of the Post Office/Dukes Bottlehouse Motel which sponsored the competition.

With the display described as anything from amazing to totally creepy and attracting attention from 'selfie-seekers', the contest was a great success and will likely run again in the near future. So keep an eye out for more of these great Pop-Up Andamookans popping up around town.

Winners: Isaac Kemenyvary (Ian Shaw), Amy Kemenyvary (Bill MacDougall), Lilly Kemenyvary (Minnie), Annie & Kath (Bill), Melissa Holland & Family (tourist noodler).



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Things To See And Do In Andamooka...

Go fossicking for opal and gemstones, but this comes with a warning. **It is highly addictive!** Visit the Andamooka Post Office & Underground Museum for all the information and assistance you need to get started.



Photo courtesy of Sally Grundy Photography, 2017

The Kingoonya NRM group invites you to the NORTH WEST PASTORAL FIELD DAY



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Welcome All Seniors	January	February	March			
Wacky Wednesdays Join in the fun & activities or just enjoy a cuppa & chat 10am - 12pm At the CWA Rooms	APOMA Membership Due 26th Australia Day	14th Valentines Day	Good Friday BBQ Easter Market			
Andamooka Community Church	April	May	June			
Meets each Sunday at 4:00pm For music, worship & sharing	Youth Easter Sunday Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast	ASSA Opal Classic	9-11th June Long Weekend Event			
of evening prayer More Details: 8671 0270	25th Anzac Day	Youth Movie Night	10th Winter Market			
Andamooka/ R.D. Bible Church Worship Service 10:30 Sun	July	July August				
Bible Study 7:30 Wed	Dog Registration Due	Hospital Auxiliary Camp Oven Cookout	Spring Market			
Contact: 8672 7004		Science Week	Shake Education Workshops			
Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.						
NOAMOOH	October	November	December			
For more information on activities & events Contact: Matt 0419 504 200	APOMA AGM Halloween Family Fun Night	Andamooka All Souls Day at Cemetery 11th Remembrance Day	25th Community Christmas Lunch			
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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 AND 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.

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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!



ARID EXPLORERS GARDEN GRANT REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED

Work on the final stage to finalise the NRM grant for the Arid Explorers Garden has been completed and the grant acquitted. The garden is looking spectacular and it has created a wonderful peaceful space to potter among the plants or to simply sit and enjoy the warmth of the winter sun. Thanks to all those who contributed their time and effort to create and care for this amazing community space including the CDP crew, project manager, Richard Hawkins, Pip & Charlie from the AYC and other community volunteers. The Garden will continue to flourish under their care and to develop as a key town asset.







Time for Wellbeing

Time for Wellbeing is a community

heath 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.

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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 storeroom 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 bought 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.

WORK COMMENCES ON THE NEW COMMUNITY WORKSHOP / KITCHEN:

Stage 2 work has commenced by volunteers and the CDP crew to strip back the old storeroom ready for expansion and recladding retaining as much as possible of the existing materials to repurpose into a purposebuilt storeroom to better store project equipment, chairs and tables etc and into a 'bus-port' shade shelter for the community bus.

These before and progress photos show construction underway and space for expansion. The project is on schedule towards completion around November, so watch this space for updates as work progresses.











ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB coffees, toasties, smoothies,

ART & JEWELLERY

Community Hall School Road, Andamooka **PH: 0408 621 228** Email: andamookayachtclub@gmail.com www.andamookayachtclub.com

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

Easter & Other Events

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT BBQ

Creating something of a record since boom times, around 220 locals and visitors joined in the fun and laughter at the annual Andamooka Good Friday Night BBQ held at the historic cottages. With catering estimated for around 100 it became reminiscent of the 'loaves and fishes' story with the food seeming to stretch just far enough to feed everyone. Thanks to everyone who helped on the night, with special mentions to Staffy and Bill who cooked the BBQ with a little help from friends, Caroline who made her traditional delicious salads, the CDP crew who set up the venue, Claudia who helped with set up and serving and all the others that assisted one way or another towards a great night for all.





EASTER MARKET

Easter Saturday's market boomed with a big crowd of around 200 including past Andamooka residents on reunion, enjoying a perfect day down at Andamooka's community hub. 16 stallholders offered a variety of goods offering everything from pet gear to plants, clothes to bling, and kids activities, with Asian foods and delicious treats on sale as well as the customary sausage sizzle thanks to Staffy & Bill, not to mention great coffee on sale at the AYC. Thanks to all stallholders for their great presentation and to all who helped to make the day a success.

ANDAMOOKA'S ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



loved Sister Pat conducted the ceremony together with a number of locals with readings, the flag ceremony and also music. Following the ceremony locals and visitors alike chatted over a delicious morning tea provided by the Hospital Auxiliary. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

Andamooka Life

Any Dog Obedience Group - About Us

Any Dog Obedience Group is unique in its approach to dog obedience. Instead of training the dog, We work on training the owners on how to train the dog, as well as help to establish clear lines of communication between the dog and the owner. Establishing clear communication with the dog, and understanding the dog's physical, and social, behaviour is the most fundamental of the lessons to learn.

Our Services

Any Dog Obedience provides dog obedience classes for groups as well as individuals. We offer three different levels of classes:

Puppy Kindergarten: This class is used to teach dogs the basic commands, as well socialization skills. This course will have an introductory explanation of proper communication techniques.

Obedience Level 1: The goal of this class is to have all members of the family work with their dog in a positive and consistent manner. The family will be taught to establish a leadership relationship with the dog. This class will perfect the standard commands such as sit, down, stay, come, and leash walking. This level will also work on heeling, and will offer advanced communication techniques.

Agility Level 1: This class will involve teaching your pooch to weave in and out of sticks, jump high over hurdles and dash through a long tunnel. Whilst incorporating basic obedience taught in Level 1 Obedience.

Classes will be run every: SATURDAY - Breen Park, Woomera SUNDAY: Andamooka Playground Park 9:30am to 10:30am

www.anydogobediencegroup.co

I still remember my heavy heart the day I realised that Janko's backhoe had not moved for a while. But his "Opal for Sale' was still displayed daily at the gate. Janko Matusak, passed away 30 March 18. He was still digging opal at over 90 years of age.



Andamooka bids you farewell old friend.

Cellarbrations Helping you celebrate

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EXPANDED ANDAMOOKA MARKETING & PROMOTIONS PROGRAM will assist promoting local clubs & organisations.

For the past few years The Andamooka Press, produced and published by APOMA, has offered local clubs and community organisations and other particular charities the opportunity to advertise their events & activities or to place articles in The Andamooka Press free of charge. This is a policy that will continue for the long term.

APOMA, is launching a re-energised approach towards marketing, social media & communications across a broad network of local and regional communities, tourism & visitors and commercial interests which gives greater scope to clubs and associations to promote events and activities.

This new approach integrates the newly designed website which offers more information space and additional links for clubs and associations with dedicated Facebook pages networked into other community and business social networks providing your organisation with greater opportunities to create awareness or to market events and activities.

This media mix is designed to more effectively reach and interact with our broader community as well as others within our region, tourists, travellers, like organisations, government and tourism networks, local businesses and on a corporate level.

It creates opportunities to encourage participation in club activities including 'come-and – try' days or social days.

We encourage you to get involved and to help promote Andamooka as a vibrant township and a great place to live and to visit.

UPDATE YOUR ORGANISATION'S CONTACT DETAILS: Our website information needs constant updating so please take the time to fill in a contact information form which you can download from the website, have emailed to you, or pick up at the Town Office, then email back to admin2@apoma.com.au or drop off at the office. That way we can be sure that the contacts and information posted is correct in print, on the website and when used in social media.

UPDATE YOUR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS: Help us to keep information on activities and events up to date.

The Andamooka Calendar of Events – maintained 12 months in advance with a 'What's On' list of events and activities for the current and following months updated monthly.

Detailed information posters can be posted on the 'What's On' page. Preference is for portrait configuration.

SUBMIT YOUR **RESULTS** AND **PHOTOS:** We encourage you to submit recaps, results and photos from activities and events to help keep our community and visitors to the area aware of what's happening in the town.

Also, any historic information will be welcomed as we compile the website's historic records and photo gallery.

Email details or contact us for more information: **Contact:** Emma at **admin2@apoma.com.au** or by phone: **0436 028 903** to discuss how we can best assist with promoting your organisation, activity or event.



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE KEEPING SA SAFE

May Police Report

Over the past two months there has been a number of break ins reported to police and various items stolen from houses. Can I ask that everyone please stay vigilant and



ensure that their properties, and vehicles are locked and secured when possible. If anyone has any information on any of these they are asked to call the Roxby Downs Police Station, or if you wish to remain anonymous then please call crime stoppers.

Finally Roxby Downs will be getting more police. This will enable us more time to spend in Andamooka and ensure the safety of the township where possible. However at this stage I believe it's unlikely that there will be a police officer stationed at Andamooka in the near future.

Thank you

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

Eddie

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www.myagedcare.gov.au

Australian Government

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Member for Giles My office can help with issues

Ph: 1300 13 62 72

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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.



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Open Letter to the Andamooka Press

Ms S Muller, the State Treasurer and I visited SACWA Andamooka Branch to discuss the operation of the Op Shop run by the Branch.

Following discussions with Branch members concerning allegations in two letters of complaint, several directives were given to the Branch members. Unfortunately the two letters were unsigned but corroborated to a limited extent by an eye witness account of one specific incident referred to in the letters. SACWA does not usually deal with complainants who do not give their names.

All customers and SACWA members working in the Andamooka Op Shop (Boo-Teek) should be treated with respect and courtesy.

SACWA's Code of Conduct will be permanently displayed at the Op Shop and must be adhered to at all times.

The South Australian Country Women's Association Inc offers a sincere apology to any visitor, Andamooka resident or branch member who has felt hurt or insulted by ill considered comments.

I am sure that all concerned would wish that there will be no future incidents.

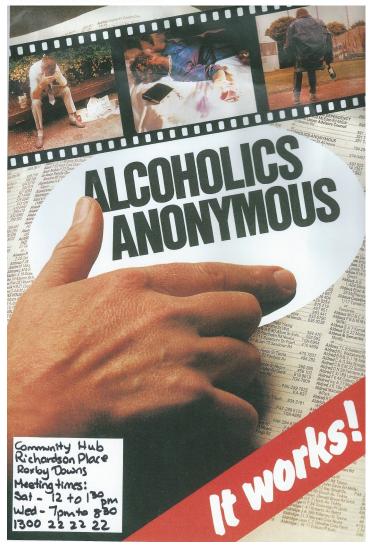
However it should be noted that anyone with a genuine complaint should forward a signed letter to the undersigned.

Sincerely

Roslyn Schumann State President

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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.



Open to the public:Internet/Wi-Fi AvailableMon & Thur: 8am - 4pmLocated:Tue & Wed: 1pm - 4pmAndamooka SchoolCheck Facebook for holiday hours.

Andamooka Community Bus Services

REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBY DOWNS THURSDAYS WEEKLY Departs Tuckabox at 11:00 AM

Leaves Roxby Downs at 1:30 PMus

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 or (m) 0418 855 165 or admin1@apoma.com.au



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/FightThe Bite**

Community Noticeboard

Fall in for autumn attire

Visit the legendary

'Boo-Teek' OP Shop

Top of CWA Road

Get set for colder weather and

update your wardrobe.

Open Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat

9am to Midday

Andamooka CWA

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ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am-5pm weekdays

&

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For further assistance or information on the procedure contact:

Ashley Wood, Acting Registrar,

Opal Field Program .

Ph: 08 8678 9058

Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

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PO BOX 53 ANDAMOOKA SA 5722

PUBLIC MEETING

Discussion on

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, RESOURCING & MANAGEMENT (CARM) & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SCHEME (CCS)

> MONDAY 21st MAY 6.00pm

ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL

This is the community's opportunity to meet with representatives from the OCA to discuss the Andamooka CARM Agreement for 2018-19 to help build a great future for our Town

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

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