



# The Andamooka Press

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Sat 15th Sep -  
Pizza & Pasta  
Foodie Night, with  
music, movies &  
more..**
- ◆ **Sun 16th Sep -  
BINGO, 1.30pm at  
the Tuckabox**
- ◆ **Sun 30st Sep -  
October Long Week-  
end Market**

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**Header:** Native Pigface flourishing in the Community Garden. **Source:** E Morris 2018

## OLD FUNDRAISING FAVOURITES BACK & BOOMING

Two past Andamooka fundraising favourites, Sunday Bingo and Quiz nights, proved a great success when reintroduced to the APOMA events and activities calendar during August.

Funds raised will go towards the fit out of the new community kitchen/workshop with around \$800 raised toward it during August.

Thanks to everyone who has turned up for Sunday Bingo and put up with our 'L' plater calling team as we get this enjoyable event up and going. Now that we have had a bit of practice, we will introduce a couple of specials into each week to make the sessions more fun and more rewarding for participants.

Thanks to the brilliance of guest Quizmaster, ABC's Paul Culliver, the Quiz night was a great night of entertainment, prizes and challenges. With support from local business sponsorship the night raised around \$400.

A highlight of the night, which will be held twice annually, was the Youth Movie Making Competition with patrons enjoying viewing and

voting on six amazing movies produced by local youth. Results posted on p13.

Thank goes to the tireless efforts of volunteers who have made these events happen and to the CDP Crew for their valuable assistance.

Under the new Town Office arrangements, Tanya Simpson, well known recently returned Andamookan, has taken up the role of Community Events Coordinator and after being 'thrown in at the deep end' she has put a huge effort into accelerating a busy events calendar.

Currently Tanya is busy working on September events with the Italian themed Pizza & Pasta Night coming up on the 15th, Bingo, which is held every third Sunday falling on the 16th, followed by the Andamooka Long Weekend Market on Sunday 30st September.

*With so much happening, we are looking for more volunteer help to spread the load for events. Bingo urgently needs another two on the team, so don't hesitate to drop into the Town Office to put your name down.*



**Photos:** A great night of community fun at the Andamooka Quiz Night. **Source:** C Christensen 2018

## 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**  
- **CCS and Avdata payments**  
- **Underground Museum**  
Hrs: 9-5 weekdays  
11-3 weekends

**Andamooka Powerhouse:** 86727135  
**Power cards:** Friendly Grocer

**Friendly Grocer:** 86727034  
**Gas refills/Fuel**  
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.  
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** (closed 12.30-1.00pm)

**PH: 08 8 8672 7246**

#### Urgent Enquiries:

**OCA: Byron Gough (m) 0427 687 772**

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

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

**Address:** Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka

**Postal:** PO Box 246 Andamooka 5722

**Email: OCA:** admin@atmc.sa.gov.au

**APOMA:** secretary@apoma.com.au

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

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

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

#### Points of Interest from July/Aug Committee Meet-

- Progress of CARM Agreement and new office/ funding arrangements.
- Progress with agreements for Community Hall.
- Renewal of café license agreement with AYC
- Follow up contact with Government / Ministers re issues around town funding and services.
- End of Month Balance for June at bank:  
Operations: \$26,548 Donations: \$1132  
Allocated Funds:\$11,700 Savings:\$15,496
- End of Month Balance for July at bank:  
Operations: \$14,707 Donations: \$3211.  
Allocated Funds:\$12,700 Savings:\$15,503
- Projects and funding for next financial year.
- Current projects inclusive of community workshop/kitchen and aquaponics.
- Critical planning around projects, funding and town economic future—grant opportunities
- Events planning progressed up to October.
- Next Open Community Forum – October
- Reports etc for AGM Sunday 14th October.
- Community programs discussed for housing and funding inclusive of arts and muso's, social fitness group, Youth and seniors trip—September.

#### 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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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:

Gill Rowley (m) 0456 578 604

Email: secretary@apoma.com.au

Post: PO Box 246 Andamooka 5722

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

**Committee Meeting: 16th Sep**

**Open Community Forum 14th Oct**

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## APOMA News & Notices

### APOMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 14th October 2018 at 1.30pm  
Andamooka Community Hall

**Preceded by a 'Meet & Greet' BBQ from 12.30pm**

*Your opportunity to chat with Committee members and to meet & chat with incoming nominees*

**The AGM is open to all members of the community.**

*Be informed about what is happening in your town. We welcome your input*

### Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

**Quarterly Payments Due  
15th September**

**Can now be paid at the  
Andamooka Post Office**

Reminder that Annual Dog Registrations are due

### NEW APPROACH TOWN OFFICE OPEN FOR BUSINESS:

Since the one-stop Town Office commenced new arrangements during August it has experienced a continuous flow of residents and visitors which has kept the four person office team busy with a variety of tasks ranging from assisting with information and safety issues, to working with volunteers around community programs and events.

The Town Office is open Monday to Friday for:

- Day to day community business and general information
- Community programs and activities,
- Facility use and hire,
- APOMA business including memberships.
- Community facility and project management.
- OCA Town business, town maintenance and general enquiries.
- Visitor Information.

**Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) Payments and Avdata (water) payments are now accepted at the Post Office, but any CCS queries or problems are managed via the Town Office.**

**Contact ph: 08 8672 7246** (see P2 for other options)

**Email:** APOMA: [secretary@apoma.com.au](mailto:secretary@apoma.com.au)

Town Maintenance and Projects, via: [admin1@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin1@apoma.com.au)

Events Coordinator via: [admin3@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin3@apoma.com.au)

Arts, History & Newsletter via: [admin2@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin2@apoma.com.au)

*Please feel welcome to drop in to discuss your issues, thoughts or ideas.*

**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN  
FOR A POSITION ON THE  
APOMA COMMITTEE**

**NOTIFICATIONS & FORMS  
AVAILABLE FROM THE  
TOWN OFFICE & POST OFFICE**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE 10th SEPTEMBER**

**APOMA AGM  
SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2018**

### APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

Some members have not yet paid the additional \$5 for individual or \$10 for family membership to take it through to 31 December 2018, this is due 1 July 18 to remain a financial member.

*Concession members who have paid since July 17 are financial to 31 Dec 2018*



## ANDAMOOKA FRIENDLY GROCER

- Range of groceries, fresh fruit, veg & meats
- SA Lottery Agency
- Craft & Stationery supplies
- Fuel
- Gas Refills
- ATM
- Pre-paid power cards

**If we don't have it we will try to get it for you..**



**Your one stop shop** Town Hub, Opal Creek Blvd. Ph: **86727034**



# Keeping Up With Business

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

## PROJECT UPDATE

### PROJECTS COMPLETED:

4-way power outlet installed at the Caravan & Camping Ground has produced excellent returns.

**Work at the Cemetery:** resurfacing of the entry gazebo has been scheduled and a list of future tasks will keep the facility better maintained for the future.

### PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

There is a constant raft of small projects under-taken on a day to day basis to generally maintain community facilities.

### MAJOR PROJECTS INCLUDE:

**Community Workshop / Kitchen** is progressing to plan.

### Hub Outdoor Space:

Splash Pad about to undergo significant maintenance and a re-surface with a new design and the 'missing' fish repainted and put back in place.

Progress continues with community gardens. New plantings by school students are flourishing.

Front area landscaping including more paved areas and garden beds scheduled to be completed in time for summer.

New table seating to be installed under shade shelter creating a picnic space.

The BBQ relocated with installation to be completed and gas connected.

### Community Garden:

Aquaponics equipment delivered and groundwork ready for water transfer system installation.

Work to concrete garden edging and dry walling to be completed in September.

## FORUMS SHOW YOU CARE ABOUT THIS TOWN...

After speaking with a new resident in Andamooka it was revealed that they had been told that there is no point in attending Open Community Forums as their input doesn't count if they can't vote as a member of APOMA.

### *This is entirely wrong.*

APOMA, the Association, has been given the role of representing the community to Government and other organisations that have a bearing on our towns sustainability and wellbeing, also for caring for the interests of the community and the town in terms of maintaining facilities and services and taking care of projects, programs and events to make Andamooka a great place to live and to visit. So yes, being a member does count in terms of voting on decisions to direct the Committee.

In 2016, in recognition of their broad community representation, the Committee instigated regular Open Community Forums to ensure that all members of the community, APOMA member or not, has the opportunity to:

- have their say & to present their ideas towards planning for both town management & development inclusive of community programs, activities & events,
- be updated on progress with projects and programs and associated funding,
- be updated on maintenance and services,
- be kept informed on finances and budgeting,
- be informed of and have the opportunity to raise issues of concern,
- listen to visiting experts on various matters or to meet and put their views to visiting politicians,
- most importantly, to have the opportunity to get involved.

The Committee is guided by feedback that is provided at these forums & from members of the community who register issues with them, or who drop in to the office to discuss their ideas or concerns.

APOMA members votes are concerned with the Associations finances, issues and actions, many of which may affect community planning and development. But this also means that the Committee are held accountable to this by a significant number of Andamooka residents.

Members general meetings are now held as 'open meetings', meaning that any member of the community may attend and also have the opportunity to speak to the meeting on items being voted on.

The Forums ensure that the whole community is kept updated and aware, have the opportunity to ask questions, voice their concerns, and to voice their support for decisions or actions to be made on their behalf.

So before discounting the value of the Forums, consider the benefits to everyone in the community of joining with others at the Forums to assist with directing the APOMA committee towards planning, developing and maintaining this wonderful town that we all live in.

It is not an easy task given the size of the town and the limits of its amenities to juggle as best we can to cater for the wishes of all the individuals and all the groups within the community, and impossible to meet all those demands all the time.

It may also surprise you to find that the Forums provide the opportunity to meet and chat with many individuals who voluntarily contribute a great deal of time and effort into managing and developing a sustainable, vibrant and very much respected township in which to live. We look forward to seeing you at and to your participation in, the next Forum in October 2018.

## GRANT UPDATE:

'Smarty Grant' application in for outdoor games for youth & community use. One in process for Muso's group.

The 'Time for Wellbeing' funds currently being expended on community programs. \$1000 spent to date on social fitness program.

Major submissions in progress for grader shed upgrade to house CDP / town maintenance and upgrading the workshop to accommodate lapidary activities for the community.

Also a submission in process to fund start up of a comprehensive arts program under 'Arty Andamooka'.

Learn more at the AGM.



**R&H Roxby Downs** RLA 208715

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Shop 4/14 Tutop Street, Roxby Downs

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Email: [info@roxbydowns.rh.com.au](mailto:info@roxbydowns.rh.com.au)

## Community News

### MEETING / FORUM OUTCOMES:

The attendees were given an overview of the budget development process which has now taken all aspects from the past year and basically dissected them to better match them into improved reporting categories for the 2018-19 budget.

The 2018-19 year financials will also include CDP and CARM maintenance funds which will each have a separate account to ensure that they are clear from APOMA funds and easier to report on.

The new budget will make it clearer for the community to see how end of financial year carry overs are managed.

The new allocated funds account has worked well and this will also make it clearer for end of financial year reporting.

Projects were reported to be on track or completed with outstanding projects carried over from 2016-17 completed and acquitted. A comprehensive project report will be presented at the AGM / Community Forum with finalised, current & 2018-19 projects updated. Proposed projects will be presented and discussed for prioritisation.

A brief update was given on community program and events development and also funding and fundraising opportunities to support them.

Questions from the floor included:

- Helicopter access for emergencies— explained that general emergencies work through ambulance to RD hospital, also that if necessary the rescue helicopter has places that it can land locally.
- Revival of Tag-along tours— this has been raised previously and it would be good to see them happening again but it would need a volunteer group to assist with this.
- Request explanation around town assets listing on financials 2014-16 —been addressed by committee. Now listed
- Frequency of police presence in Andamooka— committee held a discussion with RD police— need to report any incidents to demonstrate the actual number which would warrant / justify a greater presence.
- ILUA— Ashley Wood has reported that it is nearing completion anticipated before end 2018. Committee to invite him to attend the October meeting to provide an update.
- Lighting for Pimba road signs—reflective signage on Hwy and Woomera Rd under discussion with Government.
- Membership cards—not easy to manage now that many members are on email. Plans still for perpetual key ring.

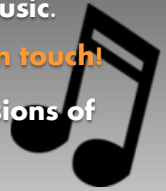


Inviting anyone with an interest in music to join in, for an opportunity to express your passions, develop your talents, learn from others or simply just enjoy the music.

Interested in participating? Get in touch!

For more information, or expressions of interest, please contact:

Wendy - 0447 170 607



### Community Fitness Group

At Andamooka Community Hall

Join a casual group session or get a group together

Contact Chelsea on 0427 137 709 for more information

Or leave your details at the APOMA Office or Post Office



COMPLETE personnel group

"Thinking employment?"

Think Complete

Jenna Post Consultant

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e jenna.post@complete-personnel.com.au

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## Call out for volunteers!!!

*Seems there is a perception in Andamooka that things 'just happen'....*

*When it does, it seems to attract not only positive feedback and a thank you, but also negative comments often from members of the community who don't engage in community meetings when these projects are discussed and supported by those interested people present.*

*So, perhaps instead of knocking what is done and those who do it, get involved. Join in the planning & approvals process and maybe volunteer a few hours to assist.*

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

- ◇ Community garden tasks
- ◇ Work on construction of the Community Workshop
- ◇ Maintenance work at the cemetery

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

- ◇ Events

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

## Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding

Ph: 08 8642 3308

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

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

Pls phone 86423308 for appointments.



Do you know where your cat is at night?



Lock it up

For its own protection & for the protection of our native fauna.

Have your cat microchipped, de-sexed & immunised.



# ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

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

The current focus is on creating flexible activity spaces within the Community Hall and surrounds. The major project underway is the new community workshop / kitchen, which is on schedule to be ready to start the fit out in October. Once fitted out this facility will open the way for a raft of community workshops and events in 2019.

The second major focus is the Aquaponics set-up which has been awaiting approvals for it to be installed in the school parking space. The container has been delivered and ground-work just completed for water and power connections. Once done, the beds and fish tank will be installed with the intention to have this fully functional by the end of the year. We are looking for keen volunteers to help to maintain the beds and set up once installed.

**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 shape the revitalisation of the Hub space and will open the way for future projects to support on-going demands and to encourage more residents and young families into the community.**



The Aquaponics container, which will house the fish, has been installed and trenching has been dug for water and power to service the beds and tank. This exciting project will not only produce a range of fresh foods, but will also provide school students with the opportunity to engage in practical experience in sciences.



ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB  
COFFEES, TOASTIES, SMOOTHIES,  
ART & JEWELLERY



## Community Hall

School Road, Andamooka

PH: 0408 621 228

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...

FREE NRM COMMUNITY  
SNAKE AWARENESS WORKSHOPS  
( 24-28 SEPTEMBER)

Come along to a 3hr workshop on  
**“Things that Bite & Sting”**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**5:30 – 8:30pm**

**Andamooka Community Hall**

Full program for Roxby Downs, Woomera & Andamooka in July Newsletter.

## A SCIENCE WEEK NIGHT OF ASTRONOMICAL PROPORTIONS



The powerful telescope set up in the mobile observatory.



Conan Fahey from the Andamooka Observatory with Dr Muhammad Akbar Hussain who bought the mobile observatory to Andamooka once again for locals & visitors to marvel & to learn more from our clear night skies.

## 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.*

**CNR. OPAL CREEK BLVD & WATER WAY**  
**Grid ref: 30.4499 S / 137.1635 E**

*All weather sealed road from Stuart Hwy*

Unlimited nights at \$3 per person per night or \$10 per night with power (2 people)  
Pay at the donation column

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

**Enquiries Phone: 0456 578 604**

## Andamooka Miners' Shacks

*~ Short Stay Accommodation ~*

*Take a step back in time to a more relaxed pace... Stay for a*

**Weekend, short holiday or short-term rent**

**Shacks accommodate 2 up to 6 people**

*Family & Pet Friendly*

**Fully enclosed outdoor space with BBQ**  
**Linen supplied**

**Ph: 0427 508 075**

Sun flares transposed from telescope to tablet...





**What's On In Andamooka**  
 Find us on  
**Facebook**  
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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 10:30 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

<p><b>January</b></p> <p>APOMA Membership Due  <b>26th Australia Day</b></p>	<p><b>February</b></p> <p>14th Valentines Day</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>Good Friday BBQ                  Easter Market</p>
<p><b>April</b></p> <p>Youth Easter Sunday Egg                  Hunt &amp; Pancake Breakfast  <b>25th Anzac Day</b></p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p>ASSA Opal Classic</p>	<p><b>June</b></p> <p><b>June Long Weekend</b>                  Winter Market</p>
<p><b>July</b></p> <p>Dog Registration Due</p>	<p><b>August</b></p> <p>11th: <b>Camp Oven Cookout</b>                  Science Week 11th-19th  <b>18th QUIZ NIGHT</b>                  19th Community Forum  <i>SALA Festival "Art on the                  Fence" Exhibition 1st-31st</i></p>	<p><b>September</b></p> <p><b>15th -Pizza &amp; Pasta                  Movie Night</b>                  27th - Snake Education                  Workshop</p>
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>Long weekend <b>MARKET</b>                  14th APOMA AGM  <b>Halloween Family Fun                  Night</b></p>	<p><b>November</b></p> <p><b>Andamooka All Souls Day                  at Cemetery 2nd Nov</b>                  11th Remembrance Day</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <p>25th Community                  Christmas Lunch</p>



**VISIT**

**ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM  
 ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE  
 Motel**

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

**INFORMATION  
 &  
 ACCOMMODATION**

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

Ph 0886727007  
 275 Opal Creek Boulevard, Andamooka, SA.  
 Email... andamookaopal@hotmail.com  
 Web... www.andamookaopal.com.au



**Open 7 Days**



# What's On In Andamooka

## Italian Pizza and Pasta Movie Night

**Saturday, 15th Sep**

6:00PM @ Community Hall

**\$10 pp, Limited Space**

Pay at the APOMA Office or at the door on the night.

*Come along for food, films and fun!*  
BYO Drinks, Water Available

**Kicking off at 6pm with Kids Movies**

Main Feature:



## Visit the Renowned **TUCKABOX HOTEL**

*Serving miners since 1960*

**Open 7 Days from 11.00am**

*Eat in or take-away*

*Lunch 12-2.00 full menu*

*Plus Hamburgers & Toasties*

*Happy Hour from 5.30 nightly*

*Dinner 6.00-8.30*

*Full salad bar*

**Check the Board for daily specials**

**Ph: 8672 7137**



**UBET**



**Save the Date!!**

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

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

# ELVIS

ANDAMOOKA CFS/SES FUNDRAISER



Come get all Shook Up at  
Andamooka CFS/SES Shed  
on Hospital Rd

With **ELVIS!**

**Friday, 26th October 2018**

Doors open - 6.30pm  
Show starts - 7pm

Meal - 1/4 chicken & salad  
Apple Pie & Ice Cream  
Free Tea & Coffee  
Soft Drink & Water \$2

**Tickets \$30 each**  
On sale from the 27th August

**Andamooka Post Office & Bottle Shop**

# ANDAMOOKA Long Weekend MARKETS

**Sunday 30th September**  
**9:30am - 1:30pm**

Join us for a day of great  
food & entertainment, &  
a big variety of stalls.



# "Art On The Fence"



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Throughout the month of August the "Art on the Fence" Exhibition has been on display in the Andamooka Community Garden as part of the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival for 2018. Curated by Yvonne Dalton, was a collection of wonderful outdoor artworks created by artists both local and from around the state.

A diverse array of mediums were on show including mosaics, junk art and sculpture works. Enthusiastic locals worked alongside more seasoned artists to express their creativity and produce beautiful pieces. The Youth Group also partook in a series of workshops with artists.

The exhibition was a spectacular success. Boasting the collective works of six artists and twelve youth participants producing and displaying a total sum of forty-five art pieces. A significant step up from the previous year.

With enthusiasm for the event and the opportunities it brings for artists, community members and the town itself still brimming, thoughts turn to how to make it even bigger and better for next year. Anyone interested in participating is welcomed and encouraged to step up and get involved.



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## Music Tuition edge2centre studio

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

• Group mixed instruments

Fee: \$15/30 minutes

Concessions for groups

Adults welcome

Registered teacher

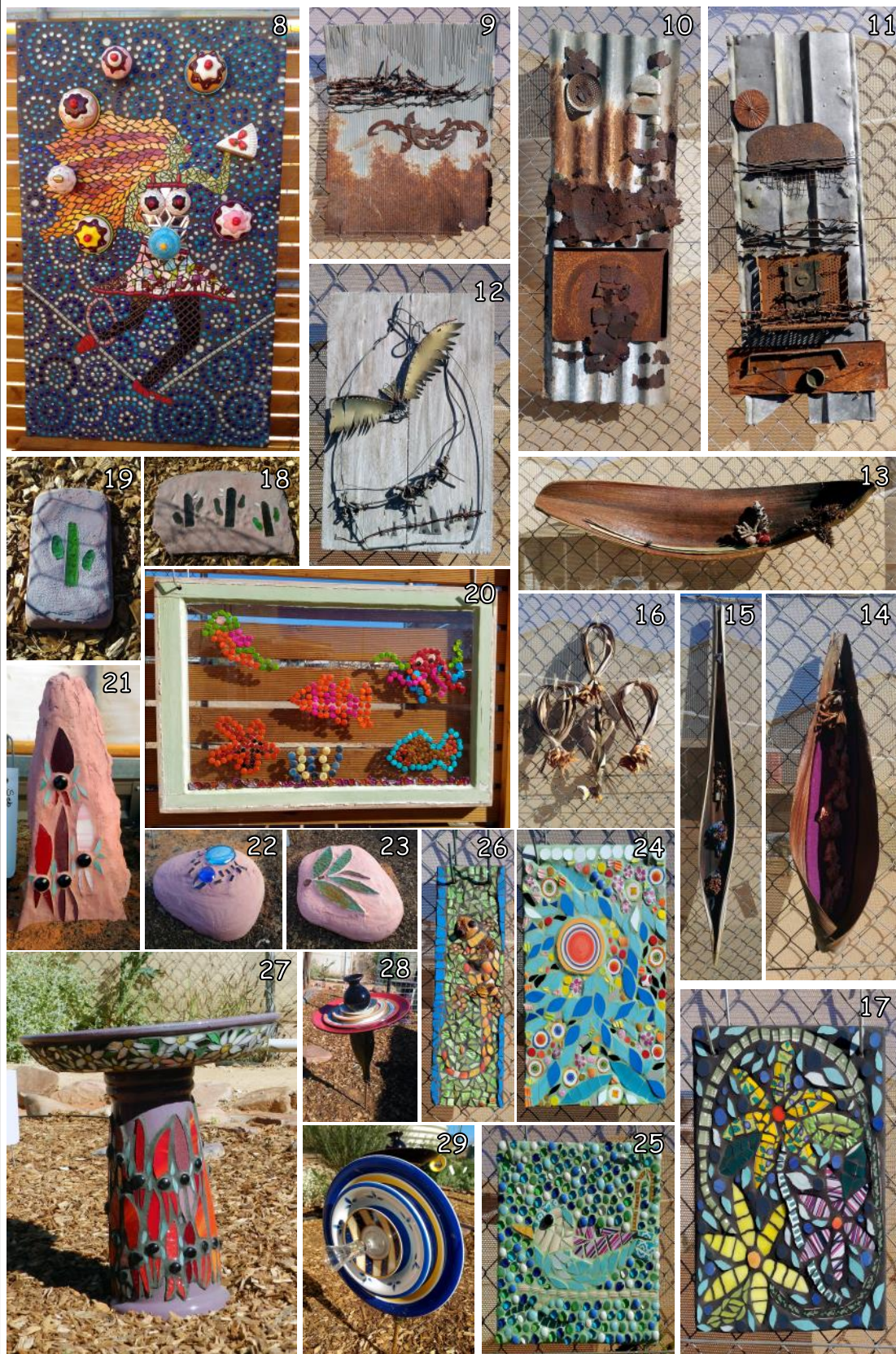


## Up Coming Arts News:

Keep your eyes open for a new exhibition coming soon to the Andamooka Community Hall!

As part of the grand-opening of the community hub and ongoing program on community revitalisation projects we'll be curating a collection of work from local artists.





**Exhibition Art:**

**Heather**

- 1 Red Dunes
- 2 Six Slices of Sky
- 3 Six Sections of Soil
- 4 Seven Serves of Salt
- 5 Andamooka 2
- 6 Andamooka 3
- 7 Andamooka 1

**Tia and Kari**

- 8 The Café Worker

**Yvonne**

- 9 Mooka Landscape I
- 10 Mooka Landscape With Moons
- 11 Mooka Landscape III
- 12 Fire Bird

**Melanie**

- 13 Floating
- 14 Drifting 1
- 15 Drifting 2
- 16 Twirling

**Donna**

- 17 Changing Seasons

**Kari**

- 18 Cacti
- 19 Cactus

**Trish, Summer, Lilly, Isaac, Heather, Amy**

- 20 The Aquarium

**Seb**

- 21 4 Sturt Desert Peas
- 22 Spider
- 23 Green Dragon Fly

**Debbie**

- 24 Road Trip

**Lilly**

- 25 Bertman

**Trish**

- 26 Lizzie
- 27 Bird Bath
- 28 Red Flower
- 29 Blue Flower

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**

**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!



## Betty Christensen & Family - A Bit of History

I am writing this on August 22, 2018, the day that my father Henry would have celebrated his 101st birthday had he lived.

My Mother Betty was born on May 8th, 1925 in East Grinstead, West Sussex England. She met my father (U.S. Airforce) during the Second World War and they got married on February 25, 1945. Mom sailed to the U.S.A. on the Queen Mary ocean liner as a war bride.

Mom and Dad set up their family home in the Midwest States of America (North Dakota & Minnesota) where they started their family. I was born on Dec 26, 1946 in Kenmare Nth Dakota. The temperature that day was 56F degrees below zero that day.

After moving to the State of Minnesota a year or so later my brother Ray was born on December 21, 1948 in Hutchinson Minnesota. Not long after that we all moved to Detroit Lakes where Paul, Elizabeth, Karl, Jonathon (who passed away June 13, 1963) and Ruth were born.

We farmed there from 1950-1965 (general & dairy) we then decided to move "down under" at the end of 1965. I had just graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in June of 1965. On Dec 10, 1965 we left our farm and drove to San Francisco, visiting relatives in Montana on the way.

We travelled to Australia by ship (SS Tucson) and took our Plymouth car with us arriving January 20, 1966. We left Sydney and drove to Melbourne where we visited Mom's mother and her sister before living a year in Newlyn north of Ballarat, Victoria, working for Aussie farmers there.



*Betty Christensen celebrating her 93rd birthday earlier this year, surrounded by loving her loving children and grandchildren.*

We then left for Adelaide intending to go on to the Ord River in W.A. but we got way-laid in a caravan park in Adelaide where we met an opal miner. So excited by what we heard, we headed for Andamooka, where we have been living ever since. My sister Jean was born in Port Augusta on 8th April 1968.

So, my Mom, who is thought to be the oldest living, long term Andamooka resident has lived her 93 years on three continents, but with most of that in Andamooka.

*- Carolyn Christensen*

*In Loving Memory*



*Peter McCready*

*21-8-1947 ~ 31-7-2018*

*Aged 70 years*

Peter was born in New South Wales and as a young fellow, trained as a pastrycook enjoying this work immensely. A few years later he trained as a plumber and received his plumbing licence while in NSW. Broadening his horizon, he transferred to South Australia and worked as a plumber on the Indian Pacific Railway where, when the train was short staffed, he was often called upon to help in the kitchen.

Following his meeting Josie they both took up employment in managing the Orroroo Hotel, then later moving to Broken Hill where he joined the Salvation Army in the role of care giving and help for those in need. He attended the University of the Third Age and succeeded in getting his degree in Aged Care as well as being dux of the class.

Returning to Orroroo he joined both the Orroroo Fire Brigade and SES services, and was an officer of the Orroroo Ambulance Service.

Soon the desert called, and he and Josie came to Andamooka and Peter joined Frontier Services, in a role he loved – helping people! As most people in Andamooka would know, he spent countless hours assisting the transportation

of those needing hospital services and assisting with anyone who was troubled.

Along with Josie he gave many hours to the Andamooka CWA Op Shop and on most visits back to Orroroo he would be seen towing a large trailer of excess goods which he would take to the Salvation Army OP Shop at Peterborough.

He was a valued member of the Andamooka RAOB Lodge as well as a member of the Andamooka Fire Service and SES Service.

He particularly liked the outback services including Marla. He took retirement but Frontier Services wanted him back for the Outback. He later decided on permanent retirement as he had many jobs to carry out on their own Orroroo home.

He fought cancer for several years before being called 'home' at the end of July this year.

He was a loving husband to Josie, a father to one daughter and stepfather to a son and daughter and leaves many loved grandchildren, relatives and friends.

*Sadly missed, and sadly farewelled by all who knew him in Andamooka.*



# Andamooka Life

## Book Week 'Find your Treasure'



As part of Book Week, Andamooka School students took part in a dress-up day themed around 'Find Your Treasure'. Clowns, fairies, monsters and pirates were on parade around the town visiting the Post Office, Community Hall and local shops before finishing up with a fun Treasure Hunt at the school.

## Quiz Night - Winners



Around 90 participants took part in the first Quiz Night held in Andamooka for many years, with everyone keen to see the next quiz night in 2019. Quizmaster, ABC's Paul Culliver, kept the night moving at a great pace with some pretty challenging questions and loads of fun. Everyone was a winner, with loads of prizes up for grabs thanks to donations from local business & the Op Shop. Around \$400 was raised towards the community kitchen fit-out. Trophy Winners, Desert Oracles '2', pictured with Paul presenting the trophy, came in just ahead of 'Lost for Words' with Desert Oracles '1' right behind in third place. Wooden Spooners, 'The Tourists' found locals too hard to beat.... but they were certainly great sports!!!

### YOUTH NEWS:

#### 'YOUTH MOVIE-MAKING COMPETITION' WINNERS

In June members of the youth group attended an NRM Digital Story-telling Workshop learning to 'make your own movies & recordings'. Following this, they were given the challenge of producing their own movie and 6 of the group had their amazing productions judged in a Youth Movie Making Competition at the Quiz Night in August, with everyone of the movies a winner in the eyes of the community.

#### Winners are:

- 1st place: **William (Will) Franklin** for "Opal Fever"
  - 2nd Place: **Isaac Kemenyvary** for 'Bensonz Chase'
  - 3rd Place: **Caleb Kemenyvary** for 'The Great Escape'
  - Participation Award: **Lily Kemenyvary** for 'Lost Dogs'
- Great job to all of the group, and we look forward to some of them collaborating towards putting an entry in to 'Haywire'

### SENIORS NEWS:

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

**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 RICHARD FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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

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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.

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**SATURDAY** - Breen Park, Woomera  
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# Police Report


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

On 30<sup>th</sup> July a break in was reported at a house on German Gully Road. The house had a number of items taken from it, including a sofa. This is the only reported break in or attempted break in over the last few months.

It is important for police to know if anything is happening, so that we can attend the town and spend more time here to ensure the safety of everyone. If you have any information on this break in please contact the Roxby Downs Police Station. If you wish to report any other offences please contact the police Call Centre on 131-444.

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

**Are you covered for Ambulance Services?**

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

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

**Contact: SA Ambulance Ph: 1300 13 62 72 or visit: [www.saambulance.com.au](http://www.saambulance.com.au)**

**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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**Women's Health Morning Tea**

**Date & Time:** Thursday 6th September 2018; 10:00 - 11:30 am  
**Location:** Roxby Downs Community Hub, Shop 8, Richardson Place

**Panel Discussion** with representatives from BHP & Dahlia Enoch (local mental health counselor)  
**Morning Tea** provided with a Gold Coin donation.

Hosted by **Time for Wellbeing & Strengthening our Families**



**Women's Health Week**  
 3-7 September 2018

Sign up to start making positive changes that can last a lifetime.  
[womenshealthweek.com.au](http://womenshealthweek.com.au)  
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Jean Hailes is supported by funding from the Australian Government.

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Community Hub  
 Richardson Place  
 Roxby Downs  
 Meeting times:  
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 Wed - 7pm to 8:30  
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**Andamooka Children's Centre**  
 for Early Childhood Development and Parenting

Find us on **Facebook**  
 For the latest school news  
 @AndamookaPrimarySchool

Visit: [www.andamooka.sa.edu.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.edu.au)  
 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  
 Tue & Wed: 1pm - 4pm  
 Check **Facebook** for holiday hours.

**Located:**  
 Andamooka School

**Andamooka Community Bus Services**

**REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBY DOWNS THURSDAYS WEEKLY**  
 Departs Tuckabox 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 toluamide) or picariden and always follow instructions on the label.

**ELIMINATE:** Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home.

For more information call **SA Health on 08 8226 7100** or visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite)

# Community Noticeboard

## MINING CLAIMS

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9am-5pm weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

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Manager Opal Fields.

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Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

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## Robert Ames

Much respected long term resident of Andamooka

Passed away

28th August 2018

Our sincere condolences to Mary and Family

from the Committee & Members of APOMA

R.I.P.

## Want to try Fossicking?

Visit the Post Office

& talk to their friendly staff for all the information and equipment you need to get started.



## Notice to Residents

SES/CFS

A test will be conducted on the emergency warning siren

Every Thursday at 7.00 pm

CFS: John West: 0408 807 943

SES: Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

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



Rowan Ramsey MP

Federal Member for Grey

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

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