

UP-COMING EVENTS

◆ **Sun 30th Sep – Andamooka Markets**
9.30 - 1.30

◆ **Sun 7th Oct- BINGO**, 1.30pm at the Tuckabox

◆ **Sun 14th Oct- APOMA AGM** - 1.30pm
Open to all members of Andamooka's community
'Meet & Greet' BBQ
from 12.30pm

More on events page 9

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ROCK-TOBER IN ANDAMOOKA

October is a busy month in Andamooka in 2018 but we are heading towards an even bigger October in 2019 under the banner of 'ROCK-TOBER'.

This month will feature art exhibits, a book launch, markets, two Bingo Arvo's, the APOMA AGM, and the Youth Halloween Night.

But indications are that 2019's ROCK-TOBER will be huge...revisiting the Andamooka long weekend of old...

A big event for locals and visitors alike, stepping back into the past. The '1930's Anniversary Ball' is to be the first of the annual 10 decade-by-decade spectaculars leading up to the main event in 2030 as the highlight of Andamooka's "100 year" anniversary celebrations.

Past favourites such as the "Tug-O-war" and 'red sand volleyball' will head up events on the Sunday, with new activities including a "walk, run, ride desert challenge course" added to the program.

An 'Opal Hunt' will span the three days offering day, two day or three day tickets to seek prizes set throughout the opal fields in a major fund raiser for community projects and programs.

Supporting these events will be markets, BBQs, a Tag-along-tour, astronomical experiences, a deck chair theatre and also the opportunity for locals and visitors to have a go at opal cutting and polishing, and at repurposing old mining bits into amazing 'junk-art' creations.

The Community Hall 'History Wall' will progressively build up over the year with pictures and stories from the 1930's supported by exhibits of past paraphernalia. We welcome the loan or donation of any items that people may have to add to the exhibits and displays.

2019 will kick off with Australia Day in January. The second 'Hot March Night' will feature Greg Champion, promising a huge event on Sat, 2nd March. Easter events have rekindled with around 200 attending 2018's Good Friday BBQ, where with 75 catered for, an application of the 'loaves & fishes' principle got everyone fed. So we anticipate Easter 2019 will be a boomer.

Regular and other events will then ramp up throughout the visitor season till ROCK-TOBER.

So, if you are interested in helping out with events and activities in 2019, please contact Tanya at the Town Office or via email at admin3@apoma.com.au



Photo: The opalized fossil remains of an ancient plesiosaur. Found Locally. *See pg 7 for more!*

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 14 for daily clinic hours.

After Hours: Emergencies only.

Post Office: 86727007

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Opal Creek Blvd.
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- **CCS and Avdata payments**
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11-3 weekends

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Power cards: Friendly Grocer

Friendly Grocer: 86727034
Gas refills/Fuel
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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

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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

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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 Sep Committee Meeting:

- Ratification of sign off motion for CARM Agreement & OCA Goods & Services contract passed at joint meeting with OCA.
- Progress with home for social fitness group
- Acceptance of 2 nominations for 2018-19 committee and of 1 member stepping down.
- Information session set for local miners around ILUA and opal field boundaries.
- Waiting on confirmation from Rowan Ramsay to forward submission for upgrade to old grader shed and works shed.
- End of Month Balance for Aug at bank:
Operations: \$36,702 Donations: \$2328
Allocated Funds:\$15,700 Savings:\$15,504
- End of Month Balance for July at bank:
Operations: \$14,707 Donations: \$3211.
Allocated Funds:\$12,700 Savings:\$15,503
- Confirmation of Greg Champion Mar 2nd event
- Current projects and asset maintenance report - all on time. Old cemetery fencing added to list.
- Planning discussion around projects, funding and town economic future—grant opportunities
- Swimming pool & mini-golf projects progressing
- Next Open Community Forum – October in conjunction with the AGM.

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.

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Vice Chair: Ian Thompson

Secretary / Treasurer:

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APOMA AGM: 14th Oct

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 with an open question time at the end of the meeting.

Proxy forms are available by contacting the Town Office

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

AGENDA & ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. OPENING OF MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

- 1.1. ATTENDANCE & Confirmation of quorum
- 1.2. APOLOGIES
- 1.3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:
 - 1.3.1. 2016/17 Annual General Meeting
 - 1.3.2. General Meeting, March 2018
 - 1.3.3. General Meeting, August 2018

2. LODGEMENT OF PROXIES

3. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

- 3.1. Chairman's Report
- 3.2. Treasurer's Report
- 3.3. Presentation of Financial Statements
- 3.4. Development Report
- 3.5. Facilities and Maintenance Report

4. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

- 4.1. Business Arising

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 5.1. Members not due for retirement:
 - Anthony Johnson
 - Brenton Musolino
 - Claudia Mitchell
 - Donna Waters
 - John Wilby
- 5.2. Members retiring:
 - Charles Sims
- 5.3. Members Re-standing for election:
 - Ian Thompson
 - John Smirnios
 - Gill Rowley

6. NOMINATIONS RECEIVED:

Julie Franklin
Dee Adams

- 6.1. Motion: To continue the ten member committee as passed by members in 2017.
Proposed: G Rowley Seconded: C Mitchell
Rationale: With the situation around shift swings and other work or personal commitments of committee members, the ten member committee has proven to effectively assist with establishing quorums for meetings.

7. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1. & 8.2. Overview of budget & planning for 2018-19
- 8.3. Resolution for adoption of new APOMA Constitution.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING . *Open community forum question time will be conducted at this point.*

NOTICE OF MOTION: TO ADOPT THE REVISED APOMA CONSTITUTION

Resolution proposed: Adoption of the revised APOMA Constitution as presented.
Rationale: A go-ahead to revise the APOMA constitution was passed by members at the 2017 AGM. The proposed changes bring the Constitution in line with modern terminology, requirements and practices, and tighten potential ambiguities to provide clear direction. These changes have been progressively discussed and explained to members at the March and August general meetings with positive response.

The Motion to be put: "That the revised version of the APOMA Constitution as presented dated October 2018, is adopted by the members to commence as of the 14th of October 2018."

Proposed: John Wilby
Seconded: Ian Thompson

APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

A few 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 as of 1 July 18 to remain a financial member & be eligible to vote at the AGM

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



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Keeping Up With Business

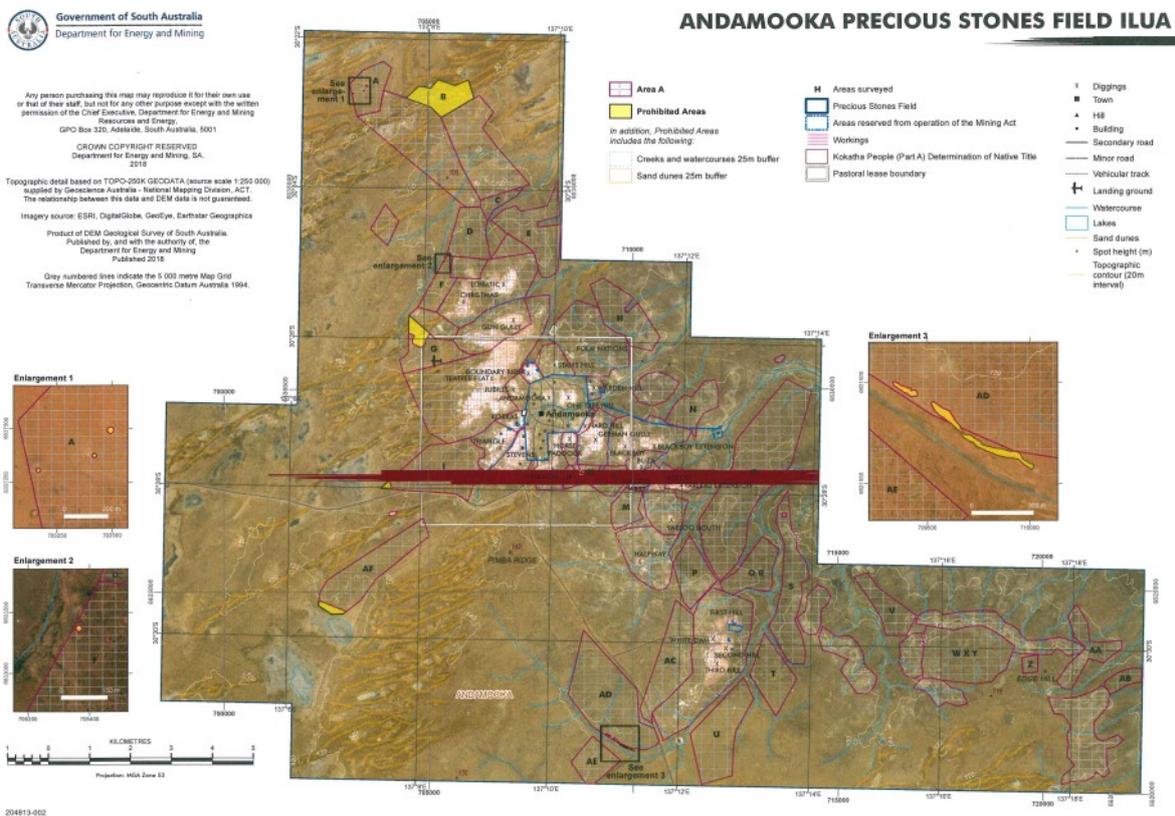
Progressing Andamooka Town Development

MINER'S INFORMATION NIGHT RE ILUA / OPAL FIELD BOUNDARIES

Thirty two local miners attended an information night on Wednesday 26th September for an update on the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for Andamooka Precious Stones Field which has entered its third year of Government negotiations. Ashley Wood, Manager Opal Fields, informed miners that the intention is to present the Agreement for signing at the AGM of the Kokatha people at Port Augusta in November of this year.

Frustratingly this Agreement which is vital to not only maintaining a future for the historic opal industry in Andamooka, but also to underpinning the economic sustainability of the town, has been delayed for reasons unknown to APOMA, with the original expectation for signing off around the end of 2016, then proposed to be around mid 2017, then end 2017, mid 2018 and now end 2018.

Andamooka miners have worked cooperatively with Government and the Kokatha to map out a plan of the opal field, respecting areas of indigenous significance, and incorporating opal bearing areas and restrictions. The resulting plan showing current boundaries was distributed to those in attendance. APOMA chairman, John Wilby, told attendees that local miners meetings will be held regularly around every 3-4months for updates and discussion. News on the ILUA sign off will be passed on as soon as it comes to hand.



GRANT UPDATE:

Waiting on news on 'Smarty Grant' funding for outdoor games for youth & community use.

'Time for Wellbeing' funds currently being expended on community programs. \$1000 spent to date on social fitness program and \$500 on youth.

Rowan Ramsay MP has supported progressing the grant submission to Government, to fund the grader shed upgrade to house town maintenance / CDP and to upgrade the town workshop to accommodate community lapidary and glass craft activities.

The 'Men's Shed' grant has been won for mobile storage units & non-slip flooring in the community workshop.

Learn more at the AGM.



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Community News

PROJECT UPDATE

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

Splash pad repairs have been completed which proved to be far more work than first anticipated. This will delay the opening of the facility for a couple of weeks.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

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

Work at the Cemetery: This is another job that proved to be greater than anticipated with repairs needed to make the toilet safe for use. Work will be underway during the next couple of months.

MAJOR PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Community Workshop / Kitchen is progressing. The cement floor has been remediated and extended with cladding the next stage.

Splash Pad about to undergo resurfacing with a new design and the 'missing' fish repainted ready for reinstating.

Garden bed edging has been completed in the **arid explorers community garden**.

Front area landscaping including more paved areas & garden beds is progressing.

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

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

Community Garden:

Aquaponics project waiting on approvals. Summer vegetables & herbs to be planted. Spring produce available for the picking. A selection of fresh salad vegies complimented the salads enjoyed at the Pizza & Pasta Night.

Old Cemetery: protective fencing to be installed.



Muso's Corner

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

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w www.complete-personnel.com.au		

Call out for volunteers!!!

There is a raft of tasks that members of the community with everyday gardening and home maintenance skills, or those willing to learn, can assist with.

A couple of hours a week by half a dozen people will make a huge difference to getting through the workload before the heat of summer.

If you can help, please contact Richard at the town office.

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

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

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

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

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

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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

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

The current focus is on creating flexible activity spaces within the Community Hall and surrounds. The 2018 major project underway is the new community workshop / kitchen, which is on schedule to be ready to commence fit out in October. Once fitted out this facility will open the way for a raft of community workshops and events in 2019.

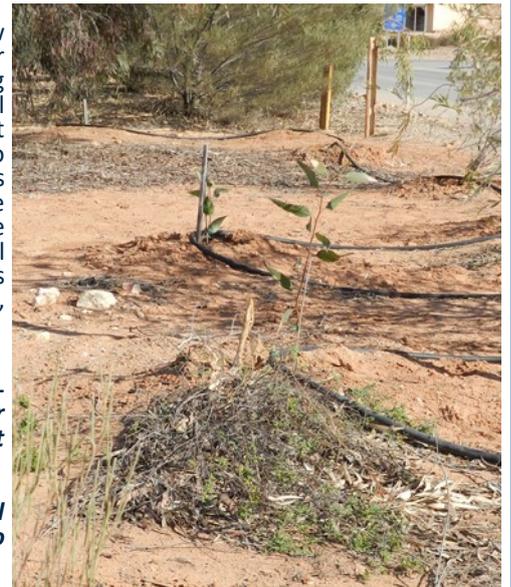
Funding has been sought to assist with the workshop fit-out with community events such as the March event, Quiz Night and Bingo raising around \$2000 towards the kitchen fit-out thanks to the efforts of a number of dedicated volunteers.

The second major current focus is the Aquaponics set-up within the Community Garden which has been granted approval for installation in the school parking space. The container is in place and major ground-work 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 seeking keen volunteers to help to maintain the beds and set up once installed. We are lucky to have a volunteer with wide experience in aquaponics on board to help with installation and willing to train other volunteers in the art of growing with aquaponics.***



Following unfortunate incidents with youngsters taking up rocks from garden edges in the arid explorers garden and using them as missiles to break plants and art work within the space, much to the heartbreak of those who have put so much time, effort and love into this, not to mention the cost of replacement, the CDP crew have had to put aside time that was scheduled to complete the splash pad in time for the school holidays, to repair and cement in the garden edging and fix damaged plants, although some were unfortunately lost. ***We encourage anyone who witnesses vandalising or misuse of the garden to report this to the Town Office, hopefully those that cause damage will cover the cost of repair, instead of us having to expend community funds raised by local volunteers, that are needed for other vital projects.***

Replacement plantings and new additional species planted over winter by the CDP crew are growing well over spring. In turn these will assist with creating an environment to support plantings of difficult to grow bush food species such as quandongs and muntries. These will be randomly planted within the tree lines to create a bush food trail throughout the town. Quandongs rely on host trees to propagate, survive and thrive.



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.



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Things To See And Do In Andamooka...



The opalized fossil of an ancient plesiosaur dug up in Andamooka.

Discovered by a local opal miner out at Teatree Flat on the Andamooka Opal Fields. The fossil was unearthed well above the main level. This amazing find has been acquired by Duke's Bottlehouse Motel and will be on permanent display in their underground mining museum.



What is a Plesiosaur?

Plesiosaurs are a group of prehistoric aquatic reptiles.

They were carnivorous dinosaurs characterised by having four wing-like flippers. Many varieties existed in various body shapes and sizes. They were believed to be mainly ocean dwelling animals, but specimens have been found in freshwater deposits as well.



Example of a Plesiosaur from the National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.

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Andamookas 'HOT MARCH NIGHT' 2019

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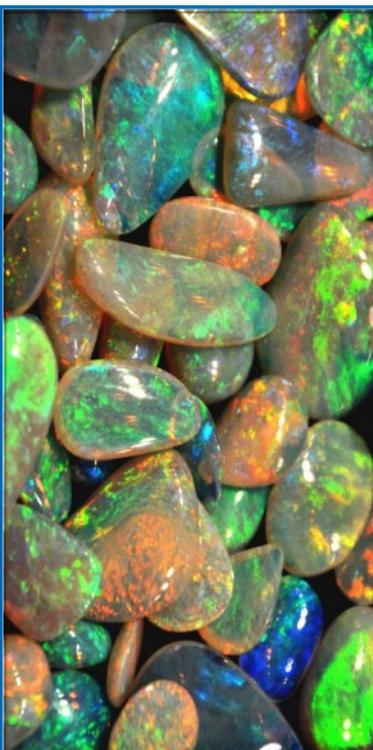


For more information on
 activities & events
Contact: Matt 0419 504 200

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	June Long Weekend Winter Market
July	August	September
Dog Registration Due	Camp Oven Cookout	27th - Snake Education Workshop
October	November	December
7th & 28th BINGO 14th APOMA AGM 26th Elvis at the CFS/SES 27th Halloween Family Fun Night	Andamooka All Souls Day at Cemetery 2nd Nov 11th Remembrance Day	25th Community Christmas Lunch



VISIT

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What's On In Andamooka

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CARLO RITCHIE

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Sydney Morning Herald

"A must-see"
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Doors open - 6.30pm
Show starts - 7pm

Meal - 1/4 chicken & salad
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Free Tea & Coffee
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Tickets \$30 each
On sale from the 27th August

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Save the Date!!

Andamooka's First Decade 1930's Anniversary Ball

Saturday 5th October 2019

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.

The Creative Corner

Showcasing Local Artists

Artist Spotlight: Rebecca Hanold

Talented ex-Andamookan artist Rebecca Hanold has been making waves with her innovative art works. She works in traditional materials including acrylic paint, as well as forays into more adventurous mediums such as hair dye, nail varnish and even vegemite.

A selection of her work is currently on display in the Andamooka Community Hall as part of the Local Arts Exhibition, due to commence in October. Drop in and check it out.



Art Guide:

- 1 - "Strike a Pose" in Acrylic Paint
- 2 - "Ram's Head" in Acrylic Paint
- 3 - "Nailed It" in Nail Polish
- 4,5,6 - Assorted Art Painted in Vegemite

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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.

Arts Revitalisation

JUNK ART— JUST THE RIGHT THING FOR A TOWN LIKE ANDAMOOKA...

A major focus of the Arts Revitalisation Program over the next year will be on Junk Art....The art of finding discarded, disused, or forgotten items and turning them into new creations— with a new purpose, or may be just for a bit of fun to have around.

This is a cottage industry waiting to emerge within the town. Anyone can get into this very enjoyable hobby using a bit of imagination, taking advantage of the opportunity to learn new skills of hot fix and cold fix methods, welding and metal cutting and shaping. Workshops will be conducted in these skills in 2019.

Take time to look around, seek permission from property owners to raid their 'junk heaps' and then look at how you could turn those 'found' items into bits of indoor or garden art, outdoor furniture, wall art, or maybe garden pots, creative mobiles or moving art pieces, the list is endless.



'*Fire Bird*' is a junk art creation by artist Yvonne Dalton who conducted junk art workshops in Andamooka during SALA in August. Yvonne will be conducting more workshops in Andamooka in 2019 through the 'Arty Andamooka' program. Look out for more news on this soon.



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A Blast from the Past: October Festival 1993

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ANDAMOOKA OPAL FESTIVAL SHINES THROUGH WHILE THE RAINS CAME DOWN

(Report by Rick Boston)

The weekend started a little earlier than planned as the Army team of 11 personnel from the School of Armour (Puckapunyal) arrived around lunch-time on Thursday. After erecting their camp in sunny, if somewhat windy, conditions, they settled down to a welcoming beer and a look at the photographs from last year. Soon after, they were not only introduced to the local watering-hole and locals but also to the effects a good fall of rain has on our road! They took no time in adapting to the situation and yours truly was dutifully marched outside and ceremoniously rolled in the mud! Nice bunch of fella's!

Despite a large band of helpers, the rain prevented the banner and flags being erected but didn't stop preparations for the BBQ which has been described as the biggest and best for years. The large crowd witnessed the drawing of around 20 tickets in the Monster Raffle with superb prizes donated by local businesses and so beautifully presented by Sue Groben. Peter O'Neill, who had been providing background music and PA, kept the crowd together by going straight on with a Talent Quest. Where did all the talent come from? It was a great show and won by a group of school children from Adelaide. Those that like to stay on and talk kept the cooler conditions at bay by standing around a fire while the dedicated band of workers quietly tidied up in the background.

Saturday started off overcast and optimists thought the rain might stay away. SRRR set up their studio and speakers in the main street and the Wheelbarrow Race teams and officials gathered in Roxby Downs for the start of the 8th "Jim Shaw" Wheelbarrow Race. As the race progressed and the street ever-so-slowly started to fill with people, the rain ever-so-steadily started to come down. By the time the first teams "crossed the line" it was decidedly wet but the on-lookers had swelled to a sizeable crowd and it was very wet when the last team came in, the "Jim Shaw Hut Mob". This group of miners decided that they just had

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to enter since they were staying in Jim Shaw's shack. Considering one of the team had an artificial leg and they had never run in the race before, they turned on an amazing performance and completed the race. Typifying the perseverance of early miners they should, quite rightly, be called "Andamookans".

Meanwhile the Serpent Project, Quilting Exhibition, CWA stalls, etc. were well under way at the Hall. All reports indicate that this venue was very popular and the Serpent Project has provided a most magnificent face-lift to our Hall.

The evening was rounded-off for the stayers with meals and entertainment being provided by the Opal Hotel and Tuckerbox.

Sunday dawned bright and clear but a thunderstorm on the Saturday night prevented the Opal Treasure Hunt and Billy Cart Races from getting underway. It is proposed that these events may be held towards the end of the school year.

A group from the Army managed to make it out to the Pistol Club to take on the local members in a four-a-side Practical Pisto Match. Some 500 rounds were expended and the PUCKIN'/ANDAMOOKA Trophy, created last year by our members when the Army won the inaugural shoot, was won very convincingly back by the local team.

The Tug O' War got under way in "Andamooka time" and the first pull took so long it seemed that the teams could never attempt another two pulls. After this tremendous attempt, the first pull was awarded to the Opal. Following a five minute break and a change of ends the Tuckerbox team won the second pull in very quick time. The ends for the Third pull were decided by the toss of a coin. Won by the Tuckerbox, they decided to pull from the eastern end again. The third pull was threatening to approach the length and effort of the first as the Opal team were gradually making ground. An unfortunate incident with the collapse of a team member created some confusion. As "Spritzie" was rapidly extracted by ambulance it seemed to take the edge off further competition and the result was declared as a one-all draw this year. A girls team, resplendent in T-shirts, and a trophy donated by "Bluey" were available for competition but no challengers were found. Perhaps this could also take place towards the end of the year?

Although SRRR were only booked for the Saturday they decided to stay on and provided music in the street for the Sunday, too.

The Army relocated to the Hall while their tents were clean and dry and the Serpent Project continued with the occasional assistance from on-lookers.

The Monday looked like it was going to turn into a beautiful day even though the wind was brisk to start with. Unfortunately, the BBQ at Bill's had to be cancelled because it was just too wet and muddy in front of the BBQ area. The Army decided to get away early in the circumstances and the Serpent Project came to an end. Some of us took the opportunity to crawl home for a well-earned rest. All-in-all, a great festival once again - despite the weather.

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ANDAMOOKA OPAL FESTIVAL SHINES THROUGH Continued

JIM SHAW WHEELBARROW RACE RESULTS

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1st	School of Armour (Army Puckapunyal)	1 hr 37 m 08 s
2nd	The "Roo" (sponsor - OD Transport)	1 hr 46 m 26 s
3rd	Wasted Units (sponsor - JR Engineering)	1 hr 47 m 15 s
4th	Lightning Ridge Bush Safari (Visitors)	1 hr 49 m 42 s
5th	The Jim Shaw Hut Mob (Local miners)	2 hr 42 m 13 s

The ARMY TEAM donated their \$500 prize money to the RFDS. This was passed on to Margot Duke who will incorporate it with a future event she is organising. Many thanks fella's.

MONSTER RAFFLE

No records were kept of the winners but most were present at the BBQ. Prizes won by those not present have been successfully distributed. Thank you to local businesses for your generous donations of prizes and to Sue and Garren Groben for organising and running this event.

MEAT RAFFLES AND AUCTION

Due to Carolyn Croser's efforts, Stu and Tim of Cottage Meats Pty Ltd donated meat for meat packs. Carolyn successfully raffled off 2 packs and raised \$200. The 2 remaining packs were auctioned off at the BBQ and realised a further \$49.

TALENT QUEST

Many, many thanks to Peter O'Neil of Roxby for voluntarily providing music and PA for the BBQ and running the Talent Quest which was won by a group of school-children from Adelaide. Dave Hallett should also be thanked for loaning Peter some equipment.

OPAL PENDANT COMPETITION - run by the Opal Creek Showroom.

This was drawn on the Sunday afternoon under Police supervision and was won by KEN RAPSEY.

NOW TO THE THANKS-

The amount of Community involvement and assistance this year was overwhelming and shows that the Opal Festival is by no means dead. Look forward to 1995 - Australia's Year of Festivals.

On behalf of myself, as organiser, and the APOMA I would like to thank all participating businesses, individuals and groups for your tremendous involvement and support. We cannot name you all but WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE - you are the real heart of Andamooka and without your support these events would just not be successful. THANK YOU.

Some people must be singled out, especially those from out-of-town. Medallions were presented for their "Major Fundraising" to: Carolyn Croser - Punch-boards & meat packs \$1298.90
Sue & Garren Groben - Monster Raffle \$353
Other fund-raisers were: The Bottle Shop - punch boards \$282
Opal Creek Showroom - punch boards \$ 80
Wildthings (Marie Greasen) - Lucky Dips \$ 44.50
Margot Duke - for most generous financial donation
Opal Creek Showroom - donation of 3 wheelbarrows with opals for trophies
SRRR Radio Station from Woomeera for providing, voluntarily, music and announcements for two days (We only paid for fuel and only booked them for one day.)
Cottage Meats Pty Ltd for donation of meat for meat packs. Thank you Stu & Tim

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - if you feel that you contributed as much or more than people who have been mentioned, don't feel that you have been missed out. There remains further information to be published in the next paper.

THE END

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Due to traffic operations over the next few months, we will also be actively targeting seatbelts, child restraints and drink and drug driving. Please ensure that you and your children are appropriately strapped into your vehicle before driving. If you have been drinking please leave your car and find an alternative way to travel. This is not worth risking your license, your car, or your life.

A reminder that if something does happen, or an offence has occurred, please call us. It's important that we know what's happening in the town, and respond to it.

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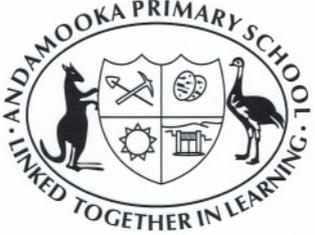
Well what can we say but the gods were good to us again? With the windy weather the way that it was the day before and on that morning, can tell you I was a little stressed out. But as evening approached the weather improved and the night was calm and enjoyed by many.

Once again we have so many people to thank. Without them the night would not happen.

A very big thank you goes to the crew who made meals, from soup to dessert. 16 different meals I was told. The AHA really do appreciate all the help they receive from everyone who gets involved. To Trish and the CDP crew, thank you once again for your help with fire wood and setting up chairs and tables. To Coates Hire for there big, flash bright shine light. It certainly made all the difference. A thank you must go to Elaine Florence and Bradley Godden for donations of wines and jams. Over the past year the AHA has sold nearly \$1000 worth of donated jam, which is not a bad effort and a lot of jam making. A job well done Bully for cleaning all the camp oven pots and thanks to Maree for selling our lucky squares for us.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the girls and boys of the AHA crew for a job well done. At the end of the night with the selling of lucky squares, jars of jam plus takings, nearly \$1500 profit was raised. Thanks to all and we hope the evening was enjoyed by everyone. We hope to see you all again next year.

Belinda Godden, Treasurer.



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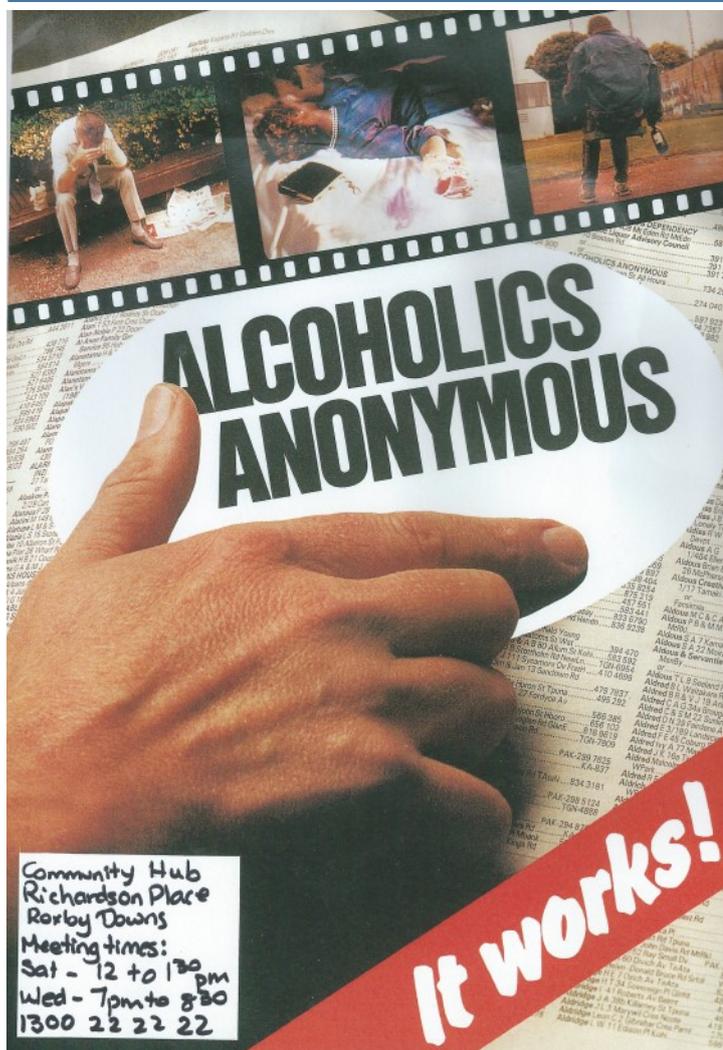
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