

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- ♦ **Sunday 24th Feb:**
BINGO resumes,
1pm at the Tuckabox
- ♦ **Saturday 2nd Mar:**
**ANDAMOOKA'S
HOT MARCH
NIGHT**, with **Greg
Champion!!!**
- ♦ **Sunday 21st Apr:**
**Easter Markets &
Easter Egg Hunt** -
Check Facebook for
more details.

More on Events page 9...

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Header: Blazing sunrise over the White Dam turn-off.

Source: C Christensen, 2018

DON'T MISS 2019's MAIN EVENT

**ONE BIG NIGHT OF OZ STYLE ENTERTAINMENT AT ITS BEST...
LAUGHS, MUSIC, SPORT & MORE...**

This is Andamooka's chance to spend a rollicking night of world class entertainment with Greg Champion, legend of Aussie comedy and iconic Aussie songs, well respected footy and cricket TV & radio personality, a highly regarded national sportsman and a lover of all things Oz....

Andamookan's have been calling out for a night like this, so with the precedence set in 2018 for an annual major concert event, this year promises to deliver....

Once again there will be great food and a well-stocked bar at great prices, with tickets prices aimed to make it affordable for everyone to join in.

As star attraction, Greg will be performing here coming off the back of the Tamworth music festival, and just managing to fit in his long-time plan to visit Andamooka prior to kick off of the Footy season.

Greg will be supported by local singers and entertainers, and with some great prizes at stake, patrons will also have a chance to take to the stage to exercise their story telling talents in an Aussie Joke telling competition.

Get into the mood in your best Aussie attire. There's even a prize for the 'best dressed thongs' (those being the type you wear on your feet)

This is a night not to be missed....

Funds raised on the night will go exclusively towards the fit-out of the new community kitchen / workshop, located at the community hall, which will offer a raft of workshops and arts & crafts activities, men's shed activities, support community events and available for members of the community who wish to book the facility or hall for private events.

A big thank you to sponsors, Oz Minerals and Alliance Airlines/ Roxby Travel & Cruise.



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Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

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hours.

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11-3 Weekends

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Town Office:

School Road 86727246

**Andamooka School &
Children's Centre:**

- 86727018
Public Library Hours: See Pg 15

Community Hall:

Enquires, contact APOMA
- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ**
- **AYC Café:** 0408621228
Opal Creek Blvd.

Caravan Park/Playground:

Opal Creek Blvd 0456578604

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Opal Creek Blvd, Open 7 Days

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For More Details:

www.andamooka.sa.au

APOMA News

Andamooka Town Office

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

Open Monday to Friday

9.30am-3.00pm (closes 12.00noon Fridays)

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OCA: Byron Gough (m) 0427 687 772

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Events & memberships: admin3@apoma.com.au

Newsletter: admin2@apoma.com.au

OCA: 12 Tassie Street Port Augusta Ph: 8648 5970

Points of Interest - December Committee Meeting:

- Stronger Communities Programme \$15,000 grant received towards upgrading the grader shed and surrounds as a Town Works Facility. Work will commence end February.
- Advice received re change to insurance arrangements via OCA for 2020 – to be discussed with OCA in conjunction with 2019-20 CARM Agreement.
- AYC licence transfer completed. Contract commencing July 2019 to be negotiated.
- End of month bank balances: Ops - \$31,748
Donations - \$867 Allocated funds - \$19,200
Reserve Funds - \$15,524 Asset Maintenance - \$8250 Total: \$73,203
- Marketing—tourist brochure progressing / Pimba sign—to be erected early 2019
- Outcome re ILUA from Kokotha AGM - agreement signed - APOMA to meet with Kokotha
- Maintenance and projects— October / November winds have put work behind schedule.
- Fundraising for community kitchen/workshop progressing. \$1500 to be placed in allocated funds towards community kitchen/workshop fit-out
- Events – Australia Day arrangements progressing.
- Motion passed to count and acknowledge non-member votes at meetings for matters of community interest.

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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Miners Association Inc.**

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

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community, protect miners rights & build a sustainable future for the town; maintain & develop the township; assist the development of opal mining & promote opal markets; promote & facilitate tourism, promote & facilitate community wellbeing, social inclusion & equality within the township.

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Next Meeting: [17th February]

Correspondence addressed to The
Secretary due **COB 12th Feb**

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APOMA News & Notices

BE INFORMED: NEW OUTBACK CODE FOR PLANNING REFORM IN OUTBACK AREAS

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) is visiting some OCA communities in early March to talk about a new Outback Code. *The Outback Code is part of the Department's planning reform program; which will replace the development plans that currently set the planning rules in our areas.* The Code is intended to commence in mid-2019; ahead of other parts of the state.

More details will be available in the coming weeks about the Code itself. The department will be visiting Andamooka, Maree, Coober Pedy and Yunta.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about planning reform, please visit www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au, or email them at DPTI.PlanningReform@sa.gov.au.

ANDAMOOKA MEETING: Tuesday 5th March at 7.00pm, Andamooka Community Hall.

If you are planning on building, renovating or additions to your property, this meeting is essential for your understanding of the new code to be applied to development from 1 July 2019.

OPEN APOMA / COMMUNITY MEETING

**SUNDAY 31 MARCH, 1.00pm, Andamooka Community Hall
Meet & Greet BBQ from 12.00noon**

Votes will be counted for non-members and members and will 'count' for decisions made by the APOMA committee on behalf of the community. Make your voice heard and your vote count.

It is unfair to leave those volunteers who put considerable time and effort into researching, discussing, negotiating, and implementing decisions around community matters, projects and programs on the community's behalf, open to criticism due to the lack of numbers attending this extremely vital annual meeting that shapes the way forward for Andamooka township for the next year and ongoing.

YOUR INPUT & SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Agenda items include:

- Mid-year financial & budget report 2018-19
 - Budget projections for 2019-20
- CARM Agreement 2019-20 - community discussion around sign off
 - Project report 2018-19
- Development planning & funding opportunities 2019-20— community discussion on priorities, facilities, programs, services & fundraising to be included in the planning process for next 12 months & beyond.
- General business— opportunity to raise questions, ideas or concerns for discussion.

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments,
Avdata Water Payments &
Keys managed at the
Andamooka Post Office.

Reminder that next CCS contributions are due March

Open Community Forum

BBQ Meet & Greet

**To be held March 2019
Andamooka Community Hall**

Discussion will focus on:

- * Mid-year budget outcome
- * CARM Agreement for 2019-20
- * CARM budget 2019-20
- * prioritising 2019 projects and programs, also
- * seeking input into future development to assist planning & funding processes

APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

RENEWALS DUE 1 JANUARY 2019

**For the year
1 Jan to 31 Dec 2019**

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Keeping Up With Business

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

PROJECT UPDATE:

We enter 2019 with a number of projects in stages of completion due to hold-ups resulting from extreme wind and heat conditions experienced since October 2018. However, work continues as conditions permit to revised completion dates. Projects update:

- The splashpad re-surfacing has been completed and water-works serviced.
- The front of hall BBQ has been relocated next to the shade shelter seating space and gas connection installed.
- Seating has been installed under the shade shelter.
- Shade-sails have been purchased to provide additional shade to the front of hall space and these will be installed as weather permits.
- Greening Andamooka – hot weather has tested new plantings but most have survived the heat with those lost to be replaced over winter.
- Ground works will commence shortly for installation of the shade shelter adjacent to the power outlets at the Caravan & Camp Ground, providing more comfort to visitors thanks to funding from Easternwell.
- Construction of the community work shop/kitchen & storeroom due for completion end March 2019.
- The aquaponics CDP project is ready for electricals & water to be connected in conjunction with other hub projects.
- Safety installations for the hub have been completed – fire compliance up to date.
- Ground work will commence during February on the 'grader shed' upgrade to a town works facility. Power to be connected to progress installation of electricals. Thanks to the Stronger Communities Program.

Projects are managed by the Town Office under project manager, Richard Hawkins, working mostly on a volunteer basis.

GRANT UPDATE:

Submission to Stronger Communities Program for funding for upgrade of grader shed to town works shed successful. Thank you to Rowan Ramsey MP for his support.

The FRRR grant funds have been invested in insulation and inner lining for the community workshop/kitchen.

AMSA 'Men's Shed' grant acquitted.

Mid 'Smarty Grant' application lodged for space management improvements within the community hall.

'Time for Wellbeing' grant funds to be expended over February and acquitted end of month.

Materials purchased via the Easternwell grant to build the shade shelter at the camp ground as weather permits.

YOUR VOTE GIVES STRENGTH TO COMMUNITY DECISIONS:

Please take the time to participate in the forthcoming community meeting, Sunday 31st March.

How is the direction & decisions around town & community matters managed & determined?

An inclusive process has been developed over the past three years where firstly the APOMA committee works in conjunction with the town office to:

- rationalise the annual CARM agreement on behalf of the community and to present their findings and recommendations to the community for support, to either negotiate changes, or to sign off the agreement on their behalf once the community is satisfied with the agreement, inclusive of the budget,
- develop, monitor and review half yearly, a budget which provides a forecast for APOMA financials together with income and CARM funded needs and activities that APOMA manages via the town office on behalf of the community – these include asset maintenance, community facilities & services, community bus, and marketing activities, and to
- respond to community needs as they are identified via research, discussion or direct approach from within the community.

These are each given sound consideration at committee level, with broader or independent input from time to time to provide greater expertise or insight. The town office explores options for addressing or enabling solutions, inclusive of funding opportunities. Then scopes & costs the options.

These informed options are then presented by the committee at open community forums for feedback and consideration & where relevant for vote. From time to time, they may be put to the community for consideration & feedback via posters & the newsletter prior to forums or meetings.

Twice annually in March and August, major community meetings are called at which this work & consultation process culminates in:

- Gaining community agreement for signing off the CARM Agreement for the next financial year (March meeting)
- Community prioritisation of projects and programs to the next financial year to enable them to be progressed & funding sought.
- Updates on budget performance & development, and in August, presentation & explanation of annual budgets to gain support for/ adoption of the budget for that financial year.
- Updates and reports on community projects, grant outcomes and community program and services developments.

There is little value in criticism of decisions made if community members do not participate in informed discussion & conscientious voting on community matters. So please put your support behind the hours of hard work undertaken on the community's behalf by attending the meetings, providing your input, & putting your vote. We need & appreciate your attendance.

Everyone's vote counts:

Both members & non-members votes on matters vital to our community will be counted at these meetings & will count in decisions. Votes will be formally recorded in APOMA minutes to show support from the broad community.



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2018 - 2019 BUDGET

2018-19 BUDGET	INCOME			EXPENSES			ALLOCATED FUNDS		NOTES	Performance			ASSET
CATEGORY	BUDGET	ACTUAL as at 31 Dec 18	VARIANCE	BUDGET	ACTUAL as at 31 Dec 18	VARIANCE	C/O from 2017-18	C/O into 2019-20		Allocated funds acc	surplus	deficit	INVEST- MENT
ADMIN personnel/accs / OCA contract	48500	18833.3	-29666.7	48325	22667	25658	0				0		
Admin - office	12860	1100	-11760	12860	3381	9479	0	1000	equipment replacement	1000	0		1000
Newsletter / website	3500	3085	-415	3500	1470	2030	0					0	
Committee / Association	800	0	-800	1000	646	354	0	1000	contingency insurance excess	1000		0	
Membership	1000	250	-750	250	113	137	0				0		
Marketing / Events & Fundraising	6000	5110	-890	4500	1555	2945	0	1000	for future community projects	1000			
Community Projects / Grants c/o	30000	17000	-13000	30000	6956	23044	14350	2000	c/o com kit/wshop, wellbeing, C&CG	0	0		30000
Community Bus	7000	5903	-1097	6000	3728	2272	2000	1000	bus replacement	3000	0		3000
Community Programs	5000	3500	-1500	4000	2592	1408	1500	1000	\$1000 bus replacement 1500 seniors	2500	0		1000
Youth Development	1500	1402	-98	1500	1077	423		0				0	
Community Hall / Hub	8000	3644	-4356	5000	1505	3495	0	2000	futures - replacements	2000	0		
Caravan & Camping Ground	7500	6984	-516	5000	7281	-2281	0	2000	futures - replacements	2000	0		
Town Parks & Gardens/Reserves	400	347	-53	300	145	155	0				0		
Community Assets	500	270	-230	1500	52	1448	0	0					
outstndg balances 2017-18 /lights c/o	8700	8700	0	9000	8917.9	82.1	0	0	paid CARM asset maint			0	
TOTALS:	141260	76128	-65132	132735	62086	70649.1	17850	11000		12500	0	0	35000
Indicated surplus / deficit to date.		\$2,000 Outstandings at end Dec of approx \$1650							CDP funds c/o	2000			

- ◆ Amounts under specific headings may be adjusted in the mid-year budget report to be presented at the March community meeting together with the independent mid-year financial report. This is due to the new accounting system currently being introduced, which is now geared towards the Association's current expanded activities and so will show actual income and expenditure more exactly under expanded headings.
- ◆ The 'actuals' for income and expenditure demonstrate the general performance against the budget and do not take into account any pending outstanding amounts incoming or outgoing. Therefore some of the budgeted figures may appear to be significantly different to those included in the budget but are anticipated to balance by the end of the financial year.
- ◆ To date in general, the budget is running to expectation with indications that if we meet no significant unanticipated outgoings, we will see a balanced budget at year end with scheduled futures funds carried over and secured to purpose. Eg: bus replacement, hub replacements, and project/grant off-set funds.

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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

PROGRESSING AGAINST ALL ODDS ON THE NEW COMMUNITY WORKSHOP/KITCHEN:

Work on this vital project has experienced frustrating hold-ups due to extreme weather conditions, starting with extreme wind events from October to December that delayed construction, then came the rain that washed out the trenches, and on top of that, the continual extreme heat events which prevent activities such as concreting. Consequently, the anticipated end February completion date for the structure, ready for fit-out, has been moved forward by a month.

Nevertheless, taking advantage of short bursts of moderate weather, some progress has been made and the structure is taking shape. Thanks to FRRR/ANZ funding, insulation and interior cladding has been purchased ready for installation and power connections and wiring is about to be installed.

Thanks to the AMSA 'Men's Shed' grant, mobile storage units and lockable cupboards have been purchased and there is also funding towards non-slip flooring to be applied once weather conditions permit progressing the floor. The committee took advantage of an offer to purchase a semi-commercial stove that became available as surplus to needs, with a saving of around \$2500 for that item.

Fundraising events have resulted in \$2500 allocated to the fit-out with a target of a further \$4000 to be raised in the next quarter including the community concert – so come along, enjoy a great night of entertainment and contribute towards the fit-out.

The next vital project is to re-organise space and divisions within the hall and surrounds to better accommodate user groups and to create an harmonious program of activities for the community. A grant application has been made for funding to assist with the purchase of divider units, storage space and space upgrades, so we are hoping that this will be successful.

Thanks must go to the CDP crew who have worked all through summer to keep the community garden and other plantings alive and well, and on other maintenance and development projects to keep our town well maintained and moving ahead towards a sustainable future. Thanks also to APOMA project manager, Richard Hawkins, who has overseen and assisted with the projects.



The community bus park will have a carport, sheltered on each side, to keep the bus cool and out of the weather.



Taking shape. Note the servery and storage space with roller doors front and back.



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Sun: 10-3

Mon: Closed

Things To See & Do In Andamooka ...

TAKE A BLAST AT THE SPLASH PAD

Andamooka's Town Hub incorporates a family friendly recreation space located at the front of the Community Hall. The space is being developed in stages as funding and manpower permits and will ultimately become a comprehensive social space for members of the community and visitors alike, to enjoy not only a relaxed space for family and social activities, but also access to services such as the book exchange, wifi and community events.

Summer time is always busy with children and families cooling off in the SPLASH PAD, which shoots jets of cooling water into the air, cascading down over those below to the sounds of children laughing and shrieking with delight.

Adjacent to the Splash Pad is a BBQ where visitors to the space can cook in the cool of the evening and enjoy their tea either under the shade shelter, or on the extensive veranda space overlooking the Splash Pad or the shady grassed area at the western end.

Alternatively, there is seating space in the Community Garden courtyard at the rear of the hall which is shaded in the evening and accessed via the Arid Explorers Garden located at the western end of the hall.

The Splash Pad is operated by pressing a timer switch which automatically turns the system on and off to conserve precious water. Public toilets are located nearby.

So whether you are visiting or resident, take advantage of this free of charge, great social space to get out of the house and enjoy valuable time with family or friends



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At the CWA Rooms

Andamooka Community Church

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More Details: 8671 0270

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

Water Way, Andamooka
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Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



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

Calendar of Events

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January

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

February

14th: Valentines Day
24th: BINGO

March

**2nd: "Hot March
Night"** featuring the
remarkable & hilarious,
Greg Champion

Open Community Forum

April

Good Friday BBQ
Easter Markets
Youth Easter Egg Hunt &
Pancake Breakfast
25th: Anzac Day

May

ASSA Opal Classic

June

June Long Weekend
Winter Markets

July

Dog Registration Due

August

Hospital Auxiliary
Camp Oven Cookout

September

October

APOMA AGM

November

2nd: All Souls Day
11th: Remembrance Day

December

VISIT

ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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What's On In Andamooka

Seeking Expressions of Interest For: Interleague Darts and 8-Ball Teams

Anyone interested in playing Darts and/or 8 Ball this year please contact **Bushy (0415 679 777)** or see Johnny at the bar.

Save the Date!!

**Andamooka's First Decade
1930's Anniversary Ball**
Saturday 5th October 2019



Every Third Sunday
1:30PM at the TUCKABOX
Proceeds raised go towards the new Community Kitchen

To Be Hosted:
Sunday Feb 24th @ 1pm

Andamooka Easter Markets

Sunday 21st April
From 9:30am to 12:30pm
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**Andamooka's
HOT MARCH NIGHT**

FEATURING THE
LEGENDARY GREG CHAMPION
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Saturday, MARCH 2nd Starting 6 PM
A Sporting Night of
Comedy & Song
and Local Entertainment

Tickets: \$15
\$10 for Concession

Tickets available from Town Office, PO and Bottleshop

One Night Only,
ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL
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The Creative Corner

Showcasing Local Artists

A Quilt-load of Colour



Andrea Lippasaar, with a decade of Andamooka residency behind her, creates colourful quilts full of intricate detail. She is inspired by colours and gathers her ideas from her collection of fabrics, books and magazines. Some quilts take hundreds of hours to complete, many totally sewn by hand.



Music Tuition

edge2centre studio

- Individual Guitar
- Beginning keyboard
- Group Guitar
- Group mixed instruments

Fee: \$15/30 minutes

Concessions for groups

Adults welcome



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

Or see Emma at the town office

Tue & Thurs 9.30AM-3PM

Vale Maria Sach, 14/02/1931 – 06/01/2019

Maria Pullmanova was born in Slovakia on 14 February 1931, the youngest of 13 children growing up in a country that was occupied by the Germans and then the Russians.

At the age of 14, when she was working and living in Czechoslovakia with her older sister, Maria met and fell in love with Josef Sach when the journey of their life together began. At the age of 16, Maria gave birth to their first child.

In 1948, following the birth of their second daughter, under unknown circumstances Josef & Maria fled the country leaving the children behind with Josef's mother, finally arriving in a Paris refugee camp. There, in 1949 Maria gave birth to a third daughter. In 1950 they boarded a ship destined for Australia.

Maria endured the heartache of arriving in another foreign country, homesick, not understanding the language, and the despair of being far away from the family and children they left behind.

Penniless and with no support, they worked their way to the Riverland where in 1951, son Josef was born in Loxton. There they lived for many years where Josef, Joan, Peter, Anna, David and Jannette were born, sadly losing David at only three weeks.

In 1961 Josef got opal fever and decided to move his large young family to Andamooka. It was a long, dusty and often perilous journey travelling dirt roads and red sand hills with six children under twelve. Once there the family lived in a one room log cabin and youngest son, Stefan was born.

After 18 months of no luck with opal in Andamooka, the family returned to the Riverland where Kathy was born. Josef and Maria with eight children to worry about, next moved to Adelaide which was short lived as Josef once again succumbed to opal fever. Somehow Maria managed to pack up eight children for yet another terrible journey, this time travelling with everything and everyone packed into one car and two trucks.

After arriving in Andamooka in 1966, they lived in a caravan and shack until Josef built their first house, room by room. Finally, they had a place of their own to call home and so began the many memories of life in Andamooka for their family of ten.

Life was tough for Maria in the outback, however she formed many friendships. She was known as mum to everyone in Andamooka and in their already overcrowded home Josef and Maria always made room for anyone else in need.

Josef was away working much of the time and Maria lived for her family. Even though they didn't have much growing up the children never felt that they missed out on much, Maria always putting her children before her own needs. Her passions were reading and watching movies at the outback cinema or drive-in.

In 1982 they were finally reunited with their two daughters, Marenka & Jaruska, from Czech. It was an emotional time as they held each other for the first time in 34 years. Tears of joy flowed as siblings met for the first time.

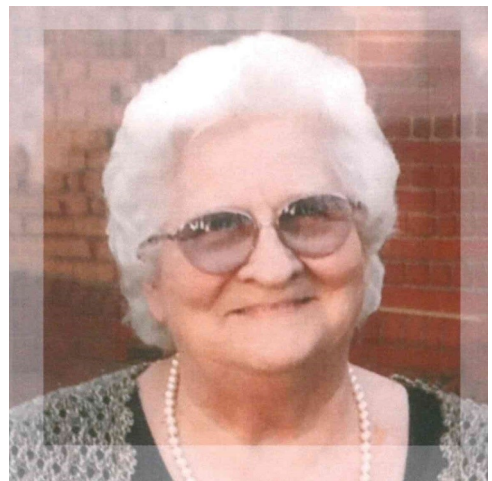
Josef became ill and they moved to Adelaide where Josef passed away in 1998. It was a difficult and lonely time for Maria. 20 years passed and many grandchildren born, then sadly Maria's health declined and she passed away in January 2019.

Maria was so well loved. Her children fondly remember a beautiful person not only on the outside but inside, with a heart of gold and a great sense of humour. She adored her children and grandchildren and had a special relationship with each one of them. She also had a special place in her heart for the children she 'collected' along the way. She showed them all nothing but unconditional love.

Rest in peace Maria.

Josef & Maria Sach were courageous pioneers of Andamooka.

Andamooka salutes you. We thank you for all you have contributed towards our township in the past.



SALA 2019 - GET INVOLVED!

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

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

Muso's Corner

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



Andamooka Life

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS & AWARDS 2019

After two weeks of day time temperatures over 38degrees with the highest unofficial reading reaching over 50 degrees on two days, and nights hovering between 30-35 degrees, Australia Day got lucky, with a drop overnight to a low of 25degrees which with 2019 celebrated with a community breakfast, bought welcome relief and a lovely morning to enjoy a shared breakfast outdoors in the Hall Courtyard before a mid morning presentation of Andamooka's Annual Citizen Awards to a group of deserving recipients.

The Awards were presented by Val Harrison, manager of Andamooka CWA's BooTeek Op Shop, who herself, together with her CWA colleagues, have provided an amazing service to the town and raised a staggering amount of funds which have been put towards so many community causes as well as to causes such as assisting bush fire survivors nationally, and contributing to survivors of international disasters.

ANDAMOOKA'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

BELINDA GODDEN

Belinda has been involved with the Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary for many years and instrumental in fundraising activities for maintaining and equipping the Andamooka Clinic. Also organising the magnificent morning teas provided by the AHA for ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

ANDAMOOKA'S EVENT OF THE YEAR

Andamooka Primary School 'END OF YEAR CONCERT'

Every December the community is treated to a great night of entertainment by the students of Andamooka Primary School. This requires a significant effort from the teaching and support staff and lots of practice by the children. This event recognises the amazing talents of our young residents and it's a great send off for those moving on or heading off to Roxby Downs secondary education.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AWARD - INDIVIDUAL

TRISH CURNOW

Trish is arguably the most hard-working individual in Andamooka. We see her supervising the CDP crew, working at the Tuckabox, out and about cleaning or helping those in the community who are in need, and she's always there for anyone who needs help or support. On top of this she volunteers to assist with community events and is actively involved in the Arty Andamooka community, organising SALA so that Andamooka participates in this state-wide annual arts event which attracts visitors to our town. The ultimate all-round service to community person.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AWARD - GROUP

VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVERS - Andamooka Community Bus

These valued volunteers take on the responsibility of transporting and escorting seniors and other community members on regular shopping trips and the occasional longer trip as well as transporting our youngsters to sports practice. This service to the community could not exist without their dedication and care.



Thank you to all volunteers who assist throughout the year. You all deserve a medal!! Andamooka only exists because of the amazing efforts of volunteers across the years, and so many go unrecognised. Thank you all.

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH GROUP

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ANDAMOOKA RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES
COURTESY, FRIENDSHIP, RESILIENCE, BUILDING OUR BELONGING

Are you the age between 10 - 17 years old?

Fed up with having nothing to do?

After School Drop in Centre

Come down on Thursday's to the Andamooka Community Hall (Youth Centre)

3.30pm - 5.00pm
For 10yrs - 17yrs

Saturday's Activities

Come down to the Andamooka Community Hall (Youth Centre)

For 13yrs - 17yrs only

7.00pm - 10.00pm

for more information.
andamookayouthgroup@gmail.com
contact: 0476298992

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
SOFT DRINKS \$2.50
BOTTLE WATER \$1.50

SENIORS NEWS

MORE COMFORT FOR SENIORS ON COMMUNITY BUS

The community bus is a vital service for our seniors and other community members including youth and children involved in sport. But, it seems that the seats are not as comfortable as they could be and so after discussing the seniors annual trip with bus coordinator, Sylvia Hobbs, we discovered that a primary reason that seniors did not take advantage of the funded trip and also regular trips to Port Augusta, is that they can't cope with the discomfort on long trips.

So, we thought a quick solution for that is to install seat covers with added comfort features and to supply some additional cushioning for those that may have back problems. We trialled a couple of seat covers on the Roxby Downs shopping trip on the 7th February with positive feedback. So, we will now install on all seats.

Sylvia is currently discussing a 2 or 3 night trip to Whyalla and we hope that the more comfortable seating will encourage more seniors to take the opportunity to join in.

Contact Sylvia on (m) 0408 842 738 for more information.

Cellarbrations

Helping you celebrate

CHECK OUR SPECIALS

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ANDAMOOKA

Volunteering really does make a difference!!!

The extreme heat over summer has taxed our volunteers but thanks to the dedication of those associated with the Town Office, community services have continued together with projects, procurement of vital funding and day to day administration.

Despite the Christmas /New Year break, the amount of collective volunteer hours via the Town Office over December/January still tallied a total value of around \$30,000 suggesting that annually this value would be in the order of \$140,000. So next time you pay your CCS contribution, consider not just the value of support from CARM funding for projects, facilities and equipment, but that of volunteers who provide a further two thirds of the collective value of community contributions, towards the progress and wellbeing of our community.

Can you spare a few hours to help with these tasks?

- ◇ Community garden tasks – watering, planting, pruning & more.
- ◇ Aquaponics project – restarting end February
- ◇ Work on the Community Workshop and community bus shelter
- ◇ Maintenance work at the cemetery – re surfacing the shelter - immediate
- ◇ Working Bee at Bill's Pub, White Dam – set for May 2019

Contact Richard (m) 0418 855 165

E: admin1@apoma.com.au

Over summer the CDP crew have spent hours on maintenance around watering systems, on the community workshop/kitchen project, aquaponics project and many other maintenance tasks as well as setting up the Australia Day event and cleaning up the hall. This represents significant value to the community.

Events coordinator, Tanya Simpson is desperately seeking a couple more hands to assist with BINGO. The commitment would be only once every three weeks or on an emergency fill-in basis. If you can help, please:

Contact Tanya E: admin3@apoma.com.au

or at the Office or ph: 86727246

Any Dog Obedience Group About Us

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

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

Classes:

SATURDAY - Breen Park, Woomera

SUNDAY:- Andamooka Playground Park
9:30am to 10:30am



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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

Eddie Hughes MP

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

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

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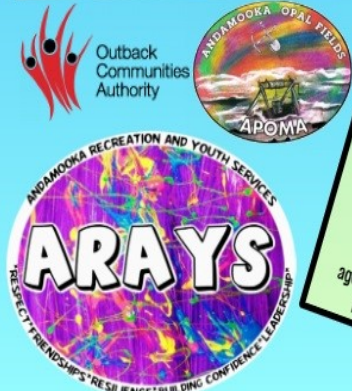
Youth Week Celebrations in

ANDAMOOKA

Movie Night

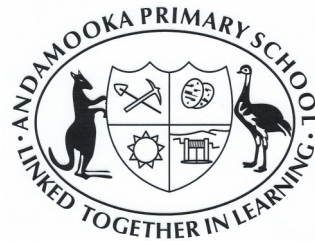
Saturday 6th April 2019
5pm - 7pm
At the APOMA Community Hall

All school age children, youths and parents are invited to come along for a great night at the movies. Back by popular demand is the ice cream bar



The theme for South Australia Youth Week 2019 is - 'Participate and Celebrate'

Highlighting young people's role in shaping their lives and, in doing so, shaping directions for South Australia. It emphasised the value of young peoples ideas, skills and resilient in local communities, and champions the benefits that their wide variety or unique backgrounds, interests, identities and perspective can bring to us all. National Youth Week is an annual, week-long celebration of young people throughout Australia. If you're aged 12yrs -15yrs your are welcome to join in the activities here in Andamooka.



Andamooka
Primary
School



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Visit: www.andamooka.sa.edu.au

For the latest school news
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Phone: (08) 86727018

Andamooka Primary School and Children's Centre are taking enrolments now for 2019. Do you think your child would thrive in a smaller setting? We have excellent resources, small classes and very experienced educators.

Community Library Open to the public:

Internet/Wi-Fi Available

Located:
Andamooka School

Mon: 11:30am - 4:00pm
Tues: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Thur: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Check **Facebook** for holiday hours.

Andamooka Community Bus Services

REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBY DOWNS
THURSDAYS WEEKLY

Departs Tuckaboo at 11:00 AM

Leaves Roxby Downs at 1:30 PM

PORT AUGUSTA TRIPS

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

for information on scheduled trips.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

(Andamooka community only)

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

Seeking volunteer drivers

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



Happy Healthy Expo

Saturday May 11th 2019

Stallholder Information

The Event

What: A one day expo held in the Community Youth Centre, Roxbylink Carpark and Small Oval focusing on all areas of health and wellbeing. Multiple stalls providing information on their services, hosting demos and providing workshops.

When: Saturday 11th May 2017, 9am - 12pm

Venue: Community Youth Centre, Roxbylink Carpark, Small Oval

Take part in a community stall or run a workshop

A no cost way of getting involved. If you would like to exhibit or run a workshop or share a talent free of charge, you can take part in a community stall. Think about what service you would like to offer the town of Roxby Downs. Fill in the form "Participate in a community stall" and return to a committee member or to Ines at Roxby Council

FIGHT THE BITE, DAY & NIGHT



Protect yourself against disease carrying mosquitoes.

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

COVER UP: Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing including jeans.

REPEL: Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl tolu amide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.

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

For more information call **SA Health on 08 8226 7100** or visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite

Community Noticeboard

MINING CLAIMS

REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS

7 DAYS A WEEK

ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am-5pm weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

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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A test will be conducted on the emergency warning siren

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CFS: John West: 0404 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

My office can help with Federal issues including Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs & many more.

Please contact Rowan's Office 1300 301 742 or 86331744

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

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