



# The Andamooka Press

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

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**All Souls Day**
- ◆ **4<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**Halloween Haunted House Tunnel**
- ◆ **11<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**Remembrance Day**
- ◆ **18<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**SKUNK's Annual Toy Run**
- ◆ **26<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**APOMA AGM**

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# APOMA AGM 2023

## 26TH NOV SUNDAY, 2PM

### ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL

## AGILITY AND ACROBATICS IN ANDAMOOKA!

Last Friday night APOMA hosted a Circus Arts Community Workshop by Cirkidz Circus School at the Andamooka Sports and Rec Centre.

A strong turn out of kids and parents attended and enjoyed a fun evening of games, gymnastics, and playing with circus props including hula hoops, juggling clubs, spinning plates, and tiny trick bike.

Not only were new skills gained in acrobatics, balance and technique, but also confidence, resilience and following instructions.

The evening was topped by a delicious sausage sizzle.

It was Cirkidz third visit to Andamooka as part of their outback touring program put on in partnership with the Outback Community Authority and funded through the SA Government's Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing.

A big thank you to Kaya, Bec, and Travis for putting on a great event, and to everyone who attended.

While we hope to see "Tom and Jerry" from Cirkidz and the SA Circus Centre back again for another workshop next year, the good news is local weekly gymnastic and games sessions have now commenced.

New APOMA Youth Officer, Kaya Aplin will be running the sessions at the Andamooka Sports and Rec Centre on Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm-5pm, during the school term.

Come join in the fun, learn some new skills, make friends, and build your strength and agility.

*- By Louise McBride*

**MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 4...**



Header: Bearded dragon chilling in the Arid Explorers Garden. Source: E. Morris, 2022

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🌐 www.andamooka.sa.au

📌 /AndamookaHub

COMMUNITY CONTACTS  
& INFORMATION**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES  
CALL 000**

Your call will be directed to the right organisation to manage the situation.

**Police:** 131 444  
**SES/CFS:**  
John West: 0408 807 943  
Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

**Andamooka Community Health Service:**  
Hospital Road 8672 7087  
*See page 6 for daily clinic hours*  
**After Hours: Emergencies Only**

**Post Office:** 8672 7007  
Open 7 Days, Opal Creek Blvd.  
- **Dukes Bottlehouse Motel**  
- **Laundry-mat**  
- **Claims Registration**  
**Hours:** 9am - 5pm Weekdays  
11am - 3pm Weekends  
Power Cards @ Post Office

**Andamooka Powerhouse:**  
8672 7235

**Town Office:** 0477 184 485  
School Rd  
**Open:** Tue-Thu, 10am - 3pm

**OCA:** 08 8648 5970  
CCS & Avdata payments @ PO

**Andamooka School & Children's Centre:** 8672 7018  
*Public Library Hours, See Pg 15*

**Andamooka Community Hall:**  
Enquires, contact APOMA  
- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area**  
- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**

**Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:**  
Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692  
*Located at the Community Hall*

**Andamooka Caravan Park & Playground:** 0477 184 485  
Opal Creek Blvd.

**Bottle Shop:** 8672 7183  
Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 Days

**CWA:** 8672 7044  
**Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop**  
Open Fri & Sat, 9am - 12pm  
Top of CWA Rd

**Motor Vehicle Registration:**  
Roxby Downs Town Council

**Roving Vet:** 8642 3308

For more details, visit:

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

**APOMA 2022 memberships  
lapse end of March 2023.**

*To make your vote count,  
please make sure that you  
have paid-up your 2023  
membership fees.*

**Fees can be paid at the  
Town Office or online to:**

NAB

BSB:085 896

Acc: 2425 11591

**ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.****Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.**

*'Preserving our past and planning for our future'*

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS & COMMUNITY****Please be advised that the 2023 APOMA Annual General Meeting**

Reporting for the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023  
will be held at **2.00pm, Sunday 26th November 2023** at the  
**Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka**

**AGENDA & ORDER OF BUSINESS:****1. OPENING OF MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

- 1.1. Attendance
- 1.2. Apologies
- 1.3. Lodgement of Proxies

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 2.1. General Meetings 2022-23
- 2.2. AGM 2022

**3. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS**

- 3.1. Chairman's Report
- 3.2. Treasurer's Report
- 3.3. Presentation of Financial Statements
- 3.4. Project & Maintenance Report

**4. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS****5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 5.1. Elections
- 5.2. Appointment of Auditor
- 5.3. Appointment of Public Officer

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS****7. CLOSURE OF MEETING****INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY:****POST MEETING 'OPEN FLOOR' FORUM – formulating our new TOWN AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-27**

Andamooka community... you're invited to join in conversation about feedback received to date, to put forward your ideas, to raise questions, concerns or issues, and to hear about new community developments, and to actively contribute towards the new Plan.

Spend just an hour of your time with others from the community on your Town. Be the person who helped make a difference as our town moves into an era of change.. *See you there...*

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc. (APOMA)

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## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND YOUR VOTE COUNT

The Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association is the peak representational body for Andamooka residents. You can apply to be a member if you reside in Andamooka for 20 weeks of the year, or own a residential or business property in Andamooka, or hold and mine a registered opal claim for 13 weeks of the year, or own solely or have interest in, local business. All residents are encouraged to become financial members of APOMA. The small token annual fee of \$10 for a single membership or \$5 concession, and \$20 for a family, gives members an avenue to share their ideas and concerns, and enables them to not just have a say in local management, development, projects, facilities, and programs, but also to vote.

The APOMA Committee is made up members of APOMA who have put their hand up to dedicate their time, energy, and skills to make sure community programs, services and infrastructure are developed and maintained in our town. This is the representational avenue that can help turn community ideas into reality.

A large membership base and a dedicated and diverse committee to represent the members creates a robust association which can fight hard for Andamooka's interests and is the very best way to secure funding and support for vital infrastructure and services in Andamooka.

## YOUR TOWN, YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR AGM!

The Annual General Meeting of Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association is fast approaching!

Please lock in Sunday November 26, Andamooka Community Hall at 2pm. Come out and support the governance process that supports the Andamooka town and community.

All community members are welcome, and financial members of APOMA are encouraged to attend to strengthen the voting process. People wishing to become financial members of APOMA can join on the day but will need to wait for a clear month before being eligible to vote.

At this AGM we welcome the hardworking volunteer committee members continuing their service to the community into the new year, including Dave Roe Simons, Alison Smoker, Gill Rowley, Richard Clifford, Peter Sach, John Smirnios, and Rodney Mitchell. We farewell outgoing committee member Ben Roberts who is retiring due to work commitments and we are sorry to see him step down. We sincerely thank Ben for his service to Andamooka and the regional community across 2023.

Nominations received for APOMA Committee 2024 include Corrie Ferguson, Lara Lukich and Donna Waters. A huge thank you to these members who have put their hand up to help make a difference. Thanks also to those members who nominated and seconded the nominations.

We look forward to getting down to business on November 26 and hope to see many locals attend.

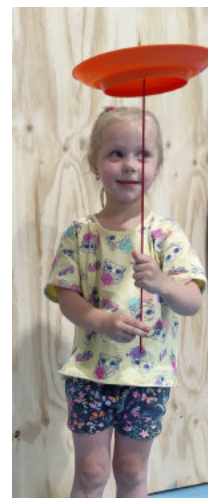
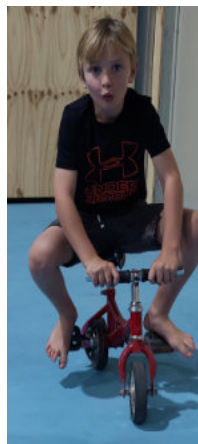
## Are you a financial member of APOMA?

If you are new to Andamooka please become a member of APOMA and if you have previously been a member, please renew your membership. Forms are available from the Town Office, Post Office, and Bottle Shop and online at [www.andamooka.sa.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.au). Forms can be dropped into the Town Office or mailed to PO BOX 246 Andamooka SA 5722 or emailed to [secretary@apoma.sa.au](mailto:secretary@apoma.sa.au) Payment can be in cash or pay by card in the Town Office or via EFT (details on the form).

APOMA – the Association, is the members. The members are the Andamooka community. The members elect the committee to represent them, and they join together at meetings and forums to provide the Committee with the support they need to plan, make recommendations, and to ultimately make decisions either formally by vote or informally by providing their general direction.

If there is something you would like to see happen in Andamooka, bring it to the table and let's all work together to ensure Andamooka remains a flourishing community now and into the future.

## Photos from CirKidz Workshop



## ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY

WHERE: ANDAMOOKA CEMETERY

WHEN: DUSK \*8PM\*  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

COME HELP CELEBRATE **ALL SOULS** BY PLACING  
A CANDLE AT THE CEMETERY

LIGHT A CANDLE, BRING A DRINK TO TOAST  
LOVED ONES & REMINISCE

ALL WELCOME – YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A  
LOVED ONE BURIED LOCALLY TO ATTEND

BYO CHAIR

Sponsored By: Andamooka Bottleshop & APOMA



## Cellarbrations

Helping you celebrate

## CHECK OUR SPECIALS

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ANDAMOOKA

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JOIN  
**YOUNG  
PERSONS  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
CLUB**

AT THE  
**ANDAMOOKA  
COMMUNITY HALL**

**NO AGE LIMIT**

SATURDAY'S  
AT  
11:00 AM – 1:30PM



We are always looking for any  
donations of boxes, like  
toothpaste, cereal, small boxes  
made from cardboard or paper.  
Would be greatly appreciated.



Please check Roxby &  
Andamooka Facebook pages  
for up-to-date information.

**Please Remember  
This Is  
Volunteer Run.**

## MOON VIEWING AND SPACE EDUCATION IN ANDAMOOKA

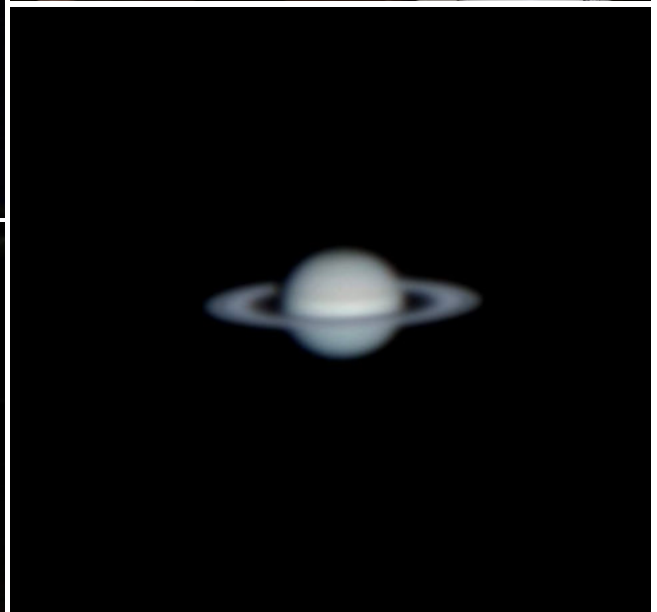
Andamooka Observatory, Woomera Observatory and PK Imaging hosted International Observe the Moon Night, in Andamooka on October 21.

A stellar turn out of locals attended the event to learn about space and view the moon through the Deep Space Theatre mobile projection viewer supplied by Padraic Koen from PK Imaging, a public outreach astronomer and Astrophotographer. Each guest was able to get a super close up photo of the moon on their phone using Andamooka Observatory's 12 inch Dobsonian telescope, with Leila assisting and highlighting points of interest on the moon.

It was the third year that Andamooka Observatory have hosted an event as part of the International Observe the Moon Night, which is an annual worldwide public engagement program that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of the moon and its connection to NASA planetary science and exploration.

See you all again next year for International Observe the Moon Night in Andamooka

Photos by Sally Mamerow and PK Imaging.



### COMING UP at the Andamooka Observatory

BOOK NOW for the November and December Meteor Showers

-  Southern Taurids: November 4-5
-  Northern Taurids: November 11-12
-  Leonids: November 17-18
-  Geminids: December 13-14
-  Ursids: December 21-22

Adults \$55 / Kids: \$25 / Kids under 5 are free.

8pm

2-hour tour with local guides - includes naked eye astronomy, observing the night skies in Andamooka for meteors, using our telescope to observe planets, nebula & stars, use of our microscopes to view opal & fossils plus noodling for opal using our ultraviolet torches.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: 0466265377 /0487112747

The Andamooka Observatory was ranked second with the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in the South Australian Tourism Commission's 'Best Places to Stargaze in South Australia.

The Andamooka Observatory has been featured on Discovery Channel's 'Opal Hunters: Red Dirt Roadtrip', NHK Japan, Channel 10's 'The Project' Channel 9, SKY, Channel 7, Channel 10, ABC News, and social media.

# HAUNTED MAZE ADVENTURE OFF TO A SPOOKY START

On Halloween night Colleen and Richard kicked off their annual Haunted Maze Adventure at their house, with a great turn out of more than 30 kids attending. They are hosting an even bigger event this Saturday night November 4. All are invited to dress up in Halloween costume and come Trick or Treat and explore the haunted tunnel at Lot 38 Four Nations Road Andamooka, on Saturday from 4.30pm until late. Don't forget your gold coin donation for more surprises to come!



## HALLOWEEN.

31st October and 4th November.  
 Haunted Tunnel adventure,  
 Lot 38 Four Nations Road Andamooka.  
 4:30pm onwards.



## SKUNKS ROXBY TOY RUN.

18th Nov 2023  
 Assemble @ car park Richardson place Roxby  
 downs.  
 At 10:30am and leave at 11:00am.  
 For the Ride to the APOMA Hall Andamooka.



## Remembrance Day

11th November

10:45am at the Memorial Park  
 Followed by Morning Tea  
 provided by the Hospital Auxiliary

*Lest We Forget*



## LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

Hot weather has brought out snakes & lizards so watch out for these creatures and make sure that you know what to do in the event of a snake bite.

*This region is home to potentially deadly venomous snakes including the dark skinned Mulga and the Western Brown variations of which may be orange with a black head, or yellow head with greenish body, some have black bands. Don't confuse this with the harmless Desert Banded Snake which grows to only 40cm long, or the Ringed Brown which is venomous but not dangerous, growing up to 60cm.*

*A good practice is to keep a large, firm pressure bandage at hand in your car and home.*

**Call 000 for emergencies**



Find us on Facebook!



Phone 0409 512 692

## DINE-A-MITE CAFE

Open Wednesday- Sunday 9am-3pm  
 including Friday Night until 8pm

LOCATED IN THE ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL



**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**

JOIN US FOR A  
**SCHOOL  
 CHRISTMAS  
 CONCERT**  
 AT 5 PM  
**6TH**  
 DECEMBER

AT THE ANDAMOOKA  
 COMMUNITY HALL

RSVP MEL AT  
 0459 721 968

## Andamooka Community School Dates:

**Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Student Free Day

**Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
 School Transition Begins

**Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
 School Concert, starting 5pm,  
 raffle drawn on the night

**Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Last day of school

### Library Open:

First 2 Weeks of School Holidays  
 Only

December 11th-15th, 18th-22nd  
 12pm to 4pm

Closed December 23rd and  
 reopening January 8th.

School Holidays Activities to be  
 Advised.

## - AUSTRALIA DAY -

**Nomination forms for Citizen of the Year are now available around town.**

**CLOSING DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



## Modern Opal Field Accommodation Andamooka

This cosy one bedroom unit is fully self contained including:  
 Queen sized bed, full kitchen, large fridge/freezer, large smart TV.  
 Enjoy the spectacular sunset views over the opal fields from your front veranda.

Tea, coffee and continental breakfast provisions provided.  
 For bookings you can find us on: [www.airbnb.com.au](http://www.airbnb.com.au)



# 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

## Want to try Fossicking?

Visit the Post Office

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



## ANDAMOOKA OBSERVATORY

Opal • Art • Books • Tours • Stargazing



Find us on Facebook

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

0487 112 747



## Spring's In

Stop on by for blooming good deals.

Visit the *Legendary*

## 'Boo-Teek' OP Shop

Top of CWA Road

Regular Hours: Friday and Saturday

9am to 12pm

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

**Andamooka CWA**

Proceeds support local & other charities



## LAPIDARY WORKSHOP



### OPENING HOURS:

**SATURDAYS, 10AM - 2PM    SUNDAYS, 12PM - 4PM**

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

PO BOX 296 Port Pirie SA 5540

## Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

Attended by: Anne, Bec & Verlaine

### Opening Hours:

Monday/Tuesday	9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 1pm    In Roxby 2pm - 5pm
Thursday/Friday	9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm
Saturday/Sunday	Closed

Closed 1pm to 2pm for Lunch on all days

Ph: (08) 8672 7087    Email: andamooka@flyingdoctor.net

**After hours calls will be redirected to the RFDS**

## 24/7 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (in Outback SA)

Ask to speak with the on-call **RFDS Doctor**

# 1800 RFDS SA

1800 733 772

**HF Radio**  
4010 kHz  
6890 kHz  
8165 kHz



Royal Flying Doctor Service  
CENTRAL OPERATIONS

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