OUR COMMUNITY BUILDING A VIBRANT & RESILIENT TOWNSHIP SO MUCH TO SEE, DO, ENJOY & GET INVOLVED WITH IN OCTOBER

## WHAT'S ON:

- Thurs 2nd Oct Local Artists Meetup re regional Arts Strategy
- Fri 3rd Oct International "Observe the Moon" at The Observatory.

#### Sat 4th Oct -

- Andamooka Market & Car Boot Sale—Community Hall 9.am
- Annual Colour Run Regis 9.00am Rec Precinct—9.30 start.
- Lap Club open to all 10am-2pm
- Opal Evolution events from 6pm
  - Illuminated Parade at sunset
  - Live music from 6.30pm

#### Sun 5th Oct

- Lap Shed open from 10am-2pm
- BINGO Regis open 1pm for 1.30 start
- APOMA BBQ kicks off 5.00pm BYO beverages.
- Outdoor Cinema Screening 7.00pm at Cal the Stoners—BYO deck-chair & beverages. Bar available.
- Sun 27th Oct Recycled Scarecrow Comp—kids event—Pump Track
- Sun 2nd Nov -All Souls Cemetery

LONG WEEKEND

## **PARKING**

Available in the

#### SCHOOL CARPARK

Behind the Hall ENTER OFF SCHOOL RD

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER, WATTLE BUSHES ARE SPORTING GOLDEN COATS, BIRDS ARE NESTING, BUTTERFLYS EMERGING, THE STARS ARE BRILLIANT IN CLEAR DARK SKIES, .....LIFE IS TOUGH IN PARADISE...

This busy October, join in with the community as they are out and about enjoying a wide variety of great events catering to all, from families to those who want to rock the night away. There's crafty workshops, art exhibits and community meetings to talk about regional art development. Learn more about community gardens projects and caring for our environment, and assisting with future proofing for a resilient, vibrant township and highlighting all that is good about Andamooka.

The Long Weekend is packed with activities. Saturday kicks off with arts and crafts, family fun at the fabulous Colour Run, morning market and car boot sale, plus evening parades, light shows, moongazing and bands. On Sunday there's Bingo and a community BBQ at the Historic Cottages ahead of an outdoor theatre event. *Plus opal and more opal...* 

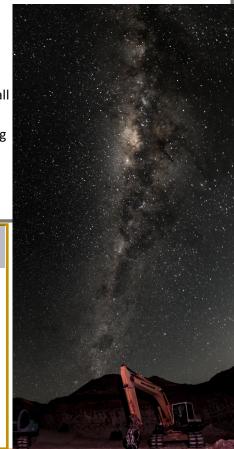
Pay a visit to the Lap Shed to join in their weekend activities. Have a go at stone and opal cutting and polishing. Don't forget Thursday and Friday night dinner at the Dine-a-mite Café, BYO beverages available at Cellarbrations. The Post Office is open all weekend for visits to the Underground Opal Museum, Art Gallery, and a huge display of stunning opals and historic paraphernalia.

Be a tourist in your own town... ENJOY!!

#### **ARTY ANDAMOOKA - OCTOBER GATHERING**

Local artists of all genres are encouraged to come along to a get-together with the OCA to talk about a Regional Arts Strategy as well as Arts development and activities in Andamooka across 2026.

See you on THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER at the COMMUNITY HALL COURTYARD starting from 5.30 until 7.30pm.



**Header:** Baby wedge tailed eagles with parent **Source:** Mash Clifford

Photo: Mining equipment resting beneath an Andamooka startilled sky. Source: Adam Meyer

#### **COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES** 

**CALL 000** 

Police: 131 444

SES: David Roe-Simons 0429 192 215 CFS: Dave Bastian 0419 924 696

#### **Andamooka Community Health**

Service:

Hospital Road 8672 7087 After hours: Emergency only

Post Office: 8672 7007 Opal Creek Blvd.

- Dukes Bottlehouse Motel
- Laundromat
- Claims Registrations

Open 7 days Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays

11am - 3pm Weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse:

Faults & Emergencies 1300 151 935

Town Office: 0477 184 485 School Road

CCS & Avdata payment service at

Andamooka Post Office

Andamooka School & Children's

Centre: 8672 7087

Andamooka Community Hall:

- **Enquiries contact Town Office**
- Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area
- Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions

#### Dine-A-Mite Café:

0409 512 692 School Rd.

Located at the Community Hall Hrs: Mon - Tues: Closed

Wed - 9am -2pm

Thurs & Fri: 9am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm

Sat - Sun: 9am - 2pm

Andamooka Caravan Park & Playground: Recreation Precinct
Opal Creek Blvd. ph: 0477 184 485

Celebrations: Dodgy Dr.

Open 7 days

Hours: Mon - Sat 9am - 8pm

Sun: 10am - 8pm

CWA: 8672 7183

Boo-Teek Op Shop:

CWA Rd.

Hours: Fri - Sat: 9am - 12pm

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council

For more details, visit: www.andamooka.sa.au

Is your membership up to date?

To check email the Town Office andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

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

> **APOMA Membership** BSB: 085 896 Acc #: 71 073 5044

#### Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association.

"Preserving our past and planning for our future"

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS & COMMUNITY

## **2025 APOMA Annual General Meeting**

Reporting for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

2.00pm Sunday 16th November 2025 Andamooka Community Hall, Andamooka

#### **AGENDA & ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- 1. MEETING OPENING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
- 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
- 3. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS
  - 3.1. Chairman's Report
  - 3.2. Financial Report
  - 3.3. Presentation of Financial Statements
  - 3.4. Project & Maintenance Report
- 4. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS
- 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
  - 5.2. Appointment of Auditor
  - 5.3. Appointment of Public Officer
- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS
- 7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

APOMA is the peak body representing Andamooka community & township, and responsible for managing community facilities, services and programs, also facilitating development of programs, activities and community events.

All members of the Andamooka Community are welcome to take part in the AGM

#### Are you keen to make a difference and to contribute towards on-going community and town development?

#### NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR POSITIONS ON THE **APOMA COMMITTEE 2025-26**

Nomination forms are available at the Town Office, Post Office, Community Hall & Bottleshop, by request or by phone call or text to 0477 184 485, or download from the website at www.andamooka.sa.au

Nominees must meet eligibility requirements

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON SUN 12th OCT.

#### BE SNAKE AWARE!!

SNAKES ARE NOW RESPONDING TO THE **WARMER WEATHER CONDITIONS & ON** THE MOVE, LOOKING FOR FOOD AFTER WINTER HYBERNATION

IF YOU SPOT A SNAKE IN YOUR YARD. HOUSE OR IN PUBLIC SPACES

#### DO NOT APPROACH OR TRY TO CATCH OR KILL THE SNAKE.

STAY CALM & MOVE QUIETLY AWAY TO A SAFE SPACE.

If possible ID where the snake is.

#### Call for assistance

ANDAMOOKA LOCAL SNAKE CATCHER PH: 0408 086 044

For snake bites call 000

## **Andamooka Health Service**

#### Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

Attended by: Anne, Bec & Verlaine

**Opening Hours:** 

Monday/Tuesday  $9am - 1pm \rightarrow 2pm - 5pm$ 

9am - 1pm In Roxby 2pm - 5pm Wednesday  $9am - 1pm \rightarrow 2pm - 5pm$ Thursday/Friday

Closed Saturday/Sunday 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

RFDS SA

1800 733 772

## **Mining Claims**

#### **REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS**

7 DAYS A WEEK AT ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am - 5pm weekdays 11am - 3pm weekends

Contact for further assistance or information on registration and claims procedures:

Ashley Wood, Regional Manager Mines Office

**Opal Field Program** 

Ph: (08) 8679 9058

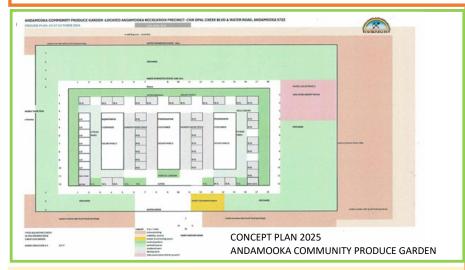
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#### A CALL OUT TO ALL LOCAL GARDENERS... & WOULD BE GARDENERS...

Join forces with local gardeners and others who want to learn how to grow food & plants in our arid environment, and be part of the exciting Community Gardens Projects aimed to re-vitalise our town parks & native planting strips, and thanks to community funding from BHP, to get our Community Produce Garden underway. Both are key activities towards establishing healthy environs & food security to support wellbeing for future generations, and most importantly, ensuring that Andamookans' have local access to fresh and nutritious fruit and vegetables.

We're starting this Spring with the revitalization of the Town Memorial Park, which is our community gathering spot for such occasions as ANZAC and Remembrance Days. Thanks to Landscape SA grant funding the Park is being re-designed and planted out with indigenous species to support native birds, butterflies, bees, other indigenous insects and creatures, vital to maintaining a healthy ecological balance, creating a pleasant shady green space with local art installations where community members and visitors can enjoy a picnic or peaceful reflective time. In addition a scientific study of the numbers and behaviours of our local region's amazingly diverse insect population will be conducted over a period of around 5 years, which will engage local school students and citizen scientists, working together with environmentalist Kristen Messenger to observe, photograph and record species as their numbers flux across differing weather conditions and events, to study patterns.

The Community Produce Gardening Program will be based in an 'open to all' community garden located adjacent to the pump track watershed, with construction of protective fencing commencing in October and infrastructure across summer ready for planting in autumn 2026. The gardens will include propagation, aquaponics/hydroponics, and mushrooms plus vertical and wicking grow beds. Local home gardeners are also encouraged to be part of the Program, with access to project generated vege seedlings and to trade their surplus home-grown produce for others grown in the community garden for distribution to the community. Join in and get growing for our future....



#### ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY GARDENS OPEN MEETINGS

WATCH FOR DATES—TO BE ADVISED END OCT AND IN NOVEMBER

COME ALONG TO BE PART OF THIS EXCITING PROJECT WHICH WILL LIFT & INSPIRE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO HELP FUTURE PROOF OUR TOWN, ALSO BUILDING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, ENVIRONMENTS, & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FOR WHEN NATURAL DISASTERS STRIKE IN AN INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE WORLD.

#### **BOGONG MOTH WATCH** - Join the count



For the months of OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

If you spot a rare Bogong Moth fluttering around your outdoor lights, take a photo on your phone and send it through to us on 0477 184 485 noting the date and Andamooka street name on which you took the photo.

This valuable information compiled by our local citizens will assist scientists with tracking and preserving this highly threatened species. With Andamooka now listed as a vital stop-over point for the moths as they make their annual epic journey between the central outback and

Dandenong Ranges in Victoria, we can all help to keep this amazing species alive and serving their role in maintaining a healthy Australian eco-cycle.

# Calling Local 'Happy Snappers' Be part of "Aussie Bird Count" 2025 From 20th to 25th October

Do you enjoy taking photos of local fauna? Did you know Andamooka has a wealth of native bird species living within our town and surrounding environs?

Across that week, take part in citizen science. Simply take note and shots of native birds you see or perhaps have nesting in your garden, and when out walking. You don't need to know the type or name of the bird.

Visit aussiebirdcount.org.au for more information.



Or you can send your photos as you take them to us on 0477 184 487 together with the date and location of the sighting for each, or drop at the Town Office with your (HD) photo card or USB to download your photos. We will send the info to the Aussie Bird Count, also local experts can ID & add information to our records. Try for front, back & side shots, but just one clear shot is usually enough for an expert to identify the species. If nesting, if possible take a photo of the nest and of both parent birds. Please don't interfere with their nest. You might also like to record their bird-song, to add to our records. Your valuable input will assist with ongoing recognition & preservation of the great diversity of local birds for our future generations to enjoy.

Bustard or "Bush Turkey" Not often seen around Andamooka anymore, captured on camera off the White Dam Road in 2010. Photo: G Rowley Abovr: 2 of our favourite birds having a friendly chat. Photo: A Smoker



### WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER



#### INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT

Andamooka Observatory 195 Church Court | Observe the Moon through the telescope and photograph with your smartphone | Free Entry | Print your photo on the spot for \$10 per print (A4 Size)

## SAT 4TH LIVE MUSIC - ILLUMINATED PARADE - BAR 6PM TIL & SNACKS - MERCHANDISE

fossils, and local treasures. Located on 481 Boundary Rider Rd.

Cal the Stoner's Outdoor stage: illuminated parade of 'Opalised sea creatures & Dinosaurs' at sunset | Tita's Treats | LIVE music from A2B2 & Breaking Band | Digital Artwork, opal and historic photographs projected onto the landscapes | Free Entry

#### **OUTDOOR CINEMA**

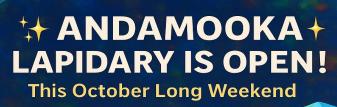
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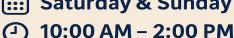
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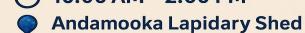
7:00PM-10:00





**Saturday & Sunday** 





Watch the cutting and polishing wheels in action



See raw opal and stone transformed into sparkling gems

Beginner-friendly – a perfect chance to try something new



\*Closed shoes recommended\* New members welcome - join our lapidary family!



## **Dine-a-mite Coffee** Challenge!

9am to 2pm



### Food from burgers, pizzas and hot chips

Last October Long Weekend we poured 100 coffees... this year we're going for 101+.

Pop in Fri-Sun, 3-5 Oct, grab a brew (bring your own cup!), and help us smash the record

Tell your mates — every cup counts!

## WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER







ARRIVE FROM 9:30AM (CHECK-IN)
KICK-OFF 10:00AM

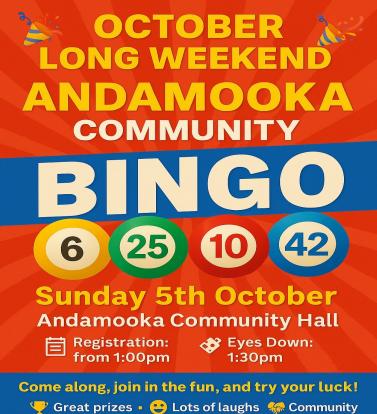
WHERE: RECREATION CENTRE (KOSKA ST)

**FINISH LINE: PUMP TRACK** 

**COST: \$10 PER ENTRY (BBQ INCLUDED)** 

WEAR WHITE • ALL AGES WELCOME





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#### **KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS**

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

- Breaking News!!! Thanks to OCA small grant funding, Andamooka street lights will undergo an upgrade with new high tech energy efficient solar street lights reducing light pollution & improving safe passage for foot and vehicle traffic.
- Caravan & Camp Ground work continues on the upgrade and the old ablution block is undergoing a facelift. The new shade & campers shelters have been busy with great feedback from visitors.



- **The Cottages** new stainless benches have been installed in the catering space and thanks to grant funding from FRRR new BBQ's will be installed with overhead lighting. Funding is now being sought to install additional permanent seating.
- **Splash Pad** work is underway to have this ready for kids by the long weekend with new features to be increased after major maintenance work is undertaken next winter.
- Work continues on the signage project and funding is being sought for hard shade cover at the cottages and at the rear of the Hall including an undercover, enclosed outdoor cooking space behind the Community kitchen for BBQ and pizza ovens.





HAS A LOCAL, LICENCED

## SNAKE

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE FOR SNAKES SHOWING NO INJURIES. **INJURED SNAKES \$80 FEE.** 

> PHONE WAYNE 0408 086 044

**SERVICE ENDS 30/6/2026** 

## What is your vision for the arts in Outback SA?



In a region as vast, diverse and beautiful as the South Australian outback, the arts hold the potential to inspire us and bring us together in new and unexpected ways.

That's why the Outback Communities Authority is developing an Arts Strategy for Outback SA, and we would love to hear your thoughts on what this could look like.

If you are interested in the arts, culture and creativity, join the conversation at the Andamooka Hall on Thursday 2 October.







The Facebook group supporting and sharing local artists and creatives:



Join Us On Facebook:

## @ARTYANDAMOOKA



Stargazing

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** 



0487 112 747



## **COMMUNITY PAGES**



#### BECOME A FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATOR





Build a flexible, rewarding early childhood career as a family day care educator

- Do you want to grow child care services in your local community?
- Are you an experienced early childhood educator?
- Hold a certificate III or higher early childhood qualification?
- Interested in starting your own service?

Contact our team to find out more about becoming an educator education.RuralRemoteFDC@sa.gov.au



Starting a family day care service combines your experience in early childhood education and passion for nurturing and inspiring young children with the flexibility and work life balance of home-based work and setting your own hours. Educators manage their own family day care service, with support of the Department of Education's family day care team. CCS applies to eligible families.

Funding may be available to residents of Roxby Downs and Andamooka to help you get started. Subsidised training pathways to obtain a Certificate III or higher in Early Childhood Education and Care may also be available.

Please contact our FDC Rural Remote Solutions Team for more information:

Email: Amanda.Stone2@sa.gov.au Education.RuralRemoteFDC@sa.gov.au Phone: 0467 419 209

Phone: 0417 163 311

# Libraries SA

## Now use your phone to check out books!

Would you like to check out books as you browse the library?

Now you can!

We've launched a new quick & convenient way to check out items at the library shelf with Libraries SA App.

www.libraries.sa.gov.au/selfservice for the easy steps.

Pop in and see Mel at the Community Library if you need any help.

#### APS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Open weekdays 9am-3pm

**Closed Thursdays & Public Holidays** 

Free Wi-fi and a great selection of books Help available for setting up new phones, recharging phones & creating an email account

Libraries SA—One Card Network

## ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY

WHERE: ANDAMOOKA CEMETARY

WHEN: DUSK \*8PM\*

**SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER** 

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

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

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

**BYO CHAIR** 

Sponsored by: Andamooka Bottleshop and APOMA

Bring your homemade Scarecrow on

Sunday 27th October 2024 II am at Andamooka Pump Track

> Sausage sizzle & water available from 12 noon for a gold coin donation!

Categories

- Pre-School
- Primary
- **Other**

Don't miss out on the fun! Show off your creativity and get out into the community! Everyone Welcome! Children aged 10 and under to be supervised.









#### VISIT

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

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

INFORMATION & ACCOMMODATION

View our ANDAMOOKA OPAL MUSEUM Underground Worldwide Opal & Mineral Display

Ph 0886727007

275 Opal Creek Boulevard, Andamooka, SA. Email... andamookaopal@hotmail.com

Web... www.andamookaopal.com.au

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**Open 7 Days** 

## ANDAMOOKA Emergency Services

For Storm or Flood Call 132 500

For Life Threatening Smoke or

# Fire Emergency Call 000

Do not call members for emergency assistance







Phone: 0409 512 692

## DINE-A-MITE CAFE

Open Wednesday - Sunday 9am - 2pm

Including Thursday and Friday Night
5pm - 8pm

Located in the Andamooka Community Hall

## 24/7 OUTBACK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

1800 733 772

HF Radio: 4010 kHz

6890 kHz

8165 kHz

Ask for ON CALL RFDS DOCTOR



# Cellarbrations Helping you celebrate

## **CHECK OUR SPECIALS**

1002 DODGY DRIVE ANDAMOOKA

Open 9am - 8pm weekdays 10am - 8pm Sundays

#### & GENERAL STORE

#### Open 7 days

- Day to day staples bread, milk, dairy etc.
- Frozen meat & local made meals
- · Range of frozen foods
- Pantry & household items
- General information...
- DEFIBRILLATOR

We thank the following sponsors, corporates and government funding bodies that have provided vital support to our community in our quest for growth, sustainability, resilience and wellbeing.









BHP

Please register to receive your newsletter via email, or to register someone you know who would need a print copy **Email: andamookatownoffice@gmail.com or call / text (m) 0477 184 485**