

HEADING TOWARDS A BUSY EASTER WELCOME WEEKEND



KIDS... JOIN THE FUN

EASTER TOKEN SCAVENGER HUNT

**Beginning Monday 7th April
till Thursday 17th April**

Watch out for posts on
Andamooka Facebook pages
for more details.

ON EASTER SUNDAY don't miss
the fun at the

KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

At the Pump Track,
starting 9.30am

Easter long weekend in Andamooka is traditionally a 'welcome back' to residents returning from their summer retreats, and a Welcome Opening to the visitor season, and in 2025, Easter will be alive with a host of events and activities.

The weekend's fundraising activities will be concentrated on Andamooka's local Volunteer Emergency Services, which are currently under threat due to retirement of long-term volunteers and a desperate need for new younger volunteers to train as ambulance drivers, fire fighting and emergency and rescue.

In emergencies Andamookans are very lucky to have an ambulance 5 minutes from our door, fire crews nearby when needed, and emergency crews in town to help out when hit by extreme weather events or if unfortunately stranded on a back track.

But this local presence is currently under threat, without right numbers the services will be locally lost and if lost, it will be very difficult to get the services back into the Town.

Thinking about volunteering? And ready to take on the commitment involved with being a member of the emergency services, lodge your interest with the contacts on page 7.

The first fundraiser for the weekend is the traditional **Good Friday BBQ at the Cottages** which kicks off around 5.30 and serving from 6.00pm. BYO refreshments.

On Saturday morning it's **Markets at the community hall**, with the **Lapidary WorkShed** just across the road open to all to learn more about opal. Have a go at cutting & polishing or jewellery making. Open till mid afternoon.

Saturday Night is Trivia at the community hall. The Dine-a-mite Café is open for dinner. Trivia registrations kick-off at 7pm, enter to compete for the honour of winning the coveted "Little Easter Mug".

Sunday morning is the Kids Easter Egg Hunt from 9:30 with loads of family fun, and in the **afternoon Easter Bingo** registrations open at 1pm for a 1:30pm start at the community hall. **Sunday night is the monthly Fundraising for RFDS BBQ** at the Cottages from 5pm.

Autumn weather is stunning. Watch-out for information on autumn tours, treks and trails. Look for working bees to help green the town and to improve our facilities. All volunteers welcome.

It will be a busy weekend for all as we open the arms of our town inviting all to join our Easter welcome activities

REGISTRATIONS OPEN 10 April FOR ANDAMOOKA SALA 2025.

Look out for forms at Arty Andamooka headquarters, Community Hall or the Lap Club, or download at W:Andamooka.sa.au, or email: andamookatownoffice.com.au.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS & INFORMATION.

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right organisation to manage
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SES:

Stefan Bilka 0475 347 095
David Roe-Simons 0429 192 215
Storm Damage 13 25 00

CFS:

Dave Bastian 0419 924 696
Luke Corner 0418 403 616

Andamooka Community Health Service:

Hospital Road 8672 7087
Or 1800 773 772

After hours: Emergency only

Andamooka Snake Catcher contact Wildlife Hotline 0497 808 315

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Jim Mliddap— 0400 414 004

Post Office: 8672 7007

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Andamooka Powerhouse:

8672 7235
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Andamooka Town Office:

10.30am to 2.00pm Tues to Thurs.
School Rd, 0477 184 485
andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

OCA: 8648 5970

CCS & Avdata payments accepted at
Andamooka Post Office

Andamooka School & Children's Centre: 8672 7018

Andamooka Community Hall:

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

Dine-A-Mite Café: 0409 512 692

Located at the Community Hall

Hours: Mon - Tues: Closed
Wed : 9am - 2pm
Thurs - Fri: 9am - 2 & 5 - 8pm
Sat - Sun: 9am - 2pm

Andamooka Caravan Park & Play-

space: 0477 184 485
Opal Creek Blvd, Rec Precinct

Celebrations:

Dodgy Drive. Town hub
Phone: Open 7 days
Hours: Mon - Sat 9am - 8pm
Sun: 10am - 8pm

CWA: 8672 7183

Boo-Teek Op Shop:
CWA Rd.

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS:



Overview of APOMA Member & Community Meeting

APOMA Member and Community meeting was held on Sunday 30 March to provide progress updates for 2024-25 and to commence the annual procedure around the Andamooka Community Asset & Resource Management Agreement with the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) for 2025-26.

An overview of progress with maintenance and projects explained delays caused by the continual extreme heat events extending from November 2024 to the end of March 2025 setting back schedules for a number of projects and maintenance jobs. With cooler temperatures finally back, schedules will be progressively caught up with, across autumn and should be back on track before next summer.

Work continues on the Hall/Hub upgrade and the gardens have survived a long hot summer thanks to the efforts of volunteer gardens coordinator, Deb Mundy, our 2025 Citizen of the Year. Work on the Hub Children's play spaces will pick up in April. The splash pad requires major maintenance undertaken over winter to support the new features to be installed, funded by an OCA small community grant.

The Caravan & Camp-Ground new 4-way camping shelter is under construction and the two new shade shelters have been well utilised over summer. The upgraded ablutions are being landscaped. Funding is currently being sought to install outdoor fitness equipment across the rear of the pump track under-cover leisure space. *Recognition was given to the excellence of work done by APOMA staff member Michelle Cox, to maintain ablution block, public conveniences and BBQs cleanliness, and to keep public spaces and gardens so well serviced and maintained.*

\$15k BHP Community Donation was secured for the Community Produce Garden Project Stage 1- for installation of perimeter fencing which will be surrounded by a protective perimeter of trees.

Old Grader Shed new extensions will add woodworking space to the community workshop, dedicated Veterans social space and a community arts and crafts wet-room to encourage skills-building and to provide for a raft of community leisure activities.

Work will continue at the Andamooka Cemetery over the cooler months to repair damage to some of the older gravesites. *Volunteers are welcome.* Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Wayne Dries, the Historic Cemetery restoration has exceeded expectations. Wayne has succeeded in identifying various graves and establishing their parameters. *Those in attendance send a thank you to Wayne.*

Upgrades set to commence on the Old Vets building on Christmas Hill Road into a Mosaics, Glass and Clay work-room managed by members of the Lapidary Club and Andamooka Arts Collective.

Andamooka Community Health and Wellbeing Advocacy Group (ACHWAG) Coordinator, Kat Wilby, explained that APOMA via the Town Office has progressed procurement of the Old Mines Office with relevant Government agencies, with the hope that the premises can be secured in time for a major funding submission to be lodged end of September, for an upgrade to best service the needs of the town and local and visiting service providers.

Progressing the 2025-26 CARM Agreement & Budget

An overview of the Andamooka Community Asset and Resources Management (CARM) Agreement, undertaken with the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) annually, and the associated community contributions scheme (CCS), its purpose, processes and procedures, was given prior to the presentation of the first draft of the proposed 2025-26 CARM budget.

The CARM Budget is a guide to expenditure of assigned funds, subject to minor adjustment as the year progresses. Historically in general, each section of the budget falls around budget annually. A first draft budget with APOMA recommendations was put forward for explanation and discussion, and to secure support for the Committee to take the resulting draft forward to negotiate with the OCA on behalf of the community. A resolution to proceed towards the 2025-26 CARM Agreement was supported unanimously on the hands.

Thank you to all who took time to attend and to contribute.

KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS:**FINDING A BALANCE - Andamooka Town & Community Plan.**

The primary community task identified within the Andamooka Town and Community Plan is to find a balance between the old and the new, following in the footsteps of our town's pioneers who learned to work together despite differences, to build and establish our quirky outback home.

- Respecting the culture and expectations of established residents and property owners and those of new residents and property owners as we develop and service the town. Volunteers have been the life-blood of Andamooka, and there is an urgent need for young volunteers to join and support vital services in order to retain/maintain these locally in the town.
 - Business development melding established and ingrained business with new opportunities and ideas... this extends to development of currently unused or under-utilised properties in the process of being scoped for business premises.
 - Upskilling and developing employment opportunities, increasing wealth and wellbeing... new facilities and programs such as development of the media room and grader shed workshop will assist with this.
 - Facility development to cater across a broader culture...which depends on constructive feedback from the community to assist with planning, funding and prioritisation.
 - Program and service delivery and development to serve a broader community.. The proposed development of the old mines office will assist this, as will on-going development of new leisure programs, equipment and activities.
 - Development of visitor attractions and facilities in line with current trends and expectations / needs... recognition was given that new residents may be more in touch with current trends and so their contributions will assist with meeting outside and new expectations and needs, but with recognition for the history and culture of the town which attracts visitation, and for the legacy left by the towns pioneers who built this town together through tolerance, respect and all putting in, many over and above, with no sense of entitlement.
 - Reaching and connecting with all members of the community utilising traditional channels and new technologies... which includes development of the new website and social media networks, and programs like ACHWAG offering care for many vulnerable members of our community.
- Overall the Committee has recognised this first requires consolidation – so the approach to 2025-26 is for utilising what we have to service needs and seeking funding opportunities to best develop assets which includes Andamooka's culture and environment, whilst taking advantage of opportunities as they arise.
- Those in attendance at the meeting agreed with this approach for the community as a whole.. old and new, to encourage inclusion and constructive interaction, and volunteering, to ensure that vital services remain close by in our town to meet our needs in emergencies. Also exploring ways to make differences productive and bringing community together to enrich the culture of the town.

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**Andamooka Opal Miner's Meeting**

Tuesday 8th April at 6.30pm, Andamooka Community Hall



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

KIDS EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY APRIL 20TH

9:30 AM

At the Pump Track



HUGE THANKYOU ANDAMOOKA VOLUNTEERS

A SMALL GROUP OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS DONATED THEIR TIME, ENERGY, VEHICLES & TRAILERS, AND STORAGE SPACE TO PICK-UP IN 40+ TEMPERATURES, THEN UNLOAD AND STORE, & TO THEN RE-LOAD AND DELIVER TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS OVER 60 HEFTY ITEMS OF SURPLUS WHITEGOODS WHICH HAVE ASSISTED TO UPGRADE WASHING MACHINES, STOVES, FRIDGES, MICROWAVES AND CLOTHES DRYERS, FOR MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, ALSO FOR SERVICING COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

DONATIONS FROM COMMUNITY WILL COVER COSTS TO UPGRADE THE 2 LARGE STAINLESS STEEL BENCHES ALSO DONATED, TO BE INSTALLED AT THE HERITAGE COTTAGES PARK.

On behalf of the Andamooka Community, we express our thanks for the generosity of these items

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AND SURROUNDS

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INFORMATION CONTACT:

alison.apoma@gmail.com



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EVERY SECOND
WEDNESDAY

Whether you want to find out more about opals, maybe fossicking and where to look for them, or to learn how to cut and polish your opals or gems, how to turn matrix into magic shapes or perhaps get into beading and jewelry making, or would just like to watch the artists at work and have a chat with locals... join the busy and happy crew at the "Lap Club" on weekends & every second Wednesday.. *you're welcome at the*

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP



OPENING HOURS:

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 10 AM - 2 PM


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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



TRIVIA NIGHT

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19
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Fundraising for Emergency Services
Dine-a-Mite Cafe open for meals

DON'T MISS THE TRADITIONAL ANDAMOOKA
GOOD FRIDAY WELCOME BBQ



**WELCOME
BBQ**

**GOOD
FRIDAY
APRIL
18**

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AT 6:00 PM**

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RAISING FUNDS FOR ANDAMOOKA EMERGENCY
SERVICES - KEEP THEM IN OUR TOWN



Easter Bingo

ARRIVE 1 PM FOR A 1:30 START
SUNDAY, 20TH APRIL

At the Community Hall



RAISING FUNDS FOR ANDAMOOKA EMERGENCY SERVICES
KEEP THEM IN OUR TOWN



**COMMUNITY
BBQ
THE COTTAGES**

5 PM

SUNDAY 20th APRIL

RAISING FUNDS FOR ANDAMOOKA RFDS



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Eddie Hughes MP

Member for Giles

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Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713
Email giles@parliament.sa.gov.au
f Eddie Hughes MP

24/7 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (in Outback SA)

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1800 RFDS SA

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Andamooka Health Service

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Attended by: Anne, Bec & Verlaine

Opening Hours:

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
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| Thursday/Friday | 9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm |
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Ph: (08) 8672 7087 Email: andamooka@flyingdoctor.net

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Mining Claims

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For further assistance or information on the procedure contact:

Acting Registrar - **Ashley Wood**

Opal Field Program

Ph: (08) 8679 9058

Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au



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This Leadership Development Program requires 7 days of face-to-face training in Port Augusta and is open to anyone living in the Far North region who is part of a community group or organisation.

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