

UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ 6th - 8th June: June Long Weekend
- ◆ Saturday 6th June:
The Great Outback Opal Hunt OPENS
- ◆ Lapidary Workshop:
Opens June Long Weekend

Please Be Advised:
Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, events may be cancelled or postponed.

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Header: Butterfly feasting on flamboyant flowers.

Source: E. Morris, 2020

BHP FUNDING ACCELERATES COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY KITCHEN

It's full steam ahead with a major fit-out for our Community Kitchen thanks to BHP Vital Resources funding.

APOMA has been working steadily on the fit-out of the community kitchen /workshop facility at the Community Hall. The structure was made possible by funding from FRRR in 2018 and throughout the construction phase in 2019 a raft of fundraising activities and events have gradually raised around \$3000 towards the fit-out together with income resulting from the hall hire and rentals including café lease fees.

We had just commenced installation of the kitchen cupboards, storage and benching when Covid-19 hit.

As a consequence fundraising activities stopped and our fundraising officer, Tanya Simpson has been concentrating her hours now on her other community liaison role to assist the community with food supply options including fresh meat, fruit and vegetables and especially for those most at risk within our community with picking up other items and essentials in Roxby Downs or taking the bus across so they can attend medical appointments.

Critically as winter approaches and the likelihood that this will mean at risk members of the community need to take extra care, we recognise that we need to be making sure that they have their needs met with food deliveries and including hot readymade meals. This put the need for fast-tracking finishing the kitchen fit-out and the installation of equipment that was previously set for purchasing as funds became available.

Fortunately BHP Vital Resources funding offered the opportunity for us to apply for funding to not only complete the kitchen but to fit it out to commercial level so as to ensure that we can meet food management requirements for sorting orders and providing hot meals to our vulnerable and disadvantaged community members.

The application was successful with \$58,000 in funding provided to not only upgrade and complete the kitchen fit-out, but also in the

interests of maintaining community wellbeing, to have the food management program up and running by winter and importantly with the means to assist community members who do not have access to or the skills to stay connected via internet for such things as on-line doctors appointments, government agencies, IT equipment to assist the program reducing the need for money handling and importantly for connecting with friends and family during this isolating period, which will keep our most vulnerable and disadvantaged healthy, happy and safe

This also will provide the opportunity to have take-away meals available to the whole community providing a bit of welcome relief for families and others, plus will cover additional costs associated with extra hours and special requirements around the extended use of the community bus and vehicles to service community needs.

On behalf of the community of Andamooka, the APOMA Committee acknowledges and thanks BHP for their much needed support for our community which will not only greatly assist us through this crisis and have us prepared for the next crisis, but has provided the community with a fully equipped kitchen that will support cottage industry and youth hospitality training, a variety of community workshops to increase the health and wellbeing of the community.

Further funding provides for assistance with on-going internet connectivity for those in need.



Community liaison officer Tanya Simpson delivering a food parcel to an Andamooka resident.

**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

Andamooka Powerhouse:
8672 7235
Power Cards @ Friendly Grocer

Andamooka Friendly Grocer:
Opal Creek Blvd. 8672 7034
Gas Refills/Fuel/Hardware
Open 7 Days, 9am - 6pm Weekdays
9am - 3pm Sat, 10am - 1am Sun

Town Office: 0477 184 485
School Rd
Open: Tue-Fri, 9:30am - 3pm

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 Yacht Club Cafe**
Opal Creek Blvd.

Andamooka Yacht Club Cafe:
Opal Creek Blvd. 0412 264 168
Located at the Community Hall

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

Tuckabox Hotel: 8672 7137
Takeaway available
Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 Days

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

Roving Vet: 8642 3308

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

Motor Vehicle Registration:
Roxby Downs Town Council

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION**Andamooka Town Office**
One-Stop Shop for OCA, APOMA & Town Business

Open Tuesday to Friday
9:30am - 3:00pm (Closes 12 noon Fridays)
Ph: 08 8672 7246

Urgent Enquires:
OCA (Byron Gough): 0427 687 772
APOMA: 0477 184 485

Town Maintenance: Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165
Address: Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka
Postal: PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

Email:

OCA: oca@sa.gov.au
APOMA/Town Office: secretary@apoma.com.au
Town Maintenance/Projects: admin1@apoma.com.au
Events & Memberships: admin3@apoma.com.au
Newsletter: admin2@apoma.com.au
OCA: 12 Tassie St, Pt Augusta **Ph: (08) 8648 5970**
CCS & Avdata payments now accepted at Post Office

Notes Focus Committee Meeting April 20:

- Discussion around caring for vulnerable members of the community – funding opportunities for food deliveries and essential services
 - Applications put in for BHP Vital Resources Funding and for Be Connected internet support for the community.
 - BHP granted \$58,000 from their Vital Resources Fund to assist with servicing the needs of the community through the Covid-19 crisis and beyond.
 - OCA grant funding opportunity for community facilities – application submitted
 - Draft CARM budget submitted – CARM Agreement consultation commencing first week May
 - Community/Member Meeting looking to be set for June pending the announcement re lifting of second level restrictions.
 - End of quarter financial report to end March indicates all working to budget.
 - Concerns of potential small budget deficit and EOFY due to loss of income from Caravan & Camp Ground and Hall (café lease) – seeking funding opportunities to assist this shortfall.
 - Projects on schedule
 - Waiting on outcomes of Premiers announcements in early May to discuss and decide on proceeding with opening up the town on a local and intrastate basis. This includes take-away meals and deliveries to vulnerable residents, plus activities and events going forward.
 - Participating in weekly Covid-19 meetings with Roxby Downs to work together on issues and to share information.
- At bank end of April 2020:**
Operations Acc: \$66,415+ \$87.58 in CC acc,
Allocated Funds: \$32,111
Reserve Funds: \$15,570
Asset Maintenance: \$5,750

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.

Chair: Peter Allen
Vice Chair: Donna Waters
Secretary: Rodney Mitchell
Treasurer: Gill Rowley

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722
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**Next Member/Community
Meeting: June 2020**

Correspondence addressed to the Secretary due 7 days prior to meeting.

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CONTACT: Gill Rowley
Email: treasurer@apoma.com.au



APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

Please note the various measures APOMA is currently taking in managing community events, and keep an eye on noticeboards and the website for updates.



Outback Communities Authority

2020-21 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RESOURCING AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT & COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME – ANDAMOOKA

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) has drafted the 2020-21 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement, (including a Community Contribution Scheme) for the Andamooka area for consultation.

The draft CARM agreement will be available from 30 April 2020 at the Andamooka Town Management office at Andamooka, or accessible at www.oca.sa.gov.au. Hard copies are also available by contacting the OCA on 1800 640 542 or by email oca@sa.gov.au.

Interested parties are invited to make written submissions on the CARM and / or the Community Contribution Scheme prior to the conclusion of the consultation period.

Due to the Emergency Directions affecting public gatherings in South Australia, a public meeting will not be held.

The public is encouraged to review the draft document, and provide any comment to the OCA:

PO Box 2353
Port Augusta SA 5700 or oca@sa.gov.au

Consultation on both the CARM Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme commences on 30 April 2020 and concludes 5:00 pm 9 June 2020.

Byron Gough
Governance Manager
Office for the Outback Communities Authority

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments
Avdata Water Payments &
Keys managed at the

Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS
Contributions are due December

MAKE SURE YOUR CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS REACH THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ATTENTION

The OCA is the responsible body to manage and have addressed issues, concerns or complaints about:

◇ **ROADS:** Including major external access roads, outer tracks and town roads.

◇ **CAT & DOG (Not feral) ISSUES:** Including attacks, nuisance, wandering and other serious concerns.

◇ **DUMP**

Please call direct: (08) 8648 5970
or after hours if necessary Byron
Gough: 0427 687 772

Or visit the Andamooka Town Office who will assist your call to the OCA via the Office.

APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

RENEWALS DUE 1ST JANUARY

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1st Jan - 31ST Dec 2020

Individual/Single: \$10

Family: \$20

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Concession card holders.

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS



Australian Government

Be Connected

Every Australian online.

'Be Connected' launches at new Community WiFi Hub

The Be Connected Program assists older adults and other community members with access to the internet and to learn how to connect with friends and family on-line, how to fill in forms, make appointments, or to do your banking, maybe follow social media or how to use a computer to find out information you might need, or maybe to take up a hobby like creative writing or graphic design.

It also provides a social hub for those assisting with putting Andamooka's history together, but most importantly, it assists our community to stay connected and up to date. The WiFi Hub will also be open to visitors to help them stay connected during their journey and will be available to youth for homework and project assistance.

Currently we need to work within Government restrictions around government funded community programs in regard to the spread of the Corona Virus, so this will limit how we move ahead with this new program for the time being. But in the meantime:-

REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS: planning in underway for workshops designed around our communities needs and availability. Please register your name and contact at the Town Office or Post Office, together with what you would like to learn about using the internet and what days and times suit you best.

IF YOU NEED HELP NOW – Maybe ACCESSING THE INTERNET or with FILLING IN INTERNET FORMS Etc.: please contact us at the Town Office and we can organise someone to help you.



GRANTS

Lapidary Workshop – work progressing to schedule to be completed for acquittal end June.

OCA Small Sports Grant \$500 received – outdoor games to be purchased.

Be Connected Grant \$2500 received – mobile tablets to assist internet access for isolated residents.

SA Country Arts Grant – Minnie Berrington documentary – extended to allow for Covid-19 restrictions.

OCA Drought Funding extension – waiting on official confirmation of funding for community facilities.



R&H Roxby Downs RLA 208715

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 • property in Roxby Downs & Andamooka

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 Telephone: 08 8671 3355 Fax: 08 8671 3366
 Email: info@roxbydowns.rh.com.au

KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Thanks to funding from grants and BHP Vital Resources Funding, Andamooka is riding out the Covid-19 crisis. Although there has been a significant drop in income streams over the past few months, there have been significant gains associated with asset investment that will assist with developing new income streams and with facilitating community programs for the future. There is also the opportunity to apply for further funding to assist with putting measures in place to assist the community through this crisis which we will look to take advantage of to put in place various services.

The state and federal governments are keen to see a gradual return to 'normal' and to see our economy fired up again. Andamooka's day to day economy has felt the effects of travel restrictions and the resulting loss of tourism dollars.

SA Tourism has recognised the opportunity created by travel restrictions for the state to benefit from intra-state travel, so they are about to launch a promotional campaign to encourage South Australians to go out and explore their own state and in particular visit the regions, including the Outback, investing tourism dollars within SA rather than interstate or overseas.

Plans are to open up Andamooka in a gradual and restricted manner that will see visitors once again within the town from early June, but mindful of keeping our residents safe

The caravan park is set to open around the end of May to self-contained vans only, with numbers restricted to a manageable level. Visitors will be welcome to stay in self-contained units, the motel and holiday houses under government recommendations around numbers and for measures to prevent spread of infection.

We will be welcoming back take-away meals and lunches, available from the new Community Kitchen on various days and nights commencing around the end of May – these will be advertised on posters and Facebook. There is plenty of outdoor seating for folk to sit outside in the sunshine to enjoy a bite to eat with a hot or cold beverage.

The Great Outback Opal Hunt will formally kick off on the June Long Weekend with modified rules in place and numbers controlled at designated fossicking sites.

The Lapidary Workshop will be open for 'give it a go' activities over the June Long Weekend with numbers restricted at any one time to ensure correct social distancing is maintained.

Other businesses such as Desert Threads have opened by appointment and some will welcome restricted numbers of casual shoppers.

Andamooka has done an amazing job of taking on preventative practices throughout this pandemic and we thank all those associated with the RFDS health clinic for their amazing work and support for our community.

The public toilets are now closed overnight as the only issue we have experienced through the Town Office has been the unnecessary theft of large toilet rolls and soap from the public toilets, with the culprits destroying the dispensers in their quest to save a few dollars that could have purchased toilet rolls and soap from our local Friendly Grocer.

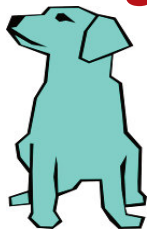
So, we will continue to move forward cautiously under the advice of Government and experts, and in a manner that our community feels safe and comfortable with, but with the knowledge that as we emerge at the other end of this crisis, our community will have benefited well and will have new programs, activities and facilities to enjoy and to benefit from as we move into the future.

Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding

Visit www.redgumboarding.com.au
Ph: (08) 8642 3308

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

Please phone (08) 8642 3308 for appointments



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personnel

group

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Email: jenna.post@complete-personnel.com.au

Web: www.complete-personnel.com.au

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Lock it up

For its own protection & for the protection of our native fauna.
Have your cat microchipped, de-sexed & immunised.

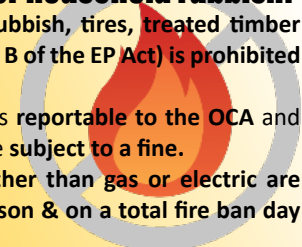


Can I burn plastic and other household rubbish?

No, burning plastic, household rubbish, tires, treated timber and listed wastes (Schedule 1 Part B of the EP Act) is prohibited under the Air Quality Policy.

Backyard burning in Andamooka is reportable to the OCA and people breaching the policy can be subject to a fine.

Remember that no open fires other than gas or electric are permitted during the fire ban season & on a total fire ban day without a schedule nine permit.



ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thanks to funding via the OCA from federal Drought Relief funds, the Lapidary Workshop project is steadily moving ahead with the intention for this to be completed by June 30 and ready to be put into action when restrictions around Covid-19 are lifted.

The cement flooring has been completed and the next stage is to insulate and line the walls and secure the workshop, install the water connection which is fed from the water tank situated on the hill behind the workshop and tidy up electricals.

Next the benching and storage cupboards will be installed ready to set up the equipment and workbenches and we will be ready to start demonstrations, 'have a go' activities and small group workshops, which will lead onto more advanced workshops and eventually to holding accredited lapidary courses.

There is a bit of tidying up at the front of the workshop to create more parking space, so we welcome offers of voluntary assistance with this.

With around 30 people having registered their interest in workshops and several locals having put their names down to assist people with 'getting started', there is eager anticipation around the launch of the lapidary program which maybe as early as around mid-year.

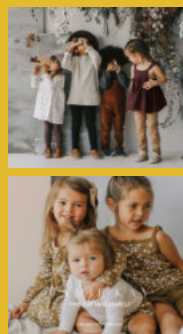
There is also great interest from visitors which means that the Lapidary Program will create another visitor attraction and income stream, which will contribute to both the towns economy and to positive visitor experiences that will encourage return visits and promote our town's opal industry.



OPENING:
June Long Weekend


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OPAL HUNTING SEASON OPENS

June Long Weekend

Chance for all Wanna-Be Opal Hunters
to **seek their fortune** in the

“GREAT OUTBACK OPAL HUNT”

Andamooka Opal Field
Commences June Long Weekend
and closes 29th August 2020
Register at Andamooka Town Office,
Post Office or Cellarbrations bottle-shop
Registrations open 1st April 2020.
*Proceeds to Andamooka community
recreation & sports facility*

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What's On In Andamooka
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 Wacky Wednesdays**

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 just enjoy a cuppa & chat*

10AM - 12PM
 At the CFS / SES Shed

**Andamooka
 Community Church**

*Meet at Hall on Sun @ 3pm
 For music, worship & sharing
 of evening prayer*

More Details: 8671 0270

**Andamooka / R.D.
 Bible Church**

Worship Service 10:30 Sunday
 Bible Study 7:30 Wednesday

Water Way, Andamooka
Contact: 8672 7004

**Andamooka Sports
 Shooting Assoc.**



*For more information on
 activities & events*

Contact: Matt 0419 504 200

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Proudly sponsored by the Andamooka Opal Showroom & Bottlehouse Motel

JANUARY

APOMA Memberships Due
 26th: Australia Day &
 Citizen's Awards

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentines Day

MARCH

APRIL

25th: Anzac Day

MAY

JUNE

June Long Weekend
 Activities
**6th: Great Outback Opal
 Hunt Opens**
 Lapidary Workshop Opens

JULY

Dog Registration Due

AUGUST

SALA Festival Exhibition

Hospital Auxiliary Camp
 Oven Cookout

29th Great Outback Opal
 Hunt closes.

SEPTEMBER

Watch This Space...

OCTOBER

31st: Halloween

October Long Weekend
 Sunday Family Fun Day &
 Markets

NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day
 11th: Remembrance Day

DECEMBER

**25th: Community Christmas
 Lunch**



VISIT

ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

Opal
 Opal Jewellery
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 (by appointment)

**INFORMATION
 &
 ACCOMMODATION**

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Open 7 Days

WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

Andamooka PIZZA NIGHT

FRIDAY 22ND MAY AT THE TOWN
HALL. 5 PM - 8 PM

Outdoor dining or takeaway available. Order in
house.

MENU

MARGHERITA with tomato sauce, basil and mozzarella.	14	SUPREME tomato sauce, ham, pepperoni, mushroom, onion, capsicum, pineapple, olives, anchovies and mozzarella .	22
HAWAIIAN with tomato sauce, ham, pineapple and mozzarella.	18	LASAGNE classic meat sauce layered between pasta sheets and topped with bechamel. Served with chips and salad.	18
BBQ CHICKEN with bbq sauce, shredded chicken, onion and mozzarella.	18	BOLOGNESE bolognese sauce served over spaghetti topped with parmesan cheese and served with a side of garlic bread.	16
MEATLOVERS with tomato sauce, bacon, ham, pepperoni, chicken and mozzarella.	20	TOASTED SANDWICH your choice of ham, chicken, cheese, tomato, onion. Served with chips.	10



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Call out for creative volunteers with time on your hands Design one of nine 'putt-putt' golf 'holes'

A mini-golf course has been a popular subject of discussion for many years for those looking for something for local entertainment for families, groups or individuals and also visitors.

So we are seeking creative locals to take on designing one of 9 putt-putt greens made up in typical Andamooka style from bits and pieces, especially items associated with opal mining, with a theme promoting Andamooka – maybe mining, maybe a business, or past activity or historic structure or machine???

The mooted idea is to install 7 holes laid out within the trees near the playground, the 8th hole at the Town Park for walkers to take a break on the trip between the camp ground and the 9th hole which has been suggested should appropriately be located outside of the Post Office so that golf clubs and bits can be returned and also conveniently next to our 'local watering hole'.

Once the course designs are decided we will form a working group to design the course and to work on the construction. There are no timelines set for the project which will be dependent on community involvement, but we do have a few enthusiastic locals who want to make it happen sooner rather than later.

So, if you are looking for an interesting challenge why not look around for some quirky bits and pieces and turn them into a fun golf station, which could put your name to something special in Andamooka.

For more information contact: **Richard** M 0418 855 165 E admin1@apoma.com.au



BINGO

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY
1:30 PM at the Community Hall

All proceeds go towards new community facilities

NEXT DATES
TBA

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival Exhibition 2020 Andamooka

The Past

Andamooka has participated in the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival Exhibition each year since 2017. The first year, just three artists exhibited; 8 artists exhibited during 2018 and 14 artists exhibited during 2019; and Andamooka Youth Group participants during 2018 and 2019.

The Present

Interest has been expressed by quite a few artists keen to participate in Andamooka's SALA during 2020. As the first indications of travel restrictions and physical distancing began to circulate, Donna Waters and Heather Gordon (co-coordinators for Andamooka's SALA 2020) sent out messages on 18 March 2020 to intending exhibitors to encourage creativity, to support artists at a time of great uncertainty and to reduce the feelings of disappointment and isolation while continuing to plan for a different kind of exhibition.

The Future

While we do not know what COVID-19 restrictions will be in place during August 2020 we are excited by the opportunity to present Andamooka's SALA exhibition in new and innovative ways this August.

Examples of new exhibition styles could be

- a short video of your art studio
- online exhibition hosted on a website.
- artist talk podcast and hosted on a website
- illustrated artist talk via Zoom
- exhibition launch via Zoom
- other ideas.

Individuals

Individuals are able to register their artworks individually on the SALA registration page <https://www.salafestival.com/artfuel/>

If you want to 'go it alone' all the information is at this link

https://www.salafestival.com/artfuel/pdf/SALA_Pre-Registration_Checklist_2020.pdf

Arty Andamooka Group

As the coordinators for Andamooka SALA's group exhibition, Donna and Heather are happy to continue coordinating the exhibition and to negotiate with a venue (online presence, that is hosted on a webpage) to get the group's exhibition online.

The 'Arty Andamooka' Facebook page will continue to promote Andamooka's arty places and arty people's artwork.

Please contact Donna on 0476 298 992 or Heather at Heather.Andamooka@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in a community exhibition for Andamooka's SALA 2020.

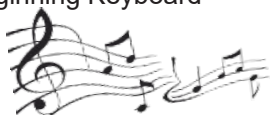
Music Tuition

edge2centre studio

- Individual Guitar
- Group Mixed Instruments
- Group Guitar
- Beginning Keyboard

Fee: \$15 / 30 Minutes

Concession for groups
Adults welcome

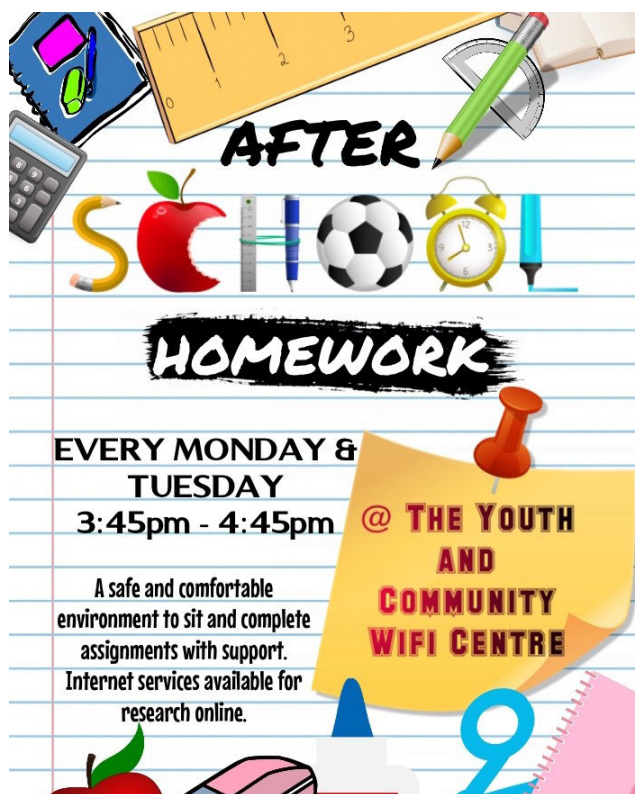


CALLING ALL ARTISTS! SHARE YOUR ART IN THE CREATIVE CORNER

Come share your work and creativity with the community, and get your art showcased here. We're always on the look out for creative talents, whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, metal, wood, opal, or anything really, we'd love to hear from you.

Drop Us an Email: admin2@apoma.com.au

Or see Emma at the Town Office: Tuesday & Thursdays, 9:30am to 3pm



AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK

EVERY MONDAY & TUESDAY
3:45pm - 4:45pm @ **THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WIFI CENTRE**

A safe and comfortable environment to sit and complete assignments with support. Internet services available for research online.

GET FIT 'BOOT CAMP'

Starts 8.00am till 10.00am Sundays
First session 'Andamooka Playground' or Hall if it's hot!

Casual attendance -
Join in or leave at any time during the session.

Work as hard or as long as you like.

Activities for all, from beginners or 'the unfit' to tuff-stuff that will challenge your boundaries. Bring a friend and work as a team, or do your own thing...

All welcome!

Donations will go to maintaining or purchasing equipment.



PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AT OFFICE, BOTTLESHOP OR PO.

CASUAL 'WALK-A-CISE' SESSIONS

Community Hall
Wednesday morning 8.30 to 9.30

Friday evening 'drop-in / drop-out' session 4.30 to 6.00

Great for beginners, all ages and stages catered for.

An easy, fun way to fitness...



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FEE \$25

YOUTH WORKSHOP

Ages 10 - 17

Join and learn the art of clay and cloth to create unique art for SALA and to keep.

Please pre-register: Call Donna on 0476298992

CLAY **CLOTH**

JUNE 16TH - JUNE 19TH
4PM-6PM

ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL

SALA Returning in 2020

Donna Waters and Heather Gordon have volunteered to co-ordinate Andamooka's entry in the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival Exhibition held during August 2020. You're invited to participate.

Contact Donna 0476 298 992 or Heather 0414 318 829 early in the New Year to register your interest.

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



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- Emergency Relief
- Budgeting Support
- Financial Counselling

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yourself or someone else, or to
check your eligibility for these
services.



1800 759 865

WWW.CCCSA.ORG.AU

Centacare have received extra funding to assist remote communities in the current climate (groceries)
What we will do is identify the need and I will contact the closest supermarket/ general store and set up a method of
payment (credit card)
Individual will shop to the amount allocated after they have done a phone interview with our finance officer
(Bernadette 8641 2379) to check eligibility.

#ColourYour #CommunityRed

18 - 24 May 2020

Show your support and say THANK YOU to VOLUNTEERS during National Volunteer Week



Tie something red to your home, office letterbox, fence or tree from

Monday 18 May to Sunday 24 May

Post a picture or get creative with a video & share on your socials using the hashtags

**#ColourYourCommunityRed #SAvolunteer
#NVW2020 & #[insertyourpostcode]**

Follow Volunteering SA&NT on socials



Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who put me in their thoughts and prayers during my week long stay in the Queen Elizabeth hospital in Adelaide (21-28th of Feb).

It was very much appreciated, especially those who prayed for my speedy and full recovery.

My current ejection fraction (heart function) is 29% which is up from 20%. Very good! Praise the Lord!

- Carolyn Christensen

KEEPING SAFE IN AN UNSAFE WORLD

Andamooka is facing a challenge like no other, but our town has a reputation for standing up in the face of adversity. Our community is entering unprecedented times that have been described as a peaceful war, but a war no less. We find ourselves up against a world-wide enemy with no alliances or preferences as to who it attacks or kills. Capable of wreaking havoc on the economy on a world-wide scale and on individuals, households and communities with sometimes devastating consequences, and for no reason other than, because it will.

This enemy is so tiny it can float on air for hours and attach itself to clothing and shoes or be breathed in by unsuspecting people moving around in public places. When coming into direct contact with people it can penetrate into the skin and enter through eyes, noses and mouths. It is so resilient it can live for hours or days on surfaces of counters, tables, chairs and lounge suites, on floors and on door-handles, light switches and other surfaces we touch so many times throughout our daily lives. Also, on items on shop shelves and surfaces and in the dust that gathers in public spaces.

With so much potential for contact or exposure by everyone every day, it brings us all onto the same level and into the same fight, to slow this enemy down and keep outbreaks at bay till it can be controlled.

Put simply, the more you interact with others or visit places others frequent, the more likely you will contract this virus. *The major defences we have are diligence, awareness and caring for ourselves, our families, our friends and our communities. Here in South Australia and especially in our remote regions, our allies are space, fresh air and sunshine, and in Andamooka we have 'community'.*

We are all part of a small community that has so many who are at risk by age, illness, and those with existing health conditions or complications, also mental health issues. It is our actions now and on-going that will tell whether as a community we stay safe.

Anxiety and fear is another enemy we face as a community at this time. Maintaining a calm and generally happy approach will serve to keep us healthy and happy, and it will ward off the potential damage to the community or to individuals resulting from 'crowd hysteria', finger pointing or panic. So finding timely solutions to issues as they arise or pose a concern is critical. *Don't hold back on reporting concerns or asking questions if in doubt.* The RFDS health clinic has up to date information and can assist you with health concerns.

If you need to self-isolate for 14 days or to minimise contact with others and abstain from going to public places there are plenty here who will help you through the process. Don't hesitate to call the Town Office for assistance with shopping or take-aways, pick-ups for such essential items as prescriptions, or with access to the internet.

As you go about your daily life, be kind and considerate of others, treat yourself and everyone else, as if you or they might be carrying the virus and act accordingly, exercising hygiene and social distancing practices. Think of it as being in a warzone... be careful, be diligent, beware... we are all in this together fighting an invisible and potentially deadly enemy.

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Police Report

CRIME STOPPERS
 .com.au
 1800 333 000

I hope this report finds everyone well and in good health. I know that there many uncertain things occurring at the moment with regards to the Covid-19 virus. I want to assure everyone that the South Australia Police are working with medical staff and the state government to contain this virus and stop the spread. I ask that everyone else do the same, and keep up to date with media releases and advice from the government and medical professionals.

As usual over the past few months there have been a number of incidents relating to traffic offences. 2 females from Andamooka have had their vehicles impounded for driving whilst disqualified, and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date. On the 4th of March a 28 year old man from Andamooka was stopped driving an unregistered vehicle on the Andamooka road, and was detected drink driving. He was issued with a 6 month instant loss of licence and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date. On the 26th of March a 21 year old female from Roxby Downs who held a learners permit was arrested after being detected travelling at 170 kilometres an hour on the Andamooka Road. She was charged with travelling at a dangerous speed and breaching her learners permit, and was bailed to appear in court at a later date.

On the 20th of March a 30 year old male, formerly of Andamooka, was arrested after being located in a stolen vehicle, breaching current bail conditions and engaging in a police pursuit when he failed to stop for police. He was caught by the patrol after becoming stuck, and was refused bail.

There have also been a number of thefts reported and people reporting suspicious activity. If you do see something suspicious or out of place please ring for police to attend by calling 131-444.

Thank you

Senior Constable First Class Tristan Fantinel
 Roxby Downs Police Station
 South Australia Police
 8671 4200




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
 f Eddie Hughes MP

Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

Attended by: Diane Bilka, Anne Alexander & Health Service Assistants

Opening Hours:

Monday/Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 12pm
Thursday/Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday/Sunday	Closed

Closed 12pm 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



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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



Australian Government



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www.myagedcare.gov.au

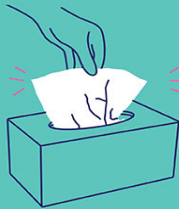
Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD.

Cough or sneeze into your arm



Use a tissue



Bin the tissue



Wash your hands



HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit health.gov.au



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Andamooka Primary School and Children's Centre are taking enrolments now for 2020. Do you think your child would thrive in a smaller setting? We have excellent resources, small classes and very experienced educators.

HEALTH WARNING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

Developed a fever or cough?



ISOLATE YOURSELF



CALL YOUR DOCTOR



LIST TRAVEL HISTORY



COVER YOUR COUGH



WASH HANDS OFTEN

[STOP THE SPREAD]



www.health.gov.au

GOOD HYGIENE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to prevent passing on germs. Dry your hands.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

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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 toluamide) or picariden 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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Ring my office for an appointment next time I am in ANDAMOOKA



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