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UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Sunday 26th July:**
Quarterly Member & Community Meeting
- ◆ **Sunday 26th July:**
Andamooka Community Hall & Hub Open Day
- ◆ **Friday Night Take Away**
Check posters & Facebook for details.

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

More on Events page 9...

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Header: Andamooka Sunset.

Source: M. Clifford

GOOD MORNING ANDAMOOKA!!!

Time to wake up and start moving forward....

Yes, we've taken a bit of hit with Covid-19. Yes the pub's still shut and the café's not operational yet... Op Shop's even shut... the streets are quiet and social gatherings are small quiet affairs... **BUT...** restrictions are gradually relaxing and whilst Andamooka has been dozing there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes getting Andamooka ready to open up with a 'bang'!!

You may have noticed that the caravan and camp-ground has been busy with many South Australian's out and about enjoying our inland winter sunshine and wide open spaces. A further 4 power outlets were installed at the beginning of the season making a total of 9, and on a number of occasions these have all been in use, putting the park to the test with many vans staying on for extra nights after discovering that despite no pub or café, there is a lot to see and do around Andamooka. *Thank you to those miners and opal enthusiasts who have been so obliging with providing visitors with such great experiences around mining and opals... many of them are now hooked and will be back!*

Cellarbrations bottle-shop has also been busy, now offering locals and visitors extended hours for access to vitals such as bread, milk and meat and there is a fresh fruit and vegetable stall set up weekly on Thursdays down at the shopping hub. The Friendly Grocer continues to offer a basic range of foods and fuel. The Post Office is busy processing parcels and continues to offer services for banking, bill payment, plus mining licences and registrations, stocking a range of gifts, greeting cards and basic stationery as well as offering visitor information and assistance to our community. Thank you Margot and Peter.

Our RFDS clinic crew have been amazing with so much to deal with in this extraordinary situation, and thanks to a dedicated band of volunteers the community bus has continued to take the weekly trip to Roxby Downs. Friday take-away nights have commenced at the hall, to take the pressure off always eating at home and to provide a little social interaction. *We thank all these businesses', services and individuals for assisting our community through these last few tough months and for their continued dedication across those yet to come.*

Moving forward, the community hub has been undergoing a facelift which has been a bit of a challenge at times with various impacts of the Covid-19 restrictions on availability of products, trades, the CDP and volunteers.

It is likely that it will be around a month before we see a new look café open in the hall with the premises undergoing a facelift during July. Work associated with the community kitchen, youth spaces, new wi-fi hub and facelift are nearing completion with plans for a combined open day to kick things off to a new start.

To keep things moving, *Friday night 'take-aways'* will become a regular event, served from the community kitchen with other activities planned for those such as deck chair theatre movie nights, games nights with ten-pin bowling, darts, pool and boardgames offering a bit of friend and family fun, and other great ideas emerging to add to the mix, plus BINGO will be back soon... *everyone a little more separated*, but the fun will be just the same. *Keep an eye out for notices about these events up around town and on social media.*

A big thank all those volunteers who have worked so hard on the previous few take-away events.



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SES/CFS:

John West: 0408 807 943
Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

Andamooka Community**Health Service:**

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See page 6 for daily clinic hours
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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:

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Opal Creek Blvd.

Tuckabox Hotel: 8672 7137

Takeaway available

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Top of CWA Rd

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council

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APOMA: 0477 184 485

Town Maintenance: Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165

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OCA: oca@sa.gov.au

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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 May/June 20:

- Resignations accepted from P Allen, K Bartram and R Ashenden.
- Financials working to budget. Additional funding for projects will provide a sound financial finish to the year.
- Agreement around concessions for Café lease due to Covid-19 restrictions. Option to continue Jul20-Jun21 not taken.
- Decision to undertake freshen up and upgrade – scheduled completion end July with view to seeking new operators and reopening in a better business environment.
- Grant applications lodged for community leisure facilities, trails and roads, and to be lodged for compensation around loss of income from hall hire & lease. Funds received for BHP Vital Resources funding – community kitchen and meals program. Waiting on confirmation of funding for other applications. Acquittals up to date.
- Additional power sites at caravan & camp ground supporting pleasing number of visitors. Anticipated that income will be in line with budget for 2019-20.
- Maintenance and development projects experiencing some delays but generally working to schedule. Loss of CDP labour resulting in additional costs around labour. Some is covered under new funding but will look towards seeking some compensation.
- Meeting arranged with OCA Board end June. Presentation re town management model and way forward for Andamooka.
- **At bank end of May 2020:**
Operations Acc: \$115,463+ \$3,657 in CC acc,
Allocated Funds: \$32,111
Reserve Funds: \$15,572
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.

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Vice Chair: Donna Waters

Secretary: Rodney Mitchell

Treasurer: Gill Rowley

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**Next Member/Community
Meeting: July 26th 2020**

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

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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.



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

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Please be advised of

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community

1.30pm, Sunday 26th July 2020

'Meet & Greet' BBQ and registration from 12.30pm

Open Day for Lapidary Workshop & 'Be Connected' at new Wi-fi Hub from 11.00am

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. OPENING OF MEETING & WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES
3. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
 - 3.1. Overview of achievements 2019-20, & current & on-going activities to end Dec. 2020
 - 3.2. Half Yearly Financial Report to June 2020 – Association & Town Management
 - 3.2.2. Budget Report to June 2020 – Association & Town Management
 - 3.2.3. Update on Asset & Projects - grants / funding
 - 3.3. Other matters for approval - lease agreements / developments
 - 3.4. Update on Asset Maintenance and Facility Upgrades to July 2020
 - 3.5. Andamooka CARM Agreement – motion for approval to sign - 2020-21
 - 3.5.1. Proposed APOMA Association /Town Management Budget 2020-21
 - 3.5.2. OCA Review – Future of the Outback – Out of Areas management
 - 3.6. Proposed major projects for 2020 / 2021 - discussion.
 - 3.7. Update on Community Programs and Activities and Covid-19 implications
 - 3.8. Planning - Events and fundraising – 2020
4. OTHER BUSINESS
5. CLOSURE

Items for 'other business' must be lodged, addressed to The Secretary, APOMA, by COB, Monday 20th July.

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

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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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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

ENCOURAGING REVIEW BY OCA OF OUTBACK TOWN MANAGEMENT MODELS

In 2016 APOMA introduced a management plan to modernise and develop a town management model that would be locally based, work better for the town and be well supported by the community.

The first tasks were to review and revise basic administration and to put in place actions to improve efficiencies and clarity around reporting plus to generate more inclusion of community around financials, projects and programs.

This challenging process progressively exposed various community concerns, needs, wishes and aspirations together with a long worklist around assets and projects but also opened up opportunities that would work towards a more viable and stable economic future for the town.

To make this happen whilst general maintenance and small projects were realised, energies were put towards seeking funding through grants and other sources to commence an integrated and progressive plan to upgrade and repurpose existing community structures into active community assets that would become self-supporting, with some generating additional income to invest back into the community and projects.

The results of this are now being realised with a raft of new programs, services, activities and small business opportunities arising as upgrades to structures are completed, paving the way for a lift in the town's economy.

However, as is often the case, change can achieve great things but can also create conflict, and year on year this comes at a toll on a few people who work so hard behind the scenes to make change happen, yet not without criticism, and there is the occasional casualty that has resulted... but through it all, each of these people have contributed and worked in their own way, and sometimes fighting for a specific cause, but all in the interest of their town and community, and all should be commended.

Lobbying for a better way forward

In light of the circular issues and unnecessary conflict and division experienced year on year under the current town management model, in 2017 the Committee met with the OCA Board in Andamooka and put forward their case for a change in the OCA's approach to how town management was modelled, supported and funded.

The Committee put forward their case forward for a better town management model and a plan to create a more vibrant economy within the town and more viability through self-sufficiency and creation of income streams to assist the costs of management, maintenance and development, which would also serve to keep the CCS around its current level. This approach was well supported by the OCA Board who resolved to offer assistance as the plan unfolded and to work with the Committee on a better way forward.

In June 2020, a committee delegation once again met with the OCA Board and outlined achievements and ongoing issues in relation to their plan. Whilst acknowledging OCA assistance with recent substantial grant funding towards projects and some helpful concessions within the CARM budget, it was put to the Board that APOMA supported by the Town Office, had achieved and, are continuing to achieve, all that they had set out to do.

However, also put forward that under the current inadequate town management model and consequent ongoing circular issues, Andamooka has reached a cross-road which could either lead forward with a better model, or could stall, trapped with the same issues recurring year on year, at the risk of undoing all the work done over the past five years, whilst the current OCA management model has had no positive changes of long term effect in the past three years.

GRANTS

Lapidary Workshop – successfully acquitted 30th June.

OCA Small Sports Grant \$500 received – outdoor games to be purchased, waiting for delivery.

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.



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OCA review of out of areas town management model

In response, the OCA Board acknowledged the significant issues that are experienced in particular by larger outback towns and communities with the current management model, and that the APOMA presentation had highlighted and put into perspective a number of recurring problems that have an on-going debilitating and negative affect on consistency, confidence and advancement.

It was announced that they had in fact taken on board the lobbying by APOMA and other larger towns experiencing similar problems, and that they have now put in place a Review of the OCA Management Model which will involve consultation with towns and communities, with the view to introducing a more effective model within the next two years.

When asked what APOMA would expect to see result from the review, it was put to the Board that the model should not be a 'one size fits all' but must have a flexible approach that works around the individual differences of each town and community, and which will work around possible changes around the ASL and CCS and the consequences to how this will affect community input towards management and funding.

Also, which will ensure that adequate funding is allocated in accordance with the level of local management vs that being provided by the OCA Office for individual towns – not calculated by a simple equation, and that for a variety of reasons, not discounting availability of persons or skills, or their personal wellbeing, volunteers can no longer be expected to take care of business.

Whilst the lobbying for a better way has been a frustratingly drawn out process, it has pleasingly resulted in a high level review of management by the OCA in conjunction with the Board. The APOMA committee will continue to lobby and will actively participate in the consultation process in a quest to have a workable and beneficial long-term solution put in place for Andamooka.



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The APOMA COMMITTEE INVITES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

For the LEASE of the CAFÉ PREMISES,

located in the ANDAMOOKA HUB COMPLEX.

The APOMA Committee is inviting expressions of interest from prospective parties for the lease of the café premises located within the Andamooka Community Hub Complex.

Please lodge your expression of interest by COB Thursday 16th July 2020 via:

- Email to: secretary@apoma.com.au
- Post to: The Secretary, APOMA, PO Box 246, Andamooka SA 5722
- Or submit at the Town Office: addressed to the Secretary, APOMA, c/o Andamooka Town Office.

The Secretary,
APOMA
Town Office, Andamooka, 5722.

Please direct queries in the first instance to the Town Office via telephone on (m) 0477 184 485.

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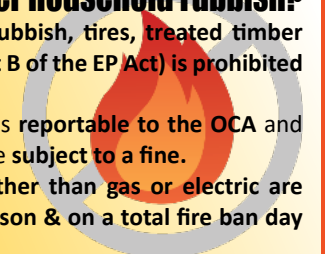
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Can I burn plastic and other household rubbish?

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

Hall & Hub Project - Community Kitchen Underway and Nearing Completion

What an amazing joint venture this project has been, beginning with funding from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) ANZ Seeds of Renewal Grant 2017 to upgrade the existing ramshackle storeroom structure attached to the rear of the community hall to house a new community kitchen/workshop to service events, private hire, youth development, a community meals program including school lunches, and a variety of community workshops. With a list of around 16 people to service, we envisage that regular food deliveries will commence in early July.

At commencement of the project, it was discovered that more work was required to construct a sound, waterproof well serviced structure so funds raised from café lease fees supplemented maintenance funds to upgrade power and water services and the rebuild, and an AMSA grant provided funding to apply a sealed non-slip floor surface, with this work completed in early 2020.

In the meantime, around \$3500 raised through community events and BINGO, was put aside towards fitting out the kitchen with cupboards, sink and basic cooking arrangements.

In early 2020 BHP presented an opportunity for funding towards critical community infrastructure that would assist communities through the Covid-19 pandemic and into the future, with \$58,000 donated of which \$44,000 is applied to the community kitchen to complete the fit-out to commercial standard.

So, it has been full steam ahead to get the fit-out finished ready to commence delivering nutritious meals for at risk /in need members of our community and to move ahead with other activities. Cabinets, sinks, central benching and refrigeration is in place with some work yet to be completed. Appliances purchased as we work through what we need and where and how we will install major items. We envisage that this will all be in place by the end of July.

In the meantime, we are making use of BBQs, pizza ovens and small appliances, plus some temporary benching supplemented by donations gratefully received of a pizza oven from Brenton Musolino, and a refrigerator from Tim and Terry, and the temporary loan of the Op Shops new stove until the commercial unit is installed. Thank you all for your support.

As work progressed Friday night take-aways have been enjoyed by locals and visitors alike, and with restrictions around gatherings relaxing, we can look forward to regular Friday take-away nights which will include social events such as a deck chair theatre or games nights, each raising funds towards vital community programs and projects.

Also, a number of locals are busy planning for the future with various workshops and other activities to gradually introduce as restrictions lift, so that we will see our community hall and hub back on track as a vibrant community hub but with new facilities such as the internet via the Be Connected program, historic displays and a new look café once again busy serving coffees and lunches.

If you are passing and the hall is open with work progressing, drop in and take a look at what is happening and if you have a bit of time on your hands, please don't hesitate to chat with us about volunteering with one of the programs set to start or as part of the work crews busy on a myriad of tasks and events.

If you or someone you know will benefit from regular meal deliveries, please do not hesitate to phone, email or drop into the office to register.



We give recognition and thanks to the following organisations that have assisted with funding for the comprehensive Community Hall/Hub project:

FRRR / ANZ – for materials for construction of upgraded community kitchen structure.

AMSA – for storage cupboards and benches plus non-slip floor

Grant SA – mobile divider, storage facilities, glass sliding door on 'white room'.

BHP – Kitchen Fit out and Food delivery program.

Monadelphous Engineering and Ben Roberts for kitchen benching.

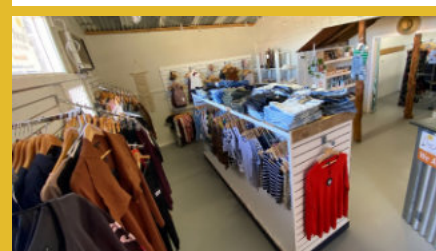
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ANDAMOOKA LAPIDARY WORKSHOP READY TO GO

Final touches are being put to the community Lapidary Workshop in readiness for introductory sessions to commence in July. Further workshops will be scheduled to cater to different skill levels with advanced courses planned for 2021.

This project would not have been possible without funding from the federal Stronger Communities Programme and Drought Relief Funding via the OCA, and without considerable time and effort by many dedicated volunteers and workers.

We thank them all for the very many hours of labour clearing out the shed, concreting the floor, sealing outside walls, insulating and lining walls, constructing and installing work benches storage cupboards, lighting, power, water and also to source, prepare and install the lapidary machines.

The workshop will include a project corner set up to conduct lectures and on-screen demonstrations which adds a further dimension to the teaching capacity of the facility, and with over 35 registrations of locals and others looking to get involved in the program, this is set to become a major feature for the town as well as encouraging a new wave opal industry in Andamooka.

On behalf of the community, especially those with an interest in Andamooka's opal industry and a vibrant future around that, we thank the CDP team, Michael Petkovic and crew, Bushy and crew, also Mossy Electrical and Northlands Plumbing, for the extensive work they have collectively put in to upgrade the structure. Also, thanks to Keith Bartram for the very many hours he spent sourcing and putting the lapidary cutting and polishing machines together, Ben Roberts for the considerable hours spent constructing the sturdy workbenches, and Richard Hawkins for so many hours spent coordinating the project. Plus so many others that have assisted here and there with various tasks to get this project completed to get the Community Lapidary Workshop up and running.

The first workshops will commence in July so look out for notices around the town and on social media for times and dates for introductory workshops and 'drop in' days.



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10AM - 12PM
 At the CFS / SES Shed

**Andamooka
 Community Church**

*Meet at Hall on Sun @ 3pm
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 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
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*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

JULY

Dog Registration Due
 26th: Quarterly Member &
 Community Meeting

AUGUST

SALA Festival Exhibition

 Hospital Auxiliary Camp
 Oven Cookout

SEPTEMBER

Watch This Space...

OCTOBER

APOMA AGM - Date TBC
 31st: Halloween
October Long Weekend
 Sunday Family Fun Day &
 Markets

NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day
 11th: Remembrance Day

DECEMBER

25th: Community Christmas
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COME AND TAKE A LOOK AT & FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE:

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BINGO

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY
1:30 PM at the Community Hall

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NEXT DATES
TBA

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

MINNIE BERRINGTON PROJECT UPDATES

An Update From Lara Lukich:

Hello folks! Thought I would give you a quick update on what is happening with The Minnie Berrington Project.

Even though our plans to film the interview portion over Easter had to be postponed, things are still humming along in the background.

The documentary will consist of three layers; interviews, archival footage and re-creations of events from Minnie's life. For the re-creation portions it's essential we find locations that look as close as possible to descriptions in Minnie's biography, "Stones of Fire." With that in mind, we have continued location scouting around Andamooka, aided by one of our local researchers, Wayne. APOMA is playing a key role by restoring buildings and constructing props and dwellings required for filming. The effort will be well worth it, making the re-creation scenes in the documentary authentic-looking and also provide points of interest in the future for tourism. There will be some very interesting things happening over the next few months in town regarding this, so keep your eyes peeled!

The most exciting bit of news I have to share is that the project was accepted by the Documentary Australia Foundation. In a nutshell, this means that we now have an organization that provides us with the facility to raise money for the project via donations. I'm quite proud we were selected, as the competition is fierce to be featured on D.A.F's website: *"We enable impact documentary projects to raise tax-deductible funding and make it possible for passionate philanthropists to collaborate with filmmakers to tell stories that change lives. We amplify powerful documentaries to inspire action on important social issues."*

Here is the link if you would like to contribute to the project with a donation. We want to do our girl Minnie proud, and every little bit helps!

<https://documentaryaustralia.com.au/project/the-minnie-berrington-project/>

Please follow us on Facebook for the latest news and updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Minnie-Berrington-Project-104920167745732/>



*Min Berrington and her dog in the bed of Opal Creek in 1931.
It's hard to imagine the main street of Andamooka ever
looking like this. Photo courtesy of the late May Perry.*

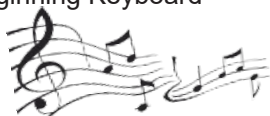
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CALLING ALL ARTISTS! SHARE YOUR ART IN THE CREATIVE CORNER

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

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

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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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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.



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Be Connected

Every Australian online.

‘Be Connected’ launches at new Community WiFi Hub

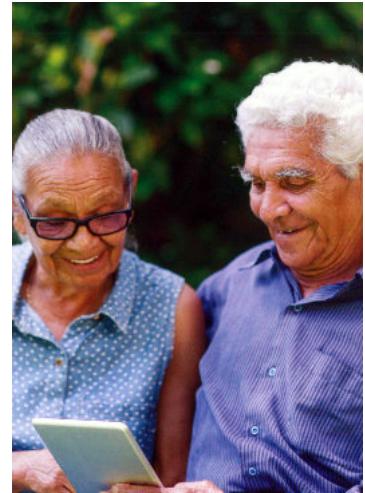
The Be Connected Program assists older adults and other community members with access to the internet and to learn how to connect with friends and family on-line, how to fill in forms, make appointments, or to do your banking, maybe follow social media or how to use a computer to find out information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



95 Years Old

BETTY CHRISTENSEN CELEBRATED HER 95TH BIRTHDAY ON THE 8TH OF MAY 2020. SHE HAD A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVEN THOUGH NOT ALL OF HER CHILDREN COULD BE PRESENT DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) GLOBAL PANDEMIC. THOSE PRESENT WERE CAROLYN, RAYMOND AND ELIZABETH AND KARL, WHO COULDN'T GO ANYWHERE ANYWAY!

OF THE 3 CAKES SHE HAD, ONE WAS FROM NIKKI, HER HAIRDRESSER AND ONE WAS FROM MARGOT DUKE. THANK YOU SO MUCH! YOU MADE HER DAY.

"THANK YOU" ALSO TO ALL THOSE WHO GAVE HER CARDS AND GIFTS AND BEST WISHES FOR HER SPECIAL DAY. NOW SHE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HER 96TH BIRTHDAY LORD WILLING. THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

~ Carolyn Christensen

Big thank you to all who have made the Friday night take-aways so successful

Thank you to Julie Christie and Peter Sach for the amazing pizzas and to Amanda who baked the delicious lasagne, plus Tanya, Claudia, and others who assisted, for a great Pizza and Pasta night. Julie’s famous chips went down a treat with many!

Also, to our visiting ‘Vic Caravan Park Crew’, who have sweated over a hot BBQ and prep bench for the Burger night and did it again for the Sunday Breakfast! ...cheers to Julie, Margie, Pauline and Joe.

Not to mention the Ribs, Legs Wings & Baked Potato Night which went down very well with all. Thank you to Kath, Tanya, Emma, Trish, Angela and Ruby who prepped, plated and assisted with cooking. Also John, Ian and Richard who set up and cooked on a range of BBQ’s to produce some great flavours enjoyed by all. Great team effort.

Not forgetting those who shopped, set up and cleaned up afterwards. Lots of time and effort put in by many.

Thanks to the huge efforts of these volunteers we have produced around 70 plus meals on each occasion and have raised over \$1300 towards our meal delivery program for community members who are need assistance.

Next is a ‘Schitzel Bonanza’ on the 10th July. Any suggestions from the community for other themed Friday nights will be considered!

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Police Report



On 7th May 2020 police from Port Augusta and Roxby Downs conducted a number of searches on houses in Roxby Downs and Andamooka searching for drugs. Police attended a house on Hallion Hill Road where cannabis was located during a search and an expiation notice issued.

Police will be conducting regular investigation into drugs and drug related offences in both townships, and conducting regular searches.

If any person has any information on drugs or other offences they are asked to ring crime-stoppers on 1800-333-000, or you can submit information online. You can choose to remain anonymous.

Police have recommenced static drink and drug driver testing. Please if you have been drinking or using drugs do not drive, and find other transportation.

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




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[STOP THE SPREAD]



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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

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Opal Field Program .

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