

UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ 6th Dec: **BINGO!**
- ◆ 25th Dec: **Christmas!**
- ◆ **Saturdays:**
Lapidary Workshop
- ◆ **Wishing everyone a merry holiday period and a happy New Year!**
- ◆ 26th Jan: **Australia Day Breakfast**

Please Be Advised:

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

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Header: Fabulously flowering pigface succulent.

Source: E. Morris, 2020

ATTENDANCE UP AT AGM

Sunday November 15 saw nearly fifty Andamookans invest a couple of hours to attend the annual general meeting of APOMA. There has been a changing of the guard on the Committee with welcome nominations for Mathew Kathagen, Richard Webb and Alison Smoker. Richard Clifford was also supported from the floor, but not qualified to stand, so he has made himself available for secondment at a later date. Donna Waters put up her hand to stay on the committee. She has been acting in the role of chairperson since pre COVID and has done well in the position. Gill Rowley has committed to a succession period and to mentor a new committee Treasurer. She will stay on as admin manager at the Town Office working together with Richard in his invaluable work as projects and maintenance manager, Emma in her support role, and Tanya in the community liaison role. Tanya's work is vital in this Covid environment, coordinating community events, the community bus service and seniors' meals delivery program. There's another example of new targeted funding coming in.

We have to keep in mind that all the staff in the office are paid a small fraction of a modest full-time salary. They are a lean machine. OK Andamooka isn't a big town but to get the same sort of responsive town management through a council would cost a lot more.

Those at the meeting saw the up to date auditor's report. It has been a great year for Andamooka. It's down to Gill's skills in budgeting, and writing for and talking up projects like the town works shed, the community kitchen, the lapidary workshop, the new community recreation and service facilities, vital youth and seniors programs and the historic cottages which will support the Minnie Berrington doco. This is new money coming into the town over and above what OCA collects via the CCS.

The new Dynamite Café is doing good business and staying open longer.

Summer is upon us and we know things slow down a little. The Caravan Park is in for a bumper year (COVID permitting) and Richard has been busy putting in a cashless alternative for people to pay for showers. OCA have committed to replacing the toilets near the Hall with a new whiz-bang access facility that will be more compliant with regulations and probably easier to clean. Michelle continues to do a great job on cleaning and keeping the town looking good. This is such a crucial role. Look up the audit report on the web site to see how much she costs.

We are getting great value from our workers at present and that is a credit to all of them. Luke and Trish each put in over and above for a whole myriad of day to day tasks to support events, community services and keeping our hub generally maintained. Donna is another over and above worker in her role of youth coordinator. This financial year the team will expand to incorporate a community kitchen coordinator and WiFi hub coordinator, each of whom will perform vital roles delivering essential community services.

As a Committee we need to celebrate the new blood and together with the community, work at ways of becoming more efficient and effective in the ways we get together and how we draw out a diversity of opinion and skills. With community support for a new approach, we need to re-work our structure to best benefit the community. We need to also use every opportunity to reach out for new members. Our town is small, but it is changing in very subtle ways. It has always been one of Australia's most multi-cultural of towns and that's something to be very proud about.

In seeking a new look, why don't we 'shorten' APOMA to a public title of Andamooka Progress and leave it at that? *Just saying ...*

- Mitchell



Seniors on their weekend bus trip to Port Pirie in October.

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8672 7235
Power Cards @ Post Office

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 Dine-A-Mite Cafe**
Opal Creek Blvd.

Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:
Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692
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APOMA: 0477 184 485

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CCS & Avdata payments now accepted at Post Office

Notes from AGM:

- Attended by 35 financial members plus 8 by proxy, and 7 non-members.
- Audited report showed APOMA/Town Management to be in a healthy financial position. First year that we have been able to put funds across into futures and contingencies, for such things as upgrades, replacements and insurance excess.
- September quarter independent financial report and grant report presented. New grant income to value of \$52,500 received.
- Budget on par with expectations at end of September quarter. Project income to mid-year anticipated to be around \$230K.
- Maintenance and Project Report. Maintenance and compliances up to schedule. 4 major projects to be completed by the end of 2021. Community Kitchen, Rationalisation of Developments, Community Leisure Facilities and Services and Minnie Berrington Documentary / Historic Cottages & Trail.
- Presentation of a more inclusive approach towards town management & committee well supported by those in attendance.
- Discussion on community facilities and services. Food and fuel, seniors' services, leisure facilities, roads and trails.
- **At bank end of October 2020:**
Operations Acc: \$117,173+ \$356 in CC acc,
Allocated Funds: \$31,311
Reserve Funds: \$15,775
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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**Next Member/Community
Meeting: TBA Mar 2021**

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

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

Australia Day – Citizen of the Year Nominations Now Open

The Australia Day team are currently seeking nominations for the 2021 Citizen of the Year Awards. Do you know someone who makes a real difference in our community who you think should be recognised for their contribution, outstanding service or act.

This person may be young or old, or anything in between. You could nominate someone, or a group or organisation that has enriched our community through events, health, fundraising the arts, perhaps the environment, or helped to build our business community, all in the interests of the wellbeing of our whole community.

Major categories are Andamooka's Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the year Awards. There is also a range of other awards that recognise more specific aspects of supporting our community which are awarded year to year as the judges deem fitting.

Nominations are now open, forms available at the town office, post office and bottleshop, or on request from the office via post or email, and close 31st December. Drop them back to any of the above venues, post or scan and email.

Australia Day is traditionally seen as the day Andamooka opens to a brand new year. Families are back in town preparing for a new work and school year, and others have returned from celebrating Christmas's and enjoying holidays afar.

Celebrations changed to a shared breakfast in the cool of the morning in 2019 and this has encouraged many more of our citizens to join in.

It has increasingly become a celebration of music, art, food and games with a broad recognition of the origins and cultures of our multi-cultural township.

2020 has been a test of our resilience and strength as a community. So, for Australia Day 2021, let's cast aside differences, let's look instead at all we as Andamookan's have and value in our town.

Let's make this a truly 'whole of community' celebration as we look forward to a big year and a bright future. Come on down.....



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

APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

RENEWALS DUE 1st JANUARY

**For the year
1st Jan - 31st Dec 2020**

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

New Approach Taking Off

There is much anticipation and growing support around developing a fresh and community inclusive approach to town management and committee, and that is a challenge that the incoming committee will meet.

But recognition and thanks must go to those who have preceded them and who have collectively worked to confidently embrace change. This vision has been at the forefront of planning since the implementation of the APOMA management plan in 2016-17.

We thank long term, retiring members, Anthony (Jono) Johnson and Ian Thompson. Each have dedicated much time and contributed knowledge and skills as we travelled the rocky road of bringing the Association and township into a financially and economically sound position with upgraded assets, improved income streams, futures and contingencies and a significant investment of grant funding. A secure platform upon which to develop and grow. Jono and Ian have left a legacy for incoming committee members to build on.

We also thank and recognise the significant contribution of other individuals who have resigned or retired over the year, including Ron Ashenden, Keith Bartram, John Smirnios, Peter Allen and Julie Franklin. Personal contributions of committee members across the years have inspired more community members to become actively involved in making our town attractive to both visitors and new residents. A great place to live and visit.

Now we need an all of community effort heading into the future. We need inspirational individuals. We need dreamers... and we need 'doers'. We have some amazing leaders within our community, but they can't be expected to take their interest groups ahead on a town or regional level on their own. They need solid backing from others.

Collective thinking draws upon ideas and strengths of individuals, forms direction and creates action. So, the more that members of interest groups interact, the more they share the load and can achieve.

We call on these groups and the individuals within them, to encourage someone from within their ranks to represent them at committee level and to take up a position on the committee. We also call on these groups to work closely with the town office and committee. To bring their strengths, skills and ideas to the planning and development of facilities, programs, features, marketing and events. This support will work to the benefit of the whole community and the town economy.

Writing not as a committee member or a town office staff member, but as one Andamookan who five years ago believed in there being more to Andamooka than a big empty hall with closed doors. This prompted me to join the committee where I worked together with a group of other individuals with a similar vision.

If you don't believe that change is possible just because a group of individuals believe it can... take a look at our community hub now... and there is so much more yet to be achieved.

Moving into 2021, our town is in a good position and poised to move ahead....We ask you... what do you want to see achieved in the interest of your fraternity, family or lifestyle? Who have you discussed that with lately? What have you done about it?

Come on...put your thoughts, words or actions out there. Collectively, we can continue to achieve.....

- Gill Rowley

GRANTS & INCOME STREAMS

Get Online Week - \$1000 grant acquitted

SA Country Arts Grant – Minnie Berrington Documentary progressing

OCA 'Drought Relief Funding' round 1: 50% at \$52,500 paid.
OCA 'Drought Relief Funding' round 2: \$200,000 awarded for community leisure facility.

BHP Vital Resources Fund Round 2 received \$114K for scoping and set up of vital community facilities

BHP Community Donations – Olympic Dam received \$14K for security and restoration of historic cottages, \$8K for youth equipment & \$8K for seniors meals program.

OCA Small Sports Grant \$500 spent on netball equipment

Other grants opportunities being explored to support development of tourism and trails, community workshops and programs, and for fitting out and/or upgrading community facilities as well as community and major events.

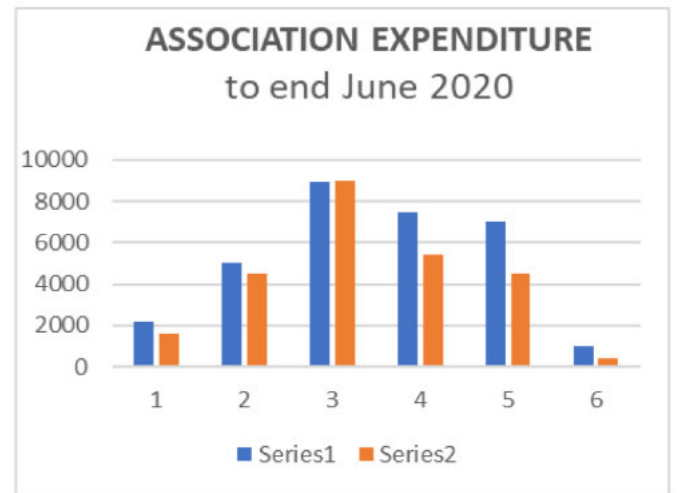
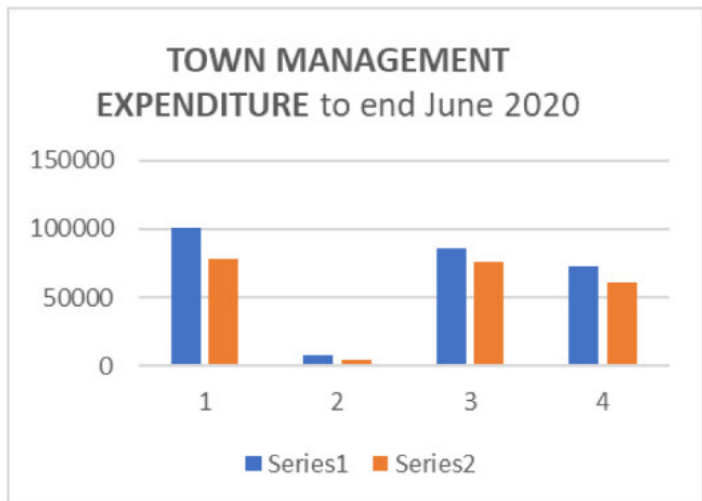
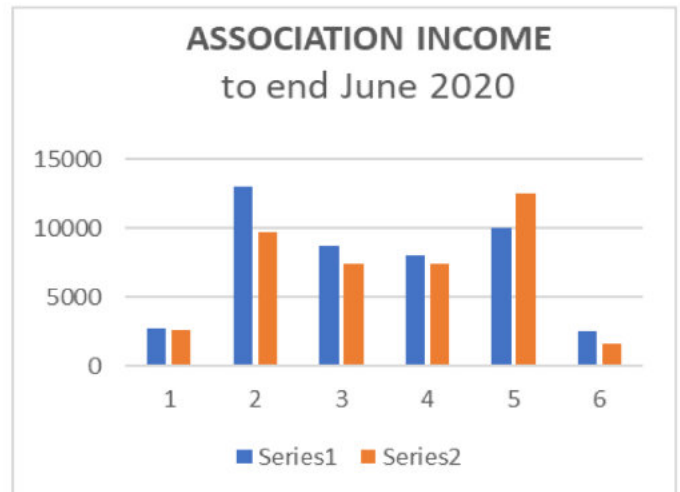
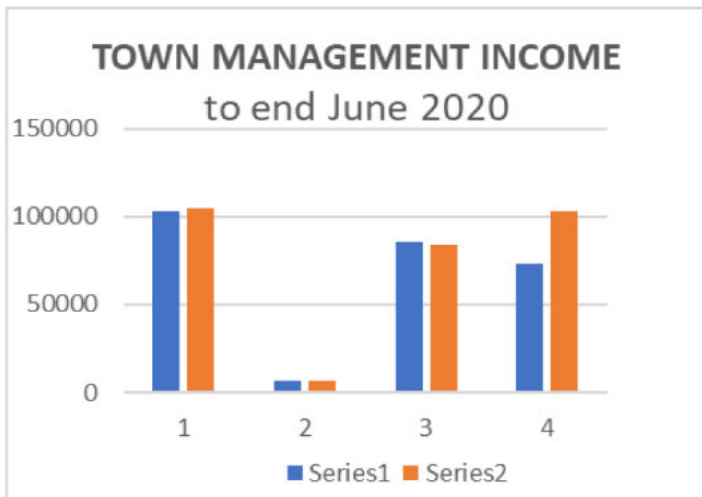


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BUDGET OUTCOMES 2019 - 20



1. Administration
2. Community Bus
3. Asset Maintenance
4. Grants & Projects

Blue: Budget

Brown: Actual at EOFY

1. M/ship & Assoc
2. Marketing & Events
3. Community Programs
4. Hall / Hub
5. C&C Ground
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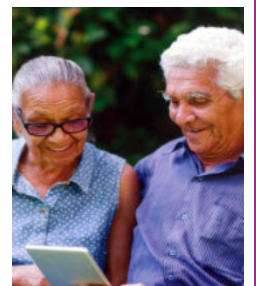
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Sessions for 2021: TBA

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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

From Inspiration to Achievement

In late 2017, inspired by a group of opal miners, the concept of a local lapidary club was born. They needed a facility to run activities that would encourage locals, especially young residents to take a renewed interest in opal mining, and which would raise the profile of our opal town and become a primary visitor attraction for the town.

At that same time, it was determined that the CDP workshop was inadequate for their needs which included a secure store for town maintenance equipment. The under-utilised grader shed offered a far better facility. A grant allowed that relocation, leaving a centrally located structure suitable for a lapidary work shed.

Upgrading the grader shed to a town works facility will in turn offer the opportunity for further development of community workshops for metal and wood work and other crafts such as mosaics, cold fire pottery and glass-craft.

The grant also funded replacement of the concrete floor of the 'CDP shed' to allow for that to be upgraded for lapidary activities.

We secured further funding for that fit out. We also invested some maintenance funds to meet compliances and incorporated some re-purposed materials to achieve a well-appointed facility housing an active lapidary club of some 20 enthusiastic members and growing. It has already proven itself a visitor attraction and their donations together with club fees will serve to cover the cost of maintaining and servicing the facility.

In late 2020... we have the challenge of taking our **community recreational and services facilities from inspiration to achievement** by the end of 2021.

We've had the inspiration...the dream... Together, determined the need. We've succeeded in securing significant funding for this project – **so it's time for action.**

Some maintenance funds have been assigned to the project and we're busy looking at other funding opportunities to fit out the facilities to a high standard.

Immediate Stage 1: With the assistance of BHP Vital Resources funding, we are currently in the process of determining which sites are suitable for what purposes. This includes:

- access, both to the site and to services and any issues that this may present;
- suitability for and costs for site development;
- the requirements and constraints around approvals and development;
- design options for facilities and cost those;
- putting together an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and the problems and realities of various options - including their capacity to:
 - meet identified community needs,
 - self-support and/or
 - generate income for the community.
- then to short list the options and put forward ideas and recommendations around those.

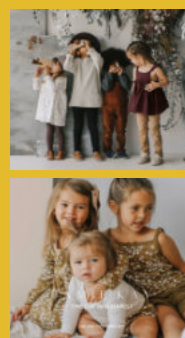


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ONCE DONE... we will take the results out to the community to seek their input towards decision making.

THEN.. together we will decide upon the location/s and basic design.

That will take the project into the final design phase, and management of final costings and quotes.

STAGE 2: this will be a very intense period. There is just 12 months to complete structural components of this project. This will be a huge task so streamlining this project as much as possible is critical to its success.

WHAT CAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DO? This project is about YOU! Get inspired! Get talking! Get active! Join in with consultation activities.

We welcome volunteer assistance for a raft of tasks – be that undertaking some everyday administration tasks to free up office staff to work on the project, assisting with construction tasks, or bringing special skills that are needed from time to time.

FUNDRAISE... in general or for a specific cause. There will be so many costs associated with fitting out and with setting up community programs and activities. *This is where so many of you can help.*

- So maybe choose a focus that is important to you or your group, set a target, and get started.
- Or perhaps assist with or simply support various fundraising efforts that will happen over the year...
- or maybe set up a 'crowd fund' for a special purpose.

THIS PROJECT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO OFFER SO MUCH TO SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY - so together let's consider what we need to achieve from this....

- *take the pressure off the Community Hall to be all to everyone.* Our hall is so suited to:
 - cultural activities including exhibitions which will make it a vibrant visitor attraction,
 - educational activities and workshops across all ages,
 - social events and fundraisers,
 - vital community programs for various ages and stages, especially seniors.
 - Also to offer services/facilities to visitor or hire groups that will build an income stream to support that facility and create local jobs.

- To expand upon the needs of:
 - Youth to have access to far better facilities and dedicated spaces that will offer activities for them to enjoy on an everyday basis.
 - Families – child-safe facilities to enable greater participation by parents or carers in various activities and programs. That support such events as children's birthday parties or 'mums' social mornings.
 - The community to enjoy a range of sporting activities including social sport, junior sport – introductory or training, and social competitions.
 - Space to accommodate fitness activities, martial arts, perhaps junior gymnastics, and other such activities including VR activities.
 - Space that can offer the reality of indoor markets which can be held across the year.
 - Meet the interest in the development of a community craft & produce shop to support local cottage industry to work collaboratively for sales and marketing... with the capacity of taking their products to the world via the internet.
 - Meeting the urgent need for an everyday general store, supporting a broader delivery of food and essentials working in conjunction with other local business, and for access to fuel.
 - Looking broadly towards other complimentary retail premises that will help to attract visitors to the town and service the community.

All of this needs to be considered within the scope of this project. *We're Andamookan's, so with a real whole community effort, we can meet the challenge.*

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 Wacky Wednesdays**

*Join in the fun & activities or
 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
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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
 BINGO

MARCH

Quarterly Members &
 Community Meeting - TBA

APRIL

2nd - 5th: Easter Weekend
 25th: Anzac Day

1930s into 40s Celebration
 Events

MAY

JUNE

June Long Weekend

JULY

Dog Registration Due
 26th: Quarterly Member &
 Community Meeting

Quiz Night

AUGUST

SALA

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

October Long Weekend
 31st: Halloween

NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day
 11th: Remembrance Day

DECEMBER

6th: BINGO
 25th: Christmas



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Merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone from Duke's Bottlehouse



WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

Andamooka Youth Group
 Would like to wish the
 Community a very Merry
 Christmas and a safe
 Happy New Year 2021.

We would like to thank
 you for your ongoing
 assistance throughout
 2020

BINGO

Christmas

Sunday, 6th December
 At The Andamooka Community Hall

1:00 PM Arrival
1:30 PM Start

BYO Drinks and Nibbles.

Proceeds raised go towards
 community facilities

Season's Greetings
 FROM THE **APOMA**
COMMITTEE

WISH ALL ANDAMOOKA
 RESIDENTS, VISITORS & FRIENDS
 A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
 & ALL THE VERY BEST FOR THE
 NEW YEAR

Join in the celebrations
 at the
Andamooka
Australia Day Breakfast BBQ

26th January
 Andamooka Community Hall
 starts from 8.30am to 11.am

- Australia Day Awards
- Prizes & give-aways
- Dress up as your favourite Aussie!
- 'Big Bash at the Sand Pit' family cricket game
- Splash Pad fun for kids

Fun for all
 the family

BINGO

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY
 1:30 PM at the Community Hall
 All proceeds go towards new community facilities

NEXT DATES
DEC 6th

THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

THE ART OF LAPIDARY

ENCOURAGING YOUNG LOCALS INTO CAREERS IN JEWELLERY MAKING

The new lapidary club is set up for people young and old to have a go at opal cutting and polishing. But a major aim of the facility is to encourage young locals into the art of opal cutting and for some to consider a career in jewellery making.

This page's creation is an example of a young jewellery maker who is a 3rd generation member of a prominent Andamooka family, and who is carving out a career in creative jewellery making.

The photos struggle to do justice to brilliantly coloured matrix opal which was mined here in Andamooka and sold in the rough. Once cut and polished, this stunning piece was created to enhance the shape and size of the cut stone.

This young person is struggling to keep up with orders for her creative works with opal and other stones, and so enjoying her career in jewellery making.

There are plans for jewellery making workshops run through the 'lap club' in 2021, so if you are interested in joining one, please register your name at the town office or at the lap club on Saturdays when open to the public.



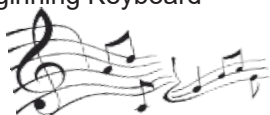
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Come share your work and creativity with the community, and get your art showcased here. We're always on the look out for creative talents, whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, metal, wood, opal, or anything really, we'd love to hear from you.

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

Hello folks,

it's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of what has been a challenging year for most. Covid restrictions certainly put a dampener on us moving forward as we had planned with Minnie Berrington's documentary, yet the delay provided us with unexpected gains, such as:

- incorporating Lorna Cameron (nee Brooks) into the interviews. Lorna's recollections of life on the field, while Minnie lived here, was invaluable, and she was able to identify one of the dugouts that Minnie lived in.
 - finding the site for the post office to be rebuilt as it was in 1947, and being granted permission by local resident Brenton Mussolini to use the building. Re-creating the post office is integral to Minnie's story, as she was the first postmistress of Andamooka, and once we have completed filming, the recreated post office will become a part of the planned "Follow the trail of Minnie" tourist walk through town.
 - Richard Hawkins and his team now have more time and funding to build key structures for the re-creation scenes we will film in 2021, and these structures will also become part of the Minnie tourist walk.
- Since September, we have had the interviews transcribed, and will utilize our time over summer to edit what we filmed. We plan on releasing small snippets of these interviews on the Minnie Facebook page, and also use them on the Documentary Australia Foundation website to drive fundraising for the project.



Reflecting on the shoot thus far, I am struck by the kindness, empathy and community service that was fundamental to Minnie Berrington's personality. Minnie was loved and respected by those that knew her. When Lorna talked about Minnie in her interview, it was obvious that her relationship, even as a young child, was a relationship that was integral to her development.

"Minnie's personality was a very calming personality; you know I never heard Minnie raise her voice or anything like that. And she was very reassuring in everything she did; she was very thorough and if you did it, you had to do it right. She was just such a pleasant lady – a pleasant, English lady. And I really loved her; I did – she got on well with everyone. While I was here I never ever heard a word against Minnie. Never. No-one ever had a bad word to say about Minnie."

- Lorna Cameron

On behalf of our team, we would like to express our gratitude to the local community, and our heartfelt thanks to APOMA, The Andamooka Opal Showroom, Dukes Bottlehouse Motel, Andamooka Miner's Shacks, Angela and Ian Thompson, Wayne Dries, Stuart Wattinson and family, Lorna Cameron and Russell Brooks, Brenton Mussolini, Tanya Simpson, Lee Sach, Karen Taubers, Matt Glasser, Chris King, Veronica Tansell, the Franklin family, Desert Threadz, Dine-A-Mite Cafe, Cellarbrations, and of course everyone at APOMA for your on-going support and help.

We look forward to picking up filming in the first half of 2021. In the meantime, please follow us

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

- Lara Lukich

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LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

OPENING HOURS: SATURDAYS, 10AM - 2PM

HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WACKY WEDNESDAY?

In 2021 the Wacky Wednesday group are relocating. Sylvia Hobbs will be handing over coordination of the group to Katalin Wilby as she is retiring from the role to go travelling in the new year.

Sylvia has dedicated so much time and energy towards seniors' programs and she has also been instrumental in setting up and for many years coordinating our vital community bus service, which is now run from the town office.

It is down to her efforts, that Wacky Wednesday has been such a success. We hope that Sylvia has the most exciting travel experiences during her adventures, but also finds time for some well-deserved relaxation. We thank her so sincerely for all that she has done for seniors over the years, and indeed for the town in general.

Moving into 2021, with the support of the APOMA Committee, Wacky Wednesday will be moving this social seniors morning to the Community Hall on Tuesdays next year commencing on 2nd February, and although the programme will continue the same way in its new location, we need to be looking to make a change to the group name to suit the change of day. *Any suggestions welcome.*

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with support for either of these programs, or if you would like more information about getting involved or joining in, please contact us at the Town Office and leave your details or email admin3@apoma.com.au

SENIORS BUS TRIP

On October 30th, nine of our seniors headed off on an overnight shopping trip to Port Pirie in the Community Bus. This trip has been planned for a couple of years but for one reason or the other didn't happen until 2020. Seniors funding covered the cost of the bus trip and accommodation. Thanks goes to APOMA Community Liaison Officer, Tanya Simpson who organised the bus and drove to Port Pirie and back assisted by co-driver Phil Andrews.

Members of the group enjoyed a hectic couple of days shopping, attending to various appointments and enjoying walks and evening meals together.

The next trip is planned for 2021 with the destination yet to be decided.

Our thanks goes to both Tanya and Phil who also both put so much time and effort into seniors programs including deliveries of meals and food packages.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY ANDAMOOKA****Secretarial Support – APOMA**

Hours: 8hrs per month

Tasks: Data entry, file management.

Familiar with Microsoft office suite.

Working with the town office and APOMA secretary to assist with day to day secretarial tasks for the association.

Requirements: Police Check

Commencing end January 2020

For further information contact or drop into the Andamooka Town Office

Ph: 0477 184 485 Email: treasuer@apoma.com.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.



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In the event of a power failure on days over 40 degrees and in extreme heat events the Community Hall will be open as a refuge to our community members.

In general, these will be events where the temperature exceeds 40 degrees on successive days with high overnight temperatures.

However, it will also apply to single days when temperatures soar well above 40 degrees and which stay hot well into the night.

So, if your air-conditioning is not coping or even if you find yourself 'trapped' within your home and would like some company, the hall will offer you a place to go.

If you don't have transport or don't feel well enough to drive, please call the office number and we will arrange a pick-up. If there is no answer, please contact the Post Office and they will contact someone to help you.

If you don't feel well. Feel hot and dizzy or sick, then do not hesitate to call the Clinic

Someone will attend to you. Dehydration and heat stroke is very serious.

Sometimes it creeps up on you and you suddenly feel very unwell. **That is the time to immediately call the clinic** or even family or a friend, and someone will find help for you.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER and stay out of the sun – that is your best defence against heat stroke and dehydration.

TOWN OFFICE PHONE: 0477 184 485

ANDAMOOKA CLINIC PHONE: 8672 7087

POST OFFICE PHONE: 8672 7007

Andamooka Be-Connected Program & Wacky Wednesday Update

Welcome to December...

We have had a great response and lots of support for the BeConnected Program, seeing ever increasing use of the Community WiFi Hub. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to use the facility and to also take advantage of upskilling through the BeConnected Program.

BeConnected is a Australian Government initiative which provides grants through which we have been successful in receiving help for our over 50's to get online and to be able to confidently navigate their technology, whether it be a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone device.

The program offers many activities which may also interest you to learn along the way, or to just become confident with using online services provided by Government Departments, such as My Gov, or even your banking.

The Andamooka BeConnected program will close for the holiday period after activities on Tuesday 15th December, and we look forward to starting up again in the new year on Tuesday 2nd February. The Town Office will be manned for a couple of days a week over that period, so if you need assistance with internet matters, please contact the office and there should be someone available who will be able to assist you.

Thanks to BeConnected grants, we have successfully managed to acquire, a set of tablets and laptops to assist the program, put in place an internet connection and printing arrangements and to set up the Wifi space to accommodate workshops and other activities. Plus we have run a seniors information day for BeConnected which also incorporated representatives from Human Services and the RFDS to promote online government and medical services, and recently two BeConnected workshops for the community as part of 'Get Online Week' activities also funded by the program.

The group is currently looking at producing a Fundraising Calendar featuring stunning images by local photographers, and in 2021 we are looking to set up a Local Online Market Group for our community.

Next year we will continue to seek further grants for more technology and to also to provide future workshops to assist the community with 'getting online'.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to Thank everyone who has supported the BeConnected program to get off the ground this year. So far, we have 13 registered participants who are continually learning new skills and also creating some of their own exciting projects. There has also been a number of others who have been assisted by the program with getting on-line.

Please stay safe and cool. Until next year, Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and Safe holiday period.

*- Katalin
Coordinator,
BeConnected Program*

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Police Report



On the 26th of September a generator left on a trailer was damaged when parked off of Old Drive In Road.

On the 29th of September a shed containing property at an opal claim was set alight causing significant damage.

On the 8th of September unknown persons have damaged the coin operated shower located at the camp grounds, taking about \$100 worth of coins and causing \$600 damage.

Between the 6th of October and 12th of October a house was broken into on German Gully Road, and numerous items taken.

On the 22nd of October a 42 year old female from Andamooka was arrested for taking almost \$150,000 from her employer located in Andamooka. Significant investigation was done by the Roxby Downs Police and Far North criminal investigation branch. This female was bailed to appear in the Roxby Downs Magistrates Court at a later date.

I'm aware that drug activity within the town is increasing. It is imperative that we as the police know what, where and when this activity is occurring, without this information our options are limited.

If anyone has any information on the above matters, they are asked to contact the Roxby Downs police station on 8671 4200, or if you wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime-stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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




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Government of South Australia
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that are touched frequently



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LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

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

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

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



Call 000 for emergencies

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

Surviving a Heat Wave

With the hottest months upon us, now is the time to be vigilant and aware of the dangers of heatstroke and dehydration. Drink plenty of fluids and keep out of the sun during the day. Take care of the elderly and the young, who are at higher risk from heat. Think of others as well, check on neighbours and those that are unwell.

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Opal Field Program .

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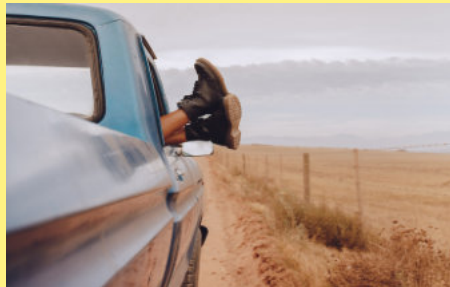
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