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UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **November 2nd:** All Souls Day
- ◆ **November 15th & 16th:** "Launch Your Business" Workshop at Roxby Downs
- ◆ **November 20th:** "Getting Into Mosaics" Workshop
- ◆ **November 27th:** **APOMA AGM**

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 Photo:
Opal Creek in flow due to recent rains.
Source: S.Morris, 2022

FACING THE ELEPHANT

Andamooka has an 'elephant in the room'. This elephant is the AGM and that will happen this year on Sunday 27th November. We need to form a Committee to maintain local care for the town!!

If things don't go so well, it could well create a community in limbo, with no idea of what will happen next for Andamooka or how this will impact on the future, costs, or wellbeing of the community.

Plans are currently being made for a new approach to our town funding. At present the Town operates under a Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement with the Outback Communities Authority (OCA), which requires the agreement of the community for an incorporated and eligible community representative body to sign off, take on, and manage the Agreement on their behalf.

Community agreement is established each year after two open community/member meetings (staged in March & June), before the Committee of the Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association (APOMA) sign off the agreement on behalf of the community. Then APOMA and their Office team take on day-to-day management of the town and finances in accordance with terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Without a legally incorporated body there would be no local entity that could take on the CARM Agreement.

We do have a good number of locals who take out membership to APOMA and who take the time to attend necessary meetings in person to raise their hands and lend their support to the members of the Committee.

The Committee are ordinary folk who are willing to volunteer their time and energy to sit down together as often as possible to collectively manage their town and community.

This is no simple undertaking. But it can be gratifying.

Volunteers take on this role because they care what happens to the town and to the community. Local understanding is essential to the running of the town. It is also cost effective. We get more value from the CCS funds and ensure that spending is transparent, and as fair as possible.

Here's an example. You might not know but this past year we could have easily run out of water on occasions if it wasn't for our local works team responding quickly to find leaks and affect repairs to the pipeline from Olympic Dam. Ongoing lobbying will see a replacement of the pipeline in the near future.

Would a non-local management body work for and support local community programs such as the Lapidary Program? Who would manage the campground? Could they deliver a recreation and sport centre complex like ours together with an upgrade of a rundown Church into a passive community centre for a total of around \$350K? Would they be able to maintain our community facilities and gardens to the same standard, or produce local newsletters, websites and social media, or provide support to all sorts of community events and activities

within a tight budget? A lot of this is made possible by building income streams that supplement the CCS and ensure that our town remains clean, tidy and well cared for... *without putting upward pressure on the CCS.*

We have a Town and Community Plan designed to achieve greater self-reliance and resilience. It needs ongoing community input - fresh ideas and energy.

The most active the community has been in the past 2 years is when they were threatened with raised rates. Who called a community forum & stood up and fought for better deal for our town and region??

PEOPLE... IT'S TIME TO SAY HELLO TO THE ELEPHANT.

It's time to let go of negatives and focus on the future. To recognize that the elephant is not a necessary evil, *it is in fact the lifeblood of the town.*

APOMA is community... made up solely from members of our community. The more members, the broader the input, the vote, and the more in touch with community. *This is not just about you.. this is about how our town moves into the future.*

With some of the current committee retiring there is a real chance that if we don't get two eligible APOMA members to put up their hands on the 13th November as NEW members of committee, there may not be enough committee members to form a committee, *at which point the Association, being you the people - would be forced to wind up and risk losing control of your town.*

This will be a failure of the community... letting complacency win threatens ownership of our future.

So let's reignite the defiance and resourcefulness of the past.. get back to thinking community. What of all that we have fought for, for almost 100 years. *Can we let down our amazing pioneers' legacy of freedom?*

Hope to see you there in person, on zoom or by proxy on the 27th Nov. Your and our future depends on this.

(To be on the committee you need to be an APOMA member - just \$5 or \$10 per year will maintain financial status. If you are a newcomer to APOMA we can second you onto the committee at a later date. Please don't be shy.)

- APOMA Committee

**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

Power Cards @ Post Office

Andamooka Powerhouse:

8672 7235

Town Office: 0477 184 485

School Rd

Open: Tue-Thur, 10am - 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. PH 0409 512 692

Located at the Community Hall

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& Playground:**

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Opal Creek Blvd.

Bottle Shop: 8672 7183

Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 Days

CWA: 8672 7044

Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop

Open Fri & Sat, 9am - 12pm

Top of CWA Rd

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council

Roving Vet: 8642 3308

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**Committee Meeting September 22**

- End of financial year figures finalised ready for audit. Work being done on budget and grant/project reports.
- Some projects are running behind schedule due to various reasons. Where necessary grant acquittal extensions have been acquired. Expectation for those due to be completed before Christmas.
- Stage 3 grant for recreation precinct enhancements has been approved. Approved and signed off in October.
- New employer arrangements in place and working smoothly.
- Sanction of Job Descriptions and positions to be advertised. Once in place, these will assist with services and community programs.
- There has been unforeseen personal circumstances impacting on some committee members and office staff. This has left a skeleton staff on ground. Communications have been maintained electronically.
- In light of this, there is need for new committee members to make up essential numbers. Campaign to be launched to inform the community of this need and to encourage new members to the committee.
- Nominations out on schedule. Notices to go out around the end of October.
- Newsletter has been impacted but is now back on schedule with October edition in process.

At Bank End September 2022: Allocated funds acc \$46,311
Operations acc \$87,434 Projects acc \$91,047
Debit Card \$2,795 Reserve Funds \$15,596

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.

ANDAMOOKA TOWN OFFICE

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URGENT ENQUIRIES

OCA: 08 8648 5970 **APOMA:** 0477 184 485

Town Maintenance: Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165

Address: Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka

Postal: PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

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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: 26 Mildred St, Pt Augusta West **Ph:** (08) 8648 5970

CCS & Avdata payments accepted at Post Office

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: Ian Thompson

Secretary: Alison Smoker

Treasurer: Gill Rowley

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

Email: secretary@apoma.com.au

NEXT MEETING

AGM - 27th November 2022

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

www.andamooka.sa.au

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

NOTICE TO MEMBERS & COMMUNITY

Please be advised that the 2022 APOMA Annual General Meeting

Reporting for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
will be held at **2.30pm, Sunday 27th November 2022** at the
Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka

All Community Members Welcome

AGENDA & ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. OPENING OF MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

- 1.1. Attendance
- 1.2. Apologies
- 1.3. Lodgement of Proxies

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2.1. General Meetings 2021-22
- 2.2. AGM 2021

3. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

- 3.1. Chairman's Report
- 3.2. Treasurer's Report
- 3.3. Presentation of Financial Statements
- 3.4. Project & Maintenance Report

4. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 5.1. Elections
- 5.2. Appointment of Auditor
- 5.3. Appointment of Public Officer

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Items for GENERAL BUSINESS: must be lodged addressed to The Secretary, APOMA in person at the Town Office by 3.00pm Thursday 17th November 2022, or by email to secretary@apoma.com.au or by post to PO Box 246, Andamooka 5722, to be received by COB Monday 21st November 2022.

Items accepted for General Business published on revised agenda circulated Thursday 24th Nov 2022.

Lodgement of PROXIES: The proxy form is accepted only as a signed original and must be lodged with the APOMA Secretary;

- in person at the Andamooka Town Office before 3.00pm, Thurs 24th November 2022,
- by mail received by last post Friday 25th November 2022,
- as a scan of the original forwarded by email to secretary@apoma.com.au by 1.30pm Friday 25th November 2022 with parties available by phone for confirmation prior to COB Friday 25th November 2022.

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments
Avdata Water Payments &
Keys managed at the
Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS
Contributions are due.

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

APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

**APOMA 2021 memberships
lapse end of March 2022.**

***To make your vote count,
please make sure that you
have paid-up your 2022
membership fees.***

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

NAB

BSB:085 896

Acc: 2425 11591

KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

A TOWN LIKE NO OTHER...

So many times we hear this description from visitors to our humble outback opal town.. and we should never lose that allure or the spirit which sets us apart...

BUT THERE IS CHANGE IN THE AIR..

In November 2021 around 70 members of our community came together in response to proposed changes to how our town and region will be funded and managed into the future. At that meeting the Committee won the support of the community to not accept the changes proposed by the OCA.

We decided on an approach to work with other communities to firstly slow down the process, then for all to work together with the OCA and government to progressively find ways to bring about change in a manner that is truly beneficial to all across the region. Fairly sharing costs with other users of regional services and resources, and with contributions from regional towns, property holders and business operators to be kept at an acceptable and affordable level.

A change of government has seemingly stalled the process. After being promised more contact, discussion and consultation, we sit in a hiatus with no further contact from the OCA Board, which has had a change of leadership, and no indication of what is happening or when changes might occur. *Like mushrooms we are kept in the dark.*

IN OUR TRADITIONAL MANNER, WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD...

We have been told that a contribution from community members will remain in place to look after our town's needs. Property and business owners will bear the brunt when an ASL is imposed, also for the supplementary CCS. In light of that expectation the committee have progressed with building programs, services and income streams so that all residents and users of our town will benefit and contribute towards costs, keeping the 'new' CCS to a minimum.

Resilience is becoming a throw-away word in government speak... but it is very real in our town. Now more than ever, we need to build resilience... to rising costs of basic services of food, power, insurance, and consequently housing. To shortages of everyday commodities and higher costs of materials and transport. We need to become more self-sufficient.

We have a tourism group working on the big picture... lobbying for connecting roadways, airstrips, heliports, with far-reaching promotions to bring people to our town. It is our job as a community to make sure that when they get here they enjoy great services and attractions in *a town like no other...*

RIGHT NOW.. WE NEED WHOLE OF COMMUNITY EFFORT..

We have an expanding list of new or upgraded services, facilities and attractions happening within our town and many are benefitting from these, but this would not have happened without the assistance and dedication of a few key members of our community, some now managing new programs and attractions for both locals and visitors. *There is so much more scope....*

OUR CHALLENGE IS...

Are we prepared as a whole community to put effort into self-sufficiency? To put local grown fresh foods into our own community shop which also serves our emerging cottage industry – providing work and income for many. What about local skills development to assist with maintenance of our town, and to support development of enterprise within the town which may attract new business and residents to the town.

THERE ARE LOTS OF 'OPINIONS', IDEAS, CONCERNS AND CONCEPTS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY....

These are just empty words if spoken and not acted upon.

These need to be bought forward.. put on the table at community forums and meetings. Discussed and hashed out where necessary, so that solutions can be found, misconceptions clarified and sorted, and actions put in place... **THEN THEY ALL HAVE VALUE...**

Most people have opinions... some have concerns, others have wonderful ideas and some have come up with great concepts... but where are you when we join together as a community to put these things into action... **HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE TABLE AT THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING.**



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS & GRANTS

Why some things seem to be funded and take priority over other important needs is often raised at community meetings, and although frustrating at times, put simply, it all comes down to funding.

Our CCS covers day to day maintenance, and income streams are designed to fund precincts, but there is an on-going list of wants and needs, some managed via the town office, others prioritised in consultation with community at regular forums, and some discussed with those involved in community programs and projects.

Grants can be complex and are quite specific in what is and what is not funded under their agreements. It takes time (sometimes luck) to match a grant with what we need or want funded. Submissions are sometimes won and sometimes not, so there is no guarantee that the work put into a submission will succeed in gaining funding. Some projects can suffer delays purely because we don't have or have difficulty getting, available funding.

Once a grant is won, there is usually between 6 to 12 months in which to expend the funds and acquit them. So our limited resources are directed towards funded projects over non-funded projects and expenditure.

This past two years has been all about precinct development. About creating facilities and programs that can either directly or indirectly contribute to income streams to put back into precinct maintenance and development. Also to create local employment and support cottage industry and enterprise opportunities. Grants and funding have been directed primarily to bring this approach together. Despite huge challenges resulting from delays and shortages associated with the pandemic, most grants have been acquitted on time, with a couple of grants yet to be finalised on extended deadlines.

Work is being done at present on identifying available funds for various outstanding small projects and maintenance. Once we know the extent of available funds, we can allocate towards getting these sorted. Some funds from 2020-21 income streams have already been applied to unscheduled costs, eg. hall heaters and camp ground / playground solar system upgrade.

Grants in process:

OCA / Roads and Infrastructure Grants – Phase 1 acquitted. Phase 2 almost completed. \$70,000 received for Phase 3 Precinct Development to fund ground works for the skills development/crafts centre, carparking and arena/outdoor theatre plus all weather connecting pathways/entry points.

BHP Community Donations – progressing with purchase of equipment and infrastructure for markets and the recreation precinct outdoor theatre.

FRRR Grant – towards the Old Church Community Centre upgrade/toilet completed for acquittal end Oct.

Grant SA – Community Kitchen/Bakehouse development. In process with the aim to have this operational for summer 22/23 and functioning by the start of the 2023 tourist season in conjunction with the community shop.

Lapidary Program workshops – Ventia grant towards new workshed veranda in process. Awaiting outcome on funding submission for jewellery making workshops.

Greening Andamooka – this project has a mix of funds set aside for projects around our gardens and public spaces. The new community garden volunteers are busy rejuvenating the hub gardens to help cool and green those spaces.

BHP Vital Resource Funding 2 – Stage 1 & 2 – for research, development and establishment of community services and facilities towards building sustainability and resilience. This vital funding has been instrumental in the rationalization, development and implementation of a symbiotic network of programs, services and facilities that work together to the great benefit of the community. This has carried us through an extremely difficult period extending across 2020-22, the funds supporting and enabling the success of so many projects including our major projects and associated community programs. Reporting extension due for acquittal end of 2022.

Volunteer Grant – This small grant is valuable in terms of volunteer support. It provides funds to offset volunteer costs such as fuel, meals and refreshments, also for the right personal items for protection and safety, to cover the cost of necessary checks, and for training or qualifications that not only assist their volunteering roles but also their personal development.

Future grants will be sought for development of the produce garden, skills development/crafts centre and mini-golf course at the Recreation Precinct, and for the hall courtyard and front veranda/splash pad upgrade at the Hub Precinct.



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



Government of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure
and Transport



COMMUNITY PROJECTS & GRANTS

Maintenance & Project Update

We currently have 4 participants in the Community Development Program that regularly put in volunteer hours beyond their obligated requirements. *Thank you to them all.*

Recent extreme weather events have impacted on maintenance schedules.

Sporting & Recreation Facility:

The facility itself has been completed. The new toilet block septic system is still holding us up. We have finally engaged an engineering contractor so as soon as we receive the design documents, we can fast track construction of the septic system.

Community Hall complex.

We encountered a hold up on supply of the new water tank for the splash-pad so have ordered from another company. The new tank has been procured and installed. Plumbing should be finalised next week and commissioning can commence. The splash pad is expected to be open to the public four days after that.

Community bus:

Covid deep cleaning is continuing prior to the bus being used on Thursdays.



"New splash-pad water tank."



"Ground work in preparation for Pump Track installation."

Lapidary Workshed:

The materials are in hand for the new front verandah and a contractor engaged so construction so will progress during the next month.

Playground solar system:

Batteries that support the solar system for the playground toilets & lighting have been replaced with a Lithium Polymer unit, now operational.

Pump Track:

We have taken delivery of the new pump track components. Initial groundwork to level the site has been completed. 20 tons of crusher dust has been delivered for the final levelling and now waiting for period of good weather to do this prior to the artificial turf base being installed to allow construction of the track.

Community Church:

Restoration of the church has been completed with some cosmetics yet to be done. Crusher dust has been delivered to commence work on paving the front verandah.

A number of community volunteers continue with constructing sets & props for the upcoming Minnie Berrington documentary and walking trail.

On behalf of our community, we sincerely thank our volunteers both local & traveling for their valued assistance. We could not have achieved so much without them.



ANDAMOOKA LAPIDARY PROGRAM GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

We hear so many great reports from visitors to the Lapidary Workshed, located centrally on the corner of Christmas Hill Road and the Boulevard. Recently a visitor had such a great time and was so impressed with the program, that they left a \$100 donation. Thanks to donations from visitors and some locals, the group has been able to acquire more sophisticated equipment enabling them to expand their activities. A grant from Ventia has provided funds for materials to construct a new veranda along the front of the Shed which will provide additional workspace and social space.

The group is growing and the 'Lap Shed' is busy on weekends, open to visitors to drop in to chat with local opal cutters at work learning more about our iconic opal and other local gems. Some bring back stones they have found fossicking and have enjoyed having a go at cutting and polishing these themselves under expert guidance of group members. A number of beautiful and valuable stones found by fossickers have passed through their hands.

The great thing about the program is that they all have so much fun doing what they love, sharing the highs and lows of opal cutting, and producing amazing creations which can be sold locally or online.

Everyone is welcome to drop in and have a go. If you want to learn more, join up as a member of the Lap Group and you will find that under the direction of the group your skills and knowledge will increase quite quickly.

If you're not so keen on cutting and polishing, but love the idea of producing your own jewellery and designs... maybe to sell through the new community shop, then keep a look out for dates for Jewellery Making Workshops which is the next step the group is taking to expand their activities. These will be open to both beginners and experienced participants. Coming soon.

- Alison Smoker



Who said getting covered in mud & grit isn't fun??



funding the new
veranda

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentine's Day

MARCH

Community Meeting

APRIL

Easter Long Weekend

25th: ANZAC Day

MAY

May Day Weekend Events

JUNE

June Long Weekend

Community Meeting

JULY

Dog Registrations Due

AUGUST

SALA

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

7th-9th: October Long Weekend

31st: Halloween

NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day

15th-16th: "Launch Your Business" Workshop

20th: "Getting Into Mosaics" Workshop

27th: APOMA AGM

DECEMBER

25th: Christmas Day

Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

Join in the fun & activities or
just enjoy a cuppa & chat

10AM - 12PM
Old Community Church Centre

Andamooka Community Church

Meet at the Old Community
Church Centre 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



VISIT

ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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

**INFORMATION
&
ACCOMMODATION**

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Open 7 Days

WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY

WHERE: ANDAMOOKA CEMETERY

WHEN: DUSK *8PM*
WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2022

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

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

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

BYO CHAIR

Sponsored By: **Andamooka Bottleshop & APOMA**



LAUNCH YOUR BUSINESS

Learn the critical areas of starting a
successful small business

Date: Tuesday, 15th November 2022

Time: 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Location: Roxby Downs Community Youth Centre

Cost: \$20 per person (Supper provided)

Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3DAzpdz>

This workshop will cover:

- How to establish the feasibility of your business idea
- Rules and Regulations that you need to know
- Cashflow and budget basics
- Marketing and sales
- Strategy and goals

**LOCALBUYING
FOUNDATION**

AN INITIATIVE OF THE LOCAL BUYING PROGRAM

Contact - Greg Williams
M: 0400 746 259
E: ba@rdafn.com.au
W: www.rdafn.com.au

LAUNCH YOUR BUSINESS

Learn the critical areas of starting a
successful small business

Date: Wednesday, 16th November 2022

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Location: Roxby Downs Community Youth Centre

Cost: \$20 per person (Morning Tea provided)

Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3SH9u1A>

This workshop will cover:

- How to establish the feasibility of your business idea
- Rules and Regulations that you need to know
- Cashflow and budget basics
- Marketing and sales
- Strategy and goals

**LOCALBUYING
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THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

SALA 2022
IN REFLECTION



What a successful year Andamooka Art Collective had. Our Community Hall was brought to life with colour and a vast range of exhibits.

Everyone loved seeing the hall. It was transformed. Locals and many tourists commented on Andamooka's hidden treasure.

Andamooka is not just Opal, but offers a variety of artworks by a number local people

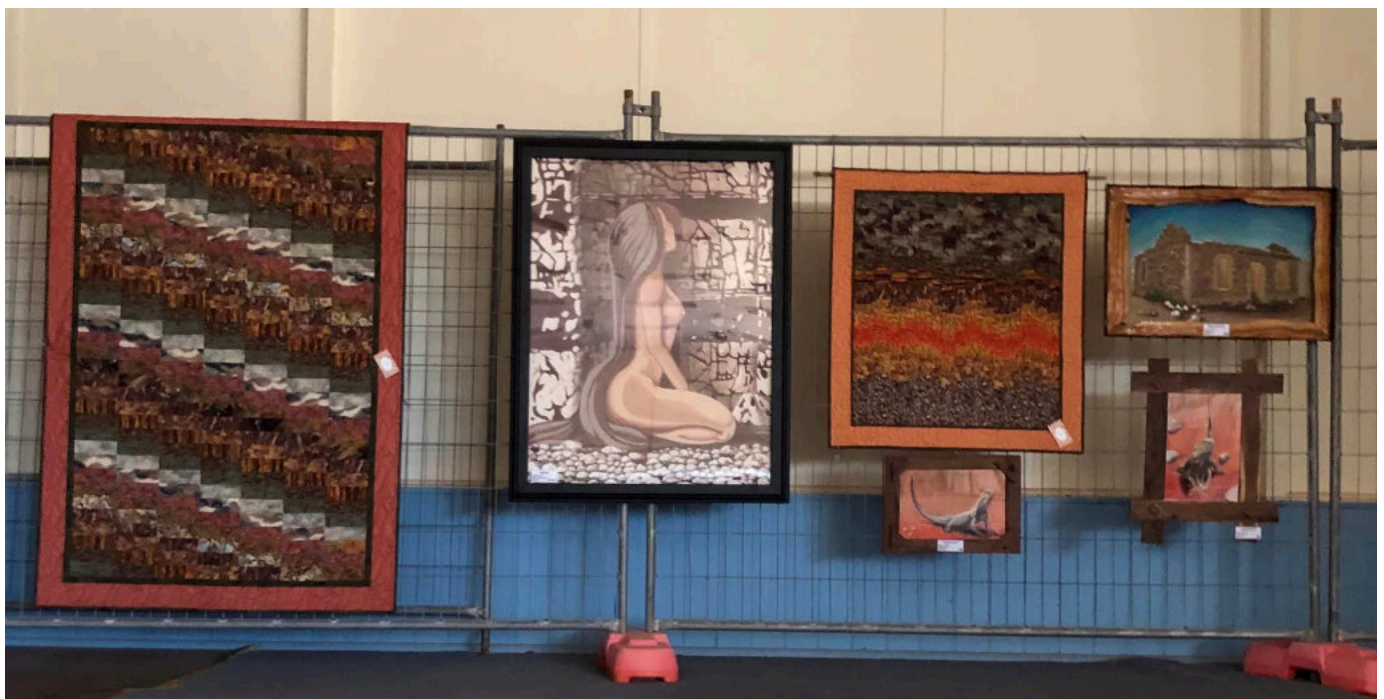
SALA has brought out an increasing awareness of talented people right here in our small town.

Many exhibits were sold during the exhibition and have found new homes. They went all over the country. New South Wales! Queensland! Western Australia and even Tasmania.

As an Art Collective/Group, artwork will continue to be displayed all year round for people to see or buy in the Community Hall. Artwork will change from time to time so there will always be something new to see.

We would love to see more arts and craft from other talented local people within our displays, so please don't be shy to talk to us.

- Ally Smoker
on behalf of the collective arts group



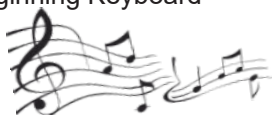
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CALLING ALL ARTISTS! SHARE YOUR ART IN THE CREATIVE CORNER

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



REGISTER NOW FOR "GETTING INTO MOSAICS" WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 2022

Part of the ANDAMOOKA COLLECTIVE PROGRAM

STAGE ONE: Commencing with a workshop aimed at giving mosaics a try.

This workshop will teach you the fundamentals of how to produce your own stunning mosaics.

You will produce your own take-home decorative tile.

Cost will be inclusive of materials. TBA.

STAGE TWO: Those who wish can join a project group to jointly design and mosaic new decorative tops on the tables in the Community Hall Courtyard.

Make your artistic stamp on Andamooka. Learn more about mosaics and work together with experienced crafters to learn the tricks for producing fantastic mosaics, whilst contributing towards the upgrade of our community courtyard.

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OPENING HOURS:

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SUNDAYS, 12PM - 4PM

ANDAMOOKA LIFE

WHAT LEGACY WILL WE LEAVE OUR NEXT GENERATION? THE MOUSE OR THE EAGLE?

We should never cease to be amazed by the legacy our pioneers, and others across the almost 100 years of Andamooka township, have left to those who call Andamooka home today.

Their defiance and tenacity left us with a place of freedom where wide-open horizons still offer the promise of instant wealth. A place often described as quirky, friendly and a place you want to go back to.

Post WW's saw settlement of a place where conditions forced those who may have been enemies across the seas, to care for each other, to build a life together, also to learn to tolerate and appreciate differences. *Volunteering was integral to this.*

But are we changing this face? We now live in a different world. Now-a-days we face very different and constant threats. Some of a magnitude never imagined 100 years ago. We also live with unprecedented invasiveness into our privacy and day to day lives.

On that same world scale, with a touch of a screen we can instantly check the weather, events, sport results or go shopping anywhere in the world. We find out what our friends are doing, and get a university degree.

But we don't connect as much on a face-to-face basis. We expect everything to be convenient and instant. We are so absorbed with our phones and our own lives that we don't seem to care the same way about others, and we are becoming less tolerant about living with and appreciating differences or 'inconveniences'.

Yet, when we take the time to come together, we find pleasure and connection in being with others and sharing stories and laughter. It is suggested that connection is a primal need for our wellbeing and helps dispel anxiety.

What of that volunteering spirit our town was built upon. To dare to be different.. build a resilient community, self-reliance and innovation... tough enough to survive hardship and inconvenience.

This spirit is alive when you visit the lapidary shed and watch that group engrossed in their activities, sharing time together reviving skills of opal cutting, polishing and jewellery making.

At the Hall, the Arty Andamooka collective work together to exhibit the works and talents of our local artists and crafters, creating a sales forum, more importantly sharing laughter and time, encouraging others to join with them.

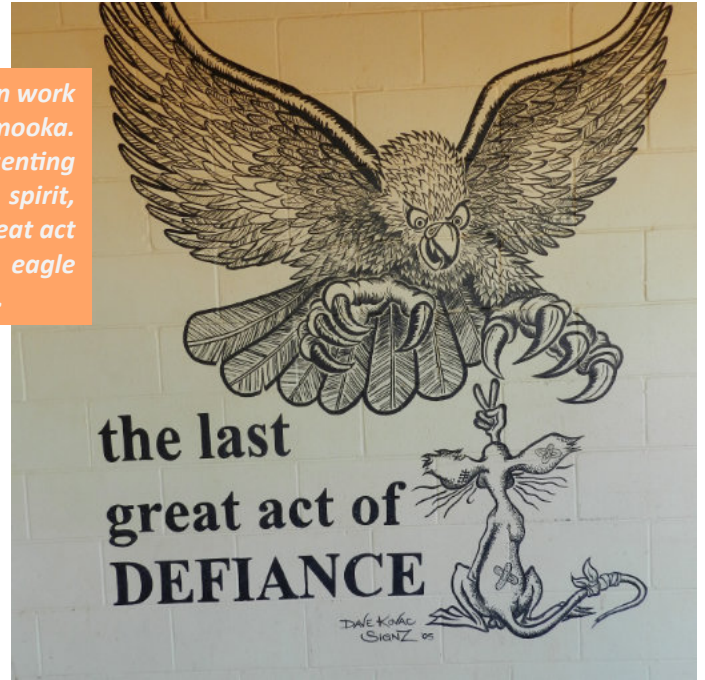
There's a new hall gardening group sharing time reinvigorating the hub gardens and running fun workshops for local and visiting kids.

All this should encourage others to join volunteer groups.

Many residents have expressed the need for better services and for locally available fresh food at affordable prices, especially now as prices soar and availability of quality produce waning.

It seems everyone loves the idea of produce grown and sold locally, with profits returned to maintain community program in a self-supporting cycle. We now have a couple of offers to assist with watering, weeding, planting and harvesting. *As little as one hour volunteered a week by a dozen locals would make the produce garden a reality.*

There is a well-known work of art in Andamooka. "The mouse" representing our community spirit, facing up in a last great act of defiance to the eagle that would devour it.



Currently we have a few other small but critical projects that need some help short term. No need to be skilled, just willing. New skills can be learned, and existing skills shared.

These tasks can be fun and can build new friendships. The sooner we get them done, the sooner the community will benefit.

The town has a volunteer fund to cover volunteer costs including fuel and to provide personal protection gear, refreshments and meals. It also funds skills training and other needs as required. So, cost should not be a barrier.

SO COME ON ANDAMOOKA... OFF THOSE COVID ROUNDED SEATS! COME BACK OUT IN THE MIX, AND PLEASE CONTRIBUTE SOME TIME AND ENERGY TO BRINGING THE TOWN OUT OF THE COVID DOLDRUMS AND BACK TO LIFE...

So far, the mouse is hanging in there, but it's up to you, the community, to keep it alive...



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BE CONNECTED PROGRAM

Getting familiar & comfortable with the internet

More and more we are being expected to use the internet for day to day tasks including for government concessions, pensions, medical appointments, and so on..

But access to, or using, internet can be daunting and prohibitive for some.

Be Connected takes you through easy to do & understand activities which teach you how to use the internet for day to day tasks...

Also, how to connect with family & friends, to enjoy new hobbies, social games & activities, & to look up a whole gambit of things that interest you & it provides you with a wide choice of music & books from all over the world.

This can enrich your life and broaden your social activities.

WE ARE KEEN TO SEE THE **BE CONNECTED PROGRAM** BACK UP AND RUNNING FOR THE NEW YEAR. WITH MORE FLEXIBLE ACCESS AND MORE ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY.

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE RE-LOCATED TO THE REFURBISHED **OLD CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE** ON CHURCH ROAD ONCE LANDSCAPING HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

BE CONNECTED OFFERS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY THE CHANCE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES ONLINE AT THEIR OWN PACE, AND FOR THE PURPOSES THAT SUIT THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND LIFESTYLE.

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THE PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES YOU WITH ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND TO EQUIPMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN ALSO BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE/S AND BE ASSISTED TO SET THESE UP FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE AND LEARN ON THAT.

SO DON'T LET UNCERTAINTY GET IN YOUR WAY. JOIN WITH OTHERS WHO ALSO WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE INTERNET AND HOW TO USE IT...

FIND OUT MORE..

PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE BE CONNECTED INFORMATION SESSION

ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL

WATCH OUT FOR TIMES AND DATES

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WIFI ACCESS IS NOT LONGER AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS. PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE ON 0477 184 485 IF YOU WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE WITH THE INTERNET OR WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR ACCESS TO WIFI.

ANDAMOOKA YOUTH GROUP

After School Activites

Come down on Friday's to the Andamooka Sporting And Youth Recreation Centre

5.00pm - 7.00pm
For 10yrs - 17yrs

Saturday's Activites

Come down to the Andamooka Sporting And Youth Recreation Centre

2.00pm - 5.00pm
For 13yrs - 17yrs

For more Information please contact Youth Coordinator on 0476298992

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NEW YOUTH OFFICER ON THE YOUTH TEAM

With the opportunity to expand youth activities, our long term and much loved youth officer, Donna Waters is being joined by Rebecca Dugan to work with youth in Andamooka. They will be busy working together on a new schedule to progressively expand youth activities at the new recreation complex located off Koska Road in the recreation precinct.

Rebecca brings her experience working with youth and community programs over a number of years to assist with other programs. You will meet her smiling face around town, so please stop and introduce yourself and have a chat.

We are planning to add a couple more assistant officers to the team, but to make this fresh new program the best it can be, it also needs the support of parents and carers and for a few of these to put in some volunteer hours to assist the officers and keep this program vibrant and affordable. If you can help, have a chat with Donna or Rebecca or contact the town office so that we can arrange for them to get back to you.



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SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

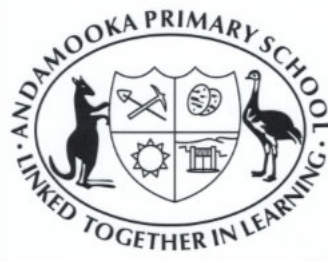
COORDINATOR - COMMUNITY PRODUCE GARDEN

This will be a casual, part-time paid position that will require commitment to a couple of hours 5 days per week.

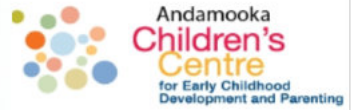
This will involve working with the town Project Manager on logistics, planning and ordering. The core task will be coordinating a band of volunteers to cover requirements across 7 days a week – including daily watering and harvesting.

Please lodge your interest in this position with the Town Office via email to admin1@apoma.com.au, or at the Town Office or leave at the Post Office.

More information: email or call 0477 184 485



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crowded indoor places



Consider doing a RAT before visiting
people at high risk of severe illness



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

★ COVER UP. REPEL. ELIMINATE. ★

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