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Header photo: Sleepy lizard keeping cool under rain fed foliage. Photo: G Rowley

OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM SETS THE WAY FORWARD

2017's first open community forum which focused on the new calendar of events, tourism and marketing into the future, and proposed developments to support these activities, has helped to set the way forward for Andamooka.

Around 20 people representing local business, local organisations, tourism, youth, senior citizens and the school attended the forum together with a number of individuals interested in getting involved in events, planning, and marketing and offering their skills.

It was decided these informal forums should be held every second month with the next forum proposed for Sunday 26th March as Easter and school holidays fall in early April.

The over-riding message behind the topics discussed was **'to spread the load'** which was agreed to be the best way to success.

Existing events, new events and future events were discussed and the intention is to form individual working groups for each, supported by a network of others to assist with various tasks, sponsorships and funding, as well as promotions and marketing. Cross promotion and sharing skills and equipment was seen as a positive.

Proposed developments around the community hub were also discussed opening the way for the APOMA committee to move forward with plans to present for community consultation before moving ahead with works.

The critical role of the Borefield Road extension for economic sustainability of the town & region was highlighted with everyone urged to sign and to promote the petition currently circulating within the town and on social media.

Ongoing Forums offer members of the community the opportunity to see and hear first hand the planning and discussion. Also to add their thoughts and comments to the process.

A primary objective is to develop economic benefits across local business and community organisations, income streams from community assets, and opportunities for jobs and cottage industry within the town. Also to introduce and develop community activities and services to enrich our lifestyle.

We urge you to take the time to attend the next forum, and to help make Andamooka a great place to live and to visit.



This months photo: Finches nesting in a noodling machine located on an opal mining claim in Andamooka. Many of our local miners have various wildlife living alongside their workings. Photo: Gill Rowley 2015

COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION

EMERGENCY: 000

Police: 86727072

SES/CFS:

John West: 0408807943

Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

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Hospital Road 86727087

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- **Laundry-mat:**

- **Claims Registration:**

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86727135

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Friendly Grocer: 86727034

Gas refills/Fuel/Hardware:

Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 days

Open: 9-6 weekdays, 9-3 Sat.,

10-1 Sun.

OCA/ATMC (Town) Office:

School Road 86727246

Andamooka School &

Children's Centre: 86727018

Public Library: internet/Wi-Fi

8-10 & from 1.30 weekdays.

Check for closing hrs.

School Road.

Community Hall:

Enquiries contact APOMA

- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ**

- **AYC Café:** 0418 505 553

Opal Creek Blvd.

Caravan Park/ Playground:

Opal Creek Blvd. 8672 7246

Tuckabox Hotel: 86727137

Takeaway available.

Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

Bottle Shop: 86727183

Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

Roving Vet: 86423308

CWA: 86727044

Boo-Teek Op shop:

Top of CWA Road

Hrs: 9-12 Wed/Fri/Sat

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council

More details:

www.andamooka.sa.au

APOMA NEWS

Preserving our past and planning for our future

Points of Interest from January and February APOMA Committee Meetings:

- Borefield Road connector progressed. Petition put out across region and on Face book.
- New APOMA Office progressed. 6 applications received for new position of administration assistant.
- End of Month Balance at bank: \$35,646 with \$601 in donations received during January.
- Work progressing on the Community Hall and new youth space.
- Work is progressing on the town asset review including insurance arrangements which will also cover community events.
- Work progressing on footpath lights.
- Next Open Community Forum date for 26th March.
- Issues with Hall power arrangements being addressed,
- New facilities and development planning and grant opportunities progressed.

MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:

Please visit the website to access minutes from APOMA meetings and other information. If unable to access the website please call APOMA to arrange an alternative.

APOMA ACTIVITIES

During the months of January / February APOMA committee members collectively volunteered around 400hrs to services, events and projects benefiting the Andamooka Community .

- Meeting attended between APOMA and the OCA re future developments
- Work continues on new developments and funding opportunities and also grants.
- Work continues on new website and Face book
- Assistance with organising community events, activities etc.
- Conducted open community forum around events services, tourism, marketing and development.
- Upgrades to financial and administration arrangements

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APOMA is the peak body representing the opal miners, residents, community and township of Andamooka.

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community and protect miners rights; promote social wellbeing; maintain and develop the township; develop and promote opal mining and opal markets; promote tourism, promote and facilitate social inclusion and equality within the township.

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APOMA NEWS

FORWARD PLANNING MEETING HELD BETWEEN APOMA AND THE OCA OPENS THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE:

There is no doubt that Andamooka as a town and a community is at a crossroads in terms of the way into the future.

The APOMA committee have spent countless hours working through options that can open the way towards a sustainable future for Andamooka, focussing on the assets we hold as both a town and a community.

It was considered time to meet with representatives of the Outback Community Authority (OCA) which assists with the governance and administration of Andamooka, to put our thoughts and concerns for the future of the township forward and to discuss the way forward.

The meeting was attended by OCA Chair, Cecilia Woolford, Mark Sutton, Director, Office of the OCA, OCA Governance Manager, Byron Gough, and Stephen Lyons, Andamooka Town Overseer, OCA, together with APOMA committee members, Stefan Bilka, Ian Thompson, Gill Rowley, John Smirnios & Anthony Johnson.

Discussions centred around the vision that the OCA has for town management and administration together with that which the APOMA committee consider would be the most viable and workable solution towards a more independent approach which remains supported in part by the OCA for the long term.

It was agreed that a cautious, considered approach is the best way forward ensuring that this is done in a coordinated and informed manner that the community continue to be kept abreast of.

It is for this reason that the APOMA Committee has taken the step to create an APOMA Office as a central point of contact which the community can visit for APOMA business and for enquiries and concerns to be addressed. This will be located at the Town Office commencing in March 2017.

In addition to this, The Open Community Forums, which will be staged regularly every other month, provide the Community the opportunity to hear and see first hand what is being planned and what has been instigated or achieved, and also with the opportunity to get involved with the process and with events and activities, either as volunteers or participants.

This approach ensures that all parties including the community are working together on the best future for our town.

ATMC

Andamooka Town Management Committee

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday
8:30 am—1:30 pm

Please leave a message Ph: 08 8672 7246

Email: admin@atmc.sa.gov.au

Urgent enquiries:

Byron Gough (OCA) on (m) 0427687772

oca.sa.gov.au/atmc

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

OUTCOMES FROM FORUM

Around 20 members of the Andamooka community attended the first Open Community Forum held at the Community Hall on Sunday 12th February.

Pleasingly those in attendance represented vital segments of the broad Community covering:

- Senior citizens and youth
- The school
- Local business
- Local community organisations
- Events

The Forum which will continue to be held on a regular basis opened up discussion on a wide number of topics including:

- How to engage more members of the community in community events & activities as well as development planning. - *regular, on-going Open Community Forums seen as a good solution.*
- Historic, current and new events and activities that can form a coordinated annual calendar of events and activities to enhance Andamooka's lifestyle and attract and hold visitors. *Agreed as a good approach.*
- Developments and services to support this—*long term vision and increased involvement in planning will assist with encouraging community support.*
- Forming small working groups for a variety of tasks including events, activities, event/activity equipment management and identify members of the community with specific skills to support events.etc. *Agreed that this approach will spread the load and assist with maintaining and building on the events. Not reliant on individuals or particular groups on-going.*
- *Creating opportunities for skill development, jobs and cottage industry will assist with the economic sustainability of the town.*

UPDATES ON WORKS

COMMUNITY HALL:

Youth Space: work and discussion on development of the youth space within future development of the Hall spaces, continues with the Youth proposed to move into their new quiet space area (old APOMA Office) end of February.

Kitchen roof repairs: work is expected to be completed by mid March.

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPACE—HUB:

New Screening, fencing, shade sails and veranda: the proposed improvements to this area have undergone a revisit in terms of the location of various facilities and seating areas etc, as well as user dynamics and safety concerns, in particular for children.

The proposed modifications to the original design plan from 2010 for the community outdoor space around the front of the Community Hall, were presented at the Open Community Forum receiving positive feedback from those in attendance.

The Plans will be modified and put up for community feedback with the intention to gain community support at the next Open Community Forum in March, to go ahead with works which need to be completed by 31 May in order to retain the funding available for this next stage.

MAINTENANCE ON CARAVAN & CAMPING GROUND

ABLUTION BLOCK: Work has been completed on repairs to surrounding paving which was dislodged following the extreme weather events of the past months.

NEW APOMA OFFICE set to open in March

The new APOMA Office, which will be located in the Town Office (ATMC) next to the Community Hall, is set to open to the public around mid March, manned by a new APOMA administration assistant, for members of the community to conduct APOMA business including bookings and memberships, as well as providing a first line for enquiries or concerns.

The office will be manned between the hours of 10.00am to 2.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly, with the intention to increase this to a further day later in the year.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

PUT YOUR SIGNATURE TO THE PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE BOREFIELD ROAD CONNECTOR

You will find these on counters in local outlets throughout Andamooka.

The connector is critical to the economic development and sustainability of not only Andamooka, but also the whole region.

The connection from the Borefield Road to Andamooka Road will create vastly improved access to local attractions and provide new and wider experiences for outback travellers and visitors, assisting with building new tourism opportunities, encouraging new business and creating new employment opportunities.

Please add your support to the petition which will be forwarded to Government at the end of February.



Our resident Emu family has successfully produced again....



ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB

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School Road, Andamooka

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www.andamookayachtclub.com

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Sun: 10-3

Mon: Closed

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w www.complete-personnel.com.au

LATEST NEWS ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW AMBULANCE

Andamooka’s earnestly awaited new ambulance has experienced a delay according to RFDS Media & Communications Manager, Kate Hannon.

“I can’t give you a date as yet. We are waiting on a piece of equipment to be delivered to Port Augusta where it can be installed into the ambulance. Then the ambulance will be ready to go to Andamooka.” she said.

Kate as promised to keep us updated, so let’s hope that the work can be completed soon.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Long term Andamooka Resident

GLENN CHRISTIE

Died suddenly in Leigh Creek aged 61

The funeral will depart the Police Station at

11.00am on Saturday 18th February

For a service at the Andamooka Cemetery.

Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding
Roving Vet

Regularly Visiting at the
Andamooka Medical Clinic

Next visit: to be advised

To make an appointment

Ph: 08 8642 3308

Monthly newsletter for pet owners
Visit: www.redgumboarding.com.au



**WHAT'S ON
IN ANDAMOOKA
FEBRUARY / MARCH 2016**

**Welcome All Seniors
Wacky Wednesdays**

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

**10.00-12noon
at the CFS Shed**

LOOK OUT FOR

**BLACK & WHITE
FILM NIGHTS
COMMUNITY HALL**

**ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Meets 3rd Sunday of each month
1.00pm for lunch,
Communion 2.00pm
Next meeting: 20th March

**ANDAMOOKA / R.D. BIBLE
CHURCH**

Worship Service 10.30 Sun.
Bible Study 7.30 Wed.
Water Way, Andamooka
Contact: 8672 7004

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Proudly sponsored by Andamooka Opal Showroom & Bottlehouse Motel

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
26th Australia Day BBQ & Citizen Awards 28th Chinese New Year	12th Community Forum — Marketing & Events 14th Valentines Day	26th Open Community Forum 13th Adelaide Cup Day 17th St Patrick's Day
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
14th APOMA BBQ (schl holis) 15th Easter Market 16th Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast 25th ANZAC Day (schl back30)	17th Andamooka Post Office 50th Anniversary ASSA Classic Event	9th June Long Weekend APOMA Mship renewals due.
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Dog registrations due Schl holidays—8-23 July Outback Trails Challenge Week	APOMA AGM Annual Camp Oven Cookout	SPRING MARKET
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Schl holidays—30 to Nov 15th LONG WEEKEND ACTIVITIES Halloween Family Fun Night	Andamooka All Souls Day at the Cemetery 11th Remembrance Day Schl holidays Dec 16th—28 Jan	25th Community Christmas Lunch

Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



For more information on activities & events
Contact: Matt 0419 504 200

**SAVE THE DATE
ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE
50th ANNIVERSARY
Wed 17th May**



VISIT

**ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM
ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE
Motel**

Opal
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&
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Open 7 Days

SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON IN ANDAMOOKA

Loads of fun and laughter at the Andamooka COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Once again the Community Christmas Lunch supported by APOMA, was held on Christmas Day thanks to the dedication of a band of local volunteers who made sure that all local residents had the opportunity to share celebrations on this special day.



Christmas Day 2016 turned out to have an outside temperature in Andamooka of around 45 degrees but everyone stayed cool enough inside the Emergency Services rooms to enjoy a cold serve Christmas fare with chicken, ham and salads followed by traditional hot home made Christmas pudding made lovingly by Sally Webb and served with custard and icecream, with a treat of Robert Ames' delicious home made chocolate fudge to accompany their after dinner beverage.



Thirty two Andamooka residents enjoyed the delicious fare together with another eight who were unable to attend but had their Christmas lunch delivered to their homes with a smile by members of the volunteer organising group coordinated by Sylvia Hobbs, together with assistance from Marie Griegan and Sally Webb who also added cheer by decorating the rooms and Andrea Lippasaar (soon to become grandmother to a set of twins.... Congratulations Andrea) who helped with lunch on the day.

Thank you to all who assisted with the event including 'Nugget' who assisted with the set-up and Claudia Mitchell who helped get the word out to many of our senior citizens.

The organising group is keen to work off the success of the day to continue this happy event into the future.



'Swan Lake' located just out of town on the Roxby Downs Rd, became a large and lush duck pond after summer rain events



Welcome back, Pip and Charlie.... We are all very glad to have you back on board at the Yacht Club... Great Coffee again!!!!

ANDAMOOKA AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2017

Around 80 Andamooka residents gathered at the Andamooka Community Hall on Australia Day, 26th January, to celebrate our great country and Andamooka's proud multicultural community. Also, to collectively give thanks and recognition to a number of hardworking locals who have given their valuable time, skills and efforts voluntarily, to the benefit of the community.

In her welcome MC, Gill Rowley, also acknowledged the many others in the community who did not receive awards in 2017, but who may be equally deserving of an award and encouraged the community to put forward nominations for deserving people in 2018.

There were nineteen nominations received for 2017 Awards across three major categories and there were also another six new awards developed for the 2017 ceremony which will become annual categories open for nominations from 2018. Eight well deserved awards were presented to worthy recipients by APOMA Chairman, Stefan Bilka.

The greatest honour of **Andamooka's Citizen of the Year 2017** was bestowed upon **Sylvia Hobbs**, who dedicates countless hours every week to the community including working with local seniors organising the weekly Wacky Wednesday seniors recreation day, as well as regular bus trips to Roxby Downs and other trips to Woomera and Port Augusta. She is a long serving member of the Andamooka Emergency Services, also the local library board and in 2016 she coordinated the community Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day. The list of tasks that she undertakes to assist across so many activities is endless, so there is no-one more deserving of this honour. **We thank and congratulate Sylvia and look forward to working with her for many years to come.**



A typically smiling Sylvia Hobbs receiving the honour of Andamooka's Citizen of the Year Award for 2017 presented by APOMA Chairman, Stefan Bilka. Congratulations Sylvia! We are sure that the whole community is very pleased to see you receive this well deserved Award.



AYG members Amy and Caleb Kemenyvary who were decked out in their best 'Aussie' outfits complete with red-white-blue moustache, accepted the Award for the Best New Community Event of the Year Award presented by Stefan Bilka, to the *Halloween Family Fun Night* event staged by the Andamooka Youth Group.

The **Andamooka Community Event of the Year 2017** was presented to the for the **Camp Oven Cookout** staged by *Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary* in August annually, attracting not only locals for a traditional camp oven dinner served up at the historic Cottages, but also past residents, visitors from Roxby Downs and travellers from afar. This well organised event promotes the history and lifestyle of Andamooka and provides funds for important equipment for the local medical clinic, benefitting the whole community. Thank you to the Auxiliary and congratulations on your well deserved Award.

Best New Community Event of the Year Award, is a new award created to give recognition to new events set to become integral to the annual calendar of events and which are open to and benefit the broad community. This year's Award was presented to **The Halloween Family Fun Night** which brought together the children, youth and adults of Andamooka as well as a number of visiting families. Organised by the Andamooka Youth Group under the guidance of AYG Coordinator Donna Waters, the event proved to be an outstanding success and one which will be staged on-going around Halloween annually.

ANDAMOOKA AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2017

The **Community Organisation of the Year Award** was awarded to the **Andamooka Emergency Services** whose volunteers dedicate many hours training for and providing support to the community in, times of need such as in floods, fires, storms and accidents. These volunteers are also committed to providing support and assistance to our neighbouring towns, surrounding regions and even nationally such as in major bushfires throughout the state. *We thank all members of the group for their dedication and efforts.*

Services to Seniors Award which went to **The Wacky Wednesday Group** and **Services to Youth Award** presented to the **Andamooka Youth Group**, are another two new awards which give recognition to individuals or groups that provide volunteer services which greatly benefit these sectors of the community.



Brevet Sergeant Tristan Fantinel receiving the Community Organisation of the Year Award 2017 on behalf of the Andamooka Emergency Services, which was presented by APOMA Chairman, Stefan Bilka.

These awards recognise the value of providing safe, enjoyable activities that give these members of the community the opportunity to enjoy time with others and the younger members the opportunity to also learn life skills.

The new **Community Wellbeing Award 2017** was created to give recognition to individuals or organisations that work to enhance the wellbeing of the community. This was awarded to **Bron Cunningham**, who volunteers many hours as a member of the local emergency services, in charge of the cadets and assisting in emergency situations.

The **Good Neighbour Award** is another new award which recognises individuals within the community who take time to help out their neighbours. The 2017 Award was presented to **(Tassie) Jim Holloway** in recognition of the many chores he quietly undertakes day by day to assist others.



Youth Coordinator, Donna Waters, assisted by youth group members Caleb and Amy, accept the Services to Youth Award for the local Youth Group.

The APOMA Committee also recognises the work that **Australia Day Event coordinator, Bec Johnson** selflessly put into making the day such a success together with organising group members Kath Wilby, Bill Addington and Gill Rowley.

Many thanks to the judges who put a considerable effort into deliberating the winners for 2017. We give our sincere thanks to them and also to the many others including local businesses, that assisted in so many ways to support the event.

Right: Members of the organising group, Kath Wilby and Bill Addington sporting their Aussie umbrella hats which they received as a token of thanks for their valuable contribution towards the success of the event.



PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

MARCH - 26th OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM & LONG WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

APRIL—15-17 EASTER MARKETS & SUNDAY BBQ & Easter Egg Hunt
- 25th ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

MAY— POST OFFICE 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
-ASSA CLASSIC

JUNE— MID YEAR MARKET

JULY—NEW YEAR IN JULY

AUGUST—CAMP OVEN COOK-OUT

SEPTEMBER—SPRING MARKET

OCTOBER— 28th HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT

NOVEMBER— REMEMBRANCE DAY

DECEMBER— CHRISTMAS LUNCH

2018

JANUARY— 26th AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ & CITIZEN AWARDS

MAY— *NEW MAJOR EVENT:*
ANDAMOOKA ROCK FESTIVAL
-ASSA CLASSIC

JUNE— MID YEAR MARKET

JULY—NEW YEAR IN JULY

AUGUST—CAMP OVEN COOK-OUT

SEPTEMBER—SPRING MARKET

OCTOBER— 28th HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN NIGHT

NOVEMBER— REMEMBRANCE DAY

DECEMBER— CHRISTMAS LUNCH

KEEP IN TUNE WITH THESE AND OTHER NEW ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS BY JOINING IN THE OPEN COMMUNITY FORUMS WHICH WILL BE HELD REGULARLY EVERY TWO MONTHS AT THE COMMUNITY HALL.

ANDAMOOKA 'ROCK FESTIVAL'

Proposed for May 2018 and held bi-annually

This new major event is not a music festival, it is a rock festival which is actually about rocks!!

Aimed at attracting gem clubs and enthusiasts nationally

Proposed that it includes an Historic Exhibition,

Market, Car boot sale & swap meet for gem enthusiasts

Saturday night long table dinner at Old Airstrip / country rock night

Sunday breakfast event

Andamooka mining vehicle 'bash

Revive historic event activities etc. etc.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN JOINING A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE, PROMOTE AND RUN THE EVENT.

TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE CALL GILL ON 0427 508 075

ANDAMOOKA MARKETS WORKING GROUP

Proposed that markets are held at Easter, June, and September

Need assistance with various tasks

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN JOINING A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE, PROMOTE AND RUN THE MARKETS.

TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE CALL GILL ON 0427 508 075

EVENT & ACTIVITIES KIT MANAGMENT

Seeking 2 to 3 individuals to assist with building, maintaining & managing equipment & materials to support events & activities

- Inventory - create and maintain
- Booking out and in
- Day to day maintenance and storage
- Assessing and building the kit

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL GILL ON 0427 508 075

WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

YOUTH GROUP

FOOD | MUSIC | GAMES
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UBET

ANDAMOOKA EASTER MARKET

BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER

SATURDAY 15 APRIL 9.00am to 12.00 noon
Located Andamooka Hub, Opal Creek Road

STALL SITES AVAILABLE:

- COMMUNITY HALL INDOOR & OUTDOOR SITES, UNDERCOVER SITES
- THE COTTAGES - OUTDOOR & UNDERCOVER
- STREET SITES — OUTDOOR & UNDERCOVER

Stall holders please register your interest at:
andamookapress@gmail.com

Or call: 0427 508 075

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR BABY & TODDLER MUSIC CLASS FOR 6MONTHS - 4 YEAR OLDS

- CLASSES WILL BE HELD WEEKLY AT THE ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB ON EITHER A TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY.
- TIMES WILL BE EITHER 9:30 OR 10:00AM
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Charles Tym, CEO of Harbour ISP, a regional service provider of the new satellite broadband services says that it's a revolution in internet connectivity for the bush.

"People have been waiting for a long time for this, and now that it's here, we're predicting that there will be huge demand," he says.

Mr Tym advises customers to get an application in fast as the queue for installations will be on a first-in first-served basis. Customers will need to choose a Sky Muster satellite broadband plan, and put in an application to get in the queue. The installation service includes the satellite dish and satellite modem which will be provided at no cost by NBN Co regardless of the equipment you currently have.

Mr. Tym knows what it's like to try to run a business in regional Australia and has been hampered by slow internet speeds.

Harbour ISP have now been a provider of satellite broadband services to remote Australians for more than 8 years since the advent of the initial satellite services in 2008 which were running at download speeds of 64Kbps. The new Sky Muster is 36,000 times faster than that initial service, up to 10 times faster than current satellite services and around 3 times faster than most city users can get using ADSL.

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Marko Uzelac

Born in Croatia 1929. Died in a nursing home in Adelaide, December 2016

After his father was taken away and shot, Marko was warned that he too was about to share the same fate. So without saying any goodbyes and taking with him only bread and bacon, he left the farm and made his way over mostly hilly country to Austria, some 200kms to the North. For no particular reason, he chose to be sent to Australia, whence he ended up in South Australia. He began his career here as a farmhand on Eyre Peninsula, later he was lumping wheat. He then made his way to the Woomera Prohibited Area carting stones. Working hard and long and drinking hard and with pay being generous, he fairly soon owned two trucks. He left Woomera to start his own business as a long-haul truckie. The jobs took him to most states.

Somewhere along the way he discovered Australia's opal mining towns and decided he'd give it a go in Coober Pedy, Mintabie, Winton and others. In the early 2000's he was back in Andamooka, where he stayed until late 2015 when he left for an Adelaide nursing home.

Marko was tall, big, strong and volatile, but he could also be gentle, generous and loving.

Vale Marko, R.



Digging for opal? A latrine?



LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

Hot weather has bought out snakes & lizards so 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.

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A big congratulations to Sylvia Hobbs on winning the Andamooka Citizen of the Year Award, an award which was much deserved. And also a thank you to everyone that volunteers their time in one form or another and help make Andamooka the great place to live that it is.

As it's been extremely hot lately I'd like to ask everyone to take care of each other. Please check on your neighbours and friends during the heat to make sure that they are alright. Unfortunately extreme heat can lead to death, especially of the aged and vulnerable. If people are being regularly checked on that can be prevented.

Police are targeting mobile phone usage and the wearing of seatbelts and child seats for the months of February and March. Please ensure that you are not using a mobile phone whilst driving, and that you are wearing a seatbelt fitted correctly and that any child seats are correctly installed.

Thank you

Brevet Sergeant Tristan Fantinel
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If you are interested in receiving this service sign up by contacting Claudia on 0418 973 502

Monthly Movie & Lunch Outing to Roxby Downs

Calvary offers monthly outings to various locations which now includes regular monthly movie & lunch outings to Roxby Downs.

Transport & Social Support:

With the heat of summer upon us we urge more people to take advantage of the transport & social support services. **Please don't struggle with the heat when help is at hand.**

To find out more about Community Care or outings, home care, transport or meals on wheels, contact: Claudia on 0418 973 502

Office hours Andamooka Clinic: generally from 9:00 am to 12:00 & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Thursday.

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SURVIVING A HEAT WAVE

With the hot months upon us now is the time to not only look after yourself, keep hydrated & stay out of the sun during the day, but to also be vigilant with babies & children, make sure pets have plenty of water and shelter, and to think of others like elderly neighbours & those that are unwell. Keep a check on your neighbours & friends. *Don't hesitate to contact the Andamooka Health Service for advice or assistance if concerned.* Ph: 8672 7087

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