

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- ♦ **Friday 19th Apr:**
Good Friday BBQ
- ♦ **Sunday 21st Apr:**
Easter Markets & Easter Egg Hunt -
Check Facebook for more details.
- ♦ **Monday 25th Apr:**
ANZAC Day
- ♦ **Coming in August...**
QUIZ NIGHT! Get your teams together.

More on Events page 9...

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Header: Sunset from the telecommunications tower.

Source: E Morris, 2019

TURNING POINT 2019-20 TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At the end of this financial year, the 2018-19 change to a local approach to Andamooka's town management is expected to result in a balanced town budget with projects up to date and progressing to plan. This puts us in a position where we are now poised to develop, in conjunction with the community, a big picture plan for our town's future.

Feedback from the community around ideas and needs for program development has been taken on board and solutions and funding sought to address concerns or to provide for needs and infrastructure, all of which need to be balanced within the constraints of available funds, resources and priorities.

Although this steady progressive approach frustrates some members of the community who are keen to see their ideas and needs immediately addressed, a big picture plan is unfolding around community input, that will ultimately not only provide facilities and equipment to sustain community programs, services and wellbeing, but also provide for volunteer training and expert assistance with programs to ensure that they are conducted effectively and safely, and that they are sustainable.

Taking Andamooka into the future is not up to 10 people, it takes a whole community.

A criticism taken on board is that there is a perception within the community that not all community members can make their voice heard on decisions about what happens within the community and so that has put them off participating in forums and decision-making processes. So, at future community forums and open APOMA meetings, all attendees will be counted in a show of hands.

By attending forums community members will be fully informed and have a clear understanding of the issues around

decisions being made and be able to put forward their opinions, ideas and concerns and to listen to those of other members of the community.

Observations also indicate that there is a general lack of understanding around the Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) and how the 'levy' is co-funded, managed and spent. The new budget and clearer half-yearly financial report will be presented together with a full explanation of how this is managed at the March Forum.

A question often asked is "What does the CCS do for me?". On a direct personal basis, it could be said, 'very little'... but on a community level and an indirect personal basis, so much has been achieved and this is where it becomes vital that all members of the community make it a priority to attend the most vital community meeting of the year – to be part of discussion and decisions around how this investment by the members of this community benefits the town now and into the future. Page 4 outlines benefits relating to the CCS.

This is a major turning point for Andamooka.

So on Sunday March 31st, make it a priority to find out where our town is at, what issues we face, what solutions are possible, the opportunities we can explore, what we could achieve in the future.... it's up to the whole community to take us there.... Please, if you decide not to attend, don't later criticise the efforts of those who do....

If you truly care about your town and where it is heading into the future, please make the effort to be part of positive and constructive directions to made at this meeting. ***This is not a time to be complacent.***

Major Community Forum
Sunday 31st March, Community Hall
12.30 BBQ/registrations for 1.30 start

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Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

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hours.

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- **Claims Registration**

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11-3 Weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse:

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Town Office:

School Road 86727246

**Andamooka School &
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Public Library Hours: See Pg 15

Community Hall:

Enquires, contact APOMA

- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ**

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APOMA News

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Events & memberships: admin3@apoma.com.au

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CCS & Avdata payments now accepted at Post Office

**Points from extended February 19 Planning Meeting &
Ordinary Meeting March 19.**

The committee held its annual planning meeting on 17th February at which the half yearly budget position and development & maintenance progress reports were discussed together with opportunities for 2019-20.

- The CARM Agreement for 2019-20 and associated funding and budget was discussed prior to meeting with the OCA for further discussion.
- This was taken to the short ordinary meeting on March 19th for further discussion before presenting findings and recommendations to the community and members at the Open meeting / Open Community Forum on 31st March where the community will advise the committee regarding sign off on the CARM and their priorities in regard to development for 2019-20/21.
- Change to insurance arrangements discussed with OCA – new arrangements will be more manageable for Andamooka and the rise in fees is expected to be in line with standard yearly rises.
- AYC open for business. A new lease will commence 1 July 2019 following approval by members.
- End of month bank balance at Feb 19: Ops - \$30,238.58 +\$947 in debit card. Donations - \$200, Allocated funds - \$9,000 Reserve Funds - \$15,524 Asset Maintenance - \$8250 Total: \$64,159.58
- Marketing—Pimba sign delivered—to be erected early 2019
- Outcome re ILUA agreement signed by Minister - Meeting with APOMA /opal miners April 19
- Maintenance and projects— Jan/Mar works rescheduled Jan and currently on time with acquittals due Apr-Jun.
- Fundraising for community kitchen/workshop progressing. Further \$500 raised Jan-Mar
- Events – Community Concert – low attendance – to look at new dates if event continues. Easter & ANZAC day in progress.
- New financial system in final adjustment but working well with clear reports – Committee adopted new report format.

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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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 Meeting: April 2019 Date TBA

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APOMA News & Notices

NOTICE TO MEMBERS & ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY OPEN General Meeting / Community Forum 2019

1.30pm, Sunday 31st March 2019

'Meet & Greet' BBQ and registration from 12.30pm

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

This is the most critical meeting for members of the community to make decisions, prioritise and to direct how community programs, services, development, projects progress.

ALL VOTES WILL COUNT - This is your opportunity to make well informed decisions around the CARM (Community Affairs Resourcing & Management) Agreement & CCS & budget & how that is allocated & spent.

This meeting takes no less than 100hrs to prepare for – & thousands of collective hours are put in annually by volunteers, the CDP crew, office, & committee members, into executing the outcomes on the community's behalf, please spend 2-3hrs to attend even if just this once, for the year.

We need your support and your input. If unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or issues that you believe are important.

We look forward to seeing all members of the community at this very important meeting to participate in directing our community's and township's future.

AGENDA:

OPENING OF MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1. APOMA & Community Budget:
- 3.2.1. 2018-19 budget half year report and outcomes
- 3.2.2. Recommendations - discussion and progression
- 3.2.3. Proposed 2019/20 budget
- 3.2. Open discussion with SA Police senior representative re policing and police presence in Andamooka
- 3.3. Dog and Cat control in Andamooka

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4.1. Current Projects - progress report
 - 4.1.1. Discussion
- 4.2. Project planning for 2019-20
 - 4.2.1. Discussion
- 4.3. Community Programs, Events & Activities 2018-20
 - 4.3.1. Discussion

5. CARM 2019-20

- 5.1. Outcomes to date from new approach 2018-19
- 5.2. Proposed arrangements for 2019-20
- 5.3. Proposed CARM budget and issues/proposed solutions for discussion
- 5.4. Outstanding community debt – explained - current situation and positive solutions
- 5.5. Support to progress sign off for 2019-20

OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1. Community programs and development grant and funding opportunities 2019-20
- 6.2. Community projects 2019–20 prioritising and funding

OTHER BUSINESS:

Please lodge requests for inclusion of items for other business with the Secretary / Town office at secretary@apoma.com.au or via mail to PO box 246 Andamooka, 5227 or in person at the Town Office by COB Tuesday 26th March 2019.

6. CLOSURE

Proxy forms, copies of minutes from 2018, and agenda updates are available on the website www.andamooka.sa.au or via email or from the town office.

Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

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

Reminder that next CCS
contributions are due March

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

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APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

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1 Jan to 31 Dec 2019

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Keeping Up With Business

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

PROJECT UPDATE:

- Greening Andamooka – trees and lower story plantings are recovering from the effects of a long hot summer with little rain. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to nurse the new plantings through this extreme season.
- Installation of the shade shelter adjacent to the power outlets at the Caravan & Camp Ground will be completed by Easter providing more comfort to visitors thanks to funding from Easternwell.
- Construction of the community work shop/kitchen & storeroom is on schedule for completion March 2019.
- The aquaponics CDP project is ready for electricals & water to be connected in conjunction with other hub projects but establishing the garden beds will be a winter job to give them the best chance of success.
- Work will commence on the grader shed upgrade to a town works facility after Easter and is expected to be ready for set-up end of May with the view to operations commencing end of June. This important move has been made possible thanks to the Stronger Communities Program, and it will open the way to set up the lapidary/glass craft workshop in the centrally located facility adjacent to the Community Hall Hub.
- Pending success of the Grant SA application, another urgent project is to create storage space for youth and other programs within the hall as well as dividers to create more workable spaces to accommodate activities.

Projects are managed by the Town Office under project manager, Richard Hawkins, working mostly on a volunteer basis.

GRANT UPDATE:

Stronger Communities Program major grant for upgrade of grader shed to town works facility being progressed.

The FRRR grant will be acquitted before the end of April.

Awaiting news on success of Mid 'Smarty Grant' application lodged for storage space and mobile divider units within the community hall.

'Time for Wellbeing' grant funds spent on more equipment for the wellness program. Expected to be acquitted together with a report on the benefits achieved end of April.

Construction will soon commence on the shade shelter at the camp ground thanks to Easternwell.

\$500 Youth Week funds received from OCA

YOUR VOTE GIVES STRENGTH TO COMMUNITY DECISIONS: please take the time to participate in the forthcoming community meeting, Sunday 31st March.

WHAT DOES THE CCS LEVY DO FOR ME?

How often do we hear these words. They come in frustration or even anger sometimes, and other times just from someone simply asking the question.....

The answer is not so simple. On a direct personal basis, it could be said, 'very little' ... but, on a community level and an indirect personal basis, so much is done and has been achieved.

- Community facilities are well maintained including public toilets, the dump, the cemetery, parks and gardens, the playground, the community hall and hub space with other buildings and facilities progressively being opened up in response to community need.
- Our accessways are gradually being upgraded and vegetated for shade and aesthetics. (Roads are maintained under Department of Transport (DPTI) funding which is separate from the CCS)
- Community program funding is split across various sectors including youth, seniors, the wellness program, arts program and volunteer program as well as a provision for other grants, and programs and activities are being put in place as they are identified or requested by the community and as infrastructure is created to accommodate and service them.
- The community bus is well maintained for regular use with funds accumulating towards a new bus around 2022.
- The marketing is invested into the newsletter and website/social media offset by advertising contributions from local business, selected promotional publications and road signs to attract visitors to the town also offset by local business contributions, and other promotional opportunities from time to time.
- Events funding is invested into grants for equipment and infrastructure and assisted by sponsorships, which support fundraising activities and social events with an anticipated \$1500 raised being put towards the community kitchen fit out in 2019.
- On an administration level, finances are being carefully managed to maximise returns, grants are sought with those successful having a value that almost doubles the community's investment and provides much 'more bang for our bucks'.
- Asset and project management, with the assistance of the CDP has resulted in amazing savings allowing for more to be invested into town maintenance and development.
- Collectively, the creation of income streams and balanced budgets, has resulted in the commencement of futures funding building allocated reserves for replacements of major assets which are currently being assessed to create a replacement schedule, funds for major maintenance, and funds that will off-set significant grants for future projects and development.
- Income streams generated from the Camp Ground and Hub are invested back into development with the view to creating more employment opportunities within the town. Funds invested into marketing and events generate income for local business and from fundraising events and activities that not only provide entertainment, but also generate funds which support projects and programs.



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Responses to complaints and misconceptions that we hear :

"Why don't I get my rubbish collected?"

Andamooka has an operational dump which is managed locally creating local jobs. The cost of street collection would wipe out the total CCS levy collected annually. A private local collection service is available at a modest cost, also creating local jobs. Andamooka local dump is one of very few in existence of its type, and the alternative to this is to collect and transport rubbish to Dublin which would come at a very high personal cost to all households. Our suggestion is that we support the 'no fee dump' service we have and be grateful that we have access to this well-maintained local facility.

"When am I getting my road fixed or graded? It never gets done" Or "Town roads are covered under the CCS" or 'APOMA is responsible for grading town roads"

DPTI determines roads funding based basically on the level and type of use, number of users (population related) and the condition of the roads and allocates regional major road funding annually and town road maintenance funding separately, currently at \$60,000 with work contracted out to a local business. Town road maintenance is directed from the OCA Office working to a planned schedule created under local advice or in response to for instance, major weather events. Residents can report issues with roads directly to the OCA office or report to the Town Office which will assist your call to the OCA. Logging your issue will assist with scheduling to fix the problem or emergency attention, and it may also assist with additional funding being allocated to town roads in the future.

"We qualify for \$2-for-\$1 matched funding from Government, so why don't we get this level of funding matched to our CCS contributions?"

The OCA Community Affairs, Resourcing & Management Agreement (CARM Agreement) government funding is not based on 'matched funding', but rather on distribution of an annual amount set to be divided across around 50 outback towns/centres, provided to the OCA by state and federal government. In 2018-19 OCA funding was reduced, and so with Andamooka being the largest/most highly populated of these towns, we took the biggest hit. After negotiation, we regained \$10,000 of the proposed 'hit' back and we will fight to ensure that this is not reduced in 2019-20. The biggest issue that the community has with CCS funding is 'non-payers', who directly and substantially affect how much funding our town/community receives annually. This will be further discussed at the meeting.

"Why should I bother attending forums, no-one listens, they do their own thing, and I can't even vote if I'm not an APOMA member!"

Taking on board criticisms and concerns voiced by the community around the CCS in particular that individuals had little information on how the funds are allocated and little say on how they are spent, the Town Office and APOMA Committee have invested many hours into research of past issues, needs, opportunities and methods of maximising the communities investment and also into creating clear budgets and reporting systems, so that the community can participate in informed budget planning and development and they are given regular updates on income and expenditure and budget management.

Voting on matters relating to the community including the CARM Agreement and CCS will now be taken as a non-binding vote by established residents, property owners and Apoma members across the floor at Open Community Forums meaning that the outcome of that discussion and vote will advise the APOMA committee on decisions made on the community's behalf on those matters.

The community has given APOMA the responsibility of signing off the CARM Agreement annually on their behalf. Why, because it was considered that those members of the community that hold membership with the local progress association which functions under a set of clear community based objectives, and who must be Andamooka residents, property owners or business owners to vote, were collectively the most responsible group of Andamooka residents to consider and sign off on the Agreement on behalf of the community.

Still there are those who continue to object to the Agreement being in existence and to it being signed off on an annual basis by the community in this manner. Our message to these people is to 'get on board', contribute and put your support behind the development of programs and facilities that will enrich the lives of residents, attract visitors and keeps our town clean and well maintained. Please don't let negativity mar the positivity that can collectively serve to make this town great.

Join in the Forum on Sunday, 31st March, BBQ from 12.30 before a 1.30 start – and you'll be home in time for afternoon tea, but what you will learn and contribute to in those couple of hours, **will** make a difference to the future of Andamooka and its community.

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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

Construction of the community workshop/kitchen suffered a two month set back due to recent weather extremes, but the milder conditions over the past month has seen a renewed effort to get the structure finished so that fit out can commence. Materials for the structure are funded by a \$14,950 ANZ Seeds for Renewal grant via the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR).

Thanks must go to local tradie Michael Petkovic who has led a dedicated team of volunteers and CDP crew who have put in a huge effort to push the project forward. Anyone taking time to look over the structure will be more than impressed with the professional level of the job.

In the meantime a second group of dedicated volunteers led by APOMA events coordinator Tanya Simpson, has been working hard on fundraising activities to assist with the kitchen fit-out. Over \$300 was raised from St Patricks Day Bingo and a raffle sponsored by local businesses and the CWA, to add to the \$1500 previously raised.

The Men's Shed grant from AMSA has provided secure storage cupboards and mobile bench cupboards and will contribute to the cost of non-slip flooring. Other costs will be covered by sponsorships and from the community hall income stream which results predominantly from the café lease.

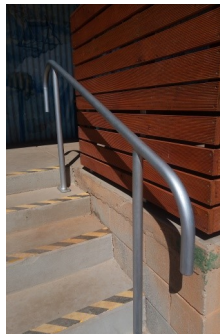
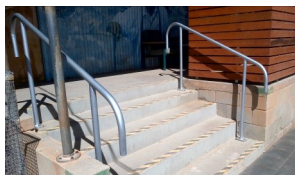
Town Office project manager, Richard Hawkins anticipates that the workshop will be functional enough for various workshops before mid-year and the kitchen fit out completed by year end.

On behalf of the community, the APOMA committee thanks all volunteers, workers and others who have in one capacity or another contributed towards this much needed community facility.



New secure store extension cement floor completed ready for cladding.

Thank you to **Monadelphous Engineering** for their kind donation of specially fabricated hand rails which have now been installed on the Community Hall steps providing safer & easier access.



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Things To See & Do In Andamooka ...

CALLING ALL GREEN-THUMBS... and those who would like to know more...

Join in with Greening Andamooka, assisting with propagating and tube stock care and later in the year with planting out bush food trails and native orchards.

The aim is to plant around 1000 productive native plants along creek lines and in orchard plantations in 2019-20 and similar again in 2020-21 to support a bush food cottage industry within our community.

- Join in the planning process – workshops will commence mid-year
- Join in a propagating workshop – learn how to successfully propagate from seeds or cuttings
- Collect seeds – join in workshops on how to ID and collect and how to care for and prepare seeds for seeding.
- Plant or seed tube-stock – materials are all supplied and workshops will be run to assist you to do the planting.
- Take care of a batch of 50 seedling tubes till planting time – just a daily sprinkle of water and occasional thinning out is required over a 5-6mth period.
- Help out with preparing plantations including installing irrigation and prepping holes.
- Help with planting out tube stock – planting will be progressively done over a 3-month period in the cooler months.
- Be part of on-going care and harvesting of the trails and orchards – including replacing plants that don't survive, weeding and general care.

Workshops are also planned to give community members incentive to get involved in bush foods and natural body care etc. as a cottage industry and these will include:

- Setting up as a cottage industry – for individuals or groups interested in learning how to set up their own cottage industry business.
- Marketing a small bush food based business.
- Bush food products for small commercial scale producers.
- Small scale production of other native plant-based products.
- Cooking with bush foods

The first information session will be held mid-year at a date to be determined. In the meantime, please register your interest via email at admin2@apoma.com.au or by dropping in to the Town Office, or at the Post Office.

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What's On In Andamooka
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Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

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

10am - 12pm

At the CFS / SES Shed

Andamooka Community Church

Meets each Sunday at 4:00pm

For music, worship & sharing
of evening prayer

More Details: 8671 0270

Andamooka/ R.D. Bible Church

Worship Service 10:30 Sun
Bible Study 7:30 Wed

Water Way, Andamooka
Contact: 8672 7004

Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



For more information on
activities & events

Contact: Matt 0419 504 200

Calendar of Events

Proudly sponsored by Andamooka Opal Showroom & Bottlehouse Motel

January

APOMA Membership Due
**26th: Australia Day and
Citizen's Awards**

February

14th: Valentines Day

March

**2nd: "Hot March
Night"** featuring the
remarkable & hilarious,
Greg Champion

Open Community Forum

April

19th: Good Friday BBQ
 21st: Easter Markets
 Youth Easter Egg Hunt &
 Pancake Breakfast
25th: Anzac Day

May

ASSA Opal Classic

June

June Long Weekend
 Winter Markets

July

Dog Registration Due

August

Hospital Auxiliary
 Camp Oven Cookout
Quiz Night

September

October

APOMA AGM

November

2nd: All Souls Day
11th: Remembrance Day

December

VISIT

ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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

**INFORMATION
&
ACCOMMODATION**

**View our ANDAMOOKA OPAL MUSEUM
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Ph 0886727007

275 Opal Creek Boulevard, Andamooka, SA.

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Web... www.andamookaopal.com.au



Open 7 Days



What's On In Andamooka

Seeking Expressions of Interest For: Interleague Darts and 8-Ball Teams

Anyone interested in playing Darts and/or 8 Ball this year please contact **Bushy (0415 679 777)** or see Johnny at the bar.

Save the Date!!

**Andamooka's First Decade
1930's Anniversary Ball**
Saturday 5th October 2019

Anzac Day ~ Commemoration ~ 1915 - 2019

Thursday 25th April
9 AM - Town Park
Followed by Morning Tea
Provided by the
Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary

Andamooka Easter Markets

Sunday 21st April

From 9:30am to 12:30pm

Come on down for **Stalls,
Food and Fun!**

Registration for Stall Holders
Now Open

To book your stall space,
or make an enquiry

Please Contact:

Market Coordinator - Tanya

Email: admin3@apoma.com.au

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Full A La Carte Menu

Lunch 12pm to 2pm

Dinner 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky
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Tuesday April 30th @ 8pm

Local support act 'Harry & Threads & Co' @7.30pm
Doors open 6.45pm

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The Creative Corner

Showcasing Local Artists

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR SUGGEST SOMEONE YOU KNOW, FOR SALA IN ANDAMOOKA, 2019

Participate in this popular state-wide festival of visual art through the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival with art workshops and exhibitions in Andamooka during 2019.

Join in with SALA because it enables all artists at any level and working in any medium to participate. Around 12 local and 3 guest artists have registered their interest already.

Building on the successes of the 2017 and 2018 SALA workshops and exhibitions in Andamooka, this year's event looks to be bigger again and with the festival attracting loads of attention state-wide, it is likely to once again draw visitors to Andamooka and put Andamooka firmly in the SA arts community to assist future funding for expanding the Arty Andamooka community program.

This year SALA coordinators Trish Curnow and Heather Gordon are also encouraging locals to participate in some great arty workshops with SALA also being the perfect month long festival for emerging and established visual artists to join together, display their works or to work live, and to establish art sales opportunities with quality/quirky products.

Be part of SALA as it promotes and celebrates the many talented visual artists living and working in South Australia. Note that Registration fees for artists are charged by SALA. Admission to all venues is FREE.

Registration for SALA 2019 must be prior to late April/ early May 2019 to get individual names in the SALA program. Workshop groups will need a group name for inclusion in the SALA Program as individual names will not be available until the Workshops.

So, contact Trish on 0427 087 876 for more information or to register your interest.

Photos: Artworks exhibited during SALA 2018.



Music Tuition

edge2centre studio

- Individual Guitar
- Beginning keyboard
- Group Guitar
- Group mixed instruments

Fee: \$15/30 minutes

Concessions for groups

Adults welcome



Calling all artists. Come share your art work and creativity with the community, and get your work showcased here.

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

Or see Emma at the town office

Tue & Thurs 9.30AM-3PM

INFORMAL COMMUNITY CENSUS – if you want to preserve, regain or improve vital services in Andamooka

POLICE, MEDICAL, AGED CARE & COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES, PUBLIC CONVENIENCES, ROADS & ACCESSWAYS, CHILD CARE, THE SCHOOL, PLAYGROUNDS & SPORTING FACILITIES....

According to government census records there are only 318 residents in Andamooka. Consequently, Andamooka is only funded for vital services on a government level for this many people.

Yet an informal count of residents puts the true population at around 425 over summer and peaking up to 500 residents over winter. The town has also recently experienced some new growth with a number of retirees and new families settling in the town.

This suggests a massive 40% greater population than indicated by government records.

Of this, 102 are over 60 years of age – representing around 20% of the true population, but 33% of the current government estimate. This skew has enormous implications for the town in terms of care related services and for such services as police, medical, transport, go-for friendly pathways, public wifi access, retirement programs and wellness programs.

Also, in order to justify more funding to the town for children and youth and for community recreation and sport in particular, access to competitive sport, the arts and wellness related activities, when submitting grant applications and lobbying for this, we urgently need to be able to demonstrate 'real numbers'.... and to be able to divide those by age sector.

Other very vital services and funding relate to child care, support services and social programs for pre-schoolers and parents to encourage young families to stay or to settle. We also need to retain a primary school and associated services in the town. So it is vitally important to keep up to date with the number of families in the town and what their potential needs are – now and into the future.

We anticipate that with the mining expansions regionally, we will see a gradual rise in population to perhaps around 700 over the next 2-3 years and this needs to be reflected in our dealings with government.

Andamooka has an amazing and colourful history. Thanks to some brave and incredibly determined and dedicated pioneers, our legacy today is a very out of the ordinary small but vibrant town with 'great bones' and a diverse community spanning all ages, a melting pot of cultures, rich with many talents, quite a distinctive sense of humour and like any family, it has its differences but overall, our community shares and cares.

To keep this town alive, please assist us with determining the true value of our population which will assist us with lobbying for town services including a police presence and a local community care program as well as for child care services and greater funding for town roads. It will also give greater strength to major grant submissions for community programs and developments and for on-going funding for a town management office to keep working towards a sustainable future.

SALA 2019 - GET INVOLVED!

Looking for local artists and creatives to get involved with the preparations for SALA 2019. Register your interest at the Town Office or on Facebook @ArtyAndamooka

Lets make it **BIGGER** and **BOLDER**, and put **Arty Andamooka** on the map!

ROXBY DOWNS STARCLUB PROGRAM

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Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

STARCLUB
CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

THE EMOTIONAL COACHING TOOLBOX FOR KIDS

9.30am - 12.30pm
Sunday 24 March 2019
Community Youth Centre

STARCLUB Question 6

- Learn how to coach kids in an emotionally intelligent way
- Fill your coaching toolbox to develop kids sporting skills, life skills, self-esteem and maximise their enjoyment
 - Learn how to 'speak' to kids
 - Get the best out of your kids team

Presented by Michael Fenwick – B.App.Sc., Grad. Dip. Ed. (Adults); Dip. Spt. Psych.

FREE | Bookings Essential

STARCLUB Field Officer: Michelle Smith
0428 723 870 or starclub@roxbylink.com.au

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CHILD SAFE OFFICER COURSE

2.00pm - 5.00pm
Sunday 24 March 2019
Community Youth Centre

STARCLUB Question 22

- All recreation and sport organisations must establish and maintain child safe environments
 - A STARCLUB will have access to a trained Child Safe Officer
- Learn how to deal sensitively with some of the issues facing kids in the ever changing contemporary world

Presented by Michael Fenwick B.App.Sc., Grad. Dip. Ed. (Adults); Dip. Spt. Psych.

ATTENDANCE FREE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (by March 15)
PRE-WORKSHOP ONLINE TRAINING ESSENTIAL

STARCLUB Field Officer: Michelle Smith
0428 723 870 or starclub@roxbylink.com.au

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Muso's Corner

Inviting anyone with an interest in music to join in, for an opportunity to express your passions, develop your talents, learn from others or simply just enjoy the music.

Interested in participating? Get in touch!

For more information, or expressions of interest, please contact:

Wendy - 0447 170 607

Andamooka Life

Historical Photos of Mining on the Andamooka Opal Fields.



A SAD FAREWELL TO PAST MINERS...

Sadly over the past 12 months, we have lost quite a number of our town's original pioneers and others that succumbed to 'opal fever' during Andamooka's 90 year history.

Over this past summer another four souls have departed leaving many friends behind to mourn their passing, but each has left a legacy of wonderful memories for the community and those who knew them well to reflect upon.

May they Rest in Peace

Laszio Barany

25th January, 2019

Don MacDonnell

3rd February, 2019

John Evans

30th January, 2019

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH GROUP

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Are you the age between 10 - 17 years old?

Fed up with having nothing to do?

After School Drop in Centre

Come down on Thursday's to the Andamooka Community Hall (Youth Centre)

3.30pm - 5.00pm
For 10yrs - 17yrs

Saturday's Activities

Come down to the Andamooka Community Hall (Youth Centre)

For 13yrs - 17yrs only

7.00pm - 10.00pm

for more information.
andamookayouthgroup@gmail.com
contact: 0476298992

DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
SOFT DRINKS \$2.50
BOTTLE WATER \$1.50

SENIORS NEWS

MORE COMFORT FOR SENIORS ON COMMUNITY BUS

The community bus is a vital service for our seniors and other community members including youth and children involved in sport. But, it seems that the seats are not as comfortable as they could be and so after discussing the seniors annual trip with bus coordinator, Sylvia Hobbs, we discovered that a primary reason that seniors did not take advantage of the funded trip and also regular trips to Port Augusta, is that they can't cope with the discomfort on long trips.

So, we thought a quick solution for that is to install seat covers with added comfort features and to supply some additional cushioning for those that may have back problems. We trialled a couple of seat covers on the Roxby Downs shopping trip on the 7th February with positive feedback. So, we will now install on all seats.

Sylvia is currently discussing a 2 or 3 night trip to Whyalla and we hope that the more comfortable seating will encourage more seniors to take the opportunity to join in.

Contact Sylvia on (m) 0408 842 738 for more information.

Cellarbrations
Helping you celebrate

CHECK OUR SPECIALS

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ANDAMOOKA

Volunteering really does make a difference!!!

New volunteer training courses:

Our volunteer base is gradually growing and there are a number of training courses for various roles that will be offered over the coming months.

These cover many topics such as working with children, first level sports coaching, responsible serving alcohol, and plant propagation.

You don't need to be a current volunteer to take advantage of these courses, so please don't hesitate to put your name down when they become available.

With the change of weather the aquaponics program will move ahead and so this is a great opportunity to get involved in this new exciting project and learn about this different way of growing nutritious fresh food.

Can you spare a few hours to help with these tasks?

- ◇ Community garden tasks – watering, planting, pruning & more.
- ◇ Aquaponics project – restarting end February
- ◇ Work on the Community Workshop and community bus shelter
- ◇ Maintenance work at the cemetery – re surfacing the shelter - immediate
- ◇ Working Bee at Bill's Pub, White Dam – set for May 2019

Contact Richard (m) 0418 855 165

E: admin1@apoma.com.au

Over summer the CDP crew have spent hours on maintenance around watering systems, on the community workshop/kitchen project, aquaponics project and many other maintenance tasks as well as setting up the Australia Day event and cleaning up the hall. This represents significant value to the community.

Events coordinator, Tanya Simpson is desperately seeking a couple more hands to assist with BINGO. The commitment would be only once every three weeks or on an emergency fill-in basis. If you can help, please:

Contact Tanya E: admin3@apoma.com.au

or at the Office or ph: 86727246

Any Dog Obedience Group About Us

Any Dog Obedience Group is unique in its approach to dog obedience. Instead of training the dog, we teach owners how to train the dog and to establish clear lines of communication between dog and owner.

Establishing clear communication with the dog, and understanding the dog's physical and social behaviour is the most fundamental lessons to learn.

Classes:

SATURDAY - Breen Park, Woomera

**SUNDAY:- Andamooka Playground Park
9:30am to 10:30am**



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Eddie Hughes MP

Member for Giles

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Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713
Email giles@parliament.sa.gov.au

Eddie Hughes MP

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Did you know that many private health insurers only cover emergency ambulance services?

Ambulance services are expensive. For a modest annual investment you can take out comprehensive ambulance cover, or cover for non-emergency services to top up your medical benefit arrangements.

Contact: SA Ambulance Ph: 1300 13 62 72
or visit: www.saambulance.com.au

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Available Tuesday afternoons fortnightly at Andamooka Clinic, located at the top of Hospital Road.

Hours: from 1.30pm, Tuesday afternoons fortnightly.

Strictly by appointment—which must be made by 12noon on the Monday prior to the day you want the appointment.

Book an appointment— Through Roxby Downs Family Practice on 86713231

Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Road, Andamooka.

Attended by: Diane Bilka, Tim Trellick & Remote Area Nurses

Opening Hours:

9.00 –12 noon—2.00 to 5.00pm Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri
9.00-12 noon Wed. **On call 24 hrs— emergency only**

Ph: 08 8672 7087 **Fax:** 08 8872 7222

Email: andamooka@flyingdoctor.net

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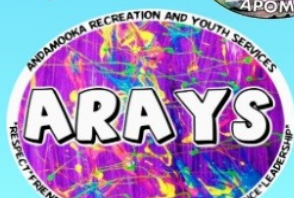
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CENTRAL OPERATIONS

YOU'RE INVITED Youth Week Celebrations in ANDAMOOKA

Movie Night

Saturday 6th April 2019
5pm - 7pm
At the APOMA Community Hall

All school age children, youths and parents are invited to come along for a great night at the movies. Back by popular demand is the ice cream bar



The theme for South Australia Youth Week 2019 is - 'Participate and Celebrate'
Highlighting young people's role in shaping their lives and, in doing so, shaping directions for South Australia. It emphasised the value of young peoples ideas, skills and resilient in local communities, and champions the benefits that their wide variety or unique backgrounds, interests, identities and perspective can bring to us all. National Youth Week is an annual, week-long celebration of young people throughout Australia. If you're aged 12yrs -15yrs your are welcome to join in the activities here in Andamooka.



Andamooka
Primary
School



For the latest school news
@AndamookaPrimarySchool

Visit: www.andamooka.sa.edu.au

Phone: (08) 86727018

Andamooka Primary School and Children's Centre are taking enrolments now for 2019. Do you think your child would thrive in a smaller setting? We have excellent resources, small classes and very experienced educators.

Community Library Open to the public:

Internet/Wi-Fi Available

Located:
Andamooka School

Mon: 11:30am - 4:00pm
Tues: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Wed: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Thur: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Check **Facebook** for holiday hours.

Andamooka Community Bus Services

REGULAR SERVICE TO ROXBYS DOWNS
THURSDAYS WEEKLY

Departs Tuckaboo at 11:00 AM

Leaves Roxby Downs at 1:30 PM

PORT AUGUSTA TRIPS

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

for information on scheduled trips.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE:

(Andamooka community only)

Call Sylvia (m) 0408 842 738

Seeking volunteer drivers

If you can assist with volunteer driving for Roxby Downs Thurs trips, please contact Richard at the APOMA Office on (m) 0418 855 165 or admin1@apoma.com.au

HAPPY HEALTHY EXPO 2019



Saturday May 11th • 9am - 1pm

Community Youth Centre, Roxbylink
Carpark & Small Oval

Bree May

2014 My Kitchen
Rules Champion



Celebrity Chef - Bree May

Healthy Food Samples

Healthy Trail

Kids Activities

Face Painting

Stalls

Demos



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 tolu amide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.

ELIMINATE: Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home.

For more information call **SA Health on 08 8226 7100** or visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/FightTheBite



Community Noticeboard

MINING CLAIMS

REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS

7 DAYS A WEEK

ANDAMOOKA POST OFFICE

9am-5pm weekdays

&

11am-3pm weekends

For further assistance or information on the procedure contact:

Ashley Wood, Acting Registrar,

Opal Field Program .

Ph: 08 8678 9058

Email: ashley.wood@sa.gov.au

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