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## UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **11<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**Remembrance Day**
- ◆ **17<sup>th</sup> November:**  
**Member & Community  
Quarterly Town Meeting**
- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> December:** "Kris  
Kringle" **Christmas BINGO**
- ◆ **25<sup>th</sup> December:** Seniors  
Christmas Lunch
- ◆ **26<sup>th</sup> January:** Australia  
Day - *Don't forget to  
Nominate!*
- ◆ **Save The Date! March  
21<sup>st</sup> 2020: Hot March  
Night Rock Concert**

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**Header:** Mud cracking under the afternoon sun.

Source: M. Clifford, 2019

## NOVEMBER, A MONTH TO REMEMBER

After such a busy October and heading towards the conclusion of 2019, the pace slows down as summer looms and November is a month that Andamookan's take time to remember.

The month starts off with Andamooka's All Souls night, where locals gather together at our humble cemetery with all its stories and memories, to remember and celebrate those brave hearts who pioneered our town and those who stayed to make Andamooka their home, raised families, ran events, built our community structures from whatever they could salvage and however their combined skills determined, and those that have kept the town alive, all who have so loved and lived opal mining.

This past year has seen many of our most loved citizens pass away, so this November Andamooka will also celebrate the lives of those who have recently departed. May they rest in peace.

Our community comes together on Remembrance Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Town Park to honour those who fought or sacrificed their lives for freedom and country. Andamooka is a multi-cultural town pioneered by people from many countries, creeds and backgrounds, so each present will have their own memories to work through as Sister Pat leads us through the service. We all have so much to be grateful for, that we can live and grow together in this great country. We find it difficult to fathom the type of hardship, suffering and disharmony that exists in so many other places in the world, so this humbling day should remind us why we need to continue to work together as a community in honour of all that we and the generations to come have been gifted by those who stood firm in the quest for peace.

In between these two occasions is another celebration of a past Andamookan. On 5<sup>th</sup> November 1989 we lost a most amazing man who dedicated his life, living solitarily and unpretentiously out at White Dam, to raising funds to support the Royal Flying Doctor. Bill McDougall was the 'proprietor' of the legendary 'Bill's Pub' which once attracted bus loads of tourists and workers from all around the region including members of the Australian and allied forces based in Woomera. For the price of a donation, patrons were treated to glasses of Port 'plonk' poured ceremoniously from flagons, all the while relegated with stories of all sorts in Bill's own special manner. Ladies were invited to leave a calling card and a row of undies of all fashions and sizes still hangs today in one of the buildings out at the ramshackle 'Pub'.

Bill raised a total of \$240,000 over the years, and put into perspective, in today's terms, that amount would be in excess of \$1m.

In his honour, in 2020 a 'Bill's Run, Walk and Ride' is being planned to once again raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This will extend from Andamooka to Bill's Pub offering various distances and levels of difficulty to cater for all ages and stages, culminating in a BBQ and working bee to assist with restoring and maintaining 'Bills Pub'. Details will be out once a date is set – but we are also seeking volunteers to assist with the day. Please let us know if you are keen to help.

Next year, to celebrate our history and those who have shaped it, we launch our 100 years of Andamooka Countdown, with the first of 10 decades being the 1930's celebrated in 2020. Each year will represent another decade progressively leading up to 2030 when we celebrate 100 years since Andamooka's settlement.

An exciting development is that we have secured funding through Country Arts SA, towards a movie about the life of the legendary Minnie Berrington, who was the first woman to mine opal in her own right in Andamooka in the 1930's standing and competing alongside some pretty ruthless characters, a woman before her time who went on to run the local post office and to achieve so much in our town's history.

If you have any items, stories or paraphernalia that can assist us with presenting exhibitions and activities around the 1930's in Andamooka, please contact us in the Town Office or talk to Margot in the PO or Rob at the Bottle-shop, or to Wayne at the Friendly grocer. All items will be carefully and sensitively handled and cared for, documents will be scanned, copied to file as part of the town's historic records then returned to you in good order.



Bill's Ettomogah Pub at White Dam.

**COMMUNITY CONTACTS  
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See page 6 for daily clinic hours  
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Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

**Andamooka Community Hall:**  
Enquires, contact APOMA  
- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area**  
- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**  
- **Andamooka Yacht Club Cafe**  
Opal Creek Blvd.

**Andamooka Yacht Club Cafe:**  
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Located at the Community Hall

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**Town Maintenance/Projects:** admin1@apoma.com.au  
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**Newsletter:** admin2@apoma.com.au  
**OCA: 12 Tassie St, Pt Augusta Ph: (08) 8648 5970**  
*CCS & Avdata payments now accepted at Post Office*

**Half Yearly Committee Planning Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct:**

- Quarterly financials and budget report show that all is on schedule with pleasing result from income streams above budget and providing more APOMA funds to invest into the community.
- All project grants for 2019-20 acquitted
- Town Workshop Facility (old grader shed) now ready for fit-out
- Lapidary Workshop (old town workshop) cleared and ready for new flooring and fit-out.
- Community Kitchen/workshop preparation underway for fit-out including shelving in storeroom.
- Town records storage container – shelving to be installed
- Community Hall – mobile walling in place, sunveil blinds to be installed on windows, and in process of planning for storage space for youth.
- Wi-fi room at Hall in planning stage to support internet programs for the community.
- The community church has been assessed for insurance so that repairs can be affected with the view to making this community building better set up and more available for community meetings and functions.
- Greening project/ Bush Foods project moving ahead – first stage of the Quandong orchard progressing 2019-20.
- Interpretive signage for cottages and historic machinery museum in process
- Road signage in process
- Road maintenance plan put together – working with DPTI & OCA on improved system.
- Investigation into new Community Bus in 2020-21 – funds permitting.
- Focus groups to be created for events, major projects, commerce & marketing, and community programs.
- Volunteer program ramped up to encourage more members of the community to get involved in all areas of interest and to contribute towards a great future for Andamooka.
- At bank end of October 2019:**  
Operations Acc: \$53,257+ \$85.60 in CC acc,  
Allocated Funds: \$9,000  
Reserve Funds: \$15,565  
Asset Maintenance: \$5,750

**MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:**

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

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MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

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

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community, protect miners rights & build a sustainable future for the town; maintain & develop the township; assist the development of opal mining & promote opal markets; promote & facilitate tourism, promote & facilitate community wellbeing, social inclusion & equality within the township.

**Chair:** Peter Allen  
**Vice Chair:** Donna Waters  
**Secretary:** Rodney Mitchell  
**Treasurer:** Gill Rowley

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722  
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**Next Member/Community  
Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

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# APOMA NEWS & NOTICES



**Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.**  
*'Preserving our past and planning for our future'*

## Members & Community Quarterly Town Meeting

1.30pm, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Andamooka Town Hall

'Meet & Greet' BBQ and registration  
from 12.30pm

### AGENDA:

1. OPENING OF MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES
3. GENERAL BUSINESS:
  - 3.1. Overview of July to September quarter and current activities to end 2019
  - 3.2. Quarterly Financial Report to end Sep 2019 – Association & Town Management
    - 3.2.2. Quarterly Budget Report to end Sept 2019 – Association & Town Management
    - 3.2.3. Update on Asset & Project management and grants
    - 3.2.5. Update on Community Programs and Activities
    - 3.2.6. Andamooka CARM Agreement & budget – quarterly report
  - 3.3. Draft Town & Community Plan 2020 – 2025
  - 3.4. Current challenges, issues and opportunities heading into 2020
  - 3.5. Proposed major projects for 2019/2020 and 2020/21 for discussion and prioritisation.
  - 3.5. Major Events – 2019 / 2020
4. OTHER BUSINESS
5. CLOSURE

**ITEMS FOR OTHER BUSINESS:** Please lodge requests for items for inclusion in Other Business with the Secretary via email at [secretary@apoma.com.au](mailto:secretary@apoma.com.au) or via mail to PO Box 246 Andamooka, 5227, or in person at the Andamooka Town Office by 3.00pm Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

*Proxy forms, copies of past minutes, and agenda updates are available on the website [www.andamooka.sa.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.au) or via email or from the Town Office. Email: [admin1@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin1@apoma.com.au)*

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 Phone: 0456 578 604

## Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

Quarterly Payments  
Avdata Water Payments &  
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Andamooka Post Office

Reminder that the next CCS  
Contributions are due September

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Office who will assist your call to  
the OCA via the Office.

## APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

RENEWALS DUE 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

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**Bottle Collection**

At the Tuckabox : Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September

# KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

## PROGRESS TOWN AND COMMUNITY PLAN

In line with the new Town Plan, currently in draft, the APOMA committee conducted an extended half yearly planning meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October to review the past quarter, including financials, budget performance and maintenance and replacement schedules and needs, and to discuss opportunities for community development and funding. The next is due in February 2020.

Outcomes from the meeting will be discussed further at a quarterly review between the OCA and the Committee together with reports on the past quarter including the level of CCS collection for the first quarter of 2019-20 as at the end of October 2019.

The resulting reports and financial and budget results for the first quarter are in the process of being matched together with recommendations around developments and opportunities to be presented to the community at the forthcoming APOMA Quarterly Community Meeting, for discussion and prioritisation together with feedback from the community on their ideas, concerns, and considerations.

Outcomes from the Meeting will provide the way forward for the town and community for both short term and long term planning and action.

Indications for the first quarter are:

- The budget is in line with expectations and a more conclusive result will be clearer at the end of the second quarter in the half-yearly report.
- Income streams have performed above budget which is a pleasing result and a good start to the financial year.

## PROJECT UPDATES

- Major projects are progressing to the fit-out stages with funds allocated as:
  - Fundraising has provided around \$4000 allocated to the fit-out of the community kitchen/workshop which will be supplemented by around \$1000 from the café income stream. Around \$2000 from that stream was invested into the structure in 2018-19. \$2,000 from hall income streams have been invested into new sunveil blinds for the hall windows to reduce heat and glare.
  - Funding and support has been sought for the fit-out of the benching and equipment for the new Town Workshop Facility located at the old grader shed. This is anticipated to come from three or four sources including some in-kind provision of labour and materials to construct the benching.
  - Funding has also been sought for fitting out the new lapidary workshop located in the old town workshop located opposite the town hub. There has also been considerable support via donations of stone cutting and polishing equipment.
  - The Town Office file storage container is to be fitted out with shelves to the existing framework and files are expected to be moved progressively into this clean and secure facility over summer which will see the APOMA, town and historic files stored and maintained in a single location that allows for easy access when and as required.
- Maintenance – current primary tasks:
  - The Community Church is currently undergoing insurance assessment for repair with that work expected to be completed by the end of March 2020.
  - Interpretive signage at The Cottages and at the Historic Machinery Museum are in the process of being updated to ensure that all information is correct and the current sun damaged signage will be replaced by more sun-tough versions that are positioned and set up to minimise sun exposure to extend the life-time of the signs.
  - The paving around the splash pad is to be redone over the summer break and extended to prevent pooling and re-designed to encourage spillage to flow onto an area that is flagged for tree planting to provide additional shade in that space.
  - Shade sails have been purchased and will be installed to provide additional shade to the splash pad and seating areas.
  - Sun-veil blinds have been purchased and will be installed on the community hall windows to reduce heat and glare but still provide softened light into the hall. Another is to be installed on the 'youth space' window.

## GRANT UPDATES

Grant SA medium grant for upgrade of community hall facilities. Mobile walling operational. Storage spaces being designed.

Country Arts SA submission for \$21,000 for Minnie Berrington movie successful.

Wellbeing Grant due for acquittal December 2019, in process of finalising expenditure.

Waiting on news of funding for lapidary project.

Opportunities for submissions for community facilities, projects and programs to be discussed re prioritisation at November APOMA Community Meeting.



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- Proposed new developments:
  - A second shade shelter to be installed at the Caravan & Camp Ground adjacent to the 4way power outlet. The current shelter is being well utilised and usage patterns suggest that a tree-line to one side will assist with shelter from winter winds and summer sun. The shelter has provided welcome protection for campers with the option of power nearby. The second shelter will help to provide shade and weather protection for caravaners with the view to extending the visitor season at the Ground.
  - A multi-use sport and recreation facility to provide for casual / social sport for the whole community, children's introductory sports and after school sports training, indoor recreational activities, a dedicated fitness training space and a dedicated youth games room. Needs and design will be discussed and consulted on with stakeholders ahead of the design being put together for community support to progress and to seek funding for the project.
  - This will complement the new community kitchen/workshop which will provide workshop space for arts and crafts as well as cooking and gardening workshops courses. The facility will also support events as well as cottage industry.
- Roads:
  - A new schedule for road maintenance will be presented to and discussed with the OCA ahead of being put forward to DPTI to justify more funding for better maintenance of town roads.
  - APOMA will continue to actively pursue the proposed Borefield Connector loop road and also the Torrens Lake track upgrade.

## ANDAMOOKA TOWN TOURS / VILLAGE WALKS



Want to know about opal mining? How to get started and where to go.  
Good noodling spots? What's the rules?



Learn about Andamooka's rich opal history, the wild old days and the local characters who choose to live in our unique, off grid, outback village amongst the moonscapes - literally at the end of the road! We can provide tours to suit a variety of interests both young and old.

Guided tours depart from the  
Tuckabox Hotel  
7 Days 10am/2pm/4pm  
0487 112 747

Adults: \$35pp  
Seniors: \$30pp  
Children 5-15 years: \$20pp  
Family of 4: \$100

Duration of the tour is about 1 hour. We run this tour if we have a minimum of two adults bookings. We can customise tours and arrange a number of value-added activities. We love Andamooka and can't wait to show you around!

Book online: [andamookaobservatory.com.au/tours](http://andamookaobservatory.com.au/tours)  
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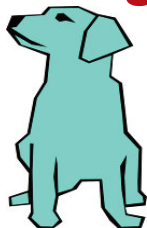
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## Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding

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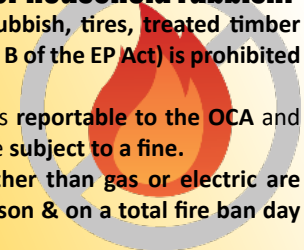
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## Can I burn plastic and other household rubbish?

No, burning plastic, household rubbish, tires, treated timber and listed wastes (Schedule 1 Part B of the EP Act) is prohibited under the Air Quality Policy.

Backyard burning in Andamooka is reportable to the OCA and people breaching the policy can be subject to a fine.

Remember that no open fires other than gas or electric are permitted during the fire ban season & on a total fire ban day without a schedule nine permit.



# ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS



## New Hall Improvements Underway

Thanks to grant funding via Grant SA 'Medium' round, the Community Hall is being fitted out with improvements to assist multi-use activities and to provide storage and greater comfort for patrons.

Mobile walling allows for easy divisions of hall space so that activities and equipment can be walled off and this also assists with meetings and other community group activities.

The walling is designed to work as a full wall or in shapes or sections such as the island arrangement used for displaying art during the SALA exhibition in August.

Work has commenced on the design of secure and easily accessed storage cupboards and spaces which will be installed over summer to support various activities and to house event items.

In addition, utilising funds created from hall hire and the café lease, to assist with cooling the Hall and also to reduce glare, sun-veil blinds are being installed on the Hall windows and also on the larger youth space window. These blinds allow diffused light through and don't block out vision from the windows.

The next stage is to reorganise the storage of items and clear the floor space to create access through from the hall into the new community kitchen/workshop so that there is easy connections between all aspects of the hall, which will make managing events and activities much easier and also providing the community with added options for use.



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MON & TUES: Closed





## THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN ANDAMOOKA

With the weather heating up, what better place to be than underground where the temperature stays cool, moist and temperate.

The question is often asked, "how many people are tourists in their own town?". So if you are a local, have you visited the world class Underground Opal Museum at our own post office? Have you marvelled at the opalised plesiosaur skeleton, or compared opal and minerals from all over the world with those found locally? Or studied ancient fossils of plants, animals and other creatures that existed millions of years ago that have been found in the regions around Andamooka.

Have you taken time to see how opals are cut, shaped and polished?

If not, then this summer take the time to explore the amazing displays in Andamooka's own underground museum and on the way down, ponder the photos and memorabilia from our past that adorns the walls of the way underground.

This wonderful exhibit has been Peter's 'labour of love' over many years and he continues to add more amazing features so that each time you visit there is something new to see.



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## ANDAMOOKA CARAVAN PARK

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**Andamooka  
 Community Church**

*Meet at Hall on Sun @ 3pm  
 For music, worship & sharing  
 of evening prayer*

**More Details: 8671 0270**

**Andamooka / R.D.  
 Bible Church**

Worship Service 10:30 Sunday  
 Bible Study 7:30 Wednesday

**Water Way, Andamooka**  
 Contact: 8672 7004

**Andamooka Sports  
 Shooting Assoc.**



*For more information on  
 activities & events*

**Contact: Matt 0419 504 200**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Proudly sponsored by the Andamooka Opal Showroom & Bottlehouse Motel

## JANUARY

APOMA Memberships Due  
 26th: Australia Day &  
 Citizen's Awards

## FEBRUARY

14th: Valentines Day

## MARCH

## APRIL

Easter Long Weekend  
 25th: Anzac Day

## MAY

ASSA Opal Classic

## JUNE

June Long Weekend  
 Winter Markets

## JULY

Dog Registration Due

## AUGUST

Hospital Auxiliary Camp  
 Oven Cookout

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

31st: Halloween.

## NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day  
 11th: Remembrance Day

## DECEMBER

1st: "Kris Kringle"  
 Christmas BINGO.  
 25th: Seniors Christmas  
 Lunch



### VISIT

## ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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

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 &  
 ACCOMMODATION**

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 Underground Worldwide Opal & Mineral Display

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 Web... www.andamookaopal.com.au



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## WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

SAVE THE DATE  
**Hot March Night!**  
 ROCK CONCERT

**GET YOUR  
 ROCK  
 ON** Saturday  
 March 21st  
 2020

**At The Cottages**

Visit the Renowned

## Tuckabox Hotel

*Serving Miners Since 1960*

Open 7 Days from 11:00am

Full A La Carte Menu

Lunch 12pm to 2pm

Dinner 6:00pm to 8:00pm

*Full Salad Bar*

Check the Board for Daily Specials

**Ph: 08 8672 7137**

Andamooka Community

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas Day, 12pm  
 Andamooka Community Hall

Bookings Essential

Please book by the 16th Dec

admin3@apoma.com.au

0477 184 485

Or at the Post Office

## November Remembers

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bill McDougall's Passing  
5<sup>th</sup> November 1989

On behalf of the members and community, the committee gives a vote of thanks to Joe and Peter Sach for coordinating the All Souls / All Saints Day at the Andamooka Cemetery on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

## Remembrance Day

11th November

10:45am at the Memorial Park

Followed by Morning Tea

provided by the Hospital Auxiliary

*Lest We Forget*

**BINGO**

**KRIS KRINGLE**

Christmas BINGO @ Community Hall

All proceeds go towards the new community kitchen

1<sup>st</sup> December  
 1:30pm @  
 Community  
 Hall



# The Creative Corner

Showcasing Local Artists

# DARK ART

A showcase of digital and traditional artworks by local artist Emma Morris (Necrosis The Dark).



## Music Tuition

edge2centre studio

- Individual Guitar
- Group Mixed Instruments
- Group Guitar
- Beginning Keyboard

Fee: \$15 / 30 Minutes

Concession for groups  
Adults welcome



## 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](mailto:admin2@apoma.com.au)

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





**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Hot March Night!**  
**ROCK CONCERT**  
 Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020  
 At The Cottages

**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

## **Decade by Decade – discovering and preserving Andamooka’s future**

In 2020 we celebrate the 1930’s – then in 2021 it’s the 1940’s until we work through year by year up to 2030 when we celebrate Andamooka’s 100th anniversary.

This project is a whole community effort and it needs the input and support of everyone to achieve.

So if you have or know of someone else who has documents, books, memorabilia, items or simply has a story that they are willing to share that is part of Andamooka’s history, please contact the town office, or let Margot know at the post office, or Rob at the bottle shop or Wayne at the Friendly Grocer. Or give it to a friend to bring in.

Items will be scanned or photographed and carefully logged. If they need some restoration or special preservation we will assist with making that happen professionally so that they can be preserved for the future.

Each year there will be a series of exhibitions about the feature decade and we hope to be able to borrow items to make these exhibitions very authentic and special for locals to learn about our Towns amazing history and also to attract visitors who will contribute towards our town’s economy.

We are very keen to have everybody involved. Whether that is by volunteering a bit of time to help work through the historic items and log and store them as appropriate, or making or setting up props or exhibitions, or planning and running events, or relating stories of the past.

This will also help with the plan to make a documentary movie each year based around an event or the people of each decade which will bring alive our history and take it out via television and internet media for others to see and hear.

So, let’s make the next few years a very special effort to pull together as much of Andamooka’s history as possible before we lose this tenuous opportunity. Time IS running out... and it waits for no-one.

**Contact Emma at the Town Office or via email at [admin2@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin2@apoma.com.au).**

**Minnie Berrington’s Story** – thanks to a \$21,000 Country Arts SA grant, local entrepreneur Lara Lukich will produce a documentary of Minnie’s life as a woman before her time, first independent woman opal miner in Andamooka and so much more. This will be the first of what we hope to be a series of documentaries around special people and events produced annually over the next 10 years. If you have anything that relates to Minnie’s story, please let us know as it may be valuable to the production of Minnie’s story.

**Rock at the Cottages.** The Historic Cottages, built during the 1930’s, will come alive with a rock concert in March 2020, featuring Oz bands and some latent local talent. This big night under the stars will be sure to raise the spirits who once inhabited these amazing structures that are unique to Andamooka, so when you are out there rocking the 80s & 90s, watch out for who’s rock’n on alongside of you.

## **Australia Day Nominations**

Are open in **November**, running through to the **15<sup>th</sup> of January 2020**.

Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or give outstanding service to the local community over a number of years shall be eligible.

### **Nominations open for:**

*Australia Day Citizen Award*

*Australia Day Young Citizen Award*

*Community Event of the Year Award*

*Other awards may apply for special circumstances. Please don’t hesitate to nominate an individual or group you feel deserves recognition.*

Nomination forms available from Town Office, Post Office and the Bottleshop.



# VOLUNTEERING - BUILDING OUR FUTURE

If you have a bit of time to spare, some energy to burn and the feeling that you can make a difference, then it's time to join in the growing volunteer base that is truly making a difference for our town and our community.

Getting the wheel turning takes time, especially if it is a bit seized up and not inclined to want to go! But with patience and persistence, we have seen a gradual and steady growth in our volunteer base and the success of a number of programs and events that have resulted in encouraging more people to get involved.

Volunteering gives you a chance to learn new skills that can make a difference to your life, to put to use and share those skills you have, or to simply help get things done and to help make Andamooka a great place to live.

## During the past couple of months volunteers have:

Cleared the old grader shed and assisted with concreting the floor – a number of locals put in a few hours here and there to gradually undertake the significant task of clearing out the old grader shed and prepare for concreting. Special thanks to Ian Thompson, Lester Rowley, Luke Jarrod, Trish Curnow as well as some of our dedicated town office staff.

Concreting was under the supervision of local contractor Michael Petkovic with the assistance of local volunteers and a couple of Roxby Downs 'boys' who offered their time and expertise to assist. Huge thank you to all.

October Long Weekend Friday BBQ - around 50 people including a big contingent of visitors to Andamooka shared a good old oz style BBQ, stories and laughs on this warm balmy night, raising around \$200 towards community events.

Saturday 'Family Fun Day' although around forty degrees proving to be a good day for the official opening of the splash pad, volunteers were kept busy with activities including stalls and fun n games for families with Wii ten pin bowling and Mario racing testing old and young alike. Around 100 people enjoyed this relaxed morning at the community hall.

Saturday night 'Frankly Elvis .... Was a great night at the Tuckabox which thanks to volunteers, raised around \$600 for youth, RFDS / Clinic and community facilities.

Sunday Bingo at the Community Hall raised a further \$200 towards fitting out the new community kitchen/workshop.

The weekend kept locals and visitors well entertained and raised around \$1000 which will be invested into the community, thanks to the considerable amount of work put in by a small band of volunteers assisted by the town office staff to make the weekend work for the community. Special thanks to Rose Williams and Tanya Simpson and also to Bill n Staffy, our legendary BBQ cooks.

A team of local volunteers got together at the end of October to clear out the final 'heavy stuff' from the lapidary workshop in readiness to re-surface the floor and move ahead with the fit out so that we can get activities going and have courses up and running early in 2020. Thanks to the hard work of Ian Thompson, Clive "Spready" Spredborough, Greg McDevitt and Shane Lippasaar together with Richard and Luke from the Town Office, we are now ready to move forward with the next stage of the project.

The Town Office with the assistance of volunteers and local businesses hosted a visit by 38 members of the National Geographic Society of SA who undertook mine tour at the Andamooka Observatory Underground Mine, before inspecting the community garden and hall with its displays of local artwork and enjoying a light lunch ahead of a tour of the Cottages and a visit to the Underground Museum to discover more about the opal that we are famous for. Feedback was great. All enjoyed their day with many of the group promising to return to stay for a few days to more fully explore the town and try their hand at fossicking after discovering just how much the town can offer visitors. Thank you to all who helped make the day so successful. To Mash McDevitt who assisted with preparing and presenting the lunch and AI from the AYC for taking care of coffees, Conan Fahey, Richard Hawkins and Peter Taubers who managed the mine tour, Wayne Dries who provided a most informative tour of The Historic Cottages, and to both Margot Duke and Peter Taubers who provided a most informative tour of the town, the town museum, a bit of lapidary and of course opals.



## Cellarbrations

Helping you celebrate

### CHECK OUR SPECIALS

1002 DODGY DRIVE  
ANDAMOOKA

(08) 8672 71183

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE  
KEEPING SA SAFE

# Police Report

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
.com.au  
1800 333 000

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2019 police stopped a vehicle on Hallion Hill Road, the driver of the vehicle was a 20 year old female previously from Andamooka. Police checks on the driver show that she has never held a driver's licence. The driver was reported to appear in court at a later date, and the vehicle was impounded by police.

Police have issued a number of fines lately for offences such as driving an unregistered vehicle. Please ensure that your vehicle is registered before driving it. Police are also making an increased effort to target traffic offences due to the recent rise in the road toll on South Australian roads.

Police will continue to target offences such as speeding, and drink driving. Please be safe when driving, regardless of where, and ensure you are doing the right thing.

Thank you

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




**Eddie Hughes MP**  
Member for Giles

My office can help with issues related to services provided by the State Government.

PO Box 2476 Whyalla Norrie 5608  
Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713  
Email giles@parliament.sa.gov.au

 Eddie Hughes MP

## Dr Simon Lockwood

### Practising monthly in Andamooka

From 1:30pm, Tuesday Afternoons.  
At the **Andamooka Health Service**

Strictly by appointment.

Book an appointment through **Roxby Downs Family Practice**  
Ph: (08) 8671 3231

## Andamooka Health Service

### Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

Attended by: Diane Bilka, Anne Alexander & Health Service Assistants

#### Opening Hours:

Monday/Tuesday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 12pm
Thursday/Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday/Sunday	Closed

Closed 12pm to 2pm for Lunch on all days

Ph: (08) 8672 7087 Email: andamooka@flyingdoctor.net

**After hours calls will be redirected to the RFDS**

## 24/7 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(in Outback SA)

Ask to speak with the on-call **RFDS Doctor**

# 1800 RFDS SA

## 1800 733 772



## Are you covered for Ambulance Services?

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](http://www.saambulance.com.au)




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The RFDS team would like to acknowledge and make a special mention to Michael Petkovic, Nic Petkovic, Darren Odgers and Bushy Dale on their efforts concreting the breezeway of the clinic. This area will be used for ongoing community and educational events. The team would also like to thank Bev Burge and the Hospital Auxiliary for paying for the work completed. The team are extremely pleased with the finished job and happy to have locals complete the concreting work.



Andamooka  
Primary  
School



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Visit: [www.andamooka.sa.edu.au](http://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.

## International Volunteers Day

### International Volunteers Day

A global celebration of volunteers!

You're invited to a movie screening of  
'Ford v Ferrari'  
Roxbylink Cinema

Thursday 5th December @ 6:45pm (7pm start)  
Free entry, nibbles and refreshments.

Come along and relax and enjoy this time to celebrate one another and your valuable contributions to our local community.

Please RSVP to Sasha at  
[Sasha.Yantewo@roxbycouncil.com.au](mailto:Sasha.Yantewo@roxbycouncil.com.au) by  
Monday 2nd December 2019



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## Surviving a Heat Wave

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

## LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

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

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

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

**Call 000 for emergencies**



## FIGHT THE BITE, DAY & NIGHT



**Protect yourself against disease carrying mosquitoes.**

There is currently **NO CURE** and **NO VACCINE** to protect against Ross River or Barmah Forest virus so the only way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten.

**COVER UP:** Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing including jeans.

**REPEL:** Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) or 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](http://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

## Bounce in for Spring

Visit the *Legendary*

# 'Boo-Teek' OP Shop

Top of CWA Road

*Hop into a new wardrobe and splash some colour!*

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9am to midday

**Andamooka CWA**

*Proceeds support local & other charities*



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What's On In Andamooka

Find us on  
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To find the latest updates & info on:

- Local Events
- Community Occasions
- Workshops
- BINGO
- Special Info Nights
- Astronomical Events
- Meetings & More...

## Want to try Fossicking?

Visit the Post Office & talk to their friendly staff for all the information and equipment you need to get started.

# SES / CFS

CFS: John West: 0404 807 943  
SES: Stefan Bilka 0427 181 752

**FIRE EMERGENCY CALL 000**

Ring my office for an appointment next time I am in ANDAMOOKA



## Rowan Ramsey MP

Federal Member for Grey

*My office can help with Federal issues including Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs & many more.*

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