



# The Andamooka Press

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## EASTER LONG WEEKEND

29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH

### FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Good Friday Welcome BBQ

Serving at 6 PM  
At the Cottages  
\$10 per Person

### SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Easter Markets

9 AM - 12 PM  
Andamooka Hub Precinct

#### Trivia Night

Trivia starts at 7 PM  
Dine-A-Mite open for meals  
\$5 per Person

### SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Starts at 9 AM  
At the Cottages

#### BINGO

Arrive at 1 PM, 1:30 PM Start

#### Lapidary Workshop

Open for Easter



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

*'Preserving our past and planning for our future'*

Be there.... Be the change....

## Andamooka

## Community Planning Forum

*working together to build our future  
& to construct our next*

### ANDAMOOKA TOWN & COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-27

2.00pm, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

*Thank you to all who have already contributed ideas, concerns,  
what they think is needed, what they would like to be involved with,  
also their wish-lists, towards the outcomes of this forum.*

The forum provides all those who are stakeholders in Andamooka township and community, with the opportunity to share discussion and decisions with others to form the fabric of the new Town and Community Plan, which will take our town and our people forward into what may be considered as uncertain times...

*Yet exciting times of change....*

How well we do this, is up to us all, to think about and to contribute to..

*See you there....*

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Incorporated (APOMA)  
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### UP-COMING EVENTS

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◆ Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Mar:  
APOMA Meeting

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Anadamooka  
Community  
Planning Forum

◆ Fri 29<sup>th</sup> - Sun 31<sup>st</sup>  
March: Easter Long  
Weekend

◆ Thu 25<sup>th</sup> April:  
ANZAC Day

Header: A pair of Zebra Finches

Source: Alison Smoker, 2019



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**CFS:** Dave Bastian  
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Hospital Road 8672 7087

See page 13 for daily clinic hours

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**Post Office:** 8672 7007

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- Claims Registration

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**Town Office:** 0477 184 485

School Rd

**OCA:** 08 8648 5970

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**Centre:** 8672 7087

Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

**Andamooka Community Hall:**

Enquires, contact APOMA

- Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area

- Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions

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Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692

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**: NOTICE :****General Meeting of APOMA Members**

**1.30pm, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**& at 2.00pm - Community Planning Forum for**

**ANDAMOOKA TOWN & COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-27**

**Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.**

**AGENDA:****1. OPENING OF MEETING**

1.1. Chair's Welcome

1.2. Call for any declarations of interest.

**2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES**

2.1. Confirmation of Quorum

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

3.1. Financial report - overview

3.2.1. Presentation financial reports

3.2.2. Motion to adopt

3.2.3. Grants & Projects – Funding 2023-24

3.3. Report - Current projects and town maintenance /services

3.4. Report - Community Programs and Services

3.5. Major Events - activities and development – 2024/25

3.6. Andamooka Town & Community Plan 2024-27

3.7. 2024-25 CARM Agreement - discussion –

3.7.1 motion to proceed towards 2024-25 CARM Agreement

**4. OTHER BUSINESS****5. CLOSURE**

**ITEMS FOR OTHER BUSINESS:** *Lodgement of items for consideration 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 by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024, to PO Box 246 Andamooka, 5722 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

2024, or in person at the Andamooka Town Office by 2.00pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**PROXIES:**

Signed originals must be lodged with the APOMA Secretary 24hrs prior to the advertised meeting time.

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

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## DISSECTING THE TOWN FUNDING

### MODEL: *The CARM Agreement explained.*

#### First stage – review of the Agreement and associated budget.

Every March, as part of the process of adopting the OCA Community Asset & Resource Management (CARM) Agreement and the associated annual budget for the next financial year, the first draft of the Agreement is provided to APOMA to examine and to determine challenges within it, then to provide recommended adjustments for the next financial year. These are put on the table for discussion and explanation at the APOMA Open Member Meeting held in March, *all community invited.*

After which a motion for the Committee to progress negotiations with the OCA based on the outcomes of that discussion, is put to the floor for all present to indicate their support, and then voted on by the members.

**Second stage – Community Consultation & presentation of the draft Agreement** – First the Committee comes to an agreement with the OCA on a draft CARM Agreement and budget, which is then put out by the OCA to the Andamooka community for consultation across the month of May. *APOMA is not involved with the consultation process.*

At the end of the community consultation process, unless there have been objections raised which require further negotiation or discussion, the draft is then provided to APOMA for consideration as a final document for signing. *At this point it is determined by the OCA that the community is in support of the Agreement and that they agree to the CARM budget as presented.*

#### Stage Three – determining management and execution of the CARM Agreement

APOMA committee, if satisfied this is true, take the community supported CARM Agreement and budget to the June Open Member Meeting, where it is presented for the members to vote on a motion for the APOMA Committee to take responsibility for the Agreement, and associated budget which is executed via the Town Office, reporting to the OCA, on behalf of the Andamooka Community.

Once passed, the members then vote on a second motion permitting the Committee to sign the Agreement for the Association to enter into the Agreement.

#### What's changing for the Future:

**New OCA funding model:** This proposed levy-based model has been going through the motions of consultation and legalities for the past 4 years. It is nearing completion and anticipated to be adopted by the end of 2026.

**How will this affect Andamooka and the cost?** Over the past 3 years we have been preparing for changes to the current community contribution scheme which will see more a regional approach to contributions and the distribution of government funding.

This not expected to raise the contributions significantly, but it will split the way we pay contributions by part being a levy applied regionally, and part like now, being a contribution paid by property owners and local businesses going towards town management, in particular to maintain services, but with less to cover facility maintenance and community programs.

**How will maintenance and programs be funded?** APOMA have progressively been moving towards a self-supporting approach for maintaining facilities and programs by adopting a user pay approach so that all users, local residents, participants in local programs and activities, and visitors to the town contribute towards the costs of maintaining and facilitating the facilities and programs, and for covering costs. The current challenge is to maximise use, hence increasing user pay contributions, offsetting those made by property owners and businesses.

Fundraising activities now being reinstated after the covid hiatus, will assist with upgrade projects and maintaining attractions, offsetting costs, and in turn will also serve to keep the community contributions at around current levels inclusive of the new levy.

#### CARM BUDGET:

#### What happens to the money we pay? Who says how it is spent?

*It is actually a simple process. It is the community who decides via the CARM Agreement how the money will be spent.* This is laid out in the budget attached to the CARM Agreement and this is available to the whole community as of April for consultation and feedback up until the end of May. It can be found on the OCA website and copies are available in the Town Office or can be emailed or posted out on request.

**CARM Town Management budget:** The Committee present the draft at in the March meeting with an analysis and an explanation of adjustments, also providing recommendations to take back to the OCA for negotiation.

Once negotiations are completed satisfactorily, the OCA finalise the budget and put that out for community consultation. Once the final agreement is signed off after the June meeting, the Town Office execute expenditure of town management funding in accordance with the budget, overseen by, and reporting to, the APOMA Committee and the OCA.

**Association Budget:** This is separate to the CARM budget. APOMA Association income streams resulting from APOMA facilities, programs, events, community grants and donations, is spent via the Association budget, also approved by members, with surplus funds expended or reserved at the committees discretion, but with a limit at which they must gain member permission to do so.



This is based on a fairer user pay system which means that all users, residents or visitors, contribute towards costs and maintenance.

**The Projects budget:** is separate to the others. This is for large grant funded projects and those funds must be expended as per the Grant Agreement for each. These funds are not available to the Association or Town Management budgets, or for other purposes or projects.

**Budgets 2024/25** - This coming year there are considerations around how to make the budget work best to the benefit of the community, but also meet significant cost rises in some aspects.

**Community Bus** – with the rise in costs for fuel, insurances and maintenance this budget ran at small deficit last financial year, but with a small rise in user donations this is anticipated to break even this year, but this needs review for 2024/25. Currently around \$7,000 has been accumulated in reserve funds towards a new bus.

**Town Insurances** – facilities and liability insurances – this has continued to rise significantly over the past 3 years. Up to 2023/24 this had been absorbed with some adjustment within the CARM budget, this year will necessitate moving a significant part of community program funding across to be covered under the Association budget. But with user pay contributing income towards these, it is anticipated that

generated income will offset costs. Contingency funds have been set aside to cover claim excess costs. This will need to be maintained.

**Power** – this is another cost which has seen a significant rise. However, power contributions applied to users of facilities will serve to offset the rise. Power is one aspect of the new funding model that is anticipated to become a challenge under the new arrangements and so will require constant review.

**Overall,** we anticipate that the CCS will not need to be increased for the next financial year.

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE CARM AGREEMENT? BRING IT TO THE MEETING... and we can share the answer with others...** learn more about town funding. **BE PART OF DISCUSSION** about how your community contribution (CCS) is spent and find out what is proposed for next year's budgets.

**BE INFORMED:** come along to the APOMA Open Member Meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1.00pm, at the Community Hall, followed by the Community Planning Forum – *it's about your town's future, so please be there.... & be the change.*

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# Good Friday Welcome BBQ

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Serving starts 6pm  
At the Old Cottages  
\$10 per person



If you are interested  
in volunteering or  
donating salads please  
contact the office on  
Text: 0477 184 485  
Email: [andamookatownoffice@gmail.com](mailto:andamookatownoffice@gmail.com)

# TRIVIA NIGHT

Andamooka Community Hall

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Dine-a-mite Cafe open for meals  
Trivia starts at 7pm  
\$5 per person

Fundraising event for setting up the new outdoor  
stages at the cottages and recreation precinct.



A Casual Brain-Teasing fun night for  
all egg-heads!

# Easter BINGO!



When: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Where: Community Hall  
Time: Arrive at 1pm for a 1:30 start  
Raffle available  
Proceeds go towards Cubby and Splash Pad upgrades

# Kids Easter Egg Hunt!

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Starts 9am at the The Cottages



CALLING STALL HOLDERS....

# Andamooka Easter Market

Register your interest to have your pop up style  
stall at the Andamooka Easter Market.

Saturday, 30 March 2024 9am-12pm  
Andamooka Hub Precinct

Please contact Alison - [alison.apoma@gmail.com](mailto:alison.apoma@gmail.com)  
or visit the Andamooka Hub Facebook page.







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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

## FEBRUARY

14th: Valentines Day

## MARCH

24th: APOMA Members Meeting  
24th: Andamooka Community Planning Forum  
29th-31st: Easter Long Weekend

## APRIL

25th: Anzac Day

## MAY

## JUNE

June Long Weekend

## JULY

Dog Registrations Due

## AUGUST

SALA

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

October Long Weekend

31th: Halloween

## NOVEMBER

2nd: All Souls Day

11th: Remembrance Day

## DECEMBER

25th: Christmas Day

### Welcome All Seniors Wacky Wednesdays

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

10AM - 12PM

At the Community Hall

### Andamooka Community Church

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

More Details: 8671 0270

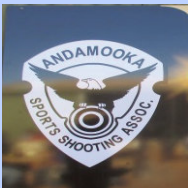
### Andamooka / R.D. Bible Church

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



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Attended by: Anne, Bec & Verlaine

## Opening Hours:

Monday/Tuesday 9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm  
 Wednesday 9am - 1pm In Roxby 2pm - 5pm  
 Thursday/Friday 9am - 1pm → 2pm - 5pm  
 Saturday/Sunday Closed

Closed 1pm to 2pm for Lunch on all days

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

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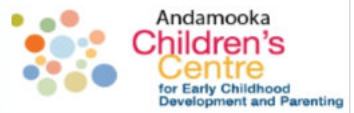
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Eddie Hughes MP

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