



# The Andamooka Press

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **September 10th:**  
**Minnie 'Mooka Bush**  
**Bash** Live Music by Just Mates.  
*Minnie Berrington Fundraiser.*
- ◆ **September 20th:**  
*Koonamore Station*  
**Stickybeak Day**
- ◆ **September 28th:** *Soils*  
**Half Day Workshop**
- ◆ **October 7th:** **APOMA**  
**Nominations Close**
- ◆ **November 13th:**  
**APOMA AGM**

**Please Be Advised:**  
Due to the ongoing spread of  
COVID-19, events may be  
cancelled or postponed.  
*More on Events page 9...*

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**Header Photo:**  
White-browed Babbler.

Source: A. Smoker, 2019

## PUT YOUR HAND UP - IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

It's that time of year again. After a challenging but relatively successful year for the town, which also enjoyed good numbers of visitors staying and supporting the town, together with some pretty interesting and successful events and activities adding colour to the lives of locals, we are now back at the annual crossroads of finding a group of individuals who are willing to lead the town into the next year and beyond.

We all agree there is no silver bullet to this annual quest, but if we want the town to continue to grow and to flourish.. then as things stand, we need to put an APOMA Committee in place at the AGM on 13th November.

These are people who take on the unenviable task of signing off on managing the towns finances and looking after the day to day management of the town, it's community facilities and programs, maintenance of public spaces and buildings, keeping the bins empty, the gas bottles full, the caravan park in order, commissioning the splash pad, making sure that the pipeline is holding together so we can all get water, and assisting the community with all sorts of services, activities and events. But it is the very caliber of our community itself that make this all worthwhile.

On another level, the committee lobby for better health services, a police presence, better roads and the much needed connector, a better deal in regard to the proposed fees to be imposed regionally, and contacting politicians, talking with other outback communities, and finding ways to fund new projects, services and programs, all to the benefit of the town and community.

There may be no glory in this job... it can be thankless at times, and stressful at others. But the day-to-day workload is carried by the town office staff, who all work well over and above the meagre hours they are paid to support the Committee, working together with them as a team.

The record of achievement over the years as committees change and flux, is astounding. Amazing groups of volunteers who have battled to keep the town together and moving ahead through the good times of the late 50's to late 70's, the tough times, and during difficult periods such as those experienced at the turn of the millennium and again across this recent pandemic.

Over the years their collective energies have built a legacy for future Andamookan's... but it is for this future that we now seek people willing to put their hand up, and to volunteer onto the committee. Put their ideas into motion, build on the achievements of the past, create fresh vibrancy and to take the town forward.

- Rodney Mitchell

### NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR POSITIONS ON THE APOMA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

**For the Term commencing November 2022  
NOMINATIONS CLOSE Fri 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Nomination forms and information  
available on-line at, or via email, or at Town  
Office, Post Office and bottleshop.

Email: [secretary@apoma.com.au](mailto:secretary@apoma.com.au)

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS & INFORMATION

### FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 000

Your call will be directed to the right organisation to manage the situation.

**Police:** 131 444

#### SES/CFS:

John West: 0408 807 943

Stefan Bilka: 0427 181 752

#### Andamooka Community Health Service:

Hospital Road 8672 7087

See page 6 for daily clinic hours  
After Hours: Emergencies Only

**Post Office:** 8672 7007

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- Dukes Bottlehouse Motel

- Laundry-mat

- Claims Registration

Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays

11am - 3pm Weekends

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#### Andamooka Powerhouse:

8672 7235

**Town Office:** 0477 184 485

School Rd

Open: Tue-Thur, 10am - 3pm

#### Andamooka School & Children's Centre:

8672 7018

Public Library Hours, See Pg 15

#### Andamooka Community Hall:

Enquires, contact APOMA

- Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area

- Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions

#### Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:

Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692

Located at the Community Hall

#### Andamooka Caravan Park & Playground:

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Roxby Downs Town Council

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## ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.

### AGM 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

#### 2022 APOMA Annual General Meeting

will be held at 2.30pm, Sunday 13th  
November 2022 at the

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road,  
Andamooka

Community members are encouraged to attend

#### AGENDA & ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
2. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS
3. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS
4. OUTCOMES AND PROJECTS 2021-2023
5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS
6. GENERAL BUSINESS
7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

**Items for GENERAL BUSINESS:** If you have something important that you would like raised for discussion at the AGM, you may lodge a request with the Committee for inclusion as an item in general business, addressed to The Secretary, APOMA either, in person at the Town Office or by email to [secretary@apoma.com.au](mailto:secretary@apoma.com.au) or by post to PO Box 246, Andamooka 5722, to be received by Thursday 3rd November 2022.

<b>At Bank End June 2022:</b>	Allocated funds acc \$46,331
Operations acc \$111,446	Projects acc \$116,099
Debit Card \$1,704	Reserve Funds \$15,580

#### 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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**Town Maintenance:** Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165

**Address:** Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka

**Postal:** PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

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

CCS & Avdata payments accepted at Post Office

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

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

**Chair:** Ian Thompson

**Secretary:** Alison Smoker

**Treasurer:** Gill Rowley

PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

**Email:** [secretary@apoma.com.au](mailto:secretary@apoma.com.au)

#### NEXT MEETING

13th November 2022

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

[www.andamooka.sa.au](http://www.andamooka.sa.au)

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# APOMA NEWS & NOTICES

## A Letter from the Chair

Andamooka and APOMA are inviting all to consider a position on the APOMA Committee.

Current legislation provides for a community based incorporated body to take on the responsibility of managing our town, and its finances which result from the CCS contributions paid by Andamooka's property and business owners. By taking on the current level of responsibility, accessible local management is in place which also results in more cost effectiveness, stretching funds a lot further for investing in the town and community.

If APOMA doesn't have an operational committee capable of raising a quorum for meetings and decision making, then it can't continue to undertake this responsibility. It is unsure what situation this would leave the town in.

Those who have worked so hard on projects and funding over the past 5 years are frankly worn out... This town, which runs on volunteers and a small salaried group, needs fresh faces and energies to lead Andamooka into its next phase...

There is room for a committee of 10. A number put in place to cover absences for shift workers and part-time residents, but the reality is that forming a quorum of 5 at meetings can be challenging.

Concerningly, following this coming AGM there will be 6 vacancies to fill on the Committee, leaving less than a quorum in place. Outgoing committee members will follow policy for succession, and so will commit themselves to the first 3 months in hand-over roles.

But it is time to refresh and regenerate our town management to continue with the resurgence and sustaining of our township.

Year on year, all people who have been involved with APOMA on the committee have without exception, put their best foot forward and tried, and succeeded, in making a difference.

At times there might be disagreements and controversy, which come with small communities, but which also created challenge often ending in a positive outcome. But nothing has bought down the fierce independence and spirit that make this town unique and its pulse strong enough to thrive in adversity.

Exemplified by the pandemic, the whole community looked out for each other. Food and supplies, the elderly's medical needs, shared resources, and care. Care for each other. Generation upon generation looking after this town. Community spirit like this is hard won... and we have it.. right here in Andamooka.

The next generation of committee is now upon us... and needed! Age (18 upwards) is no barrier.

Yes, you need to be a member of APOMA. But.. what does that mean? Being a member means that you see a reason, a purpose, for discussion and for "putting your hand up" when votes count towards what gets done or not in our town.

What happens to our town if not for votes? Who gets to say what does and doesn't happen in and for our town? The Committee is only as good as the members that contribute towards and support the work they do. **Yes..it is actually just that simple....**

There are criteria to be met to make sure that this process is done conscientiously and correctly, and that persons entering onto the committee have a basic familiarity with the town and its processes. Although this might prevent some from being nominated for this AGM, there is a simple procedure to follow to enable you to be seconded on to the committee at a later date. So come to the meeting, put your hand up, or let someone know you'd like to go onto the committee.

For now, to all those who qualify, please consider a this a chance to give back by becoming one of the doers within our community, and nominate for the committee, If you need assistance with this, contact the office or a committee member,

Right now... your town needs you.

**Ian Thompson,**

Retiring Chair - APOMA

## Community Contribution Scheme (CCS)

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

Reminder that the next CCS  
Contributions are due.

## MAKE SURE YOUR CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS REACH THE RIGHT PLACE FOR ATTENTION

The OCA is the responsible body to manage and have addressed issues, concerns or complaints about:

◇ **ROADS:** Including major external access roads, outer tracks and town roads.

◇ **CAT & DOG (Not feral) ISSUES:** Including attacks, nuisance, wandering and other serious concerns.

◇ **DUMP**

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**(08) 8648 5970**

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

## APOMA MEMBERSHIPS

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

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

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

NAB

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Acc: 2425 11591

# KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

## ANDMAOOKA COMMUNITY RISING TO THE CALL...

In a Page 4 article titled 'Over to You' published in the March 2022 edition of 'the Press', we called upon members of the community to take up the challenge and make the best use of our new and upgraded facilities and to form like interest groups to take existing, new and emerging community programs and initiatives forward into a better and more vibrant future for our town and community.

There has been an unrealistic reliance upon a small volunteer committee and office staff to manage community programs and events, whilst creating and managing facilities and services to provide the needs for these. The committee and office staff are there to present opportunities and to then facilitate members of the community to take up those opportunities to build programs and events that will benefit their respective groups, and in turn create whole of community wellbeing.

Over the past couple of years, as the Covid pandemic affected so many lives and changed the way we do things, several groups of locals have taken up the challenge to pull together community programs which had been so amazingly valuable to so many in these unprecedented times, by presenting locals not only with the opportunity to use, increase or learn skills, but to have regular social contact with others and to share and enjoy activities and life...

The seniors' social program has struggled as flu has ravaged members, but they now have an opportunity to move into the renovated 'Old Church' community centre and to make this historic building with a view, into cosy and welcoming headquarters where they can increase their activities on a day by day basis. This expanded program will be facilitated via a new community program coordinator yet to be appointed.

Youth is another group who have suffered a loss of contact and activities due to the

pandemic, and they too have new dedicated headquarters where they can increase their day to day activities and expand their program. We are currently seeking a team of between 2 to 4 paid casual youth workers who will also be facilitated via a new community program coordinator.

The lapidary group has bought together a wonderful program which meets the needs of so many within our community, offering skill building, a place to share ideas and skills, and importantly enjoy lively social interaction. This program has been facilitated via the town office and this support will continue with a new community program coordinator bridging the gap between the office and the group. We thank Greg and his small team of primaries, for their dedication and work which has made this program so successful.

Another group with a new and vibrant team leading the challenge, is the Andamooka Collective – a group of amazing local artists and crafters, who are now reaching out to all within our talented community to join with others in the group, to build a base and a program that will benefit all forms of artists – inclusive of musicians, fabrics, culinary, photography and film-making and other forms of art, to get involved and to create a broad and vibrant arts program of events, exhibitions, collective marketing and funding and to make use of the new 'home base' which will offer benefits both promotional and sales, to those involved in Andamooka's growing broad range of cottage industry.

A recent addition has been the 'Hub Community Garden Group', coordinated by Debra Mundy, which has been busy working on restoring and revitalising the community gardens around the Hub Precinct. Anyone with an odd hour or two to spare, and who likes mucking around in gardens, is encouraged to drop down to the Hub and join in the activities.

Work is about to start on construction of the new Community Produce Garden which will be located at the Recreation Precinct, and will be progressively developed in a quest to produce fresh seasonal produce for our community to be sold via our new Community Shop at the hall. The Shop is progressively coming together, and will offer a great service to the town and to visitors, with an open and accessible 'front of office' for a whole range of information and services, as well as sales of local products, and the intention to offer basic café fare on Mondays and Tuesdays.



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# ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

## MAINTENANCE & PROJECTS UPDATE

All in all it's been a slow three months during an unusually cold winter. Our CDP crew has shrunk considerably as we trudge on through the fallout from the covid pandemic and a few other health issues. But, the good news is that we currently have three dedicated CDP participants that all regularly put in volunteer hours beyond their obligated requirements and so they are progressively achieving so much for our town and community. *Feel free to say g'day and compliment them for a job well done.*



*"Toilet block interior for Recreation Facility."*

### Recreation Facility:

- The building itself has been completed. The toilet block is however holding us up. It was late to be delivered due to the manufacturers Covid problems and we are now finding it incredibly difficult to engage a civil engineering company to undertake the design engineering for the septic system. This is I'm assured, also a result of the pandemic & demands from major road works projects throughout the state tying up civil engineers. We continue to follow this up.

### Community Hub complex:

- We also have a hold up on the supply of the new tank for the splash pad. We have decided to cancel the order and go with another company, so hopefully we will have it commissioned before the weather heats up aiming for the usual opening date on the October long weekend.
- The Hall interior painting was done in time for SALA and due to this year's bitter cold, we have installed two 'test heaters' in the seating space and will monitor effectiveness for the next couple of months with the view to having the hall better heated for next winter.
- The new community garden group is doing a great job of improving the gardens around the Hub space. Many thanks to Deb and her volunteer crew.

*Continued on Page 6...*

### SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### CATERING - COMMUNITY KITCHEN

This will initially be offered as a casual paid position that will require commitment on a minimum of 2 days per week.

Tasks involve cooking and preparing food for sale through the Community Shop including basic café fare on Monday's & Tuesdays weekly.

There is the opportunity for expansion and for small business development. The Committee is open to ideas and to supporting development.

Please lodge your interest with the Town Office via email to [admin3@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin3@apoma.com.au), or at the Town Office or leave at the Post Office.

More information: email or call 0477 184 485

### SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### PRECINCT CARETAKER/S:

This will initially be offered as two casual paid positions to take care of day to day functions for the central Hub Precinct and the Recreation Precinct which also encompasses the camp ground. *This could be offered as a single position.*

Tasks involve regular maintenance checks & overseeing of facilities and services for activities within the space.

Hours are flexible, and with the progressive introduction of new and expanding facilities these may increase.

Please lodge your interest with the Town Office via email to [admin1@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin1@apoma.com.au), or at the Town Office or leave at the Post Office.

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## Maintenace & Projects Update - Continued

### Community bus:

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

### Lapidary Workshed:

- The steel has finally arrived for the new front verandah and a contractor engaged to erect, so that will progress during the next month and just in time as summer draws nearer.

### Playground solar system:

- The batteries that support the solar system for the playground toilets, BBQ & lighting around that space finally failed in July. Replacements are in short supply but we have managed to source a solution which is being installed and so the system should all be operational again by month end.

### Pump Track:

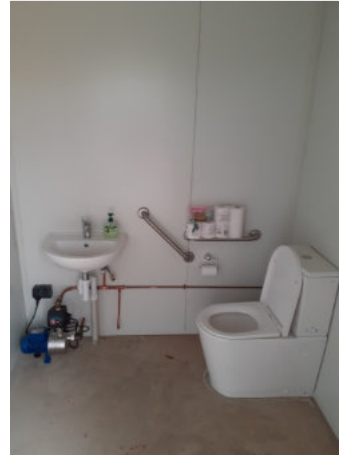
- Most of you would have noticed that we have taken delivery of the new pump track components – they are those large stacks sitting at the campground. The initial groundwork to level the site has been completed, and we are sourcing quotes to lay an artificial turf surface after which we can begin assembly of the track. So hoping that this might be in place for the October long weekend....



*"Pump track components on site and waiting for assembly."*

### Old Church Community Centre:

- The restoration of the old church has been completed and it now has a new ambulant toilet facility and septic system installed. Electricians and plumbing have been upgraded but a few more cosmetic tasks remain for completion. Namely the new kitchenette fit-out & paving the front verandah, which will be addressed as time and access to materials allow. We are keen for some volunteer help to help tidy up the interior including repainting the walls and helping to remove the old kitchen bits, as well as to assist with paving.



*"New toilet facilities for the Old Church Community Centre."*

We are lucky to have a number of community volunteers that are actively building sets and props for the up coming Minnie Berrington documentary, due to start in September. This project continues to expand, and ongoing, with volunteer assistance, Andamooka will have an exciting and informative historic trail resulting from the work put into the documentary, connecting up regionally from the mid-north to Coober Pedy.

**We thank our wonderful volunteers, both local & traveling,** for providing their skills and assistance to our long list of community projects and programs.

***If you have some spare time, maybe regularly or just on occasion, why not put that towards something that will work for our town and community – lend a hand to those working hard to bring a new vibrancy to our lifestyle and wellbeing. Contact Richard at the town office.***



## DOING OUR OWN THING.... Getting our community produce garden off the ground...

**With food prices rising and availability of produce diminishing.. why not grow our own????**

Did you know that nutritious and delicious micro-greens grow from seed to table in around 14 days – and when fresh harvested are at peak for both goodness and flavour? Imagine if we had these available to purchase, fresh picked daily, at our own community shop....

Did you know that tasty tomatoes, and a range of herbs can be grown year-round in Andamooka?

That sprouts of all types are so easy to grow and offer a year-round fresh crunch to all sorts of dishes and great in sandwiches and wraps, or on top of soups...? Oh.. and they are good for you too!

Or, that just 6 mushroom growing pods would cover our community demand on a day by day basis, and that growing our own can offer a wide variety of fresh and flavour-some mushrooms?

In addition, there is such a wide variety of seasonal vegetables and fruits that can be grown right here, to be picked fresh to order and then sold at very affordable prices to locals via our community shop and to local business – with surplus being made available to visitors and tourists.

With food getting harder to source and prices soaring... the question has to be asked, 'Why aren't we working together to make fresh affordable fruit and vegetables available 7 days a week... a reality?'

We have the space, equipment and resources in order – We have start up funding in the bank which can assist with

constructing garden beds and purchasing fruit vines and trees..

The only thing stopping this become a reality is manpower... or person-power... We need a bunch of volunteers to offer a couple of hours once or twice a week to help make this happen.. and getting out into the fresh air and sunshine... sampling the produce.. enjoying the company of others and planning what to plant and nurture next... Plus we need a coordinator – this could be a shared paid position...

### SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### COORDINATOR - COMMUNITY PRODUCE GARDEN

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

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

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

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

## FEBRUARY

14th: Valentine's Day

## MARCH

## APRIL

Easter Long Weekend  
25th: ANZAC Day

## MAY

## JUNE

June Long Weekend

## JULY

Dog Registrations Due

## AUGUST

## SEPTEMBER

5th: SALA Exhibition Closure  
10th: Minnie 'Mooka Bush Bash  
20th: Koonamore Station Stickybeak Day  
28th: Soils Ladies Day

## OCTOBER

October Long Weekend  
31st: Halloween

## NOVEMBER

13th: APOMA AGM

## 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



## VISIT

# ANDAMOOKA OPAL SHOWROOM ANDAMOOKA DUKE'S BOTTLEHOUSE Motel

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# WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

SAVE THE DATE!

## Soils LADIES DAY

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

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HALF DAY WORKSHOP

LEARN ABOUT WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY SOIL

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MORE DETAILS TO COME. STAY UP TO DATE ON THE SAAL WEBSITE & OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



## MINNIE 'MOOKA BUSH BASH

SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
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LIVE MUSIC! BY **JUST MATES**  
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## Help shape the future of the Lake Eyre Basin

### Have your say

The draft Lake Eyre Basin Strategic Plan is designed to protect and manage the resource.

#### Do you see yourself in the plan?

The Lake Eyre Basin team wants to hear from people living and working in the basin communities about the draft plan.

- Are there any gaps?
- Is the balance between protecting and managing the basin right?
- Will this plan help us protect, enhance and sustain the Lake Eyre Basin?

You can respond to these questions as part of the public consultation process.

#### Consultation is open until 3 November



Read the plan and have your say at

<https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/lake-eyre-basin>



Contact Community Landscape Officers Charlie Eager on 0437 765 792 or Hamish Longbottom on 0408 807 498 or the board office on 8648 5307 to discuss your response.

## WOMENS HEALTH DAY

30<sup>TH</sup> September  
at the Community Church  
10am to 2pm

#### Information on:

- Menopause
- Cervical Screening
- Incontinence
- Breast health

Bingo, game show, word games

Pampering Hand massages

light lunch provided

Make a bath bomb

Photo booth

Fabulous prizes To be won including BBQ, gift vouchers

Come along and have some fun and learn some new information

# THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

## GO WITH THE FLOW

SALA FESTIVAL 2022



SALA was back with a bang in 2022.

With over a 100 wondrous works from 19 of our talented local artists, the hall is ablaze with colour and passion for this years **South Australian Living Artists Festival**.

A wide assortment of mediums and skill levels are on display. From acrylic paintings, textiles and pencil sketches to metal, wood, and clay sculptures, and many others in-between.

Works were available for purchase. Transactions were handled through the Dine-A-Mite Café.

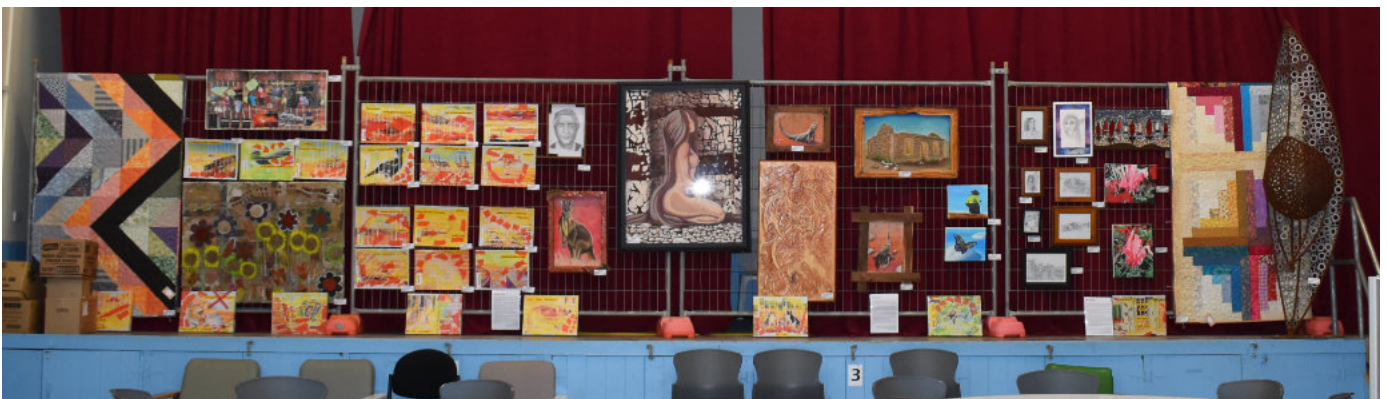
SALA was dismantled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and in its place, new exhibitions which will be ongoing either themed or featuring individual artists and crafters.

So, drop by the Andamooka Hall, grab a refreshment at the café and journey through the diverse collection of work on display from some amazing locals.

- Emma Morris



<p><b>Andamooka Community Hall</b>                  Lot 281, School Rd, Andamooka                  0475 251 662</p>	<h1>605</h1>
<p><b>Arty Andamooka</b></p> <p>Bill ADDINGTON, Mary AMES, Harley ARMSTRONG, June Isobel CARMEN, Trish CURNOW, Heather GORDON, Beck HANOLD, Ethan HANOLD, Ronel HOWE, Talana JACKSON, Oliva NEWELL, Michael PETKOVIC, Ben ROBERTS, Erin ROBERTS, Jasmin ROBERTS, Sandy SAMUELS, Elizabeth SCHULZ, Ally SMOKER, Necrosis The Dark</p>	
<p><b>Go with the Flow</b>                  Delve into, and discover the diverse wellspring of creativity that is the Andamooka artistic community.</p>	
<p><b>3 Aug-4 Sep</b>                  Wed-Sun 9am-2pm, Fri 5-8pm</p>	

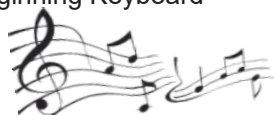


## Music Tuition

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**Fee:** \$15 / 30 Minutes  
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## CALLING ALL ARTISTS! SHARE YOUR ART IN THE CREATIVE CORNER

Come share your work and creativity with the community, and get your art showcased here. We're always on the look out for creative talents, whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, metal, wood, opal, or anything really, we'd love to hear from you.

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The Facebook group supporting and sharing local artists and creatives:

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**@ARTYANDAMOOKA**



**LAPIDARY WORKSHOP**

**OPENING HOURS:**  
**SATURDAYS, 10AM - 2PM SUNDAYS, 12PM - 4PM**



# ANDAMOOKA LIFE

## HEALTH, WEALTH... & HAPPINESS – go hand in hand...

Wellbeing is the term generally applied to individuals and communities as the major goal to achieve when developing community lifestyle programs, services and connections.

When these three vital elements are functioning well, serving the needs of communities, with opportunities built into them for personal development, social connections, skills development and the chance for earning financial returns, and essentially enjoyment, then you will find wellbeing....

When there is a sense of wellbeing, people tend to be healthier, both physically and mentally, also to have a sense of purpose and place, and some may be working towards supplementing their income, or developing a career, so in general they are happier and more socially inclined.

To help the community build and run community programs, services and connections is a core purpose and value of APOMA. The committee and town office workers have been busy putting in place the foundations to develop core community programs which will assist with meeting the needs of core groups within the community, and, in turn offering the opportunities for those groups to develop and nurture wellbeing...

Let's individually look at our core programs which are currently under development ... but in recognising that they are anything but mutually exclusive – you will see that they interact with and support each other...

**Andamooka Lapidary Program** – this successful program, managed by volunteers, has become a model for other community groups to follow... and it is well along the way towards achieving the goals it set out in terms of reviving interest in opal mining, cutting and polishing, and in gems and stones of all types, and jewellery design and making.

*However, the program's most beneficial achievement for the community is that it has created a place for social connection* – a productive and happy place for people to meet, connect, share skills and simply enjoy what they are doing. The bonus is learning and honing the skills of lapidary and jewellery making.

This program has a primary coordinator who is supported by a core group of 'lap group' members, with support from the town office including grant assistance and facility and equipment development and maintenance. Thanks to the dedication of the core group, this approach works!!! It is a model that is being used for getting other community programs up and running.

**Andamooka Community Gardens Program** – this program is developing under the care of a program coordinator and a small but very enthusiastic team, and although currently focused on the Hub gardens, and these are looking good.

The gardens program has endless opportunities, including producing fresh fruit and vegetables for the community. The gardens team welcome anyone who would like to join the quest to build a productive and attractive outdoor environment for the community to enjoy...

**Andamooka Collective** – development of this emerging group is being led by a team of local artists who are dedicated to promoting Andamooka as an artist's destination full of vibrancy, with regular exhibits and workshops, and places for artists and artisans to display and sell their wares. SALA is the primary annual event for the group and many of those artists are forming the Collective to have regular exhibits, pop-up stalls and collective internet sales, and enjoying the benefits of a cooperative approach.

The Hub offers so many opportunities and the new Andamooka Community Shop and Information Centre, based in the Community Hall Complex will combine aspects that will grow to support the Collective, service the town and provide income opportunities for many Andamookans.

**Andamooka Community Shed** – this program will be integral to the new Andamooka Skills Training Centre, located in the Recreation Precinct. Offering a range of opportunities for sharing casual skills with more formal skills development for job readiness. It will encompass 'Men's Shed' style Community Shed activities, as well as offer access to a range of equipment that can be utilized by community members to assist them with building cottage industry within the town and to make an income. There are a number of skilled locals who have put their hands up to assist locals to learn skills and try their hand at metal and wood work, mosaics and working with fabrics.

**HOWEVER... all of this can only happen if we get 'bums on seats'...** It relies on members of our community stepping out of their isolated Covid bubbles and getting back to a happier, healthier life and joining in with others to make these programs work – offer their skills and share them with others.

**EVERYONE IS VALUABLE...** *You don't need to be skilled, just enthusiastic* and happy to volunteer a couple of hours a week, which will make a massive difference to a program's success, and in turn foster community wellbeing. Your personal wellbeing will benefit too...

**SO.. we put this question to the community....WHAT'S IT TO BE?** - do we continue to limp along with wish lists and ideas? OR.. do we put in a bit of time and effort to assist with or to simply participate in community programs... and make them happen?



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## RE-BUILDING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AFTER COVID...

Three other critical community programs which have been affected badly by Covid across the past two years, but which are about to resume activities in their new greatly improved facilities are the:

**Andamooka Seniors Program** – Seniors have new quarters at the renovated 'The Church Community Centre'. The RFDS will be visiting regularly and will be running a series of health information and activity days for seniors and other interested residents. Seniors will have more freedom to meet casually any day of the week, or in planned groups for a much broader range of activities, or to simply a catch-up with friends over a cuppa...

**Andamooka Youth Program** – the new facilities at the Recreation, Sport and Youth Centre offer so much more for youth. They finally have an all-weather sports court, and with plans to develop a media centre within this complex, there is real opportunities for youth to develop skills across media and technology. The new training centre will be located adjacent to the 'Rec Centre' and that will open new and greater opportunities for youth skills development, work readiness, and art based activities.

**Andamooka Families Program** – this is a program that has struggled to get started. It is a critical need for our community, but has suffered from lack of governments support and 'a place'... So with the completion of several new community facilities, there is a real chance for a program offering opportunities for a range of activities for families ranging from early learning through to sports and music. Importantly it will offer the chance for greater social and cross generational interaction and more opportunities for local support programs. We are seeking interest from community members to help coordinate activities within this program.

**SO C'MON...GET OUT AND ABOUT & LET'S ALL HELP TO BRING OUR TOWN BACK TO LIFE!!!!**



**ANDAMOOKA YOUTH GROUP**

After School Activities

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

5.00pm - 7.00pm  
\*For 10yrs - 17yrs\*

Saturday's Activities

Come down to the Andamooka Sporting And Youth Recreation Centre

2.00pm - 5.00pm  
\*For 13yrs - 17yrs\*

For more information please contact Youth Coordinator on 0476298992

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR A BOTTLE WATER

## CASUAL POSITIONS - YOUTH WORKERS

Offered as casual paid positions working within a team to manage and deliver the Andamooka Youth Program. Hours will be flexible working to a monthly schedule.

Please lodge your interest with the Town Office via email to [admin1@apoma.com.au](mailto:admin1@apoma.com.au), or at the Town Office.

Copies of the job description available.

## Wanted Dead or Alive!

Do you have an old Land Rover taking up space in a shed or garden? I'm looking for early Land Rovers for restoration. Any models will be considered and I don't mind if they are non-runners and not in brilliant shape - anything considered and I am willing to pay top prices for the right vehicles.

Please get in touch with photos either by text: 0488109158 or email: [jack@jackoliverdobson.com](mailto:jack@jackoliverdobson.com)





# POLICE REPORT



On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June police attended an address on Jim Shaw Drive in relation to a disturbance. A 38 year old male from Andamooka was arrested for aggravated assault and property damage, and has been remanded. Police take a zero tolerance response to domestic violence, and anyone experiencing this behaviour can contact 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) for support and advice if you are not comfortable speaking with police.

Police are aware of increased drug activity in the area, and have been stopping a number of vehicles travelling through the town. Police have stopped vehicles seen coming from addresses on Hallion Hill Road which have been searched and small amounts of drugs and drug paraphernalia found. If anyone has any information on the above matters, they are asked to contact the Roxby Downs police station on 8671 4200, or if you wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime-stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Unfortunately this will be the last time writing for the Andamooka Press. My family and I have now moved to the Yorke Peninsula where I am now working at the Stansbury Police Station. I was unable to get around and say goodbye to everyone as I would have liked. I loved my time in Andamooka and believe that this was the best place I have lived and worked, and would like to thank everyone in town for their kindness, helpfulness and hospitality over the eight years I spent working in the area. Please make sure that if you're down this way you stop in and say hello, and have a cup of coffee.

Thank you  
 Brevet Sergeant Tristan Fantinel  
 Stansbury Police Station  
 South Australia Police  
 88524205




**Eddie Hughes MP**  
 Member for Giles  
 My office can help with issues related to services provided by the State Government.

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 Phone 8645 7800 Fax 8645 0713  
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## Andamooka Health Service

Lot 33 Hospital Rd, Andamooka

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

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



**Are you covered for Ambulance Services?**

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# FUNLHN COVID-19 Vaccination Bookings

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

Below is a list of dates and times available at Port Augusta, Whyalla and Roxby Downs for August/September 2022:

**PORT AUGUSTA**

- Thursday, 25 August, 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Wednesday, 31 August, 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Thursday, 1 September, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Tuesday, 6 September, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Thursday, 15 September, 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Monday, 19 September, 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 20 September, 9.00am – 5.00pm

To book: visit <https://bit.ly/3bi5rZM>, or call (08) 8668 7646.

**WHYALLA**

- Friday, 26 August, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Monday, 29 August, 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 30 August, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Wednesday, 7 September, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Friday 16 September, 9.00am – 5.00pm
- Wednesday 21 September, 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Thursday 22 September, 9.00am – 5.00pm

To book: visit <https://bit.ly/3bi5rZM>, or call (08) 8647 8660.

**ROXBY DOWNS**

- Thursday, 8 September, 12.00pm – 5.00pm
- Friday, 9 September, 9.00am – 3.00pm

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# 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**

Step up. Stay COVID-safe.

# GET TESTED & STAY HOME IF UNWELL

That means if you have:

- fever or chills
- cough or sore throat
- loss of taste or smell
- or any other COVID-19 symptoms.

For reminders on what to do:  
**StopTheSpread.sa.gov.au**

Government of South Australia  
SA Health

## FIGHT the BITE

★ COVER UP. REPEL. ELIMINATE. ★

RISKS	PREVENTION
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