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UP-COMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Mar 5th: Marco, Gravity & Other Myths -** Adelaide Festival Circus Livestream
- ♦ **Mar 20th: General Member Meeting** and Community Forum
- ♦ **Apr 5th: Regional Health Forum**
- ♦ **Apr TBA: Di Bilka Farewell -** Camp-Oven Cook-Out

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 and Article Photos:
Dry lands awash with a bountiful deluge.
Source: M. Clifford, 2022

MOVING INTO UNCHARTERED TERRITORY

Welcome everyone to the year 2022. It's unfortunate that Covid-19 has affected community events that we all look forward to that kick off our new year. 2022 is full of unknowns for Andamooka. When will we finally get past Covid? What might change for town management and town funding? What will happen around events and community activities?

There is no doubt that we are entering uncharted territory around all this, but our community has a special resilience that always seems to get us through so much. So let's take advantage of change. If we concentrate on building new ways of doing things that will benefit our community, and we are prepared to put some time and effort into making these things work, we will collectively strengthen the town's foundation and build on the good things that have been put in place in the past.

The APOMA Committee have had to make some hard decisions in light of the total uncertainty around local advancement of Covid 19, and due to compliance with Level 1 Government restrictions that apply to our unique situation as a progress association managing a community, plus a town office staffed by part time paid workers and significant amount of volunteer labour. At their meeting on 10th February, the Committee put in place measures for Covid managing community programs and events, the Office, and community facilities until they can reassess the situation again in early March and make appropriate changes.

For the time being the town office will remain closed to the public, but staff will make themselves available by arrangement. Community facilities will remain closed to the public except for supervised events and activities.

Community social programs will progressively recommence, with the lapidary program being the first to kick off on the 19th February. The community bus will continue to function with restrictions and special conditions applied.

Office staff will work from home continuing to generally manage day to day functions and to move forward with planning community events and work on projects, and other staff will maintain services vital to the community. The Committee will keep the community informed of changes and any developments, as we all know that situations can change any time.

In March we will see things livening up. There will be a special free community event at the hall on the 5th March with all the sound and excitement of the Festival of Arts opening streamed live under an open night sky, surrounded by special light effects. Having the Dine-a-mite café opening again to be part of the night will offer some feeling of normality and connection for all. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for details.

Then before we know it April and Easter will be upon us and fingers crossed we can have our usual Easter celebrations, BBQ, market, with plans for a special event to present our postponed Australia Day awards.

These are challenging conditions for us as individuals and as a community, but the committee will continue to work as best we can in the interests of community wellbeing. We thank you for your support. Please stay safe and well and continue to take care of others. We will look forward to progressing out the other side of this.

Signed:

The APOMA Committee



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

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- Dukes Bottlehouse Motel

- Laundry-mat

- Claims Registration

Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays

11am - 3pm Weekends

Power Cards @ Post Office

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:

0477 184 485

Opal Creek Blvd.

Bottle Shop: 8672 7183

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CWA: 8672 7044

Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop

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Top of CWA Rd

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council

Roving Vet: 8642 3308

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

ANDAMOOKA PROGRESS AND OPAL MINERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Committee Meeting February 22

Focus meeting held to address:

- Covid management for meetings, town office, maintenance and projects, and community programs – interim measures in place till early March – to be reassessed for appropriate measures to be put in place moving forward.
- Recommencement of community programs – these are planned to recommence progressively across February and March.
- Date for next Community Forum / member meeting – set down for 20th March 22.
- Office holders – action to address health issues and to implement support roles.
- Action to update bank signatories and banking arrangements.
- Maintenance and projects – pipeline burst fixed. Projects held up due to floods and CDP program not operating due to Covid.
- Community bus – Covid restrictions & procedures put in place. Service continuing.
- Community Facilities and town office closed to the public – Town office staff available by arrangement. Facilities open to supervised community program activities, organised events and business concerns – Covid restrictions will apply.
- Community events – Country Arts SA community event March – supported. Agreed to re-commence work on events and activities – planning for April onwards.
- Committee to work with SA Health for mosquito control and protection measures.
- Update on action around OCA Future of the Outback and concerns around local impacts – Copy of report to Government received and discussed. Proposed meeting of regional community leaders – postponed due to regional flood events.
- Update on safety issues relating to the Opal Hotel fire site. Ongoing.
- Proposal re memorial for Staffy Heath – committee in support but to be put to community at forum for support to proceed.
- Discussion re farewell/thank you dinner in honour of Di Bilka – to be progressed.
- Next meeting – Ordinary Committee Meeting circa end Feb / early March DTBD.

At Bank 31 January 2022:

Operations acc \$132,420

Debit Card \$5,753

Allocated funds acc \$46,311

Projects acc \$73,662

Reserve Funds \$15,573

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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OCA: 08 8648 5970

APOMA: 0477 184 485

Town Maintenance: Richard Hawkins 0418 855 165

Address: Community Hub, School Rd, Andamooka

Postal: PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722

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Events & Memberships: admin3@apoma.com.au

Newsletter: admin2@apoma.com.au

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

NEXT MEETING

20th March

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

www.andamooka.sa.au

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APOMA NEWS & NOTICES



Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

: NOTICE :

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community Forum

MOVING OUR TOWN FORWARD

2.30pm, Sunday 20th March 2022

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

All Andamooka residents are encouraged to attend

AGENDA:

1. OPENING OF MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES
3. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 3.1. Overview of September to December quarter and current activities to end February 2022
 - 3.2. Quarterly Financial Report to end December 2021 – Association & Town Management
 - 3.2.2. Quarterly Budget Report to end December 2021 – Association & Town Management
 - 3.2.3. Update on Asset Management and grants to end February 2022
 - 3.2.6. [Andamooka CARM Agreement & budget / funding & CCS – 2021/22 and 2022/23](#)
 - 3.3. [FUTURE OF THE OUTBACK](#) – update and discussion – community action
 - 3.4. Current challenges, issues and opportunities heading into 2022
 - 3.5. Projects / Maintenance 2022 and ongoing – planning, discussion and prioritisation.
 - 3.6. Community Programs and Services – discussion
 - 3.7. Major Events – 2022 /23
4. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 4.1. Proposed memorial Allen (Staffy) Heath
 - 4.2. Farewell arrangements – Di Bilka
 - 4.3. New Tourist Information Hub / Community Market Place / Andamooka Collective
 - 4.4. Community Health – regional health forum

5. CLOSURE

ITEMS FOR OTHER BUSINESS: *Non-members are welcome to lodge items for Other Business.*
Please lodge requests for items for inclusion in Other Business with the Secretary via email at secretary@apoma.com.au or via mail to PO Box 246 Andamooka, 5722, or in person at the Andamooka Town Office by 3.00pm Monday 14th March 2022.

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 or can be requested via email or from the Town Office. Email: secretary@apoma.com.au

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Incorporated (APOMA)
Postal: PO Box 246 Andamooka SA 5722 email: secretary@apoma.com.au www.andamooka.sa.au
Phone: 0477 184 485

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◇ **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**

Please call direct: (08) 8648 5970 or after hours if necessary Byron Gough: 0427 687 772

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.

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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

HEADING INTO 2022

This summer has been a paradox – on one hand the community keeping a low profile to avoid falling victim to the local Covid 19 outbreak. On the other hand, dealing with fires, a major flood event, and the consequent repairs and clean-ups, and at the same time experiencing a week without phone contact with the outside world due to Telstra undertaking maintenance. These odd and sometimes shocking events, have kept the committee and local emergency services busy, with the recent fire events imposing a negative impact on the town that will be felt for some time.

Fall-out has made many of our resident feel quite isolated and vulnerable. But, the good news is that Andamooka is livening up. Community programs will progressively start up with the Lapidary Shed kicking off on 19th February, and March will be another progressive month. With anticipated relaxing of Covid restrictions, and a whole set of exciting events occurring over the next couple of months and beyond.

Extraordinary events have created havoc last few months for projects and activities, so major projects on community facilities have been delayed by two months, but anticipated to be open to the community at the end of March. The Pump track is planned to be operational by July. The Minnie Berrington documentary filming is due to commence in June to take advantage of our clear winter light and cool weather. Work on props will recommence in March, lifting day to day activity around the town and dovetailing into development of our historic and discovery trails.

At last, our Decade By Decade exhibits counting down to Andamooka's 100yr anniversary in 2030/31 can get back on track. Work is commencing on a series of living history exhibits and activities about the 1930's-40's, spanning the discovery of opal to our early settlement, which will happen from Easter through to the October long weekend.

Anyone who would like to volunteer some time or skills across a wide range of tasks and needs will be so appreciated – this is truly a whole of community project and it will finally succeed in tying our town's first 100 years of history together and recorded and filed for future generations.

A COMMUNITY MARKET PLACE WITH A COOPERATIVE HEART

In a quest to make our town a great place to live and to thrive, plans for our Community Market Place, to be located in the town hub, is to be finally up and running by Easter. This will be a progressive project and will grow as members of our community who are keen to promote or start up a small personal business or cottage industry join others in the Andamooka Collective. These ventures have proven successful in small towns across Australia – so why not ours?

The space will offer pop-up market stalls, exhibition space, workshop space and equipment, garden spaces, internet access and sales, a local point of sale, and marketing and sales support with the advantage of joint promotional ventures and having others keen to help you make things happen.

The new Tourist Information Centre will be part of the enterprise, and this will bring visitors and tourists into the space, also direct them to the promotional website and attract them to associated events.

This is designed to encourage locals to work cooperatively to enhance business opportunities for locals. There is so much hidden talent in our town and this needs to be unleashed... so if you are thinking of starting up a small business for yourself or a small group, anything from art to growing produce, this is your chance to make that happen.

A get-together of interested people is planned for the end of March, so watch out for posters and keep an eye on the Andamooka Hub and Arty Andamooka Facebook pages and other social media for more information. Or contact the town office from around mid-March for more details.

The success of this so needed project lies with the whole community....



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ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

GRANTS & PROJECTS

Recreation, Sport and Youth Centre – the Centre is ready for community programs and activities to commence. The toilet block has been held up due to Covid delays in manufacture and delivery, and the local flood event. Delivery of this secure and functional facility which includes a baby change facility is expected in March. The base is nearing completion in readiness to drop the transportable unit and simply connect.

Regional Star Club, based in Roxby Downs will assist with getting junior sports up and running and an OCA Sports Grant will fund a basic kit of junior sports equipment. Funding will be sought for children's programs. Consultation will be undertaken after February with local families to explore, plan and prioritise activities.

'The Church' Community Centre – completion of this project has also been held up due to the local Covid outbreak and flood event. Work has progressed and it is anticipated that this Centre will be open for community programs and activities by the end of March. Thanks to an FRRR grant, an upgraded ambulant toilet facility has been installed under the main roof and easily accessed from the indoor space.

Pump Track – this is another project impacted by Covid, but this is on an international level. Due mainly to shipping, delivery has been delayed from April to June and the cost has increased meaning that we have around \$5000 less to spend on the project but we are negotiating some assistance to cover for this. A positive is that we will now have an improved model Pump Track.

Community Market Place / Tourist Information Centre – work has started on this project supported by BHP, which has been put back around 5 months as a consequence of Covid outcomes and frustrating hold-ups for the relocation of seniors and youth. An open meeting will be called around late March or early April for locals who are interested in getting involved.

This community enterprise will provide opportunities and facilities for producing, selling and display spaces, access to equipment, workshops and work space, and importantly to cooperative services and marketing for local artists, artisans, tourism based small business, and others who will benefit from affordable and supported options and opportunities to get their business / enterprise or ideas up and running. Also, to take advantage of promotions and sales under a banner which retains and protects their individual privacy. We look forward to making a start on this cooperative collective

Discovery Trails – Funding towards promotional and directional materials and signs for local tourist trails has allowed work to gradually progress. The cottages renovation and security measures have been completed, and features which will also support the local section of the Minnie Berrington Trail have progressed well and they are looking so good. These have also experienced delays due to Covid restrictions that have impacted availability of volunteers and the CDP, and by local flooding events.

Lapidary Shed veranda – funded by (*Easternwell*) this is yet another project impacted and delayed by Covid and floods. The kit has been delivered and it is anticipated that the veranda will be up and functional by Easter.

Other projects that have been put on the agenda for 2022 include:

- Bush foods plantings and orchard
- Andamooka mini-golf course
- Outdoor Theatre

We encourage your attendance at the up coming community forum to bring your ideas and support towards future planning and current projects. This makes our job of ensuring that these projects are meeting the needs of the community so much easier and it makes our volunteer efforts more rewarding.

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MOSQUITO ALERT



HELP AT HAND TO HELP CONTROL MOSQUITOS & FIGHT THE BITE!

The *Fight the Bite* campaign is active across SA at present and Andamooka is getting involved. This ongoing campaign been recently intensified in areas impacted by widespread flooding (remote / regional areas) and will include increased social media and radio coverage in our region.

SA Health have arranged for the distribution of larvicide for use by communities impacted by the recent flooding and free personal repellent is also being distributed to communities in affected areas including Andamooka.

So, if there are pools of water that are taking time to evaporate on your mining claim, residential property or perhaps the vacant place next door, or an area near you, please contact the office via the contacts below and we will arrange to either provide you with larvicide to safely attend to the problem yourself, or we will assist to have the pools treated.

The Town Office will also make personal insect repellent available at public facilities and those who are finding it difficult to afford the cost of this protection, we have a limited amount being delivered from SA Health to distribute out to disadvantaged community members.

For those who want to know more, the SA Health website also has a dedicated section relating to mosquito management which includes links to the monthly and annual South Australian arbovirus and mosquito monitoring reports, training videos for mosquito and mosquito larval surveillance and links to useful organisations. There is also a factsheet available 'Mosquito control on private land after floods and storms' .

So, join us to Fight the Bite, and help prevent mosquito borne diseases occurring in our community. These can be debilitating, and in some cases deadly, so prevention is definitely worth the effort.

Contact: admin3@apoma.com.au or ph: 0477 184 485.



ANDAMOOKA LAPIDARY PROGRAM

LAPIDARY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The lapidary group enjoyed their Christmas party, with a few drinks and nibbles and I'm sure some chat about rocks & minerals.

Structural materials are ready to go to build the shelter out the front of the shed thanks to Easternwell (now Ventia), which will go ahead as soon as possible. The shelter will be an asset to the group, providing much needed shade in these hot months and with the covid restrictions in place, more machines and space will meet the social distancing requirements so we can once again socialise. The lapidary group members are a friendly bunch, it's uplifting for wellbeing being a part of this wonderful group.

If you have a skill you would like to learn or share with the group in 2022 don't hesitate to let Greg, the group coordinator know. Greg has some exciting ideas for 2022, including possible excursions for fossicking & sightseeing.

We are pleased to announce the re opening of the Lapidary shed on the 19th & 20th of February, with covid requirements to be followed by all who attend. Please bring your own mask.

Time to start thinking about memberships, would you like to join? Do you need to renew? The 1st of March or prior to, is the date for this.

Get in touch with the town office, olivian.apoma@gmail.com

Excited for our new year in the Lapidary shed!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

26th: Australia Day

FEBRUARY

14th: Valentine's Day

MARCH

5th: Marco Circus Livestream

20th: General Member Meeting
& Community Forum

APRIL

5th: Regional Health Forum

16th: "Death By Carrot" and
Luanch of the Andamooka Tiger

17th: Easter Sunday

25th: ANZAC Day

TBA: Di Bilka Farewell Camp-
Oven Cook-Out

MAY

5th: SALA Registrations Close

6th: Neville Bonny Roadshow

JUNE

June Long Weekend

23rd: 500 Plus Miles of Music
Tour

JULY

AUGUST

1st: SALA Installation

3rd: SALA Exhibition Opens

SEPTEMBER

5th: SALA Exhibition Closure
& Pack-Up

OCTOBER

31st: Halloween

NOVEMBER

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

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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA

Wanted:

Red rainbow matrix pupils, 2 x 10mm diameter, red rolling flash, urgent

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1915 - 2022

ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

25th April

- COMMEMORATION -

9 AM - Town Park

Followed By Morning Tea
Provided By The
Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary

FREE
CINEMA LIVESTREAM

Macro

Gravity & Other Myths

Sat 5 Mar, 8pm

COUNTRY ARTS SA **AF ADELAIDE FESTIVAL**

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL AF
4 - 10 MAR 2022

COUNTRY ARTS SA

Circus favourites **Gravity & Other Myths** team up with a huge choir, thrilling projections and sensational dancers **Djuki Mala** for this opening night spectacular.

Country Arts SA has joined with the Adelaide Festival to bring this fun-filled display of human strength and creativity direct to you, livestreamed from the Adelaide Oval to select cinemas across the state.

Victa Cinema Victor Harbor	Nautilus Arts Centre Port Lincoln
Middleback Arts Centre Whyalla	Kadina Cinema Kadina
Northern Festival Centre Port Pirie	Andamooka Community Hall Andamooka
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Mount Gambier	Naracoorte Town Squares Naracoorte
Chaffey Theatre Renmark	Ceduna Memorial Hall Ceduna
Cinema Augusta Port Augusta	

Join this awesome community of performers in a celebration like no other. It's **FREE** but bookings are required. Find out more and book via [Country Arts SA](http://CountryArts.org.au).
www.countryarts.org.au

Supported by the UK/AU Season 2022, the Edinburgh International Festival, the City of Adelaide, the Adelaide Economic Development Agency, The Advertiser, Novatech, and the Australian Government.

Media Release

FEBRUARY 2022

WORLD PREMIERE BEAMS ACROSS SOUTH AUSTRALIA Presented by Adelaide Festival and Country Arts SA

Country Arts SA has joined with the Adelaide Festival to bring the World Premiere and opening night spectacular of Adelaide Festival to regional South Australia. The free opening event *Macro* will be streamed live from the Adelaide Oval into cinemas across nine regional centres on Saturday March 5, ensuring as many people as possible take part in celebrations.

Macro combines the talents of electrifying local contemporary circus company Gravity and Other Myths with dance sensations Djuki Mala from North East Arnhem Land, featuring a 30-strong acrobatic troupe, a mass choir, ancient Celtic rhythms, fireworks and giant projection scrims in a fun, free family event that can be enjoyed across the state.

Adelaide Festival artistic directors Neil Armfield and Rachel Healy said: "Having nurtured the development of our hometown contemporary circus powerhouse Gravity & Other Myths through several Festivals, it feels right to present them as our free Adelaide Festival opening extravaganza on our first Saturday night – and it's exciting to know that the same show can now be enjoyed across South Australia as we live stream into the regions. We invite everyone to join us!"

Country Arts SA CE Anthony Peluso said: "Wow, with some of the most amazing artists all joining forces in one joyful electrifying spectacular show, who could ask for a better way to start the festival season and 2022? Live streaming the world premiere from the Adelaide Festival across our state means that as many people as possible can safely take part in the celebrations. We hope you enjoy this special, no cost, performance."

This spectacular opening night will be a fun, beautifully produced event for families and friends to marvel. From their humble DIY origins, every show mounted by Gravity & Other Myths is founded by a deep unspoken principle: to show what humans can do when they trust each other, support each other and urge each other to go further.

South Australian communities are invited to join the party from Renmark to Kadina, Mount Gambier to Andamooka, Victor Harbor to Port Augusta and other regional centres in between. It's FREE but bookings are essential. Book through Macro - Country Arts SA.

Macro - LIVESTREAM
Saturday March 5, 8pm
(1hr 15mins, no interval)

Renmark, Chaffey Theatre
Whyalla, Middleback Arts Centre
Naracoorte, Naracoorte Town Squares
Victor Harbor, Victa Cinema
Andamooka, Andamooka Community Hall

Port Pirie, Northern Festival Centre
Mount Gambier, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
Port Augusta, Cinema Augusta
Kadina, Kadina Cinema

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EVERY THIRD SUNDAY
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THE CREATIVE CORNER

SHOWCASING LOCAL ARTISTS

SALA 2022
+ SAND ART

Despite all the uncertainties around Covid, the weather and the usual stressors, the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival Exhibition is booked in the Andamooka Hall for the month of August as a date for creatives to look forward to, and for those who appreciate the process that artists go through to courageously display their work - whether a local exhibition goes ahead as a physical exhibition or as a virtual exhibition – here's the announcement for important dates:

THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022 - Registrations Close

MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2022 - Installation Day

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2022 to SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Exhibition at the Andamooka Hall

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Exhibition Closure and Pack-Up

Calling all creatives! Please consider entering Andamooka SALA's Exhibition this year. It might be a physical exhibition, it might be virtual, but it is bound to be entertaining for everyone.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

To participate you must first register, and pay the registration fee, before the 5th of May, 2022. Forms will be available from around town. Then, please have a minimum of 5 pieces of artwork ready for by the installation date. All help is appreciated with the installation itself.

More information will be available soon. Stay tuned.



Arty Andamooka

23 Jan · 🌐

Andamooka locals are experiencing wet and muddy conditions with 31mm of rain in 19 minutes yesterday from ex Tropical Cyclone Tiffany.

Today, BECK HANOLD is using some of that mud for her exceptional art that uses only Andamooka soils to depict the environment.

Look for Beck's work on Instagram @BecklesFreckles

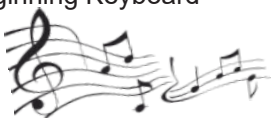
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Come share your work and creativity with the community, and get your art showcased here. We're always on the look out for creative talents, whether it's painting, drawing, sculpting, metal, wood, opal, or anything really, we'd love to hear from you.

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

Staffy; An Andamooka Legend

Allen "Staffy" Heath will be missed by so many current and past residents of Andamooka. He truly made his stamp on Andamooka across the years he called Andamooka home (in between frequent trips to his favourite get-away at Port Broughton).



He was a highly respected jeweller specializing in opal, and many Andamookan's proudly wear his designs on a daily basis, or for best. He could be found Friday nights (and on many other nights) down at the Tuckabox holding up the bar, but he was also very community minded and put many hours into benefiting our town. He was a member of the APOMA Committee for a period of time and went on to take on the role of Public Officer for around 5 years, and he actively contributed towards discussions and decisions about community business. But he was best known to many for the BBQ partnership with mate Bill Addington, starting off serving burgers out of an old roadside van, but more recently for cooking community BBQ's together for the regular long weekend events including Good Friday night as well as the popular August Camp-oven Cook-out, both of which tended to turn into a big night for residents and visitors alike.



Great memories of fun times with Staffy and who could forget his legend dog 'Bundy' Images shared by Terina Lee Cornwall

From Colleen Pickering 'Thank you for the land cruiser we now treasure, water gentleman, bless you Staffy' - No photo

Staffy epitomized a rough tough, golden hearted opal miner with a big smile and quirky sense of humour... a gentleman under his crusty exterior, and Andamooka is all the better for having him as an integral part of our community. He is sadly missed.

Vale' Staffy.



'Night at the gun club...Staffy needed a holder for his flagon of port, my handbag was the perfect size' Karen Taubers describes a special memory shared with Staffy



'Staff, the wild man tamed' memory and images shared by Peter Taubers



ANDAMOOKA LIFE

Seniors Programs Update for 2022

It's with a heavy heart that we have been notified the APOMA Committee have been called to make the following decision :

"After considerable research and discussion about the uncertainty around compliance with Level 1 restrictions applying to community programs, also in the light of the escalating situation around Covid occurring on a local level, the committee have made the decision to keep the office, community facilities and also community programs closed down for the time being, and to postpone community events with the way forward to be assessed in early February.

We will endeavour to keep you updated and we are greatly saddened that Wacky Wednesday and the Be-connected programs restarting has been delayed for the time being. It is unfortunately out of our hands which is keeping us in limbo land and we do understand that everyone's welfare is being considered.

We look forward to seeing you all hopefully in the new and improved building.



Thank you, Farewells and Welcome's at Andamooka Primary School

End of year 2021 saw a few big changes at the school. Firstly, we said farewell to the school's principal Morweena, which seemed to happen very quickly, new principal Josh McCracken had the tough task of coming into the school towards the end of Term 4, which he did well. We parents and friends thank you Morweena for all your work at the school, and we welcome you Josh as we go forward into the year 2022. Farewell to Library assistant Elissa, who did a great job of re-organising and brightening the library, which our new Library assistant Sandy has taken on. Sandy is well known and loved within the community. Keep an eye out for updated Library hours.

Our school also sadly farewellled teachers Kristie and Mel. You are both thanked for your wonderful contributions to the school. Mel Kemenyvary will be particularly missed; she was a big part of the school for so many years.

Mel started at Andamooka Primary in the year 2000, teaching Upper Primary and since then she taught every year level in various capacities. Landing a kindy job in the year 2006, she was there to see the devastating fires, and operated the kindy for that year from the CWA clubrooms. The rest of the school operated from Roxby whilst the school was cleaned up and thankfully rebuilt. Mel remained the kindy teacher until 2016, when the number of kindy students dwindled and then joined with the Junior Primary. Following that time, Mel operated across combined classes.

Mel has expressed how much she has loved being a part of the Andamooka school community and is very grateful for the support she has received from families along the way. She has loved sharing in the lives and learning of each one of her students, and she even taught some of the now parents. *Mel we are going to miss you and everyone in the community is very grateful for your amazing work at the school, it won't be quite the same without you.*

Going into Term 1 2022, we welcome new teachers Fiona Wilson and Chrystal Stewart. It is lovely to see the students happy and engaged, and you both have great fresh ideas for the curriculum. It will be good to see the changes and ideas you will bring to our much-loved school.

Olivia Newell, Parent
On behalf of the school community

Message from the Committee

On behalf of the whole Andamooka Community, the APOMA Committee gives Mel an enormous thank you for her dedication to the school and for all the work she has done for so many years for the whole community. We will miss her and the whole family, who descend from one of Andamooka's foundation families, and we wish Mel and Robert the very best for their new life as their grown up children move into tertiary education, they have all been such contributors across their time in Andamooka.



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- When you have made a payment plan, you can ask for your electricity to be put back on.
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- You can complain about your bill or service to your supplier.
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- change you back to post-payment without any cost, so you can pay after you use your electricity.



POLICE REPORT



I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Normally I know there is not much to report at this time of year, but unfortunately as most in the town are aware there were a number of fires.

On the 20th and 21st of December four separate fires were deliberately lit in the township. At about 4.00pm on the 20th of December CFS and police attended Sultan Road with a dwelling completely engulfed in flames. The house was completely destroyed.

At about 1.00am on the 21st of December CFS and police were again called to a fire where the Opal Hotel was on fire and engulfed in flames. The hotel was completely destroyed. A number of other smaller fires were located nearby by residents on Dynamite Drive.

Police are appealing for anyone with knowledge to come forward and provide information, regardless of how small it may seem.

If you wish to remain anonymous you can. This can be done by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800-333-000. Rewards are offered for information that leads to a conviction.

Thank you
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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



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