

# The Andamooka Press

## Andamooka Residents Celebrate Australia Day

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What better way to celebrate Australia day that with a traditional Aussie barbeque and a cool drink. APOMA committee members took care of the food so residents could sit back and relax. After lots of laughs, basketball and full bellies, Jean Lawrie began the award presentations. This year two community groups received awards for their hard work and support shown to the Andamooka community. The awards went to the CWA Op Shop and Andamooka Emergency Services.

The award for community event goes to the Opal Hotel Social Club for organizing and running last years car rally with great success. The first citizen of the year award was presented to Margot Duke for her ongoing community support and the second award was presented to Peter Allen for his work with APOMA and on going battle to enhance our community. It seemed that the Opal Hotel was the next place to be to continue Australia Day celebrations, with the crowd partying on late into the

night. APOMA would like to thank committee members and Jean Lawrie for assisting in setting up and organising the event.



Ange and Jean enjoying the barbeque

## Aged Care Needs Assessment

Over the next year Andamooka and its residents will participate in an aged care needs assessment. A local research committee has been formed consisting of local residents, Dr Owen Lewis, GP in Roxby Downs and

visiting experts from a number of fields to begin researching the needs of aged residents. The town currently lacks a residential aged care **facility for Andamooka's** ageing population and there is an expressed need to find respite and

long term solutions for older people. Many people who do not have extended family support need to be removed from Andamooka to locations far from here with better facilities. A number of focus groups will be

held in the upcoming months as a preliminary to other research methods such as a survey. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on the needs assessment, please do not hesitate to contact APOMA on 8672 7152.

# Noisy Neighbours

[Part 2]

By Paul Killeen

Last time we dealt with neighbours who play loud music and that you have the right to peace and quietness and do not have to put up with noise that is disturbing. But you must complain because the police can do nothing unless you are willing to report it.

Remember: from last issue :-

There is no time limit as to excessive noise, it is pure and simple if the noise is disturbing your peace you can ring and complain, it is always best to speak to your neighbour yourself, either by phone or attendance, if you feel apprehensive about that, then by all means ring the Police 131444 is the correct phone number to ring, not the local Andamooka number.

However there are other types of noises which are not dealt with by the police but by various government bodies. The following is taken from the South Australian EPA website:

Noise may become annoying if it intrudes into people's awareness or is heard against their wishes. An introduced noise that disturbs a person's everyday life or working environment can be very annoying or harmful, affecting their wellbeing.

There are several legislative tools and agencies that can help resolve these issues. Please choose the most appropriate category for your noise complaint from the list below.

## Who can help?

### 'People' noise

This includes noise from parties, loud TVs/radios, musical instruments and revving vehicles. Contact your local police station.

### Animal noise

From pets such as dogs, parrots and roosters. Contact your local council.

### Liquor-licensed premises

From pubs, nightclubs and other premises licensed under the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*. Contact the Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner.

### Noise in the workplace

For details on legislative requirements, contact Safework SA or WorkCover.

### Neighbourhood machine noise

This includes power tools, pumps and air conditioners. In the first instance contact Community Mediation Services.

### Industrial and commercial premises

For detail on legislative requirements, contact the EPA or view the *Environment Protection (Noise) Policy 2007*.

### Aircraft noise

For noise from aircraft, contact the Air Services Australia noise enquiries hotline on 1800 802 584.

### Noise from strata or community-titled units

For noise issues from or within units, contact your strata or management corporation group.

Class of machine	Noise level not to exceed-dB(A)*	Specified times
Domestic machines (non-stationary while working) like lawnmowers, power equipment and their drives (including saws, drills, tools, compressors, etc)	52 (continuous)	From 9 am to 8 pm on a Sunday From 8 am to 8 pm on any other day
	45 (continuous) and 60 (maximum)	During times outside those above
Domestic machines (stationary while working) like air conditioners, pool pumps and filters, central vacuum cleaning units, etc	45 (continuous)	From 10 pm on any night until 7 am on the following morning
	52 (continuous)	From 7 am on any day until 10 pm

Measured according to the Noise Policy at any place, other than the premises from which the noise emanates, where a person lives or works. Some non-domestic noise sources are also controlled by this policy.

Class of machine	Noise level not to exceed-dB(A)*	Specified times
Garbage collection, street sweepers, mobile mulching machines, etc	60 (maximum)	From 9 am to 7 pm on a Sunday or Public Holiday From 7 am to 7 pm on any other day

Measured according to the Noise Policy at any place, other than the premises from which the noise emanates, where a person lives or works.

Wow! Noise seems more complicated than ever.

What about a barking dogs? Barking dogs are covered by council rules and Andamooka not being in a council area, the police used to be called concerning the noise from barking dogs. But now we come under the Outback Authority, which acts as a council for outback South Australia, and in Andamooka is now run by the APOMA. So technically you should complain to APOMA about noisy dogs, and they will issue a fine.!!! Don't really know what happens here. Will have to get back to you on this one.

Good Luck if you have to deal with a barking dog, especially since it seems every APOMA committee member and his dog seems to own a dog!!!

I have just been informed that the local police officer in Andamooka has an axpiation book and can take action on behalf of OACDT, now the Outback Authority, in relation to dog and cat management.

Also you can report cars with noisy exhausts. Get the Registration number and call 131 444. I hope this helps you in understanding noise pollution. And remember, it won't stop unless you complain.



# Andamooka Community Pool News

The Andamooka Community Pool is for the residents of Andamooka to enjoy throughout the extreme heat we experience here during summer. It is also used for swimming lessons to teach our children to swim with qualified Austswim instructors; those who use it for hydrotherapy for all sorts of complaints and conditions; and those who just want to do laps. It is also utilized throughout the school terms with the children doing their PE lessons in the pool, and after school with Be Active classes, which are made available via the school.

Sadly, it is also common knowledge, that there are those in town who think it is there for them for when they want to get wet and cool down at night. This practice has been going on for years, and apart from being illegal it is also very selfish, especially of those who drink al-

cohol inside the pool grounds, and leave broken glass and bottles around the pool. The main users of the pool during opening hours are young children, and while everything is done by the lifeguards and their safety checks prior to letting them in the pool, it is very hard to see any broken glass which may have been left in the pool itself. The bottom line is that if anyone was to be cut or hurt during normal opening hours because of your selfish acts, the pool could be shut, making it unavailable to anyone in the community to utilize.

If you must break in and swim in the pool when it is shut, then use some commonsense and leave all your glass outside so that none of our children or other pool users will be injured by YOUR very selfish acts. Be warned though, if you are caught you will be charged.

ALCOHOL AND SWIMMING DO

NOT MIX!!! So it might even be YOU found at the bottom of the pool!!!

The APOMA makes it possible for the pool to be open throughout summer, by providing training to those residents willing to donate their time as lifeguards. If you **don't want to be a lifeguard** but are willing to do your Senior First Aid to enable you to help out, then your assistance would be extremely appreciated. There are a number of courses available **that don't require you to do all** the swimming that is involved in obtaining the Lifeguard course. If you would like to know more about what is available, and would like to help out throughout the swim season by donating your time at the pool, then you can contact Therese on 0427334883.

Andamooka Austswim instructors:

Therese Schofield – 0427334883

Kristi Jackson - 0427072710

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL CHILDREN UNDER 10 ARE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. ALL CHILDREN UNDER 5 NEED TO BE WITHIN ARMS LENGTH DISTANCE OF THEIR PARENT / GUARDIAN. WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CHILD UNDER 5, ALL OTHER SIBLINGS MUST BE WEARING FLOATATION DEVICES.

THE LIFEGUARDS ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE ENTERING THE POOL HAS A SAFE AND HAPPY TIME WHEN USING THE COMMUNITY POOL. THE LIFEGUARDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT NO BULLYING AND SWEARING OCCURES DURING THAT TIME. ANYONE DEEMED TO BE IGNORING THESE CONDITIONS WILL BE EVICTED FROM THE POOL AND A SUSPENSION OF FUTURE ENTRY WILL OCCUR.

What will you be doing April 2<sup>nd</sup>?

A. Watching grass grow?

B. Watching paint dry?

C. Watching the pot that never boils

D. Having fun at the APOMA quiz night?

# Quiz Night

1st Prize : \$100 & Trophy

2nd Prize: \$50

3rd Prize : \$25

Teams of 8 maximum

Quiz begins at 7PM

Please register by 6.30PM

\$20 entry

Sausage sizzle and bar facilities available

Spot & door prizes presented by National Geographic Channel, BHP Billiton and Andamooka IGA

Proceeds in aid of Aged Care Facilities for Andamooka residents

If you would like to donate a prize, please contact APOMA on 8672 7152

## Andamooka IGA and Thrifty Link

During the extreme heat of summer, the Andamooka IGA and Thrifty Link are happy to assist you in your shopping.

Telephone us your shopping order and we will deliver it straight to your door.



Please call 8672 7034





Andamooka  
Primary  
School



Andamooka  
**Children's  
Centre**  
for Early Childhood  
Development and Parenting

## School News . . .

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. We trust you have all had a restful holiday and that like us you are ready to start our new term.

We are excited to start this year with an experienced and familiar team and have been working hard over the past two weeks to get everything ready for our students.



### Parent Group

**Parent Group welcomes everybody in the community to be a part of children's lives (you do not need to be a parent to come).** If you just want to meet new people, have a coffee and a chat, are new to the community and are interested in childhood development, you are most welcome to participate. In Parent Group this term we are focusing on building relationships and promoting family wellbeing.

Our next session starts on *Thursday 10th February 2011 at 9 am to 11.20 am* at the School Community Library.

All we ask is that you bring yourselves and a few new ideas of things you would like to do during this time. *Free crèche* is available between 9 am to 11.20 am. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and catching up on all your holiday news.

### Learning Together and Playgroup

Chelsea Parker has been appointed as our new Learning Together Coordinator as Hayley Holland is on maternity leave (baby boy - Angus 7lb 2 oz born January 2011).

Chelsea will be focussing her effort this term on working with families in the playgroup environment and will be writing learning stories and taking photos and videos.

*Playgroups* will be held on *Friday mornings 9 am to 11 am* at the **Andamooka Rural Children's Centre**.  
*All are welcome!*

### Rural care

Our long day care centre is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 5.00 every day and is staffed by workers who are trained or training in Early Childhood. We are introducing new programming based on the National Early Years Learning Framework and have been nationally accredited to the highest standard.

There are a number of vacancies available for Childcare, please contact Anne on 86727018 or 0428821858 or pop in and see her.



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Children's Services

## Library Lovers Day - Monday 14th February 2011

For centuries February 14th has been known as Valentine's Day, a time beloved of romantics. Now a new era has begun with our *Library Lovers* claiming the day for the objects of their special affection – *Australian Libraries!*

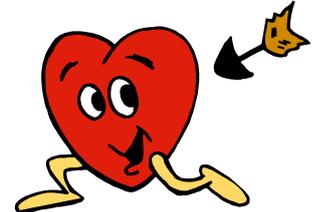
And yes we are devoted to our community library.

Maybe you seek the book of your dreams, or perhaps you would love a blind date with a DVD. Whatever your ambitions are we hope you can join us on this day to help us celebrate. Please pop in for a cuppa, chat and chocolate! We hope community members support this day and *their* library.



### Library Opening Times

Monday	8.30 am	-	2.30 pm
Tuesday	8.30 am	-	2.30 pm
Wednesday	8.30 am	-	3.00 pm
Thursday	8.30 am	-	5.00 pm
Friday	8.30 am	-	11.30 am
Saturday and Sunday – closed.			



### Kindy

This year Kindy times are, Monday 8.30- 2.30, Tuesday 8.30-2.30, Wednesday 8.30-11.30

Due to our high numbers and limited space in the Childcare and CPC room, we are restricting our pre entry Kindy intake and can now only enrol pre entry students at 3 years and 9 months for Monday sessions, 8.30-11.30. If you have any queries in regard to this, please speak to Mel or Angela.

### School

This year we are very excited to say that we are continuing on the year with an unchanged primary teaching staff. **Mr Ingham will be working with the yr 2/3/4's during literacy and Maths while Mr Alder works with the R/1's. Sue-Ann will be working on Wednesdays engaging in one on one work with students across a number of areas.** This year we will be beginning to engage with the National curriculum, in particular history, which will cover a number of themes including Australian and Ancient history. Sue-Ann is going to be covering a number of health topics including; self esteem, protective behaviours and belonging. Swimming will again feature as a part of our physical education program on Fridays between recess and lunch. We will be focusing on water safety, confidence, games and sports.

### Active After-School

The Active After-school Communities Program is a national initiative that provides primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs The program focuses on developing young people actively participating in sport in a fun and safe environment between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. We will be running the program every Monday and Friday this term and our first session will start on *Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 from 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm.* Activities for term 1 will include gymnastics on Mondays and swimming on Fridays. Each child is required to return completed consent forms *before* attendance. Consent forms are available from the Andamooka School Office. Students from *all* schools are encouraged to attend.



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## ANDAMOOKA WASTE MANAGEMENT

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you must mention this ad  
when you call.

# APOMA News

- APOMA has been working closely with the Outback Communities Authority to develop a new community plan with a four year timeframe. Including the introduction of a community levy, governance, infrastructure, tourism and community services are main priorities for the town. Two copies will be produced, one for the Government and the other for the community,
- Working closely with Dr Owen Lewis, APOMA have began preparations and started research for a proposed aged care/respite centre and needs assessment. Focus groups will commence shortly.
- We have responded and provided feedback for the Strategic Infrastructure Plan for South Australia for Far North and Outback areas recommending further action be taken on improving infrastructure due to increased usage by tourists and fly in—fly out FTEs and future use for additional employees due to the Olympic Dam expansion.
- An outback trip has been organised with Dawn Hawthorn-Jackson of Emu Consulting to discuss visions and thoughts for the future of the outback, talk about communities aged care needs and invite discussion about the possibility of the development of an Outback Progress Association Alliance.
- The budget for the proposed community levy has been revised and amended, incorporating funds for improving our rubbish dump and proposed aged care facility.
- APOMA has contacted our presiding magistrate asking for assistance in dealing with hoon driving in Andamooka. We are currently proposing a 25km zone between the Tuckabox Restaurant and the Bottle shop to prevent this hoon driving and subsequent injury it may cause. We are also sourcing a motor tracker to gather data on vehicles moving in and out of Andamooka. This data will help us determine population growth come time of the Olympic Dam expansion.
- We attended the Arid Lands Natural Resources public meeting to provide feedback regarding their three year business plan.
- The roads were cleared of any dangerous debris and damaged roads will be repaired shortly. Resident Paul Clifford sent APOMA the following message regarding recent creek clearing:  
*“I Paul Clifford of lot 798 which is adjacent to the opal creek would like to thank APOMA for all the hard work of clearing the creek of silt and rubbish [ which was the reason for my dwelling being flooded last April ]. After the last few days of rain, with a few really heavy down pours my dwelling was under no threat which not only was good for myself and my wife's peace of mind, but those down stream of us. I took particular notice of how the creek performed now that it has been cleaned and the water ran easily and strong. Once again I thank you”*

Recently, town maintenance officer Greg Franklin has been working on the following:

- He has managed to keep new and existing plantings well watered during the extreme heat of summer with great success, having only lost roughly 15%.
- He completed the weeding program, however due to the 4 inches of recent rain, he will need to start again.
- The removal of feral cats in the area has slowed due to the influx of mice but will pick up again once the mouse problem disappears.
- After the recent flooding, roads were cleared and repaired.

Upcoming Work:

- Skate park work will commence once the temperature cools down
- Cactus eradication will begin after a period of dry and cooler weather begins. Prickly pear needs to be removed downstream which has spread 3km towards Lake Torrens.

# APOMA Meeting Minutes



APOMA Committee Meeting  
 Tuesday 18 January 2011 5PM

MINUTES TAKEN	Peter Allen, Cass Rowett
PRESENT	Ray Christensen, Dave Spargo, Peter Allen, Cass Rowett, Staffy Heath, Ange Murphy, Stefan Bilka, Rob Hancock
1. APOLOGIES	Brenton Mussalino, Jim Rogers
2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Moved: Dave    Seconded: Ange Read and Accepted
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Dave asked about Caravan Park Staffy questioned ability to enforce rules that only apply to people who require power at cottages. Printer/Scanner query explained – still awaiting. Build in air conditioner prices (allow \$5,000) for office grant application
5. TREASURERS REPORT	Moved: Ray    Seconded: Cass Read and Accepted
6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION TABLED	
CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p><i>General caravan park discussion. Awaiting Raine and Horne for draft agreement. Peter to follow up with Whyalla caravan park regarding lease. Forward all correspondence to OCA for comment.</i></p> <p><i>General Australia Day discussion. Cass to order meat and utensils. Cass and Ange to organise salads. Greg Franklin to organise gas bottles.</i></p> <p><i>General Discussion regarding rubbish dump. Peter Allen to meet with Mark Sutton from OCA on 19 January 2010.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion regarding new office. John Remkes electricity quote \$5,282. Tanks are in place for town watering.</i></p> <p><i>Johnny Smirnios offer of \$2,500 accepted for 3 water tanks (2,000, 3,000 and 4,000 gallon). Alison to include other offers in newsletter.</i></p>
Meeting Concluded at 5:55 Next Meeting: 22 February 2011	

# APOMA Balance Sheet

## Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Ass

PO Box 246  
Andamooka SA 5722

### Balance Sheet

As of December 2010

14/02/2011  
8:31:42 AM

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Assets		
Current Assets		
Big Sky Cheque Acc- S1	\$1,268.25	
Big Sky Account - S10	\$130,200.92	
Big Sky dr card	\$1,303.87	
Trade Debtors	\$5,592.40	
Total Current Assets	<u>\$38,365.44</u>	
Total Assets		<u>\$38,365.44</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liability		
Trade Creditors	<u>\$932.51</u>	
Total Current Liability		\$932.51
Unspent Grants		
Unspent Nat'l Resource Grant	\$760.90	
Unspent Parklands Grant	\$3,612.52	
Unspent Town Hall Grant	\$1,214.58	
Unspent V'teer Training Grant	\$1,166.70	
Unspent Drilling Grant	\$6,562.69	
Unspent Community Bus Profits	\$10,696.01	
Unspent Tip Upgrade Grant	\$1,740.91	
Unspent Fed volunteers Grant	\$4,130.24	
Unspent State Sport & Rec Grant	\$4,500.00	
Total Unspent Grants	<u>\$34,384.55</u>	
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$17,805.82	
GST Paid	-\$19,259.59	
bas payments refund	\$5,206.00	
GST outstanding	\$3,372.61	
Total GST Liabilities	<u>\$7,124.84</u>	
Funds received in advance		
Water futures fund	-\$0.02	
Youth Group Funds	\$1,462.34	
Total Liabilities		<u>\$43,904.22</u>
Net Assets		<u>\$94,461.22</u>
Equity		
Retained Surplus/Deficit	-\$104,236.63	
Current Surplus/Deficit	-\$15,072.89	
Historical Balancing Account	\$213,770.74	
Total Equity		<u>\$94,461.22</u>



The Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association would like to thank the following committee members for valuable contributions to the community and APOMA:

**Mark 'Taz' Vivian**

Bill Addington

Claudia Mitchell

Peter Hanson

APOMA would like to thank Headings for donating their crane and driver to assist in placing a water tank in the town park. Your time and effort is much appreciated.



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Second Hand Computer available for tender  
Computer, Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse included.

Windows XP & internet access.

Please call 8672 7152 to register an offer.

The water tanks that were advertised for tender on December 26, 2010 have been sold to John Smirnios. APOMA would like to thank everyone who made offers.





**Hon Lyn Breuer MP**  
*Member for Giles*

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