

The Andamooka Press

Andamooka Opal Festival

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The annual Opal festivities are almost among us!

Similar to previous years, the welcome barbeque will be held at the historical cottages at 6:30PM. Entertainment will be provided on the night. Saturday will be a day full of family fun including the wheel barrow and egg and spoon race followed by the renowned Andamooka Billy Cart Grand Prix! Make sure your carts are ready to race as some impressive trophies are to be won! Also be sure to grab some delicious donuts from the youth group which is a very successful fundraising activity for the group. Sunday will provide a fun day of motor sports at the old air strip including Texas keyhole, go slow and Salem events to name a few. Thank you to the following sponsors who purchased trophies for the weekend: Northern Earthmoving, Tuckerbox, Andamooka Opal Hotel, Andamooka Bottle Shop, Andamooka Waste Management, Andamooka Mobil, **City Pavers, Daisy's Water, Andamooka Post Office, Opal Lovers, Andamooka IGA, Staffy's Jewels**, Andamooka Mechanical Repairs and Northlands Plumbing.

Friday 30th September

Welcome BBQ
Cottages 6:30PM

Saturday 1st October

Family Fun Day
(jumping castle, food & fun)

Andamooka Billy Cart
Grand Prix 10:30AM

Sunday 2nd October

Motor sports gymkhana at
the old airstrip 9:30AM

Andamooka Progress and
Opal Miners Association
Annual General Meeting

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

Andamooka
Community Hall

Everyone welcome to
attend.

Voting is only applicable to
current members.

Annual General Meeting

The Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association's Annual General Meeting will be held either late October or early November. We will inform the community of finalised details and agenda when they come to hand. In the past, APOMA AGM's have generally had a poor attendance. In edition 14, volume 24 of the Andamooka Community Newsletter printed in August 2001, the writer has captured the general vibe of past AGMs by questioning the community on whether APOMA needs to offer free beer as an enticement to bring people to meetings. That year 70 people attended the Opal Hotel Social Club AGM but only 25 showed at the APOMA AGM. We have seen an increase of attendees in more recent years (last year we had 40 people present). Please attend this meeting and contribute your thoughts and opinions in regards to the future of Andamooka and our community.

Grant Funding

This month, APOMA are applying for three rounds of grant funding for a combined amount of **approximately \$20,000**. The Premier's Community Initiatives Fund is for one off projects up to \$10,000. If successful, APOMA will install disability access into the town hall and public toilets. The Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program will enable APOMA to construct a swing set

at the public playground which is often asked for by families and tourists. The final grant we are applying for is available from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. We have applied for \$5,000 to erect interpretive signage at the mining museum to ensure that the history and heritage of the township is retained for both community members and tourists. We hope there will be more grant funding available in the near future for **a possible interpretive sign at Bill McDougal's Pub** at White Dam.

Andamooka Frontier Services Auxiliary Thank You!

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank Greg Franklin for all his hard work setting up tables, chairs, bins etc at the cottages for our camp oven cook out and then cleaning up afterwards all in his own time, we appreciate this Greg.

Also thanks again to our cooks who supply the food each year, to all those who made donations and supported us. We made \$1,491.30 plus our Christmas in July was another success raising \$1,877.00. Our Lake Eyre raffle made \$1,630.00 which was won by Kerryn Jones of Roxby Downs. Kym Faehrmann won the 10 kilo chocolate raffle.

A special mention goes to Dave Spargo who is sort of retiring after years of helping most committees, but still promises one pot for our next cook out, thanks Dave.

Bev Burge
President

CATHOLIC MASS

Father Kevin Matthews celebrates Sunday Mass in the Community Church on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11.00 a.m.

ALL WELCOME

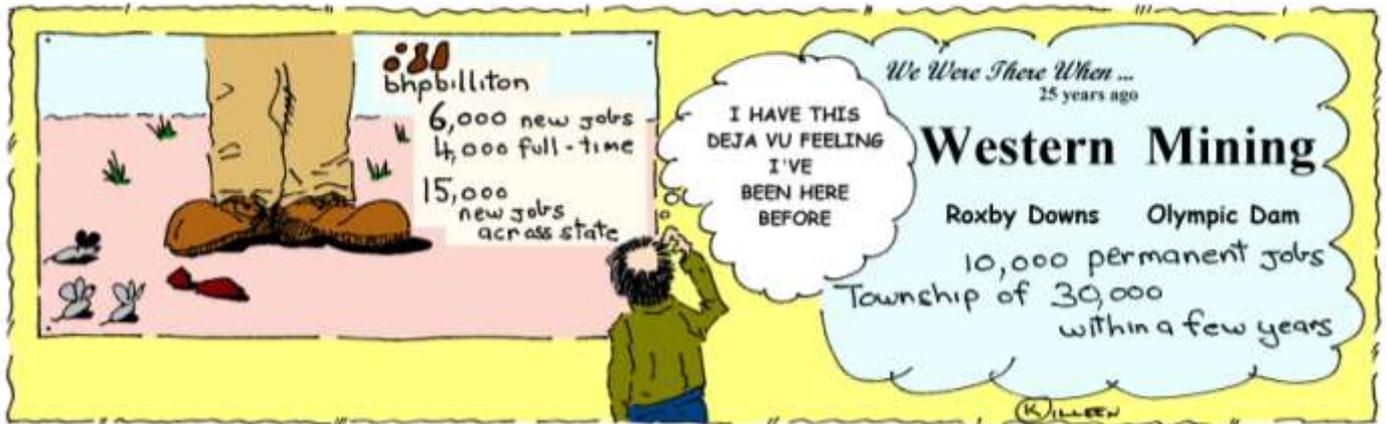


Satellite Subsidy Scheme

As a follow up to our story in issue 6 of the Andamooka Press, the satellite subsidy scheme for the VAST television system to update to digital television has been postponed. The rescheduling will enable the Government a more effective roll out and allow more time to prepare for the transition to satellite television. Originally applications were meant to be open September this year, but will now be open January 2012. Applications can be completed online or over the phone for a subsidy of between \$200-**\$350 depending on the applicant's location**. The Andamooka Press will remind readers closer to the date to apply for the subsidy.

Pokies Update

APOMA's chair, Peter Allen attended a conciliation hearing in Adelaide on the 8 September in an attempt to prevent the gaming machines proposal in Andamooka. The hearing, attended by Liquor and Gambling Commission representatives, Nick Xenophon, solicitor Nic Kernahan and representatives from the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) was adjourned to a directions hearing to determine further details such as location and witnesses for a formal hearing. We expect the formal hearing to be held late October—early November. There is a chance that the formal hearing will be held in Andamooka which means the community will be able to attend and voice their concerns.



Quiz Night

SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER 7.00pm AT THE CLUB

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- Investment accounts
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- Financial Planning
- General Insurance products & more.

Date (Fortnightly): From Weds 28th September

Time: 9am - 12 midday

Location: Andamooka Community Hall

Visit Kylie and the team at the Roxby Downs Service Centre or call 8671 2555, or call our Member Services Team on 1300 654 321 to make an appointment.



Credit Union and Building Society group



ANDAMOOKA BILLYCART GRAND PRIX AND FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Under 8's, Under 15's and Over 40's Divisions

8:30—10:30 Scrutineering

10:30 Start—Main street, Andamooka

Everyone is welcome to attend—Free entry!

Jumping castle, family events, hot food and much more!

For safety reasons all participants must wear helmet and all carts must be equipped with working brakes.

For more information, please call Greg Franklin: 0427 727 115





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Police Report

I don't have a great deal of bad news to share with Andamooka this month - and that's a good thing. There's nothing wrong with quiet. There are a lot of new people in our community now as is evident by the lack of rentals and all the unfamiliar cars. This is also a good thing. Ray and the wonderful staff at the Opal had the task of accommodating about 60 people for the latest 'shutdown' at Olympic Dam and as far as I am aware this also went without any dramas. If anybody has anything to say to the contrary - just give me a phone call, there are steps in place to assure these people's behaviour whilst in Andamooka is not a burden on our community.

I have taken delivery of two dog traps from Outback Communities Authority recently. These will be utilised in random locations to trap any of our canines whose owners see fit to allow them to walk the town at night unrestrained.

On a high note - the Opalfest is coming up soon and Peter, Greg, Bob, Ali, and Cass (forgive me if I've left anybody out) at APOMA have gone to great effort to assure a fun long-weekend for everyone. This is just a friendly reminder that road safety is everyone's responsibility and I am urged to inform Andamooka residents that there will be an extra Police presence in town at this time - and not just until I have gone home for the day. Roxby Downs and Port Augusta patrols have been committed to working in Andamooka in to the 'wee-hours' on the long weekend. I'm sure we can make it a pleasant time for all involved.

Thanks Andamooka...

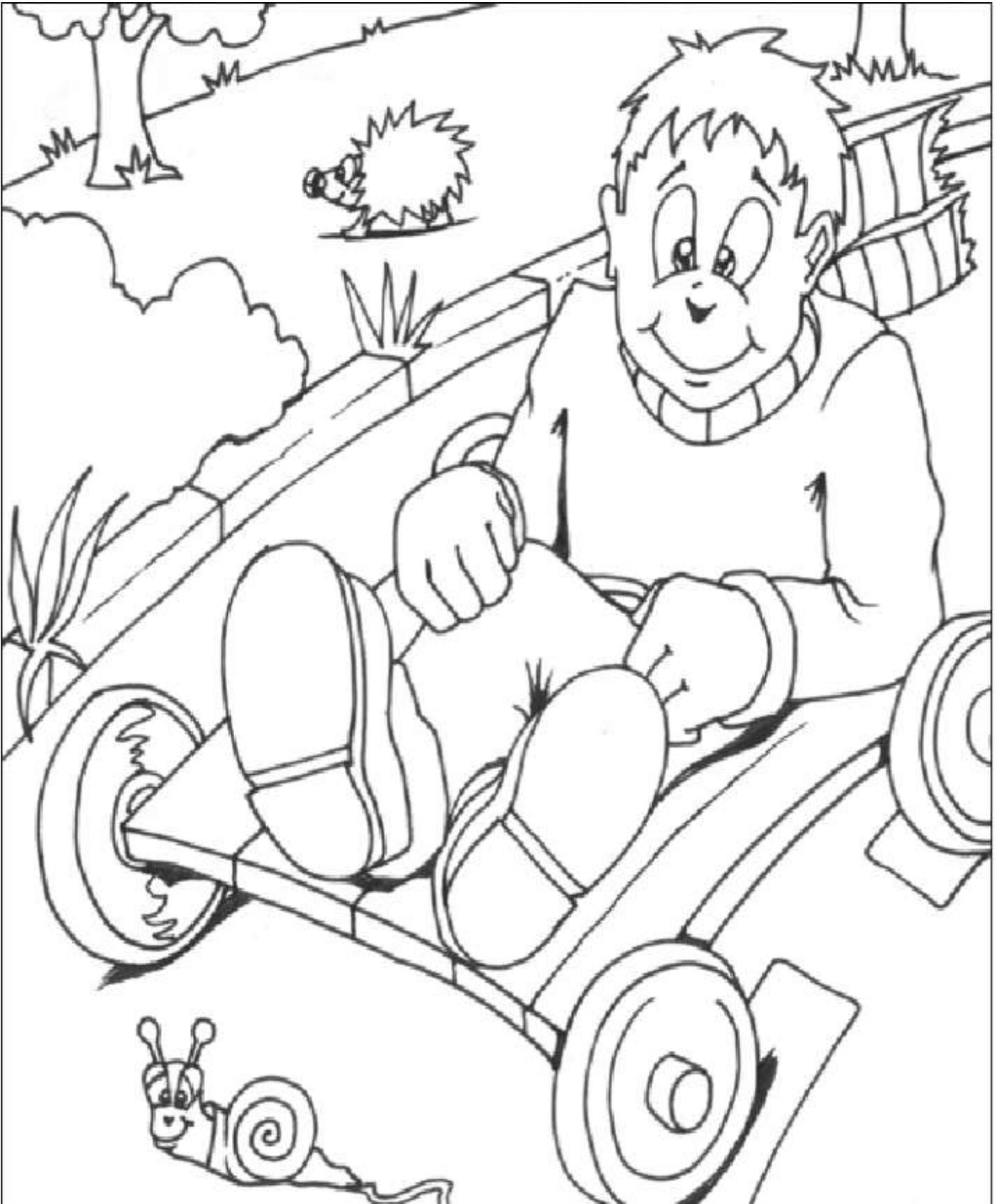
Bomber
 Paul CLIFFORD
 Officer In Charge
 Andamooka Police

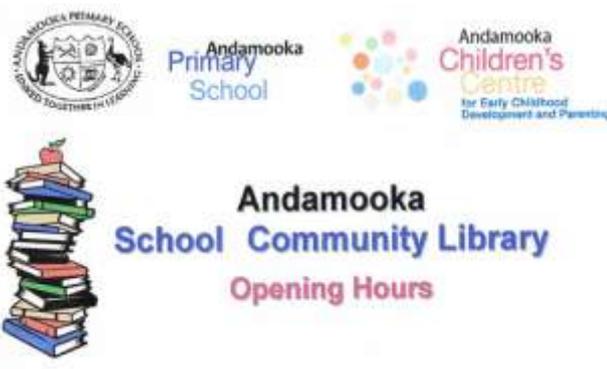


School Holiday Fun



Take a break from building your billy cart with this colouring in picture!





Please note that the community library will be open for the first week of school holidays (3rd—7th) but will be closed the following week (10th—14th). It will re-open on the 17th of October

APOMA news in brief

This month, APOMA have :

- Met with Angela Turner from Andamooka Primary School to jointly apply for BHP Billiton funding to supply a part time lifeguard at the swimming pool.
- With help from the OCA, we have applied for three new grants, details of these appear on page 2.
- APOMA have been working with SAPOL and the EPA in dealing with illegal dumping of a quantity of tyres at the Andamooka golf course.
- Funds raised for aged care facilities at two recent quiz nights has helped in purchasing 2 swivel bathers for HACC. Thanks again to Anne Budau for organising these events.
- There has been numerous telephone calls and email to parties supporting our gaming machine cause.
- Helping the community with emails, photocopying and scanning.
- Approximately 14 hours this month have gone towards MYOB accounting by Erica and Alison. Additional volunteer hours have also been provided.
- Unfortunately close to an hour and a half was spent on the phone with Telstra Bigpond organising email and internet setup.
- Numerous phone calls to suppliers of solar systems and composting toilets for the playground.
- Peter Allen met with a DTEI representative to discuss road names being gazetted and road signs, footpath issues and general road issues.
- Assisting Greg Franklin in organising Opal Festival activities.
- A traffic counter has been placed on the Andamooka Roxby road to help us determine changing demographics in the town as the Olympic Dam Expansion begins. The information will also highlight the need for increased budgeting.
- Thank you to Ange Murphy who has spent 14 hours locating and recording locations of cactus that need extermination.
- APOMA volunteer hours have gone towards sorting and compiling historical newsletters ready for electronic archiving and publishing.



APOMA Meeting Minutes

Sunday 18th September 2011

4PM Andamooka Community Hall

MINUTES TAKEN	Cass Rowett
PRESENT	Peter Allen, Rob Hancock, Cass Rowett, Stefen Bilka, Dave Spargo, Ange Murphy, Ray Christensen
1. APOLOGIES	Allan Heath, Jim Rogers
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Read and Accepted Moved: Dave Seconded: Ange
5. TREASURERS REPORT	Tabled Balance sheet presented and explained Moved: Cass Seconded: Ange
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p><i>General discussion regarding overdue girl guides account. Correspondence has been sent to Girl Guides in July indicating failure to pay would result in loss of hall key. Stefen suggests contacting other signatory. Stefen to chase this up.</i></p> <p><i>Quotes from Northlands Plumbing for downpipes for tanks at playground. \$2,145.00 from grant funding. All agreed. Moved: Brenton Seconded: Dave</i></p> <p><i>General discussion on playground development. Waiting on solar light quotes. Brenton to chase swings.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion on donation boxes. \$52.50 received from cottage box in one week.</i></p> <p><i>General discussion on current grant applications.</i> <i>Premier Community Initiatives Fund – disabled access for community hall and public toilets.</i> <i>FRRR – Interpretive signage at mining museum</i> <i>Sports and Recreation – New swings for playground.</i></p> <p><i>Dave and Stefen are working on approximately 2 graves a week. Dave to check cement in the grader shed.</i></p> <p><i>Neil Reynolds will clean up mess if necessary left behind by the carters at the tip and will negotiate a percentage of proceeds of scrap. Both parties agree to negotiate an agreement.</i></p> <p><i>YAC bank account. Rob to contact Rob McCarthy/Anne Legg to organize account signatories.</i></p> <p><i>APOMA to speak with OCA to ask for correspondence to be sent to owners of messy blocks to urge them to clean up.</i></p> <p><i>Matt Glasser to provide drums for burning at cottages, he will paint black.</i></p>
Meeting Concluded at 5PM	

APOMA Balance Sheet

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Ass

PO Box 246
Andamooka SA 5722

Balance Sheet

As of 30/08/2011

27/09/2011
11:05:20 AM

Assets

Current Assets

Big Sky Cheque Acc- S1	-4,524.97	
Big Sky Account - S10	\$103,637.02	
Big Sky dr card	\$944.32	
Cash amounts received	\$741.00	
NRM Levy Clearing a/c	-\$150.00	
Trade Debtors	\$68,323.50	
Total Current Assets	<u>\$168,970.87</u>	
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Liabilities

Current Liability

Trade Creditors	\$24,643.96	
Total Current Liability	<u>\$24,643.96</u>	
Ongoing Projects		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$25,727.64	
GST Paid	-\$42,527.94	
BAS payments refund	\$11,956.78	
GST outstanding	\$3,372.61	
Total GST Liabilities	<u>-\$1,470.91</u>	
Funds received in advance		
Water futures fund	-\$0.02	
Total Liabilities		<u>\$23,173.03</u>

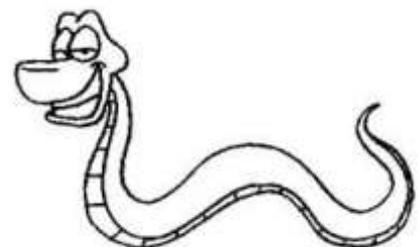
Net Assets

\$145,797.84

Equity

Retained Surplus/Deficit	-\$121,520.11	
Current Surplus/Deficit	\$53,547.21	
Historical Balancing Account	\$213,770.74	
Total Equity		<u>\$145,797.84</u>

There have already been reported snake sightings in Andamooka and Roxby Downs with the start of the warmer weather. The below information is from the Andamooka Community Newsletter from September 1983.



SNAKES ALIVE

SUMMER IS A'COMING and so are the snakes.

With the onset of the warmer weather, snakes will now be making an appearance. We are asking all Andamooka and Olympic Dam residents to take care in areas where snakes are likely to be encountered. Remember they too get thirsty and will often come in to drink at the water dish left out for your dog or cat. So.. at night particularly, take care where you put your bare feet. We do not want to hear of any snake-bite casualties here.



ANDAMOOKA
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OPAL MINERS
ASSOCIATION

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Father Kev's Thought of the Week!

"Ask a question and you're a fool for three minutes;
do not ask a question and you're a fool for the rest of your life."

Anonymous

Andamooka Classifieds

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