

# The Andamooka Press

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## Official Playground Opening



Minister Wortley opening the playground



Peter Allen, APOMA Chair, Lyn Breuer, Member for Giles, Cecilia Woolford, ATMC Chair, Minister Wortley

The Andamooka playground development was officially opened at 5PM on Tuesday 20th March by Minister Wortley, State/Local Government Relations.

After a day of working hard in the structure planning workshops, the community enjoyed a cool drink and BBQ dinner while the children tested out their new playground development.

Minister Wortley congratulated the APOMA committee, volunteers, local businesses and the youth of Andamooka.

The new development began three years ago with the Andamooka Youth Group raising funds of approximately \$4000 for the provision of a basic skate ramp and BMX track. It quickly became obvious that lighting would be necessary and as a result of a grant from the Department of Planning and Local Government and in conjunction with a grant from the South Australian

Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board, APOMA began the major upgrade. It was also determined that the facility would still be limited without a public toilet and family facilities. The total development incorporates 2 free gas powered barbeques with sink, picnic tables and seating, stand alone solar system supplying all energy needs, ramp access into the toilet via the Department of the Premier and Cabinet grant funding and reticulation to some 100 or so trees. The success of the development is shown by families and children using the facility virtually every evening.

A big thank you goes out to Andrew Collins and Ron Collins of Northern Earth Moving who have donated their equipment, time and energy to develop the BMX portion of the facility.

Thank you to volunteers who prepared salads, cooked the BBQ, assisted in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

Dr Owen Lewis

MBBS DCH DRCOG DA FRACGP GDPHC

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# Structure Planning Workshops

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Andamooka Structure workshops were held in Andamooka on the 20th March 2012. Two sessions were held, one for stakeholders and one for community members. All invited stakeholders and approximately 60 Andamooka residents attended.

The workshops primarily focused residential, industrial and commercial development, liveability, community and sense of place, environmental assets, infrastructure and community services and land use. The Hon Russell Wortley, MLC, Minister for State / Local Government Relations attended the community workshop to hear community viewpoints.

There was a clear indication that the community share the same aspirations and outcomes for the near future. The need to retain

**Andamooka's unique character as a 'frontier town' was a top priority from all groups participating** as well as the need for family friendly infrastructure i.e. water reticulation, rubbish removal, strategic street lighting and road upgrades. There is also a need for a light industrial area in the future to prevent any potential for conflict with land uses and dangers to residents.

Feedback from the workshops will help guide the future growth and development of Andamooka and provide a basis for drafting the Andamooka Structure Plan. A draft plan will be presented to participants in June for feedback and consultation. The final structure plan is to be realised in July 2012.

For residents who do not collect their mail at the Andamooka Post office, can you please update your contact details with APOMA so important information, like the planning workshop, is not missed.



# First Aid Training



Diane Bilka, Marianne Mullally, Max Thompson, Conrad Powell, David Allen, Zac Smirnios, Lachlan Hancock and John Bowmen.

Over the 14th, 15th and 16th of March, Andamooka residents participated in First Aid training conducted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The training offered senior first aid, basic emergency life support and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The courses were offered to Andamooka by the RFDS at no charge to the community . A special thank you to Terry Liston for providing training to participants.

## 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.

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not have seen in a while!*

## Friday

APOMA Good Friday BBQ @ The Cottages – 6pm

(Fish will be available)

## Saturday

Battle of the Sexes Quiz @ The Tuckerbox – 2pm

Reunion Dinner @ The Tuckerbox – 6pm

Followed by a DJ

(Please phone the Tuckerbox ASAP to reserve your seat for the dinner – 8672 7137)

## Sunday

Morning Tea @ The Cottages – 10.30am

(Hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary – Gold Coin Donation – Tea/Coffee, Scones,  
Cakes & Muffins)

\*Cottages will be open for viewing\*

Followed by

Sausage Sizzle & Volleyball – 12pm

(Organised by Kristi Jackson & The Girl Guides)

*For more information, please contact 8672 7152*





# Roger The Roving Vet

Will be consulting in Andamooka based at the Andamooka Health Service facilities on the following dates in 2012

CLINIC 1: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012

(will continue to 1 May (am) if sufficient bookings)

**This trip's Special**: Male cat desexing, normally \$70; reduced to \$50 for this trip only.

Bookings essential.

CLINIC 2: 15th October 2012

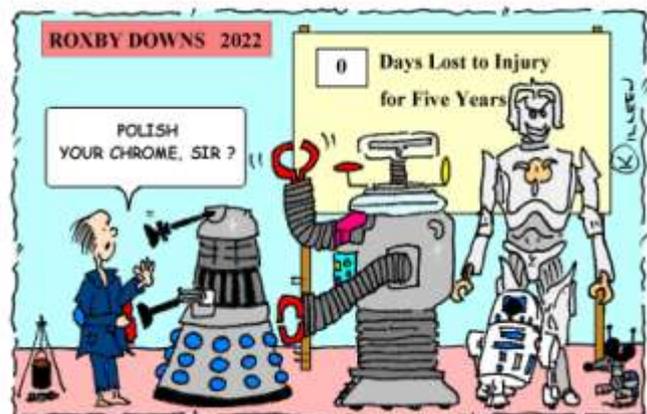
(will continue to 16th (am) if sufficient bookings)

Special will be advertised prior to the clinic.

Please phone Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding 08 86423308 for an appointment or orders Monday – Friday: 8.30am-5pm  
Thursday evening: 6pm-8pm Saturday: 8.30am-11am

As a 2012 special for Andamooka clients only, Roger will offer 10% discount on all Eukanuba/lamms dog & cat foods.

Roger will bring orders with him each clinic trip, you will need to place orders at least one week before the clinic date.





**Hon Lyn Breuer MP**

Member for Giles

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### Opening Hours

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Tuesday	8.30 am - 2.30 pm
Wednesday	8.30 am - 3 pm
Thursday	8.30 am - 5 pm
Friday	8.30 am - 11.30 am

**Please Note:**

Library will close for lunch between  
12 noon - 12.30 pm daily  
(except on Fridays, where Library is  
closed at 11.30 am)



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Children's Services

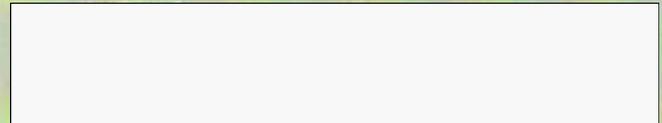
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# St Patrick's Day Fundraiser



The community has come together once again to support a local in need. St Patrick's Day celebrations were hosted by the Andamooka Opal Hotel Social Club with all proceeds going to Edward Sach, a long time local who has been diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma (a rare form of cancer).

The auction began after a delicious BBQ lunch where the Sach sisters read a thank you note from Ed, detailing what he and his family are currently going through. Graham Warren emceed the event and did a fantastic job.

Close to 60 items donated by locals in Andamooka and Roxby Downs were up for auction that raised almost \$24,000. Including other activities throughout the day, \$30,000 was raised for the Sach family.

Historically, the community have regularly



come together to raise awareness and funds for individuals/organisations in need. In 2010, \$30,000 was raised to purchase a much needed defibrillator for the Andamooka clinic.

Thank you to all those involved in organising the day and to sponsors who donated items for the auction.



Kerry Musolino would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated their time, efforts and items. It was a great day with a fantastic outcome for the Sach family. The best of luck, love and wishes go to Edward who starts his surgery and treatment on Monday 2nd April. We are all praying for him and his family for a positive outcome.

Thank you to our sponsors: Andamooka CFS, Andamooka CWA, Andamooka IGA, Andamooka Mobil, Andamooka Opal Hotel, Andamooka Opal Social Club, Andamooka Tuckabox, Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Associations, Andrew Collins, Alex Mendelsohn, Auslec, Autopro, Bianco, Blackwoods, Blockbuster, BOC Gas, Brenton Musolino, Bronwyn and John West, Cellarbrations Andamooka, Central Upper Northern Tourers, Chad Oldfield, Chive Restaurant, Chris and Fiona Hawkes, Chrissy Burden, Coates Hire, Dave Kovak, Dave Spargo, Dukes Bottlehouse, Food Plus, Heading Contractors, Helmutt Frittum, Holcim Australia, Josef Sach, Lavericks Engineering, Lee Sach, Life Changing Massage, Life Through a Lens, Liz Schultz, Marriot Meats, Matt Glaser, Mensland, Mitre 10, Monodelphous, Nikita Sach, Nugget, Noisy Neighbours, Outback Landscaping, Outlaw Coatings and Conveyors, Richard Hawkins, Richard Webb, Rogers Carpentry, Roxby Community Club, Roxby Downs Pharmacy, Roxby Fabrication and Engineering, Roxby Hourglass jewellers, Roxby Nextra, Roxby Pool and Yard, RoxFM, Sandvik, Sodexo, Spinifex Detailing, Sportspower, Sprinkle of Magic, Staffy Heath, Sue Penglase, Tandales, Terina Campbell, The Monitor, Therese Schofield, Tim Rigden, Wayne Dries and Woolworths

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**Date (Fortnightly): Wednesday  
(from 9th November)**

**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.



Please be aware that action will be taken against those caught depositing out of town waste of any description into the Andamooka Rubbish Dump.

Please contact APOMA for more information



# Other News...

## Community Bus for Sports

APOMA have recently secured further grant funding for the community bus to provide children access to sports in Roxby Downs. Would all those registered for football and netball please advise APOMA on 8672 7152 of training and game times so a time table can be organised. Can parents/volunteers also please advise of availability to drive the bus.



## Neighbourhood Watch

Roxby Downs are currently looking into establishing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme with assistance from SAPOL. Do you believe the program could work in Andamooka? Please let us know. If successful in Roxby Downs, we can follow their lead.

With no police officers currently in town, it is important that any unlawful or suspicious behaviour is reported to SAPOL in a timely fashion. For Police assistance please call 131 444. This will go direct to Adelaide and any problems you have will be dealt with quickly. All calls are logged and actioned.

## APOMA/ATMC office duties

Before the formation of the ATMC, office manager Alison Henderson was paid for 15 hours per week performing APOMA duties. She worked approximately 30 hours per week, volunteering the extra 15 hours. The formation of the ATMC has seen an increase of office duties and as such, **Alison's hours have increased to a total of 37.5 per week. Her time is now split between APOMA and ATMC duties.**

## Historical Cottages

APOMA have recently secured grant funding to conduct some light restoration on the internal and external structure of the cottages as well as a tidy up of artefacts. The cottages were substantially damaged from the 2010 flooding events i.e. all cupboards filled with mud, artefacts of interest rusting and deteriorating rapidly. Tourists will benefit as will the community in ensuring **a unique piece of South Australia's history and heritage is maintained. \$4,125.00 was received** from the Outback Communities Authority for this project.

## Andamooka's First Australian Citizenship Ceremony



Local resident Anne Budau will become an official Australian citizen in April. It will be a first for Andamooka as Anne wanted to become an Australian in Andamooka rather than Roxby Downs. Peter Allen, Chair of the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association has been authorised by Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to perform the ceremony.

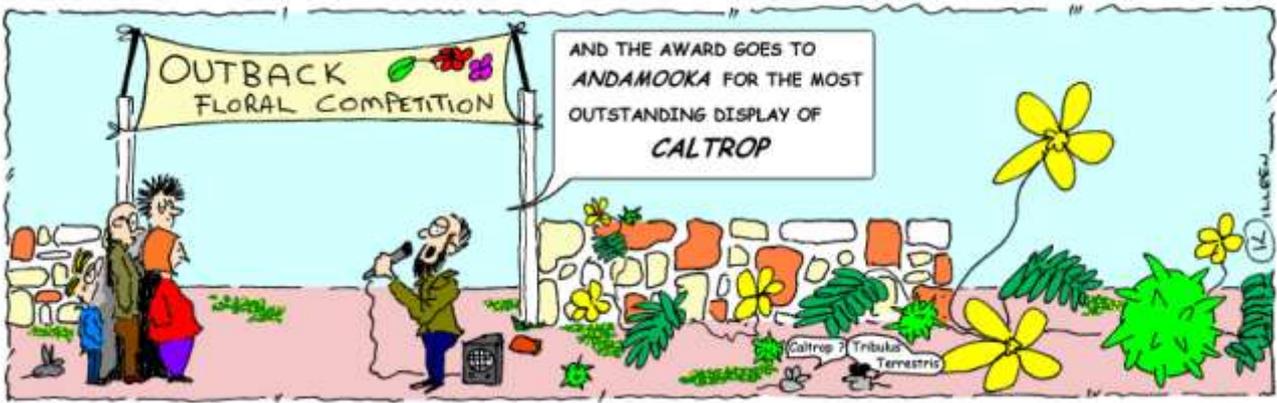
The new Roxby Downs Community Guide 2012 is available from the Post Office



# APOMA Meeting Minutes

Sunday 25th March, 4 PM  
Andamooka Town Hall

Minutes Taken	Peter Allen, Cass Rowett
Present	Robert Hancock, Cass Rowett, Alan Heath, Dave Spargo, Stefan Bilka, Brenton Musolino.
Apologies	Chris Allen, Ange Murphy, Luke Alder, Ray Christensen
Conflict of Interest	None declared.
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Read and Accepted Moved: Cass Rowett    Seconded: Rob Hancock
Business arising from previous minutes	Correspondence to Jack McGuire and Chad Oldfield to be written. Drilling program grant acquitted. Peter Allen to check insurance on water tank. Repairs to community church completed.
Treasurers Report	No report tabled.
General Business	<p>General discussion regarding the recent Andamooka Town Management Committee meeting and draft minutes were tabled. <b>One amendment to be made to item 7.2, change 'local doctor' to 'visiting Roxby Downs doctor'. Stefan requested that ATMC minutes be circulated to APOMA committee before next meeting.</b></p> <p>General discussion regarding current progress of the ATMC. Rob suggests committee members read draft community plan to provide feedback to office.</p> <p>General discussion regarding the structure planning workshops. Awaiting feedback and report from DPTI.</p> <p><b>Committee suggested detailing Alison's duties in newsletter to detail ATMC/APOMA work.</b></p> <p>Office to organise Easter BBQ.</p>
Meeting Closed 5PM	



# ATMC Update

The Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC) met for their third meeting on 19th March 2012. The meeting raised issues such as future Native Title negotiations, inappropriate land use around town i.e. storing equipment on Government reserves and manufacturing dangerous chemicals in residential areas and the lack of police presence in Andamooka.

A new temporary office facility is currently being constructed inside the town hall for ATMC use and will be in use by late April. The community will decide on its use after a more permanent office is provided for the ATMC.

The Town Administrator position has been advertised this week and will be open for two weeks. The role is required to undertake, on behalf of the ATMC, the development and management of community development, business, environment and essential services and

programs.

Currently Cecilia is away due to travel commitments, on her return the ATMC will begin to create relationships with key stakeholders eg Frontier Services and BHP Billiton to discuss current operations and future progress.

The ATMC Community Plan 2012-2015 incorporating an annual financial and annual budget is the committees top priority at the moment. The document outlines goals and key objectives that the ATMC will complete over the next three years. The document will be available for community consultation within a few weeks.

Please also remember that the draft Community Contribution Scheme (CCS) police is available from the APOMA office. The document is regarding the *rules* for the CCS, not the scheme itself.

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### Father Kev's Thought of the Week!

"Some men die in shrapnel, Some go down in flames Most men perish inch by inch, Playing little games."

John O'Keefe (1999)

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The Andamooka Emergency Services would like to thank volunteers who assisted in cleaning up around town after storms earlier in March.



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APOMA would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break.

