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Header photo: Finches nesting in a working mining plant. Photo: G Rowley 2015

EASTER... A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS?

This past couple of weeks have certainly had their ups and downs for the Andamooka Community.

This has brought out the best and worst in many and demonstrated that in typical Andamooka style, when the going gets tough.....the tough get going.....

Despite the long awaited welcome break from the heat of summer heralding the happy return of many locals that 'summer' in cooler climes, the heat has been on the town to join together to address the issue of the sudden disappearance of the community care service long located in the Andamooka hospital building, recently with three local carers available to around 30 local residents that require some form of care either regularly or from time to time.

Andamooka boasts a tough bunch of aged citizens with origins across many colourful cultures & backgrounds, many of whom survived horrific times in wars or displacement and/or loss of country, and who found peace and a new life despite its challenges, in Andamooka.

They make up around 40% of our population and

these hardy folk don't ask readily for help, even when they desperately need it, so local knowledge and relationships count in terms of ensuring that they get the care they need.

They have paid taxes & were instrumental in building this town from the red sand up. Andamooka has always looked after itself & its own until recently, when government decided that they could do a better job.

In this case a government appointed national 'care' company was pushed upon us with all the promises in the world as to how they will care for those in need. Trust didn't come easily, it was earned, and it seems that as soon as this care company became accepted through the hard work of dedicated locals, they packed up and moved out taking away with them the very local care that is essential in this town, for this to be 'serviced' via an answering machine located in Port Augusta...

If this is improving the system.... then forgive us for not agreeing and for continuing to lobby for real care for our much loved and highly respected older citizens and for the others of us in need of assistance.



This months photo: This photo extracted from the historic files depicts someone driving into the old Andamooka Hub towards the general store was taken around the era that Dukes Guesthouse was established. Photo: unknown source circa 1960's

COMMUNITY & VISITOR INFORMATION

EMERGENCY: 000
Police: 86727072

SES/CFS:
 John West: 0408807943
 Stefan Bilka: 0427181752

Andamooka Medical Service:
 Hospital Road 86727087
See page 6 for daily clinic hours.
After Hours: Emergencies only.

Post Office: 86727007
 Open 7 days. Opal Creek Blvd.
 - **Dukes Bottlehouse Motel**
 - **Laundry-mat:**
 - **Claims Registration:**
 Hrs: 9-5 weekdays 11-3 weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse:
 86727135

Power cards: Friendly Grocer

Friendly Grocer: 86727034

Gas refills/Fuel/Hardware:
 Opal Creek Blvd. Open 7 days
 Open: 9-6 weekdays, 9-3 Sat.,
 10-1 Sun.

OCA/ATMC (Town) Office:
 School Road 86727246

Andamooka School & Children's Centre: 86727018
Public Library: internet/Wi-Fi
 8-10 & from 1.30 weekdays.
 Check for closing hrs.
 School Road.

Community Hall:
 Enquiries contact APOMA
 - **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ**
 - **AYC Café:** 0478139188
 Opal Creek Blvd.

Caravan Park/ Playground:
 Opal Creek Blvd. 8672 7246

Tuckabox Hotel: 86727137
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Bottle Shop: 86727183
 Opal Creek Blvd Open 7 days

Roving Vet: 86423308

CWA: 86727044
Boo-Teek Op shop:
 Top of CWA Road
 Hrs: 9-12 Wed/Fri/Sat

Motor Vehicle Registration:
 Roxby Downs Town Council

More details:

www.andamooka.sa.au

APOMA NEWS

Preserving our past and planning for our future

Points of Interest from March APOMA Committee Meeting:

- Borefield Road connector - some news received on progress. Over 600 signatures on Petition region and the Face book page gaining momentum.
- Planning for Easter BBQ and ANZAC Day commenced.
- End of Month Balance at bank: \$29,860 with \$384 in donations received during February.
- Work progressing on the Community Hall - proposed new outdoor space layout discussed for presentation at Open Community Forum.
- Work is progressing on the town asset review including insurance arrangements.
- Preparations discussed for new APOMA office
- Major focus of the meeting was on the budget analysis of the past three years, new financial management procedures and draft budget for 2017/18 financial year.
- Also on future grant funding opportunities for major projects.

MINUTES & OTHER INFORMATION:

Please visit the website to access minutes from APOMA meetings and other information. If unable to access the website please call APOMA to arrange an alternative.

APOMA ACTIVITIES

During the months of March/April APOMA committee members collectively volunteered around 300hrs to services, events & projects benefiting the Andamooka Community .

- ATMC Meeting
- Open Community Forum
- Meeting with reps re Recreation & Sport funding
- Work continues on development planning, funding opportunities and also grants.
- New Andamooka Portal Face book page launched
- Work continues on project management for new events calendar, services, marketing and facility development and management.
- Budget analysis and planning for 2017/18

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

APOMA'S key objectives are to lead the community and protect miners rights; promote social wellbeing; maintain and develop the township; develop and promote opal mining and opal markets; promote tourism, promote and facilitate social inclusion and equality within the township.

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Next meeting 26th April 2017

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APOMA NEWS

What has happened to the care in community care?

Late in March our much loved and respected aged citizens and others in or town in need of extra care, found themselves victims of a 'care' system that simply didn't seem to care....

It seems that the true sense of caring for or about real people has been abandoned in the interest of financial gain and jumping aboard the latest political bandwagon.

Without warning or communication on any level, and with scant consideration for the immediate and on-going impacts of sudden change particularly upon the aged within our community, Calvary Community Care, the organisation assigned to this region for delivering community care, took the Andamooka based coordination of care for some 30 local residents out of the town and relocated this under a different arrangement in Roxby Downs. Without notice the provided office space in the local hospital building was stripped and the Calvary badged vehicle, mobile phone and laptop removed, with the organisation appearing to be literally packing up and leaving town.... all without so much as a word of explanation to anyone.

To our aged citizens, it appeared that the service had been withdrawn and the consequent fall-out left many of our aged persons frightened and confused, especially when confronted with an unknown voice on an answering machine when calling to seek information or to book a service, and to then not receive a timely response.

Interestingly, this sudden change coincided with the roll out of the National Disability Scheme (NDS) leaving a number of questions open around the reason for these unexpected or seemingly clandestine changes to a system that was working well, thanks to the hard work of the previous incumbent coordinator, largely unanswered.

The Committee contacted various Government agencies with responsibilities around aged and community care, local & federal politicians to seek answers, including Eddie Hughes, Rowan Ramsey and also Andrea Broadfoot representing the X factor who have given an undertaking to resolve and get a better understanding, with the general question remaining unanswered at all levels.... WHY???

We contacted Calvary Community Care to receive mixed messages around how 'registered clients' had been contacted over the changes and how they are now being serviced. After many hours working with members of the community it appears that there are various inconsistencies around understandings. With some sort of an impasse being reached, APOMA have now handed contact with Calvary Community Care over to the OCA to manage on a higher level. We await news from Calvary CC on a proposed community meeting, and we will continue to work towards a solution being found in the interest of community safety and wellbeing.

ANDAMOOKA TOWN OFFICE

ATMC Office Hours

Andamooka Town Management Committee

Monday to Thursday

8:30 am—1:30 pm

Ph: 08 8672 7246 (please leave a message)

Email: admin@atmc.sa.gov.au

Urgent enquiries:

Byron Gough (OCA) on (m) 0427687772

oca.sa.gov.au/atmc

APOMA Office Hours

10.00am to 2.00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

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 Good Friday: 10am-1pm
 Sat: 9am-2pm
 Sun & Mon: 10am-1pm



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KEEPING UP WITH BUSINESS

Progressing Andamooka Town Development

OUTCOMES & PROGRESS FROM OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM

38 people attended the Forum held on 26th March, representing clubs and associations, community groups, health, miners, youth, older citizens, unemployed & local business.

The first forum introduced the new community inclusive approach to planning and in line with this and taking on board feedback resulting from that forum, several concepts were presented for new developments, community activities and events and opened for discussion.

Feedback from each forum which is also invited via email or on forms provided, is incorporated into concept plans & designs to be further worked on at on-going forums.

This way, we are confident that final designs and resulting developments will be in line with community wants and needs.

DISCUSSION & OUTCOMES:

Andamooka Primary School principal, Trish Williams, provided an overview of a proposed shaded multi-sport structure for which the school has applied for funding. Also identified as a recreational need for Andamooka in APOMA research, it will complement the outdoor space surrounding the community hall.

Andamooka Sports Shooters Association provided an overview of the developments at their facility for which they are seeking funding. This creates various opportunities and benefits for the community and so this development has APOMA's support.

The issue around Calvary Community Care was raised with emotion running high. APOMA was requested to seek answers to the questions raised and consequently have moved forward in that regard.

Road works—the issue of road works was raised. It was explained that \$150,000 was allocated via DPTI into the CARM budget with \$50,000 to 'town' road works. Work is then undertaken on identified roads and some funds are kept aside for emergency road works (floods etc) and towards the end of the financial year unused funds may be available for other identified road works.

HALL INDOOR DIVIDING WALL- discussion at the Forum indicated that there is sound support for the installation of a retractable dividing wall in the Hall to create more flexible space for various user groups including simultaneous use of the Hall. Funding opportunities are being pursued.

DECADE by DECADE HISTORIC EXHIBITIONS – this plan for an annually presented major exhibition gained great interest & support and will create a more systematic approach to recording, displaying & storing our historic records and paraphernalia. We have a number of volunteers to progress this towards launching the 30's decade in 2018. *Seeking photos or items of interest, your help will be much appreciated.*

UPDATES ON ISSUES, WORKS AND FACILITIES

BOREFIELD ROAD EXTENSION: - Talks have been moved forward by Ian Thompson with Eddie Hughes MP, Member for Giles who is keen to see this project progressed. The petitions will be collated and presented to both Eddie Hughes and Geoff Brock, Minister for regional development together with a business justification for the extension and letters of support from relevant stakeholders. This will assist them to proceed with pushing for the project on a state and federal level. *APOMA thanks everyone for their support via petition and also via the net which has added great weight to the process.*

COMMUNITY HALL:

Roof repairs— progressing the proposed roof repairs has presented a number of issues in particular around workplace safety which has required APOMA to reassess the scope of works and to seek revised quotes before going ahead with the job. The OCA have been in support of this approach and have assisted with grant extensions with works now on hold till new arrangements are in place and now due for completion by the end of May.

Outdoor recreation space - the concept plan for redesigned open space at the front of the Community Hall was presented at the March Open Community Forum. The proposed changes to the location of the under-cover seating space and BBQ and also screening associated with the toilet block / splash pad was presented as a priority as the project funding requirement is for works to be completed by May. It was agreed that the BBQ needed to be relocated and that the covered seating space should be located away from the toilet block and central to the proposed recreation space and play areas. Consequently this has been redesigned and re-scoped with work commencing shortly. Commercial grade shade sails will be installed at the Cottages under the new scoping arrangement which will ensure greater safety and sustainability.

TWO POWER OUTLETS NOW INSTALLED AT THE CARAVAN & CAMPING GROUND : Work on the installation of two lockable 15amp outlets has been completed and power can now be made available to a limited number of visiting vans.

SPRUCE UP FOR HUB TOILET BLOCK:

The Hub toilet block will receive a facelift before winter with a new paint job and a few minor repairs with labour provided by the CDP group.

AQUAPONICS PROJECT PROGRESSING: - consultation with the community revealed that a community garden needs to be located in a secure, sheltered central spot close to power & water services, and with flat terrain that is accessible to all. After some investigation into possible sites it has been determined that the best available position is next to the Historic Cottages which also provides shaded seating spots for rest breaks. The land sits across old planning and will require permissions for the proposed use. The Aquaponics Project will be installed under the CDP Work for the Dole program with Richard Hawkins acting as Project Manager. Funding has been sought to expand the project to incorporate a community garden to support different forms of growing and a proposed bush foods project, together with a series of gardening workshops to get the garden up and running.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

PROGRESS WITH THE INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA)

Acting Registrar for the Opal Fields Program, Ashley Woods met with the APOMA Committee on 23rd March for an update on the ILUA which as been dragging on for the past 9 months. Independent, Peter Taubers also attended the discussion.

Consequently the following statement was provided by Andrew Moll, Principal Policy Consultant Aboriginal & Heritage, Resource Land Access Strategy Branch, Department of State Development, who was unable to make the meeting.

Following a meeting between APOMA and representatives from the Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation last July, the State Government continues to work towards agreeing an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the Kokatha to provide native title agreement to opal mining operations over additional areas within the Precious Stones Field.

The State remains hopeful that heritage issues can be addressed, and an agreement can be reached, by the middle of 2017.

The State has proposed that the ILUA be modeled on the Coober Pedy Precious Stones Field ILUA.

The State government will continue to consult with APOMA in relation to the ILUA negotiations.

APOMA will continue keep you posted as the ILUA develops for the Andamooka Precious Stones Field.



ANDAMOOKA YACHT CLUB

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Tues-Sat: 9-4

Sun: 10-3

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PLEASE DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK ON COMMUNITY PLANNING WHERE THEY WILL MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE.....

Despite some suggestions to the contrary, there has been no final decisions made on proposed future developments around facilities, programs or events that were put out as concepts for consideration in the March Open Community Forum, nor for their use, or target user groups, or funding sources.

With a theme of multi-use, several new ideas and concepts based on previous feedback were presented at the Forum so that the community have the time to give them some thought, ask questions and to provide feedback before or at the next Forum on 21st May.

There they will be further discussed and prioritised as part of a flexible, progressive approach to community inclusive future planning and development.

The Committee is looking at various funding options for projects and programs and the community will be informed about those and the required commitment of APOMA funds.

To assist this process, once we have draft sketches and concept plans formulated based on feedback from the March forum, we will put those on a new Open Community Forum Face book page and invite comment on concepts and developments as they progress.

Your questions and feedback are very welcome and will be treated with respect and included in the planning process.

So if you have questions or thoughts on what you have seen or heard, please don't hesitate to contact us via phone or email, (contacts on page 2) or drop into the office between 10am-2pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

That way you will know that you have the correct facts so that your feedback can be used constructively to the benefit of the community.

**Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding
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LOOK OUT FOR SNAKES

There have been sightings of juvenile brown snakes in and around Andamooka. 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.

A good practice is to keep a large, firm pressure bandage at hand in your car and home.

Call 000 for emergencies



**WHAT'S ON
IN ANDAMOOKA
DECEMBER 2016**

**Welcome All Seniors
Wacky Wednesdays**

*Join in the fun & activities or
just enjoy a cuppa & chat*

**10.00-12noon
at the CFS Shed**

**SAVE THE DATE
Sunday 21 May**

**Next OPEN
COMMUNITY FORUM**
All welcome

**ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Meets 3rd Sunday of each month
1.00pm for lunch,
Communion 2.00pm
Next meeting: 20th March

**ANDAMOOKA / R.D. BIBLE
CHURCH**

Worship Service 10.30 Sun.
Bible Study 7.30 Wed.
Water Way, Andamooka
Contact: 8672 7004

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Proudly sponsored by Andamooka Opal Showroom & Bottlehouse Motel

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
26th Australia Day BBQ & Citizen Awards Chinese New Year Back to School	14th Valentines Day	Adelaide Cup Day St Patrick's Day
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
14th Good Friday BBQ 15th Easter Saturday 16th Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast 25th ANZAC Day	17th: Dukes Guesthouse , 50th Anniversary 23rd: NRM workshop 26-27 ASSA Opal Classic	9th June Long Weekend APOMA Mship renewals due.
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Dog registrations due Schl holidays—8-23 July Outback Trails Challenge Week	APOMA AGM Annual Camp Oven Cookout	SPRING MARKET
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Schl holidays—30 to Nov 15th LONG WEEKEND ACTIVITIES Halloween Family Fun Night	Andamooka All Souls Day at the Cemetery 11th Remembrance Day Schl holidays Dec 16th—28 Jan	25th Community Christmas Lunch

Andamooka Sports Shooting Assoc.



For more information on activities & events
Contact: Matt 0419 504 200

You're invited..

Celebrating 50years
Dukes Guesthouse/Bottlehouse Motel
Drinks & Nibbles on 'the Patio'
Wed 17th May, 5.00pm to 7.00pm



VISIT

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WHAT'S ON IN ANDAMOOKA



Tues. 25th April

9.00am at the Town Park

Followed by Morning Tea

provided by the
Andamooka Hospital Auxiliary

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Serving miners since 1960

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Eat in or take-away

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Dinner 6.00-8.30

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UBET



APOMA

EASTER BBQ

6.30pm



GOOD FRIDAY, 14 April



at 'the COTTAGES'

ALL WELCOME

BYO Beverages & chair.....

Fish on the menu....



PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$5

ANNUAL

EASTER Egg Hunt

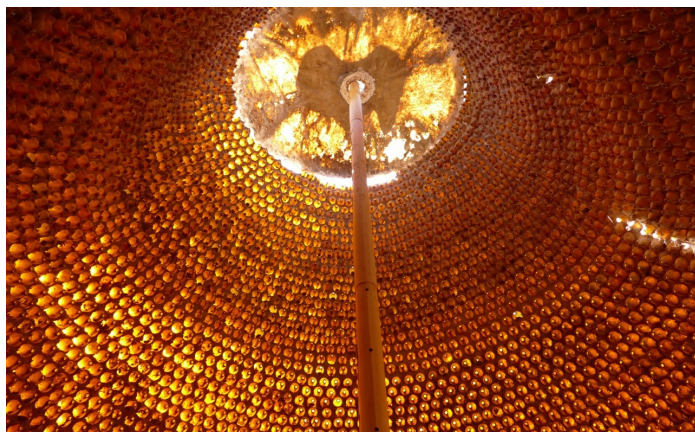
Take photos with the Easter Bunny

Sunday 16th April 2017
At The Andamooka Historic Cottages
STARTS AT 10am
GOLD COIN DONATION
Children under 7 must be supervised by an adult

Celebrating 50 years of Duke's accommodation services in Andamooka

Dukes Accommodation Establishment was opened by Rudi and Inge Duke in 1967 as a Guesthouse in the main street of Andamooka. Rudi came to the Opal Field in 1962 to try and make his fortune in opal mining, but got lonely and bought wife Inge, and kids, Nick (13) and Margot (9) to the field in 1964.

"...the packing!! What to take? What was up there? How long were we staying? I figured we wouldn't be there long. Just long enough to find that big parcel of opal that would enable us to sell the new house that we had built in Adelaide.. and then buy a small farm. Rudi was an agricultural engineer whose dream it was to own his own farm." Inge, from "My life in Andamooka, the story of Ingeborg Duke"



Inside the Bottlehouse

photo: Sally Grundy 2016



Margot & Peter welcome all visitors to their complex which includes a 'must see' underground opal and gem museum.

photo: Sally Grundy 2016

Both Rudi and Inge worked hard with other partners in the mining game but the luck was not with them. In 1967 they purchased a small shed and decided to try to supplement their lack of income by providing accommodation to the odd visitor that braved the track to visit the field. At that time no other accommodation was available in the settlement.

Despite the isolation and the shocking condition of the 'old road' the Guesthouse became a popular spot, initially with Gem and Mineral Clubs, and particularly with aviators from the eastern states. (They could avoid the road).

From a couple of rooms in the old tin shack, the place eventually grew to a ramshackle building housing 11 bedrooms, 28 beds with share toilet and shower facilities. Due to necessity it was built mostly from chipboard, corrugated iron & recycled timber. Luckily in those 'good old days' people came to experience the outback and so didn't mind roughing it a little.

Bucket showers (tread up your own water), hard water, generators off at 11pm, hot nights, cold nights, flies & dust, kerosene fridges that didn't always keep the beer cold, were all part and parcel of that wealth of wonderment that is the lure of the Outback. And if the rain kept you here but the food supplies out, well all the better!! The hospitality shown by the unique array of local identities would always keep one bemused.



The iconic Bottlehouse stands today as a welcoming sentinel at the entrance to the facility.

As the Guesthouse also had a fairly large recreation room the locals were also able to partake of the Dukes' hospitality and good German cooking on special occasions.

Things became easier as Power and a better water supply came to town, along with greater stretches of the Stuart Highway being completed. Rudi Duke passed away in 1979 and so Inge and daughter Margot continued along in a smaller way. As tourism became more sophisticated, better facilities were needed so for a long time the only advertising done was by word of mouth so visitors knew what to expect.

In the late eighties the advent of Roxby Downs returned a bit of life to the community. Margot and her partner, Peter Taubers decided in the early nineties that some renovation was long overdue. Eight modern motel units replaced the old rooms and the Post Office and Andamooka Opal Showroom were incorporated under the same roof. Plans were put in place for the renovation of the existing owners quarters, a new restaurant area and an underground opal information/conference centre.

The rest is history.... Join Inge, Margot & Peter celebrating 50 years, 17 May 2017

ANDAMOOKA LIFE



SAVE THE DATE
 14 - 17 APRIL 2017
**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF
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SAVE THE DATE: NRM WORKSHOP WITH NEVILLE BONNEY ON PLANT ID & ARID LAND GARDENING

You may have noticed a couple of people wandering through the town's creeks and roads in March. Perhaps you were wondering who they were and what they were doing. Paul Hodges and Sarah Voumard, who work for Natural Resources SA Arid Lands, were inspecting the weeds growing in town.

Speaking of weeds, the SA Arid Lands NRM Board is funding a plant identification and pest plant workshop to be held in the Andamooka Hall on Tuesday 23rd May.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the day from 10:00am - 5pm

- bring in a plant to be identified by an expert
- practice identifying plants
- learn about weed spread and control
- hear about growing edible wild native foods
- consider the declared weeds in the Kingoonya NRM District Weed Strategy
- collect some free native plants

We are proud to present Neville Bonney, a South Australian author of books on plant propagation, seed collection identification, edible wild foods, Aboriginal plant uses and more, as the guest speaker.

For more information please contact Kingoonya NRM District Community Engagement Officer, Sarah Voumard on 0437 795 792



You're invited..
Celebrating 50 years
Dukes Guesthouse
now Bottlehouse Motel

Drinks & Nibbles on 'the Patio'
 From 5.00pm to 7.00pm
 Wed 17th May

Cellarbrations
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

April Police Report

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As usual with the Easter Period coming up police will be targeting road safety. This is a corporate operation which is carried out over the state throughout the period, with focus mainly on country areas on highways, and in towns like ours. Please be careful and safe with driving over this period with so many people travelling.

Once again there have been reports of items going missing from yards and houses, ranging from water pumps to caravans. Please ring the police station number and report anything missing, or that appears suspicious.

Thank you

Brevet Sergeant Tristan Fantinel
Andamooka Police Station
South Australia Police
8672 7072




Eddie Hughes MP
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**2017-18 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RESOURCING AND
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT & COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION
SCHEME – ANDAMOOKA**

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) in association with the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc. has drafted the 2017-18 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement, (including a Community Contribution Scheme) for the Andamooka area for consultation.

The draft CARM agreement will be available from 10 April 2017 at the Andamooka Town Management Committee office at Andamooka, or accessible at www.oca.sa.gov.au. Hard copies are also available by contacting the OCA on 1800 640 542 or email oca@sa.gov.au.

Interested parties are invited to make written submissions on the CARM and / or the community contribution scheme prior to the conclusion of the consultation period.

A public meeting for discussion on the 2017-18 CARM and community contribution will be held in the Andamooka Town Hall at 6:00pm on Monday 29 May 2017.

The public is encouraged to review the draft documents, and provide any comment to the OCA. at:

PO Box 2353
Port Augusta SA 5700 or
oca@sa.gov.au

Consultation on both the CARM Agreements and Community Contribution Scheme commences on 10 April 2017 and concludes 5:00pm 9 June 2017

Byron Gough
Governance Manager



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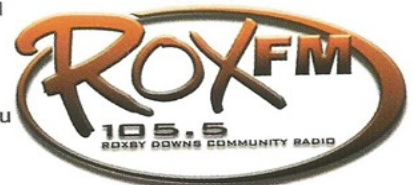
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