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OCTOBER 24 - BIG MONTH IN A BIG YEAR FOR THE LITTLE CRITTERS

IT'S A GREAT YEAR FOR BUGS & BUTTERFLYS – JOIN IN ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE THE WEALTH OF AMAZING CRITTERS WITHIN & AROUND OUR TOWN...

After an action-filled October long-weekend, we now turn our focus towards the trillions of tiny creatures that work together everyday to keep our planet healthy and productive. *The very essence of our existence.*

We uncover Andamooka's incredible little creatures over the weekend of Friday 25th to Sunday 27th October, taking advantage of this year's weather and environmental conditions, which are perfect for bugs, birds & other little creatures. *This is an opportunity not to be missed.*

It's relaxed, fun and informative, starting with **Friday's Families and Friends Sunset to Dark tag-along adventure** heading out into the donga to work with well known bug ecologist, Kristen Messenger, to capture and identify amazing critters from moths to hopping mice, that are all busy around us every night as we sleep. With Kristen's expertise we might discover an unknown species.

Early Birds is the theme for **Saturday's Sunrise Bird & Bug Watch & Snap tag-along adventure** when you can learn how to best capture beautiful birds, butterflies, dragonflies and more, on camera in the soft light of dawn. Bring along your camera or phone, & bits to share for breakfast.

BE PART OF WORKSHOPS FOR ARID ZONE GARDENERS & CONSERVATIONISTS WITH KRISTEN MESSENGER

What is captured and found from exploring will form part of **Sunday's Soils to Plate workshops.** Great for gardeners & conservationists. Presenter Kristen worked for the Adelaide Botanic Gardens for 18 years and has a wealth of knowledge about arid lands growing.

Learn about how the best soil for growing is formed by microscopic creatures in the soil, and how bugs, birds, reptiles and small mammals all contribute towards healthy plants and growing conditions. Good bugs and bad bugs. *This will all help you to better plan your garden for survival and for producing fresh seasonal food for your plate.*

Be part of creating a vibrant & resilient future for Andamooka.

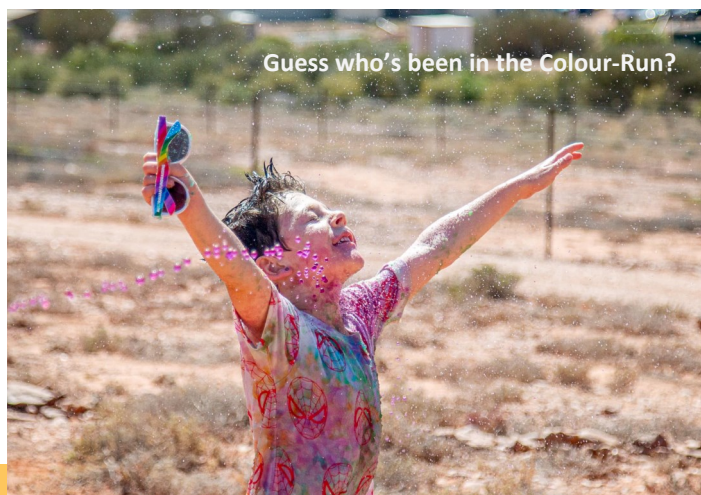
FESTIVALS & FUN... the long weekend had it all!!

Andamooka Hub came alive with long weekend activities. A big Friday night started off with the first of AOFTA's Opal Evolution Festival light shows featuring an historic theme, staged at sunset out front of the Tuckabox. It was also a big night at the Community Hall keeping Dine-a-mite Café busy, and the opening of well known artist Tom Polacheck's exhibition of works resulting from his recent trip to Andamooka titled "Andamooka & Lake Torrens From Above" which are part of a larger and longer term project entitled "Abstracting Australia", aimed to capture the beauty and patterns of the Australian landscape from an aerial perspective. Patrons also sharing Arts Collective 'Little Critters' progressive photographic exhibition, celebrating little creatures that often go unseen as we go about daily activities.

Saturday was busy with markets at the Hall and a huge turnout for APOMA's kids Annual Colour-Run down at the Rec Precinct. The Lap Shed kept busy with demonstrations & have-a-go activities into the afternoon.

As sunset closed in on Saturday night Opal Creek Blvd came alive with an amazing Festival Street Parade featuring giant puppets, leading to AOFTA's Opal Evolution Festival Party where patrons enjoyed live music and activities for kids. This was followed by workshops and activities on Sunday.

Monday morning re-wilding activities added understory ground cover and bushes to Hub treelines and gardens.



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:
Emergency 132 500

Andamooka Community Health Service:

Hospital Road 8672 7087
Or 1800 773 772
After hours: Emergency only

Post Office: 8672 7007

Opal Creek Blvd.
- Dukes Bottlehouse Motel
- Laundromat
- Claims Registrations
Open 7 days

Hours: 9am - 5pm Weekdays
11am - 3pm Weekends

Andamooka Powerhouse:

8672 7135
Faults & Emergencies 1300 151 935

Andamooka Town Office:

10.30am to 2.00pm Tues to Thurs.
School Rd, 0477 184 485
andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

OCA: 8648 5970

CCS & Avdata payments accepted at
Andamooka Post Office

Andamooka School & Children's
Centre: 8672 7018

Andamooka Community Hall:

Enquiries contact Town Office
- Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area
- Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions

Dine-A-Mite Café: 0409 512 692

Located at the Community Hall
Hours: Mon - Tues: Closed
Wed - Thurs: 9am - 2pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm
Sat - Sun: 9am - 2pm

Andamooka Caravan Park & Play-

space: 0477 184 485
Opal Creek Blvd, Rec Precinct

Celebrations:

Dodgy Drive. Town hub
Open 7 days
Hours: Mon - Sat 9am - 8pm
Sun: 10am - 8pm

CWA:

Boo-Teek Op Shop:
CWA Rd.
Hours: Fri - Sat: 9am - 12pm

Motor Vehicle Registration:

Roxby Downs Town Council
8671 0010

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What's On in *Little Critters* OCTOBER

- ◆ Month of October - Community Hall exhibits— internationally renown artist Tom Polacheck photographic artist— Torrens Lake works 2024. & Little Critters photographic exhibit - Andamooka Arts Collective.
 - ◆ Add your photo of a Little Critter - birds, reptiles, little animals, bugs, butterflies & more to the COMMUNITY PHOTO GALLERY - at the Community Hall - all of October.
 - ◆ Fri 25th— Families & Friends Tag-along Little Critters discover, catch and ID adventure from sunset. Do you have a bug that you'd like to know more about or ID. Bring a photo along and Kristen will help you with this.
 - ◆ Sat 26th - Birds, Damsels & Dragons - sunrise Tag-along photographic and ID adventure.
 - ◆ Sat 26th - Food & Music Festival Roxby Downs from 3pm
 - ◆ Sun 27th— FROM SOILS TO PLATE - learn about growing and conservation in arid zones including bush foods. Workshop commences 10.30 am at the Rec Centre till 3.30pm.
 - ◆ Sun 27th Kids Scarecrow Making Competition Pump Track shelter registrations 10.30am.
 - ◆ Thurs 31st Oct & Fri 1st Nov Halloween on the Hill - from 5.00pm
 - ◆ All of October— Rewilding Activities—join in UNDER-STORY PLANTING - Andamooka Hub gardens- adding ground-cover and low bush to Hub surrounds.
 - ◆ Look out for GROWING & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES—featuring guest presenters bring their experience & knowledge to our Community Produce Garden, Bush Food and Rewilding Projects. Soils, what grows where and how, water & conditions, good bugs & bad bugs... vital keys to the health & survival of our gardens and environment.
Register your interest via the email below or text 0477 184 485
 - ◆ Saturday 2nd Nov - ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY— Dusk at Andamooka Cemetery.
 - ◆ 30th Nov - Skunks Annual Toy Run
- for updates & information on Andamooka events & activities follow f: /AndamookaHub*

Join Andamooka Events Planning get-togethers - all welcome

email: andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

Andamooka Progress & Opal Miners Association Inc.

'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

2024 APOMA Annual General Meeting

2.00pm, Sunday 24th November 2024 at the
Andamooka Community Hall

School Road, Andamooka



All members of the community are welcome to attend.

NOMINATIONS for positions on
the APOMA Committee of Management
for the term commencing Nov 2024
CLOSE TUES 22nd Oct 24

Free Community Event - Richardson Place - Licensed Pop Up Bar (BYO allowed no glass)

Saturday 26 October 2024
3pm - 10pm



World Food World Music & Dance Family Activities

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| Beyond India
They See Me Grazing
Mod Pizzeria
Sadie Bites
Pirate Jays
Desert Kids
Tutop Bakery
Big Softys Ice Cream
Rotary Club
Roxby Scouts
Community Kitchen | Jambu Loco
Samba Dancers
K-OTIC K-POP Crew
Amazing Drumming Monkeys
Holly Hastings
The Boorook Street Band
Samba Workshops | Hula Hoop Artist
Parade of Nations
Roxby Rascals
Kids Corner
Giant Lantern Parade
Outdoor Games
Soft Play
Face Painting
Lantern Making Workshop
and lots more stalls! |
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A WEEKEND FOR ALL... FAMILIES, FRIENDS, COUPLES & SINGLES..

Come exploring, hunting, gathering & observing

Find out about arid land gardening, bush foods & more
Re-wilding & creating food security for our community
Managing soils, moisture & plants in arid land extremes..

LITTLE CRITTERS WEEKEND

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th October - based at Rec Centre

- **Friday Sunset tag-along adventure - nocturnal little critters** with Kristen Messenger - spotlight, ID & record, photograph..
- **Sat Sunrise tag-along Birds & Bugs**, watching & photography
- **Sunday workshop.. From Soils to Plate** - what you need to know about growing in arid environments for great gardens & to put delicious fresh fruit & vegies on your plate.

To register:

Phone/text 0477 184 485 or email: andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

Centrelink Visit
Tuesday 29th October

HALLOWEEN
on the Hill
and the spooky funnel!

at LOT 38 Four Nations Rd Andamooka
Starts at 5:00 pm
31st October - 1st November

Don't forget your gold coin donation for some goodies on display and the photo booth

SPECIAL EVENT

Meet at the Andamooka SES on Christmas Hill Rd.
2 Zombie walk sessions
1st November 2024
Strictly 6:00pm & 8:00pm starts
Come dressed as your favourite Zombie



ALL SOULS / ALL SAINTS DAY

WHERE: ANDAMOOKA CEMETARY

WHEN: DUSK *8PM*

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2024

COME HELP CELEBRATE **ALL SOULS** BY PLACING A CANDLE AT THE CEMETARY

LIGHT A CANDLE, BRING A DRINK TO TOAST LOVED ONES & REMENISCE

ALL WELCOME - YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A LOVED ONE BURIED LOCALLY TO ATTEND

BYO CHAIR



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 Underground Worldwide Opal & Mineral Display

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 APOMA BSB: 085 896
 Acc: 71 073 5044

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DINE-A-MITE
CAFE

Open Wednesday- Sunday 9am-3pm
 Including Friday Night until 8pm

LOCATED IN THE ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY HALL

WE NEED YOU!!



APOMA COMMITTEE
NOMINATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY!



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