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ANDAMOOKA WINTER WRAP UP

ANDAMOOKA GETTING BUSY WITH FUTURE PROOFING OUR TOWN

Regular rain events this winter have given the town and surrounds a fresh face, presenting an opportunity to get planting towards greening the town. So let us know if you're interested in joining a team to plan and plant out various spots throughout the town to assist drought proofing. Re-wilding some of the areas will support little creatures such as amazing insects, which in turn, together with native plants like Billy Buttons, provide food for lizards and small native birds and animals.

Greening helps to cool the air in summer. Tall trees provide shade, whilst ground level plants help keep soil cool and to retain moisture, also mitigating washouts in big rain events by slowing flows, assisting groundwater retention and providing protection for small creatures. Mid-level plants work as wind blocks helping to stop erosion, sheltering more delicate plants, also providing shelter and food sources for the wonderful array of native birds in Andamooka.

Addressing feral animal and invasive plant control goes hand in hand with this, as is the benefit of dark skies, to maintain healthy eco-systems.

But future proofing is more than just taking care of the environment, it is about sustainable living on all levels from capturing and managing natural resources to support town needs, to looking at ways of creating healthy, happy lifestyles, food security, and wealth within the community, and also how we can best design the town to meet future challenges.

To kick start this process, APOMA is planning a Living Sustainably Week in Andamooka to be held in the last quarter of 2024, bringing together experts in all fields to assist workshops, activities and members of the community with planning for their future.

Workshops for budget planning, getting on top of finances, and others will assist with healthy lifestyles such as nutritional meals on a tight budget, and repurposing all sorts into useful items such as soft furnishings, handy storage, artwork and more.

Another focus is on planning towards the community produce garden and community working together to produce locally available fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables. Those participating in gardening activities will benefit from this rewarding activity as well as from social interaction with others with like interests.

Future Proofing will be incorporated within the new Town and Community Plan so please make time to come to the APOMA Open Member & Community Meeting on Sunday 21 st July, where we will also progress signing off the 2024-25 CARM Agreement, and keep Andamooka moving forward into a vibrant and sustainable future.

On a regional basis, learn more about the OCA Strategic Blueprint at their consultation meeting on Tuesday 3rd September, Andamooka Community Hall.



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: David Roe-Simons
0429 192 215

CFS: Dave Bastian
0419 924 696

**Andamooka Community
Health Service:**
Hospital Road 8672 7087

After hours: Emergency only

Post Office: 8672 7007
Open 7 Days, Opal Creek Blvd.

- **Dukes Bottlehouse Motel**

- **Laundry-mat**

- **Claims Registration**

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

Andamooka Powerhouse:
8672 7235

Faults & emergencies 1300 151 935

Town Office: 0477 184 485
School Rd

OCA: 08 8648 5970
CCS & Avdata payments @ PO

**Andamooka School & Children's
Centre:** 8672 7087

Andamooka Community Hall:
Enquires, contact APOMA
- **Kids Splash Pad & BBQ Area**
- **Book Exchange & Art Exhibitions**

Andamooka Dine-A-Mite Cafe:
Opal Creek Blvd. PH 0409 512 692
Located at the Community Hall
Mon-Tues: Closed
Wed-Thurs: 9am - 2pm
Fri: 9am - 2pm & 5pm - 8pm
Sat-Sun: 9am - 2pm

**Andamooka Caravan Park
& Playground:** 0477 184 485
Opal Creek Blvd.

Bottle Shop: 8672 7183
Dodgy Dr. Open 7 Days
Mon - Sat: 9am to 8pm
Sun: 10am to 8pm

CWA: 8672 7044
Andamooka Boo-Teek Op Shop
Open Fri & Sat, 9am - 12pm
Top of CWA Rd

Motor Vehicle Registration:
Roxby Downs Town Council

For more details, visit:

www.andamooka.sa.au

Have you renewed your
2024 membership?

To make your vote count,
please make sure that you
have paid-up your 2024
membership fees.

Fees can be paid at the
Town Office or online to:

NAB

BSB:085 896

Acc: 2425 11591



ANDAMOOKA COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Andamooka Community Programs Update –

Andamooka Arts Collective:

Group members are busy preparing for Andamooka SALA 2024 which is open to all local residents. SALA celebrates artists and creatives from all skill levels across South Australia. Every Year since 2017 Andamooka has participated by hosting a community driven exhibition in the Andamooka Community Hall. Opens 1st August for a month.

Andamooka Lapidary Club:

Funds received via the LRCI Phase 4 grant via OCA, for work to commence on the Old Vets historic building utilities upgrade towards setting up the new clays, mosaic and glass crafts workshop. Bead making machinery is being set up in the Old PO historic building to broaden jewellery making using local stones, opal and glass beads. More equipment installed in the cutting & polishing workshop to meet busy demand by members & visitors.

Andamooka Recreation & Fitness Group:

Three members are progressing towards their Cert3 in Fitness, in order to get activities up and running. The group is fundraising & seeking grant funds to better equip activities.

Andamooka Youth & Children's Program:

The June Cirkidz Workshop event attended by 42 excited children enjoying two hours of circus fun. Cirkidz activities are held weekly at the Rec Centre, with the YC program set to expand out to two days a week, keeping the YC Team busy planning new activities and events for the second half of the year. Deb's popular Saturday Craft days continue weekly in the Community Hall, and a team of volunteers starting work on the cubbies as part of the Hub kids activity equipment upgrade.

Andamooka Events Planning Group: Monthly meetings open to community members who wish to get involved in planning or assisting with community and regional events. The group collectively work to an event planning schedule to bring vibrancy to the Town, encourage greater community and regional participation in events, and provide richer visitor experiences. Next Meeting end July.

Andamooka Legends Historic Group: There is so much been done, yet so much more to do towards collecting, collating and unravelling Andamooka's colourful history and converting that into living exhibits, trails and activities.

Andamooka Opal Miners Group: Currently working on solutions for a stable fuel supply in Andamooka. Also looking at options for new exploration and drilling towards opening new ground, working with stakeholders & the regional mining office. Next Qtrly meeting September

Community Services: 3 locals completed their first stage Snake Catching Course in June towards registration in time for next season. Their registration is supported by an OCA Small grant.

ACHWAG Community Update:

Community Support - Providing support and advocacy to community with care needs.

ACHWAG Group Strategy & Planning

- Draft Letter sent to APOMA Committee for approval for ACHWAG re Advocacy.
- Katalin met with Eddie Hughes to discuss support for Central Office and Community Services Space - Old buildings (Police & Mines Dept) also for vehicle for medical appointments for our aged, disability and veterans and others in need.
- Continuing efforts towards setting up a central office space in Andamooka.

Current Events (July/August 2024)

- Assisting event planning for Camp Oven Cook Out to be held 24th August.
- Discussions with Roxby Community Hub for upcoming events for our community.
- Assisting RFDS with NAIDOC event held July 9th Andamooka Community Hall.
- Attending Community General APOMA Meeting to be held 21st July 2024.
- Possible next RFDS Workshop for Mental Health planning (Sept 2024) TBC.

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'Preserving our past and planning for our future'

: NOTICE :

General Meeting of APOMA Members & Community

2.00pm, Sunday 21st July 2024

Andamooka Community Hall, School Road, Andamooka.

AGENDA:

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**
2. **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / PROXIES**
3. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 3.1. Overview of activities April to end June.
 - 3.2. **Financial Report**
 - 3.2.1. Presentation of Independent Quarterly Financial Report - end March 2024
 - 3.2.2. Anticipated outcomes EOFY – Association, Town Management, Projects
 - 3.2.3. Draft Budget for 2024-25 Association, Town Management, Projects
 - motion to adopt
 - 3.2.4. Precinct Development – overview - financial performance 2023-24
 - 3.2.5. Grants/projects – funding 2023-25
 - 3.3. **Progressing Andamooka Town & Community Plan 2024-27 – first draft**
 - 3.3.1. Presentation of draft and discussion
 - motion to progress towards adoption of the Plan - AGM 2024
 - 3.4. **Report current projects and town maintenance /services**
 - 3.5. **Community Programs and Services** – updates, activities, community bus
 - 3.6. **Major Events – 2023-5** - Andamooka & Regional Annual Calendar of Events
 - 3.7. **2024-25 Andamooka CARM Agreement** - presentation
 - 3.7.1. motions – to accept and to sign off for 2024-25. (see page 2)
 - 3.8. **OCA Update**
4. **OTHER BUSINESS** - items to be raised for other business to be included in this meeting must be lodged prior to the meeting as set out on page 2.
5. **CLOSURE**

Copies of the following documents will be available at the meeting:

1. Minutes in draft – 2023 AGM and general meetings for the year 2023-24
2. 2024-25 CARM Agreement – copies of draft available on www.oca.sa.gov.au

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

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CAMP-OVEN COOK-OUT
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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

UP COMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ July 30th **BIG RED BREKKY** — raising money for SIDS for KIDS
- ◆ Andamooka Youth & Kids **FAMILY FUN DAY** date TBA
- ◆ **ANDAMOOKA ARTS COLLECTIVE— SALA EXHIBITION**— Community Hall
On from July 31st to September 1st.
- ◆ August 27th **SERVICE SA visiting Andamooka** — Community Hall
- ◆ **TAG-ALONG FOSSICKING TOURS** — Andamooka Lapidary Club —
All Winter. Book at the **Lap Workshop Open Sat & Sun 10am -2pm**
- ◆ 24th August **ANDAMOOKA CAMP OVEN COOK-OUT**—Historic Cottages
joint effort by Andamooka community organisations and groups, to raise
funds for the RFDS.
- ◆ **OCA COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**— Community Hall — September 3rd
for updates & information on Andamooka events & activities follow
f: /AndamookaHub

To join the Andamooka Events Planning meetings
email: andamookatownoffice@gmail.com

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