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## END OF AN ERA - THE OUTBACK BIDS FAREWELL TO THE PLATE FAMILY

by Stephen Staines

The 12th of July 2013 will be remembered as the day the outback collectively shed a tear for the departure of the Plates from Oodnadatta. People travelled from far and wide to give the Plate family collective hugs and kisses of thanks for their pioneering spirit that helped keep a little town on the map for so many years. What Oodnadatta lacked in size it makes up for in spirit and that spirit was on display in all its glory last Friday in Oodna-bloody-datta!

The celebrations began at 3:30pm at the place formerly known as the Oodnadatta Airstrip. Father Paul Bourke was the MC for the event and opened the proceedings. He soon introduced the Hon Gail Gago, Minister for Local Government / State Relations and Regional Development. Minister Gago gave a touching and respectful speech that painted a picture of a man that the State Government had a long and somewhat difficult relationship with. Despite this, her presence was acknowledgement by the State of his value and contribution to his community and the region. Gail spoke of his endless letters to Ministers and government departments demanding better services for the outback. She described a man that had an undeniable impact. She spoke of his love of Oodnadatta, his passion for the outback, his unwavering concern for the safety of travellers and his tireless, voluntary work to ensure the Oodnadatta airstrip was maintained and remained serviced at all times.

It was at some point during Minister Gago's speech that I thought of Adam and, that if he was watching, how droll the situation must have appeared to him. He was no fan of governments. Thomas Paine once famously said that "Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one." This could have easily been Adam's words. He didn't particularly like government or its minions and he certainly wasn't afraid to let them know it! No doubt the irony of the situation would have given him some amusement and resulted in that wry smile of his creeping across his expression.

Lynn gave a short, impromptu speech that brought a tear to the eye of many in attendance.

Ned Loades, School Principal and current Chairman of the Oodnadatta Progress Association closed off the formalities at the Airport with a frank and honest speech that captured the nature and the character of the man being honoured. He spoke of Adam's involvement and commitment to the community and the controversy that, more often than not, came as part of the package. He spoke of Adam's relentless capacity to work, come rain, hail or insufferable heat. Such a common trait in so many outback pioneers. He was the "can do man", the "go to guy" in the community. If something needed to be done at the school Adam would lend a hand. Something need fixing? Adam will be able to fix it! Don't know where to get that part? Adam will know.

"I reckon that one day Nike came to Oodnadatta and saw Adam at the Pink Roadhouse and that's where they got their slogan 'Just Do It'", said Ned.

Ned is right, if Adam saw something that he thought needed to be done, he just did it.

Ned continued with a description of Adam's broad knowledge on many subjects.



Adam's 92 year old mother Jocelyn, his wife Lynn and their three daughters Tilly, Ruby, Alice, with Lynn's sister Annie Trevillion and Fr Paul Burke after Minister Gago officially named the facility the "Adam Plate Aerodrome".

"Adam often amazed me and others with his wide breadth of knowledge and interests including his motor sport, his irrational like of Peugeot's, his love of fiat's, Porsches, boats, bikes, politics, stock market, local and personal history, trucks, building, tourism and the list goes on and on."

He spoke of Adam's commitment as a father and that he wanted the best for his kids.

"He was a proud father of his four children and he wanted the best school for them and the community. So Adam did what Adam always did best: he worked towards his vision and he set about making the best school possible."

Ned's speech was not all strawberries and cream though. He spoke of Adam's ability to get along so well with children but that he often clashed with adults; especially many of those that ever sat on the Oodnadatta Progress Association with him.

"His passion for our community made it hard for Adam to work within the structure of a committee. This is not unusual for many people who are driven and have great vision. Like the famous saying goes; a Camel is a horse designed by a committee!"

I think if Adam was watching he would have been very proud of Mr Loades. He said some things that would have upset a few people but they were words that needed to be said. Maybe there was a little bit of Adam speaking through Ned that day...

"Adam understood that handing over an asset for one dollar meant losing control of what was owned by the Progress Association and ultimately our community."

The airstrip, that was owned by the Oodnadatta Progress Association, was sold to the State Government for a dollar (yes \$1.00!). Adam fought for years for ownership of the airport to remain in the hands of the Oodnadatta Progress Association but sadly that battle was eventually lost. Ned explained that the sale has resulted in a loss of refuelling capacity and therefore a massive reduction in air traffic. Adam knew this would occur. Whilst it remained in Progress hands, they could avoid much of the rules and regulations that governments shackle themselves and society with. The detrimental impact was immediately felt by the community.

"The reduced numbers of people stopping here as they fly over the country has truly led to a loss of vibrancy for our town and increased the sense of isolation just that little bit more. We used to have a lot of planes landing here and we would laugh to see those tourists using a pink sack truck to take their groceries back to their tent next to their plane," Ned continued.

"The small number of people that made the decision to sell our airstrip, no longer live in this town. They did not have a long term vision for maintaining vibrancy and economic development, and failed to consult meaningfully with the wider community. Adam was frustrated and angered by the narrow thinking that led to such a drastic and irreversible decision, directed in part at Adam himself. Yet it didn't in any way deter his spirit, and he was quickly out there lobbying for the best deal possible for the future."

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**SERVING THE OPAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD SINCE 1982**

# YELLOW WILD FLOWER EXPLOSION AROUND OPAL CAPITAL

Photos:  
Coober Pedy Regional Times



One of the many tiny yellow flowers bursting out of the harsh red soil in the outback

Millions of tiny yellow wildflowers have burst into bloom in the desert around Coober Pedy over the weekend.

The event follows 37mm of rain in June and a few weeks of warm July weather that peaked at 26C on Friday 12 July. The desert is unusually green at present.

The unusual flora explosion couldn't have happened at a more appropriate time as the outback celebrated the naming of the Oodnadatta Aerodrome for long term resident and visionary Adam Plate who lost his life in August 2012 during a rally car accident.

These magnificent yellow flowers are photographed along the Oodnadatta Road.



Travelling towards Coober Pedy, yellow wildflowers paint the outback town in a new light



A thick carpet of wildflowers covers the entrance to the 10 mile camp - giving the painted desert a whole new meaning



Travelling towards Oodnadatta and the Dog Fence - photo taken from opposite the tip entrance



Colourful view toward the Coober Pedy Sewerage Plant and town

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## THE NBN IS COMING TO COOBER PEDY

### INFORMATION SESSION FOR BUSINESS

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Where: Coober Pedy Council Chambers, Hutchison Street

#### TOPICS

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With Chris Gregory - NBN Co

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## Referendum to secure local funding

Local Councils have listened to residents who understand that rates cannot fund everything the community needs. That's the point of the referendum proposed to secure funding for community projects directly from the Federal Government.

Coober Pedy has seen significant Federal funding for local roads and for community projects in recent years. This includes the construction of Reilly St, Miller St, Pierce St, Chucky St, Kosta St and German Hill Rd.

Other Federal funding includes the Water for growth project that saw the replacement 13 kms of aged pipeline from the

bore and installation of a sub terrain watering system at Oz Minerals oval.

This sort of efficient direct funding is at risk as result of recent High Court decisions.

The direct funding we receive from the Federal Government comes with normal terms and conditions, so the change will simply allow such arrangements to continue without the threat of legal challenge.

If you want grants to help your local council to deliver local roads, sporting fields, libraries, and other local facilities with support from Federal grants vote 'Yes' on election day.

**Steve Baines**  
Mayor

## RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR COOBER PEDY & DISTRICTS AGED RESIDENTS STILL SOUGHT

The provision of an Aged Care Facility offering good, affordable low care residential accommodation is still a priority for the Far North Health Advisory Council.

The Far North Health Advisory Council (FNHAC) comprises of representatives from Country Health SA Local Health Network, Coober Pedy Hospital & Health Services, District Council of Coober Pedy and representation from the local community and surrounding environs.

The FNHAC have put this project at the top of their concerns and priorities for this area.

The following tasks have been conducted to support the need for an aged care facility within Coober Pedy: Surveys have been conducted, case studies collected, ABS census figures looked at (unfortunately due to the low recorded ABS figures for Coober Pedy the low numbers do not demonstrate the real figures and therefore put us at a disadvantage).

The FNHAC are looking towards preparing a submission to put our case to the Federal and State Governments for the building of a suitable, caring environment for our senior citizens to live out their final years here in Coober Pedy.

Other points of community interest from our last meeting were the news that the Coober Pedy Hospital had received a grant of \$100,000 to repair and replace water pipes and plumbing throughout the hospital - this work has commenced.

A motion was also passed that this group would support any attempts to limit the damage to people's health caused by excessive alcohol consumption in Coober Pedy.

The Far North Health Advisory Council meets monthly and is open to suggestions on how our health services can be improved. Local community representatives are: Trish Turner, Edward Radeka, Geoff Piggott, Judy Underwood and Carmelo Crisa.

*Judy Underwood*  
Community Rep C/Pedy  
Far North Health Advisory Council

### COOBER PEDY RACES - see page 19



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West Ridge area

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# Andamooka Community Affairs Resourcing and Management agreement out for consultation

**The public will have a chance to contribute their thoughts on a proposed Community Affairs Resourcing and Management agreement when the document is released for consultation.**

The agreement - between the Outback Communities Authority and the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association - sets out how municipal funding may be made available to the township of Andamooka.

General Manager of the OCA Mark Sutton said details of the proposed agreement will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in the coming days in Andamooka.

“We have to be sure that everyone who will be affected has the opportunity to comment on the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement,” said Mr Sutton.

“All submissions will be considered before the agreement is finalised.”

The proposed agreement and feedback forms are available from the Andamooka Town Management Committee office. They are also accessible at [www.oa.as.gov.au](http://www.oa.as.gov.au) and can be posted to interested parties if they contact the OCA (1800 640 542 or [oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au)).

The public is encouraged to review the agreement and provide any comment directly to the OCA at:

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Submissions must be received by 31 July 2013.

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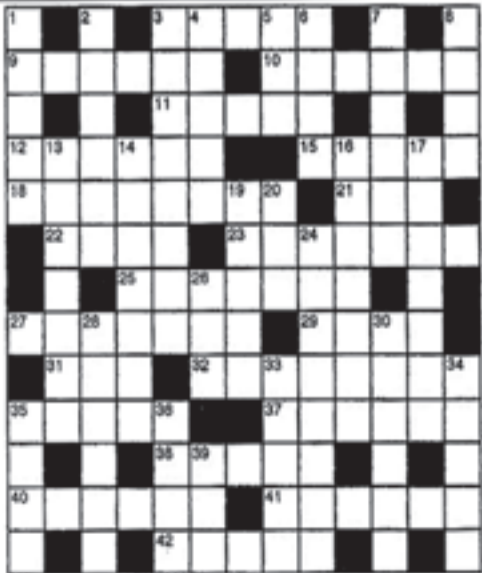
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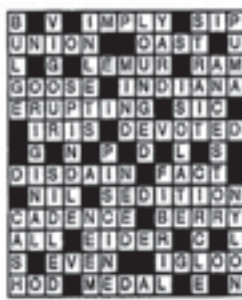
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**SOLUTION NO. 117**



## 7 DAY WEATHER at a GLANCE from 26-3-2013

	Coober Pedy		Oodnadatta		Tarcoola		Andamooka	
	Tue Jul 16	Wed Jul 17	Thu Jul 18	Fri Jul 19	Sat Jul 20	Sun Jul 21	Mon Jul 22	
Summary	Sunny	Rain	Rain clearing	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Cloud increasing	Mostly sunny	
Maximum	21°C	27°C	18°C	16°C	16°C	15°C	16°C	
Minimum	7°C	11°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	6°C	5°C	
Chance of Rain	5%	90%	10%	10%	10%	20%	5%	
Rain Amount	< 1mm	5-10mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	
UV Index	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	
Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	slight	
Wind Speed	17 km/h	15 km/h	39 km/h	42 km/h	23 km/h	36 km/h	27 km/h	29 km/h
Wind Direction	ENE	N	N	WNW	WNW	W	SW	WSW

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## MAYOR'S REPORT 16th July 2013

It was my pleasure to undertake two citizenships in June. Jayne Price and Jerlyn Nathan both long term residents of Coober Pedy became Australian Citizens.



*Jerlyn Nathan, Mayor Steve Baines and Jayne Price after the citizenship ceremony*

The CEO and I are still attempting to facilitate a meeting with the APY Executive Council. Council's Strategic plan (2.3.2) and Councils Alcohol Management Plan (1.2.2.2) call for Council to formalise a link and establish a relationship with the APY Executive. I understand that the APY Executive is also keen for this to happen.

Council resolved at the meeting dated 21st May 2013 that

**Further, that Council support and participate in a community driven conciliatory delegation to visit the APY Lands for the sole purpose of sourcing written support for the above points from the Executive Board of the APY and further, that no other initiatives be raised with the Executive Board during the conciliatory mission until a community consensus is achieved.**

Given that the resolution of Council restricts my discussion with the APY Executive to two points of conversation I now seek direction from Council as to the latitude permissible of any future discussions that may eventuate.

It is my opinion to enable me to hold discussions with the APY Executive that deviate from these two topics I would require the original motion to be rescinded. R13(3) of the Local Government Procedures at Meetings Regulations state that

**A motion the effect of which, if carried, would be to revoke or amend a resolution passed since the last periodic election requires written notice of motion.**

If Council wishes that I comply with the relevant sections of Councils Strategic Plan and Alcohol Management Plan a rescission motion on notice will be required prior to any meeting being scheduled.

On Friday the 12th of July the CEO and I met with minister Piccolo to discuss his reply to Councils request to undertake a Social, Economic and Cultural impact study for the Transitional Accommodation Centre.

We reinforced Councils position on the TAC being that Council will publicly oppose the TAC until such time as the study is undertaken.

We also made it clear that the SOG, Council nor the community has been consulted on a TAC and the community are expecting consultation on a proposed model and location.

We extended an invitation to the Minister to visit Coober Pedy and meet with Council to discuss some of the concerns that Council have in relation to the TAC.

We also provided the Minister with a Copy of the letter Council received from the CPRB&TA expressing their opposition to the TAC.

The Minister has accepted our invitation and will be traveling to Coober Pedy next month to meet with Council.

The Minister has requested from Council a specific list of concerns that Council would like addressed in a Social, Economic and Cultural impact study as a matter of urgency. The Minister intends to discuss these concerns with Council when he visits next month.

Before I left Coober Pedy I heard rumours within the Community that Housing SA was purchasing land to add to their housing stock, presumably to house people as they leave the TAC.

We put this to the Minister who advised that this there was no substance to this claim and that Housing SA were currently selling housing stock across the state in an attempt to meet budgetary constraints.

### Media Commitments this month:

27th June ABC Radio North and West re Liquor Licence Conditions

27th June ABC PM program re Liquor Licence Conditions

27th June ABC Television News re Liquor Licence Conditions

1st July ABC Radio North and West re Proposed Heritage Park

**Steve Baines  
Mayor**

## COOBER PEDY SENIOR OFFICERS' GROUP Minutes Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### 1 STRATEGIC PLAN

The draft SOG Strategic Plan was presented to the meeting for discussion & endorsement.

It was resolved to adopt the SOG Strategic Plan 2013/14 with the changes discussed.

### 2 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Karyn Reid review consultant presented to the meeting and gave an update on the review of the Coober Pedy Alcohol Management Plan. Representatives of the SOG Alcohol Management Plan Working Party also have met with Karen on the 9<sup>th</sup> May & 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

SOG also to write a letter of support to FaHCSIA seeking assistance in having suitable resources available to facilitate the many actions contained within the draft management plan.

### 3. TRANSITIONAL ACCOMODATION CENTRE

Housing SA stated that the work occurring at the Northern end of Hutchison Street had no connection with the TAC project.

### 4 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNCIL & MINING COMPANIES

Phil Cameron gave a verbal update of the first meeting which was facilitated by Regional Development Australia Far North with representatives of the mining companies.

### 5 OTHER BUSINESS

Terms of Reference

The SOG draft terms of reference was presented to the meeting for discussion and adoption.

### Section 41 Committee of Council

SOG members considered a request to become a Section 41 Committee of the Coober Pedy Council.

Government agencies present at the meeting stated that due to departmental government policy they cannot be a member of a Section 41 Committee, therefore membership of a Council committee is not an option.

## Council Meeting Happenings

### Authorising Officers to issue Burning Certificates

Council has requested that the Chief Officer of the Country Fire Service authorise four Council officers pursuant to Section 81 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act to issue burning permits in Coober Pedy.

### Breakaways Co-Management Agreement

Council is a partner in the Breakaways Co-Management Agreement and has many responsibilities under the funding agreement including the employment of an Executive Officer to provide high level leadership, governance and support to the Breakaways Board. This position has been advertised and once finalised will occupy the former RDAFN office space within the Coober Pedy Multicultural Forum.

### Opal Mining Heritage Park

Council has resolved to establish a heritage park for the preservation, display and storage of vintage opal mining equipment in Coober Pedy at the old town hall site as part of the 2013/14 budget process. Council has also resolved to apply for funding from the Regional Development Australia Fund – round 5 to help progress stage one of the project.

### Regional Express Partnership Agreement

Council's current partnership agreement with REX airlines expired on the 30th June 2013. Council has resolved to enter into a new partnership agreement with REX for a further 3 year period.

### Purchase of Garbage Truck

Council has accepted a tender from North East Isuzu to purchase a new Isuzu garbage truck fitted with a 18m<sup>3</sup> MacDonald Compactor. The truck should arrive within the next month or so.

### Coober Pedy Area School – Week of Science

Council has resolved to add some financial support to a 'Week of Science' to be held at the Coober Pedy Area School from 29th July to 2nd August 2013. Sciworld will come to Coober Pedy with interactive science workshops including astronomy, robotics, electric circuits, rockets, etc for the school students. There will also be a community science event.

### Council Annual Business Plan

Council 2013/14 Annual Business Plan has been out for public consultation until the 19th July 2013. Council will consider any submissions received and then adopt the plan etc.

### Proposal for Coober Pedy Liquor Licence Conditions

Council has received correspondence from Paul White the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner in regards to concerns about alcohol related misuse in Coober Pedy. Council was consulted and asked to comment on some 15 draft proposed conditions to be placed on the take-away outlets as a means to prevent and reduce the incidence of alcohol related misuse. The consultation is yet to be completed with advice of the final conditions etc.



# Coober Pedy Street and Road Names

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Part 34 in a series - by Sue Britt

Where did the name of your street come from?

Steve papas, Bill Helmis and Warwick Goldsworthy in Warwick's dugout

**GOLDSWORTHY STREET** is most likely named for aviator, inventor, entrepreneur Warwick Goldsworthy and his brother Ross. Warwick and Ross built the first tunnelling machine. Warwick was a pilot. In 1962, he flew a weekly freight service to Coober Pedy for Silver City Air Taxis bringing in perishables like milk, meat, ice and fish. He also flew planes for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, often with no doctor or nurse aboard.

Then, in 1963, with the backing of Beppi Coro, Greg Sherman and Laurie Lehman, Warwick started Opal Air with a 5-passenger, single engine Cessna 205. Opal Air became the first official commuter airline in Australia. Its fleet expanded to include six Cessna 421s, a 9-passenger Merlin and then a 16-passenger, and a 2-pilot Metro. Opal Air flew for 23 accident-free years, connecting Coober Pedy to Adelaide, Roxby Downs and Ayers Rock.

Warwick Goldsworthy was an enthusiastic opal miner. His early education included an engineering apprenticeship at Freighter Trailers and years of work as a fitter and turner. He used his experience to design and make some of Coober Pedy's first tunnelling machines. He designed the first 'round' tunnelling machine. In 1968, he married Gillian and in 1970 he tunnelled a beautiful new dugout for her and his children Melissa and Nigel. Warwick also invented a drill/ blower combination. He experimented with a low pressure reverse circulation system in which the shaft was sealed and pressure used to bring mullock to the surface.



The solar desalination plant 1967



Gordon Traeger unloading meat from Opal Air.

Ross was one of the first projectionists at the new Drive-in which started in 1965. They showed 2 movies a night, 5 nights a week. The second movie was usually a Western. Thursday night was Greek night when they showed foreign, mainly Greek, films.

Ross and Warwick used to build roads. They built the road to the airport. According to Elaine Goldsworthy, Warwick had a run-in with Mrs Brewster over the dust his planes raised when he taxied down the main street in front of her store. That's why he and Ross built the airport so far from the centre of town. Ross also helped build the pipe lines that took salt water to the solar desalination plant and delivered it to businesses in town. He was a refrigeration mechanic. In 1982, he came back with his new wife to sell up and leave but the fires at Coro's and Lucas's gave him reason to stay on and to help rebuild the stores.

Ross likes to take some credit for the sealing of the Stuart Highway. Coober Pedy residents had been complaining for years about the state of the 'highway.' In 1979, it rained for 15 days and no one could travel. Tourists were stranded. It happened that a bus with several politicians on board got bogged. They only had water and a few biscuits on board. Ross was asked to take the Blitz down and pull them out. He took his time about doing it. Apparently the funds were suddenly available after that.

In 2010, Warwick was working on an electric car and held patents for a condenser and water cooler. He was inventing and innovating new technologies up until his death on Christmas Day of that year.

Ross and Elaine live in Queensland.

Warwick is survived by wife Gillian, son Nigel, daughter Melissa and 4 grandchildren.

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# END OF AN ERA - OUTBACK BIDS FAREWELL TO PLATE FAMILY

by Stephen Staines

Ned's speech was followed by a heartfelt tribute by one of Adam's best mates, Trevor Wright of Wrightsair fame. Trevor is the unofficial Mayor of William Creek and another great visionary in the outback.



Adam Plate, activist, family man, community member, visionary, legend

Trevor and his pilots did a "missing man formation" flyover, an aerial salute performed at funerals and memorials typically in memory of a fallen pilot. It was a show of great respect by Trevor to his fallen comrade. Trevor - you did your mate proud.

Adam's mother Jocelyn, Linnie and his daughters Alice, Tilly and Ruby, were close at hand as Minister Gago cut the ribbon officially naming the facility the "Adam Plate Aerodrome". This was followed by a blessing of the aerodrome performed by Fr Paul.

It is fitting that the Airport that Adam loved so much and fought for so hard for so long will now forever bear his name. Even in his passing his fighting spirit lives on in those people he touched and I see this as possibly Adam's final victory.

In the words of the great Ghandi and quoted by Mr Loades during his speech:

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

The party soon migrated over to the Pink Roadhouse where the Plates treated all of their friends and family to a free barbecue, outback hospitality at its finest.

The barbecue was followed by a number of speeches. The Plates bidding the outback farewell and those that love them and will miss them recounted entertaining anecdotes of Adam, Linnie, Jack Alice, Tilly and Ruby's time in Oodnadatta.

The evening's ceremonies began with an introduction by the MC, Alice Plate, to long-time friend and companion to the Plate family, Audrey Wonga, who performed a Welcome to Country. Alice then invited her mum to the stage.

Linnie started her speech by thanking everyone for coming but paid special tribute to Adam's 92 year old mother, Jocelyn Plate, who had travelled from Sydney to be there.

"I have no doubt Adam inherited some of his tenaciousness from his mother," said Linnie.

Linnie then gave a detailed recount of Adam (a surfer rebel from Sydney) and her (a city girl hippie from Canberra) adventure from Alice Springs to Oodnadatta in 1975 with 6 camels, 6 horses and 50 donkeys. She went on to quote Adam on their arrival in Oodnadatta.

"We were seduced by the exotic nature of hard conditions, the broad landscape and community feel of Oodnadatta, said Adam..." But Linnie remembered it a little differently. "Hmmm, well I was seduced by Adam and happy to give this new rough and tumble town a go," she said.

"Oodnadatta had a certain charm. We were hippies, looking for the meaning of life, and there was a real appeal about the place where you could do anything, be anyone, and no-one seemed to care."

Linnie described the many locals that the famous Pink Roadhouse employed over the years. The Plates were also pioneers in employment initiatives being the first in the region to import foreigners for employment in the tourism and hospitality industry. They also started the original Mail Run Tour now owned by Peter Rowe.

She went on to pay tribute to her current "rock" at the Pink Roadhouse and manager for the past 6 years, Hayley Nunn.

Linnie's focus was people and service at the roadhouse whilst Adam's was the workshop and advocating for better infrastructure and services whilst at the same time fighting back the tendrils of bureaucracy that groped into the outback like a kraken blindly searching for prey.

An amusing and typical anecdote was when, in early 2000, Adam and Linnie landed in the Environment Court in Adelaide because Adam had graded some roads out the back of Oodnadatta in the Neales River floodplain without permission. After many trips to Adelaide to attend court, Adam was asked to do some rehabilitation work as punishment for his initiative. A week later a big flood did all the rehab for them.



Adam and Linnie in the 70's shortly after their arrival in Oodnadatta

Linnie spoke of raising a family in Oodnadatta in the 80s. The freedom and safety of growing up in Oodnadatta coupled with boarding school at Pembroke College in Adelaide resulted in the "the best of both worlds for their education".

Linnie went on to share some personal and amusing letters with the gathering.

In 1992 Alice wrote:

*"Dear Mum, Dad and family*

*It has been very strict at dinner lately. And tomorrow we have to go to church!! Which I hate because it is too boring.*

*My piano teacher is really nice. I had a softball practice for the first time. It was good but I couldn't believe how weak they are at sport. Oodnadatta kids would beat them by far!"*

In 1994 Tilly aged 10 wrote:

*"Dear Alice*

*Look, I really know I said I hate you, but I already miss you even though you have only been gone one day."*

The happy times were shared but also the truly devastating times...

"But it was when our son Jack died in 1999 in a road accident at the age of 20 the Oodnadatta community wrapped around our family and helped us struggle through the almost unbearable pain. They watched over us and fed us and allowed us to grieve."

Linnie went on to explain that the past year, since Adam's passing, has been the most difficult year of her life. She has managed to keep moving forward with the unwavering support of her twin sister Annie as well as her many friends and family and the entire Oodnadatta community.

Linnie closed her speech with the following words:

"I can tell you that I know I am going to miss Oodnadatta far more than you will ever imagine. I love being part of the Oodnadatta community and I know my family feel the same, so thank you!"

Alice, Tilly and Ruby then gave a joint speech paying tribute to their mum and dad and described the values that they instilled within them as well as imparting many amusing experiences of life growing up in Oodnadatta.

Tony Williams (Mount Barry Station and President of the Oodnadatta Bronco Branding committee) and Eddie Nunn (Macumba Station and President of the Oodnadatta Race Club committee) and Roseanne Woodford all gave speeches that included amusing tales of the Plates time in Oodnadatta.

The formalities ended, the music was cranked up and the bar flowed freely. A good night was had by all.

I managed to snag a little of Linnie's time at one point in the evening to ask her what she was going to do without the roadhouse. I half expected to hear a hint of regret in her voice and trepidation of imminent change... but I should have known better. That flame for adventure and the great unknown that burns deep in the souls of all pioneers never stops smouldering and I have little doubt that the change will stoke those flames and Linnie's spirit will be all the more richer for it.

As the wee hours of the morning kicked in I found myself once again, possibly for the final time, at the Plate's dining room table, enjoying their hospitality, surrounded by good company, with a glass of neat scotch in my hand, just as it would have been if Adam was there. I pondered the situation for a moment and thought to myself, "This is what life is all about..." It wasn't a Dewars Adam, but hey, nothing is perfect!

With every ending comes a new beginning. Neville and Adriana Jacobs, former publicans at William Creek and Penong, the outback welcomes you back and we look forward to seeing you at the Pink Roadhouse in September!

Despite the fact that change is an inevitable part of life, I can't help but think, someday in September, the sun will rise and slowly creep across the majestic gibber plains and bathe the Davenport Range in its warm glow as it has done for millennia, but the entire outback will be a little less magic without the Plates in Oodnadatta.

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## SAVE OUR DRIVE-IN!



Do you have any clean, 10c bottles or cans laying around? If so we will be happy to get rid of them for you! All proceeds go towards the upgrade of the Coober Pedy Drive-In projectors. Please contact either Sue 8672 3542 or Sandy 8672 5792 (leave a message) to arrange collection.

## CHOOSE YOUR POLICE NEWS

South Australia Police is taking community policing to a whole new level – inviting the public to sign up to local policing news and information of interest and that impacts them.

Essentially the dedicated web pages allow the community to "customise" their online police news.

Key features include:

- The ability to hold online community forums
- The facility to leave comments against stories
- Publishing video and photographs
- Enabling users to share stories to their social media accounts
- Sign up for subscriber email alerts

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It will be possible to subscribe to more than one page and the public will be encouraged to sign up and become active participants in the SAPOL online community.

The public will be able to leave comments on the stories, giving them the opportunity to provide feedback to the police and raise topics of importance to them.

For people interested in news in Far North Local Service Area, their webpage will be: [www.sapolicenews.com.au/farnorth](http://www.sapolicenews.com.au/farnorth)

In addition to providing details of crime within specific areas in a timely fashion, the webpages will:

- Highlight community events involving the police
- Detail specific community policing strategies
- Provide warnings about issues, offenders, road closures etc
- Provide vital crime prevention information with a local context
- Provide links to key stakeholder groups such as Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Stoppers and Blue Light
- Facilitate communication with the public on local issues – both via the comment facility and through regular live blogs hosted by police within the LSA
- Publish facts and statistics

## SAPOL supports Government action on child sex offenders

Wednesday, 3 July 2013' announcement by the Attorney General which outlined changes to the Child Sex Offenders Registration Act 2006 are supported by SAPOL.

The changes will provide SAPOL with a greater ability to more effectively monitor all child sex offenders.

In addition, providing police the powers to electronically monitor, including by GPS tracking, those child sex offenders deemed high risk will provide the community greater reassurance.

SAPOL will work closely with the Attorney General's Department to ensure outcomes are practical and workable.

Once the legislation is passed, SAPOL will act quickly to implement the new laws.



## White Balloon Day on September 6

The 17th annual White Balloon Day will be held this year on September 6

• This is Australia's leading child protection advocate, Bravehearts' national awareness day

• Hundreds of schools, child care centres, businesses, councils and organisations around Australia are gearing up for the initiative

• The Australia-wide event is a key fixture during National Child Protection Week

• Funds raised goes toward education, prevention and counselling programs

With the purpose of encouraging kids to come forward and break the silence about sexual assault in Australia, White Balloon Day aims to raise funds to ensure that vital support networks and programs can continue for the benefit of all victims and their families.

Residents are encouraged to show their support and join the rest of the country in raising awareness and helping Bravehearts to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child by participating in local White Balloon Day events, or registering themselves as volunteers.

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# Outback legend honoured with Oodnadatta aerodrome dedication

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Guests at combined Farewell to Linnie and family and the naming of the Adam Plate Aerodrome

The late Adam Plate, co-owner of the famous Pink Roadhouse at Oodnadatta, was honoured Friday, 12 July, 2013 with Minister for State/Local Government Relations and Regional Development Gail Gago dedicating the Oodnadatta aerodrome in his memory.



The Hon. Gail Gago dedicates the Oodnadatta aerodrome in memory of Adam Plate

The aerodrome is an important transit stop for private and commercial light aircraft flights, and is a centre for scenic flights over Lake Eyre and surrounding areas.

It is also used by the Royal Flying Doctor Service for medical clinics and patient transfers as well as medical emergency evacuations, with about 50 stops at the airstrip each year.

In Oodnadatta for the naming ceremony, Ms Gago said that this commemoration suitably reflects Mr Plate's untrammelled, adventurous spirit.

"For travellers and residents alike, Adam Plate's name was synonymous with the Outback. His passion and vision for the Outback were extraordinary," Ms Gago said.

"Adam and his wife Linnie were famously 'just passing through' with camels and donkeys in 1975 and never left. Over the next 40 years they became advocates for tourism development and the improvement of services and amenities for the Far North.

"The service they have provided at the Pink Roadhouse since the mid-eighties has held the Far North of South Australia together—providing travellers with a warm welcome, generous assistance, vital supplies, and expert local advice.

"Adam lobbied to name the road from Marla to Marree the Oodnadatta Track, and established life-saving UHF radio communication networks for travellers and pastoralists.

"For more than 20 years Adam also maintained and managed the aerodrome, helping to ensure it remained open and provided access for emergency services, locals and visitors.

"I am honoured to dedicate the aerodrome in his memory."

The aerodrome was significantly refurbished in 2012 under the Australian Government's Remote Aerodrome Safety Program, with the project jointly funded by the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

The upgrade now provides emergency response aircraft with reliable 24 hour access, improving safety and response times for emergency services and the travelling public in the event of a critical incident.

The aerodrome is owned by the Outback Communities Authority and managed with the assistance of the Oodnadatta Community.



Ned Loades Oodnadatta School Principal and good friend of the Plate's spoke of his respect for Adam and his many achievements



Trevor Wright and Wright's Air Pilots fly across the Adam Plate Aerodrome in the "missing man formation", to honour the naming



The Plate women stand in prayer while Father Paul Burke blesses the Adam Plate Aerodrome



Guests at the Aerodrome ceremony, held on the airstrip prepare to move to the Pink Roadhouse for the Plate's farewell party

Photos: Stephen Staines

# Scenic Coober Pedy?



View towards the Creek from North West Ridge

A scenic view of North West Ridge, from the Creek

Margaret Mackay



While Coober Pedians are generally clear that they don't want a manicured town that resembles a city suburb, what else can we do to make our town more inviting to visitors?

On Sunday I embarked on an extended walk around my neighbourhood, simply to have a 'life-be-in-it' day and soak up the unexpected warm weather.

Wistfully I imagined the empty dugouts I saw to be waiting for the right family or occupant. An opal mining family perhaps, to share the dreams and wonder of our amazing heritage; to make a new story! Sometimes an owner will return for a week and potter around finding it hard to let go.

The previous Friday, visitors had arrived unexpectedly all the way from Tasmania and Geelong, but promptly left on Saturday morning. They were just stopping over here on their way to somewhere else for some sunshine and fishing.

The friends told me it had rained all the way from Port Augusta so to arrive in Coober Pedy amidst 26C was considered a huge bonus - and a sense of arrival almost prevailed.

Despite their visit was planned to include Coober Pedy as a stopover, I still suggested a number of easy sightseeing spots like the cemetery, underground living and of course the various opal shops and our magnificent churches, hoping that something may spark an interest in investigating our town further.

The Visitor Information Centre would be more helpful, but was not open at that time. In all fairness the visitors had stayed for several days the year before and done the tours.

By the time Sunday arrived I was still wondering how travellers decide before they leave home, what their destination is going to be and why.

My Sunday walk took me along the rocky terrain at the foot of North West Ridge and then across to the currently dry creek that had recently become void of visiting transient drinkers.

There were a couple of caravans on the other side of the creek and I recalled that creeks were a favourite of my own when travelling, in fact I was there now. Were the caravanning families contemplating a walk along the creek - a barbeque perhaps or to indulge in some bird watching? It would be interesting to do a survey.



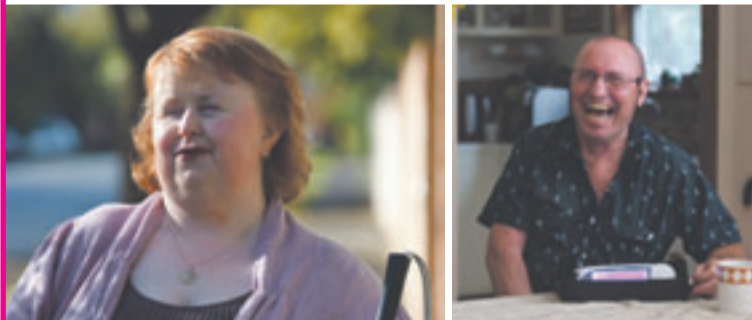
View of the Creek at close range

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## 5,000 children to benefit from South Australia launch

South Australia is one of six locations across the country to benefit from the launch of DisabilityCare Australia. The scheme will have an important focus on early intervention. Infants and children with a significant and permanent disability will be able to access the scheme from:

- July 2013: Birth to 5 year olds
- July 2014: Birth to 13 year olds
- July 2015: Birth to 14 year olds.

From July 2016, DisabilityCare Australia will roll out progressively in South Australia and by July 2018, all eligible residents up to age 65 will be covered.

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From 1 July, Australia's current support system for people living with disability is being progressively replaced with DisabilityCare Australia. This new scheme will help provide a better quality of life for Australians with a significant and permanent disability, and for their families and carers too.

### What's new about DisabilityCare Australia?

DisabilityCare Australia is a new way of funding personalised support for people with disability. As well as looking at a person's immediate needs, it will take a lifelong approach and enable people with disability to have choice and control over their supports. It will focus on early intervention, recognising that timely support can minimise the impact of a disability on individuals, families and carers. Assistance will be provided at the right time, rather than only once people reach crisis.

### Who is eligible?

DisabilityCare Australia will help people who have a significant and permanent disability and who need assistance with everyday activities. This includes people whose disabilities are attributed to intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory, or physical impairment, or a psychiatric condition.

### Will I lose my current support?

No. Your current arrangements will stay in place until you have met DisabilityCare Australia to discuss your needs.

### Will it affect my Disability Support Pension?

No. Your Disability Support Pension will not be affected.

### When does it all begin?

DisabilityCare Australia is being rolled out in stages because it is a big change to the current system.

### Locations that start from July 2013

Barwon region of Victoria .....People aged 0-64  
Hunter region of NSW .....People aged 0-64  
South Australia .....Children aged 0-14  
Tasmania .....Young people aged 15-24

### Locations that start from July 2014

ACT .....People aged 0-64  
Barkly region of NT .....People aged 0-64

**From July 2016**, DisabilityCare Australia will continue to extend to more locations and age groups around Australia, including Queensland.

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# Royalties for Regions a 'must' for SA

A \$1bn Regional development fund to boost rural communities is essential if regional SA is to avoid further decline.

"It's all one-way traffic", said Family First spokesperson Bob Day. "The money moves one way. Rural SA earns it, the city spends it – on itself. Country people have no voice in the city."

The State Government is coming under increasing pressure over its decisions to spend up big on

city-based projects like upgrading Victoria Square, new city trams, a new hospital, a new desalination plant, a new Adelaide oval and a new footbridge over the River Torrens so football goers can take a short-cut to the casino.

"Then there's all the money spent on city-based marginal seats - like sound-proofing buildings under the Adelaide airport flight path and new sporting facilities.

"All this money gets spent and who

misses out? Rural communities. They have bad roads, deteriorating health services and poor mobile phone coverage.

"Take the classic example of the need for a de-salination plant in Orroroo. The water in Orroroo is 300% more saline than Adelaide water. It damages everything it touches - appliances, whitegoods, pumps, you name it. If Orroroo was in a marginal seat do you think this situation would continue? Not for a minute."



## Furore over govt's \$100,000 splurge on dinner and coffee machines

The Federal Government is in damage control following revelations it spent \$21,000 on a single dinner and more than \$90,000 on top-of-the-range coffee machines for its staff.

A Senate Estimates Committee has heard how the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry spent \$21,000 for one dinner at one hotel whilst the Department of Industry and the Department of the Clean Energy Regulator spent over \$90,000 on coffee machines installed in each of its staff kitchens.

"They find the money for lavish dinners and skinny lattes but turn a blind eye to those doing it tough", said Family First spokesman Bob Day. "They've got their priorities all wrong".



## Petrol taxes for roads!

Whether it's taking kids to school or taking farm produce to market, good roads are essential. The deterioration of SA's roads over the past two decades especially in our country areas has been disgraceful – especially considering the amount of money collected in petrol taxes. "Petrol taxes were introduced to pay for roads - building new ones and maintaining existing ones" said Family First spokesman Bob Day. "My first job was with the Highways Department. In those days petrol taxes were spent

on roads – building new ones and maintaining existing ones, he said.

"It is a classic government ploy – they introduce a new tax or levy, earmark it for a specific purpose, and then slowly siphon the money off into other things. After a few years they break all connection between the tax and the specific purpose. It's no wonder people get cynical about politics. "In 2011 motorists paid nearly \$20bn in fuel taxes (including GST on fuel). Barely half of that was spent on roads."



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# Sustainable Coober Pedy?

The Far North of South Australia has an arid climate, but what does that really mean? In terms of sustainability, many species of fauna and flora actually thrive here.

We are not utilising the land around us in any agricultural capacity. Is it even possible? It is heartening to observe so much life occurring after a short burst of rain and sunshine.

As part of a consumer society that lives in a remote region, I wonder if we could be doing more to ease the burden on the world's diminishing food bowl with so much uninhibited growth around us. There must be a way that our small population could embrace sustainability and offer the world some produce that wouldn't flourish elsewhere. Any thoughts out there?



Wild flowers during July



Wild grasses grow prolifically along the creek beds

## SUNDAY IS 'PINK' DAY AT THE COOBER PEDY RACES

The annual Coober Pedy Race Meeting and Gymkhana is being held on 10th & 11th August 2013. This event is always a fun filled weekend for the entire family.

This year on the Sunday, we are having a "pink day" where we are encouraging all competitors, patrons and visitors to wear something pink. We will have plenty of pink race club shirts available for purchase at the track on both the Saturday and Sunday. The gate takings on the Sunday are being donated to the McGrath Foundation who, amongst other things, help fund nurses for those affected by breast cancer.

The race club are also donating 50% of our annual raffle takings to this worthy cause. Trish Turner and ladies from the hospital will be holding a pink stall where you can purchase pink food and other pink items. The McGrath Foundation will also have some of their merchandise for sale at this stall.

Other stalls at the races this year will be Ranges Fodder and Saddlery, The Coober Pedy Saints Footy Club are doing oysters, burgers, hot-dogs, chips and pies etc. Jeff and his tent full of everyday clothes will be attending again, Gary and the Big Red Bus will be selling gourmet burgers, nachos and yiros, and Joan will be supplying us all with her wonderful cakes once more. Bill Drew from BBB clothing is also hoping to attend. If anyone else is interested in holding a stall on either day, please phone Curly on 0407162894.

We have had some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses for our raffle this year, 1st prize is a scenic flight and overnight accommodation at William Creek Hotel for 2 people very generously donated by Trevor Wright and Wrights Air.

Other prizes include a 2009 race club mirror, a \$200- gift voucher donated by Opalios, a swag donated by Bulls, \$150- worth of goods from the Italian Club, a dinner donated by George from the Underground Restaurant, 2 massage vouchers donated by Shaz Baines, a dinner at Umberto's Restaurant, a \$50- voucher donated by Shelley's Nail & Spa and 2 x \$25- vouchers donated by the Hardware Shed.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible wearing pink on Sunday 11th August.

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COOBER PEDY AREA SCHOOLS

NEWSLETTER



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and Child Development

04/07/2013  
Term 2 Issue 5

John Sutton  
Principal

END OF TERM 2,  
BEGINNING OF TERM 3.

A reminder that this Friday July 5th is the last day of Term 2 and students will finish school at 2:00pm.

Over the holiday period it is important to remember that access to the school is restricted to the shared community areas and that the general school areas are out of bounds. We ask the community to keep vigilant over the holidays as part of the school watch program.



School will return on Monday July 22nd for Term 3 at 8.45 am.

the culprit was we would be very grateful to know.

Tuesday 9th July Moving display at the IGA  
Thursday 11th July Moving display at the Miners' Store.  
Thursday 11th July Talent Competition at basketball courts  
Friday Night 12th Youth Ball  
Sunday the 14th Drive Inn Closing Ceremony - The Sapphires

Vandalism

It is with great sadness that I have to report that last weekend our Pre school garden was trashed by vandals. On Monday morning we had some very sad pre school students, who had been looking after the garden and watering it everyday just to find out some people came along and pulled out all their seedlings. If any one saw who

NAIDOC

Next week the NAIDOC committee has planned many activities for the school holidays to help celebrate NAIDOC.

Next week's itinerary  
Sunday 7th July Naidoc Week Opening at Umoona Community .

Monday 8th July Naidoc community day

John Sutton



On the right we have Ama and Tancisha replanting the destroyed garden bed.



Future Dates  
Last day of Term 2 — Friday, 5th July (finishing at 2:00pm)  
First Day Term 3 — Monday, 22nd July  
Year 11 and 12 Ski Trip — Thursday 25th July

Term 3  
Bus Availability

Please be aware that due to school camps and excursions the bus will be unavailable for daily pick ups in term 3 for weeks 1 and 2, 22nd July until Friday 2nd August and weeks 7 and 8, 2nd Sept until 13th Sept. Sorry for the inconvenience, but excursions and camps have first priority.

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with Director, Karen Jones and OSHC Assistant, Caitlin Cotter

Monday to Friday

8:45am-5:15pm

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Snacks: 10am & 3pm(provided)

Lunch: 12 noon

(bring your own lunch)

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I have commenced to train the children in making their own photographic greeting cards  
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OSHC sets are multi-functional for example:  
Zac's Cafe becomes Declan Theatres  
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Vandalism of Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



It is with great sadness that I have to report that last weekend our Kitchen Garden along with the preschool garden was trashed by vandals. On Monday morning Sharlene Jeffree along with students had to clean up the mess that these vandals made. They have destroyed pots, garden beds and ruined all the students' hard work for the season , not to mention pulled out all the plants. If you saw who the culprits were or have any information about this incident please let John Sutton know as soon as possible.



LEFT: Pots pushed over and strewn about the garden. Plants pulled out of garden bed.

RIGHT: pot plants tipped over and plants pulled out of their pots. Garden beds damaged and trampled.



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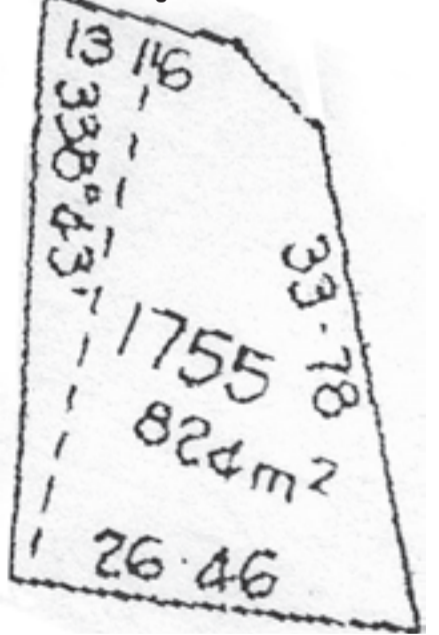
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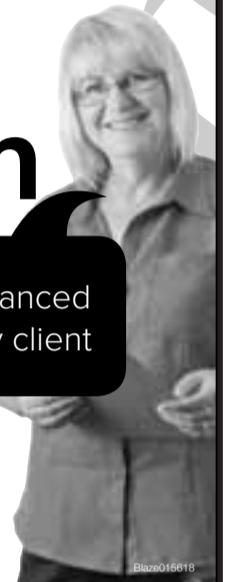
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Call for Nominations

The Far North Health Advisory Council is seeking representatives from the Coober Pedy and Oodnadatta communities to join the Far North Health Advisory Council.

The Far North Health Advisory Council provides advice on health service needs, priorities and issues within their local area, advocating on behalf of the community to support the planning and provision of health services and provides advice to the local health service and the Minister for Health regarding the communities issue and priorities.

If you have any further questions or would like to be nominated then, please do not hesitate to contact Christine Haar, Executive Officer Director of Nursing, Far North Health Services on 86725009 during business hours.

Keep the Outback Beautiful



## Goodbye for now but not forever

Have you ever had a week where you were so busy that all you seemed to do is chase your own tail around? Well, I have been going around in circles all week.

It all started with the going away party for Linnie Plate in Oodnadatta. Linnie is a good friend and a dog loving person. She has been in Oodnadatta for so many years, she has seen it grow and develop into the wonderful place it is. Linnie and her husband Adam, together with their supportive family were a big part of the development of the town. Their business "The Pink Roadhouse" is famous around the world. It is an oasis in the desert. Helping tourists with car problems, serving great meals and cold drinks and making everyone's visit to Oodnadatta a trip to remember. Offering work for locals and backpackers alike.

To a good friend like Linnie I don't want to say goodbye, just a big "See ya later, you will be back" We will catch up then.

Big sloppy licks, Charlie Paris.

### Local Legends

In the last issue of the Coober Pedy Regional Times, the Drive-in Cinema is asking for locals to help raise money to upgrade the projection equipment. Without this modern digital equipment the drive-in will close its doors forever. There will be many events coming up in the next few months to raise money, so if you see the sign "Save Our Drive-In" come along and support a great cause.

How can you help now? So easy! If you have any 10c refund cans or bottles, the drive-in committee is happy to pick them up from you. Look for the signs around town. If you would like to donate your 10c refund containers to the drive-in please contact;

Sue 86723542 or Sandy 86725792 (leave a message)

The drive-in committee would like to thank, Local Legends for donating their bottles.

Maylins Boy's

Sue Britt

Mining company, Iron Road Ltd

Darryl Denton

The total for collection in the last 2 weeks, \$226.90

### Naidoc Week

I have attended many of the Naidoc activities in the last week. My favourite was on Friday night, The Naidoc Youth Ball. I love to dress up and put on some Bling and a wig. That way no one can ever tell I'm a dog. Sometimes I just sneak in the back door and hide under a table. I'm thinking about getting a seeing dogs licence so I can go in anywhere.

The Naidoc Ball proved to me that Coober Pedy has some exciting, energetic young people growing up in this town. We should all be proud of their positive attitude.



Molly Hayes is Coober Pedy's Naidoc Queen

On the night some well deserved awards were given out, 2 of which were The King and Queen of the night. By popular demand.

Cameron Lennon was voted King of the Naidoc Deadly Ball and Molly Hayes was voted the Queen of the Night.



Naidoc King Coober Pedy is Cameron Lennon

Naidoc had a living display of art and weaving. The display of artwork was presented last Tuesday and Thursday at the IGA and the Miners store. Prominent Hill invited the ladies along on Wednesday to have the display there for the miners to look at. Prominent Hill had been celebrating Naidoc all week. On the night that Umoona Aged Care attended there was a special BBQ of Crocodile, Kangaroo Steak and Emu Sausages with Bush food sauces. Yum Yum. The ladies did a wonderful display and all the miners that came for a look were impressed and did purchase paintings. The ladies of Umoona Aged Care have been invited back in the future.

One of the miners sent out a message for me to keep up the good work.

I would like to say to Luke of Port Pirie/Prominent Hill, great mate. I'm glad you enjoy my views on life and Coober Pedy.

I hope that every one has had a great week. I'm off to the free drive-in night.

*Paws Up  
Charlie Paris*

# Far North Football League scores

**ANDAMOOKA FOOTBALL CLUB v. ROXBY DISTRICTS SPORTING CLUB**  
Round 11 - 13/07/2013

**Roxby Districts Sporting Club**  
8.5, 12.11, 20.14, 26.19 (175)

**Andamooka Football Club**  
0.0, 1.5, 3.7, 5.9 (39)

**GOALS, Roxby Districts Sporting Club :**  
Luke Godfrey 6, Kain Zeptner 6, Jared Greenbank 3, James Hicks 2, Justin Watson 2, Jordan Mandemaker 2, Matthew Hayball 2, Callan Haugum 1, Jake Ford 1, Cody Kenny 1

**Andamooka Football Club :**  
Jeremy Oldfield 2, Craig Rainsford 2, Ryan Mills 1

**BEST, Roxby Districts Sporting Club :**  
Kain Zeptner, Cody Kenny, Jared Greenbank, Justin Watson, Luke Godfrey

**Andamooka Football Club :**  
Jack Orr, Ty Kirkwood, Matt Tuohy, Joel Vanzati, Aaron Hand

**COOBER PEDY FOOTBALL CLUB v. HORNTRIDGE SPORTING CLUB**  
Round 11 - 13/07/2013

**Hornridge Sporting Club**  
12.12, 12.12, 12.12, 13.12 (90)

**Coober Pedy Football Club**  
8.13, 8.13, 8.13, 8.13 (61)

**GOALS, Hornridge Sporting Club :**  
Joel Harman 8, Luke Webb 3, Matthew Stone 1, Nigel Tutthill 1

**Coober Pedy Football Club :**  
Roy Murray 2, Kelvin Henry 2, Dylan Cameron 1, Andrew Wooden 1, Andrew Dingaman 1, Matthew Lynch 1

**BEST, Hornridge Sporting Club :**  
Peter Bowey, Joel Harman, Paul Watkinson, Luke Webb, Warwick Giles

**Coober Pedy Football Club :**  
Roy Murray, Caleb Warren, Bobby Warren, Dylan Cameron, Benjamin Buller

## Far North Football League TOP TEN GOAL KICKERS:

FIRSTNAME	SURNAME	CLUB	THIS RND	GOALS
Joel	Harman	Hornridge Sporting Club	8	48
Aaron	Hand	Andamooka Football Club	0	34
Scott	Montgomerie	Olympic Dam Football Club	0	26
Kelvin	Henry	Coober Pedy Football Club	2	19
Kain	Zeptner	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	6	18
Jaryd	Dawson	Hornridge Sporting Club	0	16
Ricky	Prosser	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	0	14
Luke	Godfrey	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	6	13
Matthew	Elson	Olympic Dam Football Club	0	13
James	Hicks	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	2	11

# WHAT'S ON & VISITING SERVICES?

## COOBER PEDY LIONS CLUB

### Trash & Treasure

**NEW TIME 10am - 2pm**

June 29th,  
July 27th,  
Aug 31st,  
Sept 28th,  
Oct 26th,  
Nov 30th



## Accountant Dates

### Waters + Younger

2013 Visits to Coober Pedy

Phone: 8331 9477 Adelaide

Phone: 8672 5979 Coober Pedy

Fax: 8364 4676

Email: office@watersyounger.com.au

4 - 8 February	Richard
25 Febr - 1 March	Jack
15 - 19 April	Richard
20 - 24 May	Jack
15 - 19 July	Richard
5 - 9 August	Jack
9 - 13 September	Richard
14 - 18 October	Richard
4 - 8 November	Jack
4 - 6 December	Jack

## Veterinary Dates

Roger Absalom BVMS  
Redgum Vet & Pet Boarding  
Port Augusta 08 86423308

### Coober Pedy Clinic Dates 2013

Please phone the Clinic; leave name, phone number, and details. Just prior to the trip, Roger will phone you to confirm the date and time of the appointment.

Monday 4 March  
Tuesday 5 March  
Tuesday 30 April  
Wednesday 1 May  
Monday 1 July  
Tuesday 2 July  
Monday 16 Sept  
Tuesday 17 Sept  
Monday 18 November  
Tuesday 19 November



Dates may change subject to availability

## MONDAYS

**Karate** -Golf Club  
6 - 7pm General Class  
7 - 8pm Teenagers and Adults only

## TUESDAYS

FOOTY TRAINING at 6.30 pm.

JUNIOR FOOTY TRAINING  
4.30pm Oval

ART & CRAFT PLAYGROUP  
10.30am—11.30am Lion's Hall  
Caters for 2-4 year olds & caregivers

TJITJI TJUTA INKANYINI PUKULPA  
12pm—2pm A Playgroup for 0-5 year olds and caregivers. Home Makers, Umoona Community, Lunch & Activities. "Pick up available Ph: 8672 3066"

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS  
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

CFS TRAINING 7pm  
New Members Welcome

AMBULANCE TRAINING  
7.30pm Umoona Road  
every Tuesday except school holidays

CRICKET 5.30pm to 6.30 pm at School Gym

## WEDNESDAYS

BABY BOUNCE RHYME & TODDLER STORY TIME 10am  
Library Catering for 0 to 5 y/o

## THURSDAY

COOBER PEDY MULTICULTURAL FORUM  
Free Internet and Computer Access & Training for over 65s. Phone 86 723 299

LITTLE MUSICIANS  
10.30am—11.15am  
Coober Pedy Area School Music Room  
Caters for 3 to 5 year olds

ACTIVE GIRLS GROUP  
3:15 till 4:30pm, age 10 -15 y/o  
MUSIC/HOME ECONOMICS room at school

## Thursday contin..

**Karate** -Golf Club  
6 - 7pm General Class  
7 - 8pm Teenagers and Adults

CRICKET 5.30pm to 6.30 pm at School Gym

JUNIOR FOOTY TRAINING at 4.30 - 5.30 pm Oval

## FRIDAYS

TINY TACKER PLAYGROUP  
0 - 2 year olds 10am—12.30pm  
Community Health Meeting Room (behind Dr. Kami's)

COOBER PEDY MULTICULTURAL FORUM  
Free Internet and Computer Access & Training for over 65s. Phone 86 723 299

CP SHOOTERS CLUB  
Friday night shotgun 7pm -

GREEK CLUB - Bingo 7.30 pm

CP Social Scrabble 7.30pm  
United Club . All skill levels welcome

AA 8pm Underground Catholic Church - Hutchison Street  
Contact Dave 0409349753

SOCCER Workshop 6pm  
School Oval 10-16 year olds

## SATURDAYS

Mine Rescue Training (Alternate Saturdays)

LEGO CLUB 10am—12pm  
5 year olds and up Lions Club. Does not run on the Last Saturday of the Month

DRIVEIN CANTEEN  
6.30 - 9.30pm. Every 2nd Saturday. Tracy Harris: 0488 208 747 or ph:8672 5642

CP SHOOTERS CLUB  
9am and 11am Pistol

CFS TRAINING 10PM  
Last Saturday each month

CUT 'N PASTE - 2013 1.30pm to 3pm at Youth Shed Ages 5-17 Please call Rachael Tsakiridis 0439 864 166 for more info. Every 2nd Saturday

## SUNDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB  
Rifle 10am -

Golf (CP Golf Course  
Registration 12:00 noon  
Tee off time 12:30

United Bowling Club  
Lawn Bowls 1.30 pm

PLAY TIME  
Catering for 0 to 5 year olds  
2.00pm—3.30pm  
School Gymnasium

## 2013 EVENT DATES

Coober Pedy  
Races  
10th & 11th August

50th Henley-on-Todd  
Regatta  
Alice Springs  
August 17, 2013

Birdsville  
Races  
September 6, 2013

GREAT Breakaways  
Bolt  
Saturday 21 September

Coober Pedy  
Golf Open  
October 5 & 6

## OPTOMETRIST DATES

David O'Connor will visit  
Coober Pedy Medical Centre

- ◆ Monday 29th July
- ◆ Tuesday 30th July
- ◆ Wednes 31st July

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## School Terms 2013

Term 2 Monday 29th April  
until Friday 5th July  
Term 3 Monday 22nd July  
until 27th September  
Term 4 Monday 14th October  
until Friday 13th December





## Historical Society Outing

To

# MANGURI

Sunday, August 4th 2013 at 12 noon

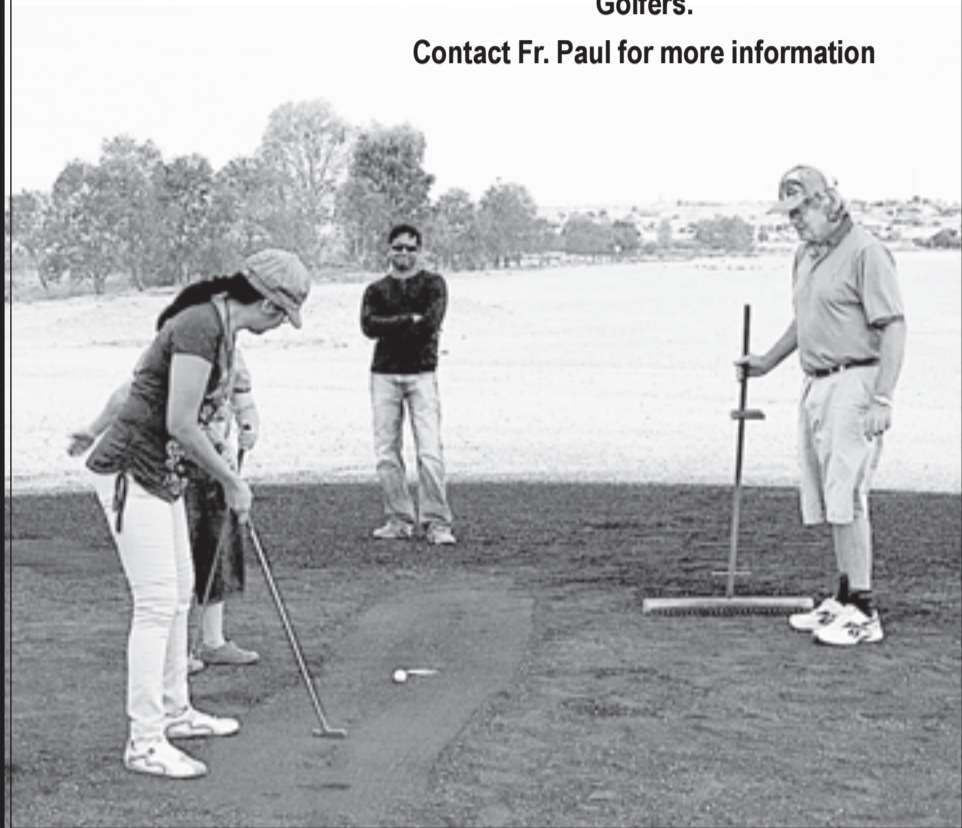
Everyone is invited. Meet at the Council Car Park. Bring a folding chair and a picnic lunch. Share rides can be arranged.



## WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OPAL FIELDS GOLF CLUB NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Cooper Pedy Golf Club hold a fun day on most weekends with BarBQ Teas. All are welcome especially learner/sometime Golfers.

Contact Fr. Paul for more information



# The GREAT Breakaways' Bolt

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013

The GREAT Breakaways Bolt is a marathon style event from the Breakaways, along the Dog Fence, down the Oodnadatta Track and finishing at the Town Oval.

Participants in the 'Bolt' can walk, run, or ride a portion of the distance, doing 5, 10, 15, 20 or the full 35 kilometres.

### Entry Fees

Adult \$25

Children \$15

Family \$50



**All participants must register and pay fees by no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Registrations will not be accepted on the day**

If anyone would like to participate / volunteer or would just like more information, please contact myself Jayde Grava at the District Council of Cooper Pedy on 08 8672 4600 during business hours or email [jfrew@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:jfrew@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au)



# NAIDOC WEEK



"Child Community Links is funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs".



**Rachael Tsakiridis**  
Child Community Links Officer  
District Council of Coober Pedy



As most of you may be aware last week was NAIDOC week. Coober Pedy celebrated with many different activities. Child Community Links and Youth Development hosted a Youth fun day with a range of activities such as Spray Tattoos, Basket-

ball Competitions, Dancing, Face painting and many more. Despite the last minute venue change because of the rain the afternoon was quite a success. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this day a success.



*Charissa's new Tattoo's*

*Ayla shows Peter and Christopher how to take a mark*



*Susie trying to escape Stevie's Defences*



*Hugh, Cameron, Jayden, Stevie & Heath displaying great teamwork*



*Prize winners... Ishka, Jake, Stevie, Ban, Amelia, Gloria and Corey.*

# Coober Pedy Races

## The way it was and the way it is

by Chevahn Hoad

...Dust, flies, flags, noise, locals and visitors, excitement, horses, kids, laughter, late nights, early mornings, babysitters, fun games... these are my earliest memories of the Coober Pedy Races.

This year marks the 44th Annual Coober Pedy Races and Gymkhana. In some ways they have changed a lot over the years, in others they have not. Gone are the truck loads of Gymkhana horses fresh from the station paddocks to be auctioned for the weekend to whoever wants a ride (proceeds to the Royal Flying Doctor!). They have been replaced with each riders pride and joy, their horses that are ridden regularly, trained for the events. The racehorses no longer wear jockey pads and there are no bookmakers to be found. Camel races came and went now motorbikes grace the centre of the track so that both horse and motorbike enthusiasts can enjoy competing in gymkhana events.

For the crowd who attend not only can they watch the fun of the events but they also get to take part in the novelty events that run on both afternoons. These have changed, I remember watching adults chase pigs around the gymkhana area and others trying to climb to the top of a greasy pole. Although the novelty events have changed, some remain, like the tug of war, the keg roll and the wheelbarrow race. Running races provide opportunities for those who are quick on their feet.



Camel Races came and went



Tug O' War

Watching and participating in events makes for a hungry crowd that over the years have been provided for by many different community groups. This year the footy club will be cooking their traditional food steak sandwiches and more, including oysters. Food provided by Trish Turner and her lovely ladies will provide more options including soup, pancakes and cold rolls. Joan Andrews is again selling her cupcakes and bigger cakes for those who want a sweet treat. Coffee, tea, soft drink and alcohol will be available. Supporting these fantastic individuals and groups will provide much needed funds to many different community organisations and causes so come along for lunch at the very least.

The kids get to enjoy the playground and activities. This year RICE (Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise) will again be providing activities for the kids within the playground area. Child Community links will be doing face painting and I think there may again be a "special" visitor making their way to the races to visit the kids. The usual kid's events are also on the program with the hobby horse races, money scramble and running races being very popular.

Photos: Peter Rowe



Family weekend for race-goer families



Motorbike events

By far my favourite part of the races (other than the horses, yes I am a big fan of them!) is the community atmosphere. People come to the races to catch up with other people and have fun while doing it. When I was a kid there was rarely a race weekend where we didn't have all of our spare beds full of visitors and family here to enjoy their weekend at the races. Ex-locals would flock to town and use the races as a great time to catch up with everyone at once.

Come to the Coober Pedy Races this year and support a great community event. The Coober Pedy Amateur Race club support many community organisations and projects with money made on the weekend and you can contribute by coming along and having a great family day or two at the races. All of Sunday's gate takings this year will be going to the McGrath foundation. The race club would like to raise enough over the weekend to not only support the McGrath foundation but also support other local community initiatives as they have in the past. Come along and have fun for your community!

## Coober Pedy OZ Minerals Races

44th Annual Race Meeting and Gymkhana

### 10th & 11th August 2013

A weekend of family fun!

**Total Prize Money & Trophies \$25,000**

**For the Kids**  
Playground, Kids Activity Area with playdough, blocks, puzzles, badge making, painting and face painting also kids novelty events.

**Entry Fee**  
Adults \$10.00 per day  
12 to under 18 Years \$5.00 per day  
Family 2 Day Pass \$35.00  
Under 12 Years admitted Free

**\$100 Gate Prize Saturday & Sunday**  
Donated by Seekamp Opals  
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**Leading Men's Gymkhana Rider (Ron Gough Memorial Trophy)**  
Donated by Peter Rowe

**Leading Ladies Gymkhana Rider**  
Donated by Rangies Country

**Child Incentive Award**  
Donated by Rangies Country

For inquiries please contact:  
Jason Jones, President,  
Coober Pedy Amateur Racing Club  
PO Box 96, Coober Pedy SA 5723  
PH: 08 827 927 661

**Money raised on the weekend goes back into local community projects and regional charities.**

**Sunday Fashions on the Field Competition**  
Wear Pink!

**Wear Pink on Sunday!**  
Sunday gate takings go to the McGrath Foundation

**Sunday 11th August 2013**  
Children's Events Start at 10:00 am

1. Apple Race	8-8 under
2. The Wheelbarrow Race	10-11 years
3. 100 Meters Round the Hoop	10-11 years
4. 100 Meters Round the Hoop	8-8 under
5. Round the Hoop	8-8 under
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20. Round the Hoop	8-8 under

**Main Events Start at 12:00 Noon**

1. Red Mulga Indigenous Resources Fun Race	10-11 years
2. John & Nolan Open & All Through the Hoop	10-11 years
3. 100 Meters Round the Hoop	8-8 under
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All entries competing in races & Gymkhana events of any kind must be open to all and must wear suitable and consistent clothing. Items which are not suitable for safety or health reasons will not be accepted. All competitors must be open to all and must wear suitable and consistent clothing. Items which are not suitable for safety or health reasons will not be accepted. All competitors must be open to all and must wear suitable and consistent clothing. Items which are not suitable for safety or health reasons will not be accepted.

# STRIDE ARE 'ON THE BALL' Coober Pedy REGIONAL TIMES

Stride Foundation was back in town during the second week of July for the 'On the Ball' school holiday program. On Tuesday and Wednesday Stride delivered a soccer and basketball skills program for the young people in the Coober Pedy Region.

On Thursday they continued their delivery teaming up with Aboriginal Family Support Services as part of the NAIDOC week celebrations, which was moved from the outdoor courts back to the school gymnasium due to rain.

Once again led by former Olympic gold medalist and Stride South Australian Program Manager- Lara Davenport, and supported by former Junior Matilders' Player and South Australian State Women's AFL representative- Ruth Wallace, former Adolescent Health Nurse and Stride General Manager, Programs- Mark Boyce. This time, the Stride team was honored to introduce a new role model, elite basketball player and new Australian Opals Squad member, Mia Newly.

The team delivered three days of skill building activities to an enthusiastic group of young people. Lara Davenport said "Stride Foundation is thrilled to bring 'On the Ball' back to Coober Pedy for the July school holidays. Working in partnership with Coober Pedy District Council and Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sports-Australian Government.



Kids learning from real sporting stars

When asked what he had enjoyed about the program one young man reported that his highlights were "playing soccer and basketball and learning more skills", whilst another participant said that "being healthy and active during the holidays" was important to her.

The holiday program is delivered to allow young people to have fun over the school holidays, while also provided opportunities for them to have experiences and feel successful while participating in the vast array of activities offered. This experience of success, and empowerment can then be transferred into other areas of young people's lives.

Thank you Coober Pedy community and especially the young people that were involved in the program for a fantastic week- Stride Foundation Team, 'On the Ball', July.



Local participants engage in skill building activities with Stride

Over 40 young people took part in the first two days of the program, held at Coober Pedy Area School Gymnasium. "It was so much fun doing the different sports and being able to learn from real sporting stars" said one young participant.

The participants took part in skill development drills for both basketball and soccer interspersed with stories from the role models about their experience competing at the elite level. Healthy eating, teamwork and my goals and dreams, were focus themes over the course of the program.



Ruth Wallace



The kids said they enjoyed playing soccer and basketball and learning more skills



## Johns Pizza Bar & Restaurant



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