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COOPER PEDY MINE RESCUE - SES MEMBERS AWARDED NATIONAL MEDALS



The Cooper Pedy Mine Rescue - SES Unit held their annual AGM on Saturday 22 November 2008 during which time two unit members received national awards (page 3) Pictured above are the newly elected committee of the 'Mine Rescue Unit' for the next year. Front row: Judy Underwood - Secretary, Brian Underwood - Unit Manager. Absent Joy Palmer - Treasurer. Back row: Committee members Ilias Katsapuikisis, Luke Kenny - Assistent Unit Manager, Dave Bowman, Brett Truman and Bryce Tichner. Absent Peter Palmer

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COOPER PEDY SHOOTERS CLUB 2008 PRESENTATIONS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



SANTA MOVES THROUGH COOPER PEDY - MINE RESCUE AGM AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Italian born Tenor
Antonio Villano*
(Phantom of the Opera
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*3 Course a la carte
dinner*

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November**

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**Joel and Brigid Tie the Knot
 in Underground
 Coober Pedy**



Joel Parker and Brigid Hazelwood of Coober Pedy were married on the 25th October at St Peter and St. Pauls underground Catholic church.

The newly weds haven't had their honeymoon yet - it was straight back to work!

This beautiful wedding photo was taken by Sophie Reynolds with a traditional Coober Pedy backdrop.

Right: Joel and Brigid after the wedding



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Tuesday	☀️ Mostly sunny	19 / 34°C	40%, < 1mm	Nil	SW 13km/h	28%	W 28km/h	16%
Wednesday	☁️ Cloud increasing	18 / 33°C	50%, < 1mm	Nil	SE 8km/h	27%	W 18km/h	12%
Thursday	⚡️ Thunderstorms	22 / 35°C	60%, 1-5mm	Nil	N 31km/h	26%	NNW 22km/h	21%
Friday	☁️ Possible shower	19 / 29°C	50%, < 1mm	Nil	SSW 35km/h	28%	SW 37km/h	16%
Saturday	☀️ Sunny	14 / 25°C	10%, < 1mm	Nil	S 25km/h	36%	SSW 22km/h	20%
Sunday	☀️ Sunny	12 / 27°C	10%, < 1mm	Nil	E 7km/h	25%	SSW 7km/h	14%
Monday	☀️ Mostly sunny	13 / 33°C	20%, < 1mm	Nil	N 19km/h	16%	N 14km/h	10%

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MINE RESCUE - SES AWARDS 2008

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On the 22nd November Coober Pedy Mine Rescue/SES met to honour two long serving members, Frank Novosel and Darren Underwood.

The CEO of our local council, Mr Trevor McLeod presented them both with the National Medal, which is awarded for fifteen years of service to SES.

Both members have given great service to the Coober Pedy Rescue Squad and apart from the countless hours of training, have played an

important role in the many accident situations the Squad has had to attend.

Mine Rescue/SES is proud to have two cadet members and Sophie Reynolds was given the prized membership cap in recognition of full membership. Luke Kenny the Unit Assistant Manager also presented Bryce Tickner with his badge and membership approval.

Following the AGM Father Christmas arrived bringing gifts and unexpected treats to all the children and unit members. The annual Christmas Dinner followed.

Mine Rescue has once again elected a strong enthusiastic Management Committee who will take us into 2009 and continue to provide that mantle of safety which the mining members of our town have become accustomed to.

If you are interested in training to save the life of another fellow miner or traveller, please feel free to call one of our Management Committee and discuss membership with them.

Brian Underwood

*Unit Manager -
Coober Pedy Mine
Rescue/SES*



Above: District Council of Coober Pedy CEO, Mr Trevor McLeod presents Frank Novosel with the National Medal, awarded for fifteen years of service to SES.



Right: Luke Kenny, Unit Assistant Manager presents Bryce Tickner with his badge and membership approval.



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Right: Mr Trevor McLeod presents Darren Underwood with the National Medal, awarded for fifteen years of service to SES.

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Federal Boost to Feral Goat Problem in Rangelands

Funding announced under the Federal Government's Caring for Country program will boost the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management (SAAL NRM) Board region's capability to control feral goats in South Australia's rangelands.

Working in partnership with neighbouring NRM Boards, \$353,182 funding will enable the SAAL NRM Board to build on existing feral goat management work, including the successful Bounceback conservation program and the ongoing efforts of many pastoral landholders.

The program will now be in a position to develop a large-scale strategy that will focus on priority areas where feral goat numbers are starting to build up. It will critically work in partnership with landholders and communities to develop

solutions that will be most effective. These solutions will be applied to locations in the landscape

that will have the most strategic impact. Landholders will benefit from a coordinated program that is scaled large enough to overcome re-invasion from other areas once control efforts have been completed.

The funding injection will benefit environmental biodiversity and sustainability of pastoral livestock production in the South Australian rangelands. In the absence of an effective control program, unmanaged feral goat grazing rapidly strips vegetation cover. The consequences include escalated soil erosion, lack of feed for sheep, and degraded habitat for native animals.

These impacts become even worse during periods of drought, once goats remove the little remaining plant cover, vegetation is unable to fully recover.

**For more information please contact:
Mark Wheeler
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Federal Boost to
SAAL NRM Goat
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**RUDD GOVT.
"GIFT" OF
LEOPARD
TANKS TO COST
COMMUNITIES
UP TO \$20,000**

Government does backflip on gift to "not for profit" organisations

Veteran and historical organisations, including the Port Augusta RSL, which have been allocated a Leopard tank from the Federal Minister for Defence, may be slugged up to \$20,000 for delivery.

Rowan Ramsey MP "Decommissioned Leopard tanks included delivery and installation" In 2007, then Defence Minister Brendan Nelson announced the decommissioned Leopard tanks which were being replaced by new Abrams tanks, would be available for gifting to interested organisations.

"Following Dr Nelson's announcement, Defence was inundated with inquiries about the tanks," Mr Ramsey said.

"Prior to the election it was announced some organisations would receive a tank if the Coalition was re-elected.

"Organisations which were successful in their bid, including the Port Augusta RSL, have now been advised they will have to pay for delivery and installation of the tank- in some cases up to \$20,000.

"The Coalition's plan to gift the tanks included delivery and installation.

"It is ridiculous to charge these small groups for delivery. It is within Defence's core business to shift the tanks around and their responsibility to do so."

Mr Ramsey said Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbons is souring the gifting of the tanks and the opportunity for veteran groups to proudly display them as part of our proud defence force history by charging groups for delivery.

Close Connections Distant Perspectives

by Sue Britt

In August, School of the Air students worked with Year 4/5 students from Miss Gartrell's class at Coober Pedy Area School on a Country Arts-funded project Close Connections Distant Perspectives. They worked under the guidance of artist Dianne Turner to make textile sculptures using recycled materials from the natural and man-made environment.

There will be a display of all the woven frames at the old School of the Air building in Port Augusta November 28th to December 4th. The display is part of the 50th birthday celebrations of School of the Air. As Coober Pedy students may not be able to attend the exhibition in Port Augusta, a little preview display, of just the CPAS creations, was erected in the Coober Pedy Library during Host School Days. It was well attended and many people commented on the effectiveness of the woven frames.



Coober Pedy Area School students creation of "Close Connections Distant Perspectives"

Regional South Australians - it's the snake season

With the weather warming up, South Australians are being reminded to watch out for snakes in their homes and gardens.

Dr Deb Kelly, Manager of Animal Welfare for the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH), said although snakes usually try to avoid contact with people as much as possible, they will bite if taken by surprise.

"Almost all snake bites occur when people try to handle, kill or harm a snake," she said.

"As cold-blooded animals that require the warmth of the sun to become active, they will often hide under shrubbery, in the back corner of sheds, or in similar spots that are generally undisturbed.

"As the day progresses, snakes come out to hunt; then if it becomes too warm, they will hide away in a cooler spot until late afternoon or early morning.

"In warm weather they will hunt at night as well, so regardless of the time of day, it pays to be vigilant as like any animal, snakes seek food, water and shelter.

"In very hot weather, people inadvertently provide these through leaving water bowls near the back door, and leaving doors and windows open so snakes can enter the house to avoid the extreme heat," she said.

"Food is often inadvertently provided by not controlling rats and mice in the garden or in the house. Wood heaps, untidy yards and rubbish provide havens for snakes and rodents - a dangerous combination.

"If a person finds a snake and is worried about its presence they should contact a professional snake removal agency, which can be found under 'snake' in the White Pages."

In addition, there are a number of measures which can be taken to reduce the risk of snake bites:

- Clean up rubbish around your home.
 - Keep your garden tidy.
 - Take steps to reduce mice and rats.
 - Wear solid shoes and trousers when bushwalking, and make plenty of noise so snakes know you are coming.
 - Check your boots for snakes before putting them on.
 - Never put your hand somewhere you cannot see.
- If a person or pet is bitten by a snake it is imperative to seek medical or veterinary attention immediately.



**Marla Oodnadatta NRM
District Group
Notice of Group
Meeting #7**

**AT COOBER PEDY
4TH DECEMBER, 2008**

For an agenda and inquiries contact the Board on
ph: (08) 8648 5977 or the Board's website.

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Council Happenings

Last week I was in Canberra and Adelaide attending the inaugural meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government.

I managed several appointments in Canberra and in Adelaide to progress such things as obtaining Commonwealth funding to extend the MAPS and Sobering Up Centre programs to seven days a week, the construction and ongoing management of a short stay accommodation facility and progressing the State Governments \$18 million Safe Tracks Program.



I also met with Hon Gail Gago, Minister for State/ Local Government Relations to discuss the proposal by the Andamooka Progress Association to have Coober Pedy become a regional Super Council.

I will be able to provide an update on outcomes from my meetings for the next edition of the Coober Pedy Regional Times however my article regarding the Federal Government's Commonwealth Infrastructure Funding Program certainly provides some great news for Coober Pedy.

Steve Baines JP
Mayor

Sealed Road Maintenance

As part of Council's 2008/2009 Budget allocation towards sealed road maintenance and storm water management, our Works Department staff have been busy this week installing kerbing along part of the western side of Brewster Street and sealing a section of Crowder's Gully Road down to Umoona Road.



New kerbing in Brewster Street

Both areas have been subject to 'flooding' and/or severe erosion following heavy rain and the work undertaken to date will minimize this problem significantly. Additional kerbing will be constructed along the western side of Brewster Street as well as new kerbing down the western side of Crowder's Gully Road. In total Council has made a budgetary allocation to construct 1,500 metres of kerbing this financial year.

Federal-Local Government Forum Heralded as a Success

The District Council of Coober Pedy has welcomed the announcement of a \$300m Commonwealth Infrastructure Funding Program by Prime Minister Rudd at a special forum in Canberra.

Council would consider where to invest the funds most wisely in renewing economic, social and environmental infrastructure.

There's a double benefit because it will help to boost the economy and support Council through the next 40 to 60 years.

Council will soon adopt its completed and updated long-term infrastructure and asset

management plan and priority projects would be put forward from the plan for funding.

We're awaiting advice on the amount of funding which will be available to us, but a minimum of \$100,000 will be available for every Council.

We understand that \$50m will be available on a competitive basis for larger projects and we may look regionally at whether we might support a project going up for this fund. I have entered into discussion with other regional Mayors as to the possibility of a joint regional infrastructure

New Staff Member

Khuram Saleem joined Council 3 months ago as its Assistant Accountant. He has been living in Australia since 2005 with his two brothers, with the eldest now living in Alice Springs and the younger one studying in Adelaide. Khuram was born in Pakistan and in 1986 moved with his family to Oman. After completing high school and working with a transport company in Oman, he moved to Australia for higher education reasons.



Khuram Saleem joined Council 3 months ago as its Assistant Accountant.

Khuram undertook a Diploma in Business and then a Bachelor Degree of Commerce, majoring in Accounting at the University of South Australia. After finishing his degree, Khuram was successful in securing the position of Assistant Accountant with Council. He is really enjoying working with Council's Finance and Administration Manager Damien Clark and with all of the administration staff. Khuram has found everyone to be very cooperative and enjoys the friendly working environment. He is looking forward to the challenges which may be faced by Council due to the economic downturn and would like to develop our community and bring prosperity to the region.

Mutli-Purpose Facility Now Open

The Multi-Purpose Facility at the Oxiana Oval is now operating as a recreation centre for kids aged between 10-25 years old. The centre is open Mondays - Fridays between 8.30am & 5pm.

The facility allows young people to have a place where they can have fun, be comfortable and safe. Young people attending the centre are encouraged to provide suggestions that make "The Multi-Purpose Facility" a place they can truly call home.

The aim of my position is to provide support and encouragement for all young people and networks to encourage them to reach their full potential and become the next leaders within their communities.

project that may be suitable for a funding application.

Upgrading of community facilities, sporting venues, tourism infrastructure, public spaces and other infrastructure would be explored.

This week's Australian Council of Local Government was a serious attempt by the Commonwealth Government to significantly boost its relationship with Local Government.

I welcome a stronger national relationship.

We generally work well with the SA Government and I think the more governments work together the more chance communities have of getting better coordinated services.

A better relationship will take time to develop but you have to start with a commitment.

He said there was no doubt in his mind that Prime Minister Rudd and Local Government Minister Albanese were committed to boosting the relationship.

We'll see what changes happen over time but this new funding is a good start.

Steve Baines JP
Mayor

SWIMMING POOL OPENING HOURS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 5 December 2008 to Tuesday 27 January 2009

Monday to Friday

06.30 AM	to	08.30 AM	Laps only
11.00 AM	to	8.30 PM	Public use
06.00 PM	to	7.30 PM	Laps (2 Lanes)

Saturday and Sunday

11.00 AM	to	8.30 PM	Public use
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SA Police - *Working together to reassure and protect the community from crime and disorder*

Coober Pedy Police News 21 November 2008



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Woomera 08 86737244
Police Assistance Line on 131 444

A 31 year old male from Coober Pedy was arrested for two counts of aggravated assault. Police will allege that he assaulted a female at a private residence causing significant injury to the female. He was refused bail by police and remanded in custody in Port Augusta where he will answer the charges.

Police, SES, Ambulance and CFS attended to a single vehicle rollover 132 kilometres south of Coober Pedy on the Stuart Highway. A 34 year old male from Whyalla sustained head

lacerations as a result of the rollover and was treated at the scene by ambulance staff. He was taken to Coober Pedy hospital for further treatment. As a result of police investigations into the accident police arrested the driver the following day for a variety of traffic offences including driving whilst disqualified. He also led police to believe he was not the driver of the vehicle. He was further charged with creating a false belief. He was bailed with conditions and will attend the Coober Pedy Magistrates Court at a later date.

A 25 year old male from Alice Springs was reported by police after it is alleged he drove a motor vehicle whilst exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol and driving whilst disqualified. He will answer the charge at Coober Pedy Magistrates Court when served with a summons.

The Coober Pedy Pharmacy had an unknown person attempt another break in sometime between the 7th of November and the 17th of November. The offender attempted to gain entry through the roof but was unsuccessful. If any

members of the public have any information regarding this incident, please contact Coober Pedy Police.

Police attended to a disturbance at a private residence after information was received that a male was threatening another person with a knife. The offender was located nearby and was in possession of a knife. He was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and carrying an offensive weapon. He was refused bail and was remanded in custody to Port Augusta.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT FOR COOBER PEDY OPAL MINING FAMILY

Local Coober Pedy opal miner, Dusan Rusmir sadly died on the 20th November 2008, following serious injuries suffered in a mining accident on the opal fields.

Dusan Rusmir, an experienced opal miner aged in his 50's became caught in machinery whilst working underground at the opal fields within the proclaimed opal mining lease, north west of Coober Pedy.

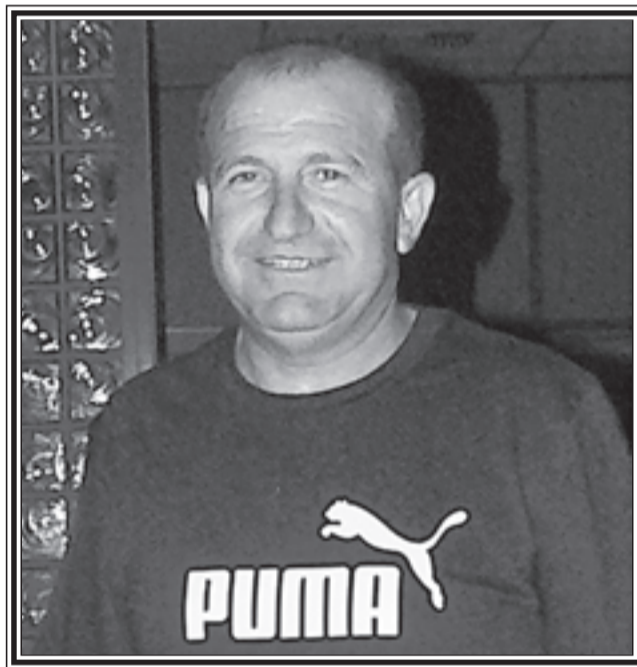
Coober Pedy SES - Mine Rescue Service were called to the field when the incident occurred. The injured man's work partners had pulled him

from the mine.

Mine Rescue workers assisted the injured miner at the scene. He was then taken to the Coober Pedy Hospital, but passed away shortly afterwards.

Coober Pedy resident are indeed saddened and extend their deepest condolences to the wider Rusmir family, friends and to the whole of the Serbian community.

Dusan, a former football player has been a long term resident of Coober Pedy, serving as a popular president of the Serbian Orthodox Social Club for many years.



Pictured left: Dusan Rusmir attending a function at a restaurant in Coober Pedy recently. Dusan has been a proactive, hard working and much respected member of the Coober Pedy community over many years and will be greatly missed by all who knew him

Coober Pedy SES - Mine Rescue workers are commended for their sincere and professional work which emotionally, doesn't become easier as the years go on.

Mining accidents although infrequent are always a tragedy for a small community and highlight the dedication and co-dependence of those living in the outback.

Local Police are preparing a report for the Coroner and SafeWork SA will be investigating the incident.

Royal Flying Doctor Service Healthy Living Program - "Simply Walking"

By Stuart Green, The Flying Lifestyle Trainer



Greetings people of Coober Pedy and surrounding communities. My name is Stuart Green and I work as the Physical Activity and Lifestyle Trainer for the Royal Flying Doctors Service Healthy Living Program. I am pleased to be able to provide a series of articles based on improving your health and wellness.

I have been working as a Personal Fitness Trainer for the past 10 years, specializing in fitness, weight reduction and health coaching. I have had my own health struggles over the past years and for these reasons I will be able to write to you on both a scientific and personal level when guiding you on health improvements.

To get things started, we are going to look at a topic that is big on Australia's agenda - Weight Loss.

Australians spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year into chasing this holy-grail, however, the weight loss industry may be one of the only industries on the planet where the consumer doesn't get what they want. The intention is weight control, the outcome is often the opposite, less control. People just keep on chasing the quick fix, only to fail again and again. We watch as their weight goes down sometimes quite quickly, and then back up even more quickly.

Left: RFDS Lifestyle Trainer Stuart Green

Some people just talk about losing weight, exercising more, eating better, getting healthier, but that is as far as they make it. After the talk comes the excuses - I'm too tired, busy, stressed etc.

Now don't get me wrong, the excuses may be legitimate and looking after your health can be challenging. My point is, if you don't look after your health, who will?

If your health is your responsibility, then let's start making some subtle improvements.

The first thing you can do is simple and free, and the science has shown there are undeniable benefits. You can feel happier, more confident and energetic, reduce your risk of diabetes, heart disease, cancer, hypertension, osteoporosis, depression, be a better family role model, look younger and feel younger and much more.

What does it involve? Simply - WALKING. Not to the fridge or esky, keep going and do a lap of the block. Then do it again tomorrow and then the day after. If you can keep going steadily for 30 minutes, each day, all of the above can be yours for the taking. If walking is a problem because of injury, then consult your doctor about other options.

Any questions please email stuart.green@flyingdoctor.net or phone me on 0488 953 230.



Ernst & Young report says South Australia is about to lose its renewable energy "crown"

SA Government shifts from clean wind to dirty coal

Greens MLC Mark Parnell has slammed the Rann Government's promotion of 'coal-to-liquid' technology in the state's far north that will produce more greenhouse pollution than conventional petrol or diesel.

"This is Mike Rann's great energy leap backwards," said Greens MLC Mark Parnell.

"To say this coal fuel is 'ultra-clean' is like saying cigarettes are 'ultra-fresh'.

"These coal plants don't produce 'clean' fuel; they produce dirtier fossil fuels, with more greenhouse damage, than the petrol or diesel we currently use.

"The technology is completely unproven. Yet, according to the CSIRO, even in the best case scenario, more climate change producing carbon will be released by this process than by conventional fossil fuels," he said.

Brisbane-based Linc Energy has announced it will set up in SA to promote 'several' coal-to-liquids plants in the Arkaringa Basin. This announcement follows the Rann

Government's embrace of a proposed new brown coal fired power station near Kingston in the state's south east, and a recent report by Ernst & Young which states that SA has lost its national leadership on renewable energy.

"The Rann Government likes to think of itself as a climate change 'leader', yet it happily supports new coal projects in South Australia that will massively increase the state's greenhouse pollution.

"Meanwhile, the recent Ernst & Young report says we are about to lose our renewable energy 'crown' as companies move interstate to take up better opportunities. Wind energy is being replaced by greenhouse hungry coal.

"The companies behind these schemes like to spruik jobs as the biggest benefit. Yet truly clean, renewable energy alternatives such as wind, solar, wave and geothermal offer much greater potential for secure job creation in South Australia.

"This is what this state should be embracing, not untried and untested dirty coal technology," he said.

ARKARINGA BASIN TO HOST LINC COAL & OIL OPERATION

The first commercial Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) to Gas to Liquids (GTL) operation is expected to begin in the Arkaringa Basin in South Australia's Far North on SAPEX leases recently acquired by Linc Energy Ltd.

Linc Energy's target, the Arkaringa Basin, has one of the largest contiguous coal deposit in the world. Due to the size of the coal resource, Linc Energy believes that it can support a UCG to GTL (Coal to Liquids) business that would include several 100,000 barrel per day facilities. These facilities would be situated so as to create additional value through location and other synergies.

Linc hopes to develop a number of oil and gas opportunities in the Arkaringa Basin.

The Arkaringa Basin area has access to existing rail and port infrastructure that will assist with movement of materials. The existing infrastructure will support the large volumes of production.

Linc's spokesman said there will be no relevant overlapping tenement issues as the operation of 'underground coal gasification' will operate under petroleum tenements in South Australia with Linc Energy currently holding PEL's (Petroleum Exploration Licences) over acreage in the Arkaringa Basin.

The decision to locate in the Arkaringa Basin will, above all else, allow Linc Energy to meet commitments to its shareholders. This and the other drivers outlined will ensure that this decision creates significant value for Linc's shareholders.

Linc can covert a tonne of coal into 1.5 barrels of diesel (oil) and do so with a lower greenhouse gas footprint than that of the traditional oil industry (refining).

This achievement is what state and world governments are seeking in answering the question of 'how do we as a country secure our energy (oil) future, yet reduce the current greenhouse gas footprint produced from traditional oil'.

A number of relevant project services will be moved or established in South Australia over the coming weeks and months and is expected to attract significant employment to South Australia, particularly in the technology development, engineering and construction fields.

Linc Energy will continue to maintain its corporate office in Brisbane.

The South Australian Government and PIRSA have been very supportive, reflecting on just how big the coal areas Linc Energy has access to in South Australia.

In terms of coal to liquids production, Linc Energy has initially located at least 8 to 10 key areas capable of operating a 100,000 (one hundred thousand) barrel UCG to GTL facilities for approximately 60 years continuously. That's over 1 (one) million barrels a day of oil (diesel or jet fuel) production for approximately a generation.

Linc is not talking about reinventing the 20,000 barrel facility we've initially developed. We are literally just going to layout multiple modules of the same 20,000 bpd facility to save time and money. It will be attractive to shareholders to get a UCG to GTL commercial operation up and operating profitably and quickly in South Australia.

Linc Energy will commence moving additional drilling equipment and some engineers to South Australia within the next four weeks. Linc expects to make another significant coal JORC resource announcement, which will include further developments on its oil exploration program before Christmas this year.

Is the Great Artesian Basin past the point of no return?

The citizens of Australia need to commission an independent audit of our countries WATER in light of an AWOL government

Grandmother of 14 Australian children

Dear Editor,

The majority of city and regional people are acutely aware of the WATER crisis in this country?

Melbourne is nearly out of WATER? We know the Murray Darling is struggling and the immediate future of WATER in the southern part of the state is grim. We know that Melbourne think they may be buying WATER from the Murray Darling !

We also know that Australia has the largest underground WATER resource in the world, or did have.

All over Australia we are hearing that the WATER levels in the Great Artesian Basin are dropping rapidly.

We also understand that the "sump" of the Great Artesian Basin is close to Marree in South Australia, which means Queensland's WATER is being used by mining companies in South Australia who have access to the Great Artesian Basin.

There seems to be a desperate attempt at foot to betray a trust that we would have renewable energy and a future with WATER.

The South Australian outback is a vast area, however, unlike our city counterparts we are all related in many common ways too numerous to mention.

We are more conversant with each other. We are more alert to the environment. We know the weather patterns without watching the news. We know when there is trouble and who or what is causing it. We are patriotic and respect what nature has provided for us in simple economical ways.

We know when something isn't right and will not be told what will be good for us.

When someone or something new comes knocking at our door in the outback they usually want to take something they shouldn't have in order to make a profit. To make this profit they all need massive amounts of our WATER.

This is a conspiracy to defraud. Defraud the people of Australia and South Australia of their WATER resources? People are talking - a lot.

As our country's WATER becomes more scarce we are experiencing resentment that our lifeline, the Great Artesian Basin is still being controlled and squandered by an offshore company who we hear has its own concerns that the pressure in OUR BASIN has indeed dropped and more underground WATER reservoirs belonging to the people of this country are being sought.

People are writing their concerns about WATER, in particular the Great Artesian Basin.

To every state and federal member, they are writing to YOU. Why is it that we are continually ignored?

During the week we heard yet another mining company was moving in on the Arkaringa Basin. We also heard a stupid comment that the WATER was very saline and not fit for consumption.

We do not believe this is a reason for us to disregard the fact that it can be desalinated and consumable. Who would think the people of this state and country are so stupid?

If companies like BHP for example who have access to our underground WATER are possibly on the hunt for more WATER, then how much WATER is Beverley and Honeymoon using?

There are many other mining company operating across our interior, perhaps thinking they are hiding in the outback using vast quantities of WATER daily. You can't hide industry in the outback. It is far easier to see.

We are becoming increasingly aware that outback WATER is being contaminated and wasted. Governments are trying to restrict WATER to residents

of this country while mining companies have a free go at OUR WATER. WATER, which to repeat, belongs to the people of Australia. Governments need to stop experimenting with business and the resources of the people.

We who have first rights need clean WATER. WATER is essential to life and Australia's WATER is not being protected.

In light of what appears an irresponsible government, the people of Australia need to take the reigns and commission an independent audit of our WATER resources as a matter of national urgency BEFORE THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN COLLAPSES. The removal of underground water is drying out the pastoral properties!!!

We do not appear to have either federal or state governments who are not on the take. Taking from the people and our children's future.

We hear about the jobs these WATER guzzlers are hoping to create. This is not an enticement to involve us in WATER theft and further contamination of our WATER resource.

Elected governments of today are not in touch. They need to get on with the job of simply being trusted TRUSTEES during their hopefully short term in office.

Mine Rescue Breakup Party



Mine Rescue SES members and visitors waiting on more arrivals and for the AGM and presentations to begin



Peter Ikononopoulos on behalf of John's Pizza Bar presented a cheque donation to Unit Manager, Brian Underwood to assist the team with what might otherwise be out of pocket expenses when the Mine Rescue SES Unit is called out in an emergency. John's Pizza Bar have been the major local sponsor of Mine Rescue in Coober Pedy for many years.



Steve Staines representing IMX Resources chatting with Frank Novosel at the Mine Rescue Headquarters



Sophie Reynolds models her newly earned Mine Rescue - cap which recognises full membership as a Mine Rescue - SES unit team member.



The dining area of the rescue shed was busy on this side, while unit members cooked a barbeque around the corner

Who said Santa didn't grant wishes?

To get in touch with Santa call the Coober Pedy Regional Times



What did newly married Sue Lewis ask Santa?



Voila! - This can only happen in the Outback



"Thank you Santa", beams Sue Lewis

TO THE OPAL MINING FRATERNITY

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23rd November 2008

To the Opal Mining Fraternity,

The MMPA, on behalf of the people of Mintabie, thanks you for your interest and consideration of our current situation. We are happy to provide you with this brief update.

The MMPA has been advised that it is unlikely The APY (Mintabie) Amendment Bill 2008 will be introduced in this S.A. Parliamentary session, making February 2009 as the next most likely opportunity.

With the new APY Executive Board in the process of being elected it appears that the Mintabie Township Lease Agreement (MTLA) Negotiation Meeting planned for late November has been rightly postponed.

There is an expectation within the MMPA that the Amendment Bill would not be introduced until after this next Lease Negotiation Meeting which may be the final opportunity to negotiate, through dialogue, for more sustainable changes to certain conditions within The MTLA and more workable provisions within the Amendment Bill. This Meeting is being organised by PIRSA and is represented by all the signatories and SAPOL.

The MMPA has re-iterated its' request to the Hon. Jay Weatherill MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, to allow a period of time for submissions to be made regarding the APY

(Mintabie) Amendment Bill 2008.

The MMPA has been encouraged by the support shown to Mintabie during these trying times and is of the opinion that due to this support more common sense decision making will result.

Should anyone wish to discuss this issue in more detail please make contact.

Yours Sincerely,

Kay Marshall
 MMPA President



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<http://cooberpedyregionaltimes.wordpress.com>

SAPOL HEADQUARTERS
POLICY DISTORTS REALITY?

An ongoing problem in Far Northern SA towns in the build up to the "mining boom" has been the chronic, and seemingly deliberate, under-funding of our police force, distorting the true picture of the Far Northern areas of SA.

The reality is that our police on the ground are more than eager to catch known criminals, but SAPOL Head Office policies are letting them down badly.

Police on the ground are consistently stymied and ham-strung in their genuine efforts to capture known criminals.

Instead of allowing the after hours use of both manpower and vehicles, Head Office SAPOL withholds these vital resources, without rhyme or reason. The result is that criminals, of all colours and races, routinely begin their activities at the close of the police's known working hours. What a preposterous game.

Head Office SAPOL then point a blaming finger at how high the crime rate is in certain towns of the far northern areas of the state. Knowing full well if they had allowed the enthusiasm and experience of the police force on the ground to rule policy, these criminals would have been caught after the first crime, not allowed to re-offend time and again. This escalation of crime is a direct result of Head Office's closed shop hours.

How frustrating is the current situation, not only for the constantly trespassed upon property owners, but for those police on the ground, who wish to do their conscientious best for the communities, but are the reluctant prisoners of Head Office SAPOL and the SA government's complicated, bureaucratic tangle of red tape and inaccurate statistics. Coober Pedy for example has been lobbying for a realistic change to this

unrealistic situation for at least a decade.

How can SAPOL HQ repeatedly infer that any far northern town, or any particular area, is a known portal for criminal activity, then refuse point-blank to supply the man-power, time and resources to the talented, ready, willing and able police on the ground to definitively resolve the issue, once and for all, using existing laws?

Is the ulterior motive for this seemingly deliberate distortion of reality to enable unconstitutional legislation to be enacted?

Give the appearance of an intractable problem that can only be fixed by the introduction of unconstitutional legislation?

Why are the police only allowed to work when the crims have knocked off (in more ways than one) for the day?

Observant Resident.
 Far North

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Ziggy Switkowski's Confusing
Adelaide Now Poll on Nuclear
Preferences

Is the Ziggy poll reliable - where are the comments to match the stats?

It seems a contradiction that Ziggy Switkowski, quoted in Adelaide Now (14/11/08) says that "The broader community is not very supportive of nuclear power", but the Adelaide Now's own poll, on the same page, finds that 60% of respondents favour nuclear power!

How is that? Could it be that Ziggy is wrong, or it is a crummy poll? Surely Adelaide Now is not biased in favour of the government and mining industry as they salivate over the (hyped-up)

prospects of uranium mining in this state?

What a pity that Adelaide Now reader comments are not matching the poll! - a very odd poll indeed, with no real reader backup. Even the flippant "yeah why not have a go" easy going pro-nukers haven't suggested a solution to waste storage, cited by those who have thought it through, as a growing problem in other countries.

And - there's something rather naive about Ziggy Switkowski, and Adelaide Now (14/11/08) in the story about "Lights going out" across Australia - unless Australia gets nuclear power.

Ziggy promotes nuclear power as a solution to global warming, and energy shortage, yet at the same time, he admits that "Australia's nuclear future remained at least 15 years away". Sounds a bit too late on both counts, doesn't it?

Nuclear power is sounding even more dubious when we read of its astronomical and still escalating costs, the unavailability of insurance, and complete lack of investor interest (except if there is massive tax-payer subsidy, and tax-payer liability)

Noel Wauchope
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 15/11/08

PR Stunt - AUSTRALIANS 'WILL ACCEPT
NUCLEAR POWER'ZIGGY SAYS *by nigel*

It is being predicted that Australians will soon accept that nuclear power as the answer to many climate change problems.

The president of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, Ziggy Switkowski, says there has already been a shift in perception on the issue, with about half of the population now open to the idea.

Dr Switkowski has told ABC2's News

Breakfast the WA Government's decision to lift a ban on uranium mining is another step in the right direction.

In an odd twist Australians are being told via the news how they currently think on nuclear and uranium mining, by ANSTO, which a few months ago was running a similar PR stunt with kids on holiday... 'Fun with Radiation'. more....
<http://news.rosettamoon.com/?p=222>

(Dr. Who?)

2009 ANNUAL CALENDAR COMPETITION

**Submit Your Entries To Underground
 Books ASAP before Christmas**

<http://cooberpedyregionaltimes.wordpress.com>

The 2009 theme will be challenging:

***Cherishing
 Outback
 Water***

Photographs need to be submitted and logged confidentially at "Underground Books".

Entries will be finalised before Christmas and judged independently

The WINNER will be announced in early January on the Coober Pedy Regional Times News Website and published on the 2009 Annual Coober Pedy Calendar to be distributed across the state.

Source photo opportunities either in your album or by noticing historic or natural water locations or weather events, remembering that:

**WATER IS OUR
 FUTURE**

The 2008 Winner was Andrew Brockhoff who featured an old pastoral water bore and windmill on a remote station taken through the handmade window frame of an old shearing shed.

Andrew's photo highlighted the early settlers ingenuity in rediscovering and establishing a water system to ensure survival for Australia's future

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORD AWARDS FOR TWO MINTABIE STUDENTS

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards has been created to acknowledge the achievements of young people who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork with in the school and the wider community.

The values underpinning the awards are those of supporting others and doing the best you can.

The two Mintabie students who best meet this criteria is Punu McGovern and Sam Moore, both of whom were nominated after consultation with the students.

The girls were nominated for their participation in SRC, their commitment to achieving academic excellence, for providing a positive role model to younger students and for their service to the community through SES and CFS volunteering.

Punu received a Certificate of Appreciation and a cheque for \$100, while Sam received a Certificate and \$500.

*Congratulations from
 everyone in the Region*

Submitted by
 Veronica Hartnett



Sam Moore accepts the Aust. Defence Force Long Tan Leadership award



Punu McGovern receiving her award from Mintabie Area School Principal Veronica Hartnett

Thursday 27 Nov - 10 Dec 2008

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Applications are being sought from Business Enterprise Centres, registered business organisations and other eligible organisations to deliver business advisory services to small business. AusIndustry, on behalf of the Australian Government, is seeking to fund suitable organisations to deliver high quality small business advisory services to assist small business during the current global financial crisis. It is expected that the advisory services to be offered will focus on:

- Business planning advice
- Advice on loans and banking products
- Development of simple marketing plans
- Assistance accessing legal and accounting services
- Leasing guidance
- Advice on government regulation
- Mentoring for business

Funding of up to \$100,000 is available for eligible organisations to deliver services in the 2009 calendar year.
 Funding applications close on 18 December 2008.
 For further information about the Small Business Advisory Services program, including customer guidelines and eligibility criteria, please visit www.ausindustry.gov.au or call the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46.

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Anthony Smith

Oodnadatta

Winds rip apart the old railway shed - known as the camel shed at Oodnadatta, destroying history



Anthony Smith



Lynnie Plate - Oodnadatta

Aerial taken Peake Stn - Algebuckina Bridge 18/11/08



Randall Crozier- Anna Ck Stn

4.8 here last night. Good storms north at the Peake, Peake and Neales running total since 31st of October 30.8mm at Anna Ck. Pics of Neale River and Algebuckina crossing at 11 am today and still rising, flood pic is 10klms east of crossing. Randall

30 mm last two nights at Todmorden. Alberga, Coongra, Oralinna flowing. Had the wind but not the hail. Douglas



John McDermott

Mintabie

Above: Photo of the storm in Mintabie 18/11/08. The rainfall was the highest in the state at 32mm. John McDermott was out photographing a different storm cell some 5km away when this cell appeared straight over the town so he flipped his camera around and up and captured this one.

John McDermott, a Mintabie resident who has 25 years experience with SLR camera's, focused mainly on landscapes and wildlife. John has now spent the last five years shooting unusual weather, especially storms using slide film and digital SLR's in the beautiful desert region of the far north.

John says that he sometimes questions the sensibility of standing outside while a ferocious storm passes above, however when he sees the photos after the storm has gone it seems to make it worth while.

Oodnadatta

Left: A severe storm passed over Oodnadatta last Tuesday afternoon and created history by blowing away history. During the storm, around 6pm, 100kph winds ripped apart the old railway shed (known as the camel shed) opposite the museum and nearly damaged the Women's shed.

Oodnadatta 1947 photo by Horrie Simpson



Historic photograph of Old Rail shed (camel shed) submitted by Lynnie Plate Oodnadatta. Local who have preserved these monuments are deeply disturbed at the damage



Randall Crozier- Anna Ck Stn



Santa arrives at the Mine Rescue Party after attending the shooters Club. Rumour has it that he stayed at the Mud Hut



Santa checks out the Coober Pedians



Trevor McLeod was able to relive his youth for a moment and extracted a small gift from Santa



Dave Bowman made himself comfortable and so did Santa. "Looking forward to next year", said Dave

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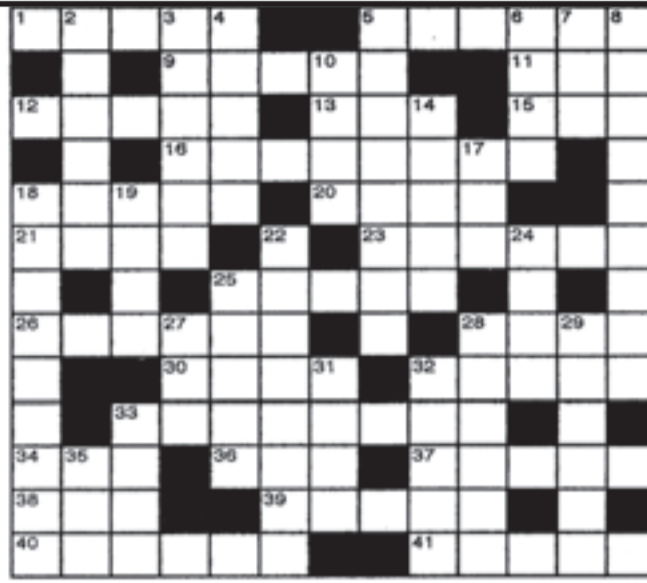
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ACROSS

- Dog's lead
- Type of wine
- Severe
- Sooner than
- Having an offensive smell
- Follow closely
- Edible corn spike
- Mutinied
- Allots
- Bearing
- Duty
- Protein in milk
- Colour
- Make possible
- Fissure
- Orient
- Affray
- Land measures
- Greek letter
- Type of tree
- Stringed instruments
- Unit of work
- Town in Victoria
- Meat pin
- Etts

DOWN

- Cricket team
- Counties
- Underworld
- Communion cups
- Loom part
- Age
- Conclude
- Check
- Gather scattered grain
- Essence



- Decreases the intensity
- Type of fish
- Contestant in a grappling type of sport
- Wicked
- Iced with sugar
- Insect
- Begin again
- Least
- Press down
- Gourd
- Immense
- Noah's ship

SOLUTION NO. 204



COOBER PEDY & REGIONS REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAYS
Ambulance Training
Umooona Road

TUESDAYS
SOCIAL MYSTERY DARTS
Italian Club 7.30 PM

DISTRICT COUNCIL MTGS
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

WEDNESDAYS
Craft Group
at the Catacomb Church Hall
Usually: 7.30 pm
Enquiries: Joy Palmer 86725038 or
June Maclean 86725029.
The focus for September is Quilting

THURSDAYS
Greek Club
Charcoal Grill 7.30 pm

Italian Club: Happy Hour 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. \$10.00 meals commencing at 6.30 pm.

FRIDAY
Bingo 7.30 pm
Greek Club

Soccer 7pm
Bowls 7pm
Disco - UNITED

SATURDAY
Serbian Community Social
Club - BBQ TBA

CFS TRAINING
MINE RESCUE TRAINING
(Alternate Saturdays)

Coober Pedy Shooters Club
Pistol Competition
10am and 12pm
Rapid Fire
Golf (CP Golf Course)

SUNDAY
Rifle Competition
Sundays 10am
Golf (CP Golf Course)

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Summer is coming to the Outback



\$89 MILLION DARWIN ROAD CONTRACT TO MACMAHONS

Macmahon Holdings Limited have been awarded \$89 million contract for Stage Two of the Tiger Brennan Drive Extension Project in Darwin which includes government project delivery costs along with the design and construction of 7.5 kilometres of road works. It includes a four lane dual highway from Berrimah Road to the Stuart Highway, and a grade separated interchange with provision for pedestrians.

Macmahon which is currently completing Stage One of the project, will work with SKM to start the Stage Two detailed design process immediately. Construction is scheduled to get underway early next year to enable the project to be completed in 2010.

Macmahon will directly employ up to 150 people, with a focus on maximising Aboriginal employment through a partnership with the Larrakia Development Corporation and the local Aboriginal community.

Macmahon has operated in the Northern Territory for more than 42 years and major projects have included the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway, the Darwin City Waterfront redevelopment, Blacktip gas project, Alcan Gove, Bradshaw Training Area and the Gemco tailings storage facility on Groote Eylandt. Macmahon also currently manages the Shoal Bay Landfill facility in Darwin.



You're nobody until you're talked about
GOSSIP GIRL
on Nine IMPARJA

Wednesday, December 3 at 10pm CST/ 10.30pm EST

Welcome to Manhattan's Upper East Side, where gossip rules and affluent prep school students find themselves with the money and appetite to explore all the temptations

New York City has to offer – that's the world of GOSSIP GIRL which premieres on Nine Imparja on December 3. GOSSIP GIRL is a drama based on the lives of privileged Manhattan teenagers. The series starts when they learn that Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively, The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants, Accepted), once the Upper East Side's most notorious party girl, is back in town. They learn this important bit of news in their lives from the blog of the all-knowing though ultra-secretive "Gossip Girl".

No one knows Gossip Girl's identity but everyone in this exclusive and vicious circle relies on websites and text messages for her latest scoop. Even Serena's closest friend, Blair Waldorf (Leighton Meester, Veronica Mars, 24, Entourage), is surprised to find that Serena has suddenly ended her self-imposed exile at a boarding school and returned to Manhattan.

Keeping track of the shifting friendships, jealousies and turmoil in this wealthy and complex world isn't easy, but it's what Gossip Girl does best.

Junior Landcare & Working Bee at CPAS

On November 8th, about 60 parents, friends, school staff and kids came to school with wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and brooms to spread ninety cubic metres of bark mulch on to the new gardens.

This, the third working bee of this year, continued work on the gardens. The Year 3/4 Rock Garden was planted, the CPAS Junior Landcare Garden mulched and other areas of the school beautified.

A huge thank-you is extended by all school staff to those who helped and to Sharlene Jeffree who organised the mulch and barbeque.



by Sue Britt

Working Bee members raking the mulch into place at the front of the school

Below: Jarrod brings mulch for the willing workers



Daniella with native plants ready to go

Before

Left Arthur, Giordan and Peter have some fun while they help out at the working bee.

Giordan takes a turn in the wheel barrow



After - submitted by Sharlene Jeffree



Parents, students, teachers and friends of the school worked hard to create this masterpiece, combining Landcare and suitable landscaping around the grounds of Coober Pedy Area School.



The front entrance to the Coober Pedy Area School after many wheelbarrow loads of mulch, much digging and raking, planting and carrying rocks. The children are delighted with their new environment

Whoever said you can't buy happiness, forgot about little puppies

I have had a really good fortnight; I stayed with my Uncle Brian, while my mum and dad were away for a few days. I take my bed and special toys along to play with. But the best fun is finding new toys and things to chew while I am there. My Uncle Brian tries to play music, and is learning to play the banjo and ukulele. The banjo is his favourite. It's not the type of music we listen to at home and it can put me to sleep. I had a chew on the ukulele case in the hope it would improve the sound that came out. It didn't work - it was just the same.

Judy Sparrow, who works at the Underground Book Shop on Saturdays, said I have wonderful long legs and I could be a supermodel. Well!! Move over Cindy Crawford and Elle MacPherson - no more dog food commercials for you two. Coober Pedy designer dog Charlie-Paris is taking over.

I can just hear the film producer now, "get a close up of those legs, its a million dollar shot" Or maybe I could be a sports star, David Beckham and I could be on the same team. If David Beckham was kicking the ball I would chase it all day. The only thing is I'm an Aussie rules girl, I will see if Gary Orvad has a place for me on the Coober Pedy team. Cathy Freeman and I could train together as Olympic runners. With the next Olympics in 2012 it gives me time to get into shape.

I realise it's all a dream, I will never be a sports star. Chasing the boys around the yard is as close as I will get to it.

Could I be a Fireman, a police person, or a cowgirl? I love food; I could be a chef if dogs were allowed in the kitchen. A telephone psychic, I'm a good listener. A chicken sexer, interesting! An odour judger, they smell armpits all day to see if deodorants are working well. I certainly have the nose for it.

I could go to clown school and learn to walk in over sized shoes and be a rodeo clown. Jelly doughnut filler, YUM. Food taster, YUM YUM.

Life guard at a nude beach, I am already dressed for it. I could work for 'rent a crowd', you know, if a bride didn't know enough people I would be the stand in bridesmaid. If you are having a party and have no friends, you pay me to turn up and eat your food and dance the night away.

I could be a stripper, apart from the fact I have nothing to take off, I have no talent and I'm shy.

Voice over specialist for dog movies. I have an Aussie accent, but Gyp the Hollywood dog can help me with that, if I get work over in the USA.

Ocean scuba guide and window washer for skyscrapers, these are jobs that I would be good at - just no ocean or skyscrapers in Coober Pedy.

I am too short to be a checkout chic at Lucas Supermarket; I'm not old enough to have a licence to drive the forklift at Miners Store. Max is already working at the Old Timers Mine.

I'm going to ask Yanni at Umoona Opal Mine if he needs any tour guides.

"Yanni I have had experience in this area from an early age; my specialty is the dog fence".



"Thanks for the mail Steve"

hi charlie i am a big fan my name is jake and i have a special talent it is using a computer. and yes i am a dog. my owner is ty.

ty is the best owner ever. i am using tys sister jessies e-mail address. but i am not a very good speller. i was home schooled by jessie so was molly rippy daisy brooser. well daisy is cinda dum. she dose not do what she is told she is my sister unfortchantly. my bread is a rock weeler x ball mastiv x rige back.

what kind of music do you like i like pinks new song called so what it goes like (so what i am a rock star i got my rock moves and i dont need you tonight) well ok then ty likes that music. i like slim dusty . my besy friend is a cat called johney. johney lives a street down from us . i live in marla. ty my owner goes to school in mintabie. i am 13 monthes old by the way. **ok i have got to go by charlie.**

Dear Jake and Ty,

I have been on a bit of a holiday, because my mum and dad have been away. I have been staying with my uncle Brian. He is a young dogs best friend. I get to lay on the lounge and watch TV. I get special treats from the table, and rides in the car. We go up the street together for the news paper. Uncle Brian is trying to learn to play the Banjo. I wish Pink did banjo music, now that would be good. I do have some favourite songs. How much is that doggie in the window by Patti Page, I love my dog by Cat Stevens, Hound dog by Elvis Presley, Me and you and a dog named Boo by Lobo, Puppy love by Donny Osmond, Who let the dogs out by Baha Men (you can really bark along to that one) You can tell Johney the cat I also like the song, What's new pussycat by Tom Jones.

I am only 6 months old, but big for my age, my legs seem to be growing faster then any other part of me. I have never been to Marla, but my mum has many times. Mintabie is one of her favourite places in the whole world.

**Lots of Woof Woof
Charlie Paris**

More letters next time



But it has me thinking, if I wasn't a dog reporter, what could I do for a job? I'll try Tour Guide!!



"This is the dog fence"



This is me, Tour Guide, giving directions



"Dog proof? Let's see..." (Umm..think I like my real job)



Charlie Paris, Dog Reporter
charlie-paris@hotmail.com



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CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM- CLOSES 16TH JAN 2008

The South Australian Government is committed to keeping our communities safe. To support this commitment and to better equip communities to address local crime and safety issues, the Attorney General's Department is making funding available for local crime prevention and community safety projects in 2009. This program will be administered through the Crime Prevention Unit.

Grants of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 are available for projects which address the following priority areas:

Youth related crime

High volume crime

The built environment and crime - crime prevention through environmental design

Crime in Indigenous communities

Crime prevention as a community capacity building tool

Violent crime

Applications close on 16 January 2009 (5pm)

To find out more about how you can apply for a Crime Prevention & Community Safety Grant please visit the Justice website www.justice.sa.gov.au and follow the link to Crime Prevention and Community Safety Grants Program.

FREE TRAINING FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS

If you are looking for a change from your Primary Production business and need to learn some new skills, then this training could be for you. TAFE SA is providing this FREE training to individuals who meet the required criteria.

For more information on this training being provided, please visit these South Australian Government websites:

www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought

Registrations of interest can be directed to; Phil Strike Project Officer

SA Drought Response Vehicle & Machinery Certification

Port Augusta Campus

P: 8648 9814

F: 8648 9920

M: 0427 016 142 E: Philip.strike@tafesa.edu.au, Please note - Courses may be subject to minimum

OZ Minerals to defer projects and cut operating costs

OZ Minerals will defer several capital projects and make substantial cuts to operating cost budgets as a result of the review of capital and operating expenditure it announced to the market recently. The Company has also identified further synergy benefits flowing from the merger of Oxiana and Zinifex. In summary, OZ Minerals:

- will defer capital expenditure of approximately A\$495 million (net);
- has identified total merger synergy benefits of A\$54 million per annum;
- will reduce operating expenditure budgets in 2009 by approximately A\$185 million, in addition to the merger synergy benefits mentioned above;

• will cut annual production of zinc from Century by 20,000 tonnes per annum.

"The formation of OZ Minerals through the merger of Oxiana and Zinifex was designed to - and has - created a company with a rich pipeline of future projects and a strong balance sheet", said Mr. Andrew Michelmore, Managing Director and CEO of OZ Minerals. "We must ensure we protect this position we worked so hard to create so that we can realise maximum value for shareholders when market conditions improve.

The decisions we are announcing today will enable us to either eliminate or defer substantial cash outflows at a time when access to capital is more difficult than at any time in

the last decade and when we are in the middle of re-financing our debt facilities.

"These are tough times but we understand the position and we have a very experienced team. We are critically looking at every aspect of our operations to enable us to come through this period without cutting into the fabric of the business.

"The review process will be ongoing in order to ensure we do not miss any opportunities to strengthen OZ Minerals - now and for the future", Mr. Michelmore concluded.

In summary, the decisions announced today are as follows. Please note that, where US dollar amounts have been converted to Australian dollars, the conversion has been at the current spot rate of A\$1.00 = US\$0.65.

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Starts Saturday 24th 9am to 12pm recommence 6pm to 9pm

Starts Sunday 25th 9am to 12pm recommence 6pm to 9pm Travel back to Adelaide 26th

Donation towards Christmas presents for homeless Aboriginal children

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement is the only legal service provider specifically for the Aboriginal people in South Australia and is a non-profit Organisation. Apart from its core services, ALRM also has a moral responsibility to assist Aboriginal children who have not been so lucky and miss out on this festive season of Christmas.

Christmas can be a harsh reminder of both the reality and the depth of Aboriginal poverty and disadvantage. These innocent children do not have big expectations, albeit many children are happy if they can just get a small toy.

Your support will no doubt go a long way to put a smile on the face of a child and their family. With your donation we will be able to purchase a memorable Christmas gift for young children, who are under the care of the "Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)", of which there are about 250 children. ALRM, with your support would like to make it a special Christmas for these young children. AFSS will celebrate the Christmas function on Thursday, 11 December, 2008.

Last year we received generous donations from various individuals and organisations. The names of all generous donors were published in the March 2008 issue of our quarterly Australia-wide distributed newsletter "Your Legal Rights". We wish to continue the goodwill and bring cheer and smile to the faces of our needy children.

For your information, ALRM is endorsed as an income tax exempt charitable entity and a deductible gift recipient under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Donations of \$2 or more are Tax Deductible. The donations could be made via cheque or to the following Bank details:

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc.

BSB - 065-008, A/c No: 00671477

I look forward to your support in bringing some joy to those that need something good to be happy during the upcoming festive and holy season.

Yours sincerely
Neil E Gillespie

Neil E Gillespie
Chief Executive Officer
PAYMENT SLIP
To: Aboriginal Legal rights Movement Inc.

Enclosed herewith please find a cheque amounting to \$-----for being a donation for Christmas party and to enable ALRM to organise Christmas gifts for children under the care of The Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS).

Signature:
Organisation and Address:

Reporting suspected child abuse

Anyone who suspects, on reasonable grounds, that a child or young person is being abused or neglected, should report it to the Child Abuse Report Line on 131 478.

Most children are powerless to protect themselves from abuse and will only be protected from abuse and neglect if responsible adults take action on their behalf. You may be the only person who can make a difference to a child's life.

Reporting suspected child abuse is the first step in stopping the abuse and protecting children from further harm. Reporting suspected abuse gives us the chance to help families in situations where a child or children may be at risk.

If you are not sure about reporting, call the Child Abuse Report Line and get advice.

Before calling

Check the following:

- Do you know the child's name, age and address?
- Are you able to describe the injury/abuse/neglect (either current or previous)?
- Are you aware of the current situation and the whereabouts of the child, parent or caregiver, and the person who has abused or neglected the child?
- When did you become aware of the abuse?
- Does the matter involve an Aboriginal child or family? If so, ask for Yaitya Tirramangkotti - an Aboriginal child abuse reporting and advisory service.

Confidentiality

The details of people who make reports to the Child Abuse Report Line are kept confidential. This is the law. The details can only be released in certain circumstances. These are:

- If you consent to your details being released.
- If another professional needs to know who made the report so that they can do their job (eg police who are investigating the matter).
- If it is ordered by a Court. This is very rare.

What happens when you make a report?

A worker will talk to you about your concerns. They will ask you about details of the child and their family as well as why you are concerned about the child. All information reported to the Child Abuse Report Line is assessed and a decision is made about which matters need to be responded to, and how.

The reports are referred to our nearest district centre to where the child lives. Social workers from the district centre may make contact with the child and the family to discuss with them what might be happening.

Police and other professionals may be involved, depending on what the circumstances are. We will speak to the people involved to assess the circumstances of children and their

Parenting Quote:

You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around—and why his parents will always wave back. ~ William D. Tammeus

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families. We may also assist families to access services so they can provide better care for their children, or make safe care arrangements for children if required.

Will you receive feedback on your report?

Our social worker should provide feedback to you. You can also contact the Child Abuse Report Line if you are concerned about the progress of your notification.

What does mandatory reporting mean?

Certain groups of people are required by law to report to us if they suspect on reasonable grounds that a child is being abused or neglected and this suspicion is formed in the course of their work. This is a legal obligation which carries a penalty if they fail to comply. These people are mandated notifiers.

If you are unsure about reporting, consult with a social worker by calling the Child Abuse Report Line. Additional information is provided to participants attending Mandatory Reporting Training.

It is important to remember that child protection is everyone's responsibility and that even if you have made a report, you may still have a role in supporting the child or young person.

The above information was sourced from the Department for Families and Communities' website. For more information please log onto www.dfc.sa.gov.au or ring the Child Abuse Report Line on 131 478.

Child Abuse Report Line

**Opening hours: 24 hours
Phone: 131 478**

Keeping children safe – it's everybody's business

TOILET TRAINING TROUBLES

Remember that a toddler is not able to 'hold on' to a wee that is ready to come out. Children are often busy with what they are doing, so they don't always notice that their wee or poo is coming until it starts to come out, or it is too late to run to the toilet. They will have lots of 'accidents' while they are still learning.

Learning to control bowels and bladder can be a big task for your toddler and sometimes there are problems:

- Starting too soon can cause problems. It can be difficult for some parents to wait until their child is really ready because of pressure from others, or hopes that she will be ready by a certain time (eg. when she turns 2 or before you go on holiday).
- If the child feels pressured by her parents, learning is hampered. She may become afraid of making a mess, and it will be hard for her to get it right.

Toilet training works best when there is no pressure for either the parent or the child.

- Children and parents getting into a battle over

toilet training doesn't help. Parents cannot 'make' a child let go of wee or poo, and little children don't know how to do it if they are upset and tense.

- Any stress in your child's life, such as a new baby or starting childcare can set her back. Temporary loss of control is common when children are unwell or stressed.
- It is common for toddlers to relax and 'let go' as soon as they stand to walk away from the potty. She may not be fully ready for toilet training if this is happening a lot.

If you find that you are getting angry, even feeling like she is not trying, leave it for a while and try again in a few weeks when things are less tense. **Punishment does not help with toilet training.**

For more information log onto www.cyh.com



Tanya Lauder
Child Care Links Officer District
Council of Coober Pedy



"The Coober Pedy Child Care Links project is an Early Childhood – Invest to Grow initiative, funded by the Australian Government under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy".

'What's On?'

Tuesdays

'Tjitji Tjuta Inkangini Pukulpa'

**A Playgroup for 0-5 year olds and their parents
11am—1pm
Home Makers
Umoona Community
Lunch & Activities**

Wednesdays

'Baby Bounce Rhyme & Toddler Story Time'

**10am
Library**

Fridays

'Ting Tacker Playgroup'

**0-18 months olds
10am—12pm
Community Health
Meeting Room
(behind Dr. Kami's)**

Sundays

'Play Gym'

**Catering for 0 to 5 year olds
2.30pm—4.30pm
School Gymnasium**

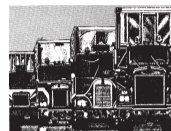
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Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Inc.

Senior Aboriginal Substance Misuse Worker Assistant Manager

(12month Contract with opportunity of an extension)

We are currently seeking to employ a self motivated person to work as a Senior Substance Misuse Worker in the position of Assistant Manager with the UTHS Alcohol and Drug Service.

This position is a fulltime position and you will be paid under the UTHS EBA No:1 2007, Level 4 to 6 depending on work experience.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the Manager Alcohol and Drug Service for promoting the improvement of Aboriginal Health within the community by working within the goals of the primary health care principles.

Provide clients with a range of Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Strategies and primary health care services to improve their education, understanding and knowledge of alcohol and other drugs social, health and well being issues.

Contribute to and be instrumental in maintaining a high degree of awareness regarding culturally appropriate conditions and practices in all dealings with Aboriginal clients.

Benefits of being Employed by Umoona Tjutagku Health Service:

Experience working in a Aboriginal Community Controlled Primary Health Care Service

Opportunity to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team

Salary Sacrifice Benefits are available

Opportunities for further training / personal development

Enquiries to: Roland Ruff
Manager

Alcohol and Drug Service

Applications are to be made out to:

Mr. Mike Griffiths

Chief Executive Officer

Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Inc.

P.O. Box 166

Coober Pedy S.A. 5723

Applications Close Friday 28th November 2008 at 5:00pm

If you wish to obtain a Job & Description Specification contact Cassandra Mibus on Ph:(08) 86 725 255.Fax: (08) 86 725 664. Email: finance.umoona@uths.com.au

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Part Time Real Estate Receptionist/Property Manager

One of our highly valued and experienced clients are expanding their real estate activities into Coober Pedy. We are seeking a well organised and structured person to fill a professional position. That person must have basic computer skills, exceptional customer service, accountability and be career orientated. The position initially is 4 hours per day, 20 hrs per week. Please forward applications to need@need.com.au



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Position Vacant

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C.P.R.S.A.R.A. has funding to employ a Recreation Development Officer for 15 months.

The position requires the R.P.D.O. to work with all sections of the community to improve health through physical activity and recreation.

For more information regarding the position and to obtain a Job and Person specification, please contact Chairperson, Kevin Woon, on 8672 3519 or 0431 683 316 or Treasurer, Tanya Laidler, on 8672 4621 or email: laidler@cpouncil.sa.gov.au

Applications to CPRSARA, PO Box 584, Coober Pedy, SA 5723
Marked as confidential

Application close: 5pm Friday 5th December 2008

Successful applicant will be required to undergo a police check.

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Conditions: Appointment as an Hourly Paid Instructor will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal History check. Qualification in Certificate 4 in Training and Assessment required.

Program Areas: Community Services & Health, Mining; Business Services, General Knowledge.

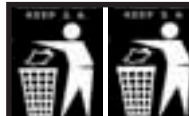
Information Packs that outline essential qualifications and duties are available from: Heather Gardiner, phone: 8648 9954, email: gardiner.heather@saugov.sa.gov.au

Please post completed Information Packs and a current resume detailing relevant qualifications and experience, as well as availability to work during normal daytime hours and evenings to: Heather Gardiner, TAFE SA Port Augusta Campus, Carlton Parade, Port Augusta 5700.

Applications Close: 5pm, Friday 5th December 2008

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COOBER PEDY COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE AGM

The Coober Pedy Country Fire service annual Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 6th of December 2008 At the fire station, Hutchison St, Coober Pedy Commencing at 4pm

All welcome to Attend

For further information contact Ian Gordon, Brigade Captain Ph 0429723 350

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE



POCIVAJ U MIRU

RUSMIR, Dusan (Dule). - Born in Pakrac, Z. Slavonija former Yugoslavia on October 26, 1953 Passed away tragically at Coober Pedy S.A. on November 20, 2008

Beloved husband of Zdenka

Loving and loved father of Alen and Sonja

Father-in-law of Bojana

Cherished son of Dusanka and Radovan (deceased)

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COUNTRY PLAN SA DRAFT

Have your say about proposed changes to the outback

The Minister for Urban Development and Planning has released the DRAFT Far North Regional Land Use Framework on Monday 13 October for a two month period of public consultation, closing 12 December 2008.

Copies of the Framework and associated materials are available at Councils and the Trust by and on the Planning SA website at www.planning.sa.gov.au/go/fn-framework

The Frameworks, once finalised, will guide future development across the Far North Region of South Australia, an area covered by four councils – Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Flinders Ranges and Roxby Downs – the majority of the unincorporated (out of council) areas of the state and the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Written submissions are invited up until 12 December 2008 and should be sent to:

Far North Framework Planning SA GPO Box 1815 Adelaide SA 5001
Or via email: PLNSA.Strategic@saugov.sa.gov.au

The feedback we receive during this period will inform finalisation of the Frameworks. The final Frameworks will be released as new volumes of the Planning Strategy for South Australia, providing statutory direction for changes to local area Development Plans and informing public and private sector investment in the region.

Contacts

Charmaine Thredgold will take up the role as area manager for the Far North Region (phone 8303 0768 or email thredgold.charmaine@saugov.sa.gov.au), with assistance from Jaan Fox. Charmaine will also take up the role as area manager for the Eyre and Western Region, including managing the Port Augusta and Whyalla master planning projects underway.

Carmela Luscri will be taking up my role in overseeing Strategic Planning across Regional SA (phone 8303 0537 or email luscri.carmela@saugov.sa.gov.au)

CLEAN UP COMMUNITIES

Does your Progress wish to clean up old car bodies and unwanted metal that makes your community look untidy? There are several metal recyclers in the region that may be willing to travel to your town, pick up these cars and deliver these to the nearest depot if the price is right.

Give Ashley Bannerman from Pimba a call on 86737938 if you are keen and he can tell you what it may cost the Progress for the service. Contact Bill Ryan from the OACDT if you need more information or assistance to get the job done.

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PLAYING AUSTRALIA CLOSING 15TH DECEMBER 2008

Provider: Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Category: Arts & Culture Funding: Various Closes: 15 December 2008

Purpose: To assist the touring of performing arts across State and Territory boundaries where this is currently not commercially viable and there is a demonstrated public demand.

Overview: Playing Australia is intended to assist performing arts organisations to expand their touring activities, help venues and locally-based organisers to host touring activities, and to encourage producers of programs of particular innovation and quality to tour their work across Australia. Website: http://www.arts.gov.au/arts_culture/arts_playing_australia

Email: playing.australia@environment.gov.au
Freecall: 1800 819 461

RURAL EDUCATION GRANTS CLOSING

RURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS - CLOSING 31ST DEC 2008

The Rural Education Program (REP) seeks to ensure that quality education remains accessible to children in rural and remote communities regardless of climatic and economic conditions.

Through collaboration with local agencies and sponsored partnerships with individuals and corporations, the REP will be able to extend the educational resources and individualised learning support that rural students require.

What can be funded: - Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that directly alleviate the disruption caused to children and young people by rural crisis such as drought, bushfire, floods and economic downturn.

- Projects that help redress any educational disadvantage caused by remoteness of students Individual students where, without financial assistance, their education is likely to be severely disrupted.

- Basic research into the status of rural and remote education, as needed to facilitate the work of the fund Material aid for books, equipment, accommodation and clothing.

Grants may range from \$100 to \$25,000 Grants will generally be for one year only but longer periods may be considered.

Applications are accepted at any time. For further details visit: Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal For further information contact, Jo Mason Email: info@frrr.org.au Phone: 1800 170 020 Web: www.frrr.org.au

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Outback Open Air
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FINAL MOVIES FOR 2008

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The story follows two NASA trained chimpanzees; Luna (a well trained, disciplined, typical "company woman") and Ham (a classic good-natured goofball) who have to forego their usual comforts and live like animals when their space mission propels them into a distant universe. Forced to land on a magical planet they find a world inhabited by a host of wonderful animals and ruled over by a vicious king. RATING: G

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by:
John Di Donna
Secretary



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Ron and Bradley Lamont have been great supporters of the CPSC. Here they are honoured for their service to the club by John and Chris

PLAQUES

Les Hoad and family - On behalf of CPSC we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for laying the foundation and erecting the new building, also for all support and contributions over the years.

Royce Cooper - On behalf of CPSC we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for all your help this year, for you're in - kind donations; for the help in organizing machinery equipments and material; for your support through out this year, and the years before and also years to come.

Mike Maylin - On behalf of CPSC would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for all the electrical work and installation in our new building. All the work and electrical equipment was donated to the club. We are very grateful for your generous donations.

Ron & Bradley Lamont - On behalf of CPSC would like you to accept this plaque in recognition of the uses of your machinery's, the time and effort which you help with the construction of the silhouette range, gongs and reposition the fence line. Also making and setup the bench rest. We recently used the benches when we hosted the Quorn shooters, they worked very well. We can introduce a new discipline for competitor who cannot shoot in prone position.

Rainbow Painter - On behalf of CPSC, we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for supplying the paint and painting the bunker also donation of furniture.

Tada Opals - On behalf of CPSC, we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition of the uses of your machinery's, and for your valuable the time and effort which you help with the Relocating the shotgun bunker.

Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Inc - On behalf of CPSC we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for donation and support. The donation will be used towards training juniors in firearms safety awareness and we will be running health 4 life program. Chris and I will coordinate the program next year and we would be counting on our members to be behind the project and offer us a helping hand.

Coober Pedy Regional Times - Margaret, on behalf of CPSC we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for your support through out the year. Receiving the support from the paper, our club has now become very popular with the locals and abroad. I have been contact by readers from York peninsula, West Coast, Roxby Downs and locally we also had visitor to our club because they have read articles in the Coober Pedy Times. Thank you.

District Council Of Coober Pedy - On behalf of CPSC we would like you to accept this plaque in recognition for your support through out the year. For the use of council equipment and facilities. The donation of the bricks from the ticket box at the drive in. Also having access to the changing rooms at the oval, when we hosted the Quorn shooters.

John's Pizza Bar - Once again the pizza bar has donated food for our meetings, loan of their vehicle and donated material.

Certificates

Coober Pedy Crane Service - For the use of the concrete truck in the pouring of the foundation for our new club and the use of the crane to lift the air conditioner on the roof.

Steve Marjanovic - For your help through-out the year, helping with the foundation for our new club, and the use of your tools and equipment, including your BBQ.

Guy Foley - For your help with the working bees. Relocating the 100m fence line, upgrading the range and the use of your tools and equipment.

Greg Burns - For your help with the working bees. Relocating the 100m fence line, upgrading the range.

Mike Mibus - For your help through-out the year (The use of plant machinery and supplying surplus materials.

Paul Leech - Paul only started shooting about 4 months ago and had contributed his valuable time and effort towards the club. Helping with the bench rest, welded and setup our silhouette range. Fixed our security lights, help relocate the fence, and many more. Thanks.

Mary Harms - For the Delicious meals supplied for all our events we held through out the year including the meals prepared tonight. Thanks.

Fire Equipment & Maintenance Group - Gary & Ramon become members this year and has donated fire extinguishers, first aid box, fire blankets.

Termite Resources - For donating the surplus building which was located at a railway siding.

Monty Watts Contractor - for dismantling and delivering the insulated building from a railway siding free of charge.

Bradley Lamont - For his valuable contribution through out the year Bradley help out with the working bees, building the benches, setting up the silhouette range and many more.

Stacey Mibus - Stacey is the youngest person to receive a certificate for her contribution. Stacey does come out and help with the BBQ, Cleaning and she started to learn how to range and score. She may complain but she still helps out around the club.

Shane Mibus - For his valuable contribution through out the year Shane help out with the working bees. He also helps out with ranging and scoring.



Amy Di Donna although attending school in Alice Springs is very much part of the CPSC. Amy shares some of the club's secretarial work and not only is a top shooter but a budding top shot photographer as well.

Amy Di Donna - Amy isn't here very often but when she is at the club she helps in every way. I would like to personnel thank Amy for all the work she has done when we hosted the Quorn shooters. All the scoring from that weekend and all the final results for 2008 was recorded on Amy's PC. Thanks

Peter & Yvonne Giesler - for cooking the BBQ and Catering at the last minute venue change

It made us more relax tonight. and less stress. Thanks

Frederica Spears - For the most persistence non - club member 2008. Fred only competed twice this year in rifles and pistols. Fred couldn't put the pistol down once she started to hit the drop down targets. Fred's aim in life is to win competitions against Amy, Chris, myself and everyone at our club (she's dreaming) we like to thank Fred Scott and Tegan for traveling up from Kadina to be here tonight.

Chris Warrior - Chris was my right hand man through out the year. He can't shoot for shit. But he helps with all our news letters assist with grants applications, police inquiries. Chris also helped run firearm safety awareness with men's group from age care. As well as assist members acquiring firearms licenses. And help us around the club. The competitions may be over but Chris will be running programs through out the Christmas break. Which includes firearm safety training for umoona age care and he doesn't know it yet he will be running archery in January. Thanks for all you work.

James Michies - President of the cpse for all his help and support through out the year. And the work he will be doing through the Christmas break (surveying the boundary to extend the safety zone; so we can accommodate centre fire rifles for bench resting)

Alex Brace - Alex spent 3 days here in Coober Pedy and offered coaching with rifles showed us how to sight in the scopes, how to clean firearms properly. He also showed us how to hit the smallest gong at 100mts with his air rifle (free hand) He also donated stands and sand bags for us to use for bench resting.

John Di Donna - for all my hard work and effort..

One again I hope everyone has enjoyed the whole year and tonight

We need to individually thank **The Golf Club** for supplying the venue for our presentation tonight.

Carol and Glenys, Cassandra, Chris, Royce, James, setting up the venue; **Santa** arriving early November. Hope kids all enjoyed there xmas presents. Our entire committee members for there help through out the year.

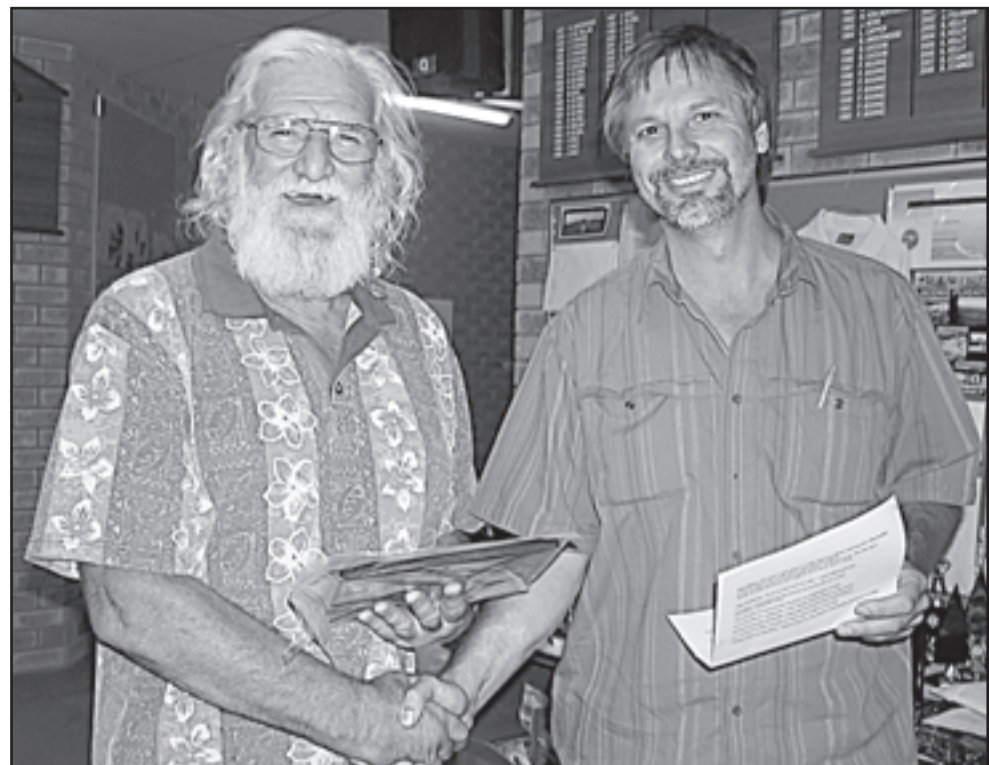
Thanks to all our Sponsors - without them our club wouldn't have grown as big as it is today.



Chris Warrior presents Nicola Crisa of Outback Communications an appreciation certificate.



Nola and Ken Boland. The Boland family have had a long association with the Shooters Club



Royce Cooper receives his award from John Di Donna Secretary of the Shooters Club



The club member had waited a year to receive these glamorous awards. It was worth the wait



More trophies and awards for a hard year's work



Left: The highlight of the night was Santa's visit. James Michie prepares to help Santa with presents for the kids..see back page

SPEEDWAY BREAKUP



Speedway Dates
6/12/2008 CPMC Presentation
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
Single mem: \$30
Family mem: \$50
Enquiries Scriv 0428986609.



Santa slips into the Shooters party surprising all the kids



Everyone lines up for photos with Santa



The big kids open their Christmas presents

Santa comes to town early - photos Amy Di Donna



Stacey Mibus Most Improved Junior presented by Ken & Nola Boland



Fred received certificate For the Most Persistence Non - Club Member 2008

2008 DONATION

★ **Gold Star Donation \$500 +**

Amelio Chignola - Supply Boulder for the Plaque
Mike Maylin Contractor - Equipment - Labour In-Kind
District Council Of Coober Pedy
John's Pizza Bar - Equipment
Royce Cooper

★ **Silver Star Donation \$200 - \$499**

Fire Equipment and Maintenance Group - Equipment
Steve Marjanovic
Dale Price
John Di Donna
Carol Shearer
Peter Bruhns

★ **Bronze Star Donation \$50 - \$199**

Dale Price
Fred Harms
Glenys Veenstra
Chris Warrior
George Georgianoudis
Mibus Family
Charlie Hui

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PISTOLS

Rapid Fire - AU Internet & Computer Services
Standard Strong Arm Aggregate - City Gate Video
Standard Strong Arm With H/Cap Aggregate - Coober Pedy Lions Club
Walk & Shoot - Tada Opals
Standard Double Handed Off Pistol - Wear-House Arcade
Military Off Pistol - Aussie Fert.
Drop Down Targets - Mud Hut Hotel
20 Shots 20 Mins Centre Fire - Jim's IGA Thevenard
Most Improve Off Pistol - Carol Shearer

RIFLE

Best Off Rifle - Desert Rainbow Painter
Best Aggregate - Underground Potteries
Night Shotgun - Tada Opals
3p 50m Drop down targets - Cassandra Mibus
Rapid Fire - Mary Harms
100m Rimfire - Di Stepniewski
Best Individual 25m/50m Combine - Demon Social Club
Best Of Rifle Combine - Miner Store
Night Shot Gun 10 weeks - Fred Harms
100m Open Rimfire - Budget Coober Pedy
Night Shotgun - Outback Communication
Silhouette - Coober Pedy Lions Club
100m Centre Fire - John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant
Average Yearly Off Rifle - Rob Coro
Shotgun Sharp Shooter - Royce Cooper
410 Shotgun Juniors - Opal Cave
Most Improve Junior - Ken & Nola Boland