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Thursday 2 February 2012

# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD FOR DAWN JONES

**Cooper Pedians celebrated Australia Day again this year at the Old Timers Mine and funds were raised for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.**

Mayor Steve Baines officiated the event which attracted about 130 people and raised \$1475 for the RFDS. It was a great family fun day of socialising, a Lion's BBQ, give aways, a raffle and was attended by the Emergency Services organisations.

Mayor Baines introduced our Australia Day Ambassador Dr Lynn Arnold, the CEO of Anglicare who previously held the position as CEO of Worldvision. Dr. Arnold was accompanied by his wife Elaine.

"Lynn is a former Premier of South Australia and in 2004 he was awarded the Order of Australia (AO) for his services to Australia through the South Australian Parliament as Premier, and internationally through development and humanitarian aid assistance. In 2001 he received the Centenary Medal for his services to the Australian community.", said Mayor Baines in his introduction.

For the first time since Cooper Pedy began celebrating Australia Day, there was no Citizenship Ceremony.

The Citizen of the Year Award was announced by Mayor Steve Baines and awarded to long term resident Dawn Jones for her generous involvement in the Cooper Pedy Community over a long period of time.

In announcing this award, Mayor Baines said, "This years recipient has been recognised for their hours of volunteer work within the community."

Up until now Dawn has always managed to fly under the radar until her daughters' close friend and another high achieving volunteer Jayde Frew decided it was high time that Dawn's achievements and contributions were rewarded in some way.

Jayde took the opportunity when the Citizen Award nominations were called for to tender a nomination for Dawn.

Jayde told us, "I nominated Dawn because of her involvement in the community and her willingness to share, help others and get involved in supporting the efforts of others."

"Not only does she volunteer in the community with organisations but she helps individuals in town by caring and helping people and their injured animals. All of her efforts seem to get missed and I thought it was about time her wonderful generosity of many years standing in this community was highlighted publically". said Jayde.

In accepting the Citizen of the Year award, Dawn said, "I'm simply overwhelmed and very humbled, that what I consider to be ordinary, is worthy of this award."

*Pictured right: Dawn Jones, winner of the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award holding foster child Kelly. Left to right are daughter Desrey Jones, Award Nominator Jayde Frew and daughter Tegan Jones*



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**FAR NORTH TO HAVE Milder WEATHER FOR ANOTHER WEEK**

For those who have found the high humidity and summer heat combination a drain recently, the next week promises to be milder.

The week to come will see the temperature sitting either side of the 30's with one day around 37 degrees which is pretty cool for this time of year.

This year the highest temperature reached so far was 43.6 on New Year's Day. In January 2011 temperatures soared to 47.1 which the desert dwellers expect, but not coupled with 60+% humidity.

29 January Cooper Pedy received 6.6mm of rain  
 31 January overnight temperatures dived to 14.9°.

The outback has experienced tropical weather conditions for the past two summers, which appears related to the cyclone activity in the tropics. Wildlife has flourished in these conditions, however it is unlikely to continue in 2013. This humidity may also be related to unusual Ant breeding activities.

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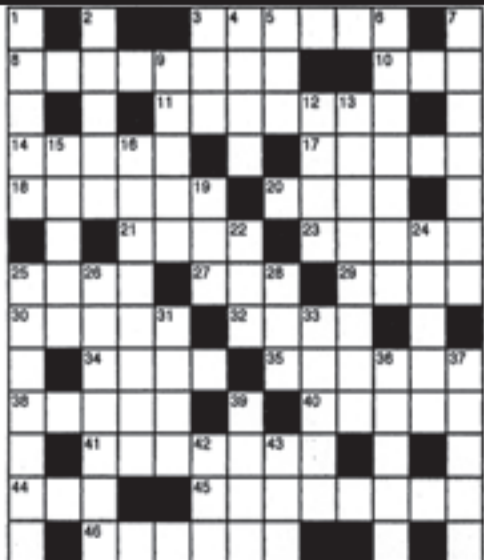
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- ACROSS
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  8. Breed of dog
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  11. Snuggles
  14. Worker in stone
  17. Tedium
  18. Honorary military commission
  20. Tale
  21. Departure
  23. Mournful song
  25. Untruthful person
  27. Companion
  29. Illuminated sign
  30. Woman's name
  32. Pastime
  34. Firewood
  35. Visitors
  38. Punctuation mark
  40. Frozen dew
  41. Type of fish
  44. Fancy pigeon
  45. Calculate
  46. Wig



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1. Ascend
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  6. Entrap
  7. Administration
  9. Append
  12. Go first
  13. Construction planner
  15. Potter's clay

16. Summit
19. Word of advice
22. Follow closely
24. Horned ruminants
25. Theft
26. Malady
28. Fall behind
31. Equal
33. Civilian dress
36. Of the sun
37. Metal
39. Type of flower
42. Vigour
43. American Indian

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**7 DAY WEATHER at a GLANCE from 1/2/2012**

	Cooper Pedy	Oodnadatta	Tarcoola	Andamooka
WED	Sunny. Warm. Windy.		36 km/h S	- 18% 20 30
THU	Sunny. Warm. Dry.		25 km/h S	- 19% 19 30
FRI	High Level Clouds. Warm. Dry.		15 km/h S	- 14% 21 33
SAT	Morning Clouds. Hot. Dry.		13 km/h WNW	- 13% 25 37
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Warm. Gusty.		50 km/h S	- 25% 21 29
MON	Sunny. Warm.		42 km/h SSE	- 21% 16 28
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# Coober Pedy's Dawn Jones

## A modern day St. Francis

### Coober Pedy "get under the surface"

◆ Experience life in the outback town of Coober Pedy, famous for its fabulous opals and bizarre underground homes. For generations, miners have dug into the white and orange rock to extract the valuable, sparkling stone. Why waste a good hole? The tunnels and chambers they dug were cool and dark, perfect to escape from the desert sun.

◆ Guided tours of the town will take you into an underground museum, art galleries, churches and shops.

◆ Stay overnight in an underground dwelling and experience underground life for yourself, it's very unusual!



The magnificent and colourful Breakaways merge from the underground seabed

◆ Visit the opal fields to see one of the world's strangest views. Join tours of local mines to see how they work. Get the chance to "noodle" (fossick) for your own opal treasure or you can find opals in many outlets.

◆ There are some amazing natural landscapes outside the town (some of them used as locations in films like Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome and Red Planet) including

◆ The Painted Desert, the colourful Breakaways and the Moon Plain.

◆ Go Star Gazing on the Moon Plain; it's an eerie place and the stars are brilliant.

◆ Join the Mail Run out of Coober Pedy to deliver the mail! Drive to Anna Creek, the world's largest cattle station (it's the size of Belgium), to see the dog fence (the world's largest man-made structure) and follow part of the Old Ghan Railway line. Meet the people of the outback, hear their stories and don't forget to drop off their mail!

<http://sg.southaustralia.com/things-to-do/top-10-things-to-do-coober-pedy-underground.aspx>

On Australia Day the Mayor of Coober Pedy, Steve Baines announced that the 2012 Coober Pedy Citizen of the year was Dawn Jones.

"Most would know Dawn for her untiring work with animals. She is normally the first person people call when their pets are injured or sick and is forever adopting and looking after any animal in need", said Mayor Baines.

As an individual in her own right and in conjunction with Chris Butler, Dawn has ensured that the Opal Festival parade has floats each year.

Gathering materials for potential floats is a daily consideration for Dawn as she goes about her chores. Pre-Opal Festival sees both Dawn and Chris assisting organisations to build their floats.

Without this commitment and expertise, the parade floats simply might not happen. Each year requires fresh inspiration, energy and materials.

Dawn Jones, mother of 6 children and registered foster carer is the type of person who makes you wish you were a lizard, a bird or even a local dog.

According to family and friends Dawn is a modern Day St. Francis, whom many of us will know is the Patron Saint of animals and the environment.

There are many stories about the 12th Century St. Francis preaching to the birds, befriending a rabbit and fish, and taming a wolf and there are just as many stories about Dawn Jones who for many a pregnant canine mother has stayed up all night to make sure their litter of pups has whelped safely.

If a wounded bird is found in the school grounds, Dawn is called on to work her magic.

Dawn is also well known for her years running the Coober Pedy Wildlife Park where she worked



Coober Pedy Citizen of the Year Dawn Jones with foster child Kelly, receiving her award from Mayor Steve Baines with Australia Day Ambassador Dr. Lynn Arnold centre. Photo: Ali

tirelessly on a daily basis providing a sanctuary for orphaned members of the environment and rehabilitating the wounded.

Horror struck when domestic dogs went on a rampage one night and tore down shelters and buildings killing most of the wildlife. A shattered Dawn Jones closed down the sanctuary, but didn't retire from her animal charity work.

Dawn continues to rehabilitate injured native fauna back into the wild and find homes for orphaned animals within the community.

Often lizards, dragons and other fauna are brought to Dawn that have been injured on the roads. Dawn has developed a program to rehabilitate and release them back into the wild.

This year's Citizen Award recipient was recognised for their hours of volunteer work within the community over a long period of time.

Dawn Jones' 6 children all maintain close ties with Coober Pedy.

Over a long period of time Dawn has worked with most of the organisations in Coober Pedy as a volunteer or in a supportive role.



Dawn looks over a small donkey for a visiting family

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# Cash strapped archive struggles to preserve indigenous history

Australia's flagship institute for indigenous studies has stopped giving out research grants as it diverts funding to save a century of cultural recordings from oblivion.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has a world-renowned archive of about a million items, much of which – old tape recordings of languages and songs; film and photographs – it is struggling to digitise before the material disintegrates.

A 12-year Commonwealth funding program allocating \$3.2 million per year for the digital conversion of the archive ended in 2011 and was not renewed, leaving 80 per cent of the collection unconverted and prompting AIATSIS to halt its grant program, which had been running for more than 20 years with a strong emphasis on collaborative fieldwork in indigenous communities.

As it scrambles to preserve the recorded history of indigenous Australia, the institute has also curtailed other activities, such as its outreach program of taking copies of historical and cultural material back to the communities where they were gathered up to a century ago.

It was a "massive shame" to cut back on the historical outreach program which gave people the chance to see images of their ancestors and hear their people's lost songs and languages, but preserving as much as possible of the endangered archive must be the priority, said John Janke, executive and communications director at AIATSIS.

"It's material that's been collected over past 50 years by researchers: over 700,000 photographs, 10,000 video titles, motion picture, sound recordings, manuscripts, collected works of people, everything," Mr Janke said.

With magnetic tape recordings becoming inaudible, film rotting from vinegar syndrome, and glass-negative photographs up to 100 years old decaying, "we don't know how much has been lost already," Mr Janke said.

"We have the world's most significant archive of indigenous recordings and research, but the dilemma for us is that we have such a backlog of material that the audio tape that we don't get to, or the film in the canister, could be the one that contains the song or language or image that is priceless."

"Some of those mediums could contain songs or traditions or language that are no longer spoken so we hope to get that before it's lost forever. In the current crisis we are digitising those items that are at significant risk first, but at the same time we stop digitising ones which might then deteriorate."

Jon Altman, a Research Professor in Anthropology at the Australian National University who is both an institute member and donor of research material to the archive, said that the archive held a "very, very important collection" full of unrecognised treasures, and the timing of the crisis was ironic.

"It's interesting that we've got this report from the expert panel on the recognition of indigenous people in the constitution, talking about language and culture and all the rest of it from the past, but what's there from the past and the present is under-resourced in [terms of] being properly digitised and properly looked after," he said.

The institute was "extraordinarily highly regarded" by anthropologists and indigenous researchers around the world, and "they would be shocked" to hear that the archive is endangered and study grants stopped, Professor Altman said.

Mr Janke said the collection enjoys a wide variety of users, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people looking into their own communities or doing family histories, people doing nativite title research, academics and postgraduate students, indigenous media, and private companies making documentaries.

## 2012 SCHOOL CARD SCHEME

The 2012 School Card Scheme provides financial assistance towards the cost of educational expenses for school students of low-income families. It is administered by the Department for Education and Child Development.

School Card assistance is available for:

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- Adult re-entry students undertaking DECD funded subjects.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon family gross income for the 2010/2011 financial year being within the following School Card income limits.

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$34,335	\$661
2	\$35,271	\$679
3	\$36,207	\$697
4	\$37,143	\$715
5	\$38,079	\$733
Each additional dependent child	\$936	\$18

### How to apply for School Card

- Visit your local school and request the appropriate 2012 School Card Application Form and associated Fact Sheet.
- Follow the instructions on the Fact Sheet and submit the form as directed by the Fact Sheet.
- All forms must be completed in full, and where required supporting documentation must be attached.

For more information please contact your local school or the School Card Section on phone: Free call 1800 672 758 or Website: [www.decd.sa.gov.au/goldbook/](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/goldbook/)

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## MAGNETITE DISCOVERY AT TOMAHAWK NEAR COOPER PEDY

Iron ore producer, IMX Resources Limited announces the discovery of magnetite at its Tomahawk iron ore prospect, 25km southeast of the Cairn Hill magnetite-copper mine in South Australia.

All six reverse circulation (RC) drill holes completed at Tomahawk in late 2011 returned significant magnetite iron intersections. These results confirm the observed magnetite mineralisation logged during drilling.

Managing Director Neil Meadows said, "The Tomahawk discovery confirms our strategy of developing regional iron projects that can utilise existing mining and transport infrastructure associated with the Cairn Hill Mine. In Snaefell, and now Tomahawk, we have two regional magnetite iron projects with the potential to significantly enhance the long-term economics of IMX's mining operations.

"As previously announced (ASX: 12 January 2012), the Tomahawk iron ore target is the strongest magnetic anomaly in the area south of Cairn

Hill and has a strike length of approximately 3.4km.

Initial drilling has successfully tested the easternmost 500m of the anomaly, with the mineralisation remaining open along strike and at depth. Planning for further exploration and metallurgical testwork is underway.

The Tomahawk magnetite iron formation occurs as a steeply dipping coarse-grained magnetite zone within a quartz-rich host that includes limestone and marble units. The magnetite zone ranges from 60 to 100m in true thickness and occurs below about 30m of unconsolidated sedimentary overburden.

Tomahawk is located within exploration licence EL4706 which is part of IMX's Mt Woods Project. The licence is subject to a joint venture with OZ Minerals Ltd (ASX: 13 April 2010) whereby IMX retains 100% of the iron ore rights and OZ Minerals is earning-in on the non-iron ore rights.

The institute applied for continued digitisation funding last year but was knocked back, yet it has applied again and wait to see what the Commonwealth's 2012-13 budget brings, Mr Janke said.

In the online age, the institute has come to see the digitisation and dissemination of its archive as its "core business", Mr Janke said.

"We have funded it for a year out of our appropriation, but we would like it to be funded as part of our appropriation."

Philanthropy has not been forthcoming, Mr Janke said.



### Sport and Recreation Information Sessions

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- **Open Learning:**  
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**Time:** 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm  
**Location:** At your nearest TAFE SA Campus.  
 \*Participants must pre-register for this session
- **Face to Face @ Mount Gambier Campus:**  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 February 2012  
**Time:** 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
- **Face to Face @ Port Lincoln Campus:**  
**Date:** Wednesday 8 February 2012  
**Time:** 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

To pre-register and for further information contact Sue Sutherland on Ph: 8688 3613

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## CAN YOU SPARE 'ONE HOUR' EACH WEEK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

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**PLEASE HELP ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY'S SAFETY**

# Coober Pedy school girl living life in the hot seat

by: Coober Pedy Regional Times



Stacey Mibus joined the CFS at age fourteen and at 17 years old is still a school student, an experienced firefighter, community volunteer and well on the way to planning a disciplined career

17 year old local girl Stacey Mibus is a fire fighter of 3 ½ years experience, after joining the Coober Pedy CFS at the age of 14.

Stacey is a born and bred Coober Pedy girl and will complete her year 12 schooling at Coober Pedy Area School this year.

The discipline of the CFS has given Stacey direction, enough so that she plans to have an initial career in Child Care and then aim for the Police Force.

CPRT: Why did you decide to join the CFS, particularly at the age of 14?

STACEY: One of my friends was a member of the CFS and has since moved on. She suggested to me that I should look into joining up as she felt it would be a good experience for me in helping out the community. She recommended me and so I did the paperwork and sent it off. I received confirmation back to say I was cleared to join. First I became a cadet, which was available back then, and after a few more cadets joined we decided to do Basic Firefighter Stage 1 Course. This course was run over a weekend and everything fell into place after that.

CPRT: How did your parents feel about you joining the CFS?

STACEY: Mum and Dad were really proud of me for making this choice. They both encouraged me. Whatever time I get called out, either mum or dad take me to the fire station.

CPRT: What is the hardest job you've ever attended?

STACEY: My first bushfire was probably the hardest as being that close to a fire and feeling the intense heat was so real and initially overwhelming.

CPRT: How did you overcome those initial feelings?

STACEY: Being part of a team was very reassuring. On the way to the fire we did a fire plan and discussed our roles. The others already had experience so I was buffered a bit. Nobody is asked to do anything which is unreasonable or they aren't trained for.

CPRT: Summer is traditionally the busiest time and with volunteer numbers down this year, how busy has it been for the fires?

STACEY: We had eight fires in six days, from 11th – 16th January. The grass fire we attended on the 16th January on the Oodnadatta Road near Coober Pedy was pretty exhausting.

CPRT: How would you describe a busy few days in the "life of Stacey Mibus"?

STACEY: Well, a typical scenario has been attending a fire on Bulgunnia Station and arriving

home at 2.30 or 3am. I still attended school the next day. After school I was booked to baby sit the following night but after lightning started another fire out on the pastoral lands went straight to Glendambo to help fight this fire, arrived home late and then got up and went to school again. This is fairly typical during the fireban season.

CPRT: As well as fighting fires, what other responsibilities do you have within the CFS?

STACEY: This year I've taken on some of the administration, which spreads the work out amongst the team more evenly. Along with other crew members I also help wash and clean out the trucks and keep the station tidy.

CPRT: Do you manage to go out socially?

STACEY: Of course! I have a normal life, just like everyone else. In fact I probably have more than others because CFS is another form of socialising. We have a great crew who are easy to get along with and we always manage to have some fun despite we are doing a serious job. We also get to meet a lot of people in our travels that we otherwise might never come across.

CPRT: What else are you involved in?

STACEY: In my own time I baby sit for people in town which enables them to work.

For the last two years I have been doing a School Based Traineeship with Mini Gems Childcare Centre and work there one day per week and attend school 4 days. I am also a volunteer for the Saints Football Club as a boundary umpire and water girl. I attend the trips where the Saints play away as well as the home games.

CPRT: What about school work?

STACEY: I do have to keep up to date with school work so I do everything else around it.

CPRT: Do you think that by becoming a firefighter at a young age it has influenced your career choices for the future?

STACEY: Yes I do. After having the discipline of the CFS I feel strongly drawn towards the Police Force as an ultimate career choice.

CPRT: What would you say to people considering joining the CFS?

STACEY: The off-season, after summer is a good time to join the CFS as there is plenty of time to practice and gain confidence for the busy period.



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## Have Your Say on NRM Investment in the Arid Lands

### NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE SA ARID LANDS REGIONAL NRM PLAN

The SA Arid Lands (SAAL) Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board is conducting its annual review of Volume 2 of the SAAL Regional NRM Plan. Through the delivery of the Plan the community will continue to benefit from a range of programs to help protect valuable ground and surface waters; ensure sustainable industries; help pastoral land management; conserve natural ecosystems; and encourage community participation.

#### Public Meetings

Members of the public are invited to meet with key Board and staff members to hear about the proposed amendments to Volume 2 (the Business Plan) and provide feedback:

**Iron Knob** Wednesday 1 February, [Rural Transaction Centre], 1pm

**Yunta** Thursday 2 February, [Yunta Telecentre], 2.30pm

#### Further information

Further information and an information package including the proposed amendments are available from the Board 8648 5977 or via the Board's website [www.saalnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.saalnrm.sa.gov.au)

Written feedback is due by 10 February 2012 and should be sent to the Regional Manager, SAAL NRM Board, PO Box 2227, Port Augusta 5700.

[www.saalnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.saalnrm.sa.gov.au)

## RAA releases it's 2012 focus submission - A common sense approach to speed

RAA wants to see a greater financial commitment to road safety that puts additional funding into rural roads, creating more overtaking lanes, rest areas and barriers.

RAA does not support blanket speed limit reductions on rural or metropolitan roads.

RAA wants the government to increase the minimum number of learner driver hours from 75 to 120 as part of their current review of the licensing scheme.

Protect Emergency Workers - RAA has put forward a submission on the Road Traffic (Emergency Vehicles) Amendment Bill 2011.

To view the full submission visit - <http://www.raa.com.au/page.aspx?TerID=1383>

# Spinifex Ant plague in Far North- could it be a sign?

**The Spinifex Ant which inhabits the outback including Coober Pedy has been breeding up in massive numbers causing anxt amongst residents.**

The scene in town has been reported as resembling the "Battle of the Little Bighorn", with ant factions accumulating by the day and marching on homes.

Supermarkets are constantly refilling their ant products, as locals arm themselves with chemical weapons against the small invading enemy.

District Council Works Manager Jan Van de Merwe said, "Parks and Gardens personel are being kept busy with the spraying of ants on council property, but when I get home I have to deal with my own ant problem."

Some of the locals are speculating that Lake Phillipson may be due to fill up with water and the ant influx could be a sign.

Others say the increased humidity this summer is causing the ants to breed up big and now need to feed their increasing brood.

Whatever the reason we haven't needed pest control in the past as much as we need it now.

What we have seen though is what can be accomplished when a highly cooperative community works together.

But what of the Ant?

Like all living things, ants primarily serve their own purpose.

The only purpose which any biological species has is to breed and create offspring to perpetuate that species.

Ants are decomposers, they farm fungi, and they aerate the soil. Ants are also the food source for other desert dwellers.

The Spinifex Ant is the Thorny Devil's staple diet. They can flick up 45 ants a minute or 1000's of ants per day!

The Spinifex Ant distribution covers Lake Eyre Basin, W Plateau in South Australia; Lake Eyre Basin N coastal, N Gulf, W Plateau in the Northern Territory; N Gulf in Queensland; N coastal, NW coastal, W Plateau in Western Australia.



Two Spinifex Ants contemplate the logistics of transporting a "crumb" back to their nest in a Coober Pedy yard. The ant on the left dragged it backwards while the ant on the right played a supportive role

## HOME ANT TIPS

Borax is deadly to ants and can be found at your local supermarkets in the cleaning supply aisle or with the laundry detergent.

Dissolve 1 cup of water, 2 cups of sugar and 2 tablespoons of Borax in a bowl and pour mixture into an empty liquid detergent bottle. (Labelled poison) Squeeze small amounts of the mixture along the ant trail leading away from your house. The ant trail will lead to the nest where some of the mixture can be placed at the entrance.

Ants can also be directed away from the home by placing mixture inside a small jar with holes in the lid and positioned where only the ants will find it.

### Warning:

While borax has low toxicity for people and is deadly for ants, read the instructions for using Borax carefully and heed safety precautions for handling. As with any poisoning process, be mindful of wildlife, pets and children.

# New Wage Connect subsidy puts over 500 unemployed Australians back in work

516 long term unemployed Australians have found a paying job this month, with the help of the Australian Government's new Wage Connect Subsidy.

35 000 new wage subsidies are being made available over the next four years to encourage employers to take on job seekers who have been unemployed for more than two years.

Minister for Employment Participation Kate Ellis said, "The Wage Connect Subsidy is about giving employers the incentive to give an unemployed Australian a chance, when they might not otherwise have been given one.

Wage Connect helps employers to offset their initial training and labour costs and remove barriers that may have stopped them taking on staff in the past.

Wage subsidies of around \$6000 are paid to employers who take on and retain people. Part of the Building Australia's Future Workforce initiative, the Wage Connect subsidy equates to the average rate of Newstart Allowance over 26 weeks.

Eligible employers will receive around \$5 700 for each job placement, or around \$220 each week (pre GST) to offset the costs of wages and training for new employees for the first six months they are in the job.

"We know that people who have been unemployed for a long period of time have difficulty finding full time employment because they often don't have the necessary skills and work experience employers are looking for."

"Our Government is committed to ensuring that through initiatives like Wage Connect, the benefits of paid work are extended to more Australians, particularly disadvantaged job seekers."

The Australian Government will invest almost \$95 million over the next four years in the Wage Connect subsidy and \$8.5 billion in broader employment services.

Employers who would like to learn more about Wage Connect can visit [www.deewr.gov.au/wageconnectsubsidy](http://www.deewr.gov.au/wageconnectsubsidy) or contact a local employment services provider on 13 17 15.

## Travellers to the Far North

are reminded that in the case of an emergency, to dial the appropriate phone numbers for this area



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## GREEK COMMUNITY CHARCOAL GRILL & BINGO NIGHTS

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## SMALL BUSINESSES CHAMPION AWARDS NOW OPEN

Small Businesses throughout Australia are invited to enter the 2012 Australian Small Business Champion Awards. There are 35 different industry categories.

Entries for the 2012 Australian Small Business Champion Awards are now being accepted and close on Wednesday 22nd February 2012.

The Awards are open to all eligible small businesses within the retail or service sectors with no more than 40 full-time employees and the manufacturing industry with no more than 100 full-time employees.

Australian Small Business Champion winners in their category will attend the national awards ceremony in April at The Westin Sydney.

For further information about the Australian Small Business Champion Awards visit [www.businesschampions.com.au](http://www.businesschampions.com.au)

Thursday 2 February 2012

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO FEDERAL MINING OHS&W REGULATIONS DEFERRED

Proposed changes to federal mining occupational health safety and welfare (OHS&W) regulations to be implemented on the first of January 2012 have been deferred for twelve months, while lawmakers, Safe Work Australia and Safe Work SA to consider the implications/changes to any OHS&W regulations that affect miners.

Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN) and Field Officers of the Mining and Quarrying OHS Committee (MAQOHSC), met with the South Australian Opal Alliance in Coober Pedy in August to discuss the proposed Regulations, and how they would affect their current operations. The meeting also discussed which of the new regulations they could implement without much impact to their current structures. The new mining regulations would have impacted on small miners, such as quarrying, opal and sapphire mining, which are often run by owner/operators of one to two people.

RDAFN, with assistance from the MAQOHSC Field Officers drafted a national submission to Safe Work Australia, on behalf of the National Opal Miners Association, addressing the points of concern for the industry as a whole and the potential impact on the sector across Australia. The submission was ranked number four nationally out of eighty nine submissions to Safe Work Australia and consequently the federal

and state organisations will be taking an extra twelve months to consider the best way forward for smaller miners.

Claire Wiseman, Acting CEO of RDAFN said that the outcome was a great result for small miners in the Far North of the state, "Often opal miners are owner/operators, working alone or with a few family members to mine this precious stone that is Australia's iconic national gem."

"The substantial changes that were being proposed could have threatened the viability of the entire industry, so it is great to see that Safe Work Australia have considered the points of our submission and are taking the time to consider what's the best solution for this niche mining sector".

"Nationally opal mining is worth in excess of \$85 million per annum and Australia is responsible for approximately 95% of the world's opal production. Although opal mining is a niche market for the country, the opal represents everything that is unique about outback Australia, with even its formation still a bit of a mystery. This was recognised by the Federal Government in 1993 when the opal was declared Australia's national gem stone," Ms Wiseman said.

"The safe extraction of opal is important to the Far North region and we are pleased that Safe Work Australia is considering our submission on behalf of all opal miners more closely. We hope for a positive outcome for all parties involved in niche mining," Ms Wiseman went on to say.

## An opportunity for the Coober Pedy community to help those at risk of suicide

How do you recognise that someone may be at risk of suicide and then take appropriate action to help? That's the question that Wesley Mission's LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program will be answering in a suicide prevention seminar in Coober Pedy on Tuesday 27 March 2012.

Every day in Australia, an average of six people die from suicide. It is the biggest killer of men under 44 and women under 34.

Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, said the program addresses a serious issue in regional communities.

"Most of us have been touched personally by this human tragedy," he said.

"Our responsibility to our friends and families is to identify and assist the vulnerable before they become statistics," he said.

Wesley Mission's Superintendent / CEO, the Rev Dr Keith Garner said the vision of Wesley LifeForce is to educate, empower and resource local communities to be aware of the issue of suicide.

"Simple effective interventions can make a difference and save lives," he said.

"The Wesley LifeForce program is just one of the very practical ways that Wesley Mission helps the community."

Workshop participants will learn about the issues surrounding suicide and be equipped with the skills to identify and support people at risk. They will also be shown how to access professional assistance and support.



**Be equipped  
in suicide prevention**

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Workshop

Date:	Tuesday 27 March	Wesley LifeForce
Time:	9:30am-4:30pm	Educating, empowering & resourcing local Australian communities
Location:	Council Chambers Hutchison Street Coober Pedy	Wesley LifeForce is not a counselling service. Wesley LifeForce gratefully acknowledges the funding provided under the Australian Government National Suicide Prevention Program.
Cost:	\$30.00	



for more information call 1800 100 024  
or visit [www.wesleylifeforce.org](http://www.wesleylifeforce.org)

The suicide prevention workshop is from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm on Tuesday 27 March at the Council Chambers, Lot 773 Hutchinson Street, Coober Pedy. There are 24 places available and the cost is \$30 per participant.

People can find out more by calling Wesley LifeForce on 1800 100 024 and you can register online at [www.wesleymission.org.au/Centres/lifeforce/calendar.asp](http://www.wesleymission.org.au/Centres/lifeforce/calendar.asp).

# AUSTRALIA DAY FUN FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

by Coober Pedy Regional Times

**Volunteering and sponsors are a big part of any activity in Coober Pedy.**

In the Mayor's introduction to Australia Day he said, "I would just like to take a minute to recognise the support and effort that has been put in by a great number of people to make this Australia Day event happen again this year.

Without the efforts of people such as Trevor Berry and the staff of the Old Timers Mine. Council staff, CFS, and those of you who set up stalls, cook bbqs, paint faces and do a multitude of other things this event would not happen.

A special thanks also to the sponsors of our Australia day event, especially our local businesses who generously contribute time and time again. To all of you ..I thank you.

Sponsors of the Australia Day event included Coober Pedy District Council, IMX, Outback Parks & Lodges, Experience Motel, Carters Supermarket, SA Police, Johns Pizza Bar, Radeka's, Reece & Mel Watson, Lions Club, CFS, Mines Rescue, SES, Dusty Radio, Woolworths, South Australia Souvenirs, Erica & Paul Kay, Umoona Age Care, Old Timers Mine and others.



## The Footy Club was there

Coober Pedy Football Club Secretary Martin Grava and volunteer Jayde Frew were busy selling Saints items at the Australia Day event.

Go Saints!



Mine Rescue/SES volunteers Andy, Megan and Joel, repacking air tent after Australia Day celebrations. Back row are Richelle, Sophie, Vashti .

## The Emergency Services were there

Mine Rescue's Brian Underwood chats with Coober Pedy District Council CEO Trevor McLeod under the flags on Australia Day



## The Lion's Club were there.....



Khuram and his wife Humera Saleem were there celebrating Australia Day. Khuram works for the District Council and is the Treasurer of the Saints Footy Club. Photo Ali



The Lion's Club provided BBQ equipment and their time, with proceeds to RFDS. Pictured are Travis Karam, Ann Hayden and President Kyle Hay



# AUSTRALIA DAY FUN FOR LOCAL FAMILIES



Lois Watts shares some fun with grandson Declan Bell



Mark Bell with CFS and Dave Bowman Mine Rescue



Chelsea Tombs and Zali Holtham



Dr. Lynn Arnold and Mayor Steve Baines draw the Australia Day raffle - a case of Parliamentary Shiraz acquired by Lynn Arnold



Anne Marie Power from Umoona Health won the raffle and was presented with a sample of the Shiraz



Coober Pedy youth relished the social day out



Face and body painting was a must at the Aussie Day event

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**SHERLOCK HOLMES 2 (M)**

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

GATES OPEN 8:00PM—MOVIE STARTS 8:30PM

Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey, Jr.) and his longtime trusted associate, Doctor Watson (Jude Law), take on their arch-enemy, Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris), with the help of Holmes's older brother Mycroft Holmes (Stephen Fry) and a gypsy named Sma (Nicola Pizzoni).



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- 5 - 9 September
- 17 - 21 October
- 7 - 11 November
- 22 - 25 November

**OPTOMETRIST DATES  
GULF & RANGES**

David O'Connor will visit Cooper  
Pedy Medical Centre

- ◆ **Monday 27 February**
- ◆ **Tuesday 28 February**
- ◆ **Wednes 29 February**

for appointment please contact  
**86725376**

Contained on this page are regular  
community events which occur  
throughout the year and may or may  
not have recommenced in February

Contributors are reminded to update  
or remove items

**MONDAYS**

**COMMUNITY LIBRARY & TOY  
LIBRARY**

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm  
All Sundays 11am – 4pm  
Located at Cooper Pedy Area  
School

**BOYS GROUP** 12-17 year olds  
Boys Group 3pm – 4.30pm  
Home Economics

**TUESDAYS**

**PRE SEASON FOOTY TRAINING**  
at 6.30 pm. Tuesday 24 January.  
Players BBQ after training

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

**TJITJI TJUTA INKANYINI PUKULPA**  
12pm—2pm A Playgroup for 0-5 year  
olds and caregivers.  
Home Makers, Umoona Community,  
Lunch & Activities

**SOCCER** Workshop 4.30pm – 6pm  
School Oval 10-16 year olds

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

**AMBULANCE TRAINING**  
7.30pm Umoona Road  
every Tuesday except school holidays

**WEDNESDAYS**

**CRAFT GROUP 7.30 - 9.30pm**  
Catacomb Church - BYO  
CRAFT  
Tel: June Maclean 86725029  
or Chris Challis 86723905

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

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**THURSDAY**

**PRE SEASON FOOTY  
TRAINING** at 6.30 pm

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

**COOPER PEDY  
MULTICULTURAL FORUM**  
10am-11am on Thursdays  
Social gatherings for retired/  
semi-retired migrants

**FRIDAYS**

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

**CRICKET** 5.30pm to 6.30 pm  
at School Gym

**ACTIVE GIRLS GROUP**  
3pm – 4.30pm age 10 -15 y/o  
**MUSIC/HOME ECONOMICS**  
room at school

**FRIDAYS**

**CP SHOOTERS CLUB**  
Friday night shotgun 7pm -

**GREEK CLUB** - Bingo 7.30 pm  
**CP Social Scrabble** 7.30pm  
United Club . All skill levels  
welcome

**SATURDAYS**

**Mine Rescue Training**  
(Alternate Saturdays)

**LEGO CLUB** 10am—12pm  
5 year olds and up Lions Club

**CINEMA PROGRAM**  
6.30-9.30pm. Every 2nd  
Saturday  
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**CP SHOOTERS CLUB**  
9am and 11am Pistol

**SUNDAYS**

**CP SHOOTERS CLUB**  
Rifle 10am -

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

**United Bowling Club**  
Lawn Bowls 1.30 pm

**CFS Training 2- 5**  
Alternate Sundays

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

**The Lions Club  
of Cooper Pedy**

The Lions first meeting  
for 2012 will be on  
March 3rd at 12.30pm at the Lions  
Club in Seventeen Mile Road

**Trash and Treasure**  
will recommence on March 31st  
where we aim to help sustain our  
needs from within the  
community.

Help the Lions to provide  
welcome funds for a worthy  
community cause by  
booking a stall.

If you are interested in becoming  
a Lion's Club member  
or just want to know what we do,  
or if  
you'd like to volunteer, you are  
welcome to come  
to a meeting or call Kyle Hay  
(President ) on  
0400274265.

**SA STATE SCHOOL TERM DATES**

2012 T/1 30 Jan - 5 Apr  
T/2 23 Apr - 29 Jun  
T/3 16 Jul - 21 Sep  
T/4 08 Oct - 14 Dec



Above: the best activity of the holiday program.....the water balloon fight. Four groups of girls against boys threw 400 water balloons at each other.

**Tanya Lauder**  
Child Community Links  
Officer District Council  
of Coober Pedy



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

# IMX School Holiday Activities

January School Holiday Activities at the United Club a big success with over 80 different children attending from many different nationalities. Our fullest day had 64 children.

In the last two weeks of the holidays, agencies joined forces to offer activities, lunch and snacks for six days, 3 hours a day. The hot weather confined us mostly to indoor activities which ranged from: mask making, making muesli bars and rum balls (without the rum), board games, jigsaw puzzles, water games, sing star, face painting, coloured hairspray, movie, lots of art and craft and much more.

A big thanks goes to the below organisations, without their assistance we could not have made it happen.

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Aboriginal Family Support Service  
Community Health  
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Coober Pedy Area School  
Coober Pedy Police  
Umoona Tjutagku Health Service  
SES

A special thanks to Stella Hartley, Deanna Holdrich and Rebecca O’toole for volunteering to assist with supervising activities and Debbie the Face Painter.

If you would like to assist with our next Holiday Activities, please contact Tanya Lauder, Child Community Links Officer on Ph: 8672 4621 or Sophie Reynolds, Youth Officer, on Ph: 8672 4622



Above Right: Sandy Williams, from Aboriginal Family Support Service, craft activity ‘bead connection’ kept the kids amused for hours.

Right: Aunty Pauline, from Aboriginal Family Support Service, and her works of art, Damon and Kyrell.

Below right: Holiday Program celebrates Peter’s birthday in style. With a delicious cake made from Kelsey (the best cake maker)

Below left: Brooke, from Uniting Care Wesley, supervises the creative side of our youngsters at the art and craft medley table.



For more information contact Tanya Lauder, Child Community Links Officer, on Phone: 8672 4621, Mobile: 0439 864 166 or Email: tlauder@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

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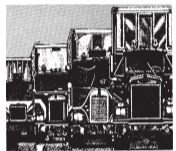
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A Job and Person Specification is available on  
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Outback  
Beautiful**



## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS



**Australian Government**  
Department of Education, Employment  
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### Request for applications for the allocation of Child Care Benefit Approved Occasional Care and In Home Care Places

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is seeking applications from operators of In Home Care and Occasional Care services or persons applying for approval of such services, interested in receiving an allocation of Occasional Care or In Home Care places, or an additional allocation of such places.

Further information, including the applicant guidelines and application forms, is available online at [www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood](http://www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood). If you do not have internet access please contact 1300 363 079.

Applicants will be required to make an objective assessment of their operational requirements, demonstrate their capacity to deliver quality child care and meet allocation criteria.

Places are limited and there is no guarantee that all applicants will be allocated places. It is preferred that applications are submitted electronically and must be received by Friday 9 March 2012.

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**DGP-3**

**(In accordance with FFNDGP's EBA)**

The Flinders and Far North Division of General Practice is seeking to employ a full-time Aboriginal Health Worker at Coober Pedy. An Aboriginal Health Worker is a person who through education and experience is able to effectively work with Aboriginal people. The Aboriginal Health Worker will assist patients in accessing the mental health services being provided through the program. This includes, but is not limited to the Aboriginal Health Worker providing culturally appropriate counselling. The Aboriginal Health Worker will be invaluable in assisting with the provision of culturally appropriate services, and ensuring the delivery of the Rural & Remote Areas Mental Health Funding program and services in Coober Pedy and surrounds (Oodnadatta). This position will work closely, and under limited direction from the Psychologist and Mental Health Clinician.

Essential minimum requirements: Certificate III (Aboriginal Primary Health Care) or equivalent.

Contact the Division for a copy of the job description on 8642 3166 or by email to [andrea.triggs@flindiv.com.au](mailto:andrea.triggs@flindiv.com.au).

Applications close February 10<sup>th</sup> 2012

**\$64 MILLION IN  
COMPETITIVENESS  
ASSISTANCE FOR Onesteel**

The Gillard Labor Government has agreed to provide OneSteel with a competitiveness assistance advance of \$64 million, under the \$300 million Steel Transformation Plan (STP).

This is the second advance payment to the steel manufacturing industry, following the Government's announcement of a \$100 million payment to BlueScope Steel on 20 December 2011.

Under the agreement, OneSteel will use the funds to maximise productivity and improve its environmental performance by investing in waste reduction, reuse and recycling; vital repair and maintenance; and targeted skills training for employees.

The Minister for Industry and Innovation, Greg Combet, said the advance on OneSteel's future entitlements recognised the significant challenges facing the steel sector including a high Australian dollar,

weak domestic demand and excess supply in international steel markets.

"The assistance provided to the Australian steel manufacturers will help OneSteel and BlueScope to adapt and modify their business models to ensure their long term sustainability in a low carbon economy," Mr Combet said.

"The Gillard Labor Government views a competitive steel industry as an integral part of the Australian economy.

"We will continue to work closely with the Australian steel industry to ensure that it is a flexible and innovative part of our manufacturing landscape.

"This advance, as well as other industry support including the Steel Industry Innovation Council, will assist companies like OneSteel and BlueScope to meet the challenges they face."

**RESEARCH: TEA TREE OIL  
EFFECTIVE AGAINST FLY STRIKE  
AND LICE INFESTATIONS**

The war against fly strike and lice infestations in sheep has taken a positive turn with new research showing that tea tree oil is very effective in treating both of the afflictions.

The research, coordinated by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), found that tea tree oil was highly successful in both preventing lice infestations and killing blowfly maggot larvae.

Dr Peter James from the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI), who was the study's lead researcher, said "Our lab trials showed that a 1 percent tea tree oil formulation reliably produced a 100 percent kill rate of lice and lice eggs, but we were very pleased to see that our pen trials generated the same results," Dr James said.

"We carefully inspected the two week shorn sheep at two, six, 12 and 20 weeks after being dipped in the 1 percent tea tree oil formulation and at all points no lice were found in the wool.

"We also tested sheep with longer wool and the results showed that by jetting both 1 and 2 percent tea tree oil formulations louse numbers reduced by 94 percent in comparison to controls at two weeks after treatment."

The laboratory-based fly strike research used formulations consisting of 1 percent tea tree oil which reliably led to a 100

percent kill rate of first stage maggots. The research also demonstrated that tea tree oil had a strong repellent effect against adult flies, which prevented eggs being laid on the wool for up to six weeks.

"Tea-tree oil could be effective as a preventative treatment for wounds caused by mulesing, tail docking or any wound likely to be struck. It has also been shown to have antibacterial properties and is suggested to have wound healing effects," Dr James said.

"The use of many natural products on a commercial scale has often been hampered by its variable quality but tea tree oil is very well placed in this regard as its composition is specified under an international standard, ISO 4730. This ensures the supply of a consistent product, which is essential when using a product as an insecticide.

"Getting the formulation exactly right is vital and it's something that will require more research. Its not as simple as mixing tea tree oil with water and applying it to your sheep; its a complex and exact science. More research needs to be conducted before we can definitively say that tea tree oil is a viable treatment for fly strike and lice infestations however these initial findings are very encouraging."


The research findings are available in the RIRDC publication 'Controlling fly strike and louse infections in sheep with tea tree oil' which can be downloaded for free from [www.rirdc.gov.au](http://www.rirdc.gov.au).

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### WPG Resources returns to the iron ore industry in South Australia at Giffen Well

WPG Resources Ltd withdrew from the iron ore sector when it sold its iron ore assets to OneSteel in October 2011 for approximately \$320 million.

The Company is pleased to advise that it has now re-entered the iron ore business in South Australia with the signing of binding Heads of Agreement with Brisbane based Maosen Australia Pty Ltd covering EL 3945 at Giffen Well.

Giffen Well was originally part of the South Australian Steel and Energy Project (SASE) but had been relinquished by the time WPG acquired the Peculiar Knob and Hawks Nest tenements from SASE in 2006. Its location is shown in the attached ASX announcement.

Significantly Giffen Well lies within the Green Zone of the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) and is just 25 kilometres from the Carnes siding on the Central Australian railway line. There is direct rail access to WPG's port facilities at Port Pirie, a distance by rail of 550 kilometres.

Ground geophysical and drilling programs carried out as part of the SASE project outlined a significant deposit of magnetite BIF at Giffen Well that is part of the Wilgena Hill Formation of Paleoproterozoic age and a continuation of the Hawks Nest BIF stratigraphy. The Giffen Well area lies adjacent to the large north-east trending Bulgunnia Shear Zone along with a number of other significant mineral deposits and prospects including Prominent Hill and Hawks Nest.

WPG Executive Chairman Bob Duffin said: "WPG regards Giffen Well as one of the best iron ore project opportunities available in Australia."

## Child Care providers can apply to deliver more occasional and in home child care places

**Minister for Early Childhood and Child Care Kate Ellis announced to child care providers how they can apply to deliver an additional 1500 In Home and Occasional Care places, funded by the Australian Government.**

These new places will represent a rise in Australian Government funded Occasional Care places by 35 per cent and a market increase of around 17 per cent across the In Home Care sector.

"The Australian Government understands that centre-based care may not be suitable for all Australian families, and that some families may require more flexible care arrangements," Ms Ellis said.

"We believe in giving parents choice when it comes to child care, which is why we support a range of options from long day care and family day care to flexible centre or home based care."

"That way parents can choose what works best for their family."

Occasional care services support Australian families by providing flexible centre-based care that families can access on a regular, or ad-hoc basis.

In home care is a targeted form of child care aimed at families whose circumstances mean that other child care services are not suitable – some children

have special needs and may require a higher level of care than can be provided in a centre-based environment.

In home care can also help families in rural or remote locations that may not have access to centre based care, or parents who work non-standard hours and require child care at night.

These new places will mean that by mid 2012 more Australian families will be entitled to child care fee assistance through Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate when accessing these more diverse types of caring arrangements.

"Through these places, we particularly hope to assist families living in regional areas which often face difficulties accessing child care," Ms Ellis said.

"This is a win for both families and the child care sector and is a part of our Government's broader commitment to the early years and delivering affordable, accessible and quality child care for all families.

Places will be allocated to services on the basis of demonstrated need and a ranked assessment of each applicant's capacity to deliver quality child care.

**Advertisements calling for applications appear in the Classified section of this newspaper.**

# Charlie-Paris

## Valentine's Day

Valentines Day is on February 14th. It is still a couple of weeks away, but as this year is a special year I am letting you know a little early so you can get prepared.



*The birds-eye view of love is in the outback - where the male of the species will go out on a limb for you - it's so real!*

Why do we have Valentines Day?

For the answer to that question we need to look a long way back into history.

In the time of the Roman Empire there was a festival every February. The Lupercian Festival was held in honour of the God of Fertility. The festival was a time for young men to meet the love of their life. Marriage was common until Claudius II became Emperor. Claudius II wanted to be the greatest Emperor that ever lived and was more interested in war. He feared that all the men would refuse to join the army and do their duty. The men wouldn't want to leave their wives and families so he outlawed all marriages.

We all know love makes the world go round and young couples still fell in love and still wanted to get marriage. It was now against the law, so any body that wanted to, had to marry in secret.

There was one Catholic Bishop that was willing to help them - his name was Valentine. Bishop Valentine continued to marry couples in secret. He was eventually arrested and jailed then sentenced to death on February 14th 269AD

While Valentine was in jail, he befriended the prison guard's blind daughter. She was a strong supporter of his values and beliefs. She spent all of her time talking with him at his cell. It is said that he loved and admired her, and his strong faith, actually healed her blindness. Before his execution, Valentine left her a farewell note thanking her for her loyalty, support and friendship. He signed the note, "Love from your Valentine" - which is thought to be the origination of the exchange of Valentines messages.

In 496 AD, Christianity and the Catholic Church had established it's self in Rome. Pope Gelasius banned the pagan Festival Lupercian. The festival had been popular for 100's of years so he replaced it with something more appropriate. On the day that martyr Bishop Valentine died 14th February was a new day to celebrate love. "Saint Valentine's day"

In 1969 the Catholic Church removed St. Valentines Day as an official holiday. That doesn't matter Valentines Day is still widely celebrated today.

For every one that believes in love when they give their heart, they are truly giving all of the love and emotion that they possibly can. For you Valentine Day is better then Christmas.

In modern days Valentines Day is where people in love exchange cards and flowers, if you're lucky chocolates and sometimes big diamond rings. It is usually the men that give the presents. Valentines Day is the most popular day to be asked that romantic question "will you marry me"

Girls... this Valentines Day! It's your turn to propose to Mr Right!

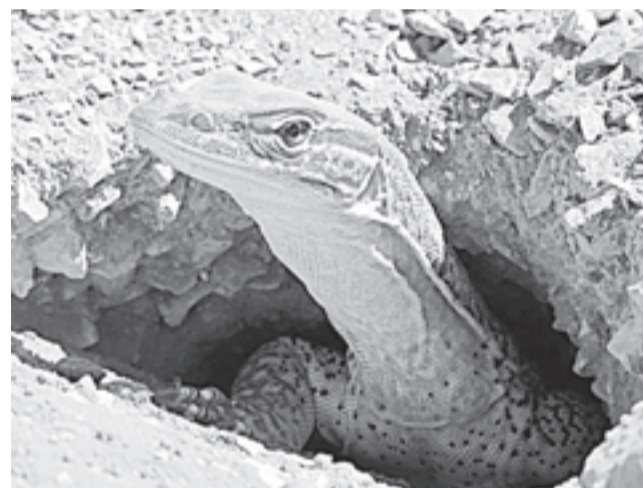
# Defining "love" - the real thing!

Every 4 years there is a leap year and in a leap year there is a big change to this day of passion. The special significance of a leap year Valentines Day is that women can propose marriage. Historically this is from the 13th Century in Scotland (or so it's said!) when Queen Mary set the law that women could propose to any man they liked during a leap year, with refusal being allowed only if he was already engaged. If men did reject the proposal they were hit with a fine and made to buy the woman either a silk dress or a pair of gloves.

Whether it's all truth, or complete fiction, the tradition lives on! So girls this year it's your turn!

Don't leave it to Cupid with his bow and arrow; because as far as I can work out he is like the Easter Bunny and Father Christmas, he only works one day a year. If you have to wait 4 years for him to come around again, it could take to long.

Just to end on a good note, a study in American has discovered that 7% of all pet owners buy a Valentines Day gift for their pet. I don't see anything wrong with that, in fact I expect this Valentines Day to be extra special. I may need to camp out by the post box. Uncle Steve will need to put on extra staff just to handle my cards and gifts.



*Another one of my neighbours waiting for a Valentine's card !*

Just a few ideas for anyone that wants to send me a Valentine gift.

A new Car (the old one seems to be full of dog hair)

Chocolates (my New Years resolution was something about chocolates, but I can't remember was it eat less or more of them)

Perfume (don't be surprised my favourite is called Charlie)

Romantic Dinner for 2 (no tin food for me, a love, love, love roast chicken)

Big Diamond Ring (I really prefer Opals and you can make that a Dog Collar)

Weekend away (just a long walk and am a happy puppy)



*Puppy Love - this feels like the real thing!*



*Brotherly love - this could be the "real thing" too...*

Jewellery (if you give it to me, I'll work out how to wear it)

Sexy underwear (maybe NOT sexy underwear)

A framed photo of you and me. (I could look at it when you are not here)

I want to see roses and red hearts in the shops and lots of loving happy faces on the 14th February



*Brick bringing me a coke - this IS the REAL THING!*

...and then Brick came into my life. He's the new dog in town and jumped clear over my fence to share a coke. Brick has been reading about me in the paper and knows my exact taste. His dad Ashley calls him, "the canine tunneling machine". Wow, I'm so impressed, my whiskers are twitching - this MUST be the "real thing".

Your stand-in for Cupid  
Charlie Paris (charlie-paris@hotmail.com)

# Coober Pedy's youth benefit from IMX School Holiday Program



Sam and Christopher very proud of their jigsaw puzzle accomplishments - School Holiday Activities



Tamika, Ayla, Delilah, Kiara, Chelsea, Taki, Renae and Bonnie enjoying a place to hang out during the school holidays



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Debbie the Face Painter surrounded by her works of art Bethany and Diandra

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