



PETROLEUM COMPANY WARNS MINTABIE AGAINST WATER BORE



Lee Craggs MMPA Chairman

Correspondence sent to Lee Craggs, Chairman of Mintabie Progress Association this week from AHAVA Energy, holder of a Petroleum lease over the Mintabie town outlined that water tests recently done by the company showed that the water at the Mintabie Road Bore was unfit for human consumption and also for use.

Lee Craggs said, that Director of AHAVA Energy Mr Djonny Suwanto's letter stressed the importance of not using the water. As a consequence of AHAVA Energy's independent test results the company had obtained, Mr Suwanto instructed Welbourn Hill Station owner Donald Sampson to lock the bore in order to prevent it being accessed by anyone.

The Coober Pedy Regional Times spoke with Mr. Djonny Suwanto of AHAVA Energy on Tuesday who said, "we are unable to release the results of the water tests, however we have sent the test results to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and they are the correct people to publish the information contained in the report".

Mr. Suwanto said, "we have put up signs in English and in the local languages to hopefully prevent people from drinking or using this water."

Further to this, Lee Craggs said he was handed a note by the local publican which had been left for him at the Mintabie Hotel. Mr. Craggs said the handwritten note was not signed, however stated in essence:

"Bore on main road which was for Mintabie - samples taken + checked. Full of Ecoli and Uranium and other heavy sh*t. Not fit for human consumption or cows."

The Mintabie Chairman said he has now written for the third time to Water Minister Paul Cacia since his correspondence to the Minister on Tue 21st Dec 2010 and Tue 4th Jan 2011, stating that "the situation in Mintabie has escalated even further."

"We are now running Town Bore (our final and failing bore) approx 21 hours per day to supply Mintabie Township's restricted needs." *Continued page 3*

COOBER PEDY RAISES FUNDS FOR RFDS ON AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day 2011 celebrations in Coober Pedy were held at the Old Timers Mine on Crowder's Gully Road with a large crowd of locals braving the hot January temperatures.

The Lions Club volunteers manned the BBQ and along with individual and community donations assisted in raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The residents of Umoona Age Care attended again this year and despite the heat enjoyed watching the activities and meeting people

The Coober Pedy Country Fire Service, Mine Rescue volunteers and the Ambulance service were up early on Wednesday morning setting up their colourful displays and collecting donations for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The volunteers assisted in handing out flags, caps and many other give-aways.

Francene Conner, Coober Pedy's Australia Day Ambassador, addressed the local gathering. Francene, a remarkable woman has enjoyed a broad career across the public service sector and also in tourism and hospitality.

Francene now operates Francene Connor & Associates, which provides marketing and public relations advice to a range of clients in the private and public sectors in Adelaide.

One of the highlights of Australia Day has become the Naturalisation ceremony performed by Mayor Steve Baines. This year there were three new Ozzies inducted into the system from the local community. Jan Van Der Merwe formerly of Holland, Novi Schultz and Andy Murdock

For the first time Coober Pedy had a Citizen of the Year presentation which was awarded to Dr. Kamitakahara and an appreciation award presented to Colleen Nairns a volunteer ambulance team member for her dedicated work across all sectors of the community.

The outcome of these awards clearly shows how high health and safety rate to an isolated town.

Left: Francene Connor
Right: Local kids and Mayor Steve Baines show off the cheque for the Flying Doctor



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Local Weather Photo



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WED		Mostly Sunny. Very Hot. Dry.	7 km/h SSW	-	24%	28	43
THU		Mostly Sunny. Very Hot. Breezy.	29 km/h S	-	25%	27	44
FRI		Afternoon Clouds. Very Hot.	20 km/h ESE	-	42%	30	43
SAT		Passing Showers. Broken Clouds. Hot. Breezy.	34 km/h ESE	4m m (53%)	64%	26	34
SUN		Numerous Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Cool. Windy.	40 km/h ESE	9m m (83%)	71%	20	23
MON		A Few Thunderstorms. Morning Clouds. Hot.	21 km/h ENE	4m m (50%)	60%	20	34
TUE		Scattered Thunderstorms. Mostly Cloudy. Very Hot. Humid.	14 km/h NE	1m m (37%)	70%	26	38

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2011 OPAL FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATOR/ EVENT MANAGER APPOINTED

The Coober Pedy Retail Business & Tourism Association are pleased to announce the appointment of Prue Fargher as the event manager of the 2011 Coober Pedy Opal Festival.

Prue Fargher is from Regional South Australia where she calls the Flinders Ranges home and currently resides on a cattle station north of Longreach QLD. "Due to the nature of my business/job in events and tourism – my home is on the road!"

With 7 years Events and Tourism experience up her sleeve, Pru has recently completed 18 months as the Events Manager at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.

"During my time at the Hall of Fame, I was lucky enough to travel to many states running fundraising events for the Hall of Fame and other worthy charities", said Prue. "These events ranged from small fundraiser events, to 'Pink' charity horse rides for Breast Cancer in QLD, VIC and SA to the QLD State Championship Rodeo in 2009 and 2010."



2011 Coober Pedy Opal Festival
Event Manager Prue Fargher

"I am most excited about working with you all towards a successful Opal Festival for 2011 and will be in Coober Pedy from

the 8th – 10th February and looking forward to meeting you all", said Pru.

"In the meantime, I have already started the ball rolling with ideas, entertainment, sponsorship, logistics etc from here in QLD, so please pop on your thinking caps and let me know your ideas/thoughts on how we can improve the Opal Festival 2011".

Robert Coro Chairman of the CPRBTA said, "we expect Prue will inject some freshness, vitality and enthusiasm to the biggest show of the year in Coober Pedy. We expect that all our members will support the festival".

"Prue has about 3 months to pull it all together, and I hope you all give her your support. Feel free to contact Prue directly by email to offer support or ideas that she can use, for the benefit of us all", said Robert.

Prue's contact details are: Email prue@outbackandindustry.com.au and mobile 0407 718 634.

Mintabie pleads with state government for water assistance

Lee Craggs reiterated in his letter to Minister Cacia, "As advised on the 4th Jan 2011, The Mintabie Miners Progress Association (MMPA) reduced available water to each residence by 33% down to 480 litres per day, and will have to reduce that level to 50% IE; 360 litres per residence per day, or even lower any day now.

We have had our meeting with the Bureaucrats your department sent up to us on the 17th Jan 2011. Very little was achieved during these negotiations, purportedly held to resolve our long or short term water supply issues, but seemed rather more intent on solving the problems of their publicity-shy political bosses.

The Bureaucrats were informed of the MMPA's proposed emergency water supplementary plan to road transport non potable water from a nearby DTEI owned bore 15klm East of Mintabie into the Mintabie Township storage facility, until a permanent supply could be sourced but would not commit to fund this proposal and still have not.

Mr. Craggs advised Minister Cacia of the tests conducted by Ahava Energy stating:

"MMPA as a stakeholder in all of this, attempted to get copies of the recent test results for the DTEI bore and Town Bore but were denied by AHAVA ENERGY.

PIRSA had been in touch with Mr Yami Lester (Walatina Station) securing "Apamura Well" 6 klm North of Mintabie, to use as a permanent supply of water to Mintabie Township (their plan).

In the interests of forward planning the MMPA have already had talks previously with Mr. Yami Lester on two occasions (the most recent 18 months ago) with regard to using Apamura Well as a backup supply if needed. But this proposal was declared by MMPA to be unviable because, anecdotally this bore (age and condition unknown) has always been a windmill bore (approx 200/300 ltr per hr) and had pumped dry in the past and eventually even the cattle refused to consume the water from it due to the ocean like levels of salts and minerals.

Apamura Well will never be able to supply the volume (5000 ltr per pump hour) or quality of water needed to supply a township the size of Mintabie. (100 houses and 150 people)

The document named "Mintabie Water Supply Needs Assessment" dated October 2005, was unseen by anyone on the MMPA Committee until it was recently uncovered by myself on the 13th Dec 2010.

Some of the Assessment Report's recommendations were that 2 additional bores be equipped, UV disinfection of the water and the town's water storage system be upgraded in 2005, and nothing was done over this period!

We were told at the 17th January 2011 meeting that 2 applications to the Govt for funding had been made but were unsuccessful. What happened during the 260 weeks following that?

This document, "Mintabie Water Supply Needs Assessment", has lain hidden and ignored by the OACDT for 5 years. Mintabie Township would not be in this crisis if stages 1a, 1b & 2 clearly out-lined in this report had been implemented (costed at \$490,000) then.

I feel heads should roll over this act of bastardry. Macquarie dictionary defines bastardry as "an act of obnoxious and unpleasant behaviour". No excuses can forgive the perpetrators for their total lack of action on the "Mintabie Water Supply Needs Assessment and the vitally urgent recommendations contained therein.

As stated to the Govt representatives at the 17th Jan meeting, the MMPA committee has worked diligently over the last 18 months to reduce Mintabie Township's water consumption by almost 40%, and had spent nearly \$6000 in materials funded from community contributions, free of labour costs as we are all volunteers.

We have cut off supply to all outlying and abandoned areas of the township, turned off supplies to camps temporarily unoccupied, replaced pipelines that were suspect, spoken to all residents encouraging water saving measures and minimising their consumption, as any responsible management body would promote. These action have consumed 100's of unpaid man hours **due to lack of Govt funding.**

The Govt Ministers and Bureaucrats need to understand that the water supply to Mintabie Township was designed by amateurs, Built by amateurs and Run by amateurs, (all unpaid volunteers) on a shoestring budget, with minimal Govt support and without training.

The State Govt, through the OCA currently contributes only \$2.18 per hour towards our town's water supply costs. All diesel and consumables are funded from the community's contributions to the MMPA

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Australia Day - a day for presentations



Mayor Steve Baines presents a cheque for \$1000 to UnitingCare Wesley's Julie and Gilli for IWD

On behalf of the District Council and the Cooper Pedy community, Mayor Steve Baines handed a cheque for \$1,000 to Julie Carmichael and Gilli Procopis of UnitingCare Wesley.

The funds will contribute to the cost of running the International Women's Day Centenary Event which will be held at the Italian Club from 12 noon-3pm on Saturday, 12th March, 2011.

The Community Donation was received with much pleasure by Julie and Gilli.

Sponsors of the event are Oz Minerals, UNIFEM, and The Department of Families and Communities.

SWIMMING POOL OPENING HOURS

From Monday 31st January to Friday 15th April 2011

Monday to Friday			
06.45 AM	to	8.30 AM	Laps only
3 PM	to	7.30 PM	Public use
05.30 PM	to	7PM	Laps (2 Lanes)

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1 PM	to	7.30 PM	Public use

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	Child	\$30.00
HALF SEASON PASS	Family	\$110.00
	Adult	\$55.00
	Child	\$36.00
	Toddler	\$18.00

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High Grade Magnetite Intersected at Cairn Hill Phase 2

Iron ore producer, IMX Resources Limited is pleased to announce that high grade massive magnetite was intersected in the initial three reverse circulation (RC) holes drilled at Cairn Hill Phase 2 (CHP2) in South Australia.

The holes were drilled immediately east of the current Cairn Hill Phase 1 mining in the CHP2 area where magnetite only mineralisation is present. An intense magnetic high that was interpreted to be a wide pod of magnetite mineralisation was targeted by the initial 241m of drilling (Figure 1). Analytical results confirm that between 9 and 22m of massive magnetite was intersected by the drilling.

The 7,000m RC resource drilling programme commenced at CHP2 in late 2010 and recently resumed. Two RC drill rigs have been contracted to complete the programme with one currently onsite, and a second delayed due to the recent

flooding in Queensland. This second rig is expected to arrive in the next two weeks.

In addition to the RC resource programme, a diamond drilling programme is planned to obtain sufficient representative whole core samples for bulk dry magnetic separation testwork as part of the CHP2 metallurgical programme.

The Phase 2 area is a low copper / sulphur magnetite with generally a slightly lower iron grade than the Phase 1 area that IMX is currently developing. Initial metallurgical testwork results in 2008 were very encouraging and confirmed it is possible to produce a 60% Fe intermediate magnetite concentrate through just dry magnetic separation or a premium quality 69% Fe magnetite concentrate through dry and wet magnetic separation with very low levels of impurities at an exceptionally coarse grain size of 0.5mm (ASX: 8 September 2008).



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Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

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The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, is calling for expressions of interest from individuals who have the necessary skills, qualifications and experience to contribute to the governance of either the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) or Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) as non-executive directors.

An independent nomination panel will assess applications under a merit-based selection process and will provide the Minister with a short list. Appointments to the ABC and SBS boards are made by the Governor-General, acting on advice of the Federal Executive Council.

Successful candidates will have demonstrated high-level leadership and vision, and the ability to articulate a clear direction for a public organisation that provides broadcasting services. They will possess an understanding of, and commitment to, public sector governance and the highest ethical and professional standards. Candidates with a past record of effective participation on boards and a demonstrated interest in Australian cultural or public life are encouraged to apply.

The principles of equal opportunity and diversity will apply to the selection processes. The nomination panel will give consideration to achieving diversity in gender and geographical representation among board members.

Please note that, under government policy, current or former members of the Commonwealth Parliament or state/territory parliaments or legislative assemblies, and current or former senior political staff are not eligible for appointment to either the ABC or SBS boards.

Further information on the vacancies, including detailed selection criteria, is at www.dbcde.gov.au/abcsbsboards. Alternatively, email admin@kathleentownsend.com.au or contact Kathy Townsend on 0419 515 716.

Applications close at COB on Friday 11 February 2011.

www.dbcde.gov.au



Australia Day Celebrations

Once again Coober Pedy residents and visitors were able to mingle at the Australia Day celebrations held at the Old Timers Mine. Crowd numbers were a little down on last year but I put that down to the predicted high temperature for the day.

The morning was very pleasant in fact with a nice breeze wafting down Crowder's Gully and plenty of shade at the front of the mine.

This year I was delighted to officiate at the naturalisation of 3 new Australian Citizens in Coober Pedy, welcoming Novi Schultz, Andy Murdock and Jan Van Der Merwe in front of family, friends and everyone in attendance. Congratulations once again to you all.



Mayor Steve Baines with Australia Day Ambassador Francene Connor



Mayor Steve Baines with new Australian Citizens (from Left to Right) Novi Schultz, Andy Murdock and Jan Van Der Merwe

Our Australia Day Ambassador for 2011, Ms Francene Connor, conducted an affirmation ceremony where any Australian could affirm or reaffirm their loyalty to Australia and its people. Francene has a wide background in the private and public sectors in areas that include export promotion, tourism, consumer protection, customer service excellence, public relations, and events marketing. It was a pleasure to have Francene, together with her husband Robert, visit Coober Pedy and join us for the day's celebrations.

Coober Pedy's Citizen of the Year announced

It is my pleasure to announce that the Coober Pedy Citizen of the Year 2011 was awarded to Dr Ernie Kamitakahara. Unfortunately Dr Kami, as he is affectionately known, was not able to attend the presentation ceremony but we'll catch up with him in the very near future to present his award.

Dr Kami has been the only resident doctor in Coober Pedy since 1977, much of that time as the only doctor on 24 hour call. He has saved countless lives in the 33 years he has been practicing medicine here, both locals and tourists and has attended many mining accidents.

Dr Kami also received an Order of Australia in 2003 for his contribution to medicine and health care. We all extend our well deserved congratulations to you.

The judging panel this year also acknowledged the efforts of another local person who has contributed to our community by giving of their time and expertise.

It was my great pleasure to personally award the 'Certificate of Appreciation' to Colleen Niaros for her work as a volunteer ambulance officer for the past six years and during this time she has always strived to do that bit extra for both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. Once again we extend our congratulations and thanks for your commitment to our community.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and effort given by a great number of people to make the 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, those of you who set up stalls, cooked the BBQ, painted faces and did a multitude of other things, this event would not happen.

I extend my sincere thanks to you all.

Steve Baines
Mayor

Workzone Traffic Speed Restrictions

Recently Council's Water Supply Department was faced with an emergency water leak from a mains water supply burst on Hutchison Street. During the repair work it was noted that on two occasions, traffic restrictions that were enforced (25 kph speed limit and 'Road Closed' signs, were totally ignored and could have resulted in severe injury or worse for Council employees.

Public road users were also noticed going around signs or climbing kerbs to avoid road signs, in addition to traversing and parking along and in the work zone area.

Speed restrictions and detours are put in place not only to protect the site workers, but also to protect the public from dangers incurred by the works undertaken. These traffic inconveniences do not last all that long and are usually completed within a few hours or at worst, a day. Road users are urged to comply with traffic management

practices or seek alternate routes during the course of the road works.

Council reminds the public that it is imperative that road users comply with these road and traffic restrictions and avoid entering a 'closed-off' work zone site at all times, except for local traffic (property/land owners), and unless there is an absolute emergency which requires the attendance at an allotment within the work zone. Workers within this area will assist and direct you if the case arises.

Council Water Supply apologises for the inconvenience and asks for your co-operation and patience during these emergencies. This is not the first time that Council workers have been placed at risk by irresponsible road users and as such will seek assistance from the Police if necessary to enforce road traffic restrictions.

Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer

Coober Pedy Regional Times

FOR SALE BY TENDER

TENDER NO. S01/11

SURPLUS SECOND-HAND DESKTOP COMPUTERS

The District Council of Coober Pedy offers for sale by tender 21 surplus second-hand desktop computer packages.

Each package consists of a CPU, Computer screen, Keyboard & Mouse

A comprehensive list detailing each package will be available from the offices of the District Council of Coober Pedy from 8.30 am on Thursday 3rd February 2011, or by visiting Council's website at <http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au>, go to 'Noticeboard' on the menu bar and look under 'Public Notices'.

Packages will be available for inspection between the hours of 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Wednesday 9th February 2011 in the Council Chambers.

Written offers of purchase on each of the available packages are to be received by Council no later than 5.00 pm Wednesday 16th February 2011, and marked Tender S01/11 to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO 425 Coober Pedy SA 5723.

Neither the highest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer



Mayor Steve Baines presents Colleen Niaros with a Certificate of Appreciation for volunteer work

TENDER NO. S02/11 SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Pursuant to Section 237 of the Local Government Act 1999, the District Council of Coober Pedy offers for sale by tender the following abandoned vehicle:

Green 1975 Chrysler Sedan Registered Number SAV 721 (unregistered), 4 good tyres, front passenger window broken, interior needs work and body has patches of rust

The vehicle will be available for inspection at the Council Works Depot between 9.00 am and 11.00 am on Monday 7th February 2011. Please contact the Works Manager, Mr Jan Van Der Merwe, at the Works Depot on Phone: (08) 8672 4625 during business hours of 7:00am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday to arrange an inspection.

A Tender Response Form will be available at the Works Depot on the day, or can be downloaded from the Council's website at <http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au>, go to 'Noticeboard' on the menu bar and look under 'Public Notices'.

Written offers of purchase of the vehicle are to be submitted on the Tender Response Form provided and are to be received by Council no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 11th February 2011, and marked Tender S02/11 to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO Box 425 Coober Pedy SA 5723.

Neither the highest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer

COOPER PEDY AUSTRALIA DAY DONATIONS 2011

Coober Pedy District Council \$750 for giveaways, crane, street display,
Old Timers Mine \$500

Ross and Caleb Chatfield, Nikki Koutsoulitos, Anna and Van McKenzie, Geoff and Jenny Sykes \$200 for giveaways

Coca-Cola - Soft Drinks

Westpac Bank - Water, cash donation

Lions Club - Tables, Chairs, BBQ, Egg bacon sandwich and labour

Wazza - Cook BBQ

Erica Kay - Onions

South Australia Souvenirs - free flags and discounted giveaways

Reece and Mal Watson - Sausages

Crusts Bakery - Bread

Bagman - Napkins etc

Caltex - Ice

Miners Store - Fruit Boxes and Sauces

Tanya Lauder, Deanna Holdrich- Balloon and Tattoos

Coober Pedy Mine Rescue/SES

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Australia Day Ambassador Francene Conner sponsors were:

Woolworths, Experience Motel, Johns Pizza, Radeka's town tour, Tom and Mary's, Umoona Age Care, Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism association

We raised \$1750.80 for the Royal Flying Doctors

Royal Flying Doctor Service receives proceeds of Australia Day



Coober Pedy residents on Australia Day sit underneath the Royal Flying Doctor banner



Government of South Australia
South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

Have Your Say on NRM Investment in Arid Lands

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE SA ARID LANDS REGIONAL NRM PLAN

The SA Arid Lands (SAAL) Natural Resources Management (NRM) Board is seeking your feedback on proposed amendments to 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.

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:

- Leigh Creek** Mon 7 Feb, Sports Centre, 6-8pm
- Roxby Downs** Tues 8 Feb, Oasis Motor Inn, 6-8pm
- Coober Pedy** Wed 9 Feb, Italian Club, 4-6pm
- Port Augusta** Mon 14 Feb, SAAL NRM Board Office, Railway Station, 3-5pm
- Yunta** Thurs 17 Feb, Telecentre, 1-3pm

Proposed amendments

The Board has reviewed Volume 2 and proposes to make the following levy-based amendments, taking into account the achievements of previous years and the activities and funds required to continue to effectively manage our natural resources into the future:

- an increase in the regional (land-based) NRM levy to \$35 in 2011/12.
- an increase in the 2011/12 NRM water levy by CPI only while the Board continues its efforts to secure funds from industry to support the delivery of the targets set out in Volume 1 of the Regional NRM Plan.

INCOME SOURCE	ADOPTED BUDGET 2010/11	PROPOSED BUDGET 2011/12
Carry-over funds	\$2,300,000	\$2,000,000
NRM levies		
Regional (land-based) NRM levy		
Inside Council	\$78,750	\$110,250
Outside Council	\$61,750	\$86,450
NRM water levy	\$407,000	\$425,639
State Funding		
State recurrent allocation - NRM Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Payroll tax refund	\$86,000	\$34,000
Commonwealth Funding		
Caring for Our Country - base funding	\$1,659,000	\$1,659,000
Caring for Our Country - competitive	\$430,000	\$390,000
Australian Government Water Fund	\$1,116,000	\$0
Other Sources		
Interest	\$80,000	\$80,000
Total Income	\$9,338,600	\$8,785,339

Further information and an information package are available from the Board 8648 5977 or via the Board's website www.saalnrm.sa.gov.au. Written feedback is due by 25 February 2011.

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Kids get active at Ozzie Day



Gilli Procopis of UnitingCare Wesley watching the pom pom making



PROMINENT HILL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DAY

OZ Minerals Prominent Hill mine site is hosting a Family and Community Day on Saturday 12th March 2011. We are inviting members of the Coober Pedy community the opportunity to register their expression of interest to attend this day. Numbers are limited and seats will be allocated on a strict first come, first served basis.

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A bus will transport people from Coober Pedy early in the morning (leaving at 6am) and return in the late afternoon. Activities on site will include a tour of the pit, the processing plant and the opportunity to see and use the village facilities at Prominent Hill. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Deborah Elias on 0488 604 746 or deborah.elias@ozminerals.com for further details and to register your expression of interest before 5pm Friday 25th February 2011.

Mintabie pleads with state government for water assistance

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The largest consumer of water from the township's supply would be the Mintabie Area School, which will be resuming activities for 2011 in the next few days.

The school and teacher's residences has 9 or 10 evaporative coolers which use up to 1000 litres per day each (the Govt's estimate). That's 10 tonnes of extra water per day we have to provide from our rapidly dwindling supply.

The OCA is about to start a Govt funded project here at a cost of \$50 to \$60,000. This new project will install automatic solar powered lighting to Mintabie's unused airstrip (that amount of money would pay for 2 new bores). The Flying Doctor doesn't land here anymore, preferring Marla airstrip after Mintabie's clinic was shut down due to lack of Govt funding.

All Mintabie residents now have to travel to attend the Marla Medical Clinic, which entails an 80 km round trip, on a rough dirt road that hasn't been graded since July last year, even after damage from 6 significant rain events, due to lack of Govt funding. This forgotten road is the school bus route, carrying 10 or 12

Aboriginal students to Mintabie Area School. Some students travel up to 400 km per week, in all weather conditions on this poorly maintained road.

Now the population here has reduced due to lack of Govt support for facilities, leaving many aged pensioners, some penniless, trapped after health or financial bad luck, reduced to a point that it is impossible for the handful of able bodied volunteer residents to continue to maintain the service that the State Govt supplies to every other community in the state.

Many smaller towns like William Creek and Innamincka only have 5 or 6 people and are no less remote than Mintabie and have their water supplies run by the Govt.

On the 6th Dec 2010 the OCA took Copley communities water supply off them, without the Copley Progress Association or resident's knowledge, but refused to take over Mintabie's even when the MMPA begged them to.

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Bush Logistics Mike Crowley hangs up his trucking keys

To All the wonderful people I have had dealings with over the last 25 years



Bush Logistics Transport was registered in May 1986 to provide a service to the people of Outback South Australia. Since that time it has concentrated purely on those areas both Northwest and Northeast of the State.

It is with regret that I inform you that on reaching the ripe old age of 70 (in January 2011) it is time to pass the business on to those who are a bit younger.

The new owners are well experienced in the transport industry and have had dealing with the country areas and are well placed to continue to provide the service that is required.

Information regarding new banking details etc will be forwarded and an introductory letter from Debbie and Lee in Partnership with Mark and Mary who kicked off on the 4th January 2011 will also be included.

Thankyou once again for all your support throughout the years.


Sincerely

Mike Crowley
(Owner/Manager)

Left: Mike Crowley at the beginning of Bushies career



Above: Bush Logistics very first ute delivering to remote areas in the far north and to the opal towns



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KEEP YOUR KIDS LUNCHBOX SAFE DURING HOT WEATHER

As school returns this week, SA Health is reminding parents to keep their children's lunches safe from food poisoning.

SA Health's Director of Food Policy, Dr Fay Jenkins said, there are a few simple steps that parents can follow when preparing their children's lunches to avoid possible food poisoning.

"Food that is stored in a warm lunch box or bag for several hours can reach temperatures that are ideal for bacteria to multiply", Dr Jenkins said.

Bacteria can grow on foods such as chicken, fish, meat, yoghurt, soft cheese, milks, cooked eggs and salads.

"You can avoid this by placing an ice block or pack in an insulated lunch box to keep foods cold until lunchtime.

"Or you may prefer to freeze single-serve juice boxes overnight and place them in the lunch box. The juice will thaw by lunchtime, but will still help keep the rest of the lunch cold.

"Many people do pack sandwiches or crackers with spreads like Vegemite™ and jam and these are not so susceptible to going off in the heat. Healthier alternatives parents might like to consider are whole uncut fruit and vegetables, such as carrot and celery sticks or, for older children who can open them, safely tinned fish products.

- Wash lunch boxes with hot, soapy water and dry before re-use.
- If lunches are made the night before, keep them in the refrigerator overnight.
- Any perishable food, such as meat, poultry or egg sandwiches, should be discarded if not eaten that day.
- Discourage children from swapping lunch items with their friends as they may have food allergies.

GREEK COMMUNITY 2010 BINGO NIGHTS

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Nicotine patch subsidy to help more Quit

Low income earners in South Australia have even more support to quit smoking from today with subsidised nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) now available to concession holders.

Quit SA is urging people who are eager to use NRT to act now in the best interests of their health.

"This is another tool in the armoury against smoking that will only cost concession holders \$5.40 for one month's supply – compared to the \$140 or so it would have cost before today," says Quit SA Manager, David Edwards.

"That's a lot cheaper than the ongoing financial cost of more than \$6,000 a year for the average pack-a-day smoker – let alone the health implications of not quitting."

Quit SA hopes the change will motivate a new wave of quitters, who can also receive additional free support from Quitline 13 7848 or through our interactive text messaging support, Quit onQ.

"Smoking is no longer a habit 80% of the population choose not to practice - ; it's becoming unsustainable for the 20% who do - when you couple the deadly impacts with the recently increased hit on hip pockets," says Mr Edwards.

"The Government's re-investment of tobacco tax revenue, by subsidising NRT through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, will inevitably prove a strong motivator."

People on income support smoke at much higher rates than those who are more financially secure, meaning they will bear a disproportionate share of associated health concerns.

NRT can increase a smoker's chance of quitting by more than 50 per cent.

4 steps to quitting

- Set a date to quit and consider support from Quitline or products such as nicotine replacement therapy
 - Buddy-up with a friend or colleague for help and motivation
 - Recognise why you smoke so you can plan how to cope and avoid triggers
 - Try the 4 D's - Delay acting on urges, Deep breath, Drink water & Do something else
- Remember just one WILL hurt – it's the way most people go back to regular smoking.

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Australian Government

If you're a working parent expecting a child, there's something else you can expect



On 1 January 2011, Australia's first national Paid Parental Leave scheme was introduced. It's a new entitlement for working parents, funded by the Australian Government.

Taking time away from work for a new baby is a common part of working life. Paid Parental Leave will help parents spend time with a new baby, and help employers retain skilled staff.

What is Paid Parental Leave?
Eligible working parents may get 18 weeks Government-funded pay at the National Minimum Wage, currently \$570 a week before tax, to help them care for a new baby. Parents who adopt may also be eligible.

Am I eligible?
Full-time, part-time, casual, seasonal, contract and self-employed workers may be eligible. You must have worked at least 330 hours (just over one day a week) for 10 of the 13 months before your new baby arrives. You can have

up to an 8 week unpaid break between two working days and still be eligible. You can earn up to \$150,000 a year (individual salary) and still be eligible.

Is it for both parents?
Yes, usually the mother must apply for Paid Parental Leave. If you are eligible, you can transfer some or all of the pay to your partner (they need to be eligible too). The scheme gives families more options to balance work and family.

When can I take it?
You can claim up to three months in advance, and your pay can start at any time you choose from when your child is born or adopted. It will be paid in one continuous period from the start date and must all be taken within the first year after the birth or adoption. You are encouraged to apply early.

What about employer-provided entitlements?

Eligible parents can receive Parental Leave pay at the same time, before or after other employer-provided paid leave or entitlements. The existing minimum entitlement to 12 months unpaid parental leave for long-term employees is unchanged.

What does it mean for employers?

From 1 July 2011, employers must provide Government-funded Parental Leave pay through their usual pay cycle to eligible employees who have been with their business for at least 12 months. Other eligible parents will be paid through the Family Assistance Office.

To learn more about Paid Parental Leave or to apply, visit the website or call the appropriate number below.

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STATE OF THE NATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Excerpt from *The Australian* by Michael Owen - 29 January 2011

TREASURER Kevin Foley is predictably dismissive about a gloomy report card by leading economic forecaster Access Economics.

The quarterly report on business outlook released this week said the state's much vaunted mining boom was yet to arrive and manufacturers were doing it tough.

The latter point was driven home by paper giant Kimberly-Clark's decision to slash 170 jobs in the state's southeast, with another 65 to go if a buyer cannot be found for an unwanted pulp mill.

Access Economics also reported that exports to the US, Britain and Europe were falling at double-digit rates and the same was true of exports of wine and (the even harder-hit) cars and car parts.

It further noted that unemployment had moved back above national rates (and the gap is increasing), business investment is fading to levels last recorded a decade ago, and federal stimulus spending (a big positive in a small state) is expected to wind down over the next year or so.

ODDNADATTA TEMPERATURES SOAR BUT LOCALS STILL CELEBRATE

Despite the heat on Sunday 23 January outback residents got together at the Pink Roadhouse to socialise. It was also local resident Ross Fields birthday.

January 2011 has seen unrelentingly high temperatures ranging from the mid to high 40s, the highest this year being 47.5 C, on the 27 January at Oodnadatta. The remote town has also reached above 45 degrees for five consecutive days which ties its 60 year record.

Oodnadatta recorded Australia's highest temperature on the 2 January 1960 when the outback town experienced a remarkable 50.7 C.

In the same week Oodnadatta's mercury reached 49.2 C on the 1 January 1960 and 50.3 C on the 3 January 1960.

Janet Williams of Hamilton Station (100 km north of Oodnadatta), who after 10 years in the area is moving back to Carrieton.

The Williams son Tim is moving back to 'Hamilton' to help run the cattle station.

Wayne Williams will continue on Hamilton Station as well as commuting to Carrieton.



"Cooling off in Hot Oodnadatta" are Linnie Plate, Janet Williams and Lana Field

Family travels 1000 for children's swimming lessons



Linnie Plate of Oodnadatta, Richard Younger Accountant, Rob and Eve Haanstra, Thalia 5 and Skye 3 in Coober Pedy

Rob and Eve Haanstra, Mintabie parents of Thalia 5 and Skye 3 have to take their children over 1000 kilometres for swimming lessons.

"There are no provisions for children to have swimming lessons up our way, even as close as Marla", said Mrs. Haanstra. "We have booked them in at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre while it's still summer."

On their way through Coober Pedy the Haanstras caught up with friends Linnie Plate of Oodnadatta and Richard Younger Accountant.



Government of South Australia
Department of Education and Children's Services

2011 SCHOOL CARD SCHEME

The 2011 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 of Education and Children's Services.

Who can apply for School Card?

School Card assistance is available for:

- Dependent students from 4 years of age receiving full-time schooling at a government or non-government school.
- Independent full-time students undertaking at least 6 subjects in years 10 or 11, or at least 5 subjects in year 12 at a government or non-government school, or
- Adult re-entry students attending a government or non-government secondary school.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon family gross income for the 2009/2010 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	\$33,046	\$636
2	\$33,947	\$653
3	\$34,848	\$670
4	\$35,749	\$687
5	\$36,650	\$704
Each additional dependent child	\$901	\$17

How to apply for School Card

- Visit your local school and request the appropriate 2011 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.decs.sa.gov.au/goldbook/

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AUSTRALIA DAY - Coober Pedy



A large crowd of locals gathered at the Old Timers Mine to commemorate Australia Day



Darryl Borrett and daughter Emma



A large verandah provided shade for those watching the naturalisation ceremony



Martin Grava and Jayde Frew taking it easy



Mayor Steve Baines dodges as newly naturalised Andy Murdock enthusiastically waves his Ozzie flag



The Mine Rescue/SES tent at Australia Day



Geoff Squires and team members of CFS at Australia Day



Novi Schultz shows her Australian Citizen certificate after being naturalised by Mayor Steve Baines



Mayor Steve Baines with new Australian Citizen Jan Van Der Merwe. Jan is the Works Manager at Coober Pedy District Council

After the naturalisation a very content Jan Van Der Merwe told us, "In 2000, while watching the Sydney Olympics, I said to myself "I would love to live there because I can associate my self with people that can put up and organize such a show"

In 2003, my daughter got married to an Aussie in Adelaide and we were there for the wedding. Adelaide looked very similar to Pretoria, the city in South Africa, where we lived.

When we got home after the wedding we started the immigration process. Now, nearly 8 years later I am now an Aussie. Thank you for accepting my wife and I as citizens!"



Julie Carmichael, Francine Connor,Connor and Gilli Procopis

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Coober Pedy Celebrates



Australia Day activities for the kids include making pom poms



Julie Carmichael of UnitingCare Wesley helps with pom pom making



The Coober Pedy CFS fire truck was on standby



Right: Sue Britt helps out with the craft making on Australia Day

Photos sent in by Julie Carmichael



Australia Day guests tuck in for a barbecue courtesy Coober Pedy Lions Club

Australia Day



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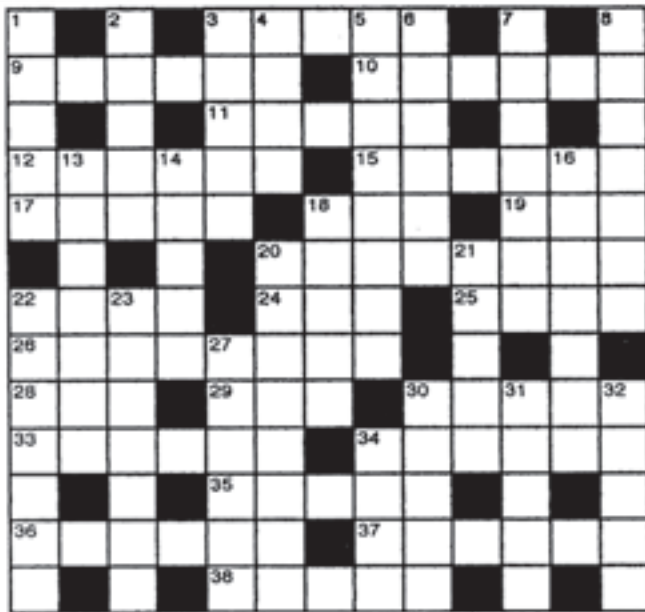
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29. Dejected
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37. Bear witness to
38. Russian monarchs



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1. Worship
2. Astray
3. Set in order
4. Genuine
5. Checks the length
6. Capital of Greece
7. Over-enthusiastic

8. Go backwards
13. Takes for granted
14. Young soldier
16. Hungarian pepper
18. Lost colour
20. Vegetables
21. Lowest point
22. Deprives of weapons
23. Napkins
27. Upward movement
30. Gasps for breath
31. Apple drink
32. Part of a federation
34. Untruthful person

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WHAT'S ON in COOBER PEDY ?

MONDAYS

Footy Training: 6.30pm - 9pm
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TUESDAYS

Ambulance Training
District Council Meetings
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

WEDNESDAYS

Active Girls Group AFSS HOUSE
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Craft Group 7.30 - 9.30pm at
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Footy Training: 6.30 pm - 9pm
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FRIDAYS

Footy Training: 6.30 pm - 9pm
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Greek Club - Bingo 7.30 pm
CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Friday night shotgun 7pm - MARCH

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SATURDAYS

CFS Training
Mine Rescue Training
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CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Pistol 9am and 11am

GOLF (CP Golf Course March)

SUNDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Rifle 10am -
Golf (CP Golf Course - March)

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VETERINARY DATES

Roger the Roving Vet - 2011 Coober Pedy
dates

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- 9th/10th March
- 4th/5th July
- 5th/6th September
- 14th/15th November

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Roger will email clients before each visit,
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OPTOMETRIST DATES

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David O'Connor

Will visit Coober Pedy Medical
Centre

- ◆ Monday 28 February
 - ◆ Tuesday 1 March
 - ◆ Wednesday 2 March
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SA STATE SCHOOL TERM DATES

2011
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T/2 02 May - 8 Jul
T/3 25 Jul - 30 Sep
T/4 17 Oct - 16 Dec

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

MINTABIE PLEADS WITH STATE GOVT FOR WATER ASSISTANCE

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"The responsibility for managing these essential services belongs to the State Government, NOT a volunteer Progress Association. That would be like putting the local footy team in charge of your hospital. We admit freely - we do not have the expertise, knowledge or training to perform these responsible and accountable duties to the level that is required in this litigious society.

The MMPA in the last few days, has had to cut supply from one customer who has not only refused to pay his Town Services Levy for years, he has also drilled out his water restrictor, enabling him to take huge amounts of water for long periods on more than one occasion. The last time was on 20th Jan this year, while the rest of the community here was doing it very hard without complaint, and accepting the current water restrictions. This man is extremely upset and blaming me (the MMPA President) for all his woes, previously threatening me with shooting, blowing up my house and vehicles as well as bulldozing the township's water infrastructure.

No volunteer should have his life unnecessarily put at risk while performing his duties. Volunteer paramedic / ambulance drivers, fire-fighters or SES members etc aren't allowed to do anything that threatens their life, as their organisations have a duty of care towards them.

The Govt is patently neglecting their basic duty of care to the residents of Mintabie, taking advantage of those who have freely volunteered to perform tasks outside their field of experience, knowledge and training, so that this Govt can save a few dollars for their own pet projects.

S.A. Transport Minister Conlon spent \$490,000 of our tax-payer money refurbishing his office recently. That money would have solved Mintabie's water problems for many years! Mintabie residents find this extremely offensive!! People's basic needs before furniture!!

My wife and I came here nearly six years ago, spending almost \$100,000 of our life savings to get here. She was suffering significant depression, and had hoped to recuperate in a nice quiet outback town like Mintabie. She had a doctor's certificate for eight months and a health care card to access the subsidized medications needed for her recovery.

However because she moved to Mintabie, Centrelink cancelled her healthcare card, stating there was no work available in this town so she wasn't eligible to have one. I argued that she couldn't work for at least eight months as she was ill, but they wouldn't listen and refused to give her the medications at the reduced rate forcing us to pay the full price which was nearly \$400 per month. (almost a house payment for some). By not funding her medications, she came off them much sooner than recommended, leaving her a little more fragile than some. Combined with the threats we are receiving as volunteers from a selfish, and volatile person in this community, I fear a return of the "Black Dog".

Some say we should pack up and leave, this is a simplistic solution. Our properties resale has been made worthless, essentially trapping us here by a stroke of a politicians pen when the Parliament of SA passed laws on the 3rd Dec 2009, banning us from cooking with, or drinking alcohol in our own homes. Everyone will now also have to have a police check to prove our innocence and good character, before being allowed to live here. Visitors must be named, prior to visit, to PIRSA and then may only visit if approved.



Mintabie water tanks sinking into the ground

Just like any other part of Australia NOT!!!

Because of these laws, and the lack of Govt support that all other SA communities receive, our family home and assets here have been made monetarily worthless. No prospective resident will choose to live in Mintabie now.

The residents of Mintabie pay Camp-Site Fees to the APY via Pirsra, Prospecting and Mining fees to PIRSA, a Town Services Levy to the MMPA, Income Tax and GST to the Govt.

Why shouldn't residents expect the same services that all other communities receive from the Govt. Instead are ridiculed, denied and abandoned by our State Government representatives.

The largest asset most Australians have is their home. Our assets have become liabilities because we cannot just surrender our camp-sites to PIRSA and leave.

All Mintabie residents are now required to return the camp-site back to the condition prior to the settlement of Mintabie. ie; must raze the camp-site to the ground before PIRSA will allow us to leave, to start again somewhere else, minus the funds from the sale of our home.....



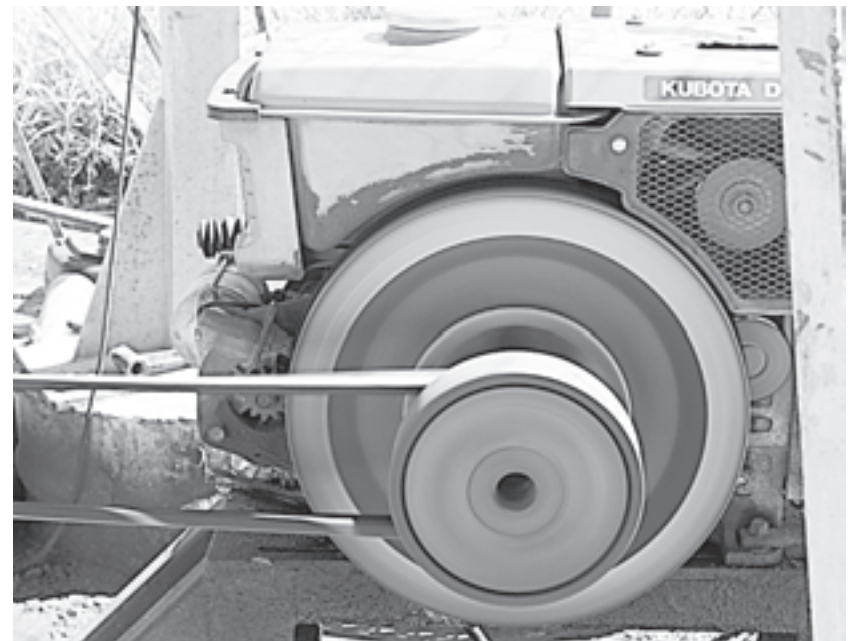
The Mintabie water pipe running into town

Or else PIRSA will do the razing for us then charge each resident for the privilege. This condition, among others, was not stated when PIRSA accepted our camp-site ownership transfers and monies.

The residents of Mintabie, desperately need you, and your people, to make some sensible and responsible decisions, urgently! Accept your basic duty of care to us. Please treat Mintabie residents the same as any other South Australian."

Thanking You in Anticipation,

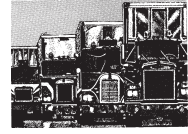
*Lee Craggs,
MMPA President.
Jan 29th 2011*



Town Bore in action pumping the contaminated water

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM ENDS



Above: David from AFSS playing Uno with Jake and Alex



Above: Jye, Paul and Nik making use of the Toy Library's game collection



Above: Joshua and Sebastian drying off after a dip



Above: Amber, Tancia, Chloe and Skye at the Library



Above: Bus trip to Mt Barry, Chloe, Ukaipo, Renae, Zali and Chelsea

Coober Pedy Holiday Program

From
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Above: At Mt Barry Station's Dam



Above: Patrick Williams was roped into giving the run down on what happens at Mt Barry Station and the kids had heaps of questions heaps.



Above: Jayden and Nitesh chilling out at the Library



Above: The big kids having a shot on the Slip and Slide



Kelsey - Holiday Program Assistant District Council , Tanya—Child care Links District Council,
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and Aleks - Youth Connection Officer UntingCare Wesley

Charlie-Paris

Hot, Hot, Hot!

Dog Reporter, Charlie Paris

I've been lying around the house for weeks now, too hot to move far from my water bowl. I sometimes get up to check my food bowl for treats. I sometimes go outside to check for cooler weather, that hasn't happened yet.

There is always a problem when you have too much time on your paws. You start to think, thinking is good for you I am told. If you have too much time, you can over think, and that's what I've been doing.



I received an interesting letter from an English cat. Tell you all about it later!

What are my plans for 2011, what I mean is, what are my plans past my New Year resolutions. My resolutions are the normal ones, lose weight, finish every thing I start, get out in the community more, have more play dates. That's all good and well, but what about the rest of the time, there are 12 months to fill.

I decided to read my horoscope every day to see what the future has in store for me. My friends have been helpful in finding the real me, so I can work out my future direction. We asked for help from people in the know about the zodiac, to understand what type of dog I am, before I look into the future, I need to understand myself better.

When I started to do this research there was so much information that this will be printed over 2 editions of the local paper. If you are truthful with yourself, this is for 2 legged people and 4 legged dog friends and sometimes cats.

The Aries Dog (March 21-April 19)

The Aries Dog will live by the motto "Me First" and there will be no "please" about it. If you own an Aries dog you can try and get out of the car before them, they are always first no matter who is in the way. This is a quick-tempered dog and, in extreme case, downright selfish. The Aries Dog is an active, energetic dog with an almost endless capacity for exercise who demands long walks several times a day. This dog enjoys a variety of activities, playing with a Frisbee and chasing a ball. You Aries dog is reckless and daring. Keep your Aries dog inside in hot weather as they are so active they can get headaches and sunstroke during the summer months. You need plenty of space for your dog, who hates to be restricted in any way. No fences or gates can contain this dog. Much like Harry Houdini, your dog is sure to find a way to escape.

The Aries Dog will never be a "yes-dog," not even after months of training. The battle for independence begins the moment this little pup arrives in your home. The only way to get along with your Aries dog is to compromise... as the owner, it's easier if you give in first. As soon as the owner is "trained," life will be wonderful. As single minded as your dog can be the Aries dog is a warm-hearted dog. Your Aries dog is completely intolerant of other dogs, and as for cats, please don't leave them in a room together.

If you are easy to train, the Aries dog is the one for you.

Thursday 3 February 2011

STARGAZING WITH CHARLIE!

The Taurus Dog (April 21-May 21)

The Taurus Dog strong, silent and determined. If the Taurus dog could be your shadow, it would be, your dog would go everywhere with you. Your Taurus dog doesn't like being home by themselves and young puppies like to sleep with your old jumper or new jumper as long as it has your scent on it. In short, the Taurus Dog loves to be pampered.

Your dog is not particularly big on exercise but will always join in with family activities. A drive around the countryside in the car with the window down is the best way for your dog to enjoy the day. The Taurus Dog thoroughly appreciates the finer things of life and can be possessive of what he or she considers to be items of personal value. Everything this dog surveys is considered to be a personal possession...from their feeding bowl to visitors in the home.

This is one dog who loves to eat. Prone to putting on weight with age, in fact, it is somewhat rare to find an older Taurus Dog who is not overweight. If you try and put your dog on a diet, be prepared for the Taurus Dog to sit in front of the refrigerator and mournfully stare.

If you like the finer things in life, food, music, and a dog that adores you, the Taurus dog is for you.

The Gemini Dog (May 22-June 21)

The Gemini Dog will be restless, versatile, exuberant...and many other things as well...all at the same time. Your dog is able to communicate feelings and will soon have any owner well-trained.

This split-personality dog is quickly bored and requiring constant attention. An alert and graceful creature, the nervous energy of the Gemini Dog enables this canine to keep going all day. However, the minute the Gemini Dog is asked to undertake anything boring or mundane, he or she will be overcome by nervous exhaustion and collapse into a shivering, twitching, wreck.

A puppy ruled by Gemini is sure to bring chaos into any home. Making everyday an adventure of the garden and the great outdoors, as well as whatever rooms of your house they are allowed into. A Gemini Dog oozes charm and it is not long before they will have the entire family wrapped around their paws.

The Gemini dog loves to "show off." the Gemini Dog is one of the Zodiac's fastest runners. It is important to note that the only time an owner will be absolutely sure of the whereabouts of the Gemini Dog is when they are attached by a leash. The remainder of the time, it will be anyone's guess.

If you like a dog that is excited about everything that life has to offer, the Gemini dog is for you.

The Cancer Dog (June 22-July 21)

The Cancer dog is so sensitive that they are loyal for life. The Cancer dog is likely to jump into water at every given opportunity. This dog is probably the most patient of all the zodiac dogs. It is important that the Cancer Dog feel they are needed. A cancer dog requires constant patting and reassurance, "Good boy" or "Good girl" is the best thing this dog can hear.

The Cancer Dog can settle almost anywhere. Taken to a new home, they will immediately establish a true nesting instinct, establish their corner and then set about filling it with treasures which will be enjoyed and protected. If those treasures happen to belong to another then that is unfortunate, for the Cancer Dog will literally hang on to anything that he or she feels is a personal belonging. In the eyes of this dog, possession is nine-tenths of the law. If you are missing one of your new shoes or any of the kid's toys, just look in the dog bed, but the dog may not want to part with it.

The Cancer Dog makes for a delightful and lovely pet, being loyal and faithful no matter how he or she might be treated by an owner. No separation, regardless of length, will make this canine forget the person with whom they have bonded.

If you like a dog that is easy to train and loyal to you forever, the Cancer dog is the one for you.

The Leo Dog (July 22-August 21)

The Leo Dog thinks it is part of the Royal family or at least the boss of the dog world. The Leo dog has never walked past a mirror without looking at its reflection, see themselves as a cut above all lesser species and expects to be treated that way. Regal of bearing, standing tall and commanding of presence, the Leo Dog will always be the perfect specimen, no matter what the breed might be. Other dogs take pride in their home and family but to the Leo dog their home is a personal palace in which to "hold court," issuing invites to each and every neighbourhood dog that can be found. This is largely due to one exceptional and redeeming quality...the Leo Dog has a deep-set faith in humanity.

Dogs which have been praised, honoured for bravery...or those pampered by royalty...are, more often than not, governed by the Sign of Leo. This canine rarely knows what it means to be afraid and makes for an excellent police dog, relentlessly pursuing criminals, entering blazing buildings without a second thought and tenaciously sniffing-out bombs.

The Leo Dog, however, cannot bear to be ignored. The vanity of this dog knows no limits and he or she adores being the centre of attention. Fiercely loyal, this dog would rather die while protecting an owner than allow that owner to come to any harm. The Leo Dog makes for an exceptional guard dog but has one strange eccentricity...they are often afraid of cats.

If you like a dog that can be pompous and dogmatic, and be brave enough to save your life the Leo dog is the one for you.

The Virgo Dog (Aug 22 - Aug 31)

The Virgo Dog, will be in their element as a friend and companion living with humans, and will strive to be the perfect pet. The Virgo Dog considers being told what to do as a pleasure. The Virgo Dog is the cleanest and most hygienic of the Zodiac. Physically, the Virgo Dog is strong and muscular but requires a lot of exercise when in good health. Unfortunately, this canine is also the hypochondriac of the dog world...a single flea, for example, and they will be convinced the pesky parasites are covering the entire body from head to toe...or a simple stomach upset, and the Virgo Dog will be certain that they have salmonella poisoning.

The Virgo dog is determined that their life be filled with beauty and nothing but the best will do...the most comfortable chair, the most delicious of food, the most luxurious of surroundings. The Virgo Dog will never be found sleeping on a hard floor. The Virgo Dog tends to spend a great deal of time in the garden, communing with nature as they like to weed, dig and generally makes a mess.

As a creature of routine and habit, this canine will expect to be fed and walked at the same time every day. All Virgo Dogs are loyal and expect the same steadfastness from any owner. It should be noted, however, that this dog does not take kindly to small children. Being trodden on and grabbed does not suit the Virgo Dog one bit. The Virgo dog likes cats...a creature the Virgo dog appear to adore regardless of shape or colour. Indeed, the owner of a Virgo Dog would be well-advised to bring a feline into the home.

If you like a working dog, and a dog that won't give the family cat a hard time, the Virgo dog is the one for you.

See you next time with the rest of the zodiac

I'm in the top 6, if you can work out which is me I will share my cool kitchen floor with you on a hot day.

Woof Woof
Charlie Paris



charlie-paris@hotmail.com

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MINERAL LEASES



Government of South Australia
Department for Correctional Services

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For further information: Please contact Mick Guyan on 0401 123 550, or the recruitment consultants on 8226 9048 or 8226 9150, or go to www.corrections.sa.gov.au and select the 'employment' link.

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Government of South Australia
Primary Industries and Resources SA

Mining Act 1971

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Applicant: Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd

Location: Cooritta Hill area – approx 70 km southeast of Tarcoola

Pastoral Leases: Wilgena, Lake Everard

Term: Two years

Area in km²: 367

Ref: 2010/00160

Plan and co-ordinates can be found on the PIRSA website:
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SA business confidence remains low - labour costs expected to rise

Business confidence has remained low during the December 2010 quarter, according to Business SA.

The Commonwealth Bank Business SA Survey of Business Expectations for the December quarter showed that the South Australian confidence index increased marginally, by four per cent to 96 points.

The rise in business confidence follows a slight increase during the previous quarter, which comes after significant drops in confidence levels earlier in the year.

The interest rate rise in November prevented confidence levels bouncing back in the lead up to the Christmas trading period.

Business SA Chief Executive Officer, Peter Vaughan, said that the survey results confirm that pressure remains on business.

“Challenges still remain throughout the local business community and the interest rate rise, coupled with concerns over financial stability in Europe, deterred any significant bounce back in confidence in December.

“The local economy has been faced with high unemployment and slow retail trade, making November's rate rise more damaging and speculation of future interest rate rises continuing to restrict confidence.

“Almost 70 per cent of businesses expect interest rates to increase in the next quarter and this is a major concern given the many small businesses across the State that are struggling to build any sort of momentum,” said Mr Vaughan.

Mr Vaughan said that businesses expect labour costs to continue to rise.

“Our local unemployment remains above the national average and almost three quarters of businesses surveyed expect labour costs to increase in the March quarter.

“A quarter of businesses found skilled labour harder to source than the previous quarter, however nearly a half expect the unemployment rate to remain steady in the March quarter.

“Indications are that overhead costs will again increase next quarter, while half expect the cost of materials to remain the same.”

Two thirds of exporters indicated their export sales were the same as the previous quarter, and almost two thirds predicted much of the same in the next quarter.

POSITION VACANT



Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
I.C.N. 7460

Manager Drug & Alcohol Services

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For further information call or write to:
Roland Ruff

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Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
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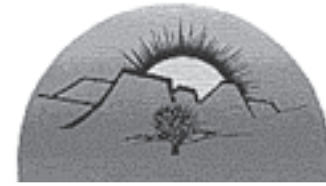
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NOTICE OF SGM MEETING - UTHS



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NOTICE OF SGM MEETING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation to members of the Corporation that a Special General Meeting is to be held on Monday 21 February 2011 at the Italian Club, Italian Road, Coober Pedy, commencing at 10.00a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote on the matter of:

“Adopting the proposed changes to the current UTHSAC Rule Book”.

Copies of the current Rule Book and a document detailing the proposed changes are available from the UTHSAC office, Umoona Road, Coober Pedy or by phoning 8672 5255.

Signed: Ian Crombie (Chairperson) and dated this day, twenty eight (28) of January 2011. Immediately following this meeting we will be holding a consultation for the development of the UTHSAC Strategic Plan 2011 – 2014.

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Now the dairy industry is pushing for a nationwide standard that will make it legal to deny baby calves liquid food for their last 30 hours of life as they are trucked and prepared for slaughter. This proposed standard is currently up for public consultation — a fact not publicised by either our government or the dairy industry.

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You can demand a kinder future for 'Bobby' at www.AnimalsAustralia.org

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Mintabie's most talented monster

Every year Mintabie Area School students and staff, along with a few community members present a lavish end of year Production.

2010 was no exception. The town, despite being under considerable pressure because of water and Town Lease issues all came together for an evening of fun and laughter.

This year's play was entitled Monster Australia's Got Talent and all students and staff strutted their stuff on the stage, each vying to win the title of most talented monster!

The show was hosted by Punu as Medusa, that scary Greek Gorgon. Sadly this is Punu's last performance as she has left after completing 13 years as a student at Mintabie. Punu is a great example of the quality education on offer at the school as she received excellent marks in Year 12 and has left to take up the university offer which was her first choice – a Junior Primary/Primary teaching degree at Flinders University. Who knows, Punu may still return to Mintabie but this time on the staff!

Medusa introduced the three Judges of the contest – Grant as Shrek, Eileen as The Wicked Witch of the West and Veronica as Dracula.

Contestants danced and sang, beginning with a spectacular rap dance from Emma as a very believable Werewolf.

Tahlia, Leah, Angelina and Toni followed as Ghoulie Ghosts, while Tali, in the guise of Chucky performed some very bad knife juggling.

Pipe, Brenton, Kieren and Latrell tried to be scary aliens but were judged to be too cute.

Brendan danced as Michael Jackson in Thriller and Al had the audience cheering with his rendition of Shake, Rattle and Roll, dressed as Skeletor.

The competition appeared over when an unexpected performer appeared and with the assistance of her Hitman, Lachlan, coerced the Judges into letting her sing – yes, it was none other than that Scottish celebrity, Susan Boyle, played spectacularly by our own bearded Progress President, Lee!



Pipe, Brenton, Kieren and Latrell as The 'scary' aliens, but were judged to be too cute



The Winner of Monster Australia's got Talent is Susan Boyle 'Dreams a Dream' (played by Lee Craggs)



The cast of Monster Australia's Got Talent wishing all a Merry Christmas



After annihilating the other competitors, Susan was devastated to be disqualified because she was not a true monster. Her tears ceased when Dracula took pity on her and sank his fangs into her neck, thus making her one of his living dead, and Medusa was able to declare Susan Boyle the winner of Monster Australia's Got Talent!



Above: Medusa greets Shrek

Left: Lily Munster tried the hard sell

The other competitors were then able to be revived and all the cast and backstage crew, consisting of Lionel, Kellee and John were able to complete the show with a dance to the song Monster Mash.

The four Acts of the performance was interspersed with 'advertisement breaks' for a variety of products aimed at monsters, and Lily Munster, played by David, who ably stepped in at the last minute was a super saleswoman.

The evening was rounded out with the ever popular surprise staff act, which this year turned out to be a visit by The Addams Family.

Presentations were made to students and staff who were leaving and The Rowan Ramsey Award winner, for services to the school community was once again presented to Jill Krebs.

To complete a wonderful evening everyone sat down to eat a splendid buffet meal, provided by the school and Progress.

Several 'critics' who have attended every performance, which has been going for 10 years voted this year's effort the 'best ever', so the performers were happy to receive congratulations for the tremendous effort they had put in over the last 10 weeks of rehearsal.

Mount Willoughby Station Regional Indigenous Training Program

January 2011 Update

With under a month to go until the second Mount Willoughby Station Regional Indigenous Training Program which is scheduled to commence on 21st February 2011, I thought it timely to update you on what has taken place since the inaugural AYEEO program in October 2010.

The program has now evolved into a broader education and training program and assumed a new identity based upon the success of the initial concept. The program is now known as the Mt Willoughby Station Regional Indigenous Training Program (RITP). Both Bill and William Lennon remain very much the owners of the program and have invested a large amount of energy in ensuring its growth and long term sustainability.



Previous Mt Willoughby Station RIT program participants operating plant

The core focus of the RIT Program is to provide a training and employment program that will provide youth with the opportunity to develop skills and experience that will enable them to be more competitive in securing and maintaining employment within the region.

The RIT Program is designed to provide Indigenous participants with the opportunity to gain knowledge, training and accreditation in;

- Front End Loader Operation
- Electrical / Hand Tool Safety
- Backhoe Operation
- Welding / Oxy & Acetylene
- Work Zone Traffic Management
- Building & Construction
- Skid Steer Operation • Plumbing
- Light Vehicles Operation • Numeracy and Literacy
- Job Readiness Training • Computer Skills

The RIT Program will also:

- Assist in capacity building and strengthening of the local communities
- Increase cultural awareness and make participants aware of Aboriginal heritage and traditions
- Provide knowledge and training in the operation of equipment along with nationally accredited courses
- Create employment opportunities for the region and participants

The project management team are also pleased to announce that Blackwoods, a division of Wesfarmers has partnered with the Program and will be responsible for donating all personal protective equipment and clothing to the participants and mentors.



Participants operating the plant at Mt Willoughby Station during Previous RIT program

Blackwoods is the largest Australian distributor of industrial, engineering and safety workplace needs. It is great to have an iconic company such as Blackwoods involved in such a program.

The project team would like to thank Blackwoods and in particular Selena Fernandez (Wesfarmers Industrial Safety, Senior HR Advisor) for her commitment in bringing the partnership to fruition.

The project team would like to thank Blackwoods and in particular Selena Fernandez (Westfarmers Industrial Safety, Senior HR Advisor) for her commitment in bringing the partnership to fruition.

With all participants selected and the program commencing next month the RIT Program Management Team are scheduling an official program launch for mid March 2011.

If you require any additional information or wish to discuss how the RIT Program could assist your organisation in achieving their Indigenous employment goals, please contact Xceptional Recruitment on 08 8349 3400 or email employ@xceptional.net.au



Program Managers
Ken Lamb,
Bill Lennon,
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William Lennon

Joseph "Dodo" Lennon slinging a load during previous RIT program



Mintabie's most talented monster

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Skeletor 'Shakes, rattles and rolls'
Thursday 3 February 2011



Michael Jackson 'Thrills' the Witch
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Medusa and Chucky



Outback Open Air Cinema Inc.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER (PG)

SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

GATES OPEN 8:30PM—MOVIE STARTS 9:00PM



Lucy and Edmund Pevensie make their third trip back to Narnia. Accompanied by their cousin Eustace, they meet up with Prince Caspian on a trip across the sea. Aboard the royal ship The Dawn Treader, they encounter dragons, dwarves, merfolk, and a band of lost warriors before reaching the edge of the world.

MEET THE PARENTS: LITTLE FOCKERS (M)

SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

GATES OPEN 8:30PM—MOVIE STARTS 9:00PM



It has taken 10 years, two little Fockers with wife Pam and countless hurdles for Greg to finally get "in" with his tightly wound father-in-law, Jack. After the cash-strapped dad takes a job moonlighting for a drug company, however, Jack's suspicions about his favourite male nurse come roaring back. When Greg and Pam's entire clan - including Pam's lovelorn ex, Kevin - descends for the twins' birthday party, Greg must prove to the skeptical Jack that he's fully capable as the man of the house.

THE GREEN HORNET (M)

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH

GATES OPEN 8:30PM—MOVIE STARTS 9:00PM



The film details the adventures of Britt Reid, debonair newspaper publisher by day, crime-fighting masked hero at night, along with his sidekick, Kato. The film is based on the radio serial, comic book and television show of the same name.

127 HOURS (MA)

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH

GATES OPEN 8:30PM—MOVIE STARTS 9:00PM



The true story of mountain climber Aaron Ralston's remarkable adventure to save himself after a fallen boulder crashes on his arm and traps him in an isolated canyon in Utah. Over the next five days Ralston examines his life and survives the elements to finally discover he has the courage and the wherewithal to extricate himself by any means necessary, scale a 65 foot wall and hike over eight miles before he is finally rescued.

The Outback Open Air Cinema has not changed the entry fee since we reopened the cinema back in 2001. Sadly, due to rising costs, we can no longer avoid a modest price rise. The new prices are as follows: Car \$20, Adult \$10, Child (under 16) \$5.