On Wednesday 10th October the Coober Pedy Miners Association executive members were called to a meeting at the DMITRE office in Coober Pedy to meet with DMITRE representatives to find a way forward with Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara negotiations.

President of the CPOMA, Paul Reynolds said, "At the meeting we were presented with a range of proposals from AMYAC which included an annual charge to be placed on every holder of a Precious Stones Prospecting Permit (PSPP) in Coober Pedy."

"The CPOMA opposed this suggestion strongly", said Mr Reynolds.

Vice President of CPOMA John Dunstan said, "I can tell you exactly what would happen if half of the PSPP’s would be cancelled over night. For the few Osyous thousand dollars this might collect it would generate massive tension in the opal mining community. After all we have been prospecting here for over 98 years and us opal miners should be part of the heritage."

"We really want and have been pursuing a face to face meeting with the AMYAC committee and their legal team."

"I don’t think anyone realises that without opal mining having begun, there wouldn’t be a town called Coober Pedy to squabble over. There is and was absolutely nothing here that we didn’t build, and have always shared," said Mr Dunstan.

"Opal was first found in Coober Pedy on the 1st of February 1915. Coober Pedy was proclaimed a Precious Stones Opal Field on the 3rd of July 1972. Today Coober Pedy has over 70 opal fields, yet it is estimated that only 10% of the total area has been worked. Only on the backs of the hardy opal miners was a substantial town built and is still developing."

John Dunstan recollected the early days when Coober Pedy became an oasis and a sanctuary in the harsh desert to over 48 nationalities.

"People from aboriginal communities across the state have come to call the opal mining town home, finding safety, shelter, occupations and a purpose, he said."

"Many of the aborigines mined for opal in the early days. Amongst them Barney, Bernard and Joe Lennon, Jack, Mindie and Ian Crombie, Danny Colson, Norman Hayes and Black Bob (Wright) are just a few of the aboriginal opal men from years gone by."

Local AMYAC members have said they are concerned with any proposal that could lower community confidence and relationships in the town and that may jeopardise the future of their established, structured organisations. AMYAC members who live locally will discuss all of these issues at an AGM on the 20th November at the Desert Cave. (source supplied)

Coober Pedy hosts three essential care, aboriginal organisations and several support services for an all inclusive aboriginal community, funded by the Federal and the State Government and through separate grants. Taxes taken from our community are being reinjected back into these vital organisations.

Umoona Community is home to about 200 Anangu. Each year the State and Federal Governments allocate funding for the delivery and maintenance of services, programs and infrastructure at Umoona Community. Umoona Community Council also hold their own assets.

Umoona Tjutagku Health Service is publicly funded through the State and Federal Governments and through the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. It provides primary health care services to Aboriginal people in and around Coober Pedy. UTHS is able to pay approximately 30 staff members and maintain a fleet of vehicles to assist in keeping a healthy, aboriginal community.

Umoona Aged Care has a broad intake of Anangu residents and employs about 28 local people. UAC is supported by Federal and State Government funding and other initiatives.

The three aboriginal organisations source and train workers from the combined Coober Pedy community.

2011/12 has seen an increase in Coober Pedy residents embracing aboriginal children into foster care, giving mothers or parents respite while they readjust their lives.

We must remember that the town dump is used for the entire community where both white fellas and black fellas can hygienically dispose of their garbage", he said.

"If AMYAC put pressure on the South Australian Government to pay compensation on the dump site or any of the areas surrounding Coober Pedy, we believe this will be a shameful act and will reflect badly on the aboriginal people of Coober Pedy," said Mr Dunstan.

According to recent news reports, the years 2015 and 16 will see the South Australian Government’s rising debt peak at $13 billion.

"Both the State and the Federal Governments generate no money except that which comes from the ordinary taxpayers."

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Coober Pedy, an underground ‘city’, built on the back of opal mining

- 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. The tunnels and chambers they dug were cool and dark, perfect to escape from the desert sun.

- Coober Pedy ‘evolved’ as the result of a massive post war Opal Rush where hardy pioneers developed a make or break gem industry in the scorching desert terrain.

- See the extravagantly built underground Serbian Church, with it’s magnificent stained glass windows and carvings.

- Stay overnight in an underground dwelling and experience underground life as the locals know it!

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Above: A small gum tree found growing in a residential spout could be a potential fire hazard.

Right: The tell-tale dripping from a down pipe led to the renegade tree

Mandy Banks shows off her two MOVEMBER men after clearing their facial slate to start off their spanking new MOs.

Mandy prepares her sharpest razor to make sure the Mayor gets a clean start

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On Sunday 21st October the Coober Pedy Historical Society held their Annual General Meeting at the School/Community Library. A report on the group’s activities throughout the year was presented by Chairperson Judy Underwood, these included an afternoon spent at the Boot Hill Cemetery learning of the lives of some of our local identities, a stroll down Hutchison St hearing from long time residents of what the night life of Coober Pedy was like in the ’70s and a pleasant afternoon spent going out to the site of Fleming Jensen’s Slaughter house situated in what is now part of the Breakaways Reserve.

Projects for 2012 were the continuation of displays in the Visitor Centre at the DCCP office, publication of articles in the Coober Pedy Times telling the stories behind our street names, and the planning and erection of a new sign at our First Cemetery listing the names of people buried there.

In 2013 the Historical Society will be working along with a community committee on projects to celebrate our centenary year in 2015. It is an exciting opportunity to showcase our unique and diverse beginnings and what our town has become today.

After the business side of the meeting was completed a photographic and oral account of the life and epic journeys across our continent made by John McDouall Stuart was presented by the Historical Society. This was a very interesting presentation bringing to life the extreme hardships these men endured on these journeys – six in total between 1838 and 1862. Stuart succeeded where the large, well funded Burke and Wills expedition failed – he found a track across Australia and returned.

Jenny Davison, (Historical Society), David Hunter & Mark Bell OZ Minerals representatives in front of new sign at the First Coober Pedy Cemetery (near Greek Hall)
Selection of Altona’s Project Management Contractor

On Tuesday, 6 November Altona Energy announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Parsons Brinckerhoff’s Global Mining Business group with the intent to engage them to act as Project Management Contractor to oversee the Arckaringa Mine development and the design-build activities for Altona’s 30,000 BPD Clean Energy Coal to Liquids Project near Coober Pedy in South Australia.

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Even the smallest of changes can make a difference over time. And it’s easy: any one can do this, so get your friends and family involved and make it fun.

It’s easy to get confused by all the information out there about healthy eating, so let’s get down to basics. 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies sounds like a lot to pack into one day, but if you spread it across breakfast, lunch, dinner and tasty snacks, it’s much easier. To get some great tips and affordable recipes, go to www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/healthyliving and order the free Healthy Food Fast cookbook.

Today’s challenge is to add an extra serve of vegies to one of your meals. Half a cup of cooked vegies is a serve, one medium potato is a serve, or one cup of salad vegies is a serve. Mmmm!

Let’s talk about being active. Everyone wants to feel fitter and more energetic, but for whatever reason, you let things get in the way. All you need is 30 minutes a day to get that energy. If you’re struggling to find the time for half an hour, break it up into 10 minutes of activity three times a day. Seems small, but it will affect everything around you.

Many students are not eating enough fruit and vegetables for general health. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables will promote normal growth in children and protect them against disease later in life. Students that are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.4% in the September quarter 2012, compared with a rise of 0.5% in the June quarter 2012.

The most significant price rises in the September quarter 2012 were for electricity (+15.3%), international holiday travel and accommodation (+6.6%), medical and hospital services (+4.5%), and motor vehicles (+1.0%). Price falls were for automotive fuel (–3.9%), motor vehicles (–1.0%), pharmaceutical products (–2.6%), and other financial services (–0.9%).

The CPI rose 2.0% through the year to the September quarter 2012, compared with a rise of 1.2% through the year to the June quarter 2012. This is the largest quarterly rise since the March quarter 2011 (+1.4%) and the largest annual rise since the December quarter 2011 (+3.0%).

On 1 July 2012, the Australian Government introduced a $23 per tonne carbon price on greenhouse emissions, to be paid directly by Australia’s largest greenhouse gas emitting companies, together with compensation and incentive packages. Carbon pricing changes the relative prices of high and low emission-intensive goods. The ABS will not be able to quantify the impact of carbon pricing, compensation or other government incentives and will not be producing estimates of price change exclusive of the carbon price or measuring the impact of the carbon price.

From the September quarter 2012, the ABS harmonised the index reference periods for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) series. These series are now presented on an index reference period of 2011–12, resulting in the index numbers for each index series being reset to 100.0 for the financial year 2011–12.

Operation Consequence Phase II

State wide operation targeting drink and drug drivers.

Police conducted Phase II of Operation Consequence overnight on Saturday 20 October, which is a State wide operation targeting drink and drug drivers. It started at 6pm Saturday and concluded at 6.30am on Sunday.

More than 250 police officers were involved in both static and mobile driver testing activities across the State.

During the testing period, 7,847 tests were conducted with a total of 69 drink driving and 24 drug related offences detected. 37 motorists were issued with an immediate loss of their driver’s licence and 37 vehicles were impounded or had their wheels clamped for 28 days.

DETECTIONS OF NOTE:

At Flaxmill Rd Christies Downs, a 40-year-old woman recorded an alleged alcohol reading of 0.214%.

At Cowell, a 52-year-old man recorded an alleged alcohol reading of 0.230%.

Superintendent Fauser, Officer in Charge, Traffic Support Branch says “69 drink drivers and an additional 24 drivers affected by illicit drugs were placing other South Australian road users at risk. As a community we must continue to address the behaviours that are the cause of death and serious injuries on our roads”.

Sitting down for long stretches can be bad for our health. Research tells us it can lead to weight gain, posture problems and increase the chance of disease, but there are easy ways to combat all these risks. Take regular breaks from sitting. Get up often, get those legs moving and give your mind a well-earned break.

You want to make being active a habit, like brushing your teeth or tying your shoes. Your body needs to get used to it though, so start out easy. The more you get into it, the more your body will, and you can always kick it up a notch once you get stronger. Try finding an activity you like and set yourself goals. Change things up if you get bored. Make being active a priority in your day.

Let’s take a look at some of the ways you can improve your health and wellbeing.

Many students are not eating enough fruit and vegetables for general health. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables will promote normal growth in children and protect them against disease later in life. Students that are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

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Condoles to Nathans family

To the Editor

I was recently in Coober Pedy & was saddened to read in the Coober Pedy Regional Times of the sudden passing of Nathan Aretas.

My husband & I visited Coober Pedy in 2004 & visited Nathans store on several occasions during our stay; we found him very informative & helpful ++. He gave us a signed fridge magnet with information of his mine shaft fall.

I was hoping to visit him in the shop during my visit this month & wondered why it was closed until I read the sad news in the local paper.

Please pass on our condolences to Nathans wife, parents, children & other family members, he will be greatly missed by them & the Coober Pedy Community.

Yours sincerely,
Judy & Ross Morgan, Howrah, Tasmania.

The AMYAC chairperson is pleased that other AMYAC members have confirmed that the rubbish dump area is of cultural importance.

AMYAC have always insisted that Coober Pedy residents should not have to pay for the dump to be relocated.

State Government officials failed to comply with the Native Title Act in 1996 when the land was handed over to the Coober Pedy Council for a rubbish dump.

The State Government therefore has to pay for their mistake, not the DCCP or residents of Coober Pedy which number many AMYAC members.

Instead of a petition which lets the government off the hook for its failings the residents of Coober Pedy, the District Council and AMYAC should join forces to make the State pay.

Please contact David Brown – AMYAC chairperson – tel. 0427235709

Concern about synthetic dope on APY Lands

Police and aboriginal communities are concerned about recent reports of what appears to be synthetic cannabis being distributed among communities on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands.

The substance has had a strong effect on the health of people in the region. At least half a dozen people have presented to health clinics recently with medical problems including ailments such as vomiting, stomach cramps, imbalance, hallucinations, disorientation, nausea, seizures, fits, and unconsciousness.

Police advise that if synthetic cannabis is located it should not be touched because it can enter the skin through the pores.

Like cannabis, the possession, sale and distribution of synthetic cannabis or a substance that imitates cannabis is illegal. Severe penalties apply.

Police are working with the local community and agencies to identify the source of the drug.

If anyone has any information please contact your local police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at www.sa.crimestoppers.com.au

Synthetic cannabis (pictured) looks like cannabis. It also:

• Is smoked the same way as natural cannabis
• Smells strong, some report is has an almost vanilla-type scent
• Is generally dried plant material with chemicals added to give it a similar effect to cannabis when smoked
• Sold under a range of brand names including Spice, Kronic, Northern Lights and K2
• Can be significantly stronger than natural cannabis
• Effects include vomiting, stomach cramps, imbalance, hallucinations, disorientation, nausea, seizures, fits, and unconsciousness
• Has been sold on the APY Lands in small bottles with a black screw top lid

Heads of Australian Opal Industry to meet with Canberra Politicians

Five members of the National Opal Miners Association (NOMA) will travel to Canberra on 27 November to meet with Federal Politician to discuss key issues affecting the opal industry in Australia.

Policians in the sights of the opal industry delegates are Tony Abbott, Leader of the Opposition; Martin Ferguson Federal Minister for Resources and Energy and Minister for Tourism and Ian Macfarlane Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources to discuss

The NOMA delegation attending the first of its kind meetings in Canberra are: Paul Reynolds President of the Coober Pedy Opal Miners Association; Sebastian Deisenberger President Lightning Ridge Miners Association; Maxine O’Brien Secretary Lightning Ridge Miners Association; James Hinds President of Queensland Bolder Opal Association and Peter Christianson President National Opal Miners Association.

NOMA membership comprises nine opal miners associations from the three opal producing states – NSW, Qld and SA, the two opal wholesaler organisations (JAA and the Opal Association) The discussions with the Ministers will focus on following impediments the future of the Australian opal industry.

• Chinese Import Tarriffs
• Diesel Fuel Rebate
• Native Title
• Aboriginal Land Claims
• Education and Research
• Competitive Threats

The move towards Canberra by the group is fully supported by opal industry members and we look forward to publishing the outcome of these vital discussions in December.
PINK BREAKFAST AT UAC

Breakfast food should be pink. At least that was the case on the morning of the 29th October up at the Umoona Aged Care Centre for the Pink Ribbon - Pancake Breakfast.

The Pink Pancake Breakfast for Umoona Aged Care, which raises money for Breast Cancer Research, has become an annual tradition for Aged Care. 2012 is the 4th year that we held this event. Aged Care’s involvement with Pink Ribbon Day started due to Mrs Eileen ‘Kampukuta’ Brown AM, being a breast cancer survivor and long term resident of Aged Care. The Breakfast has been dedicated to Mrs Brown each year with this year being bittersweet as Mrs Brown passed away earlier this year. Aged Care will continue to host the Pink Ribbon Breakfast every year in her memory.

Eager Staff were at the centre at 6 am preparing, decorating, and cooking. The pink theme was followed throughout the facility with not only the pancakes being pink but also the cupcakes, chocolate fountain, decorations, balloons and even hair (coloured hairspray for most, and a very bright pink wig for staff member Greg Buller.)

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CPAS kids with the Pink Chocolate fountain

Student from CPAS came and had a great time especially dipping fruit in the pink chocolate from the chocolate fountain. Thanks to Geri Prizzi and Pearl Austin for bringing the kids down.

Tjungala assisting Aged Care residents Lily Ulah and Junie Stewart

Not wanting anyone to miss out because they were working, staff also provided a takeaway service to many organisations in town. A big thank you to John’s Pizza Bar who donated the containers that allowed us to do deliveries.

Special thanks to volunteers Lee Papagysis and Ray Mazzone for lending us their culinary expertise. Any one who ate at the Breakfast will tell you they did a great job on the food.

The Breakfast raised over $300 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Thanks to all who attended and we look forward to seeing you at next Year’s Pink Ribbon - Pancake Breakfast.

Yummy Pink Snacks

Quit for you.
Quit for two.

When a baby’s on the way, it’s twice as important to get the support you need to quit smoking. Phone Quitline and ask about Quit for you Quit for two.

They can help you beat the cravings, with tips like these:

- Delay: Delay for a few minutes – the urge will pass
- Deep breathe: Breathe slowly and deeply
- Do something else: Ring a friend or practice your prenatal exercises
- Drink water: Take ‘time out’ and sip slowly

When you choose to quit, you lower the risk of:
- miscarriage
- premature labour
- ectopic pregnancy
- SIDS

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Download the free app
Go to the App Store or Android Market now to download Quit for you Quit for two for free.

Australian Government 13 7848 australia.gov.au/quitnow

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Ray Mazzone & Greg Buller making perfect pink pancakes

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Yummy Pink Snacks
By Douglas Lillecrapp

Reverend Geoff Piggott, of the Catacomb Church, Coober Pedy, conducted a wedding at Todmorden Station on the 19th of October 2012, which I believe to be the first on the station. Guests attended from Canberra, Alice Springs, Coober Pedy and the Oodnadatta area.

Paulaine Kotze married Gabriel Vermeulen, on a barmy Friday evening, who are native of Namibia – “Land of the Brave”. They have been living and working for myself, at Todmorden Station, since August 2011.

They have come to Todmorden Station to seek a new working experience, in a different country, sponsored by an organization called International Rural Exchange, on a 12 month training visa. Since then, we have applied to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for a Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme visa. This will enable them to live and work at Todmorden Station, into the future. Further, this provides the stepping stone for permanent residency in Australia.

For Paulaine and Gabriel, the Australian Outback is very similar to the back country of Namibia Gabriel’s family have developed a grazing property there, running Brahman cattle and Dorper sheep. They too have the heat, drought, fires, flooding rains and yes, Southern Cross windmills. We might have a few kangaroos and emus, but there, game animals are plentiful. This includes kudu, oryx, springbok and warthog.

I do not know a lot about their Namibian lives, but I can see they are of strong Afrikaans stock. They hold strong family Christian values, dealing with tough times, involving hard work, in a very challenging environment.

Their first experience at Todmorden Station was out in the cattle camp for three weeks mustering along the South Neales River. I provided them with an old caravan, a swag and a single bed. It proved to be a great test, they survived and I believe that they thrived on the experience. The muster was very successful in more ways than one – it reinforced their personal relationship, together with developing their working relationship with me.

Gabriel was born at Outjo and Paulaine at Windhoek. They both attended the Otjiwarongo Secondary School. After schooling Paulaine involved herself in catering, computers and visual arts. Gabriel continued on with a trade and became a qualified Diesel Mechanic during 2011. Apart from his trade, Gabriel was placed 5th in Tunisia as an African champion in amateur wrestling. He also had a go in the Bronco Branding at Oodnadatta earlier this year and also rode a Macumba Station steer at the same event.

I was sorry that their families from Namibia were not able to attend the wedding. Distance and work commitments would have made it difficult for them to come.

Finally, I would like to thank Reverend Geoff Piggott for conducting the wedding ceremony, Annie Trevillian, who had to be the impromptu photographer, with Janet Walton and Hugh Pringle, who helped with the catering. I am sure it was a memorable occasion for Paulaine and Gabriel, and apart from congratulations on your wedding, may I say a big welcome to the Oodnadatta country, to you both – stick around for awhile!
WHAT’S ON & VISITING SERVICES?

LIONS CLUB TRASH & TREASURE
17 Mile Road Coober Pedy (Next to Nick Moulas)

DON’T MISS OUT!!
Trash & Treasures for the year
Pick up a bargain for the Christmas stockings at the Lion’s Club on
Saturday 24 November

Please note there is no DecemberTrash & Treasure
Any enquiries ring Kyle Hay on 0400274265

MONDAYS
BOYS GROUP 12-17 year olds
3pm – 4.30pm Home Economics

TUESDAYS
FOOTY TRAINING at 6.30 pm.
ART & CRAFT PLAYGROUP
10.30am—11.30am Lion’s Hall
ART & CRAFT PLAYGROUP
10am—11am Oz Minerals Oval

TJITJI TJUTA INKANYINI PUKULPA
3nd Tuesday each month at 7pm
School Oval 10-16 year olds

FOOTY TRAINING
10.30am—11.15am Little Musicians
Music Room
Coober Pedy Area School

SUNDAYS
CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Rifle 10am -
Golf (CP Golf Course)
Registration 12:00 noon
Tea off time 12:30
United Bowling Club
Lawn Bowls 1.30 pm

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

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

SUNDAYS
CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Saturday 25 November
5 A SIDE INDOOR SOCCER
3:15 till 4:30
at 5 - 6 pm Oz Minerals Oval

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

THURSDAY
COOBER PEDY MULTICULTURAL FORUM
10am-11am. Social gatherings for over 65’s
LITTLE MUSICIANS
10.30am—11.15am
Coober Pedy Area School Music Room
Caters for 3 to 5 year olds

ACTIVE GIRLS GROUP
3.15 till 4.30pm. age 10- 15 y/o
MUSIC/HOME ECONOMICS
room at school

JUNIOR FOOTY TRAINING
at 5 - 6 pm Oz Minerals Oval

CUT N PASTE 1:30pm to 3pm
at Bungala (near Centrelink)
Ages 5-17 Please call Tanya Laufer 043999 166 for more
info. Every 2nd Saturday –

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SATURDAYS
Mine Rescue Training (Alternate Saturdays)

TUESDAYS
FOOTY TRAINING at 6.30 pm.
ART & CRAFT PLAYGROUP
10.30am—11.30am Lion’s Hall
Caters for 2-4 year olds & caregivers. Home Makers,
Umoona Community, Lunch &
Activities. ‘Pick up available Ph: 8672
3066’

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

CFS TRAINING 7pm
New Members Welcome

AMBULANCE TRAINING 7.30pm Umoona Road
every Tuesday except school holidays

2012 DATES & Notices
TWILIGHT GOLF
No Green Fees
Friday 23rd 6.00pm $10.00 will get
you a Bar B Q Tea after the Golf
Game.
Friday 30th 6pm AGM after the
game and a Bar B Q.

Opal Inn Christmas Party
Sunday 25 November
5pm

Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 27th November
Lion’s Club
Trash & Treasure
last Saturday in November
Coober Pedy Community Church -
Bottom of Paxton Rd. Sunday
mom service & children’s
Church -10am
Family Night 6pm Fri

ACCOUNTANT DATES
Waters + Younger
2012 Visits to Coober Pedy
Phone: 8331 9477 Adelaide
Fax: 8364 4676
Email: office@watersyounger.com.au

30 Jan - 4 February
20 - 24 February
16 - 21 April
24 April - 21 May
17 July -
10 August
14 September
20 October
16 - 19 November
3 - 6 December

Roger The Roving Vet Dates
Location: Coober Pedy Pound
Bookings essential
* Clinic 2: May 7th and 8th
* Clinic 3: July 23rd and 24th
* Clinic 4: September 10th and 11th
* Clinic 5: November 12th and 13th

Please phone Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding
08 86433038 for an appointment or orders
(9.30am-5pm M-F, 6pm-8pm Thursday
evening, 8.30am-11am Saturday)

As a 2012 special for Coober Pedy
clients only, Roger will offer 10% discount
on all Eukanuba dog foods.
Please locate orders at least one week
before the clinic date to ensure delivery.

SA STATE SCHOOL TERM DATES
2013
23 Jan - 12 Apr 29 Apr - 5 Jul 22
Jul - 27 Sep 14 Oct - 13 Dec
2014
28 Jan - 11 Apr 28 Apr - 4 Jul 21
Jul - 26 Sep 13 Oct - 12 Dec
2015
27 Jan - 10 Apr 27 Apr - 3 Jul 20
Jul - 25 Sep 12 Dec - 11 Dec
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association Incorporated will now be held at 8pm on Tuesday 20th November 2012 in the Conference Room of the Desert Cave Hotel.

The issues that will be discussed are of importance to all members and we urge you to attend!

AGENDA

1. Welcome by President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. President’s Report
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Election of Officers (in accordance with the clause 15.3 of the Rules of the Association nominations for the Committee must be submitted to the Secretary 28 days prior to the AGM. Nominations will be accepted up to 23rd October 2012. Nomination forms are available from Committee members.)
7. Other Business

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE
Sam Kambouris (Secretary)
Dated this 20th Day of October 2012
Chores and responsibilities

Chores or household tasks also exercise children’s organisational muscles, in particular their time management muscles. Make sure all kids have chores to do that are suitable for their age and stage of development.

Following is a list of responsibilities suitable for kids at a particular age. Different ages will be listed each fortnight.

Early Childhood — 4 years old
1. Set the table with help
2. Stack dishes in dishwasher
3. Collect the mail
4. Make the bed
5. Prepare own cold cereal
6. Help with simple cooking
7. Tidy living areas

This article was written by ‘most popular parenting expert’ Michael Grose. For great ideas on how to raise kids visit www.parentingideas.com.au and subscribe to ‘Happy Kids Michael’s [your email] email newsletter’

Above: Shereen and Loejanah watching Nemo float around while Lily is off to find the octopus ring toss.
Left: Remy making sure her fishy tail is still in good working order

For more information contact Tanya Lauder, Child Community Links Officer, on Phone: 08 6722 4321, Mobile: 0439 864 166 or Email: tlaunder@spcouncil.sa.gov.au
**CPAS NEWS**

We have been exploring Australian money this semester. We now know how to count small change and order coins by their value.

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**TOY BOX ON WHEELS**

We have dress-ups in our room and love doing creative play. We can be doctors, nurses, fairies, princesses, pirates... anything we want!

**Swimming Carnival**

Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 9th of November so parents get your children down to the pool to refresh and prepare.

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**IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR PRE-SCHOOL FROM 2013**

Changes to when children can start preschool will be introduced from next year.

By 2014 all children will start preschool and school on the same day, the first day of Term 1.

This will bring South Australia into line with other states and will ensure that all children receive four terms of preschool.

This guide shows when your child can start preschool and school.

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Alternatively, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/samplenative and use the online tool to determine when your child can start preschool and school.

Aboriginal children and those under the Guardianship of the Minister can start preschool once they turn three. Children with additional needs may also start preschool early. This is decided in discussion with your local preschool on a case by case basis.

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This message has been authorised by
Keith Bartley, Chief Executive, Department for Education and Child Development
PUBLIC NOTICE - AGM

TJALIRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
Annual General Meeting
Saturday 24 November 2012
At Cooinda Club, Port Augusta
12noon – 5pm.
Contact 0421319693
Maxine Turner (Public Officer)

PUBLIC NOTICE - AGM

BUNGALA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
AGM
Thursday 22nd November at 11AM
SKILLS CENTRE, Hutchison Street
Coober Pedy
WBEJAH
SECRETARY

MACHINERY FOR SALE

CAT E240B 24tn EXCAVATOR at Andamooka, 8K hours. 3 buckets + ripper. Quick hitch. 0428 956031.

VACSWIM

on-line enrolments are now open

Log onto: http://www.vacswimsa.com.au or contact the VACSWIM team on (08) 8200 2525.


FREE CPR OPPORTUNITY

As a bonus the YMCA in conjunction with the Office for Recreation and Sport, will deliver a FREE CPR training opportunity to the first

1000 parents who register through the "CPR" link on the Vacswim website. This initiative is aimed at parents of young, vulnerable children and will provide basic resuscitation skills which may one day, save a life.

ONLINE GAME FOR KIDS

Triple Zero Kids’ Challenge A new online computer game that teaches children aged between five and 10 the importance and appropriate use of the Triple Zero (000) emergency number has been launched

KEEP THE OUTBACK BEAUTIFUL

I can

...really connect with my clients

Registered Nurse
Coober Pedy Hospital & Health Service
Job Ref: 105792

I can

Keep the Outback Beautiful

Thursday 8 November 2012
CLASSIFIEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

POSITION VACANT

UnitingCare CFS VOLUNTEERS - GAS BOTTLE DRIVE

CFS VOLENTEERS - GAS BOTTLE DRIVE

If you have empty or old gas bottles at your home or place of work, call us and we will collect them.

An empty or unused gas bottle is a hazard to yourself and others in a fire situation, so please help us to recover the risk and phone for pickup.

On August 24, 2011 The Courier-Mail in Brisbane reported

11 killed in house blaze - most of the victims children

• Four gas bottles believed to have caused fire
• Youngest of the children was three years old

Please help us to ensure our Community's safety

CFS

Local out on the Green during last weekend

Golfers having their presentations after the last match

Charlie Paris

is on a break this edition and says she will be back for the next paper
Italian Club hosts the Girls Night In

On the 20th October Dianne Cooper and Jacqui Boland hosted the girls night in to raise money for Women’s Cancer, Cancer Council. We had over 60 women and some men attended, they come dressed in pink or their pyjama’s to help raise money. The place was a wash of Pink balloons, table cloths, and streamers.

The Event raised over $1200.00 for women’s cancer by selling Raffle tickets, and shots sold on the night. The highlight of the night was the ‘man slave’ auction, of any man who entered donated 2 hours of their time and whatever they sold for the money went to the cancer council. We sold 6 men and raised $600.00. Thank you to the willing male participants.

Thank you to all those who attended and to all the donations received for the raffle. I hope to see you all for the next fund raiser. And remember Every Dollar Counts.

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Email: johnpizza@dodo.com

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★ Extensive menus - breakfast, lunch and dinner.
★ Large selection of pizzas and a range of new regular meals available.

The girls waiting for the auction to start!

All the girls ready to pick up a bargain - auction of man slaves