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# OPAL INN CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

It is hard to believe that the Opal Inn Christmas Party has just celebrated it's 30th "birthday".

Sunday 28 November saw over 200 excited children and parents gathered at the Opal Inn to welcome Father Christmas to Coober Pedy. It is such a busy time of the year for him, but he makes the long journey each year to visit with us.

Thank you Father Christmas!

Some of the long term residents, now parents themselves, were overheard reminiscing about their experiences as a child attending the Christmas Party. One father, as a new born, was mistakingly given a present meant for a girl.

On the recent birth of his own daughter his mother "handed down" his gift. It is a wonderful memory of Coober Pedy that three generations share.

It is also with regret that the Social Club say farewell to Niki and Frank Pennisi who were foundation members of the club, and have decided to "retire". Thank you for a job well done. Your continued support and hard work will be missed by all.

The lucky winner of this year's Children's Christmas Stocking was Elsie Carboni. I am sure Clydine and Joshua will have lots of fun with their friends enjoying the goodies.

Again many thanks must go to the Coro Family and the Opal Inn Social Club for their continued generosity in making this all come together.

Thanks also to the management and staff of the Opal Inn for their assistance with the decorating and co-operation in getting everything organised.

A huge thank you to the volunteers both past and present, without your continued support it would not happen. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

*Santa's Helper*

*Leo Skipper, son of Trent and Gina, receives his Christmas gift from Santa*

*Retiring after 30 years are Niki and Frank Pennisi, foundation members of the Opal Inn Social Club*



## FIERCE STORMS MOVE ACROSS THE FAR NORTH

A large trough extending from Western Australia into South Australia has been directing hot northerlies into SA over the weekend just gone resulting in extreme wind heat and dust across the north west pastoral area.

On Monday evening 6 December severe winds hit far north town and pastoral near Coober Pedy.

Phil Van Poorten, the Water Works Manager at Coober Pedy Council happened to be out at the Black Flag field on Monday evening when the storm moved across the opal fields and through the outback town.

"Once the dust reached us, I figured the wind would have been gusting at about 90 -100 km/hr", said Phil.

Local business owner Mark Harrison collects the weather data from the Coober Pedy airport.

Mark agreed that Phil's estimation was correct and said, "the heaviest gust was recorded at 106 km/hr.

Coober Pedy experienced further "tropical" storm events between Monday and Wednesday this week.

Storm across Black Flag



Photo: Phil Van Poorten

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**Message from Lions Club  
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To the Coober Pedy  
Community



Thank you to All the community for your support throughout this year as our committee members along with with the Coober Pedy community continue unfolding our town as a wonderful place to live, and together we embrace the spirit of giving.

The Coober Pedy Lions Club wish everyone  
in the region a  
Very Merry and Safe Christmas and  
a Happy New Year.

We can't wait to see what we can do in 2011.

If you are interested in becoming a lion Club member please phone me on 86725685. Our first meeting is March 1st 2011

President Coober Pedy Lions Club  
Kyle Hay

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TUE		Sunny. Very Hot.	12 km/h WSW	-	32%	25	43
WED		Mostly Sunny. Warm. Breezy.	30 km/h S	-	65%	21	34
THU		A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	7 km/h SSW	2mm (42%)	49%	20	26
FRI		Sunny. Warm. Dry.	24 km/h S	-	19%	16	29
SAT		Sunny. Warm.	22 km/h SSW	-	16%	15	30
SUN		Sunny. Warm. Dry.	17 km/h S	-	16%	16	31
MON		Morning Clouds. Hot. Dry.	14 km/h S	-	11%	18	35

**Coober Pedy Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka**

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Rest assured that the varied frustrations associated with modern business can be pleasantly and effectively dealt with by Freda and Dennis, recently appointed managers of the OME.

Remember, if it is not in stock, we can certainly order it for you.

We invite everyone to celebrate a renewed sense of autonomy in Coober Pedy and become a partner in keeping otherwise expensive commodity prices to a minimum by renewing memberships or becoming an OME member.

Don't forget OME holds the only explosives licence in the region which helps ensure our opal industry can continue.



Community owned organisation OME is business as usual and renews it's vow to keep commodity costs down

The committee members of the OME would like to extend their grateful thanks to those in the community who have given of their time, expertise and genuine support.

Jim Kyle  
Chairman  
Opal Miners  
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Your generous assistance has enabled us to move forward in the current climate, for the benefit of the opal mining industry - the foundation of our town

2010/2011  
*Christmas*  
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# OODNADATTA ABORIGINAL SCHOOL FORMAL 2010 - CELEBRATING LEARNING

Even heavy rain followed by the inevitable mud couldn't dampen the spirits of the Oodnadatta school children last Friday when the Oodnadatta Aboriginal School held its annual formal dinner and dance to celebrate the year's learning.

A dinner was held at the Pink Roadhouse with roadhouse staff, parents and community volunteers providing waitress service. Students enjoyed their meal and then everyone repaired to the Oodnadatta Town Hall where music and dancing got underway and the community turned out in style to help students celebrate.

Heavy rain began falling as preparations were underway Friday afternoon, and some people were unable to make it in to town. However, the rain largely held off in the evening, ensuring that dresses, suits and (importantly) hairstyles made it through the night!

Students enjoyed dancing, playing musical chairs and doing the limbo. School prizes for academic achievement and school attendance were awarded on the night. Congratulations to all winners.

2 senior class students received Leadership awards from the Australian Defence Force. The Australian Defence Force awards are offered to one student in each of years 10, 11 and 12, who are showing leadership, work ethic, great behavior and good initiative.

Additional congratulations go to the recipient of a Walpaara Anpa Award for year 10 Aboriginal students. The award is offered statewide and only 10 awards are given. Leanne was awarded a laptop computer to assist with her further studies. Oodnadatta Aboriginal School is proud that one of its students was successful in this award.

The Rowan Ramsey Community award was presented to Brett McDonald for service to the community.

Ned Loades, school Principal said that the evening was a great success thanks to school staff and volunteers. He said that all students should be very proud of their efforts this year.

**Photos: Karen Stokes**

More photos of the Formal on page 8



Billy Naylor, Ned Loades (school Principal) and Sean Carroll at the Oodnadatta School Formal



Clive Hannes and Kareem Aitken pose for a snap during dinner



Nathaniel Klembt decked out in his formal attire



Graham O'Toole, Malakai Warren and Casey Bailes



Shakaya Stapleton holding Timothy Klembt



Donald Aitken and Hayden Aitken



Ella Loades-Stokes looking beautiful in pink



Alisha Aitken on Formal night at the Pink Roadhouses big dinner table



Lily Brown elegantly readjusts her royal tiara before her entrance into the formal dinner

Charles Darwin University education lecturer Dr Al Strangeways has won the 2010 Portrait of a Senior Territorian award for her oil painting of Alice Springs grandmother Mona Hunter, announced at a reception at Parliament House in October.

"Al Strangeways winning work, titled Mona, is the result of a photograph taken at the Coober Pedy Races earlier this year and given to Ms Strangeways", said Coober Pedy's David Hunter, Mona's son.

Mona was born in 1931 in Mintabie to a Luritja mother (Linda Brown) and an Irish father (Larry O'Toole) "Larry was a wild Irishman", laughed grandson David.

Larry O'Toole was a well-sinker working in the Far North of the state. In 1920 Larry was attributed with finding the first opal at Mintabie in his work sinking wells in the district. It was up north where Larry met Linda Brown who was living in the Fregon Aboriginal community.

Mona and her siblings including Henry grew up around various stations such as Wintinna Station and also Welbourne Hill where Mona had taken on domestic work from around eight years of age.

David says that at one time when light skinned children were being taken away to missions, Mrs. Phyl Giles whom Mona worked for at that time, fostered Mona to protect her from being taken to a mission with many others who later became known as the stolen generation.

Mona was able to teach herself to read and write on the station as well as occupy herself with painting. It was at Welbourne Hill where she realised her passion for horses which would continue on throughout her life. Welbourne Hill remained home to Mona until she met and married Johnny Hunter.

Johnny worked with a camel train carrying supplies between busy, remote communities such as Oodnadatta and Marla.

In 1957 the Hunter family moved to the 'big smoke' in Oodnadatta in order to educate the children. At that time Oodnadatta was a hub of the outback being an important Ghan rail head on the stock route which ran between Alice Springs and Marree.

In Oodnadatta Johnny Hunter worked at the Airport which was an army fuelling point. He refuelled up to 50 army aircraft per day while Mona busied herself looking after home and family. Between them they raised 10 children who have, to date, produced 23 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

It was the Hunters presence in Oodnadatta that revitalised the Oodnadatta Races. With Mona's love for horses she had become a very good track rider and David recalls seeing his mum being hurtled off Dick Nunn's horse "Bay Walk" at around 30 years of age.

The 10 Hunter children, all a product of their Oodnadatta education are Maxine, now living in Mt. Gambier, Darryl at Charters Towers, Elizabeth in Melbourne, Connie at Broken Hill, David lives in Coober Pedy, Bobby is at Dulkanina, Carol at Alice Springs owns and trains racehorses, Timothy is at Alice Springs, Heather at Ringwood near Alice Springs and Richard is at Ingomar Station.

Subsequently after Oodnadatta the family spent much of their lives living and working on station properties throughout South and Central Australia.

Anna Creek Station and Stuart Creek Station were home to the Hunters for nearly 20 years.

At Anna Creek Station, Mona looked after Dick Nunn's family while the Hunter children grew up on the biggest cattle station in the world.

Dick's daughter Rachel recalls with great fondness. her life growing up with the Hunters on Anna Creek Station

"I have been great friends with Auntie Mona all my life", said Rachel. I always loved to sit and chat as her knowledge of the outback is incredible. She also has one of the happiest laughs", said Rachel.

Thursday 9 December 2010

# PORTRAIT OF MONA HUNTER BRINGS BACK MEMORIES FOR OUTBACK FAMILY



Dr. Al Strangeways award winning painting of Mona Hunter, capturing the character of a hard but good life

David Hunter who lives locally and works at Prominent Hill has raised his own children on station life and remote living. David is now content to play grandpa to his own three grandchildren living in Coober Pedy. One could say he has been blessed having grown up in a large family in the Australian Outback, with an added touch of the Blarney stone.

Artist Al Strangeways summed up her choice of subject saying, "Mona is an impressive woman of great character, who has, in her own words, had 'a good life: a hard life, but a good life', and I wanted to try to express this."

Dr Strangeways took around three months to complete the painting for the Northern Territory project which is designed to help tell the story of many Territorians, both young and old.



Above: Mona Hunter as a young girl at Welbourne Hill in 1946. This is one of Mona's favourite photos sent to Dick Nunn's daughter, Rachel. Below: Mona and Santa Claus at a Christmas party

"Auntie Mona really spoilt us Anna Creek. She was a great cook. It didn't matter how many she cooked for, you could always get a meal", recalls Rachel of her childhood.

"There is a wonderful painting hanging on my wall that Auntie Mona painted at Senior Citizens and gave to me as a gift".

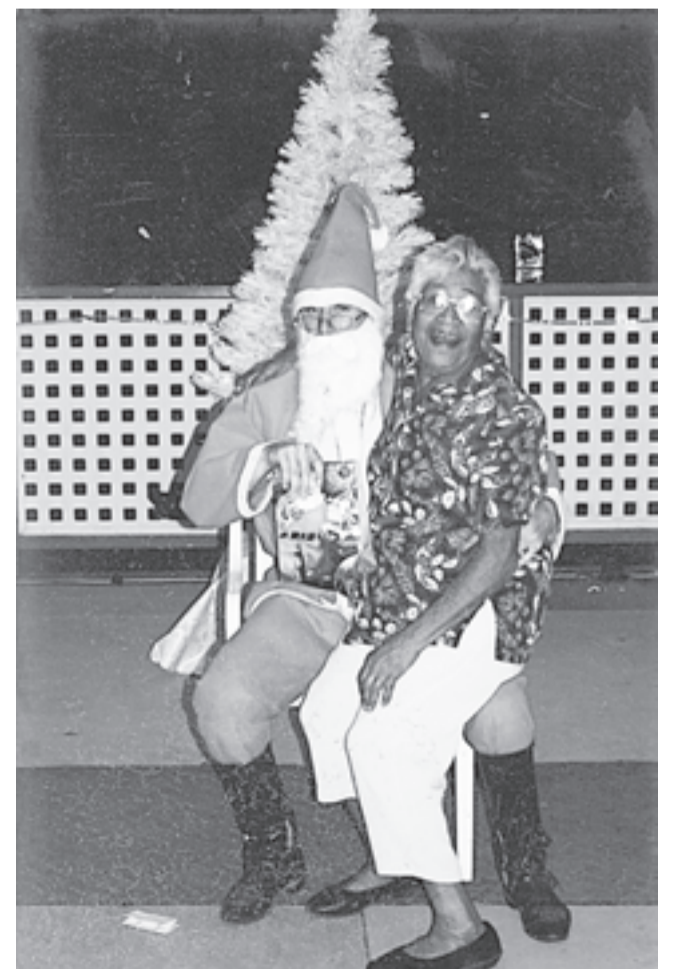
"She loves the telephone and when she rings it's a couple of hours before she hangs up as she likes nothing more than knowing what is happening in your life".

"You hear what's going on in the lives of her family and she keeps us up to date with all the grandchildren's progress. She is so proud of her family. We must also let her know if there is rain and how the country is looking".

"It's so pleasing for all of us that Auntie Mona has been rewarded with such a magnificent portrait", Rachel said.

In their semi-retirement Johnny and Mona Hunter took the family to settle at Lake Everard near Kingoonya and remained there until Johnny passed away in 1992.

After the death of her husband Mona moved to Alice Springs where she has stayed put with some family close by and others only a plane ticket, or a day's drive away.



# CAB CHASSIS UTES - DISAPPOINTING SAFETY RATINGS

Australia's leading independent vehicle safety advocate, the Australasian New Car Assessment Program, today announced a disappointing 3-star safety ratings for two cab chassis utes – the Toyota Landcruiser 70 Series and the Nissan Patrol – following crash tests of the vehicles.

DTEI's Director Road Safety, Martin Small said the 3-star rating for the two utes, which are popular in rural areas, was not a good result.

"They both provided very disappointing protection for occupants and poor protection for pedestrians struck by the front of the vehicle," he said.

"Research shows that, for every star you take off, the risk of serious and life-threatening injury increases. Owners and drivers of commercial vehicles need to consider safety in the event of a crash. ANCAP has concerns about the safety ratings for these two utes. The vehicles offered minimal safety features and the passenger compartment lost structural integrity in both crash tests".

"Neither of these vehicles provided adequate occupant protection in their respective tests – there was particularly severe deformation of the floor and footwell areas," he said.

The centre front seating position in both vehicles have a lap-only seat belt and no air bag whereby the occupant is at a greatly increased risk of severe injury compared with those protected by a lap/sash seat belt and an air bag," said RAA Head of Technical and Automotive, Mark Borlace.

"While understanding these utes are built on a separate chassis and are more of a work-style ute than a passenger vehicle, the results do not bode well for the driver and any occupants in the event of a severe crash. These vehicles are often driven on rural roads, where crashes as severe as the ANCAP offset crash test are not unusual – the occupants deserve better protection," he said.

ANCAP recommends at least 4 stars and preferably 5 stars for commercial vehicles. There are already several 4 and 5 star commercial vehicles on the market. For a full list of ANCAP's vehicle safety ratings, including more commercial and work vehicles, go to [www.ancap.com.au](http://www.ancap.com.au).

**The Toyota Landcruiser 70 Series Cab/Chass Utility received an overall score of 22.88 (out of 37)**

**The Nissan Patrol DX Cab/Chass Utility received an overall score of 21.6 (out of 37)**

# COOBER PEDY REGIONAL TIMES COUNCILLORS TAKE THEIR OATH



"For better or for worse"- Coober Pedy's new councillors were sworn in on the 23 November 2010 at the District Council Chambers.

*Present are: back row - Councillors Carmelo Crisa, Paul Athanasiadis, Boro Rapaic, Dave Bowman and Mike Maylin. Front Row are Steve Staines, Mayor Steve Baines and Rose Marie Berry. Absent was Robin Walker*

## 2010 Council Elections

### Election Results



#### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

##### MAYOR (1 vacancy)

BAINES, Steve Elected Unopposed

##### AREA COUNCILLORS (8 vacancies)

Formal Ballot Papers - 507 Quota - 57

Informal Ballot Papers - 19

Candidates	First Preference Votes	Result after Distribution of Preferences
WALKER, Robin Dean	37	Elected 8
STAINES, Steve	58	Elected 3
BERRY, Rose-Marie Suzanne	45	Elected 7
RAPAIC, Boro	47	Elected 5
TARLO-YAUTAKAS, Troy	31	
MORGAN, Alex	20	
BOWMAN, Dave	83	Elected 1
CRISA, Carmelo	62	Elected 2
ATHANASIADIS, Paul	55	Elected 4
BOYD (nee DOULGERIS), Katina	21	
MAYLIN, Mike	48	Elected 6

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## \$150K OF DRUGS PASS THROUGH COOBER PEDY ON THEIR WAY TO ALICE SPRINGS

Police sniffer dogs discovered a commercial quantity of drugs stashed in luggage on a northbound bus in Alice Springs overnight on the 2 December 2010

Police were checking the bus from Adelaide when sniffer dogs found an estimated \$150,000 worth of drugs in a 24-year-old man's swag.

It is alleged that more than 2.5 kilograms of cannabis and 45 ecstasy tablets were found.

Duty Superintendent Bob Rennie says "the man was was driving his own car from Adelaide and broke down near Coober Pedy. He left his car in Coober Pedy and jumped on the bus to come to Alice."

Police arrested the man and charged him with offences related to possessing a supply of a commercial quantity of cannabis and a trafficable quantity of M D M A (Methylenedioxymethamphetamine)

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# "NIGHT BASH AT TRASH" Coober Pedy GREAT PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS **REGIONAL TIMES**

**Erica Kay**  
Treasurer  
Coober Pedy Lions Club

The Coober Pedy Lions Club wish to thank all those people that attended the END OF YEAR BASH AT TRASH & TREASURE. What a wonderful success it was with around 300 coming through the gates

We also owe a huge thank you to all the stall holders, Sandy Williams for her generous donation for the raffle, local MP Lyn Breuer, Lions Club District Governor Ray Marks and his lovely wife Peggy for traveling to see us just for this event, Santa, thank you for coming all the way from the North Pole, Lyn Gordon for helping the children make their own rocky road and helping with the clean up at the end of the night.

Well done to local band "Aylett Place", who performed to a varied audience of visitors. Members of the band are Luke Raines, Grant Currinetx, Kyal Forman and Dylan McCormack. The band members were a huge help storing tables and chairs before the weather became aggressive.

Thank you to Damien Clark for the sound system, Tanya Lauder for the helium gas for the balloons, Mine Rescue for providing back up lighting.



Fifteen holders participated in the Lions Club first ever "Night Bash at Trash". Pictured are Casey Frew and Dawn Jones with anything from an old typewriter - to opal chips and jewellery

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Coober Pedy  
Regional Times

over the role of Secretary from Travis Karam who is no longer able to commit to this position. An absolute huge thank you Travis for your commitment this year.

To those people that have received their 2011 Lions Calender you will notice that there will be some changes next year to the times of the Trash & Treasure. In the warmer months we will start at 5pm, with an evening meal available and the cooler months 9am start with the usual BBQ breakfast.

Thanks also to Sue Britt who cleaned up the Lion's kitchen after a break-in last Monday night.

Lions Club of Coober Pedy finally would like to mention a special thank you to The Coober Pedy Regional Times for consistent support of the Lions activities during the 2010 year.

Once again, thank you all for your attendance See you for the first 2011 TRASH & TREASURE on the 26 March at 5pm.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO ALL**



Ukiapo Mann and Shandor Nemes with Santa



Lyn Breuer MP attended from Whyalla



Local Band "Aylett Place" performed for the crowd on the night. Members of the band are popular identity Luke Raines from Johns Pizza Bar, Grant Currinetx, Kyal Forman and Dylan McCormack.

As a committee we have decided to dedicate our fund raising efforts to our own community, so if you feel there is a legitimate need in the community please don't hesitate to contact us.

We believe the children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way, and that is why we have focused our attention to the Leo's group (Junior Lions) So far we have Matthew and Caitlyn Cotter and as your leader I really can't thank you enough for your help during the year.

Recently I was present at the Lions hall when the first Saturday's Lego group started. It was truly fabulous to see so many dads helping not only their own kids but others as well. So hey you older kids if you have nothing to do on a Saturday morning between 10am -12pm come along and help the younger kids build blocks just like you did when you were young.

During the night we were delighted to have the District Governor Ray Marks induct a new member as in Kelly McLaren. Kelly will be taking



Lions Ross Chatfield Jess Zirner serve hungry locals



Smoothies to Go was very popular

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# OODNADATTA KIDS 2010

## FORMAL DINNER by Gerry Nunn

*Coober Pedy*  
**REGIONAL TIMES**

## 7TH NATIONAL OPAL SYMPOSIUM PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



The girls at Oodnadatta School Formal line up for a group photo: Dharma, Tammy, Sophie, Tahnee, Dinny, Tayla, Leanne, Front Dayla, Deena

The National Opal Symposium organising committee is well underway with plans for the 7th National Opal Symposium. One of the more exciting developments is the launch of an opal industry photographic exhibition.

The opal photographic exhibition will be hosted by the Australian Opal Centre in their soon to be built fossil shed on the 3 Mile. There will be excellent cash prizes and lots of opportunities for photographers from the opal industry all over Australia.

We are still finalising the details but more than likely there will be nine categories - Opal field landscape; prospecting, mining processing; opal character; opal/opal jewellery; abstract; black & white; an open category that is opal industry related; children 13-18 years old; and children 12 and under. We are planning a major cash prize for Best in Show.

The Committee is currently looking for a sponsor for the event and the closing date for entries will probably be 13 May 2011. We should have entry forms and conditions of entry ready by early next year. So get clicking.

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Audrey, Tiny, Heather, Hayley



Shakaya, Markell, Beatrice, Josiah, Cheyesha



Evonne, Shaquannah, Bubbles, Cherie



Clive and Eddie in their formal attire



Alisha, Hayden, Tyrese Aitken

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## VIOLENT STORMS LASH OPAL MINING TOWN

Andamooka has reported suffering over \$500,000 worth of damage as a fierce storm left a trail of damage when it hit the opal mining town in South Australia on Monday night.

Andamooka Progress Association chairman Peter Allan reported at least a dozen houses losing their roofs. Other airborne debris has caused damage to power lines, affecting the town.

Residents in Andamooka have needed to find alternative accommodation as due to the wind ferocity were unable to cover their homes during the storm.

Tuesday was spent attempting to contact home owners who don't live in the area and notify them of property damage. In the meantime the Progress Association has done everything possible to assist in protecting these homes from further damage with more storms predicted in the early part of the week.

Transport SA has closed roads north of Roxy Downs. The heavily trafficked Borefield Road will await a clearance before it can take traffic.

Some areas are either close entirely or only open to 4wd until the water and damage is cleared.



In all cases of storms the State Emergency Service advises that people should:  
\* Secure or put away loose items around your property.  
\* Move cars under cover or away from trees.  
\* Keep clear of fallen power lines.  
\* Don't drive, ride or walk through flood water.  
\* Keep clear of creeks and storm drains.  
\* Stay indoors, away from windows, while storms are nearby.

## 81,000 lightning strikes and 50,000 homes without power

At the peak of the storms at around 5.30 pm, almost 50,000 customers were without electricity supplies.

More than 81,000 lightning strikes were recorded in the 24 hours to five pm this evening. Ongoing storm activity means some customers may be without power overnight.

Much of the State has been affected, with outages on Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula, in the Mid-north and Barossa, metropolitan Adelaide (northern suburbs) in the Riverland, Mallee and South-East.

The largest outages were caused by lightning strikes impacting ElectraNet transmission supply on Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula and from the Mannum substation (where flooding also delayed restoration efforts).

The northern suburbs suffered the worst impact in the Adelaide metropolitan area, with wires brought down.

"Additional crews were allocated to the worst-hit regions but ETSA Utilities also has been mindful of the forecast of continuing storm activity and the need to maintain resources to continue restoration work overnight and tomorrow," said ETSA Utilities spokesman Paul Roberts

"The extent of outages and their continuing nature means it will be physically impossible to restore power to all customers this evening," Mr Roberts said.

"We anticipate some customers on the Eyre Peninsula, Yorke Peninsula and in the mid-North will be without power overnight, and possibly a handful of customers in the Elizabeth/Salisbury area where we have a number of lines down."

If customers have an outage they should check whether we are aware of it using our recorded-voice messaging on 13 13 66, or via web-enabled mobile phones at [m.etsautilities.com.au](http://m.etsautilities.com.au) or at our website [www.etsautilities.com.au](http://www.etsautilities.com.au)

## INTERSTATE MEDIA VISIT COOBER PEDY TOURING SA'S RESOURCE SECTOR



In Coober Pedy the Advantage SA media tour took in Tom's Working Mine (pictured above) and Umoona Opal Mine before dining at the Desert Cave

**Advantage SA this week hosed interstate and local media guests on a tour which focused on the State's rapidly growing mining sector.**

Supported by the Government of South Australia, the tour was conducted from Tuesday 7 December to Wednesday 8 December across the State's Far North region. Advantage SA CEO Nikki Seymour-Smith said that the aim of tour was to showcase the State's largest export sector.

"South Australia's minerals and resources industry continues to attract interest internationally. The State was ranked amongst the top 10 jurisdictions in the world for mining potential in the Fraser Institute's 2009-10 survey."

"We've seen jobs double in the last eight years with the sector now employing more than 7,700 workers and bringing great economic benefit to the State," Ms Seymour-Smith said.

"We are delighted to work closely with the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy on the tour in exposing journalists representing key interstate and local outlets to South Australia's thriving mining sector.

Seven South Australian business leaders joined the media on the tour as a key benefit of their Advantage SA Foundation membership.

The action-packed itinerary saw the group visiting four of the State's major mines,

including Olympic Dam, one of the world's biggest copper, gold and uranium mines, and one of Australia's significant new copper-gold mines at Prominent Hill.

The tour explored the recently opened Cairn Hill iron ore and gold mine, and the Beverley mine, Australia's third uranium mine. Guests then visited Cooper Pedy's Umoona Opal Mine and Tom's Working Mine before embarking on a grand dinner at Coober Pedy's Desert Cave Hotel.

Advantage SA's is aiming to profile South Australia as a visionary, creative, and innovative State, while providing an informative hands-on experience that highlights the key advantages of the State.

# OODNADATTA PUTS ON A FORMAL!

When Oodnadatta puts on an end of year Formal for it's students the entire region gets involved.

This year, thanks for the memories must go to photographers and story writers, Gerry Nunn of Macumba Station and Karen Stokes from Oodnadatta Aboriginal School.

Relatives and friends from afar and can now enjoy a pictorial reproduction of the 2010 formal extravaganza which is always a huge credit to the efforts of Oodnadatta and district families, friends and staff at the school.

The tiniest details are always attended to with amazing decor skills and the finest materials available. Wonderful formal outfits are procured for the occasion right down to the smallest child.

Congratulations Oodnadatta for another successful community event



The Pink Roadhouse extravagantly decorated for the occasion



Karen Stokes, daughter Ella, Ned Loades Principal



Anthea pauses for a smile holding Trevhan



Christine Lennon with Henry and RJ



Dharma, Dayla, Deena and Dinny  
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In an outback town like Coober Pedy we are limited in what there is for kids. Events such as; Opal Festival, Coober Pedy Races, Christmas Carols and the Opal Inn Christmas Party are a part of what makes our town unique, volunteers giving up their precious time to give to others.

As a parent I congratulate and thank the Opal Inn, its social club and the event organiser, Kate McLeod, for once again putting on our town's Christmas Party. The food, the drinks, the presents, the photos, the Christmas hamper and of course Santa were all wonderful.

I look forward to the 2 hours of joyful mayhem each year. I hope our next generation of parents are as thoughtful and giving as all the volunteers involved in this event.

It was the 30th Opal Inn's Social Club Christmas Party this year and volunteers like Frank & Niki Pennisi have volunteered at every one. This made me very proud to call myself a Coober Pedian.

Over 100 children attended this years Christmas Party. This event is funded by the Opal Inn.

Tanya Lauder



Left: Parents and children gather around the 30th birthday cake

Below Centre: The big children's Christmas stocking was won by Elsie Carboni

Below - Far right: Families seated at the Opal Inn Christmas dinner table

Below: Young Dominic Treloar receives his gift from Santa



## We all need a Bushfire Survival Plan.

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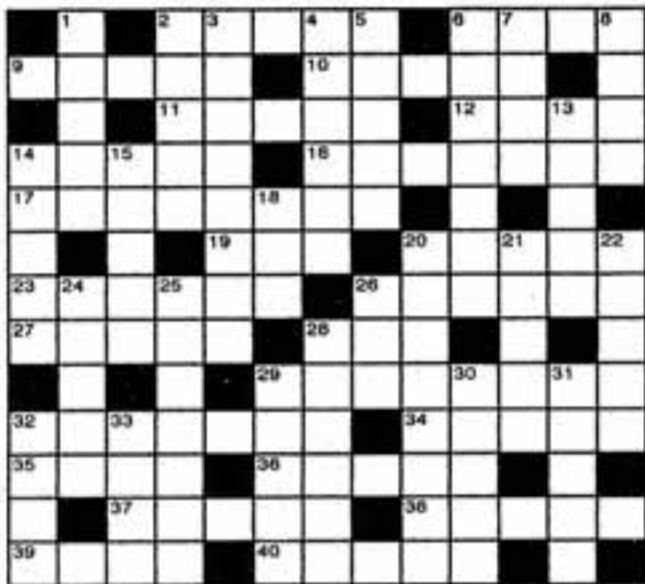
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32. Silly
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## WHAT'S ON in COOBER PEDY ?

### TUESDAYS

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

### WEDNESDAYS

Active Girls Group AFSS HOUSE  
from 3.30 pm until 5pm

Craft Group 7.30 - 9.30pm at  
Catacomb Church - Quilting or BYO  
Tel: Joy Palmer 8672 5038 or  
June Maclean 86725029

Footy Training: 6.30 pm  
Oval

### FRIDAYS

**SANTA will start his journey  
from the fire station at  
5.30pm on Friday the  
10th of December**

Greek Club - Bingo 7.30 pm  
CP SHOOTERS CLUB  
Friday night shotgun 7pm - MARCH

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### SATURDAYS

CFS Training  
Mine Rescue Training  
(Alternate Saturdays)

**DRIVE IN**  
Saturday 11 December 2010  
**The Social  
Network [M]**  
phenomenon known as Facebook  
Gates open 8 pm. Movie at 8.30

CP SHOOTERS CLUB  
Pistol 9am and 11am

GOLF (CP Golf Course March)

### SUNDAYS

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

## Simpson Desert closed over summer

The Simpson Desert will again  
be closed during the hottest  
months of the year to ensure the  
safety of visitors and emergency  
personnel.

The closure will apply from 1  
December to 15 March and affects  
the Simpson Desert Conservation  
Park in South Australia.

The closure does not affect  
Dalhousie Springs

## WASTE DISPOSAL

Rubbish Collection and  
Waste Depot Opening Hours  
Christmas/New Year Period



Rubbish collection will continue  
as normal over the Christmas/  
New Year Period. However the  
dump will be closed on public  
holidays, which are as follows:

**Saturday** 25th December  
2010 (Christmas Day)  
**Monday** 27th December 2010  
**Tuesday** 28th December 2010  
**Monday** 3rd January 2011

The dump will be open as  
normal on working days and  
weekends (excluding Christmas  
Day), the opening hours of  
which are as follows:

**Weekdays:**  
1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

**Saturdays & Sundays:**  
9.00 am to 1.00 pm

The skip bin service will  
continue on working days  
during this period

**Wheelie bins** are for household  
refuse only and not hard waste.  
**Skip bins** are for hard waste and not  
household waste.  
**Wheelie bins** must be out at 7 in the  
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## DENTIST DATES

Coober Pedy Dental Clinic  
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LAST DENTIST VISIT 2010  
Monday - Friday

- 11 - 15 October
- 8 - 12 November
- 6 - 10 December

## VETERINARY DATES

Roger the Roving Vet - 2011 Coober Pedy  
dates

- 28th February/1st March
- 9th/10th March
- 4th/5th July
- 5th/6th September
- 14th/15th November

Tel: 0428426619

Roger will email clients before each visit,  
highlighting specials for that visit.

Roger and Louise Absalom would like to advise  
the residents of Coober Pedy and surrounding  
districts that they have purchased  
**Redgum Pet Boarding**,  
in Port Augusta and take ownership from  
December 1st 2010.

Roger wants to assure his clients in  
Coober Pedy that he will continue to provide  
the same regular service to the area, as  
has been undertaken this year.

David O'Connor



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Wishing everyone  
'Seasons  
Greetings'

Next Visit to Coober Pedy will be  
28th Feb to 3rd March 2011 (86725376)

## SA STATE SCHOOL TERM DATES

**2010**  
T/4 11 Oct - 10 Dec

**2011**  
T/1 31 Jan - 15 Apr  
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

This information is current as of  
December 2010.

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at  
roadstops



## Coober Pedy - What's On?

Christmas is just around the corner and so is **SANTA!**

**SANTA will be flying around Coober Pedy with the help of the Coober Pedy CFS.**

So when you hear the siren and see the flashing light come out from your house and say hello to **SANTA**

**SANTA will start his journey from the fire station at 5.30pm on Friday the 10th of December.**

So from **SANTA** have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year and will see you on my trip around Coober Pedy.

**CFS**

## SALE OF THE CENTURY AT SANDY & ANDREWS

Many people braved the wind and rain to run out and get a bargain, at Sandy's pre-Christmas Sale with literally thousand of new items for the Christmas shopper and bargain hunter.

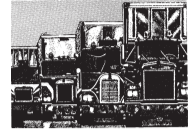
Over the three day "sale" many people returned for a second, third, and fourth look and anything over finished up at the Lions Club first ever Night Bash & Trash.



Bargain hunters Kath Micka, Bonnie and Jayden Watts over the Sale weekend with Sandy and Andrew

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From all of us at the

## THE OPAL INN

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year



Stay tuned for Sandy and Andrews next sale, possible in a year's time!



All sorts of bric-a-brac was available including brand new shiny teeth

**His Worship the Mayor,**  
Councillors, Staff and families extend compliments of the season to the community of Coober Pedy



**Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year**



Remember: **DRIVE SAFELY**



Tanya Lauder  
Child Care Links Officer District  
Council of Coober Pedy

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## 'What's On?'

'Community Library  
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Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm  
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School Holidays Mon to Fri 12pm-5pm)

All Sundays 11am – 4pm

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### Tuesdays

'Art & Craft Playgroup'

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

'Tjitji Tjuta Inkangini Pukulpa'

A Playgroup for 0-5 year olds  
and caregivers  
12pm—2pm  
Home Makers  
Umoona Community  
Lunch & Activities

### Wednesdays

'Baby Bounce Rhyme &  
Toddler Story Time'

10am  
Library  
Catering for 0 to 5 year olds

### Thursdays

'Little Musicians'

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

### Fridays

'Tiny Tacker Playgroup'

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

### Saturdays

'Lego Club'

5 - 12 year olds  
10am—12pm  
Lions Club

### Sundays

'Play Gym'

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

## Seven Ways to be a Great Dad

### Part 7

Take time to turn off your television, computer, cell phone and turn on your ears. It's great that we have so many ways to communicate these days so it is important not to let these devices take priority over our families. It's up to Dad to take the initiative and turn on your ears to hear the needs of your family.

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## How to build confidence

By Andrew Fuller

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Trust your child – Nothing builds confidence more than trust. One of the best ways of communicating your trust is to ask your child for help. Requesting assistance communicates to a child that you regard them as capable and competent. Letting your children cook with you can be a good place to start.

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**Child Care Links wishes you a Merry Christmas  
and a wonderful new year**

## DECEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				9 Little Musicians 1.30-2.15pm	10 Tiny Tackers 10-12.30pm	11 Lego Club 10-12pm
12 Play Gym 2.30-4.30pm	13	14 Art & Craft 10.30-11.30am Umoona Playgroup 12-2pm	15 Baby Bounce 10-11am	16 Little Musicians 1.30-2.15pm	17 Tiny Tackers 10-12.30pm <i>Mini Gems closes</i>	18 Lego Club 10-12pm
19 Play Gym 2.30-4.30pm <i>Library Closes</i>	20	21 Art & Craft 10.30-11.30am Umoona Playgroup 12-2pm	22 <i>Umoona Child Care closes</i>	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
26 <i>Boxing Day</i>	27	28 Art & Craft 10.30-11.30am	29	30	31	



## JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>New Years Day</i>
2 Play Gym 2.30-4.30pm	3	4 <i>Library Reopens</i>	5 Baby Bounce 10-11am	6	7 Tiny Tackers 10-12.30pm	8 Lego Club 10-12pm
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30 Play Gym 2.30-4.30pm	31 <i>School Starts</i>					

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As Christmas is getting closer there are many changes around town. School has ended for the year and many people have gone away for holidays. The Christmas decorations are up in the main street, the Miners Store looks like an enchanted kingdom. Johns Pizza bar is a flashing display of Christmas cheer and there is a large Santa on top of Jim & Rachz's café.

The locals are getting their Christmas lights and displays up. As a family tradition we all pile in the car and drive around town to look at the lights, and visit friends. I missed out on the Opal Inn Kids Christmas Party because Mum forgot to put my name down.



*Here is our Christmas tree. Most of those presents are for me!! I checked*

On the 10th December the CFS will be going around town with 2 fire trucks, they will stop at every house with children and pass out lollies and treats, I hope they can come down our driveway because I'm not allowed on the road by myself.

I always know that Christmas is near when we get the Lions Club Christmas Cake. Every year Mum buys a Christmas pudding, she loves Christmas pudding, but as she is the only one in the house that does. It never gets cooked, and when it's out of date she throws it out. She lives in hope that one Christmas day someone will say, "Is there any pudding and custard?"

We have many family traditions, my Mum comes from a big family and Christmas was always a gathering to remember. She loves the fuss and trimmings of Christmas. She tells a story about the hottest Christmas she can remember, it was so hot that what little moisture was in the ground was sucked out and the air was hot and everything you looked at was hazy. Her dad had something for all the kids. In winter he had travelled to Adelaide and it had snowed. He collected balls of snow and got them back to the outback still frozen. He kept them in the freezer as a surprise, and gave each kid one for Christmas. It melted fast, but she remembers it tasting good.

When the paper comes out on Thursday there will be only 16 sleeps left until Christmas. This is the time to get my super sonic dog nose into action to sniff out my presents. There will be little taste temptations for sure and hopefully a teddy bear and a ball. Last year I had a list, I even wrote to Santa Paws so he wouldn't get lost delivering my bacon flavoured bubble machine. This year I have a different wish list. I want all my friends far and wide to be safe, well and happy. You can't wrap that sort of thing, or put it in a card. It's the only thing I really want and I am sending it on with love.

Christmas is a time for singing, dancing, good memories, family and friends

With love  
Charlie Paris

Thursday 9 December 2010

## 16 SLEEPS TILL CHRISTMAS

### *The 12 days of Christmas*

On the First day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

A kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

7 jars of vegemite, 6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

8 meat pies, 7 jars of vegemite, 6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

9 bottles of sunscreen, 8 meat pies, 7 jars of vegemite, 6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

10 cork hats, 9 bottles of sunscreen, 8 meat pies, 7 jars of vegemite, 6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

11 pairs of thongs, 10 cork hats, 9 bottles of sunscreen, 8 meat pies, 7 jars of vegemite, 6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

12 Koalas cudding, 11 pairs of thongs, 10 cork hats, 9 bottles of sunscreen, 8 meat pies, 7 jars of vegemite, 6 lamingtons, 5 Bar-be-ques, 4 wattle trees, 3 opal miners, 2 dingos dancing and a kookaburra in a gum tree!

Coober Pedy Regional Times

### *The passing of Molly the Whippet*



*Molly fitted into life in Coober Pedy from the day she arrived*

I am told that a measure of a person is how many friends they have. I don't believe that for a moment. If you can count your true friends on one hand you are doing well. I have lost a very good and close friend in the last weeks.

Molly the Whippet was hit by a car and had to be put down. She was the Houdini of the dog world, and could escape from anywhere. She had got out of her yard when the accident happened.



*My friend Molly, the fastest thing on four legs*

Molly was a true friend in every way, always happy to see me, and eager to play. She was loved by all that met her. She put a smile on your face and she could dog dance with the best of them.

I miss you little girl.

Your very good and close friend  
Charlie Paris



*Dog Reporter, Charlie Paris  
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The Outback Open Air Cinema will be closed from the 12 December 2010 until Saturday 29th January 2011. The Outback Open Air Cinema Inc. wishes all our patrons a Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous 2011. We look forward to your continued support next year.



# Solar Rebate plan "flawed" says Senator



## Cooper Pedy Police News

as at 07/12/2010

Almost sixteen million Renewable Energy Certificates, with a current market value of over half a billion dollars, had been handed out to over 100,000 households so far this year - via an indirect federal subsidy, says Senator Boswell.

For 2009 the number of certificates was 1.7 million.

The main drivers of skyrocketing demand are state based deals to pay householders premium prices for the excess power their units produce, combined with the generous indirect subsidy from the federal government that amounts to about \$6,200 per household.

Householders receive Renewable Energy Certificates up front for all the power their unit will produce over 15 years - multiplied by 5. Householders therefore receive about 155 certificates, which have a current market value of about \$35 each. From next year the certificates will have a government guaranteed value of \$40.

The multiplication formula is currently due to remain in place until June 2012, and then reduce annually through multiples of four, three and two before the "deeming" of certificates phases out altogether in mid 2015.

Senator Boswell said a bid by the government late last week to reduce the number of certificates given to people who pay less than \$1000 for their system, after using their certificate money to help pay for it, was tinkering at the edges.

"The cost of the federal and state subsidies ultimately flows through the system and will add to the living costs of the broader community," Senator Boswell said.

"If the government sticks with the deeming formula that it brought into play in the middle of last year, that cost will be many billions of dollars before we are done. It has to scrap it, and scrap it quickly.

The fact that it is now universally accepted that abatement of carbon emissions through roof-top solar power is immensely expensive - for minimal environmental benefit - means the premise for the scheme is, as it always has been, false.

At about 5:25pm on 30/11/2010 police were tasked to attend 26 kilometres north of the township of Cooper Pedy in regards to a Mining machinery fire. On arrival police and local CFS and SES located a local miner's tractor on fire. The miner was cutting up an old tractor of his for scrap metal and it became ignited. CFS extinguished the non-suspicious fire and there were no injuries sustained.

At about 9:00pm on 30/11/2010, police were tasked to a Watkins Street address regarding a break in. On arrival police spoke with the complainant who advised police of the description of three male suspects who broke into a unit on the property. Police searched the area and located the suspects for this offence and all three juvenile males from Cooper Pedy were arrested for Criminal Trespass. They will all attend the COOPER PEDY Youth Court at a later date to answer the charges.

Police were performing mobile driver testing duties when they stopped a 19 year old male from Mimili Community in a vehicle who was doing burnouts across the road from the Opal Inn Hotel. Police conveyed the male to the COOPER PEDY Police Station for a Breath Analysis Test. The male was later arrested for Due Care, Driving Unlicensed and PCA. The male's vehicle was also seized under the Hoon Impounding laws for 28 days. The male will appear at the Indulkana Magistrates Court at a later date to answer the charges.

At about 6:00pm police attended a Gough Street address regarding a domestic disturbance. On arrival Police dealt with assault and property damage offences between a male female at the address. Police have arrested the male for assault and also arrested the female for assault and property damage offences. Both will appear in the COOPER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date to answer the charges.

At about 8:53pm police were tasked to the intersection of Eyre Street and Giles Street regarding an assault. On arrival police located a 36 year old male from Ernabella who had been seriously assaulted. Police also located a deceased dog near the scene and after investigations police revealed that the male was not only assaulted but was attacked by the dog also. The male was transported to the hospital where he was admitted and treated. Police later located the 21 year old male suspect from COOPER PEDY and he was arrested for Aggravated Assault and Urge dog to attack a person. The male will appear at the COOPER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.



# \$7.3 million community infrastructure for South Australia

Local residents across South Australia will benefit from better community facilities as Minister for Regional Australia, Simon Crean, today announced approval of a \$100 million funding allocation in Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program funding.

Mr Crean said the Gillard Government was committed to investing in local communities and was pushing ahead with more than \$7.3 million of funding for South Australia.

"This \$7.3 million investment will help deliver community halls, sporting fields, libraries, swimming pools and playgrounds and other community infrastructure to South Australia," said Mr Crean.

Each project has been proposed by the respective local council or shire to meet the individual needs of their local community.

"This program has already funded 555 projects in South Australia and almost 5,000 across the nation," said Mr Crean.

"Since the establishment of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program in 2008, thousands of local jobs across Australia have been supported.

"The funding I have announced today will keep more people working locally, support local economies, and build infrastructure to strengthen the economic resilience and social fabric of local communities into the future."

Funding has been allocated to councils according to population, location and growth indicators, with councils submitting project proposals based on their notional allocation.

# Calendar Competition receives record entries

The Cooper Pedy Regional Times 2011 Calendar Competition is now closed.

The competition has received a record number of entries... still counting, so look out judges as a difficult task looms ahead.

It's amazing how many events can occur in the outback in the course of a year.

This year sees a fine effort and lots of skill with a varied cross section of contributors.

We wish everyone the very best success with their hard earned pics and keen eye and the effort taken to deliver the photos in a timely manner.

Looking forward to next edition to find out who the winner is.

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# BHP SUPPLEMENTARY EIS RESPONSE IS IN - PUBLIC TO WAIT A FURTHER 8 WEEKS

**BHP Billiton operators of the Olympic Dam gold, copper and uranium mine in the mid north of the state has handed the South Australian government it's 15,000 page supplementary environmental impact statement.**

The South Australian, Northern Territory and federal governments will now deliberate over the project with a decision expected in the second half of 2011.

Acting Premier Paul Holloway said, "The supplementary EIS is BHP Billiton's response to government and public comments that were made during the 14-week consultation period after the draft EIS was published in May 2009.

Mr Holloway says, "the major development assessment process for the proposed Olympic Dam is very complex, involving collaboration of the Australian, South Australian and Northern Territory Governments.

"The next step in the process will be an "adequacy test" which ensures that there is sufficient information in the draft document for all governments to formally assess the EIS.

"The EIS was the largest document of its kind produced in South Australia, describing the project and the potential environmental, social, cultural and economic issues that might arise during its construction, operation and rehabilitation," Mr Holloway says.

"Almost 4200 public submissions were received by the end of the 14-week public consultation period in August last year including a whole-of-government submission by the South Australian Government".

"What is proposed at Olympic Dam is the world's largest mine and it is not surprising that there has been a huge amount of public interest in the EIS".

BHP Billiton has now spent more than a year putting together a comprehensive response to all the issues raised during the lengthy consultation process.

"The Government's submission alone was a thorough examination of the EIS and the potential issues the project creates for not only Olympic Dam but also the surrounding region, the nearby town of Roxby Downs, the Upper Spencer Gulf and other areas of the State.

This will be the largest project with the most comprehensive and rigorous assessment ever undertaken in South Australia's history.

"In making a decision on this project, account will be taken of all expert advice and relevant information, as well as all public submissions. BHP Billiton will be required to demonstrate that it can meet all statutory environmental requirements," Mr Holloway says.

"The Australian Government must indicate to BHP Billiton whether there is sufficient information for it to assess the project as required under the national environment law.

"The South Australian Government will also carefully examine the supplementary EIS and provide its views about the adequacy of the document to the Commonwealth.

"The draft supplementary EIS won't immediately be available to the public.

Only once the supplementary EIS is confirmed to be sufficient to allow a thorough environmental assessment will BHP Billiton be required to publish the document so that the statutory assessment can begin."

Mark Parnell of the SA Greens believes that eight weeks is an unreasonable wait for the public to see the EIS documents particularly for those citizens who took the time to lodge submissions and those who have genuine concerns that exist around the Olympic Dam project.

Mr Holloway says the assessment and decision-making process under the Development Act will be overseen by the Olympic Dam Taskforce and coordinated by the Department of Planning & Local Government.

"This assessment process will involve virtually all government agencies with key inputs from the Environment Protection Authority and Primary Industries and Resources S.A.," he says.

"While it is not a statutory requirement of the major development assessment process that public submissions be sought on the supplementary EIS, if there are any significant changes proposed to the project these may be re-advertised for community comment.

For the project to proceed, approvals will be required from the Commonwealth, South Australian and Northern Territory governments.

"Each of the three governments can either approve or reject the proposal or provide an approval with conditions attached. Some matters can also be reserved for a later decision," he says. "It is anticipated that all Governments will be in a position to make their decisions around mid 2011."

After that, the expansion project will depend on successfully completing all required feasibility studies and on board approval of the final investment case.

## South Australia is AU best performer in the Advantage Job Index for November

The region recorded an increase in job advertisements of 8.68 per cent. This is the first time this year that South Australia has recorded the most growth amongst states.

The stand out sectors in South Australia include education (16.84 per cent), hospitality, tourism and travel (16.84 per cent) and surge in job in trades and services, up 14.58 per cent.

**Additional national findings include:**

- **National Jobs up by 3.38 per cent in November**
- **However a week by week decline in the number of job advertised indicates softening job market**
- **Biggest sector winners: transport (11.10 per cent), engineering (9.10 per cent) and legal (7.7 per cent)**
- **Biggest sector losers: financial services and banking (-2.3 per cent) and sales, marketing and retail (0.58 per cent)**
- **South Australia recorded the biggest increase last month, up 8.68 per cent, followed by ACT (6.62 per cent) and WA (6.18 per cent)**

## RDA Far North to Strengthen Mining Links with New Manager

RDAFN is pleased to announce the appointment of Emily White to the position of Central Economic Development Manager.

CEO, Rob Gibb explained the role of RDAFN is to provide economic development services to the communities of Northern South Australia through business advice and support, training and skills

development programs and delivery of both federal and state government economic development initiatives in the region.

"As Central Economic Development Manager, Emily will work with the Port Augusta City Council and Roxby Downs Council in strengthening links between industry and business, helping local businesses to engage in

commercial activity generated by mining operations, and attracting investment and development in the central corridor from Port Augusta through to Andamooka" said Mr Gibb.

Ms White has a background in regional development, promotion and planning gained through her previous employment as Regional Manager for the SA

Tourism Commission in the Eyre Peninsula.

As a new resident of Port Augusta, Ms White stated "already in my short time here I have witnessed a community that is passionate about building a strong economy and future for the residents of the Far North region. I look forward to helping bring this to fruition".

## SUE AND ROD TAKE THEIR PRODUCE TO THE LOCAL "NIGHT BASH AT TRASH"

Coober Pedy residents, in 2010 are just as innovative today as they were in yesteryear. The needs of the desert dwellers are very simple. A bit of fertilizer for the garden and a nice hat to keep cool or warm. There's much to be said for, "What hast thou in thine house?"




Sunday at the Trash & Treasure is a good way to offload some horse manure for Rod after cleaning the paddocks, while up the other end of the stalls is Sue Britt who makes fab hats and designer cats out of odds and ends



# COOBER PEDY SHOOTERS

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The Coober Pedy Shooters would like to welcome  
all new shooters to our new club



*John Di Donna*  
Secretary

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## President's Message

I would like to start by thanking all Sponsors, Range officers, committee, regular members and helpers for another successful year of shooting. Special thanks to Royce Cooper, Guy Foley, Linsay Coffield Dylan Lewis, Mark Hoad for their dedication throughout the year which included the building of new benches and shelter over the firing line.

We like to thank Daryl Borrett (Coober Pedy Concrete) for supplying the concrete for the footing.

It has been a hectic year, with Shotgun on Friday nights, pistols on Saturdays, and rifles on Sundays with extra shoots during some weekdays,

The interclub shoots this year with Quorn was a success Quorn won the March event and Coober Pedy won the October, Also the competition with the police, golfers and bowlers went well with these shoots to be continued as an annual occurrence.

The changes that will occurred at the club over the summer break shall improve the use of the range and create a more sociable atmosphere with both pistol and rifle shooting to be able to be run at the same time.

For 2011 there will have many new disciplines introduce for rifles. Also membership prices and range fees will change. A letter to our members will be forward in the next coming months.

Looking forward to seeing all members and Visitors in 2011  
Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

Chris Warrior

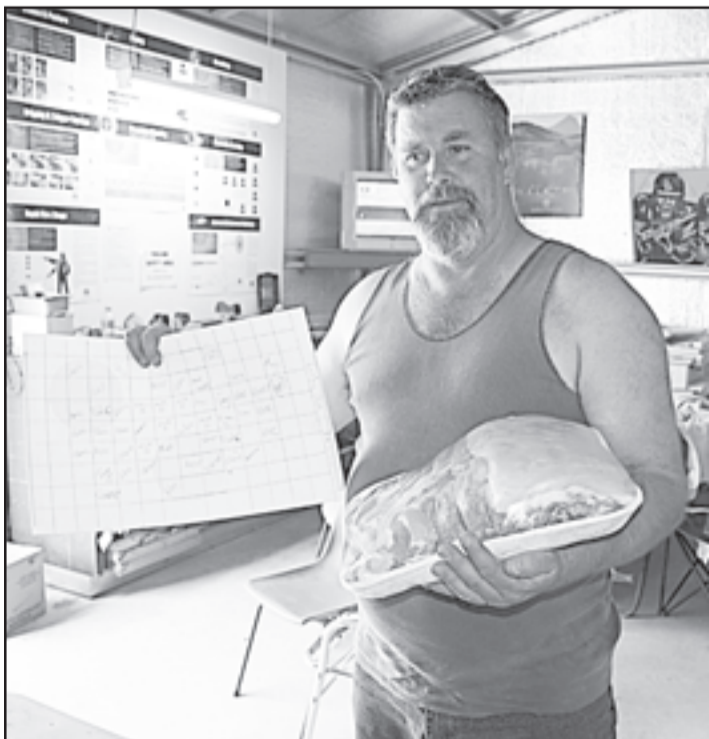



## 2010 Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation

At the Shooting Club 18th December  
Time 4:00 PM

On behalf of the shooters club, we would like to thank all our sponsors  
For their on going support 2010.  
We would like to thank all the committee members for their outstanding contributions through out the year.  
We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year 2011

# Shooters have birthdays too!



*Happy 49th Birthday to Andrew Glazbrook Winner of the lucky Shoot - Enjoy your meat tray.*

*It's always a pleasure to visit or host the Quorn "mob"*

**See ya at the shed!**



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# CELEBRATING CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Carols by Candlelight held at the Oval in Coober Pedy on the 1st of December and was heavily attended and enjoyed as an end of year town party for families.

Coordinator Prudie Clark must be congratulated along with members of the Carols team for such a highly organised event. The carpark was indeed packed solid for the event.

Mayor Steve Baines opened the Carols by Candlelight night with a promise that it would be the "best ever" and it was.

Families enjoyed a picnic dinner with "Smoothies on the Go" in attendance selling their delicious treats.

Kids Voice and Choir from Coober Pedy Area School were selling the glow products and singing some great Christmas songs.

As a finale a very generous fireworks spectacle was put on by Howard & Sons Pyrotechnics of Adelaide.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the wonderful Carols night enjoyed by everyone.



The "Twinkles" prepare to commemorate Christmas with their lovely Carols

Photos: Sherril Wood



Mayor Steve Baines welcomes families to Coober Pedy's Carols by Candlelight



Miss Rachel and Min trying to get the little twinklers together



Mrs Kenny and Mrs Prizzi relaxing at the Carols. The night was perfect for an outdoor dinner



Miss Thomas and Skye getting into the Festive Season



Dozens of fireworks formations filled the night sky above the singers and the crowd



Grace, Prudie, Ayla and Taki practicing their routine for the stage

Happy Christmas to all

See you at the Carols next year!