

COOBER PEDY'S ROD & SHELLEY TAKE WEDDING VOWS - ALOHA STYLE

November 25th 2008, Rod Wells and Shelley Pollard sealed their commitment to each other on a secluded picture perfect beach near Waikiki in Hawaii. They were accompanied by Malinda and Reece Watson, Chris and Joy Palmer, Ashley Wood and Donald Hass of Crystal Brook.

The party of eight planned their holiday to Hawaii early in 2008. Rod and Shelley decided later on in the year that it seemed like the perfect destination for a romantic wedding, followed by a fun honeymoon with some great friends in tow. Something they had been trying to put together for quite some time now. So the plans were set in motion.

After arriving in Honolulu the wedding date was set for the third day, just enough time to apply for the marriage license and have the fella's fitted with traditional Hawaiian style shirts for the big occasion. Keeping in with tradition of course there had to be a bucks/ hens night squeezed in there as well. Look out Waikiki the Coober Pedy entourage are out to paint the town red. Everyone in Waikiki are on holiday or in holiday mode if you happen to live or work there, so the mood was set to have some fun. The boys had some Budweiser's, wings and ribs at the world renowned "Hooters" whilst enjoying the scenery. The girls downed some Moet Chandon then went clubbing. Later they met up with the boys at the "Big Kahuna Bar" where enough dutch courage was summoned by all to join in on the Karaoke.

The wedding day was a perfect sunny 25 degrees. The party arrived by limo for the 3pm nuptials at Wai'alaie Park Beach, a very secluded romantic location. Afterwards the party celebrated on a sunset dinner cruise enjoying views of Honolulu, Waikiki and Diamond Head.

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| Saturday Possible thunderstorm | 22 / 36°C | 30%, < 1mm | Nil | NNE 24km/h | 26% | NW 9km/h | 11% |
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Sea Change for Local "JB" Last of the Brauns

by Annie-Rose

John Braun, resident and business owner of Coober Pedy Auto Glass is planning a sea-change when he sells his business and moves to Cowell on the Eyre Peninsula, already having a house there.

John, "JB" wants to go fishing as part of his retirement plans with his partner Joanne Siegmann.

JB served in the Army from 1974 till 1983 where he was a member of the RAEME CORPS for nine years. This is where JB practiced his trade, Auto Electrics which he has combined with his busy Windscreen business for the last nine years.

JB was a young boy of nine when he arrived in Coober Pedy with his parents, Walter "Wally" and Erica, and his two brothers Karl and Willi, and sister Christine.

The beginning of the Braun era in Coober Pedy evolved when, in 1963 JB's parents packed up their 1962 Ford Falcon Station Wagon with all the kids and left their home in the Barossa Valley and drove through Coober Pedy to Alice Springs where they stayed for awhile before heading up to Darwin.

Wally Braun had found work at the Rum Jungle, Uranium Mine, 90 km from Darwin.



John Braun hoping to sell up soon, chats outside his Windscreen and Auto Electrical Repair business in 17 Mile Road Coober Pedy

After the work at Rum Jungle finished, the family left Darwin to find work at Mt Isa, but work strikes there made it difficult for Wally to find employment, so they looked for work at the sugar cane fields of Mareeba, in QLD. Again, his dad couldn't find employment.

They returned to Mt Isa. JB's parents both keen prospectors decided once again to pack up their 1962 Ford Falcon Station Wagon, with every thing they owned strapped to the roof rack, and left Mt Isa on another long trip, this time to the Opal Fields of Coober Pedy. "That took nine days of travelling", JB recalls.

Upon arriving in Coober Pedy, the family pitched a tent down on the flats at the back of where Ben the wreckers used to be, liked what they

saw of Coober Pedy and decided to stay after six weeks and made it their home for many years.

Wally and Erica Braun built the first the laundromat in Coober Pedy. JB was schooled here through to his Leaving Certificate.

JB didnt take up opal mining though; he mainly did noodling from 1983 onwards. It was in 1999 that he opened up his successful Windscreen Business and Auto Electric shop and now 10 years on he feels it's time to retire and go fishing and swap the hot, arid life style for a refreshing sea-change.

When asked, "What will you miss most about Coober Pedy?" JB answered, "THE FLIES", saying, the 'Cowell flies' are different.

We wish JB and Jo all the best with their retirement plans and trust they catch plenty of healthy fish!



Above: John Braun sits in his workshop, recalling the early days as he plans his retirement at Cowell down on the coast.



Left: JB van parked in his windscreen repair shop driveway, always packed with customers in the outback.

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New research from SGIC has revealed three out of five South Australians (59 per cent) wish they could do more for local community groups and charities, blaming a lack of time as the biggest obstacle.

SGIC State Manager Ms Lee Jameson said SGIC is encouraging South Australians wanting to do more for their local community to participate in its annual Community Grants program.

"The research suggests that many people are simply too busy to be able to dedicate as much time to the community as they would like," Ms Jameson said.

"Through the Community Grants program we're offering South Australians the ability to do this, without having to sacrifice much of their time or spend a cent."

Under the program, applications can be made online for a grant of up to \$5,000 (including GST) if the community group's work falls into the areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response, or the environment.

Applications for a Community Grant can only be lodged online at www.sgic.com.au/grants prior to March 31.

For more information on the SGIC Community Grants program, visit www.sgic.com.au/grants.

Community Grants are available in four main categories:

Crime Prevention

Initiatives suitable for consideration in this category include programs that increase safety and security in local communities by reducing the opportunity for crime or by targeting persons at risk of becoming criminal offenders. Initiatives also considered are ones that change attitudes and practices of people around the protection of property, people and the workplace. Examples: Early intervention programs that target youth 'at risk', educational initiatives aimed at increasing safety and reducing vulnerability to crime.

Road Safety

Initiatives considered will be programs that seek to change behaviours on the road and reduce the likelihood and severity of road incidents. Preferred initiatives are programs that are based on evidence either from a previous program or have a sound theory which aim to create a positive safety impact and will most likely to lead to behavioural changes.

Emergency Readiness and Response

Initiatives suitable for consideration in this category will focus on creating awareness about the importance of preparation and response in relation to minimising the likelihood or severity of incidences in and around the home. Preparation, prevention and hazard minimisation programs which aim to reduce the incidence of damage to property and/or people during fires, storms or other hazardous situations as well as programs that focus on disaster or emergency response and/or recovery activities will be considered.

Environment

SGIC acknowledges that human induced climate change is a reality. Initiatives considered for funding will raise awareness and/or promote actions to combat climate change such as reducing emissions from vehicles, households or businesses, as well as programs which focus on areas such as renewable energy and carbon reduction. Energy efficiency initiatives will also be considered.

The Lions Club would like to thank the following people for their support towards the Bushfire Appeal and the Wildlife for Victoria Raffles.

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It is a condition of tender that the airport design be in keeping with the outback and in some form replicate and give the impression that it is underground.

Council will in due course be holding a public meeting to put to our residents the proposed designs, and accept feedback and comment from you before finalising the tender documentation.

We expect that building work will commence before the end of June and be completed by the end of February 2010.

Industry Walkabout

I had the pleasure of being the MC for an Industry Walkabout held in Coober Pedy on the evening of the 4th March. The evening was sponsored by Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism, Northern Regional Development Board, and Outback Areas Community Development Trust, and sought to inform people about the various tourism businesses and products available in Coober Pedy and the Region. In excess of 50 people attended and many of the people travelled from the Flinders Ranges and Alice Springs to for the event.

The event was also attended by a range of media including the Adelaide Advertiser. I was able to explain to the audience how our council supported tourism by allocating over 14% of our total rate revenue to tourism events and products in order to attract tourists to Coober Pedy thus stimulating our economy. The event finished the following morning with breakfast at the Breakaways.

With the downturn of the mining industry and the increasing pressures placed upon us due to the global financial position, it is extremely important that we maintain tourism within our town and region.

Now is an opportune time to remind all residents of Coober Pedy that you all act as tourism ambassadors for our town. Tourists will form an impression of the town based on the first experience they have, that experience may be the contact that they have with you. It has been proven that if that contact is positive they will form a positive impression of the town and possibly stay longer.

As we continue to rely on the tourism dollar more and more to survive, it is imperative that we all do our bit to make tourists to our town feel welcome.

Opal Festival

Things are really hotting up for the Opal Festival with something for everyone guaranteed. This years festival is shaping up to be the best yet, starting with the traditional street parade down Hutchison St.

There has been great interest in those wishing to include a float in this year's parade so it is shaping up to be a great spectacle. There is still time to put together and register a float for the parade, and don't forget this years prize for the best float is a whopping \$2,000 cash.

If you are interested in doing a skydive at the festival please contact either Paul Athanasiadis or George Boussios and register your interest. What a fantastic experience that would be to see Coober Pedy free falling from 8000 feet.

MAYOR'S ORDER

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Summary Offences Act, 1953 as amended, I Steve Baines, Mayor, make the following order:

"Whereas on Saturday 11th April 2009 there will be a Street Parade associated with the 2009 Opal Festival in the town of Coober Pedy and in my opinion Hutchison Street and it's intersections with Umoona Road, Stretton Road, Winch Street, Post Office Hill Road, Oliver Street, Bank Place, Halliday Place, Coro Lane, Wright Road, St Nicholas Street, Malliotis Boulevard and Giles Street will be unusually crowded, I direct, pursuant to Section 59 of the Summary Offences Act, 1953 as amended, that no person shall drive, park or leave standing any vehicle other than an emergency vehicle on Hutchison Street; from 200 metres south of Giles Street to Umoona Road, Coober Pedy, between the hours of 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm on Saturday 11th April 2009 unless authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or his assigns.

All persons on the streets and roads and public places and adjacent to those mentioned above are hereby required to observe these directions.

Any person who fails to comply with any direction given by a Police Officer, which direction is in accordance with this Order, may be liable to prosecution."

Steve Baines Dated: 17th February 2009
Mayor

Oval

The lights at the oval have now been adjusted and have proven to be very effective. As the football season is nearly upon us, the Coober Pedy Saints first game is only eight weeks away.

The Saints are extremely interested in having a night home game in Coober Pedy. Representatives from the Woomera & Districts Football League last week travelled to Coober Pedy to inspect the lights and the Saints Committee now await confirmation.

If a night game is held at Coober Pedy it would be great to see as many people supporting the local side as possible. I will keep you updated.

Steve Baines
Mayor

Below:
'Oxiana Oval under Lights'

Public Consultation

Periodical Review of Elector Representation

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 (7) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is to carry out a review to determine whether alterations are required in respect to elector representation, including ward boundaries and the composition of Council.

Council currently has a Mayor as its principle member, eight (8) Councillors and does not comprise of any wards. The representation review will explore whether Council should keep this structure, or explore an alternative structure and composition and wards.

Representation Options Paper

A representation options paper detailing information regarding the review is available during office hours from the Council office, Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy, the Council website at www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au or contact Mr Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer by telephone on 08 86 724 600.

Written Submissions

Written submissions, including any suggestions for change, are invited regarding any aspect of the representation review.

Submissions are to be forwarded to:

Mr Trevor McLeod
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Coober Pedy Police News at: March 2009

At about 7:40pm on the 5th of March 2009, Police attended a St Nicholas address regarding a disturbance. Four male Juveniles from Coober Pedy were arrested for unlawfully on premises, property damage, hinder and breaching bail offences. One youth was refused bail and will appear in the Adelaide Youth Court and the other three were bailed here to attend the Coober Pedy Youth Court at a later date.

Police have had an increase in jobs recently pertaining to noisy disturbances or domestics. Police remind the community that if they are witness or victim to such incidents and they feel it warrants police attendance then please don't hesitate to telephone the police. Police can only react to what they detect or what is reported to them.

At 1:30am on the 6th of March 2009, Police attended a disturbance at an address on Ward Street, Coober Pedy. Police located a 23 year old male from Coober Pedy who had a parole board warrant. The male was arrested on the warrant and further investigations revealed that the male was a suspect for a serious criminal trespass and theft offences that occurred at the Radekas Motel. The male was also charged with these fresh charges and will attend the Adelaide Magistrates Court at a later date.

At about 8:45pm on 3rd of March 2009, Police attended a disturbance outside the Opal Inn Hotel. Police arrested a 47 year old male from Coober Pedy for aggravated assault cause harm on his ex-spouse, breach of bail and breach of restraint order. The male was refused bail and he will attend court at a later date to answer the charges.

Police Officer of the Year 2009

Thanks for a job well done!

Nominations should be a written submission detailing the reasons for the nomination and forwarded to:

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At about 6:15pm on 2nd of March 2009, Police stopped a vehicle on Hutchison Street whilst conducting mobile random breath test. Police arrested a 37 year old male from Indulkana Community for driving disqualified, unregistered, uninsured, contrary to a defect notice as well as driving whilst over the prescribe concentration of alcohol (PCA). The male was bailed to attend court at Indulkana in the near future to answer the charges.

TRAGIC DROWNING IN POOL AT COOBER PEDY AREA SCHOOL

South Australian Police are investigating the drowning of a woman aged 29 whose body was discovered in the swimming pool at Coober Pedy Area School at approximately 1.40 pm. March 11, 2009

It is believed that ambulance officers attempting CPR were unable to revive the woman.

The Coober Pedy Area School swimming pool is also the community swimming pool and has an excellent safety record with responsible supervisors and life-guards, ongoing safety training programs along with volunteers and parental support.

It is the first incident which has ever occurred at the pool and emotional support is being provided to those most closely effected.

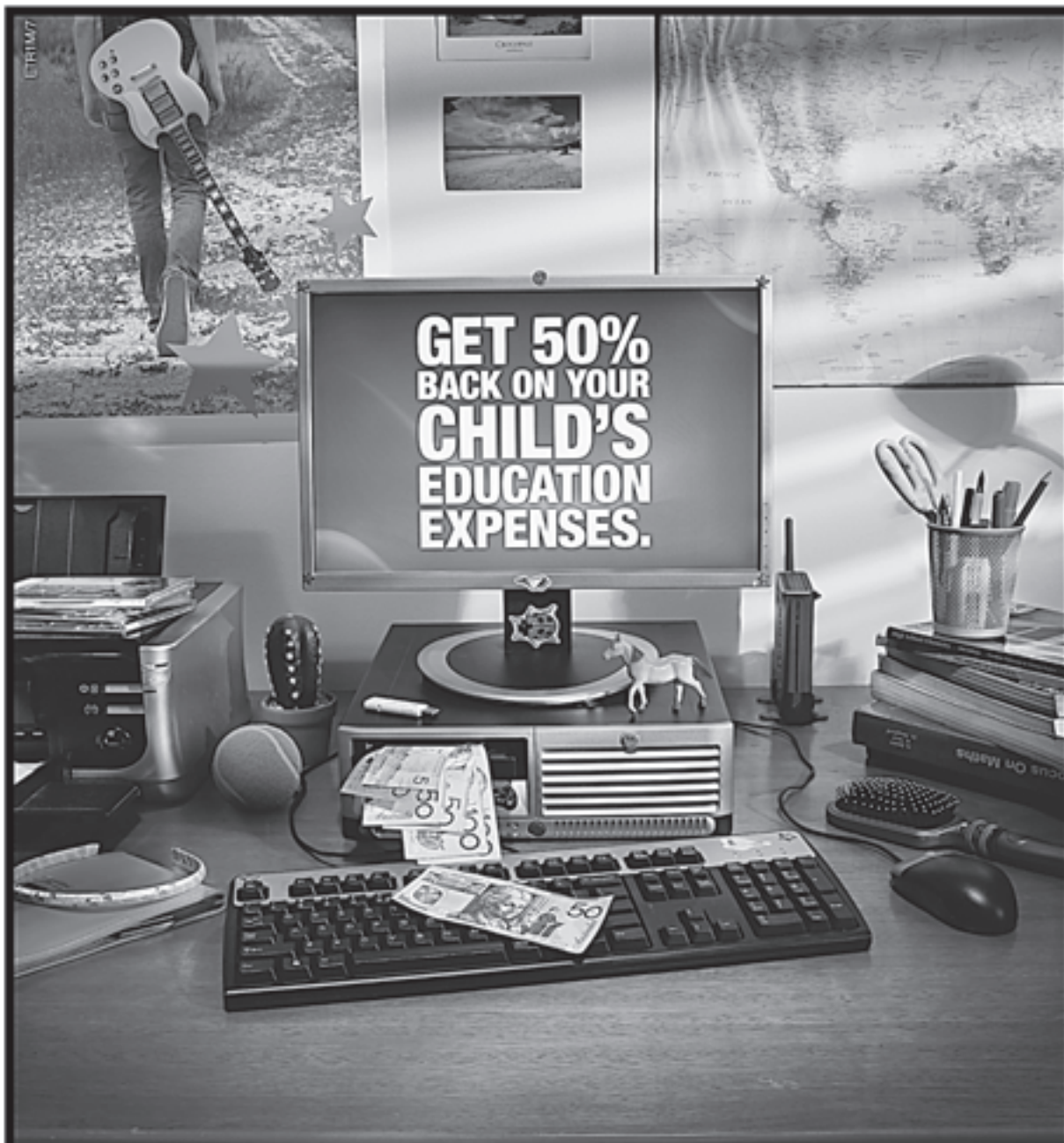
This is tragedy for the town and it's residents and indeed a shock for the immediate school community.

Members of the Coober Pedy community extend their deepest condolences to the family and anyone affected by this tragic event.

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David and Margaret Pritchard visited Coober Pedy, from Grassington, a mining town in North Yorkshire England. Lead was mined here until the end of the 19th century. Open shafts and remains of buildings still feature at Grassington. (pictured above) Bill and Margaret saw many similarities between Grassington and Coober Pedy during their visit here. Coober Pedy was a highlight of their visit to Australia.

LETTERS & ISSUES

Grassington Couple find "Sister Town" in Coober Pedy

G'day to the good people of Coober Pedy (See the language is catching) Having just completed a month's stay in Australia I felt the need to pen a few lines to you all in your delightful town. We travelled around the eastern half of Oz and our short stay in Coober Pedy remains one of the gems (pun intended) of our visit.

From campsite, hotel, shops, restaurants to mines and petrol station, you were all exceedingly pleasant, helpful and interested in our travels. So much so, we were even tempted to invest in an underground home but the distance from the UK rather does preclude you as a weekend retreat!

We picked up the local newspaper (amongst other things of course) and have enjoyed reading about you and all your local events.

Whilst staying with you I was struck by some similarities between your town and the one in which I live. It is called Grassington in the County of North Yorkshire. Its called a town has it was given a charter in 1282 to hold a market and fair. In reality we are a village with a population of around 1100 people.

We have a football team (not AFL) and a rugby team of the union variety. You have National and Conservation Parks nearby (at least in Australian terms of close) whereas we are in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

You have an Opal Festival and we have the Grassington Festival. (Actually two, one in summer for the Arts and the Dickensian one at Christmas when we dress up in Victorian costumes and have a big market and street entertainers.

Our local newspaper is called The Craven Herald and Pioneer and it too serves the wider area, which is called Craven.

Of course we don't have your lovely big blue skies and extremes of temperature, indeed the past year has particularly grey and was one of our reasons to visit you in the first place. On the other hand it's very green here with lots of sheep farming and rivers that are full of water all the time.

As I write we have some snow on the hills and a very cold wind but we are looking forward to spring as the daffodils are pushing up and will flower by the end of March. Of course they will flower earlier in the south of the UK. You will be approaching autumn and winter. Do the temperatures drop and do you have rain?

Finally thank you all again for helping to make our trip such a memorable one.

David and Margaret Pritchard
Grassington
North Yorkshire

Grassington was a mining town which mined for lead. The mine closed down at the end of the 19th century but we still have open shafts and remains of buildings.

Letters and comments may also be posted on the Coober Pedy Regional Times "News Forum" at:

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Thank you for your letter. Yes the high temperatures drop towards March. Rain is random and infrequent although flash flooding does occur. Ed

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Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

NURSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident, and
- A nurse or midwife undertaking continuing professional development (including conferences)? or
- Returning to the nursing or midwifery workforce?

You may be eligible for an Australian Government scholarship.

The **Continuing Professional Education Scheme for Rural and Remote Nurses** is available for postgraduate study and attendance at conferences, short courses and workshops in Australia. Up to \$10,000 is available per applicant for up to two years of study. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are practising in a rural or remote area of Australia.

The **National Nurse Re-entry Scheme** is for registered nurses and midwives and enrolled nurses whose registration has lapsed and/or have not practised for three years or more. Up to \$6,000 is available per applicant to undertake a re-entry or refresher program to return to the nursing/midwifery workforce in Australia.

Applications are now open and will close on **1 May 2009**. Please visit http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/government_scholarships for more information or contact the Fund Administrator, Royal College of Nursing, Australia on 1800 112 240.

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Old Timers Mine Attends National Tourism Awards

The Old Timers Mine had the honour of representing Coober Pedy and South Australia at the National Tourism awards in the category of Heritage and Cultural Tourism following winning of that category at the South Australia Tourism awards in 2008. All though we did not win the major award it was a great opportunity to present Coober Pedy to Australia

The category participants was very strong, WA- Fremantle Prison, NT- Lord's Kakadu & Amhemland Safaris, Vic- Old Melbourne Goal & Justice Experience - National Trust of Australia (eventual national winner), SA- Old Timers Mine, Tas- Port Arthur Historic Site, NSW- Temora Aviation, Qld- The Workshops Rail Museum.

This puts the Old Timers Mine in very good company and makes us one of the 7 best Heritage and Cultural Tourism experiences in Australia and the best in South Australia.

The event was held at the Crown Casino complex in their convention room and it was a honour to

be around the best Australian tourism products for 2008.

Trevor and Rose Berry decided upon winning the initial award they wanted to reward the Old Timers Mine staff by taking them to the national awards, Tina Scott, Carol Arnold and David Wolf attended the awards, Adela Paz, Stacey Mibus and Natalie Carr looked after the OTM for us. We also had Ros Rowett who put together our presentation for the awards join us. We represented Coober Pedy well by making lots of noise when SA was mentioned.

It was fun to get dressed up for the occasion with many weeks of preparing to get the outfits suits or dresses and shoes just right. The opportunity to see Melbourne, relax and do the tourist thing was an opportunity we also cherished.

We hope that with hard work, passion and a good year we again will get the chance to represent not just the Old Timers Mine but this amazing place we all call Coober Pedy.



**Top row Tina Scott, Jane Lomax-Smith Tourism Minister, David Wolf, Ros Rowett
Front Row Carol Arnold, Trevor and Rose Berry**

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Both of these features are available on many new cars either as standard equipment or as optional extras. To find out if your next car has ESC and Curtain Air Bags visit howsafelyyourcar.com.au

Peter Lesiat Watson turns One Year Old



Peter Lesiat Watson turned one year old on the 10th March 2009.

Young Peter carrying on the Watson name in Coober Pedy was treated to a celebration with family and friends at Tom and Mary's Taverna in Hutchison Coober Pedy.

Earlier in the day young Peter had a birthday party with all the kids at Mini Gems Child Care Centre. The party was a huge treat and mum and dad would like to thank Mini Gems the amazing party.

Peter Lesiat's mum and dad are Peter and Heidi

Watson. His grandparents are Bob Watson and Carol Shearer.

Above: One year old Peter plays with some giant balloons at the Mini Gems Party during the afternoon.



Peter having just turned ONE year old, outside Tom & Mary's Taverna with mum and dad Heidi and Peter Watson after having a big family and friends party for the special occasion.

Truck and Bus Transitional Class Exemption Expires 28 March 2009

Will your business be caught napping?

If you use the Road Traffic (Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue) Transitional Class Exemption Notice 2008, it will expire on **Saturday 28 March 2009**.

If you are not accredited - in Basic Fatigue Management (BFM) or Advanced Fatigue Management (AFM) - by 28 March 2009, drivers will be required to revert to Standard Hours (12 hours work in 24).

Operators must decide which fatigue management option they require. For BFM or AFM, drivers need training, fatigue management systems developed and audited.

Doing nothing is not an option.

Everyone in the supply chain is responsible, not just the driver. It's about drivers returning home safely.

For more information visit transport.sa.gov.au or call 1300 784 344.

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Are your kids asking questions about Easter/ Jesus or God?

The Catacomb Church runs Children's Ministries which may help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday of School Term
9.30 am - 11.00 am Ages 3-13 years
Bus pickup available if needed

ADVENTURERS KIDS CLUB every 2nd Friday of School Term
3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Ages 7 - 13 years

For more information please ring Pastor Peter Palmer at the Catacomb Church on 86 725 038

COOBER PEDY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

This Easter on April 11th and 12th the Coober Pedy Historical Society Inc. will be celebrating it's 20th Anniversary.

We intend to launch our Digital Archival Collection on the 11th April at the Opal Festival. This project has been a long time goal of the Society and has finally come to fruition. Now thanks to many hours of work by June Mc Lean and Kath Mitchell and the unlimited encouragement of Anne Johnson we can share our collection with the public much easier. We have reached our first goal - that being to have a back up copy of our entire collection.

On Sunday 12th April we will be hosting a luncheon at the Serbian Orthodox Hall, where we hope past and present members of our Society can get together and swap stories of our town and its characters. As bookings for this function are essential we ask interested persons to contact either Judy Underwood on 86725 210 or Jenny Davison on 86723714 before 18th March for further details.



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Will visit Coober Pedy Medical Centre

- Monday 30 March
- Tuesday 31 March
- Wednesday 1 April

for appointment please contact **86725376**

50th Anniversary for Bob & Bev East

Long term Coober Pedy residents, Bev and Bob East are having a double celebration this Easter.

20 years in Coober Pedy is a pretty good innings however the big one is the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 7th of April 2009.

Bob and Bev were married in 1959 in Adelaide. They have 5 children who have provided them with 10

grandchildren and 2 great-grand children.

Having got this far Bob and Bev will be celebrating over Easter with family and friends.

It's yet to be confirmed that Bob and Bev will be doing a joint sky-dive at the Opal Festival, freefalling 8000 feet above their home in Coober Pedy as part of their celebrations.

'CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR LOVING FAMILY'



Pictured left: Bev and Bob East at their wedding in Adelaide 1959, now celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, in Coober Coober Pedy, with 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grand children to their credit

TRAGEDY HAS FOLLOWED ONE LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER

Nathan Aretas hasn't had an easy life, having had many ordeals along the way. His parents, Matthew and Angela sailed from Greece to Sydney, Australia in 1969 to start a new life.

The Aretas family began a dress making business in Sydney and then in 1980 his father came to have a look at Coober Pedy and while here he sold some dresses, leaving his wife and Nathan, his two brothers, Avel and John and two sisters, Natasha and Anna behind. He returned to Sydney in 1984 to bring his family to Coober Pedy.

Nathan was a young boy when they came here. They lived for three years in a railway house at Manguri Station, 45k north of town, a small community with eight or nine houses. In that time his father was the school bus driver, taking his own children and other children back and forth to school every day from Manguri Station. Nathan was in year nine when he left school in 1987.

On one particular day while cooking steak and chips he was called outside to have his photo taken. Having forgotten dinner was cooking, the stove caught on fire and next the whole kitchen was ablaze. Fortunately, only the one room was damaged. That was the start of Nathans many misfortunes to come.

At age sixteen Nathan and his brother John were near a mine shaft on the new Zorba field, when Nathan slipped and fell eighty seven feet, hitting his chest on the way down. He survived and semi conscious, remembers hearing Peter Rowe talking to him while he put Nathan in a harness stretcher and winched him to the surface to a waiting ambulance.



Peter Rowe was first on the scene with the Coober Pedy Mine Rescue Squad and the local Police to whom Nathan still gives thanks. Nathan was badly hurt. He had chipped and crushed several vertebrae in his back not knowing if he would ever walk again, plus squashed muscles in his arm and chest and was unconscious for three days. He was flown to the Pt Augusta Hospital where he spent three months recovering and learning to walk.

Before Nathans tragic accident, his father was badly injured while holding a jerry can. A person known to the family lit a match and threw it next to him; the jerry can caught on fire engulfing his father in flames. His recovery was long in the Adelaide Hospital having received 70% burns to his body.



Nathan Aretas: Don't forget to meet the man "who survived the fall as a young boy and lived to tell his story!" Nathans shop is located half way down Hutchinson Street. It is open seven days a week from 9 am to 6pm.

One year after Nathans horrific fall his appendix burst and was flown to Pt Augusta Hospital to have an operation and was then sent home, only to fly back again because he developed an infection. In 2004 Nathan was diagnosed with bone cancer and has been receiving ongoing chemotherapy and bone strengthening treatments for the last five years. This has caused an enormous amount of emotional strain on the whole family, especially on the love of his life, wife Bonna, who runs the shop while Nathan is away in Adelaide receiving chemo' treatments. When back home he needs to recuperate for a few days before he feels well enough to run the shop himself.

In 1989 Nathan began work at the Caltex service station which back then was across the road from the pub.. He worked there for eight years then moved across to Ampol for eleven years. During his time at Ampol he met Bonna, married her and had two children, Angie and son Mattheo.



ARETAS OPALS AND PHOTO SHOP

- ◆ Media Cards: buy 1 get 1 free
- ◆ Over 50 digital prints 50c ea and put on disc free
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- ◆ 10% OFF all good, not on special



Rod and Shelley Wed



Above: Rod and the boys - Buck's night out with the Hooter's girls

Right: Rod kisses his lovely bride, Shelley

Left: The Shelley and the girls go shopping for their hens night



The Hawaiian Wedding Party consisted of Malinda and Reece Watson, Chris and Joy Palmer, Ashley Wood and Donald Hass, with Rod and Shelley centre

Then off they all went on the honeymoon!

**Congratulations
to
Rod and Shelley**

www.opalfestival.com.au

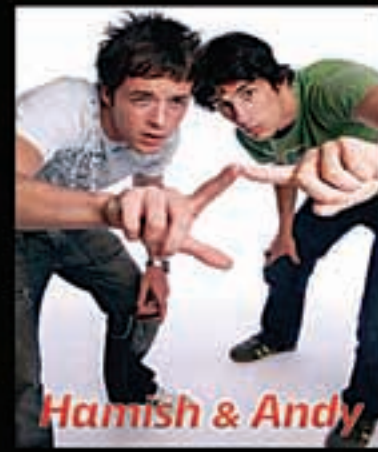
Opal Festival 2009 Easter Saturday 11th April Cooper Pedy



- 1:00 Box Car Race
- 1:30 Street Parade
- 2:00 Official Opening Speech
- 2:30 Chris Sperou – Air Show
- 3:00 Holding Sacs of Opal
(Sponsored by Monica Nagyszollosi from Raine & Horne)
- 3:30 Toss the Sausage
(Sponsored by Waters & Younger)
- 4:00 100m Sprint & Relays
- 4:30 Tug of War
(Sponsored by Desert Rainbow)
- 5:00 Chris Sperou – Air Show
- 6:00 Presentations & Gold Nugget raffle draw
- 7:30 Fireworks
(Sponsored by Caltex, Opalios & Stuart Range Caravan Park)
- 10:00 Marquees & Festivals Close. Lights off at 10:30pm.
Remember - Slip - Slop - Slap & Put on a Hat!

Fireworks
Crazy Aerobatic Air Show
Tandem Skydiving
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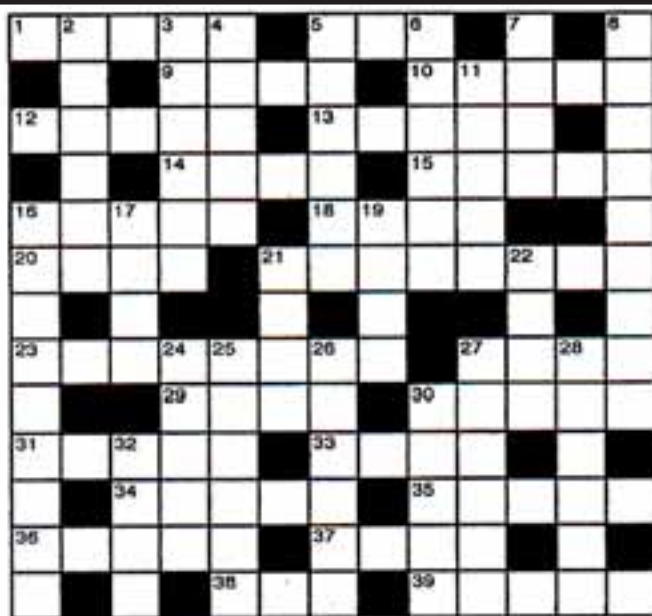
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NO. 211

ACROSS

1. Diagonal support
5. Toward the stern
9. Farm produce
10. Having wings
12. Sheen
13. Removes the rind
14. Withered
15. Narrow gradually
16. Metal
18. Applaud
20. Turf used for fuel
21. Frightens
23. Process of freezing
27. Grain shed
29. Frosty
30. Doctrine
31. Volatile liquid
33. Type
34. Legislate
35. Complete
36. Union of three
37. Otherwise
38. Do the wrong thing
39. Verity



DOWN

2. Tell
3. Pamper
4. Artist's stand
5. Appearance
6. Deposit on teeth
7. Fastener
8. Stand for

11. Sprang
16. Pasta
17. Nobleman
19. Fine linen
21. Slender
22. Tilt
24. Sphere of action
25. Volley of abuse
26. Bivalve shell-fish
27. Superior
28. Regard as an insult
30. Reliance
32. Successor

SOLUTION NO. 210



WHAT'S ON in COOBER PEDY ?

MONDAYS

AMBULANCE TRAINING
Umooona Road

TUESDAYS

SOCIAL MYSTERY DARTS
Italian Club 7.30 PM

DISTRICT COUNCIL MTGS
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

FOOTY TRAINING 6.30 pm Oval

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 3058

THURSDAYS

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

FOOTY TRAINING 6.30 pm Oval

FRIDAYS

Italian Club 6th March 7pm.
Lions Bush Fire Raffle Night
The theme is 60's & 70's Rock,
Punk & Hippie.

Italian Club
Fish N Chips from 6.30pm
Adults \$7.00
Child \$3.50

SATURDAYS

CFS TRAINING
MINE RESCUE TRAINING
(Alternate Saturdays)

TRASH 'N TREASURE - LIONS
Last Saturday each Month

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Pistol Competition
10am and 12pm
Rapid Fire
GOLF (CP Golf Course)

SUNDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Rifle Competition
Sundays 10am

Golf (CP Golf Course)

OUTBACK EVENTS

16 May 2009
OODNADATTA RACES

12 July 2009
**OODNADATTA
BRONCO BRANDING**

For further information
contact Eddie Nunn
86707801 or
Tony Williams 86707961.
www.oodnadattaraceclub.org.au

Saturday 22 August 2009
**William Creek
Bronco Branding
and Campdraft**

SCHOOL TERMS 2009
Term 1 27 Jan - 9 Apr
Term 2 27 Apr - 3 Jul
Term 3 20 Jul - 25 Sep
Term 4 12 Oct - 11 Dec

LIGHTNING RIDGE MINING NEWS

MUTTABUN COMPENSATION

Mr Slack-Smith has opted out of the compensation scheme administered by the Lightning Ridge Mining Board. Miners can continue to pay their compensation directly to the Department as agents of the Mining Warden's Court. The Mining Warden made a compensation determination back in 1990 for all mineral claims and it has never been varied. If a grazier does not wish to be in the voluntary Mining Board scheme they revert to the Warden's original decision.

Compensation payments for 'Muttubun' are now \$25 per claim of which the landholder receives \$12.50 and the other \$12.50 goes into a pool for rehabilitation or further compensation claims.

WYOMING SUPREME COURT CASE

The landholder has appealed the Mining Warden's determination of the Access Management Plan for 'Wyoming' to the Supreme Court. The appeal will be heard in Sydney on 6 & 7 April and LRMA representatives will be attending. The Court will hear arguments on points of law from both sides. The landholder is appealing on several grounds but the main argument will be the definition of the word 'access'. The Supreme Court cannot determine an Access Management Plan so if they decide any of the Warden's decisions were in error it would need to go back to the Warden for redetermination. The LRMA is in the process of preparing a response to the landholder's submission, which they then have an opportunity to respond to prior to the hearing.

2009 Opal Calendar

11 April 2009
Coober Pedy Opal Festival

7 - 11 July 2009
**National Opal Symposium &
Winton QBOA Opal Trade
Show**

17 - 19 July 2009
Yowah Opal Festival Qld

24 - 25 July 2009
Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show

30 & 31 July - 1 & 2 August 2009
**Lightning Ridge Opal Festival
& IOJDA Jewellery Awards**

6 & 7 August 2009
Australin Opal Exhibition



Kendall Schuller, the Face of Opal 2009

WASTE DEPOT

(4 km north along the Oodnadatta Road)

OPENING HOURS & FEES

The Waste Depot operating hours are:

Monday to Friday 1 pm to 4 pm

Saturdays and Sundays 9 am to 1 pm

till last weekend in March.

Single Axle Trucks &
Commercial Waste Bins: **\$27.50/load + GST**

Semi-Trailer, Tandem Tippers
& Waste Compactor Trucks: **\$55/load + GST**

Please note that the Waste Depot will be closed on all Public Holidays.

Enquiries regarding the new Residential Domestic Waste Collection service and/or the Waste Depot hours of operation can be directed to the Council Office on Telephone 86 725 298.

Outback Areas Community Development Trust Update

New information and Reminders

- The Vet will visit Mintabie on the 31st March, Marla 1st April and Oodnadatta 2nd April and to contact the OACDT for expressions of interest to attend.
- Urgent December quarter- Submit Executive support work plans and financial reports this quarter if not completed.
- Some Communities have still not installed their rainwater tanks provided by the OACDT around 6 months ago. Please let Bill Ryan know if this is an issue and we will see how we can assist. Call him on 86485970.
- 2009 Yunta Picnic Races & Gymkhana - Sat 9th May 2009
- William Creek Gymkhana 4th April 2009
- Back to Blinman 6-7th June 2009

YOUTH INFORMATION

TARGETED YOUTH GRANTS - MARCH 2009 ROUND NOW OPEN

The Office for Youth is pleased to announce the opening of the March round of Targeted Youth Grants to support community organisations to develop and deliver targeted initiatives in response to specific issues identified by young people and the youth sector.

Applications for funding to support a project addressing one, or both, of the following issues are invited for the March 2009 funding round:

- * The promotion and encouragement of healthy and active bodies.
- * Initiative or programs for young people in rural and regional areas.

Grants of \$10,000 are available on a once-off basis, and are to be used within one year of receipt of the grant. It is anticipated that two funding rounds will be offered per year.

Applications for the March 2009 round close on Tuesday 31 March 2009.

Grant Guidelines and Application Forms are available via the Office for Youth's website at www.officeforyouth.sa.gov.au.

For more information, please see the funding guidelines available online or contact Joanne Wilson on 8204 8480 or wilson.joanne@saugov.sa.gov.au

INTERESTED IN TRAINING A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Yaitya Purrana - Indigenous Health Unit, University of Adelaide wish to seek out those in the Indigenous community who may have a desire to become a health professional.

As you are aware, increasing the number of Indigenous health professionals is a crucial strategy in improving health and wellbeing outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

The Yaitya Purrana-Indigenous Health Unit currently supports some 25 students studying a variety of programs including Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health, Nursing and Health Science.

In 2009 and beyond we are keen to increase these numbers and ensure that communities and individuals have all the correct information about how to access these programs.

GRANT/ PROGRAM KEY

DUE DATE

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| TELSTRA SENIOR CONNECT PROGRAM | 20TH MARCH 2009 |
| TOURISM EVENT FUNDING | 31ST MARCH 2009 |
| SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES | 31ST MARCH 2009 |
| OPEN SPACE GRANT FUNDING | ONGOING |
| HOUSING TRUST COMMUNITY GRANTS | ONGOING |
| MERCY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT | ONGOING |
| RESPONSIBLE OFFICER TRAINING | ONGOING |

Youth Parliament 2009 – Applications Open!

Youth Parliament will be held from 6 – 10 July 2009. Young people aged 16 -25 are eligible to enter.

Applications are now open for Youth Parliamentarians (applications close on 10 April) and a Volunteer Taskforce (applications close on 10 March).

All of the details are at <http://www.ypsa.org.au/>. For more information contact Adolfus Padamadan on 8200 2514 or email info@ypsa.org.au.

Youth Participation training for YAC Facilitators

The Office for Youth is pleased to present the opportunity for YAC facilitators to take part in Youth Participation Training on 19 June 2009. There are 25 positions available. Please see the attached flyer for more details and contact Belinda Larke at larke.belinda@saugov.sa.gov.au to RSVP.

YAC@ - positions available for one regional and one metro YAC member (aged 12-25).

An opportunity exists for one YAC member from an SA regional area (aged 12-25), and one YAC member from the SA metro area (aged 12-25), to join YAC@.

YAC@ (the Youth Advisory Committee Advisory Team) provides information, advice and views to the Office for Youth in relation to the implementation, further development and future directions of the Office for Youth's Local Government Youth Strategy.

COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT FUND

The Community Project Grant Fund provides funding for initiatives that benefit Housing SA customers and the general community. Up to \$2,000 is available for each project. Phone 8207 0178 for more information.

Who can apply

Community organisations or organisations with a community development focus are eligible to apply for funds to subsidise projects which Housing SA customers are the prime beneficiaries.

- * Individuals wishing to form a group to begin a project in their area.
- * Existing Housing SA customer groups or organisations.
- * Only non-government organisations and community groups can apply.

SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES- CLOSING 31 MARCH 2009

Eligibility

Not for profit organisations and communities with a population under 10,000 may apply. Projects must be for a charitable purpose (benefit the whole community). Refer to the website for further details.

A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$850,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities

Currently, preference will be given to projects that support:

- Community hardship in drought effected areas
- Community infrastructure
- Resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia.
- Community development involving disadvantaged children or young people

For further information visit: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

For further information contact

Grants Manager
Email: info@frrr.org.au
Phone: 03 5430 2399
Web: www.frrr.org.au

SOLAR REBATE SCHEME

The Solar Homes and Communities Plan provides cash rebates for the installation of solar photovoltaic systems on homes and community use buildings. Schools are no longer eligible for funding under this program.

Eligibility

- Rebates and grants are available for the purchase and installation of major equipment items. Equipment must be new and not second-hand.
- Residential rebates are for photovoltaic systems that are connected to a main-grid or are very close to a main-grid.
- Any system eligible for a rebate under the Renewable Remote Power Generation Program is ineligible for the Solar Homes and Communities Plan; applicants should discuss which rebate to apply for with an accredited designer and installer.
- The person who carries out the installation must be accredited for design and installation of photovoltaic systems.
- Applicant's household taxable income must be less than \$100,000.

How to apply

All applicants should send completed forms by mail to:

Solar Homes and Communities Plan Manager

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

PO Box 787

CANBERRA ACT 2600

For more information on how to apply, contact the national information line on 1800 808 571.

Editorial - C-Paris



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

Hello Charlie Paris, my name is Jack. I'm an "Andamooka Special" dog. Everyone thinks I'm a he Jack but I'm not, I'm a she Jack and I don't know for the life of me why my mum gave me a boys name when I'm a she.

This is embarrassing, but this is me having lunch.. My mum went down to see Reece at Lucas' in Coober Pedy to get some dog bones. Reece said it was illegal and unethical to sell dog bones, however he said we could have some cow bones to munch on and I've now been munching on this one forever.

Mum didn't tell me how long forever would be so I thought I would show you what it looks like at the moment because it looks although I might be here for a while. I'm becoming quite attached to it and was thinking about giving it a name and wondering if you had any suggestions?

Looking forward to hearing some ideas. Woofie woofie, woof woof, luv Jack



This is my new email buddie - Jack. Jack is a girl seen here munching on Reece's bone

You Make Me Feel Like Dancing



You ain't nothing but a hound dog, You ain't nothing but a hound dog, You ain't nothing but a hound dog. Isn't it annoying when a song is stuck in your head and you can't get it out, and the fact I only know one line of the song will start to get on my nerves very soon.

Elvis and I made an appearance at the fancy dress, but with the wig and sun glasses on you really couldn't tell it was me. I was going to go as Elvis's dog Brutus. Brutus was in one of the Elvis films, he played the character of Albert in the movie. "Live a Little, Love a Little". He was a brown dog, and I don't mind dressing up for a party, but brown is not a good colour on me, it makes me look fat. I would have been thinking all night "does my bum look big in this brown body suit."

I love a fancy dress party because I can sneak in with out being noticed, I try to never miss sports games (anything with balls is always fun) and when I am a bit older I really want to join the Active Girls Group, is on Wednesdays after school between 3.30-5pm. I've seen the posters and it looks like so much fun. They have sports, and special healthy eating days. I have seen the



photos in the paper, it looks great.

Everyone knows I love a good dog dance, when the music is in your head and your feet start tapping and your hips start to sway you should never hold back. I have a bit of a hero, its Jean Bulter, you know the dancer with Michael Flatley from River dance. River dance is famous all over the world. They have many different dances and each production is named after an Irish river. I have a favourite River dance, it is called Countess Cathleen, in this the women celebrate themselves in a dance of empowerment. I have been practicing in the front yard, trying to keep my arms to my side which is hard because I lose my balance and fall over a lot.

In Coober Pedy you really can't call it a river dance (well not until last weeks rain, we had a few rivers where they hadn't been before)

This is my new love, Dirt Dancing; with every new production we can name it after different dirt.

Keep on dog dancing
Woof Woof
Charlie Paris

Dear Jackie (Jack),

I think you have a wonderful name. I also have boys names, Charlie is a boys name and so is Paris. Paris is the guy that loved Helen of Troy with the Trojan horse and all that interesting Greek Mythology. So I can understand what you are saying.

I have a bit more of a problem, people confuse me with Paris Hilton. Clearly I'm better looking, and so much smarter. Paris Hilton could only wish for my legs. As for the money thing, you may remember I have given up ice cream and fluffy toys for a whole year so I could send money to the RSPCA bush fire appeal. So money is not a problem for me as I have none.

Now a name for your bone, only one comes to mind, I love my food, so your bone should be called "A Good Start"

Love your photo, I see you are wearing your coat in the new seasons colours.

Woof
Charlie Paris

Far Left is me practicing Dog Dancing and next one is me Dirt Dancing in the driveway



There's Uncle Brian closest to the bar, with friends Rod, Shelley and Dennis at the Fancy Dress. Me and Uncle Brian showed Rod and Shelley how do my Dirt Dancing



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Parent Night at Mintabie Area School

by: Sue Britt

On March 16th Mintabie families came to school to welcome the principal, Veronica Harnett, back from Africa. Earlier in the day, Ms Harnett had reminded students about school values and expectations before passing out souvenirs from her trip to everyone.

At 5 o'clock acting principal, Helen Fesus, welcomed everyone and talked about the progress in learning that students have made so far this term. She thanked the community for their support. Then she officially introduced this year's new teachers – Sue Britt (Reception to Year 4) and Brendon Harradine (Science, ICT, Maths). A short visit in the Reception – Yr 4 room was followed by an impressive display of science experiments presented by students.

The evening finished with a barbecue tea prepared by Peter Burgess.



Acting principal Helen Fesus and returning principal Veronica Harnett



Emma and her dad demonstrate a home-made fire extinguisher.



The big bang

Tyson and Keana get ready for a big bang.

Harley and Mr H apply heat to create chemical reaction



Saturday 4th April 2009

Blue Light Movie Night

Dress up as Princes and Princesses.

Winner will be drawn during the movie interval and will be named Prince & Princess of the Opal Festival. All entrants must be available to attend official duties at the Opal Festival.

Bring your own cushion/beanbag

Age: 5-17years

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(resilience)**

PART 2

- Some of the things that children need:
- to know they are loved and are lovable
 - families (in all the many forms)
 - supervision, limit setting and support
 - to make a contribution
 - to feel they can succeed
 - to feel good about themselves
 - to try new things
 - to feel included and appreciated
 - other people for support
 - to feel they can count on you
 - a sense of optimism
 - people they can look up to
 - to learn to persist.

- Some things that are stressful for children
Here are some of the bigger life events that are stressful:
- Birth injury or being very small at birth.
 - Parents (or others close to them) are ill or die.
 - Disability - their own, another child in the family or a parent.
 - Family break-up - separation or divorce.
 - A new baby being born when the child is very young (under two).
 - If parents see child as 'difficult'.
 - Parents fighting or violence in the home.
 - Abuse - physical, sexual, emotional or neglect.
 - Too many changes in a child's life, eg schools, teachers, where they live and who care for them.
 - Car accidents.
 - Catastrophes - events like bushfires, floods, war.

Extract from Parent Easy Guide No.18 — Parenting SA, Government of South Australia, www.parenting.sa.gov.au

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|--|------------------|
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Baby play 6 to 9 months

Your baby will use creeping, or bottom shuffling, as a way of getting around. It may not look pretty, but it will get him where he wants to go! Between seven to nine months, your baby may transition to proper crawling using his arms to power him along, but with a little practice he'll learn to move quickly and efficiently using his legs to do most of the work.

Your baby's fine motor skills at 9 months will be developing rapidly, and he'll be working hard to perfect the pincer move - using his thumb and pointing finger to pick up objects. At this age, he needs a variety of different types of toy to satisfy his curiosity and enhance his learning about his environment.

At this stage introduce:

REASONING TOYS

Your baby can now understand that a toy may be

hidden inside or behind another toy, so choose toys that will encourage the development of his reasoning skills by making him work things out.

RECOMMENDED: stacking cups, jack-in-the-box, cloth books

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT TOYS

You can encourage your baby to practice using his body in new ways by introducing toys that will get him moving.

RECOMMENDED: balls and toys that roll, a safe place to explore, household objects, eg. saucepans, lids, plastic cups.

BATH TOYS

Once he can sit up, he'll begin to love playing in the bath. Introducing toys that encourage water play will turn the bath into a popular playtime location.

RECOMMENDED: bath buddies, cups and containers

The above information was sourced from www.kidspot.com.au



Tanya Lauder
Child Care Links Officer District
Council of Coober Pedy



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

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Fridays

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

Sundays

'Play Gym'

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

For more information
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Byes to run 5,4,3,2,1 - 1st Round to be Top 4 Replay 3v4, 1v2
4 games to be played in Coober Pedy
Roxby race day 1st August - Coober Pedy Race Day 8th August






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SATURDAY 7TH MARCH
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THE WRESTLER (MA)

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH
GATES OPEN SUNSET

Back in the late '80s, Randy "The Ram" Robinson (Mickey Rourke) was a headlining professional wrestler. Now, twenty years later, he ekes out a living performing for handfuls of disbarred wrestling fans in high school gyms and community centers around New Jersey. Estranged from his daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) and unable to sustain any real relationships, Randy lives for the thrill of the show and the adoration of his fans. However, a heart attack forces him into retirement. As his sense of identity starts to slip away, he begins to evaluate the state of his life ...

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THE SADDLE CLUB brings to life the adventures of three heroines: Stevie (Lauren Dixon), Carole (Victoria Campbell) and Lisa (Ariel Kaplan) who share friendship and the love of their horses Belle, Starlight and Prancer at Pine Hollow Stables.

Based on the internationally best-selling novels by Bonnie Bryant, the third series of THE SADDLE CLUB features three new characters plus a wonderful combination of laughter, horses, adventure, companionship, new songs and an adorable miniature donkey.

The new cast includes Australian Ariel Kaplan, Canadians Lauren Dixon and Victoria Campbell along with supporting cast member Australian Marney Kennedy who received the AFI Young Actors Award in 2006 for her role in Mortified.

"Children all around Australia have been eagerly awaiting the return of The Saddle Club," said Les Sampson, Director of Daytime Acquisitions for the Nine Network. "We are thrilled to be bringing this hit series back to Australian television, shot entirely on location in Victoria.



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Shooters Results and Quorn Visit

The Coober Pedy Shooters Like to Welcome All
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Results

Pistol Shoot
Bracket Rapid Fire
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Saturday 7th March Winners
Congratulation to

Congratulation to:

Master Chris Warrior Scored 588.2
A Grade Glenys Veenstra Scored 472.4
B Grade Cass Spooner Scored 479.4
D Grade Vi Mance Scored 460.5
C Grade Josie Warrior Scored 502.4
1st With Handicap Josie Warrior Scored 720.2

**2009 Here We
Come....**



Results

Pistol Shoot
Bracket Rapid Fire
Sponsored Au Internet and Computer Services
Saturday 14th March Winners
Congratulation to

Congratulation to:

Master Dale Price Scored 582.5
A Grade Mike Griffiths Scored 537.7
B Grade Vi Mance Scored 481.9
C Grade Josie Warrior Scored 383.2
D Grade Nick Georgioudis Scored 520.5
1st With Handicap Nick Georgioudis
Scored 664.3

NIGHT SHOTGUN WINNERS

Sponsored Fred Harms
Friday 6th March Winners

Congratulation to

1st John Di Donna Scored 16
2nd Royce Cooper Scored 14
3rd Paul Leech Scored 9
Equal 3rd Dale Price Scored 9

NIGHT SHOTGUN WINNERS

Sponsored Fred Harms
Friday 13th March Winners

Congratulation to

1st Dale Price Scored 16
2nd Paul Leech Scored 14
3rd John Di Donna Scored 12

Best Off Rifle


Sponsored Desert Rainbow Painter
Sunday 8th March Winners
Congratulation to:

A Grade John Di Donna Scored 159.1
B Paul Leech Scored 156
C Fred Harms Scored 129
I Grade None
1st With Handicap Paul Leech Scored 225

Best Off Rifle

Sponsored Desert Rainbow Painter
Sunday 8th March Winners
Congratulation to:

A Grade Jimmy Nikoloudis Scored 171.1
B James Michie Scored 168
C Fred Harms Scored 129
I Grade James Bunting Scored 60
1st With Handicap Royce Cooper Scored 227.1

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| Sponsor By Mud Hut / Jim's IGA Thevenard | 14.03.09 1-5 | 21.03.09 Bracket #1 Drop Down Targets Centre Fire 20 shot, 20 mins | | | |
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| Sponsor By Mud Hut / Jim's IGA Thevenard | 09.05.09 Bracket #2 Drop Down Targets Centre Fire 20 shot, 20 minutes | | | | |
| Standard Strong With H/Cap Aggregate Sponsor Coober Pedy Lions Club | 16.05.09 3-1 | 23.05.09 3-2 | 23.05.09 Police Vs Shooters Start 3pm | 30.05.09 3-3 | 06.06.09 3-4 |
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| Walk and Shoot. Sponsor Tada Opals | 27.06.09 4-1 | 04.07.09 4-2 | 11.07.09 4-3 | 18.07.09 4-4 | 25.07.09 4-5 |
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| Standard Double Handed Off Pistol Sponsor Wear-House Arcade | 08.08.09 5-1 | 15.08.09 5-2 | 22.08.09 5-3 | 29.08.09 5-4 | 05.09.09 5-5 |
| Golfers Vs Shooters | 12.09.09 Fun Day // Working Bee | | | | |
| Military Off Pistol Sponsor Aussie Fert. | 19.09.09 6-1 | 26.09.09 6-2 | 03.10.09 Competition Quorn | 10.10.09 6-3 | 17.10.09 6-4 |
| Sponsor By Mud Hut / Jim's IGA Thevenard | 24.10.09 6-5 | 31.10.09 Bracket #5 Drop Down Targets . Centre Fire 20 shot, 20 min- | | | |
| 07.11.09 | Fun Day | | | | |
| 14.11.09 | Fun Day // Working Bee | | | | |
| 21.11.09 | <i>Christmas Party & Trophy Presentation</i> | | | | |
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2 Year Roxby Expansion Delay - Another Reason to Extend EIS - Parnell

Greens MLC Mark Parnell has seized on remarks by a uranium industry analyst that the Olympic Dam expansion will be delayed by 2 years or more, to call for a longer public consultation period for the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

"The Government is rushing through the EIS in order for the company to then sit on its hands for 2 years or more," said Greens MLC Mark Parnell.

"The only step in the approval process that has been cut short is the one where ordinary South Australians get a chance to have their say," he said.

Resource Analyst Warwick Grigor told a uranium conference in Adelaide yesterday that the Olympic Dam

expansion project is likely to be delayed for at least 2 years.

The Olympic Dam expansion will be the largest project in South Australia's history, yet the Government proposes the EIS public consultation period will be less than what was recently provided for caravan park zoning or a shopping centre at Victor Harbor. In response the Greens have introduced a Bill into State Parliament that will set a minimum consultation period of 3 months.

"BHP Billiton has taken over 3 years to write the EIS, and then will likely wait another 3 years before they decide whether to begin the project. Giving the SA public more

time to read the largest document ever printed in South Australia when it's released on May 1 will not delay the Roxby expansion project one single day.

"There is absolutely no reason why the Government shouldn't give the public a little longer. We can only assume the public consultation period has been deliberately squeezed in order to minimise the opportunity for the general public and industry to respond.

"I urge the Government to keep faith with the SA community and support the Greens Bill to extend the public consultation period on the Olympic Dam expansion," said Mr Parnell.

RAMSEY - GOVERNMENT TAKES AIM AT SELF-FUNDED RETIREES



Rowan Ramsey MP (Grey) speaks out on self-funded retirees

The Rudd Government's moves to tighten access to the Commonwealth Senior's Health Card (CSHC) by including superannuation in means test calculations smacks of class warfare on the nation's self-funded retirees Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey said today.

"This is an attack on hard won gains for those who have worked and planned for their retirement and shows a fundamental misunderstanding of the challenges Australia faces in dealing with its aging population," he said.

"The previous Liberal Government redesigned the superannuation landscape because they recognised that the population over-65 is expected to more than double during the next forty years from 2.8million to 7.2million.

"This will present an enormous challenge to the next generation of Australians, at a time when the government is planning to leave them a country with almost \$200bn of Federal Government debt."

Mr Ramsey said the bill to be debated this week in

Parliament will change the means-test to include superannuation payments, meaning around 278,000 people including service veterans will be in danger of losing their CSHC.

"CSHC recipients receive concessions on prescriptions, telephone allowance and the Senior's Allowance of \$128 every three months to help deal with regular bills like power, water and car registration," he said.

"It is no small achievement to save enough money during your working life to provide for retirement and now with superannuation wealth being washed away in falling equity markets and cash investments returning record lows, we have the government stripping away the few meagre benefits self-funded retirees enjoy.

"This move will erode people's savings and force more of them onto a pension. I will be opposing this short-sighted and unfair attack on those trying to look after themselves."

FIRE BUNKERS NEED TO BE TESTED OUT

Australia will need to have an urgent review of the design and building regulations of products being sold as fire bunkers.

Robert Caulfield, Managing Director of Archicentre said fire safety bunkers would become a common addition to thousands of homes being rebuilt in bushfire areas.

"There appears to be a number of fire shelters now being offered on the market that are constructed of recognized fire rated materials, but no performance data on how hot they would become inside during an intense fire, or whether or not there would be sufficient oxygen to sustain the occupants.

There is no doubt that most of these products will not burn but the intensity of the Black Saturday fires could cause these to heat up internally to fatal temperatures.

"The challenge that faces the community is to ensure standards and regulations are in place related to design, type of materials, operation and education for use to ensure people who will use these facilities in a fire storm are protected properly.

"The issue is that there needs to be some real testing of these products, not just their components, to ensure they conform to appropriate performance

standards in real fire situations."

Mr. Caulfield said that fire safety bunkers are life saving products that need to perform in life or death situations with families lives on the line.

"People considering installing fire bunkers should request details of performance testing and information in relation to compliance with current building regulations."

"The major issue is to get this done quickly so the information is available to coincide with the rebuilding of bushfire areas where these bunkers will be in high demand."

Greens slam re-opening of duck shooting season

Greens MLC Mark Parnell has slammed the Government's decision to allow a resumption of duck and quail shooting in South Australia after a 2 year break.

"This is a terrible decision. When birds are already struggling to find any decent water in South Australia, they will now be blasted by shotguns when they do," said Greens MLC Mark Parnell.

"Our understanding is that this decision is based on an increase in national bird numbers. Just because numbers are up in Queensland and NSW because of decent rains over the last 12 months doesn't mean we have more birds here in SA.

"In fact, the most recent state wetland survey found that bird numbers in SA haven't significantly changed - 2008 numbers show a 2.6 % increase from 2007, but this is still 53.6% less than 2003 numbers.

"Ramsar listed wetlands in the State's South East are under serious threat from this Government with the announcement of the Wellington Weir EIS, and now the opening of the duck shooting season. How many more bullets can this Government fire at native birds?" he said.

South Australia is only one of three states left who allow duck shooting. WA, Qld and NSW have all banned the practice. South Australia has not had a season for at least the last 2 years because of low bird numbers. Yet despite numbers not significantly increasing and wetlands under severe stress, the Government has allowed a 'restricted' duck and quail hunting season from 28 March.

"Duck shooting is not a sport - it's a cruel and inhumane practice. Shooting defenceless native birds out of the sky when they seek refuge has no place in a compassionate society.

Lion's Club Coober Pedy Draw Bushfire Fund Raffle at Italian Club



Left: One of the organisers, Lion - Claire Hinge prepares to draw one of the raffles



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