

OPAL COLOURED FLAGS FEATURE AT THIS YEAR'S GOLF OPEN

The Opal Field's golf course was given a facelift this year in time for the annual Golf Open with a collection of opal coloured flags made by volunteers to thank the club for the use of facilities for the "Magpie the Songbird" project.

According to local volunteer Brett Maat, "During one working bees at the club house Men's Golf Captain Steve Borrett noticed that one of the volunteers fixing up the "Magpie the Songbird" tent had just learned to use a sewing machine so Steve suggested that he should make some flags for the back nine."

"The group heartily approved and the design was agreed and deadline for delivery was set for 24 hours", said Brett.

"This being Coober Pedy with a strong volunteer ethos the flags were delivered on time mainly due to the late night work of Monique Harding and Ishka Maat."

"Steve Borrett then rounded up the old flags, repaired the cups and installed the new flags. Out on the green the brilliant opal colours provided excellent contrast and were clearly visible to the golfers," concluded Brett.

Coober Pedy Open weekend also includes a competition between Roxby Downs Golf Club and Coober Pedy Golf Club. This year Coober Pedy won back the perpetual trophy with a total of 220 to Roxby Downs 226. Steve Borrett, Father Paul Bourke and Mark Hoad competed for Coober Pedy against Rob Charman, Robin Passmore and John Folkman.

President of the Opal Fields Golf Club Chevhan Hoad said, "The golf club committee would like to thank everyone who helped to get the course ready and for their help on the weekend. Thank you to the sponsors Old Timers Mine, Coober Pedy Regional Times, Desert Cave, OZMinerals, Your Golf Pro, McArdes Freight and Eddie Hughes MP."

"Also thank you to the community members and families who joined us for the meals and presentations. Without the support of businesses and individuals community events like this wouldn't happen!"

"Next year is the 40th anniversary for the Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club so keep an eye out for news about our planned celebration events! In the meantime come along to Sunday golf each week. Registration from 12:30 with tee off from 1pm," concluded Chevahn.

Turn to page 10 for results



John Folkman playing for Roxby and Paul Bourke playing for Coober Pedy

Photo: Damien Bachmann



Club Captain Steve Borrett displays the colourful opal flags, created in 24 hours by volunteers Bret Maat, Monique Harding and Ishka Maat



Golfers Dylan Lewis and Chris Comer have no trouble aiming with the colourful flag markers in place

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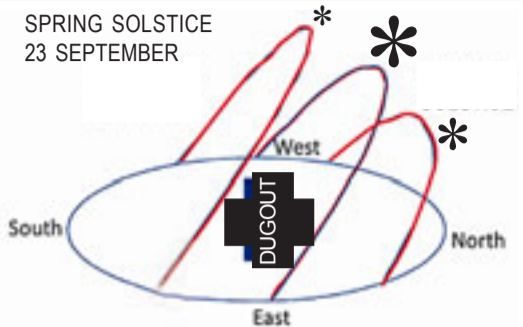
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Coober Pedy Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka

	Wed Jul 29	Thu Jul 30	Fri Jul 31	Sat Aug 1	Sun Aug 2	Mon Aug 3	Tue Aug 4
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Maximum	18°C	22°C	20°C	23°C	24°C	16°C	15°C
Minimum	3°C	7°C	8°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	5°C
Chance of Rain Likely Amount	20% < 1mm	10% < 1mm	5% < 1mm	30% < 1mm	10% < 1mm	5% < 1mm	5% < 1mm
UV Index	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate			
Frost Risk	Moderate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Slight
	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm
Wind Speed	22kmh 24kmh	23kmh 22kmh	14kmh 11kmh	14kmh 17kmh	25kmh 32kmh	24kmh 25kmh	16kmh 18kmh
Wind Direction	NNE N	N NW	S WNW	SE ENE	W SSW	SSW S	SSE SSE



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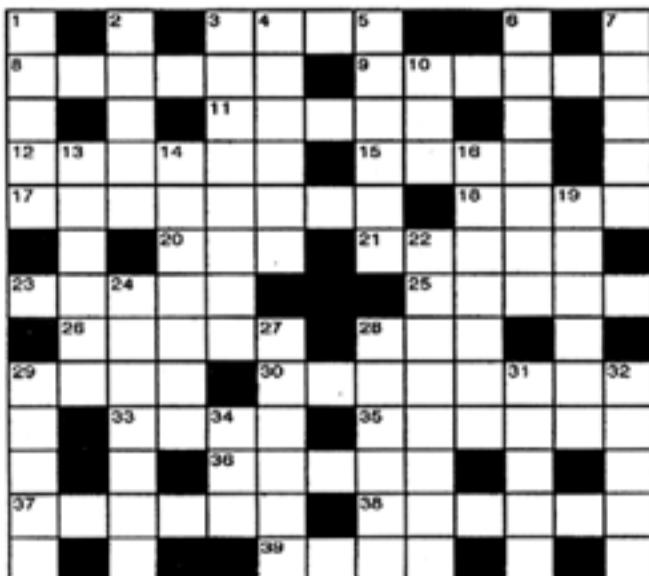
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- 18. Rise up on the hindlegs
- 20. Man's name
- 21. Unseals
- 23. Risk
- 25. Civet
- 26. Consigns
- 28. Divot
- 29. Hart
- 30. Imaginary
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- 35. Multi-stage rocket unit
- 36. Inapt
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A few highlights in this edition

Like it or lump it, we are the “work force” for this country; we are the taxpayers; we are the “cash cows”. The buck starts here!

IS COOBER PEDY DROPPING OFF THE EDGE?

The national emphasis is currently employment and education of the said workforce/taxpayer/cash cow, something many people in remote areas are allegedly avoiding or unable to engage with. Many remote communities are literally “Dropping off the Edge”. Well this is according to researchers whose major source of information is the Bureau of Statistics (who organise our Census!) **Turn to page 5** and see how Coober Pedy has fared since the 2011 Census was conducted.

ARE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES ALLUDING US?

Further to concerted efforts by governments to motivate their “workforce/taxpayer/cash cows” to engage with the taxman, the Civil Engineers lobby group (CCF) have conducted their own forensic study as to where funding that is intended to stimulate employment has actually gone and have stopped their search at the doors of local government claiming in effect that South Australian councils are using allocated funds to aid their self performance. **Page 3 article.**

POTENTIAL ENERGY PROVIDER EDL - ASX TAKEOVER

Readers may have seen elsewhere this week that strong contender for Coober Pedy’s power supply into the future, namely Energy Developments Ltd (EDL) have been taken over by the DUET GROUP, a financial group specialising in asset management and private equity. For those of you who remember our previous provider EnGen and that it was taken over by the current provider EDL. Coober Pedy is a small outback town, often called disadvantaged and whose residents are needing a cheaper electricity option. **See Page 3 (below)**

ODNADATTA - SMALL TOWN, BIG ATTRACTION

For those who may be new to the outback or simply travelling through, Oodnadatta is approximately 200km north east of Coober Pedy, and exists as a small settlement on the edge of the Simpson Desert that services tourism traffic and a host of nearby cattle stations.

The population at Oodnadatta is around 166 people, but just because a tent is small it doesn’t mean the show is no good. Last weekend Oodnadatta, our nearest neighbour, hosted the National Bronco Branding Championships **See pages 7 and 9 for the results**

Editor

ENERGY COMPANY EDL - TAKEOVER \$1.4b IN CASH

The Board of Energy Developments Limited (ASX:ENE) (“Energy Developments”) and the Boards of DUET Group (ASX:DUE) (“DUET”) announced 20 July 2015: that they have entered into a Scheme Implementation Deed (“S.I.D.”) under which it is proposed that DUET will acquire all of the Energy Developments shares on issue by way of a Scheme of Arrangement (“Scheme”) for A\$8.00 cash per share (“Proposal”).

EDL has entered into a Scheme of Arrangement with DUET Group (DUET), an energy assets investment company, under which DUET proposes to acquire all Energy Development Limited shares for \$1.4 billion.

COUNCILS BUILDING EMPIRES AND “ROBBING” LOCAL BUSINESSES OF \$600 MILLION OF WORK A YEAR: CCF WARNS

An urgent call has been made to all of SA’s local governments by one of South Australia’s leading industry lobby groups demanding they immediately stop doing about \$600 million a year of civil construction work that local businesses can do.

In what is believed to be a first for South Australia, the Civil Contractors Federation (SA branch) has written personal letters to each of the State’s 700-plus local government council members seeking their support for a cessation of infrastructure work that should be undertaken by private business.

The CCF has estimated such a bold commitment would inject about \$600 million a year into SA’s private sector.

“Local Government should steer the boat, not row the boat,” Civil Contractors Federation (SA branch) Chief Executive, Mr Phil Sutherland, said today.

“Local councils are building empires and robbing local businesses of much needed work in an economic environment the likes of which we haven’t seen for more than 20 years,” he said.

“Councils collectively across the state spend about \$800 million a year on various forms of infrastructure, of which we estimate about 80% of this goes to work the councils self -perform.

“You can just imagine what difference an annual injection of \$600 million would do to the private economy on a state wide basis.

“Enough is enough. This sort of practice has to stop or SA’s ailing economy and unemployment rate will get even worse.

“As a state, we cannot afford that to happen.”

Mr Sutherland said he felt compelled to write to every local council member in the state after becoming increasingly concerned about councils “self-performing” civil construction projects rather than contracting the private sector to undertake such tasks – and witnessing significant growth in the practice in recent times.

Such trends had had a direct impact on reducing investment in public and private infrastructure, and a significant contraction in the total volume of work that local councils are offering to the market throughout SA.

The issue had now reached crisis point due to the beleaguered state of the South Australian economy, he said.

“Council self-performance of civil construction work is clearly inconsistent with our free market economy where the private sector provides the

goods and services unless there is a market failure or a public good not able to be satisfied by the private sector,” Mr Sutherland said.

“Compounding our concern is that in order to provide continuous work for the internal workforce some councils compete with local private contractors for work,” he said.

“It is not a community expectation that local government - or government at any level - competes with the private sector for work.

“On every measure this is an unfair and inequitable practice.”

Mr Sutherland said SA’s local councils – by undertaking civil construction work themselves – are virtually “robbing” work from local private civil contractors.

He believed the only acceptable exception was where a rural or remote council didn’t have access to private civil contracting firms in its area.

“The Local Government Act envisages Council as the enabler, not the deliverer,” he said.

“By not testing the market in an open merit based tender process, ratepayers cannot be confident they are receiving the ‘best value for money’ for the construction and maintenance of council assets.

“The increased prevalence of councils self-performing civil construction and maintenance is occurring at a time when the civil construction industry is at a 20 year low.

“South Australia is the poorer for this because it is losing private civil construction capacity.”

Mr Sutherland said given the critical role the civil construction sector plays in the growth and prosperity of South Australia, the issue should be a matter of serious concern to government at all levels.

“The reason why council rates are so high and grow each year well beyond CPI is because of the overhead costs councils have and continue to incur by ‘self-performing’ rather than outsourcing this to the private sector,” he said.

“Councils constantly say they are under financial pressure and are struggling to make ends meet. We say putting all civil work out to competitive tender in the open market would deliver price competitiveness and better value for the local tax payer.

“Council self-performance of civil projects is inherently more expensive due to the overheads most councils carry.

“We implore local councils across SA to support our call to arms – our great state can’t afford you not to.”

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Quit smoking campaign continues

South Australians will get further encouragement to butt out over the next few months with a new round of television advertising promoting the benefits of quitting smoking starting tomorrow.

The latest \$1.5 million campaign will include a suite of commercials that have proven to be successful in prompting South Australians' to kick the habit.

Health Minister Jack Snelling said anti-smoking advertising was a contributing factor in achieving the state's lowest ever smoking rate in 2014.

"Research shows that advertising, in combination with tobacco tax excise increases, has the greatest impact on getting people to quit smoking," xx said.

"These two strategies have done exactly that, with just 15.7 per cent of South Australians identifying themselves as smokers in 2014, compared to 19.4 per cent in 2013.

"This year's advertisements are those that smokers have told us they remember and which have made them consider their own behaviours and, in many cases, prompted a quit attempt.

"A variety of advertisements are used because people respond to different cues depending on their personality and where they are up to in the quitting process.

"For some people emotive or graphic advertisements can be effective in prompting them to consider how their smoking impacts themselves and others. "Others react better to positively-framed advertisements which can be very inspiring for people who are considering quitting."

Mr Snelling said the Government would also continue the successful Aboriginal-focused 'Give up smokes for good' campaign.

"Our evaluation has shown that smokers exposed to the 'Give up smokes for good' campaign were more likely to have made a quit attempt in the previous 12 months," he said.

"This is a great result and we are very keen to continue the campaign's momentum through advertising and a presence at community events.

"In addition to the advertising campaign SA Health will be supporting initiatives that encourage smoke free pregnancies among Aboriginal women and their families."

GENERAL INFORMATION

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST VOLUNTEER

A Coffs Harbour woman has accepted a partial costs settlement after three years of legal action brought against her by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage over damage to a national park.

Vicki Moras lived in a villa complex in Coffs Harbour and was a volunteer on the executive committee of the owners' corporation.

In June 2012, Ms Moras, on behalf of the owners' corporation, directed a gardener to clear vegetation along the boundary of their property to minimise fire risk.

Legal action began in October 2013, when the OEH charged Ms Moras with the criminal offence of 'causing damage to vegetation on land reserved or protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974'.

The case was thrown out of the Local Court in February this year, but the OEH lodged an appeal in the Land and Environment Court.

They dropped the action just days before a scheduled hearing and have agreed to a partial costs settlement.

Slater and Gordon Commercial Litigation Lawyer Andy Munro* said the OEH had plenty of opportunities to withdraw before now.

"So far as we are aware, never before has there been a case in Australia where a volunteer on an executive committee has been sued for the conduct of an owners' corporation," Mr Munro said.

"The owners corporation is its own legal entity. It's baffling as to why the OEH decided to pursue Ms Moras for three years of incredibly stressful legal action."

"We told them they had sued the wrong person repeatedly, but they waited until the last minute and now have to pay some of Ms Moras' costs, as well as those they incurred themselves."

Ms Moras said her life had been "absolute hell" for three years.

"It felt like they were on a mission to make someone pay for the damage and they chose me for some reason," Ms Moras said.

"It was unbelievable. I had nothing to personally gain - the whole thing has been horrendous and I'm just glad it's over."

*Slater and Gordon Lawyer Andy Munro is available for interviews upon request

THE CARTER FAMILY CELEBRATES NATIONAL WIN AT IGA RETAILER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

23 July 2015, Coober Pedy – Coober Pedy IGA is celebrating after winning the prestigious national award for IGA General Merchandise Department of the Year at the annual Independent Grocers of Australia (IGA) Retailer of the Year Awards held on the Gold Coast on the 20 July 2015.

The awards, hosted by actor and comedian Shane Jacobson, recognised the efforts of the store and its staff in the community and placed Coober Pedy IGA as the benchmark for other IGA supermarkets across Australia.

The store was nominated for the national award after winning five awards in the South Australia IGA Retailer of the Year Awards in May 2015 for General Merchandise, Produce, Grocery and Dairy-Freezer Departments of the Year and the highest accolade of the awards, SA IGA Retailer of the Year.

The national awards were judged on a range of criteria including what the store is famous for, customer service, community pride, living the IGA brand values, merchandising and the store's overall performance.

The store is famous in the area for delivering a one-stop local shopping experience for its customers, with the local Carter family and their team responsible for developing an extensive range of general merchandise across every category in store to cater for the needs of the local Coober Pedy community.

As part of its general merchandise offering, the store even boasts its own hardware section; stocking everything from fridges and washers to plumbing and painting supplies, to provide shoppers with a complete offering under one roof. Speaking about their win, Penelope Carter said, "It's fantastic to be acknowledged on a national level for our product range and the service we offer to shoppers. We've worked hard to develop a merchandise range that suits our shoppers to ensure we provide them with a great local shopping experience on every visit."

The award was presented to Penelope and Declan Carter by Executive General Manager Retail Network, Russell Parker and IGA National Council Chairman, Ben Ryan.


Ben said the National Retailer of the Year Awards was considered a great honour amongst the IGA group, with competition becoming stronger each year.

"The National Retailer of the Year Awards acknowledge the hard work, commitment and excellence our stores have demonstrated all year.

"The Carter's and their experienced team have done an incredible job and this award is testament to their excellence on so many levels. Their family business and its achievements truly demonstrate the essence of independent retailing and what it really means to be an IGA retailer," Ben concluded.



Penny and Declan Carter accepting the award on behalf of the family



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- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour, sifted
- ½ cup oat bran
- ½ cup soft brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 egg whites
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C
2. Roughly chop cherries and apricots and pour boiling water over. Leave to cool
3. Chop nuts roughly and bake on a tray in the oven for about 5 mins or until toasted and golden. Remove and cool
4. In a large bowl sift together the flour and baking powder, then add the oats, sugar, cinnamon, and cooled, chopped nuts
5. In a separate clean, large bowl whisk the egg whites with a little salt until stiff peaks form
6. Gently fold the fruit mixture through the egg whites; then stir the oil through
7. Add the fruity mix to the oat and flour mix, and stir to combine
8. Place baking paper onto two trays and then drop small spoonfuls of mixture onto the paper
9. Bake in preheated oven for about 12-15 mins, until light brown
10. Leave for 5 mins on tray before lifting off with a spatula
11. Cool on a rack

Did the farcial 2102 census count cause Coober Pedy to “Drop off the Edge”?

SA communities experience complex web of unemployment, poor education levels and criminal convictions according to DOTE

By Andrew Yule July 21, 2015

A small number of South Australian communities experience a web of disadvantage and structural barriers that make it almost impossible for residents to overcome economic and social disadvantage, according to a landmark national report released today.

Dropping off the Edge 2015, produced by Jesuit Social Services and Catholic Social Services Australia, maps disadvantage across the country based on 22 social indicators and shows that while Australia’s social support system is adequately meeting the needs of most communities, a number continue to suffer entrenched disadvantage.

Jesuit Social Services CEO Julie Edwards says *Dropping off the Edge 2015* demonstrates that current policies are not working for the most disadvantaged communities.

“This report identifies where the system is failing individuals and communities, and outlined how residents in these communities aren’t just dealing with one form of disadvantage but multiple and complex barriers to individual wellbeing and community participation,” says Ms Edwards.

Dropping off the Edge 2015 shows that just 6% of South Australian statistical local areas account for 57% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Additionally, the ranking of 31 of the 40 most disadvantaged communities in South Australia has not improved since the 2007 report.

The report is authored by Professor Tony Vinson and Associate Professor Margot Rawsthorne from the University of Sydney. Professor Vinson authored locational-based studies in 1999 and 2004 as well as the ground-breaking 2007 report *Dropping off the Edge*, which received over 284 scholarly citations and supported the establishment of the Australian Social Inclusion Board.

Catholic Social Services Australia CEO Marcelle Mogg says the most dominant factors in the most disadvantaged South Australian communities include unemployment, poor education levels, long-term unemployment, criminal convictions and youth disengagement.

“These communities are not failing – Australia is failing these communities. To provide better opportunities to these communities will take sustained effort and commitment on behalf of government, business, the community sector and the communities themselves,” she says.

***Dropping off the Edge 2015* was compiled using data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, NAPLAN, the Australian Early Development Index and state and territory government human services agencies. The report calls for a new approach targeted at reducing the most severe deep-seated disadvantage, taking into account the unique characteristics and circumstances of each community.**

“There is no ‘one size fits all’ approach to improving outcomes for these communities,” says Ms Edwards.

“*Dropping off the Edge 2015* is a road map to communities that don’t have access to opportunities allowing them to flourish – like education, employment and safe and affordable housing. This report may be stark and confronting, but poses a challenge that we as a nation can rise to.”

Key findings

By Andrew Yule July 19, 2015

Complex and entrenched disadvantage is experienced by a small number of communities across Australia that have shown few signs of improvement in the past 15 years.

Dropping off the Edge 2015: concentration of disadvantage in Australian communities and dominant factors within:

- **In New South Wales:** just 11 postcodes (1.8% of total) account for 21.4% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Dominant factors in these postcodes include criminal convictions, unemployment, no internet access, domestic violence, lack of qualifications and young adults not fully engaged in work or study

- **In Victoria:** just 11 postcodes (1.6% of total) account for 13.7% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Dominant factors include unemployment, criminal convictions, disability, low education and child maltreatment, family violence and psychiatric admissions

- **In Queensland:** just 11 statistical local areas (2.3% of total) account for 26% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Eight of these SLAs are considered ‘very remote.’ Dominant factors include young adults not fully engaged in work or study, long-term unemployment, prison admissions, no internet access, low family income and criminal convictions

- **In South Australia:** just seven statistical local areas (5.5% of total) account for 57% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Dominant factors include unemployment, long-term unemployment, overall level of education, criminal convictions and young adults not fully engaged in work or study

- **In Tasmania:** just six local government areas (21% of total) account for 80% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Dominant factors include criminal convictions, long-term unemployment, juvenile offending, young adults not fully engaged in work or study, disability and low family income

- **In Western Australia:** just six local government areas (4.3% of total) account for 28.6% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Dominant factors include no internet access, young adults not fully engaged in work or study, overall education, Year 3 reading and prison admissions

- **In Northern Territory:** just four statistical local areas (25% of total) account for 47% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Only one of 16 statistical local areas recorded no ‘most disadvantaged’ rankings

- **In Australian Capital Territory:** just two postcodes (7% of total) account for 25% of the most disadvantaged rank positions. Dominant factors include rental stress, limited qualifications, low family income, no internet access, limited work skills, disability and unemployment.

Experiences of disadvantage in Australia are not evenly distributed across the community: they are geographically concentrated, complex and persistent. A new approach is needed, particularly in the 3% of communities that bear the greatest burden of disadvantage within each state and territory.

Governments must also immediately commence a conversation with the community about how to turn this around and take concerted action to provide equal and fair opportunities in life for residents of these communities.

In order to do this, Jesuit Social Services and Catholic Social Services Australia call on national and state governments, in partnership with the community, to act immediately to put in place appropriate structures, plans and resources targeted to the communities in order to turn around this unjust situation.

Without such action there is a significant risk that some of the country’s most severely disadvantaged communities will continue to ‘drop off the edge’.

Census 2011 Another Farce

by Kevin Woon
CPRT Thursday 5 July 2012

The 2011 Census figures were released earlier this month and again, the figures for Coober Pedy are appallingly inaccurate. This is bitterly disappointing because the Australian Bureau of Statistics huffed and puffed and promised they would put in extra resources this time to ensure the data collected here would be more accurate. They appear to have failed miserably again.

This is a calamity for Coober Pedy because these are the figures the government uses to determine the level of services to particular towns and cities.

The main points of the census include;

- Total population 1,695
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people 275 (16.2% of total population – State 1.9%)
- Median Age = 45 (State = 39)
- Married 36.7% (State = 48.4%)
- Separated/divorced 19.7% (State = 12.1%)
- Completed TAFE 27
- University qualified 9
- No religion 20.3% (State = 28.1%)
- Most common language other than English = Greek (6.4%)
- Dwellings occupied 712, unoccupied 399, total dwellings 1,112
- Average number of people per household 2
- Households with no motor vehicle 11.4% of population

The total population of Coober Pedy certainly exceeds 1,695. In actual fact it would be close to double that and most people realise the true population would certainly be more than three thousand. However, finding actual statistics to prove that is difficult. There’s anecdotal evidence to suggest Census forms weren’t delivered or weren’t collected which is completely unacceptable.

There are certainly more than 275 Indigenous people living in Coober Pedy. People working providing services for Indigenous people have suggested the true number would be 2 to 3 times that of the Census.

“780 Council Rated houses not counted in Census” One figure that is completely wrong and can be proved so is the number of dwellings in Coober Pedy. According to the ABS Census statistics there are 1,112 dwellings in Coober Pedy. However, according to the District Council of Coober Pedy who’s figures would be more accurate since they charge rates for these properties, there are 1,737 rateable residential properties as at 17th August 2011. That does not include the 58 houses at Umoona Community so the actual total is closer to 1,800 dwellings. That is a considerable difference, so what happened to the other approximately 780 houses? At two people per household average that could be another 1,560 people unaccounted for by the Census which would make the population a more realistic 3,255.

I also find it difficult to believe that almost 36% of the dwellings in Coober Pedy are unoccupied. That seems a ridiculously high percentage considering the lack of housing for sale or rent. I acknowledge a number of people own houses here but don’t live here permanently or might have been away on Census night but even so it seems high. Also, there are 625 dwellings unaccounted for too not counting those in Umoona.

The statistic that I found the least accurate is the number of people having completed a university degree. The Census says there were 9 but the actual number would be at least five times that. Consider the fact that all teachers have university degrees and there are 31 at the CPAS (including principals and relieving teachers), nurses all have degrees now as do social workers and doctors.

There are a reasonable number of tertiary qualified people working in other sectors of the workforce (I can think of at least 6 without trying) so to say there are 9 is a joke.

It would be a similar story with those who’ve completed TAFE courses. Surely more than 27 people here have completed TAFE courses.

As a point of interest using percentages rather than numbers, Coober Pedians are older than average South Australians (no surprise), more religious than South Australians generally, are less likely to get married and more likely to divorce or separate.

The fact that 11.4% of the households don’t have motor vehicles certainly strengthens the claim the community needs some bus service. Even on a population of 1,695, 11.4% is 193 households which is a significant number demonstrating a community bus is definitely warranted.

Since the figures for Coober Pedy are so obviously untrue, the Census seems a complete waste of time, effort and taxpayers’ money.

The tragedy is the government does use these figures when allocating resources throughout the community so Coober Pedy is destined to miss out on its fair share yet again.

As an aside, I learnt while researching for this article that the state government is planning on making Andamooka a major regional centre but not Coober Pedy. Maybe that’s because our population has halved in ten years and we’re so uneducated, well according to the Census anyway.

Mini motorbikes for off-road use only

22 Jul 2015 12:01pm

A 13-year-old boy has been reported for riding a mini dirt bike on a public road at Whyalla Jenkins, prompting a reminder to the public that these bikes – also known as 'pit bikes' - are for off-road use only.

About 10.45am yesterday (Tuesday 21 July) a police officer saw two youths riding a red mini dirt bike on Cartledge Ave.

The rider was directed to stop, and was apprehended after he stalled the bike, however the pillion passenger ran off.

The teenager was later reported for driving unlicensed and driving an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle and will be summonsed to appear in the Youth Court at a later date.

The bike was impounded for 28 days.

The public are reminded that these mini dirt bikes are for off-road use only, and are not able to be registered for riding on the road.

They are not fitted with lights or warning devices, and any person riding one of these vehicles on a road is putting themselves, and other road users, at risk.

Earlier this year Whyalla Police had a focused campaign targeting the use of mini motorbikes on roads in the area.

Anyone with information about riders is urged to contact the Whyalla Police Station on 8648 8020 or to call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000.

Members of the public are reminded not to follow these dirt bikes in their own vehicles, but to report the riders to the Whyalla Police Station as soon as possible or call police immediately on 131 444.

Does your fire-arm match your licence class?

18 Jul 2015 5:05pm

Police have reported a man from Kimba for a number of firearm offences after police discovered he was in possession of a firearm without the appropriate firearms licence.

On Friday 17 July, police will allege after a search of the man's home, a handgun in which the man was not licensed to hold, was located. Four other firearms along with an amount of ammunition was also seized.

After further investigation, police deemed the man not to be a suitable person to possess firearms and subsequently his licence was revoked.

The man, aged in his 60's, will receive a summons to appear in court at a later date.



POLICE NEWS



On Wednesday 15th July 2015, Police and SAAS attended a report of an assault in Coober Pedy. Police located a male with lacerations and swelling to his face. Police will allege that this was an unprovoked attack though the suspect and the victim knew each other. A 33 year old male was arrested for assault he was remanded in custody to attend court at a later date.

On Wednesday 15th July 2015, Police and Mines Inspectors attended an address on William Creek Road, Coober Pedy to investigate explosives offences. The unoccupied address was searched no explosives were located. Police would like to remind users of explosives of their obligations to hold appropriate licences and permits. The use of and sales of explosives is strictly regulated and breaches may incur substantial penalties. The diversion of explosives from lawful users to criminal and terrorist activities always raises concern for public safety. Enquiries in relation to using explosives, licences and permits can be directed to the Mines Department on 86725800. Any unlawful activity in relation to explosives should be reported to Police in the first instance.

On Saturday 18th July 2015 Coober Pedy police attended the Oodnadatta Bronco Branding and Camp Draft, along with Oodnadatta and Maree Police. Overall the behaviour of patrons in attendance was good albeit there where a couple of minor scuffles. Police also conducted random breath testing in the area, with a large number of tests being conducted. Police were pleased with the results with no positive readings detected.

On Wednesday 22nd July, 2015, Marla and APY police arrested three people for trafficking in a controlled substance and other offences. They where detected driving north on the Stuart Highway, Marla. A large quantity of amphetamines, cannabis and drug related equipment was seized. A 56 year old man from Adelaide, a 42 year old woman from Alice Springs and a 48 year old female from Adelaide where all charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possess equipment, hinder police, illegal use of a motor vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle and display unassigned plates. They appeared before the Port Augusta Magistrates Court and have been remanded in custody to a later date.

On Tuesday 21st July 2015 a new South Australia Police Commissioner Grant Stevens was appointed. He replaces Commissioner Gary Burns who has retired.

Mr Stevens has worked for SA Police for more than thirty years and has been deputy commissioner since 2012. His appointment as Police Commissioner is for an initial five years.



New South Australia Police Commissioner Grant Stevens

At about 6.45pm on Thursday 23rd July 2015 a male broke into and confronted staff at Tom and Mary's Greek Taverna, Hutchinson Street, Coober Pedy. Police are currently investigating this incident and require assistance to identify the offender. He is described as male, Aboriginal, about 6 foot tall, stocky build, between 30 to 40 years of age, about 100 kilograms in weight, with a round face and scraggly, shoulder length hair. He was wearing a dark coloured jacket. Any members of the public with information are encouraged to call Crime-Stoppers or Coober Pedy Police.

Police remind members of the public to call 131444 for Police assistance or 000 in the case of emergency. If anyone has any information of criminal matters in and around Coober Pedy please contact Crime-Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or ring the Coober Pedy Police on 86725056.

Unlicensed builder forced to pay \$7,380 over incomplete home renovations

The state's consumer watchdog, Consumer and Business Services (CBS), has successfully prosecuted an unlicensed builder, with the court imposing penalties and compensation totalling \$7,380.

Christopher Gudic of CNK1 Constructions was convicted in the Elizabeth Magistrates Court this month for carrying on a business as a building work contractor without an appropriate licence and failing to provide goods and services within a reasonable timeframe.

Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, Dini Soulio, said Gudic had entered into agreements with two customers for the completion of home building renovation work including a kitchen fit out and a wardrobe installation.

"In both instances, Gudic asked to be paid upfront for the cost of the materials - \$3,100 and \$1,350 respectively - but upon receiving the funds electronically he failed to return and complete the work," Mr Soulio said.

"Before agreeing to these jobs, Gudic had satisfactorily completed work for both customers including bathroom renovations and various maintenance work such as cleaning of gutters, painting, and gyprocking. The customers were happy with his initial work, which led them to hire Gudic for further work when he indicated he was an experienced cabinet maker.

Mr Gudic previously held a licence pursuant to the Building Work Contractors Act. However, his licence had lapsed.

The defendant Christopher Gudic was convicted of three offences. He was fined a total of \$3,000, plus \$480 for victims of crime levy, \$800 in prosecution costs and was ordered to pay compensation to one customer of \$3,100.

Mr Soulio said CBS has serious concerns about such practices and will continue to investigate and take strong action to protect South Australian consumers from shonky tradespeople who disappear or put off completing work once money is handed over.

"With the popularity of home renovation television shows, consumers are increasingly looking for ways to improve their home, but the cheapest price does not always mean the best quality tradesman.

"This serves as a timely reminder for consumers to use licensed and reputable tradespeople. Do your homework before engaging a tradesperson and check that they have a current licence to do the job using the online CBS licensing register or ask them to produce their SA builder's licence card," he said.

2015 NATIONAL BRONCO BRANDING CHAMPIONSHIPS; HOSTED BY OODNADATTA

Oodnadatta was certainly the place to be on the weekend of July 17th and 18th as the township played host to the National Bronco Branding Championships. Oodnadatta Racing and Horse Sports, Oodnadatta Bronco Branding and the local community know how to put on a good show, right down to the perfect weather conditions that prevailed for both days.

Proceedings got under way on Friday afternoon, with the steer ride, a perennial favourite with the crowd and the young cowboys who believe they have what it takes to ride a 500kg steer bareback for at least 6 seconds. Ten riders pitted their skills, with seven making time. Justin Nunn from Port Augusta took out first place, Olly Peel from Hamilton Station came second, with Peter Morgan from Macumba Station coming in third place. The steer ride was sponsored by Smulders Contracting, Altona Energy and The Pink Roadhouse.

Following the steer ride, guests enjoyed some good outback hospitality at the meet and greet, with a sausage sizzle and bar facilities in the clubrooms. The cold night later saw many groups gathered around the camp fires at their camping sites around the race course, before calling it a night ready for the Bronco Branding Spectacular set to unfold the following morning.

At 8 am on Saturday the serious business of Bronco Branding was underway. Teams had travelled from all around the state, from Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The first event, sponsored by Outback Communities Authority, Todmorden Station, Teys Australia, Cooper Pedy IGA and Greatbatch Agencies, was the Novice Bronco Branding, in which 16 teams competed. Patrick Williams, who grew up at Mt Barry Station and now lives in Adelaide, along with his team "Paddy William" came first with a time of 4 minutes and 8.66 seconds (4:08.66). In second place, with a time of 4:09.03 (just 0.37 seconds behind), came Richard "Mulga" Nunn from Port Augusta with his team called Mulga. Willoughby Way, with Bill Willoughby from Booleroo Centre as catcher came in third, in a time of 4:11.66



Jamie Kunze, Macumba Station in the Steer Ride, demonstrating amazing heroics

The Open Singles followed, with a strong field of 20 teams, including five interstate teams. Some very slick times were recorded in the first round.

The top six teams: The Contractors, Adam Litchfield, Mt Cavanagh, Mt Barry, Ian Litchfield and B41, progressed to the finals. In the finals, the teams are required to catch, rope and mark a further three calves. The times of both rounds are added to realise the eventual winner. The Contractors, from Queensland, with Peter Kleinschmidt as catcher, had a combined score of 5:50.50 to gain the title as National Singles Bronco Branding Champions. Just 2.45 seconds behind them, with a time of 5:53.35 was B41 with Bully Booth from Murnpeowie Station as catcher, and in third place was Adam Litchfield from Mundowdna Station, with a time of 6:36.08. Oz Minerals and Williams Cattle Company sponsored this event.

The Doubles Bronco Branding, with two catchers trying to rope five calves as quickly as possible, was fast and exciting. B41, Cam and Alan, Territory Tigers, Myal Contractors, Mt Barry and Macumba were the top six teams out of the field of 12 teams that went into the finals. The National Doubles Bronco Branding Champion team is Macumba, with Eddie Nunn and Greg Warren Snr as catchers. Their combined time for the two rounds was 7:24.82. Snapping at their heels in second place was the B41 team with Bully Booth and Mick Bischel as catchers, their time being 7:27.21. That is a margin of only 2.39 seconds. The Myal Contractors, with Peter Kleinschmidt and Mal Debney from Longreach as catchers came third in a time of 7:30.98. This event was sponsored by Lambina Station, Thomas Foods International, Isa Diesel, Landmark Balaklava and Kerin Landmark Rural

At the conclusion of the day's events, a sumptuous meal was served, followed by the presentations and a lively auction that saw aggressive bidding for the many interesting donated items. Dancing to live music and chatting with friends over a quiet drink drew the proceedings to a fitting close.

About 300 people attended the National Bronco Branding championships in Oodnadatta. Over \$14,000 in cash and prizes was won by the competitors. We thank everyone for coming along, the hard working committee and volunteers who make it happen and especially our generous sponsors. Each year, the committee makes significant donations to charities such as RFDS and the Cancer Council from the proceeds of the events.

If you would like to know more about this uniquely Australian competition, go to our websites www.broncobrandingsa.com.au and www.oodnadattaraceclub.org.au both of which will be updated in the near future. Or, travel to Quorn on August 15th or William Creek on August 22nd to experience it all first hand.

Next year's National Championships will be held in Mt Isa. **Continued page 9**

*Jackie Williams, Mt Barry Station.
Photos: Helen Williams Nilpinna Station*

SA Government favouring Eastern Standard Time

The Government is favouring a shift to Eastern Standard Time following the consideration of two reports into the benefits or difficulties a potential change in time zone could cause.

Releasing two reports from the first round of community consultation, Premier Jay Weatherill said the wide-ranging submissions and comments had brought new elements into the debate.

"This has been a very worthwhile exercise with many arguments put forward for a change and many also against a change," he said.

"Some myths about time zone shifts have been put to bed, while other issues have emerged for the first time as key considerations."

The "What We Heard" report identified significant advantages in aligning with the major eastern states, including:

- * Boost business opportunities through better communication with east coast suppliers, customers and branch offices
- * Eliminate problems with computer systems when time-aware applications such as online diaries are used between users from the east coast and South Australia
- * Tourists moving between the states would be able to make plans more easily without time changes

Thursday 30 July 2015

* The current delay in broadcasts of news and entertainment would no longer apply

* Increased benefit of having an additional 30 minutes of sunlight at the end of the day all year round, for outdoor activities, exercise, eating out and heading for the beach

* The half hour difference feeds a perception that South Australia is out of touch

A second report by The South Australian Centre for Economic Studies has estimated \$2.5 billion in net economic benefits from a shift to EST.

Mr Weatherill said that after considering the reports, the Government was favouring a shift to Eastern Standard Time, however more work needed to be done.

"Minister Investment and Trade Martin Hamilton-Smith is going to undertake two more pieces of work before we are in a position to make a proper judgement," he said.

"We need to look more closely at the potential effects a shift to EST would have on the operations of Adelaide airport and airlines.

"We also need to consider any potential measures we should consider which could minimise the impact of any change to the west coast community, including the option of a local, unofficial time."

Mr Hamilton-Smith said aviation industry submissions raised concerns around the impact on some flights.

"One company said a late-departing flight could be impacted with an estimated loss of load factor of 20 per cent," he said.

"Other airlines said their services would benefit from the changes.

"We are working to resolve these issues before proceeding with any change.

"The depth of feelings in west coast communities dominated the website submissions and letters while also bringing up the option of a local time zone that would overcome those concerns.

"For the remaining 95 per cent of the population that might be considering a shift to Eastern Standard Time, a few new issues have also cropped up.

"It is my intention to drill down further into these specific issues before coming back to Cabinet and the Parliament."

**To view the report or provide feedback:
www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/timezone**

THE PANTELIS FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Continued from 16-7-2015

Photos M. Mackay

Kypros summed up his renewed investment into Cooper Pedy after 40 years and raising his family here. He said, "The expansion of the Shell Complex keeps the family together. Everyone is involved."

Bundi reinforced the family's sentiments saying, "On behalf of the Pantelis family, I would like to extend my appreciation and thank everyone who attended; and helped us celebrate the official opening of the Outback Bar and Grill. (Shell Complex)."

"Also a special thank you to Nick Xenophon, Independent Senator of South Australia and to those who travelled from intrastate and interstate. It really means a lot to us."

"I would also like to thank all the tradesman, engineers and designers who helped us create something that we can all enjoy. We could not have done it without you."

"We had such a great night catching up with old and new friends, family and sharing lots of delicious food and beverages. Everyone was able to let their hair down into the early hours of the morning," said Bundi.

Right: Bill and Toula Sideris came from Adelaide for the opening

Far Right: Carpenters Arthur and Danny with Nick Xenophon and Bundi



Vonnie Ferguson out with her grand-daughter and chatting with Ken Male



Anna Pantelis with granddaughter Tiana



Spiro Tirlis, Jim & Katharine Koutlakis and Liz Jansen



Kypros Pantelis with guest Anthony Plarinos who installed the new Roller Doors



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Bronco Branding SA circuit Doubles winners – Doubles- the Macumba Team- Eddie Nunn and Greg Warren



National Doubles Winners- Macumba team- Eddie Nunn, Colin Greenfield, Greg Warren, Greggy Warren and Justin Nunn, pictured with sponsor Alan Fennell, Lambina Station

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National Singles Winners- Myal Contractors, Qld - Peter Kleinschmidt, Carolyn Doyle, Mick Bischel and Mal Debney.


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Cooper Pedy Opal Fields Golf Open Weekend

Saturday and Sunday the 18th and 19th July were two fantastic days for golf!

Saturday saw three teams compete in the Old Timers Mine Ambrose competition with pretty close results.

Winning Team

Steve Borrett, Damiane Beetham, Courtney Beetham

Runner Up

Dylan Lewis, Chris Comer, Damien Buchman, Chevahn Hoad

NAGA

Bob Martin, Brian Jones, Leo Hunter, Wayne Borrett, Mark Hoad

Sunday was the Opal Classic Golf Open where 14 players competed in fantastic weather. We had many community members come along for the dinner and presentations with 40 people enjoying the family atmosphere. Damien and Courtney Beetham from NSW stayed to play the open after enjoying playing so much during the ambrose on Saturday!

Off the stick Competition

(Sponsored by Desert Cave Cooper Pedy and Your Golf Pro – Performance Golf)

A Grade

Winner – Robin Passmore 84
Runner Up – Rob Charman 86

B Grade

Winner – Steve Borrett 95
Runner Up – John Folkman 100

C Grade

Winner – Mark Hoad 101
Runner Up – Damiane Beetham 105



Cooper Pedy and Roxy Downs Golfers vie for the perpetual cup

Photo: Damien Bachmann

Ladies

Winner – Chris Comer 127
Runner up – Nadine Lewis 144

Handicap Competition

(Sponsored by OZ Minerals and Your Golf Pro – Performance Golf)

A Grade

Winner – Rob Charman 74
Runner Up – Robin Passmore 74 (on count back)

B Grade

Winner – Steve Borrett 71
Runner Up – John Folkman 78

C Grade

Winner – Damian Beetham 70
Runner Up – Dylan Lewis 71

Ladies

Winner – Chris Comer 84
Runner up – Nadine Lewis 99

Side Competitions

(Sponsored by Cooper Pedy Regional Times, Miners Store, McArdles Freight and Eddie Hughes MP)

- Nearest to pin Mens – Rob Charman
- Nearest to pin in 2 – Damiane Beetham
- Longest Drive Hole 2 Men – John Folkman
- Longest Drive Hole 14 Men – Rob Charman
- Longest Drive Hole 14 Ladies – Chris Comer
- Mens NAGA – Wayne Borrett
- Ladies NAGA – Nadine Lewis

Far North Football League 2015 LADDER										
Position	Team	P	W	L	D	B	FF	For	Agst	
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2	Olympic Dam Football Club	11	8	3	0	3	0	843	642	
	131.31 32 72.73									
3	East Roxby Football Club	11	6	5	0	3	0	991	875	
	113.26 24 54.55									
4	Hornridge Sporting Club	11	3	8	0	3	0	717	860	
	83.37 12 27.27									
5	Cooper Pedy Football Club	11	1	10	0	2	0	542	1467	
	36.95 4 9.09									

COOPER PEDY FOOTBALL CLUB v. HORNBRIDGE SPORTING CLUB	
Round 13 - 18/07/2015	
Cooper Pedy Football Club	1.2, 5.6, 12.7, 17.9 (111)
Hornridge Sporting Club	5.4, 9.5, 10.6, 13.8 (86)

TOP TEN GOAL KICKERS:				
FIRSTNAME	SURNAME	CLUB	THIS RND	GOALS
Todd	Paull	East Roxby Football Club	1	35
Sean	Mcivor	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	0	26
Troy	Mulders	East Roxby Football Club	1	22
Joel	Harman	Hornridge Sporting Club	0	20
Ashley	Baxter	Hornridge Sporting Club	0	17
Terry	Clancy	East Roxby Football Club	1	15
Scott	Montgomerie	Olympic Dam Football Club	0	12
Josh	Sheppard	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	0	11
Gavin	Sheppard	Roxby Districts Sporting Club	0	11
Dale	Summerton	Olympic Dam Football Club	0	10
Kelvin	Henry	Cooper Pedy Football Club	0	10
Cameron	Faulkner	East Roxby Football Club	0	10
Trent	Grosser	Hornridge Sporting Club	2	10
Ian	McBey	Olympic Dam Football Club	0	10
Jonathon	Veale	Olympic Dam Football Club	0	10

SHOOTERS JULY AUGUST CALENDAR



Starting 17th JULY 2015
Friday Night at 7pm
Shotguns
Spotlight Clay Target Shoot
Sponsored by John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant

Saturday at 9am & 11am
Pistols
Service Pistol Match
Sponsored by Opal Cave

Sunday at 10am
50m Bench Rifles Scoring & Grouping
Rimfire Rifles 25m targets at 50m
Scoring and Grouping (Best 2 groups)
Sponsored by Outback Weddings

Mayor Stephen Staines spoke of his own experience as a 15 year old working at the Pantelis Ampol Complex and congratulated the family on the amazing transformation

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS WITH THE PANTELIS FAMILY



Bundi Pantelis welcomed the guests to the celebratory evening and graciously thanked everyone that had contributed to the current day expansion of their business



Above: District Council CEO Trent Rusby, a guest on the night experiencing the hospitality of the Greek Community in Coober Pedy



Right: The Pantelis brothers capturing the event on phones and cameras.

BERND ARNO GUBA 26.1.1940 to 27.3.2015

By Cindy Farantouris

Bernd Arno Guba was born January 26th 1940 in Chemnitz Germany to parents Franz and Elfriede. He had 6 siblings – Helga, Reiner, Monika, Horst, Udo, and Klaus.

Bernd as a young man spent time in the Army and became a Boilermaker. He raced Motorcycles and sidecars with some success. He married Elisabeth Mann in Germany on the 9th of November 1967. Jürgen Bernd (Jordan) was born on the 16th November 1967. Bernd, Elisabeth and Jordan migrated to Australia on the ship Australis in 1970.

Bernd was extremely proud to have been born on Australia day and was happy to make it his new home. They lived in Sydney where Cindy Elisabeth was born on the 10th of March 1971.

He learnt English by watching Television. Catching up with friends from Germany and new ones met along the way, he convinced them to come to Coober Pedy to share his lifelong dream of becoming an Opal miner, Bernd packed his young family into a caravan towed behind his Holden Station wagon and moved to Coober Pedy on May the 4th 1975. They lived for a while at the Bulls Caravan Park and then lived in a dugout near the hospital.



In 1978 Bernd pegged a block of land and hand dug his new home at the then to be named German Gully. Bernd love to mine and was always on the field, his favourite and most profitable being Olympic.

Bernd was a very talented man, always learning and experimenting. He started mining with a Self-Tipper and eventually bought a Blower and Drill. In the 80's he learnt to fly an aeroplane and bought a Beechcraft Musketeer. Bernd and Elisabeth later divorced and Bernd dated a few lovely ladies after that.

He kept himself busy in his later years by tinkering on his machinery, reading books on every subject imaginable, writing letters to family and friends and tourist who visited his Dugout on William Creek Road, cooking for visitors, gardening around his dugout tending to his grapes, figs, beans and numerous cacti and also photography in which he would send pictures to be used on the Television weather and as a record of his activities. Bernd was a fiercely independent, at times stubborn man that always had a twinkle in his eye and a whistle on his lips.

He died peacefully at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on the 27th of March 2015; Aged 75 years.



Bernd with Mercedes



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PUBLIC NOTICE - THANK YOU

The family of Geoffrey Waters would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and condolences. With the generous donations the hospital will be able to purchase the much needed spinal boards. Your support has been greatly appreciated.
Joy Waters

PUBLIC NOTICE - APOLOGY

In August 2014 I posted two Facebooks Posts that inadvertently made reference to Mr George Naumovic. I would like to retract the comments made in my posts and apologise to Mr Naumovic for any offence that may have been taken. Sincerely, Sharyn Baines.



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Coober Pedy – Council Chambers

9am 1pm

Mon 3 Aug: Lev1, Lev2,
Tue 4 Aug: Lev 3
Thu 6 Aug: Lev4, Lev5

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COOBER PEDY BRIGADE

AGM and Elections

Date: 10/08/2015

Venue : Coober Pedy Brigade

Station

Time: 19:00

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PUBLIC NOTICE - BUDGET CONSULTATION



Council's 2015/2016 Budget

Community Consultation

Notice is hereby given that as part of the 2015/2016 Budget considerations, Council has now developed its Draft Annual Business Plan. Council is also required to undertake community consultation as part of the budgetary process so that it may brief and take submissions from the community for consideration in preparing its final budget for the 2015/2016 financial year.

To achieve this Council will be holding a public meeting as follows:

Date & Time: Wednesday 3rd August 2015 at 5.30 pm

Location: Council Chambers

Hard copies of the draft 2015/2016 Annual Business Plan are now available for inspection (free of charge) or purchase (at a cost of \$10) from the front counter of Council or can be downloaded from Council's website www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au

Council invites submissions which may be forwarded to Mr Damien Clark, Finance & Administration Manager, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO Box 425, Coober Pedy SA 5723, or by email to dclark@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au and should be received no later than close of business on Monday 17th August 2015.

Trent Rusby, Chief Executive Officer

An opportunity to excel your business and other activities

An experienced trainer and application developer, Peter Close has applied his skills as a consultant to South Australian Councils and began training in Excel last year in the West Coast.

With his wife, Rosario they decided to see the beautiful outback of Australia and at the same time make opportunity for people to trained and receive mentoring in Excel at a very reasonable cost.

They have promoted sessions in Marree, Beltana, Nepanbunna, Leigh Creek, Quorn, Rawnsley Park Station, Wilpena Pound, Quorn, Hawker, Port Augusta and Roxby Downs.

"The great thing about this business is we meet people in all different walks of life, I learn more about the outback environment around me and feel I am contributing as well as journeying on an extended holiday", said Peter.

"If just one person registers for a training session we definitely still conduct the session."

"We particularly like producing an application for a client as we train them," he said.

Excel is so versatile it can be used in business or simply in the home to create budgets, sorted lists, holding labelled photo libraries, planning holidays, indexing music CD's, calculating shopping lists, recording spending, designing room layouts etc.

Small business, farmers, contractors, corporations and government bodies use Excel in many different ways from invoicing, stock lists, breeding plans, work schedules, depreciation tables, creating forms, menu design, retrieving files, manipulating and analysing data from accounting programs, creating graphs, designing posters, analysing statistical data, project management and so on.

"The number of uses seem endless. Once you see a couple of applications you very quickly start realising the many uses you can put Excel to," said Peter.



2015 NATIONAL BRONCO BRANDING CHAMPIONSHIPS; HOSTED BY OODNADATTA

Story by Jackie Williams
Photos by Helen Williams



Dylan Maidment, Nilpinna Station in the Steer Ride



Adam Litchfield from Wilpoorina Station competing in the bronco branding



Greggy Warren Junior catching, with Eddie and Justin Nunn and Greg Warren Snr on the ground.



Mt Barry team- Tony Williams, Patrick, Matt and Cam Williams



Steer Ride winner Justin Nunn, and Jaike Coulthard, third, pictured with Jackie Williams



Bronco Branding SA circuit Singles winners- Mt Barry-Tony, Matt, Patrick and Cam Williams, with Jackie Williams



The Macumba team winning the National Doubles title- Eddie Nunn and Greg Warren Snr as catchers, and Justin Nunn, Greggy Warren and Colin Greenfield as their ground crew



Novice winners- Patrick Williams, Paul and Richard Abbott and Ben Powell., pictured with Jackie Williams

COOBER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Sat 1 August

Terminator Genisys

6:30pm Gates open; 7:00pm Film starts
Snacks & refreshments available at Canteen

John Connor sends leader of the human resistance Kyle Reese back in time to protect Sarah Connor, but when he arrives in 1984, nothing is as he expected it to be. An unexpected turn of events creates a fractured timeline, and an unexpected new mission - to reset the future...



Stars: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke

NO MOVIE Sat 8th August - CP Races

Friday 7 August

The Coober Pedy Historical Society Celebrates
the opening of the Drive-In 50 years ago

Join us for the screening of 2 Coober Pedy Documentaries

Million Dollar Gamblers c.1982
White Man in a Hole c.1973



Bill Stretton appearing in "White Man in a Hole"

The gate will open at 6.30 for a 7 pm start
Admission is free
Cake/biscuits/tea/coffee/juice will be available during intermission for a gold coin donation

Sat 15 August

Paper Towns

6:30pm Gates open; 7:00pm Film starts
Snacks & refreshments available at Canteen

PAPER TOWNS is a coming-of-age story centering on Quentin and his enigmatic neighbor Margo, who loved mysteries so much she became one. After taking him on an all-night adventure through their hometown, Margo suddenly disappears--leaving behind cryptic clues for Quentin to decipher.



Stars: Nat Wolff as Quentin Jacobsen
Cara Delevingne as Margo Roth Spiegelman.

What's On in COOPER PEDY? & Visiting Services

MONDAYS

Karate -Golf Club
6 - 7pm General Class
7 - 8pm Teenagers & Adults
karateclub.cp@gmail.com

Active Boys Group 3:15-5:00
ages 10 & up at the youth shed

TUESDAYS

COOPER PEDY MULTICULTURAL FORUM - HACC PROGRAM

FREE TAI CHI CLASSES for over 65s
Sit or stand for these gentle exercises.
1:15PM at Community Health

Please register: 8672 3299

Junior Football training 4pm – 5pm/5:30pm. All 4 teams to train together

Senior Football training 6pm

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS
3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm

AMBULANCE TRAINING
7.30pm Umoona Road. Every Tuesday except school holidays

WEDNESDAYS

MULTICULTURAL FORUM – HACC Program

Over 65s Gentle exercise class
9 AM at Golf Club
Please register – 8672 3299

THURSDAY

MULTICULTURAL FORUM – HACC Program

MOSIAC at the Italian Club for the over 65s - 1-4pm Please register: 8672 3299

KARATE -Golf Club. 6 - 7pm General Class. 7 - 8pm Teenagers & Adults. karateclub.cp@gmail.com

Junior Football training 4pm – 5pm/5:30pm. All 4 teams to train together

Senior Football training 6pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

2015

Term 1: 27 Jan - 10 Apr
Term 2: 27 Apr - 3 Jul
Term 3: 20 Jul - 25 Sep
Term 4: 12 Oct - 11 Dec

GREEK HALL
7pm Charcoal BBQ & Salad
Every Thursday night

LITTLE MUSICIANS
10.00am—10.45am
Cooper Pedy Area School Music Room
Caters for 3 to 5 year olds

FRIDAYS

Serbian Church Social
Club, Dinner 6pm Fridays

COOPER PEDY MULTICULTURAL FORUM - HACC PROGRAM

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CP SHOOTERS CLUB
7pm Friday night Clay Target Shotgun

GREEK CLUB - Bingo 7.30 pm

CP Social Scrabble 7.30pm
United Club . All skill levels welcome

AA 7pm Underground Catholic Church - Hutchison Street
Contact Geoff 0427646963

SATURDAYS

Mine Rescue Training
(Alternate Saturdays)

CFS TRAINING - every second Saturday at 2pm
Need new members urgently

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
9am & 11am Saturday
Pistol: 20/20 and
Dropdown Target Shoot

Cooper Pedy Golf Club
Open Weekend Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2015
A weekend of fun, good food and golf! All welcome!

Croatian Club
Happy Hour
Saturdays 6-7pm

SUNDAYS

Golf (CP Golf Course)
Registrations from 12:30
Tee off time 1:00pm

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

Catacomb Church Service
and Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday. Bus pickup available.
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CRICKET AT OVAL
Saturday 7.00 pm and
Sunday 9.30pm
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Youth Shed 11-2 ages 8 & up

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
10am - Centrefire 100m and
Shotgun Clay Target Shoot

Outback Events

August 2015

Cooper Pedy Races & Gymkhana Saturday 8 August & Sunday 9 August 2015

William Creek Campdraft & Bronco Branding Saturday, August 22nd 2015

September 2015

Blinman Art Exhibition
Saturday, 12th September 2015 - Saturday 3rd October 2015

October 2015

Blinman Gymkhana
Saturday, October 17th 2015...

Cooper Pedy Opal Symposium
7 & 8 October 2015

“What's On?”

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3 - 7 August	Jack
7 - 11 September	Richard
12 - 16 October	Richard
9 - 13 November	Jack
7 - 11 December	Jack

Income tax returns lodged electronically for a prompt refund (within 14 days subject to the Australian Taxation Office)

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COOPER PEDY DATES 2015
during Court Circuit.
Weeks commencing -

24 August
26 October
14 December

Free initial legal advice to anyone - anytime!

Please contact Andrew and make an appointment prior to his arrival.

Cooper Pedy Lions Club

Trash & Treasure
the last Saturday of each month
All Welcome



by *Charlie Paris*

Charlie Paris shares family secrets about a happy childhood

There's an old saying, "If you need to ask your parents who their favourite child is, its not you"

All parents will tell you they don't have favourites, as a child you don't always see it that way.

My mum grew up in a house hold of males. They did allsorts of male type stuff. Rebuilding a motor bike in their bedroom happened more than once. Riding that same motorcycle through the house to test that it was working, is still a secret my Nana Joan doesn't know about. Lizards, snakes, frogs and mice were apart of my mum's life growing up. That's why she has no fear of them now. If any are found in our house she picks them up and releases them outside. If dad is home she pretends she is a girly, girl and gets dad to do it for her. She then gives him a big hug and a kiss. She says it's a win, win situation.

My mum's brothers were into cars and like most kids in the outback they could all drive before they were 10 years old, or when their feet could touch the peddles. Mum helped her brothers pull bikes apart and washed down the parts, sand the rust off of bits and pieces.

My Nana Joan (that's my mum's mum) could see that she had a really tom boy on her hands. So she tried to teach my mum how to dance, that didn't work, it seems my mum has two left feet and she can trip over them at will. So Nana Joan tried to teach her how to cook. It seems that my mum can cook on an open fire really well, but was hopeless around a stove. At the time they had a wood stove, my mum, piled it so high with wood that she almost melted the stove. The fire was so hot the metal went white. Just like the dancing, cooking was off the list of turning my mum into a young lady.

Boarding school saved my mum for any more of building her into the girl her mother though she should be. She was a bit of a hero at boarding school because she knew all about bomb making and she could make an explosive from things in your kitchen cupboard.



Dogs under your feet makes it hard to change gears



Travel rules, you can have Chocolate milk for breakfast

Nana Joan would visit my mum in Adelaide and that's were they found lots of things they could do together and enjoy. Long walks in the park and going on picnics as long as Nana Joan did the cooking.

My mum remembers all of these activities as wonderful times.

So now a few times a year mum and I get away together and have some mummy, puppy time. I laugh when mum calls me puppy, because in dog years I am older then her.

Last week we had a few days away together. We drove to Port Augusta. Just like my Nana Joan would say, "you can drive when your feet touch the peddles" So mum did all the driving. We listened to music on the way, I sang to all the song I knew and hummed to the ones I didn't. When we got to Port Augusta we didn't do anything apart from spending time together. Sitting on the beach and had walks together and catching up with some friends. It was amazing because we were bonding.

I can tell you spending time with your children is the biggest gift and the most important thing you can ever do for them. Forget the latest toys; the toys are for Christmas or Birthdays. Your time is priceless and will see your children through good and bad times of their future. Then one day just like the advice that Nana Joan passed on to my mum, your children will be telling their children the advice you have given them.

Mum says the next time she is going to take EmDee away. EmDee is not the best traveller. She likes to sit in a safe place in the car and for some reason she thinks that's under the foot peddles. It hard to brake and change gears with a dog in the same space your feet need to be.

The cats like to bond by sleeping on mum on the lounge. Life is so simple for cats.

*Paws up for bonding
Get out and doing something with your kids to day.
Charlie Paris and EmDee*

FAREWELL TO THERAPY DOG ANGEL

Dear Charlie Paris,

Angel passed away tragically after a short illness on Monday 22 June.

Angel was rescued in May 2010 at 2yrs old. She was part of my life and we did many things together. 2 firsts for Angel, a real live football match at the CP Saints match of which we were great fans and Drive in movies.

Angel was trained as a therapy dog in 2012 and her first job was in the hospital at Coober Pedy. When I got sick, Angel devoted her time to me, looking after me full time I think she thought that was her most important job she became the meet and greet dog at Vinnies and also spent time at dusty radio.

Ready to give anything a go she went to community events, the outdoor markets and participated in the million paws walk events and dog trials.

Always doing her duty looking after my scooter when I went to the shops and the yard and house at home and a million other things.

She will be greeted in heaven by her sister Brownie and friends Dudge, Ellie, Mitzi, Cruiser and Azul.

She is sadly missed by her friends Angelina, and Suzie, even the cats Bob, Tito and Minti.

But most of all her Mum

God Bless Angel
Pearl



Pearl's much loved companion Angel

Dear Pearl

The passing of a dear friend and companion like Angel is very hard.

Remember the good times and how you gave her such a wonderful and interesting life.

I remember her at the Million Paws Walk, having so much fun and how close you two were.

Rest in Peace little girl.

Charlie Paris



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



Coober Pedy OZ Minerals Races



46th Annual Race Meeting and Gymkhana

8th & 9th August 2015

**No Eskies
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For inquiries please contact:
Jason Jones, President
Coober Pedy Amateur Racing Club
PO Box 98, Coober Pedy SA 5723
Ph: 0427877611

Saturday 8th August 2015

Children's Events Start at 9:00 am

- Roger the Roving Vet Tilting the Ring 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Monte Carlo 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Potato Race 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- John & Yoka's Opal and Art Potato Race 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Rocket Opal Flag & Barrel 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Flag & Barrel 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Bending Race 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- District Council of Coober Pedy Bending Race 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Adelaide Galvanising Musical Chairs 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Lookout Cave Motel Bending Race (Motor Cycle) 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Bending Race (Motor Cycle) 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Key Hole (Motor Cycle) 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Northpoint Toyota Key Hole (Motor Cycle) 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Coober Pedy Waste Transport Bang & Go Back (Motor Cycle) 10-15 years
1st \$100, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Bang & Go Back (Motor Cycle) 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Food stalls, drinks, clothing stalls, sweet & sour licorice, tug of war, arm wrestling, novelty events and more...

Free for the Kids

Jumping castles, playground, kids activity area with playdough, blocks, puzzles, badge making, painting, face painting and kids novelty events.



Leading Men's Gymkhana Rider (Ron Gough Memorial Trophy)

Donated by Peter Rowe

Leading Ladies Gymkhana Rider

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Child Incentive Award

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Entry Fee

This year entry fees have been halved to celebrate Coober Pedy's Centenary! One entry fee for the whole weekend!

Adults \$10.00

12 to under 18 Years \$5.00

Under 12 Years admitted Free

Sunday 9th August 2015

Children's Events Start at 10:00 am

- Apple Race 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- The Mud Hut Motel Apple Race 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Opalios Thread the Needle 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Thread the Needle 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Musical Chairs 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Barrel Race 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Mail Run Tour Barrel Race 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Barrel Race (Motor Cycle) 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Father Frank Cresp Barrel Race (Motor Cycle) 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- All Site Transport Go Slow (Motor Cycle) 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20
- Go Slow (Motor Cycle) 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Night Horse Race (Motor Cycle) 9 & under
Trophy 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Eddie Hughes Night Horse Race (Motor Cycle) 10-15 years
1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20

Main Events Start at 12:00 Noon

- Red Mulga Indigenous Resources Plate 800m
1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100
- Thiess Pty Ltd Thread the Needle
1st 2 x \$80, 2nd 2 x \$40, 3rd 2 x \$20
- Mike Maylin Construction Stock Horse Trial
1st \$300, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50
- Dominion Gold Operations Stock Horse Trial (Motor Cycle)
1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

1:00pm Lunch

1:30pm Wear-House Arcade Children's Novelty Events

Ladies 100 metre Foot Race

Men's 100 metre Foot Race (Both races run consecutively)

- The Miners Store 1000m Stakes (Calcutta)
1st \$1000, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$200
- OZ Minerals Texas Barrel Race
1st \$500, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100
Texas Barrel Race (Motor Cycle)
1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100
- Carter's IGA Fresh Mono Competition (Motor Cycle)
1st \$250, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50
- Tony Wong's Coober Pedy Ladies Bracelet 1200m
1st Opal Bracelet, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$200
- Desert Cave Pony Express Relay Race
1st 4 x \$50, 2nd 4 x \$25, 3rd 4 x \$10
- Potato Relay Race
1st 4 x \$40, 2nd 4 x \$20, 3rd 4 x \$10
- Dick Nunn Memorial Consolation Race 600m
1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100
- Old Timers Mine Stock Whip Challenge (Incorporating Tony Thon Memorial Time Trial - Jackpot \$2000)
1st \$160, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$20
- OZ Minerals Arm Wrestling Men & Ladies (2 out of 3) 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 (Both Mens and Ladies)

Thanks to our sponsors...



Rules and Conditions

Full rules and conditions on race poster out soon.

Programme subject to change without notice

Adelaide Galvanising, All Site Transport, Big4 Stuart Range Outback Resort, Bulls Service Station, Coober Pedy Mail Run, Challenger Gold Operations, Elders Rural Services, Fire Equipment Maintenance Group, Italo-Australian Miners Club, Jenny Gough, John's Pizza Bar, John & Yoka's Opal & Art, Landmark Port Augusta, Eddie Hughes, Mud Hut Motel, The Nunn Family (Eddy, Richard, Stuart, Rachel, Marg), Northpoint Toyota Port Augusta, Oasis Caravan Park, Old Timers Mine, Opalios, Outback Parks and Lodges, Peter Rowe, Roger the Roving Vet, Rowan Ramsey MP, Seekamp Opals, Shellys Nail Spa, Tink Seekamp, Umoona Opal Mine & Museum, Underground Books, Wear-House Arcade