

# **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY & THE FIRST WOMAN to ARRIVE at COOBER PEDY in 1921**

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The global theme for International Women's Day in 2021 is 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future. This theme is both appropriate and inspiring as we talk about Mary Halliday's arrival at Coober Pedy, where she found herself to be the only woman on the Opal Fields.

The first woman to arrive at the Stuart Range Opal Field Coober Pedy in 1921, exactly 100 years ago, was Mary Halliday, a school teacher and the wife of an opal miner.

In her work as a teacher Mary was committed to leading by example in actions, speech and behaviour in order to lead her students through many of the challenges that daily life and learning presented.

Prior to joining her husband at Coober Pedy in 1921, Mary taught aboriginal children at many locations including the Ernabella Mission (now Pukatja) Crown Point, Finke. NT., also Bloods Creek and Siam Station in the Gawler Ranges.

Mary was a courageous outback adventurer, quite prepared to step outside of the female stereotype and answer the call for teachers to go to the remotest of communities just after the turn of the last century.

#### FIRST LADY AT COOBER PEDY Reprint from CPRT June 2008

Mrs. E. Halliday writes: Being the first woman resident on the Stuart Range opal field, I thought I would write a few lines about my journey up.

Before leaving I was called mad: by others brave; but I consider if it is good enough for my husband, surely it is good enough for me. So I am wondering what I really am.

Leaving Port Augusta by the East-West express at 10.40, I arrived at Kingoonya three hours later.

The mailman, Mr Norton took me to a boarding house, where we got a good breakfast. I stayed, and had Leaving about 9 o'clock, we reached Teal Water Hole in time to have grilled chops right off the ashes and billy tea for dinner.

We had 60 miles more" to do. The road is supposed to be rough, but I can't see it. It is certainly bumpy, but a far better road than between Oodnadatta and Charlotte Waters. There are no big stones to go over. We reached The Jungle at 9 o'clock. My husband was very glad to see me. Most of The Jungle men were there to meet me and welcome me on the fields.

Next morning Mr. Oliver brought polished stones and I was to have my pick from them. Mr. Chester also bought me a large piece of rough opal, and Mr. Reily made me a present of a Ford motor seat (no, not car) for a lounge, and something comfortable to -sit on. I can assure you it is a real comfy seat.

So you see, even so far out-back the gentlemen think of the ladies' comfort; and really, I think it is outback where you meet the real gentleman. One thing I was disappointed in was the Stuart Range. I expected it to be more like the Flinders Range, but it seems to me more like dumpy little hills dotted everywhere. The country all along is looking a picture and in places, like a waving crop.

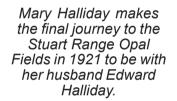
The climate is lovely and I have not felt it any hotter than anywhere else. Of course the flies are bad but that is because we have no wire doors and windows in our camps. My camp consists of tent for bedroom, a bough shed for a general room, and a dug-out to sit in when very hot and keep the eatables cool.

I think it would be hard to find a more hopeful camp of men, and we ought really to be named "We of the

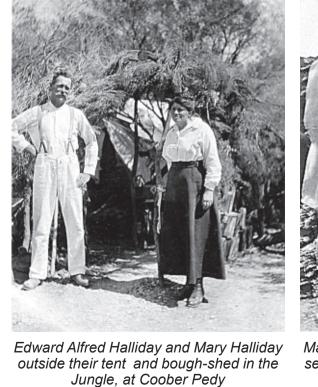


**The "First Lady" of Coober Pedy** Mary Halliday and mailman Jack Norton outside the Post Office in 1921





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dinner. We left there at 1.40, reaching Bon Bon about 4.45.

We had a lovely cup of tea and I had a good deal of teasing being told not to be surprised if I saw some of the men peeping behind bushes, while others would run like rabbits, because some of them bad been so long without seeing a woman; in fact, if I was met with a tin-kettle band to welcome me I must not be surprised.

We went on from there to Mount Eba, arriving at 7 o'clock. 1 camped the night and was made very welcome.

Never-Know-When," for we never know when any of them are going to strike a big haul. I am hoping to see more ladies come up to their husbands now I have made a start. I had no idea it was such bard work to get opal needless to say, I do a little grubbing; holding a miner's right. I feel bound to.

*Mrs. Mary Halliday for her family and to the Advertiser.* 

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Mary Halliday right with Mrs. Pearce, the second woman to settle in Coober Pedy, with her child

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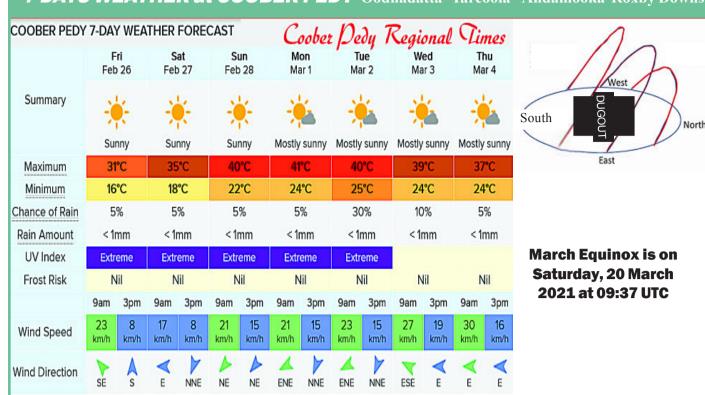
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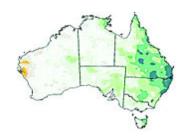
#### Overview

- Wetter than average March to May for eastern Australia, tending to a neutral outlook elsewhere.
- Days likely to be warmer than average in western WA, northern Australia, and the far south-east of Australia. Warmer than average nights likely nationwide except for parts of the west and south.
- La Niña is still active but has passed its peak strength. Models suggest a return to neutral conditions during autumn.

#### Rainfall







Chance of exceeding median rainfall for March to May Chance of exceeding median maximum temperature for March to May



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6.) Letters to Editor need to be signed and also may be edited. Page 2 AMAZING UNDERGROUND HOMES (at least 1500 people living underground)

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Jason Wright volunteer
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MISSING: Shirley Williams Age 73

Shirley Williams had not returned home from Monday 28th December 2020 onward but was sighted twice on Thursday 31 December 2020

During the same morning Shirley was seen in the Catacomb Road area; at the Kempe Road creek area, and during that afternoon she was seen walking purposefully west on the 17 Mile Road, near the corner of Kempe Road (Oodnadatta Road). Temperatures for those three days were high?

There were no further sightings of Shirley Williams.

Immediate members of the Williams family

On Friday 1 January, daughter Jillian Williams requested assistance from the police as family were searching but there were too few trying to search a large area.

Saturday morning the family appealed to the community for help via the Coober Pedy Regional Times FB page, for a search that involved tracking the mother's footprints along the side of 17 Mile Road and then along a dirt road that went out to an area known as Crocodile Harry's, or the Kenda Flat Opal Field.

The family on this occasion were accompanied by local resident Jason Wright who volunteered with his dirt bike and a drone.

Shirley's disappeared drew some on-the-ground support and some attention from other media, thus providing a small measure of comfort to the grieving family.

Shirley Williams Age 73

Saturday, afternoon 2 February 2021 saw the arrival of a police initiated search plane at Coober Pedy. Sunday morning Police enlisted the support of local Emergency Service crews and followed leads that the family and locals recommended including Ryan's Hill, Flat Hill Road, Coober Pedy Area School, Kenda Flat Opal Field, Dead Horse Gully Field and quite a number of others.

Despite extensive search by local police and others, at this date, Shirley's disappearance is still a mystery.



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# **Unanswered Questions**

# **UESTIONS TO DCCP ON \$3.55m** ERROR in BUDGETED FIGURES REMAIN UNANSWERED Surplus VS Deficit and

**Anomaly VS Error** 

6 only questions on the faulty financial statement prepared and published on 5th July 2020 on council's website that remained in the public domain for between 5-7 days.

We invited the council to respond more specifically, but avoid unnecessary technicality and excessive detail as to how the anomaly/error occurred.

Council MUST have expected that an error of around \$3.55 MILLION DOLLAR magnitude would at the very least attract scrutiny and arguments for maladministration/incompetence.

What was the cost of preparing these 0• financials in terms of time and labour? Not answered

**Q** • Please identify the amounts and explain the surplus in one part of the ledger, turning into a loss on another part of the ledger? **Not Answered** 

At the 28-7-2020 Council Meeting Mr. Alan Rushbrook spoke of correcting some errors during his talk on borrowings. It was not clear if he was talking about errors in his latest projections, or the errors in the faulty budgeted figures published on the 5th July.

Unless explanations are clear then we will have to consider that our questions are not answered.

**Q** • Could the "anomaly" as Mr. Miller CEO called it, be explained or clarified in plain English for the community to understand, avoiding unnecessary technicality and excessive detail? Not answered

Did the council officers compiling the 0• budgeted figures not wonder where over a million dollars of surplus money had actually come from, given that council operates at the brink of bankruptcy and on the limit of borrowings at all times? Not answered

# **VEHICLE VS LIGHT POLE ON UMOONA ROAD**



Police and emergency services responded to a road crash/rescue near the intersection of Umoona Road and Crowder's Gully Road Coober Pedy at 7.43am on Wednesday 24-02-2021

Fortunately there were no serious injuries. Local residents recall this being the second collision with the pole at that location recently.

Thank you for the fine work of the police and the emergency services.



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Parliament, on Thursday passed the Morrison Government's commercial negotiations outside the Code and the Government is pleased to see progress by both Google and more recently Facebook in reaching commercial arrangements with Australian news media businesses.

The Code is a significant microeconomic reform, one that has The Code was developed after extensive analysis from the drawn the eyes of the world on the Australian parliament. Our Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), commitment to legislating the Code reflects the importance of a diverse and well-resourced news media sector to our democracy and the Australian people.

remunerated for the content they generate, helping to sustain The Government would like to thank all stakeholders for their contribution throughout this process, particularly the ACCC for its ground-breaking research which led to the drafting of

What financial risk management 0• policies or audit policies are in place? Not answered

0. What measures have been put in place since, to prevent this happening again? Not Answered

We have since received (after a previous publication 7-8-20) a compilation of questions and answers constructed by council that do not adequately address the 6 simple questions posed by the community (above).

We therefore decline to complicate the issue by publishing or accepting council's replacement questions. It is not for councils to decide how they will be scrutinized. Editor

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public interest journalism in Australia.

The Code provides a framework for good faith negotiations the Code. between the parties and a fair and balanced arbitration process to resolve outstanding disputes.

Importantly, the code encourages parties to undertake



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The Code will be reviewed by Treasury within one year of its commencement to ensure it is delivering outcomes that are consistent with the Government's policy intent.





# **COOBER PEDY & PIMBA TO RECEIVE A SLICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH/STATE** \$100m ROAD SAFETY PACKAGE

Fifteen new road safety projects that include Coober Pedy and Pimba are about to start rolling out across South Australia as part of the first tranche of a road safety package worth more than \$100 million, designed to reduce road trauma and save lives.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said tranche one works would start imminently and be completed by June to improve safety and support jobs as soon as possible.

"This funding is part of our national \$2 billion Road Safety Program and will deliver much-needed lifesaving upgrades including shoulder sealing, rumble strips, works to prevent head-on collisions and barriers to prevent run-off-road crashes," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

Premier of South Australia, Steven Marshall, said getting funding flowing and shovels in the dirt on road safety upgrades across the state was going to create jobs and save lives.

"Getting work underway on these projects now means we are delivering safer roads and supporting around 500 local jobs through economic stimulus at a time it is needed most," Premier Marshall said.

"My Government is pleased to be partnering with the Australian Government to get this more than \$100 million in funding out the door to improve the safety of our road network and reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries occurring on our roads."

In total, the Australian Government has committed \$83.7 million and the South Australian Government a further \$20.9 million to fund the state-wide upgrades under this first tranche of the program.

For more information on the Australian Government's road safety initiatives, visit www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au.

Project	Total	State Contribution	Commonwealth Contribution
Riddoch Highway - Keith to Mount Gambier	\$ 3,000,000	\$600,000	\$2,400,000
Ngarkat Highway - Pinaroo to Bordertown	\$ 9,000,000	\$1,800,000	\$7,200,000
Karoonda Highway - Veitch to Boundary Road	\$ 500,000	\$100,000	\$400,000
Riddoch Highway - Keith to Mount Gambier	\$ 1,540,000	\$320,000	\$1,220,000
Eyre Highway - Head of Bight to Ceduna	\$ 9,100,000	\$1,820,000	\$7,280,000
Augusta Highway - Collinsfield to Red Hill	\$ 7,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,000,000
Barrier Highway - Burra to Cockburn	\$ 18,000,000	\$3,600,000	\$14,400,000
Stuart Highway - Pimba and North of Coober Pedy	\$ 17,600,000	\$3,520,000	\$14,080,000
Upper Yorke Road - Maitland to Aurthurton	\$ 6,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$4,800,000
Tod Highway - Kyancutta to Lock	\$ 4,000,000	\$800,000	\$3,200,000
Birdseye Highway - Lock to Rudall	\$ 4,000,000	\$800,000	\$3,200,000
Minlaton Road - Minlaton to Stansbury	\$ 3,000,000	\$600,000	\$2,400,000
Playford Highway - Bark Hut Road to Kingscote Airport	\$ 1,000,000	\$200,000	\$800,000
Pages Flat Road - Willunga to Myponga	\$ 500,000	\$100,000	\$400,000
Horrocks Highway - Wilmington to Templars	\$ 19,900,000	\$3,980,000	\$15,920,000

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#### **ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE INQUIRY**

The Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee has opened an inquiry into governance standards in South Australian Aboriginal community-controlled organisations.

In particular the Committee will consider:

- 1. The key elements of a comprehensive governance capacity-building framework that will support South Australian Aboriginal organisations and corporations to deliver on Aboriginal community aspirations for self-determination.
- This may include:
- a. what policies and processes will best support directors and boards to meet their statutory and financial obligations and oversee the management of their organisations:
- b. what policies and processes will best support directors and boards to ensure culturally safe processes;
- c. governance structures that enable South Australian Aboriginal communitycontrolled organisations and corporations to maximise economic opportunities for the benefit of their communities:
- d. governance structures that enable South Australian Aboriginal communitycontrolled organisations and corporations to maximise cultural opportunities for the benefit of their communities;
- e. best practice in training and mentor supports appropriate for boards of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and corporations;
- f. examples of good governance in First Nations' organisations nationally and internationally that have local relevance, including practical examples of how to implement good governance principles such as:
  - accountability;
  - transparency;
  - integrity (including management of real or perceived conflicts of interest);
  - cultural authority:
  - efficiency;
  - · leadership;
  - culturally safe processes; and
  - · incorporating Aboriginal decision-making principles.
- 2. Specific pathways to support young Aboriginal people and Aboriginal women to step into leadership roles in their communities.

The Committee would like to advise that any person or organisation wishing to make a written submission to the Committee, or register an interest in presenting oral evidence to the Committee, is invited to do so by 31 March 2021. Written submissions and expressions of interest should be addressed to the Executive Research Officer of the Committee c/o Parliament House, GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001; by telephone on (08) 8237 9568; or via email at alpsc@parliament.sa.gov.au.

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# WHY ARE THE NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANTS NOT MENTIONED IN THE CONSULTATION **PROCESS REGARDING DEFICIENT SURVEYS ON CROWN LAND?**

#### Dear Editor,

Regarding Item 4.2 Road Surveying in the minutes of the Council meeting held on 09/02/2021 where Mr. Colin Pitman seeks a resolution from Council to request the State government to take responsibility for the deficient surveying of roads and to provide the financial resources necessary to rectify the problem.

My question: Why was a decision made by the CEO, Colin Pitman's submission for a financial grant is subject the Administrator and Colin Pitman to not mention the to Native Title and the proposed Coober Pedy ILUA. claimants of Native Title and the Negotiators for the Coober Pedy ILUA, and therefore include them in the proposed consultation process? Because Crown land in

**Richard Abbott Licensed Surveyor** 

### **District Council of Coober Pedy - Minutes Ordinary Meeting 9 February 2021**

#### 4.2 Road Surveying

Author: Colin Pitman, Works and Water Manager Appendices: Nil Attachments: Nil

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution from Council to request the State government to take responsibility for the deficient surveying of roads and to provide the financial resources necessary to rectify the problem. Conflict of Interest: The author declares no conflict of interest in this matter

Discussion The division of the Council area into lots and roads was undertaken in several stages with the vast majority of the township being divided in the late 1960s by the State Surveyor-General. Most of the area was subdivided prior to the proclamation of Coober Pedy as a Council in 1987. The division of the land is problematic for the following reasons:

1. Many legal road reserves were not designed to take into account the topography of the land on which the road dedication was made, and therefore this has compromised accessibility to many lots. Consequently, in some locations where roads have been constructed on the legally dedicated road reserve, safety and convenience has been compromised.

2. Many lots have narrow impractical frontages and accessibility to all allotments from the single access road is impossible.

3. Most roads outside of the centre of town do not align with the legally designated road reserve for a portion of their length.

4. The lots adjoining the roads are not able to be sensibly numbered.

5. Approximately half of the designated road reserves outside of the built up centre of town are incorrectly aligned to match the contours of the land. Consequences of the Problem

#### The consequences of the above-mentioned 1. Emergency services do not arrive at a private property problems include:

4. Emergency services are often unable to find 4. Tourists may be discouraged from returning to Coober properties quickly because of: a. A lack of logical property numbering; and b. A mismatch between digital maps and the constructed road. This presents a major risk to life and property.

5. Tourists arriving in the dark often cannot find their accommodation because of the lack of logical property numbering and the mismatch between digital maps and the constructed road. This problem is exacerbated by poor mobile phone coverage making it difficult for tourists to contact their hosts.

6. The town does not have a letterbox delivery service and most residents and businesses have a post office box. Australia Post has to match property numbers and lot numbers to PO Box numbers. This can be problematic when residents use a street number and a lot number.

7. Citizens have advised Council at previous meetings that economic development in Coober Pedy is being impeded due to the uncertainty and cost of legal access to private property.

8. Council's road funding from the Commonwealth Grants Commission may be less than what is should be due to the difficulty in obtaining accurate road lengths data which is exacerbated by these problems.

Solutions In some locations the road as constructed could be more appropriately relocated for the safe movement traffic on the dedicated road reserve alignment, and in other cases the road reserve could be more safely and conveniently relocated on the "as constructed" alignment. The earliest completion time for survey consultation and construction is estimated to be 18 months.

#### **Risk Management Implications**

#### The main identified risks of the current situation are as follows:

in a timely manner resulting in loss of life or property.

Pedy or recommending Coober Pedy as a tourist destination because of the difficulty in locating their accommodation;

5. Economic development is hindered and puts the future sustainability of the town at risk.

6. There is a financial risk to Council that our local roads funding is either understated or overstated due to inaccurate road length data.

**Financial Implications** The following estimates have been put on the cost modifications need to address these problems: Re-survey \$200,000 Land acquisition \$20,000 Physical road relocation \$100,000 Signage \$50,000 Renumbering \$50,000 Consultation \$10,000 Supply and install numbers on gates \$20,000 Total \$450,000

Council does not have the financial capacity to rectify the problems.

Responsibility The roads were surveyed prior to 1987 when the Council was formed. This is a legacy issue that should have been addressed prior to the formation of the Council. The original deficient survey was undertaken by State Government and therefore should be rectified by the State Government. It would a gross injustice to expect the current ratepayers to foot the bill to fix these problems.

Consultation Prior to sending a request to the State Government, Council officers will consult with emergency services, Australia Post and the Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association to request letters of support.

#### **Options**

Option 1: Approve the recommendation. Option 2: Amend the recommendation. Option 3: No resolution.

#### Recommendation That Council:

1. Seek letters of support from emergency services, Australia Post and the Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association; and

1. Difficulty in physically constructing roads in the location designated by the road reserve due to topography. Often, access is physically impossible without incurring considerable expense.

2. The need to construct numerous culverts for each of the intersecting gullies.

3. The travel path from the property boundary to the most suitable location for the road is often over Crown Land and does not provide an easily recognisable travel path to the property.



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2. In the past, some property owners have constructed roads over Crown Land to access their properties. If iniurv was to occur as a result of a poorly constructed road or intersection, liability could rest with Council.

3. In some cases, roads have been constructed over private property without the necessary easements being put in place on titles. There is a risk that property owners could fence off sections of road. There is also a risk that property owners could be liable if an injury or damage occurred to private property on a section of road on private property that purports to be a public road. There is also a risk that Council could be liable for an injury or damage to property on such a section of road despite the fact that Council has no legal authority to rectify a defect on a private section of road.

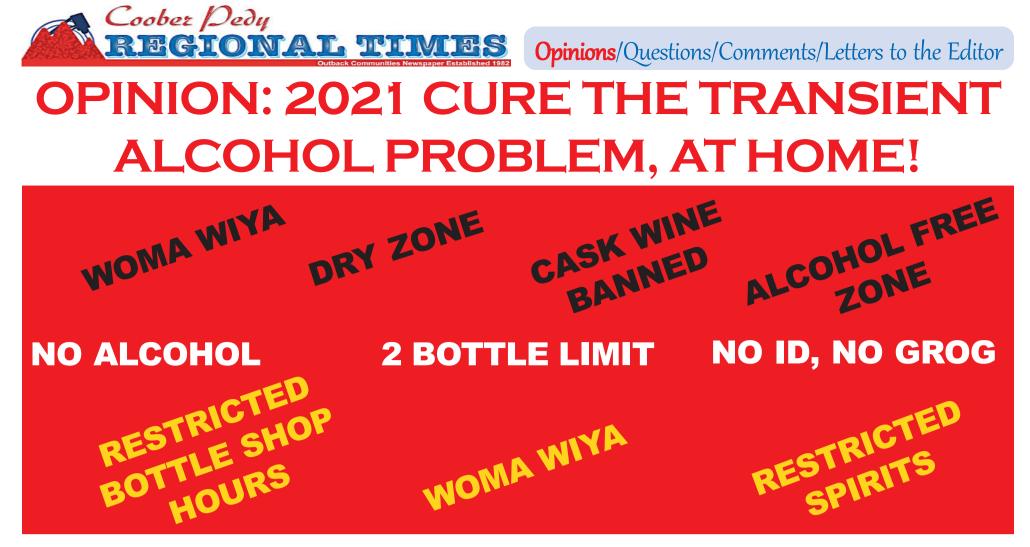
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2. Call on the State Government to acknowledge responsibility for the deficient surveying of roads, and provide the financial resources necessary to rectify the problem.

#### **Resolution No. 126 That Council:**

1. Seek letters of support from emergency services, Australia Post and the Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association; and

2. Call on the State Government to acknowledge responsibility for the deficient surveying of roads, and provide the financial resources necessary to rectify the problem.



How much longer are we prepared to allow this shameful situation to exist? Every able-bodied young Anangu male in 2021 is following in the undignified footsteps of their forefathers. "Is this deliberate"?

Anangu can purchase alcohol in distant towns if they have an ID such as a licence. So there you have it - the pied piper, or alcohol is calling the tune! By way of generous pensions and no management plan it is very clear that the Anangu are armed with adequate funds to genocide themselves. In 2021 why are we still seeing alcohol used as a carrot to humiliate Anangu?

# If the two Governments weren't so obcessed with romancing the minerals on the APY Lands, then maybe the Anangu could achieve stability and a graceful transition as the priority

**Port Augusta:** I feel for the people of Port August when their Mayor, Brett Benbow comes out to query severe anti-social behaviour. They are at the beginning of where Coober Pedy was in the 90s when the Government wheels turned slowly.

"These are not normal visitors. These people from the lands are cashed up..." "I have lived here all my life and it is the worst I have ever seen things," Mayor Benbow told the Transcontinental Newspaper in January.

Sunny Singh Port Augusta City Councillor said, "Enough is enough.. we all in Port Augusta are facing this anti social behaviour issue.. people from out of town, aggressive, drunk people at CBD, fights at beach. I have never seen this before.."

Over the Christmas period I spent some time in Pt. Augusta and the town was indeed overrun by hundreds of non-locals seeking alcohol and sleeping rough. I had to ask myself, "Is this deliberate"?

A businessman said to me that they had attacked numerous cars including the town's war memorial with an acidic solution that corrodes paint, if not quickly removed.

**Mintabie:** The recent closure of Mintabie looms large as a contributing factor to the aboriginal uprising currently being experienced in Pt. Augusta and beyond if indeed as the Government claimed, Mintabie was serving as a springboard for illicit drugs and alcohol into the APY Lands; despite, the overwhelming majority of miners not being involved in any underhanded exchange.

**Liquor availability:** Since 2013 Coober Pedians and visiting tourists have been paying through the nose for bottled wine because casks were outlawed. An entire town is penalised to try and make Coober Pedy less attractive to stop at.

Cask wine has always been available in Pt. Augusta but may need to be removed; if, this APY Lands revolt continues to stretch police resources and the city's patience.

Ban casks in Pt. Augusta and this tide will simply flow on to Adelaide, will it not? Will the State Government or his Liquor Commissioner place Adelaide and suburbs on similar restrictions?

Those that live on prescribed lands appear not to be paying electricity or water so this money becomes available for alcohol in Coober Pedy and Port Augusta. In other words, as I read elsewhere, government pensions have become a stimulus for the liquor industry. Is this fair?

Residents in Coober Pedy have long complained that they are overcharged for alcohol due to the restrictions which is tantamount to an additional and heavy tax imposed on a small town simply because the government cannot solve any remote problems, let alone one that Critically, tourism suffers as a consequence, and a severe increase in house break-ins, property damage and arson.

**Education and Training:** I read recently that the Oodnadatta mob own and manage the Transcontinental Hotel and the womenfolk help enforce responsible drinking among the men. Others say it has had some setbacks.

I agree with a growing belief that in 2021 the APY Lands should strongly consider trialing "hospitality" at home based on the Oodnadatta model and responsible consumption. Education and management is surely the answer.

How much longer are we prepared to allow this shameful situation to exist? Every able-bodied young Anangu male in 2021 is following in the undignified and hopeless footsteps of their forefathers.

**Mining influence:** If the two Governments weren't so preoccupied with romancing the minerals on the APY Lands, then maybe (?) the Anangu could achieve stability and a graceful transition as the priority.

Anangu can purchase alcohol in distant towns if they have an ID such as a licence. So there you have it - the pied piper or alcohol is indeed calling the tune!

Anything has to be better than the present unacceptable situation that continues to force a small community like Coober Pedy, and now the City of Port Augusta to carry the can for mis-management and neglect of our first nation's people's need to fully integrate into the mainstream. With responsible education and management, success could be achieved at home.

When the state government closed the township of Mintabie; did they foresee that a large number of aborigines would exit the Lands in search of illicit alcohol and drugs and implement a Plan B? If so what is it?

Regrettably, for Pt. Augusta and others the South Australian State Government would seem not to have a Plan B, resulting in towns within cooee of the APY lands no better off than in the 90s when towns in the path of transients wanting to obtain alcohol was at an all time peak and the Government had no apparent interest in Aboriginal disadvantage, nor the inconvience that this neglect had on their constituents.

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involves minerals.

The Government have renamed it, Coober Pedy's problem and walked away. Is this fair on the Anangu? This "tactic" is the main factor generating racism!

Had the Basics Card trial in Ceduna been applied state wide, problem drinking may have been severely curtailed.

While it is known that alcohol is not a tolerated substance for indigenous people, they are clearly supplied with the funds and the loopholes to destroy themselves. Is this fair?

Why should responsible drinkers in Coober Pedy and elsewhere be permanently disadvantaged because of a few hundred desperate drinkers, heavily financed by the government. According to Mayor Brett Benbow the Anangu arrive in thie city all cashed up!

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By way of generous pensions and no management plan it is very clear that the Anangu are armed with adequate funds to genocide themselves. Please, stop torturing all of us.

# Local Ratepayer and Pt. Augusta visitor BC Trueman.

**PS** The 2013 Coober Pedy approach (no identity; no grog, etc.) was only ever partially successful.

2021: Why are we still seeing alcohol used as a carrot to humiliate Anangu? Let them have some dignity, and trial it at home.

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# LETTERS; COMMENTS; OPINIONS



Hi there darls, I hope you enjoyed your month away from the desk. We'll have to catch up for coffee and swap some of our finer holiday details one of these days.

When I was away in Bondi with Dags over Christmas we did a lot of talking about good old Coobers and one of our topics of conversation was things to do other than go mining or opal cutting or stuff like that.

You know what Dags suggested? Nothing. Not a bloody thing other than going mining. So it posed the question what else is there to do in the Opal Capital of the World?

Dags just enjoys sitting in front of the telly or occasionally having a session with his mates at the Outback bar, or the pub or up at the Italian Club and RSL when they're open. Apart from that he just goes mining and when he finds some colour he gives it to me to clean. Bit like fishing I suppose.

When I was talking to my besties Stella and Della, they reckon their blokes do much the same. Stella's boyfriend whose nickname is Wombat (for obvious reasons) keeps himself in pretty good nick because when he's not mining he's a bit of a gym junkie and likes to go running. He'll run for miles.

It's not unusual for him to get up at the crack and run out to the Breakaways and back and do it in under a couple of hours when he's got a tail wind. I reckon he's got a bike parked out there somewhere but Stella reckons he's legit and legs it all the way.

Della's fella is nothing like Dags and Wombat. He's got a lot of ink and struts about like a gangster and drinks Jack No7 like it was water. He's a bit of an academic too because he talks about politics and the Canberra conspiracies and drops names like they were his best buds.

When he's on a roll, like last Saturday night at the barbie, he had all of us roped in about how the pollies spend money badly and how a few got away with plenty by moving money about in what he called the harbour bottom or something like that. Might have been bottom of the harbour but anyway it was real interesting.

He told us about a royal commission into the money hiding thing and how all the star witnesses were given nicknames and one in particular I can remember was the lizard, or maybe it was the goanna. Anyway, this fella was worth squillions and he didn't pay tax and the pollies didn't like it so they organised the royal commission to put him under the pump and squeeze some out of him.

Anyway, the only people who made any money were the lawyers.

But the interesting thing is this Ducks, that I can remember dear old dad, Arnie, talking about this with some of his mates over beers about forty years ago.

We were at a barbie and the long necks were getting a fair hiding because it was so hot and the boys were as dry as chalk. I can't remember how it got started but apparently during this royal commission in Sydney someone was getting the once over in the witness box, and they had said they used a lot of their cash to buy opal from Coober Pedy.

Money laundering and the bottom of the harbour thing they called it.

Well, apparently that opened a can of worms amongst the lawyers over there because a lot of them were partial to moving some of their cash about with opal, so said dear old Arnie.

Opal seemed to be the common thread amongst people who made a lot of money, especially lawyers, because they occasionally had their fees paid in opal by the crooks they were defending. A few of Arnie's old mates agreed and they all had a story to tell about someone they knew who paid their legal fees in cash and opal. It was a win win. The crook stayed out of gaol and the lawyer got paid cash with some opal to boot.

Anyway, I can remember Arnie and his mates talking about some of the dodgy types who came to Coobers from Melbourne and Sydney to swap some cash, play some cards and bring some ladies of the night. Arnie said there was some serious coin about back in its day and the miners didn't mind a fight and a feed and a fornication (not his words) and not necessarily in that order.

I'd laugh every time he said that and I'm sure it only encouraged him. They'd stand around for hours swapping yarns, dropping names and talking up the big parcels that came and went. I loved it. Dad had a good mate named Gordon who used to be an accountant in Perth who came to Coobers on a holiday with his wife.

Anyway, the bus broke down half way from Kingoonya and it got towed into town with the twenty or so tourists on board and arrived half a day late in the middle of the night. They were tired, angry and thirsty, but not for long. The pub was open and it was on for young and old Arnie said.

Finally, when they couldn't drink any more, they hit the sack in preparation for their day of sightseeing. At breakfast they were informed that their one day stopover was more likely to be four because of the repairs to the bus and that they were at free to wander at large.

Gordon, being a typically dull and boring accountant wandered about the town with his wife aimlessly until the salubrious charms of the pub's front bar got their attention about midday. That's where he and Arnie met. At the Southwark tap.

So after an hour or three, Arnie took Gordon and his missus home to meet dear old Mum who got a barbie going and over a few more long necks Arnie and Gordon were kicking goals and getting on like a house on fire.

Next day Arnie and his mining partner took them out to Olympic and took them underground in their mine, and although they were a little tentative at first going down the ladders, Gordon and his missus loved it.

They saw Arnie take out some colour and couldn't believe how beautiful the couple of pieces were and even more astonished as to how much they were worth.

Long story short, Gordon and his missus loved it so much that when they returned to Perth they decided to take twelve months leave and try their luck in Coober Pedy.

They were back about six months later and stayed for about twenty years. Gordon used to say it was the best move him and the missus ever made.

Plenty of stories like that Ducks. I'll be off, have to go check out the specials

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# TWO ARRESTED WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ON THEIR WAY TO APY LANDS



26 Feb 2021 8:26am Two men have been arrested after attempting to smuggle drugs and alcohol into the APY Lands early on Friday.

About 1.45am on Friday 26 February, Port Augusta patrols stopped a Holden sedan on Augusta Highway at Port Augusta for a random driver test.

# The cannabis, alcohol and the sedan that were seized by police at 1.45am at Port Augusta enroute to the APY Lands

The driver of the vehicle, a 33-year-old man from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, was drug tested and provided a positive result for cannabis.

Police searched the vehicle and located approximately one kilogram of cannabis, a large quantity of press sealed bags and over 63 litres of alcohol destined for the APY Lands.

The cannabis, alcohol and the sedan were all seized by police. The driver and passenger, a 44-year-old man also from the APY Lands, were arrested for trafficking a controlled drug and supplying liquor to the APY Lands. They were both granted bail to appear in the Mimili Court on 2 June.

The driver may also face further drug driving charges pending the result of an oral fluid analysis.

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AT SHOOTERS CLUB

The Come and Try Fun Shoot on Australia day, 26th January saw a strong crowd at the Shooter's Club set for a day of social interaction 'tuition' and a BBQ, courtesy of committee members Dale Price, John Di Donna and Jenny Gough.

The events held were IPSC shotgun and Night Shotgun, steel plate challengeShooter's Club member Harley Staines was on hand to assist with visitors and with reloading the empty magazines.

#### The next event is Cadell vs Coober Pedy on the 7th March at Coober Pedy which promises to be a busy March long weekend



Megan Pringuer aims to hit the steel plate target, under Dale's watchful eye



Dale test out the newly aligned targets



Renee Sartori of Coober Pedy trying out her skill with pistols



Local Event

John Di Donna does a double check



The queue waits and watches the performance of the other participants



Julie Knight from Coober Pedy - coaching from John



Nick Kanakaris visiting from Adeliade



Sean Richardson locum pharmacist from Adelaide



Plenty of socialising for the participants



Zedd Webber from Coober Pedy - tries out pistols



Andrew Francis Coober Pedy volunteer fire-fighter, previously station and rodeo events

If you don't have a firearm, come along & our members will assist you with all enquiries. Minimum age for shooting at the club is 10 yrs (Rifles and Air Pistol) & 14 yrs (Pistols).



Peter Hardy, Coober Pedy participated in the steel plate event

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Cheme Tumapang of Coober Pedy participated in the events Coober Pedy Regional Times Committee member Harley Staines rounding up everyone for a name check Friday 26 February 2021



# WEDNESDAY

**CFS TRAINING** CFS TRAINING: Wednesday each fortnight 7-9pm. Please contact regional office on 08 8642 2399 or Email: CFSRegion4@sa.gov.au for more information.

#### Mine Rescue/SES training

Training is weekly at 8:00pm on a Wednesday AND every 2nd Saturday of the month training at 8:30am. Martin Grava Unit Manager: 0407617301

# THURSDAYS

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## FRIDAYS

Greek Charcoal BBQ every Friday at the Greek Hall. TBA



7 pm Catholic Church Ph no. 1800222222

# SATURDAYS

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#### **CP SHOOTERS CLUB**

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or Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389

#### **CROATION CLUB TBA**

Happy Hour Saturdays 6-7pm

### **SUNDAYS GOLF 1pm Teeoff**

**CATACOMB Church Service** and Sunday School 9:30am Sunday. Bus pickup available. Ph 8672 5038



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# **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021**

Adelaide Cup Day Mon, 8 Mar 2021				
Good Friday	Fri, 2 Apr 2021			
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Anzac Day	Sun, 25 Apr 2021			
Anzac Day	Mon, 26 Apr 2021			
Queen's Birthday Mon, 14 June 2021				
Labour Day	Mon, 4 Oct 2021			
Christmas Eve	Fri, 24 Dec 2021			
Christmas Day	Mon, 27 Dec 2021			
Boxing Day	Tue, 28 Dec 2021			
Proclamation Day Tue, 28 Dec 2021				
New Year's Eve	Fri, 31 Dec 2021			



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# WHAT'S ON in the NT?

Drive-In Movies in 2021

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#### Parrtjima is the only authentic Aboriginal light festival of its kind 9 18 April 2021.

The annual festival takes over Alice Springs with ten nights of light installations from a number Aboriginal artists set against the majestic MacDonnell Ranges. Alongside the artworks you can enjoy a program packed full of live talks, events and music by local and national musicians. Come for the festival fun, but stay for the rich history, incredible sightseeing and an authentic, memorable experience https://northernterritory.com/alice-springs-and-surrounds/events/ parrtjima---a-festival-in-light

#### **Uluru Camel Cup** May | Uluru

All class and no grass – Uluru Camel Cup is like the Melbourne Cup, with some extra humps thrown in. Enjoy all the racing action and fashion you'd

#### **CP SHOOTERS CLUB**

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Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389 to book a time

#### **COOBER PEDY RSL**

Open Sunday afternoon from 4.00pm, Happy hour and members draw between 5.00pm and 6.00pm

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expect from a trackside event, against a stunning desert backdrop in the Red Centre.

#### Alice Springs Beanie Festival June | Alice Springs

Beanies, berets, and toques - they're all here at the Alice Springs Beanie Festival. Yep, it's a whole festival dedicated to knitted headwear in the middle of the Australian desert. From the flamboyant to the fashion forward, you're bound to find a one-of-a-kind piece to keep you warm this winter.

Henley-On-Todd Regatta August | Alice Springs

No water? No problem! Hosted in a dry riverbed, the Henley-on-Todd Regatta is as close as you'll get to a seaside escapade in the desert. Join a team and man a bottomless ship with your legs, in Flintstones style.

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# SA schools term dates 2021

1) 27 January – 9 April

2) 27 April – 2 July

3) 19 July - 24 Sept

4) 11 October – 10 Dec



# **ENTERTAINMENT**

# A Migrant's Son

Igniting memories of a story that millions of Australians can relate to, Michaela Burger pays tribute to her Greek migrant family and hardworking, fun-loving larrikin father, Luke, in A MIGRANT'S SON at Coober Pedy on March 26

From early morning deliveries for the family bakery at age seven, down opal mines in Coober Pedy at age 16 and opening a chain of discount supermarkets in Adelaide, Luke's road was not one for the faint-hearted.

Featuring original songs and live band, including piano and bouzouki, Michaela tells her family story with poignancy and comical aplomb.

"I've always wanted to write a show about my Dad, Luke Lucas," Michaela said. "Anyone that knows him or the Lucas family from Coober Pedy understands his uniqueness and his incredible passion, resilience and drive in life.

I wanted to capture his story and uncover the background as to why Luke is the way he is.

Working for the family bakery in Adelaide at age seven, opal mining in Coober Pedy from age 16, then opening Mick Lucas and Sons Supermarket in Coober Pedy with his father, Dad's motivation was always to provide for the family because - as we learn in A Migrant's Son – 'The Family is Everything'.

Despite this story journeying through the lives of my great grandparents, Mary and Mick Lucas and Luke and Helen Lucas, it is a universal story that all can relate to." by Michaela Burger



She added: "Performing this show in particular to regional South Australia is very important to me, as I was born and raised in Coober Pedy, and I feel that it's important to bring the arts into the regions."

Country Arts SA Presenter Group spokesperson Chris Pantelis said, "It's a very special performance for Michaela too as she was born in Coober Pedy.

We hope the community will come along and see one of our own perform her award-winning cabaret on stage." A migrant's son Michaela Burger nominated for the 2019 Helpmann Awards for Best Cabaret Performer will perform at Coober Pedy on March 26

Described by Australia's leading lady of cabaret Kate Ceberano as an "asset to the cabaret community", Michaela is the recipient of the award for Best Cabaret Adelaide Fringe 2016, winner 2015 International Cabaret Contest and Helpmann Academy Award nominee.

In addition to touring extensively with her hit show *Exposing Edith* (the life and songs of Edith Piaf), her most recent performing credits include *Can You hear Colour?* (Patch Theatre/2018 Adelaide Festival), *Rumpelstiltskin* (State Theatre SA/Windmill Co.) *and Brel: The Immortal Troubadour* (2017 Adelaide Cabaret Festival).

# **DINGO EFFECTS ON ECOSYSTEM VISIBLE FROM SPACE**

# Satellite images taken over three decades show that keeping dingoes out comes at a price.

The environmental impacts of removing dingoes from the landscape are visible from space, a new UNSW Sydney study shows.

The study, recently published in Landscape Ecology, pairs 32 years' worth of satellite imagery with site-based field research on both sides of the Dingo Fence in the Strzelecki Desert.

The researchers found that vegetation inside the fence – that is, areas without dingoes – had poorer long-term growth than vegetation in areas with dingoes.

"Dingoes indirectly affect vegetation by controlling numbers of kangaroos and small mammals," says Professor Mike Letnic, senior author of the study and researcher at UNSW's Centre for Ecosystem Science.

"When dingoes are removed, kangaroo numbers increase, which can lead to overgrazing. This has follow-on effects to the entire ecosystem."

The Dingo Fence, which spans across parts of Queensland, NSW and South Australia, was erected in the 1880s to keep dingoes away from livestock. At 5600 kilometres long, it's one of the longest structures in the world.



"Vegetation only grows after rainfall, which is sporadic in the desert," says Dr Fisher.

"While rainfall caused vegetation to grow on both sides of the fence, we found that vegetation in areas without dingoes didn't grow as much – or cover as much land – as areas outside the fence."

A domino effect: Apex predators play an important role in maintaining the biodiversity of an ecosystem.

Removing them from an area can trigger a domino effect for the rest of the ecosystem - a process called trophic cascade.

A harsh, dry landscape: Satellite imagery traditionally only looks at photosynthesizing vegetation – that is, plants, trees and grass that are visibly green.

But the researchers used a model to factor in non-green vegetation, like shrubs, dry grasses, twigs, branches and leaf litter.

"Non-photosynthesizing vegetation has a different reflectance spectrum to photosynthesizing vegetation," says Dr Fisher.

"By using the satellite image and a calibrated scientific model, we were able to estimate the non-green vegetation cover – which is especially important when studying a desert landscape." The model was developed by the Joint Remote Sensing Research Program, a collaborative group that includes UNSW.

While there are other contributing factors to the difference in vegetation – for example, differing rainfall patterns and land use – the satellite imagery and site analysis showed dingoes played a central role.

"There were clear differences in landscape on either side of the dingo fence," says Dr Fisher. "Dingoes may not be the whole explanation, but they are a key part of it."

Harnessing satellite intelligence: Satellite image

Up until now, most dingo research has been site-based or conducted using drone imagery. But NASA and United States Geological Survey's Landsat program – which has been taking continuous images of the area since 1988 – has made landscape-wide analysis possible.

"The differences in grazing pressure on each side of the fence were so pronounced they could be seen from space," says Prof. Letnic.

The satellite images were processed and analysed by Dr Adrian Fisher, a remote sensing specialist at UNSW Science and lead author of the study. He says the vegetation's response to rainfall is one of the key differences between areas with, and without, dingoes.

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For example, an increase in kangaroo populations can lead to overgrazing, which in turn reduces vegetation and damages the quality of the soil. Less vegetation can hinder the survival of smaller animals, like the critically endangered Plains Wanderer.

Changes to vegetation triggered by the removal of dingoes have also been shown to reshape the desert landscape by altering wind flow and sand movement.

"The removal of apex predators can have far-reaching effects on ecosystems that manifest across very large areas," says Prof. Letnic. "These effects have often gone unnoticed because large predators were removed from many places a long time ago.

"The Australian dingo fence – which is a sharp divide between dingo and non-dingo areas – is a rare opportunity to observe the indirect role of an apex predator."

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technology is a powerful tool for assessing large-scale role of not only dingoes, but all kinds of environmental change.

In 2019, researchers from UNSW Engineering used powerful satellite radar imaging technology to map severe floods in near real-time – intelligence that could help emergency services make tactical decisions during extreme weather events.

Dr Fisher hopes to next use Landsat imagery – which is freely available to download – to study how different amounts of vegetation can influence bushfire frequency.

"Our study is an example of how satellite technology can be used in big picture environmental research," says Dr Fisher.

"With over three decades' worth of data, this technology has opened up so many research possibilities."



#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **BUNGALA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION** (ICN 2102) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of Bungala Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 2102) are advised that the postponed annual general meeting of members will now take place as follows:

Time:	11.00 am (Registration will open at 10.30 am)
Date:	Thursday, 25 March 2021
Place:	Bungala Training Centre, 3 Young Street Port Augusta

#### AGENDA

Business to be conducted at this meeting will be as follows:

1.Attendance, welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of last AGM (21 November 2019)

3. Consideration of proxies (if any)

4. To receive reports from the Board of Directors and CEO

5. Presentation of audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020

6. Appointment of the Auditor

7. Resolution 1 – To increase Director's remuneration from \$300 to \$375 per meeting

Resolution 2 – Robert Singleton be removed as a Director

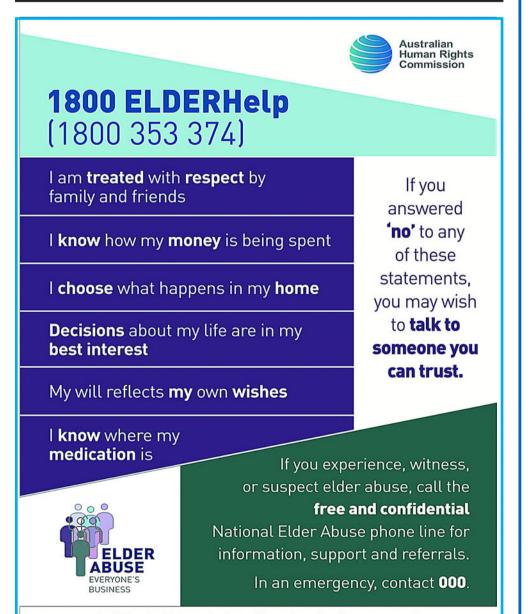
- 8. Appointment of Directors
- 9.Checking the register of members
- 10. **General Business**

Members not attending the meeting are encouraged to appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf and forms can be obtained by contacting Renee Cooper on telephone 86435500 or email at <u>bungala@bungala.com.au</u>.

Nominations are also open to all current members for one vacant Director Position on the BAC Board and application forms are available from Renee Cooper. Please return nominations to Renee by close of business Friday 19 March 2021.

The meeting will be followed by a light luncheon.

Larl Zada Secretary



**PUBLIC NOTICES & CLASSIES** 

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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# COMMUNITY AND SUPPLIERS FORUM

# **Italian Club**

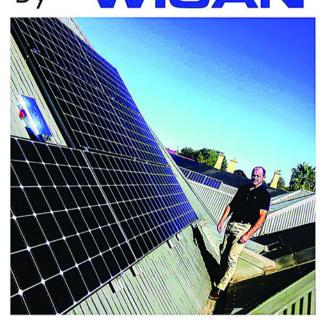
**Thursday 25th March** 

6.00pm - 7:30pm

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WELCOME TO GRANTS & OPPORTUNITIES 2021







# STEP UP GRANT – REGIONAL ARTS FUND

Artists can apply for up to \$15,000 to undertake small cultural projects, or to develop a small project leading to a larger cultural project or for individual artists to undertake professional development opportunities.

If you have never applied to Country Arts SA or never undertaken an arts project you are encouraged to apply to this category. Applications for assistance with professional artist fees, travel, accommodation and some project costs may be supported.

For more information visit: https:// www.countryarts.org.au/grants-funding/grants/stepup-grant/

Applications close 15 March 2021

# STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

The Stronger Communities Programme provides each of the 151 Federal electorates with \$150,000 to fund small capital projects.

These projects aim to improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant viable communities.

Federal Members of Parliament (MPs) identify potential projects and invite applications from their electorate.

The program intends to encourage and support participation in local projects, improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant and viable communities.

Round 6 of the program will continue to support Australia's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For further information visit:

https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/ Stronger-Communities-Programme

Applications close at 5:00pm, 22 March 2021

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# THE ROAD SAFETY INNOVATION FUND OPEN NOW

#### GO ID: GO4676

Agency: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Close Date & Time: 29-Mar-2021 11:30 pm (ACT Local Time)

Primary Category: 351003 - Transport Secondary Category: 381001 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Research Publish Date: 24-Feb-2021 Location: ACT, NSW, VIC, SA, WA, QLD, NT, TAS, Administered Territories Selection Process: Open Competitive

**Description:** The Road Safety Innovation Fund is designed to contribute to the reduction of road trauma. The \$12 million initiative was announced by the Australian Government on 29 March 2019 as a Budget measure to support road safety research and the development of new, innovative road safety technologies and products. The Round 2 Grant Opportunity will be delivered by way of an open competitive round with a total value of \$10 million over three financial years.

Eligibility: To be eligible to for a grant you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be registered for the purposes of GST (unless exempt)
- be a permanent resident of Australia

have an account with an Australian Financial Institution
be located in Australia and be one of the following entity types:

- a company incorporated in Australia
- a company incorporated by a guarantee
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust

#### • an incorporated association

- a partnership
- a joint (consortia) application with a lead organisation [1]
- a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
- a publicly funded research organisation
- an Australian local government body

an Australian state or territory government body
an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

#### You are not eligible for a grant if you are:

• an individual;

- unincorporated association;
- overseas resident/organisation;
- an organisation not included in the section above.

[1] The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the Program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are at clause 7.2 'Joint Applications' Grant Activity Timeframe:

The Grant activity will commence in April 2021 and close on 30 June 2023

Total Amount Available (AUD): \$10,000,000.00 Estimated Grant Value (AUD): From \$20,000.00 to \$350,000.00

Instructions for Application Submission:

You must submit your proposal to roadsafetygrants2@infrastructure.gov.au by 11.30 PM (Canberra Time), 29 March 2021.

# Tourism Industry Development Fund

The Tourism Industry Development Fund is designed to support and stimulate private sector investment in new and improved regional accommodation, and the development of quality tourism product and experiences.

It aims to assist in the COVID recovery of regional tourism by encouraging regional operators to improve and diversify so they can attract more visitors and get a higher return on their offering.

Through the South Australian Tourism Commission, the State Government is committing \$20 million to the Tourism Industry Development Fund over two years to support regional tourism in South Australia.

# REGIONAL EVENT FUND (ONGOING)

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Applications for Significant Event Funding will be

In 2019, the Federal Government in partnership with Caravan Industry Association of Australia, launched a Caravan Park Defibrillator Subsidy Program for Caravan Parks to encourage operators to install these devices to help save the lives of those people experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest.

The funding of \$1 million from the government will match dollar to dollar up to \$1000 per unit (excluding GST) purchased by an operator. For further information visit:

https://www.caravanindustry.com.au/defib-subsidy-overview

Applications close June 30th, 2021

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Applicants can seek grants from \$20,000 to \$500,000 (excluding GST) with a maximum of 30 per cent State Government grant of the total project value.

There are two streams in the Tourism Industry Development Fund, Regional Infrastructure Project and Regional Product and Experience Development Projects

For further information visit: https://tourism.sa.gov.au/ support/tourism-industry-development-fund

Applications close 5.00pm, 31st March 2022 OR until all funds have been allocated accepted year-round, funding available from 1 July 2021.

Applicants can seek funding grants from \$5,000 to more than \$50,000 (excluding GST).

Criteria and funding guidelines are available at: https://tourism.sa.gov.au/support/regional-event-fund



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# THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S ALLIANCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY .. Closing Soon

# Applications close at 11:00 pm AEDT on 5 March 2021.

The Australian Government is inviting organisations to apply for grant funding under the Women's Leadership and Development Program (WLDP) to serve as National Women's Alliances.

The intended outcomes of the National Women's Alliances stream are that Alliances:

• Represent Australian women, including underrepresented women

• Collaborate with policymakers to inform the Australian Government's understanding of policy issues affecting Australian women

• Collaborate with policymakers to inform the development of policy solutions to issues affecting Australian women.

Alliances should have a national footprint. Given this, organisations should apply under one of the 6 specific themes to achieve maximum impact. The 6 themes are:

- women's safety
- women's economic security and leadership

• Australian women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds

• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women

• women living in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia

• Australian women living with disability.

More information

More information about the National Women's Alliances, as well as requirements for applicants, can be found in the following grant opportunity documents:

- Grant Opportunity Guidelines
- Questions and Answers

Sample Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement
Sample Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement

Standard Grant Conditions

• Sample Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement Supplementary Provisions

• Translating and Interpreting Services costing tool

For more information: https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/nationalwomen%E2%80%99s-alliances

# PERFORMERS' TRUST FOUNDATION ONGOING

DIGITAL DONATION PROGRAM | COMPUTERS AND LAPTOPS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS Closing Soon

South Australian community based not-for-profit organisations can apply for surplus government agency computers and laptops through the digital donation program. The next round of the State Government's Digital Donation Program will be open for applications on 17 February 2020.

For further information visit: https://www.sa.gov.au/ topics/family-and-community/communityorganisations/information-and-resources/digitaldonation-program

Applications for this round will close on Friday 13 March 2020.

# APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ROUND 5 OF THE BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND Closing Soon

Applications will close on 5 March 2021 for local communities across regional Australia in the fifth round of the successful Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

"This round will see \$100 million of dedicated support for tourism-related infrastructure, while maintaining \$100 million for broader community infrastructure and investment.

Applications are now open and can be submitted through the online portal at www.business.gov.au/bbrf.

If potential applicants have any questions regarding eligibility or the delivery of the program, they can contact the AusIndustry Business Grants Hub on 13 28 46 to discuss their individual circumstances.

Prospective applicants are also encouraged to contact their local Regional Development Australia (RDA) committee to discuss their application. More information including contact details for your local RDA can be found at www.rda.gov.au.

# New Grants 2021

# APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2021 WOMEN LEADERS IN SPORT GRANTS Closing Soon

#### Sport Australia has opened applications for the 2021 Women Leaders in Sport (WLIS) Development Grants and Leadership Workshops.

Managed by Sport Australia in partnership with the Office for Women, the highly regarded WLIS program is now in its 20th year, having provided over 25,000 women in the sports industry with leadership development since 2002.

These grants will enable women working in the sport industry to apply for individual grants up to the value of \$10,000 to support their professional development or to attend online leadership workshops.

Organisations will also be invited to apply for leadership development grants up to the value of \$20,000 to run workshops, seminars, or conferences for their staff.

#### Applications for the WLIS Development Grants and Workshops close on 17 March 2021.

Eligibility criteria and information on how to apply is available at: https://www.sportaus.gov.au/ grants\_and\_funding/women\_leaders\_in\_sport

# AGEING WELL COMMUNITY GRANTS Closing Soon

The Office for Ageing Well's 2020-21 Community Grants range from \$5,000 to \$60,000 and are available to support community activities or wider programs that develop more positive attitudes towards ageing.

Funding of up to \$10,000 is available to support participation in cultural, social, educational, or ageing well activities while grants of up to \$5,000 are available to pay for equipment and materials.

Local government entities can apply for a one-off Age Friendly SA Grant of up to \$40,000, while regional partnerships involving at least three local government authorities can seek up to \$60,000.

All Age Friendly SA Grant projects must align with the State Government's Age Friendly SA Strategy key priorities of home, community and environment, making a contribution, making it easier to get around,

Established in 1975, the PPCA Performers' Trust Foundation provides grants to promote and encourage music and the music-related performing arts.

All applications for grants are reviewed by the trustees and must be for one or more of the following purposes:

• .Performances at concerts at or for charitable institutions such as hospitals or homes for the aged;

• .Scholarships for the promotion and encouragement of musical and theatrical education;

• .The promotion and encouragement of the performing arts to the general public;

• .The aid or assistance of any beneficiary who is unable to adequately maintain herself/himself by her/his own exertions and other income

For further information visit: http://www.ppca.com.au/ ppca-about-us/ppca-performers-trust-foundation/ Page 14

#### Applications close on 5 March 2021,

with successful applicants expected to be announced in mid-2021.



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intergenerational connectedness, and age friendly services.

Positive Ageing Fellowship Grants of up to \$40,000 fund opportunities for older South Australians to be active in their communities and to recognise their valuable contributions.

"The projects should reflect the strategic priorities and enabling factors of South Australia's Plan for Ageing Well 2020-25: home and community; meaningful connections; navigating change; tackling ageism; growing diversity; and increasing accessibility."

#### Applications for all grants close at 5pm, Monday 15 March 2021.

For more information, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/ communitygrants

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# **ONGOING GRANTS 2021**

# **Opening August WOOLWORTHS** "You Grow Girl" GRANTS

Woolworths want to support netball clubs and associations across the nation by offering 125 x \$2,000 grants to netball clubs and associations who continue to seek funding to assist with developments / improvements to their community, whether that be through:

- Upgrading facilities
- Developing skills
- Purchasing equipment
- Supporting their clubs members

Woolworths want to continue to provide confidence to young girls to grow healthy and strong through the game they love to play.

#### Who can apply?

Entries are open to any Australian netball club or association

Clubs or associations should have a specific project in mind for how the grant will be used to benefit their local community

#### When is this happening?

#### Entries will open again 1st August 2020, keep an eye on this website for more info.

#### What the grant includes?

All grants will consist of the same elements, to ensure fairness and transparency

There are 125 x \$2,000 grants

#### Judging criteria

1.) Clubs and associations have a tangible project or activity in mind to utilise the grant money

2.) The project or activity will positively impact the netball community within a 12 month period

3.) The project or activity will celebrate and highlight the netball club or association and help strengthen the wider community relationship

visit: https:// For further information yougrowgirl.netball.com.au/grants/

# FRRR TACKLING **TOUGH TIMES** TOGETHER

The Tackling Tough Times Together grant program helps communities access the resources they need to support one another through the ongoing effects of the drought.

Grants are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit

# PIRSA DROUGHT SUPPORT

A number of services and avenues for assistance are available to support farm families, farm businesses and rural communities prepare for and manage the drought conditions, including:

Financial Assistance | Family & Business Support Health & Wellbeing

Rural Financial Counselling Service | Farm Advice Animal Health & Welfare | Community Support | Current Outlook

For further information visit: http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/ grants and assistance/drought support

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Criteria and funding guidelines are available at: https:// tourism.sa.gov.au/support/regional-event-fund

# **ARTS, CULTURE & MUSIC GRANTS**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet is responsible for the administration of arts and culture grant programs.

Funding programs span art forms and sectors, including public art and design, independent makers and presenters, artists and organisations for the deaf, people with disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts.

Carefully targeted programs support artists and organisations through flexible funding arrangements that include triennial, annual and project-specific agreements.

For further information and guidelines visit: https:// dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/arts-and-culture/grants



# LANDCARE

Landcare Australia raises funds to support environmental and sustainable agriculture projects through corporate and government partnerships, fundraising and donations.

In order to better identify suitable projects to support, we invite eligible Landcare and community groups to submit a project summary using our online Expression of Interest (EoI) form.

Each project summary will be reviewed and kept on file by Landcare Australia, and if a suitable funding partner of funding stream identified, groups may be invited to submit a more detailed application.

For further information visit: https:// landcareaustralia.org.au/funding-opportunities/ expression-of-interest/

# **BOOTS FOR ALL** EQUIPMENT GRANT

Boots for All's vision is to have an active and socially inclusive Australia through sport.

The organisation exists to break down barriers to sport participation and strengthen communities by collecting and distributing quality, new and near-new sports equipment to vulnerable Australians and by providing volunteering and training opportunities via the Sports for All social enterprise sports store.

further information visit: https:// For www.bootsforall.org.au/request-equipment

# CONNELLAN AIRWAYS TRUST

The aim of the grant is to improve social and economic outcomes for people living in Outback Australia.

Grants are available to organisations that support children and adults living on stations or in small settlements in Outback Australia, or residents of the larger outback centres of Australia who provide assistance to the above.

Applications are considered four times a year and are received by the Executive Officer on the 15th of February, May, August and November.

information For further visit: http:// www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au/organistationalgrants-overview

Applications are to be received by the Executive office by the 15th of February, May, August and November each vear

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local communities.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and assessed quarterly.

Three tiers of grants are available:

.Up to \$20,000 – projects to be finalised within 18 months of approval;

.Up to \$60,000 – projects to be finalised within 18 months of approval;

.Up to \$150,000 – applications for this tier are by Expression of Interest, and multi-year projects (up to three years) are welcomed.

Applicants must speak with the TTTT team to discuss their project before applying.

For further information visit: https://frrr.org.au/funding/ disaster-resilience-and-climate-solutions/tackling-toughtimes-together/

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The Farm Hub was built by the National Farmers Federation as an online portal for information and resources for Farmers (both for business and individuals).

The first release of the site is focussed on circulating drought information. Over the coming months, more information will be added about other farming initiatives and support.

For more information visit: https://farmhub.org.au



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	Kg	Price
BUDGIES MIX	20	36.00
CANARY MIX	20	38.00
CATTLE PIG & GOAT MIX	25	22.00
CHICK STARTER	20	22.00
CHOOK MIX	30	25.00
FINCH MIX	20	36.00
HORSE & PONY	20	16.00
LAGRE PARROT	20	24.00
MEAT BIRD START	20	22.00
MEDIUM PARROT	20	33.00
PULLET GROWER	20	22.00
RABBIT PELLETS	20	20.00
SAW DUST	20	10.00
SHELL GRIT	20	7.00
SHOW BIRD	20	22.00
SMALL PARROT	20	36.00
WHEAT	20	10.00
WHEAT BRAN	10	8.00
X/EGG	20	20.00



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