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COOPER PEDY RESIDENTS WANT AN ADMINISTRATOR INSTALLED

This petition on behalf of the people of Cooper Pedy will be available to sign from Monday 11 September 2017 at Post Office in Hutchison Street, and at each end of town,

namely at Shell Roadhouse counter 24/7 and at the Oasis Tourist Park Office Cnr Hutchison Street and Seventeen Mile Road, (next door to Bulls Garage)

Upon reaching it's target, the petition will be presented to the House of Parliament by Local Member for Giles, Eddie Hughes.

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PETITION

To the Honourable the Members of the **House of Assembly** in Parliament assembled –

The Petition of the undersigned electors, residents and ratepayers of Cooper Pedy and greater South Australia.

ARGUMENT

We draw the attention your Honourable House the great inconvenience suffered by the residents and ratepayers of Cooper Pedy due to the poor financial management of our town, caused by the District Council of Cooper Pedy's' wasteful spending which has resulted in long-term debt. This a serious threat to our services, quality of life, and employment. There is a lack of transparency by the council.

This situation has led to a decline in our population that will ultimately result in the debt being absorbed by fewer residents, many of whom are pensioners.

In consideration of the serious problems caused by the council, the residents and ratepayers of Cooper Pedy that have signed this petition have no confidence in the elected members or the administration to resolve the serious challenges faced by the council.

REQUEST

Your petitioners therefore request that your Honourable House will urge the Government to take immediate action to replace the Cooper Pedy Council with a public administrator.

Signatures

Residents/Ratepayers

Addresses

Cooper Pedy

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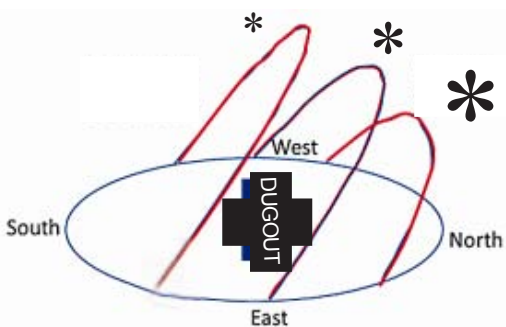
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7 DAYS WEATHER - Spring 20s - 30s

Coober Pedy Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka

	THU Sep 7	FRI Sep 8	SAT Sep 9	SUN Sep 10	MON Sep 11	TUE Sep 12	WED Sep 13
Summary	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny
Maximum	21°C	22°C	23°C	28°C	33°C	31°C	23°C
Minimum	5°C	6°C	7°C	9°C	13°C	14°C	11°C
Chance of Rain	5%	5%	5%	5%	10%	5%	5%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm
UV Index	High	High	High	High			
Frost Risk	Slight	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	9am3pm	9am3pm	9am3pm	9am3pm	9am3pm	9am3pm	9am3pm
Wind Speed	14 km/h	18 km/h	19 km/h	19 km/h	24 km/h	21 km/h	30 km/h
Wind Direction	SE	SW	SE	n/a	E	SE	NE
Relative Humidity	52%	25%	53%	-	43%	21%	33%



* Spring Equinox

* Saturday 23rd Sept 2017 05:31:01

December Solstice in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia is on Friday, 22 December 2017 at 2:58 am ACDT

December Solstice in Universal Coordinated Time is on Thursday, 21 December 2017 at 16:28 UTC

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A local newspaper is the voice of the people; A truly free and independent press is a vital component of any healthy democratic society. [...] the prime value of journalism is that it imposes transparency, and thus accountability, on those who wield the greatest governmental and corporate power. ~ Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras and Jeremy Scahill

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Coober Pedy .

An underground town, built on the back of opal mining



The Opal Capital of the World

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- *Spacious underground living
- *Beautiful Opal Gemstones
- *Over 40 Nationalities living together

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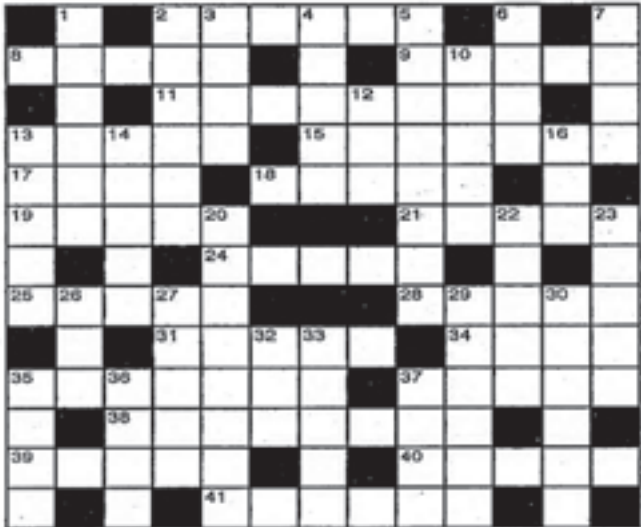
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COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Keeping the Community informed

10 YEARS AGO - SEPTEMBER 2007

WIND GENERATOR

I mentioned at the last Council meeting that we were trying to progress repairs to the wind generator. Since that meeting Mr Andrew Mitchell from enGen has assessed the wind generator and has overseen the removal of the alternator. By the time of the Council meeting I am hopeful that the alternator will have been packed up and transported to Melbourne. Once there an assessment will be made as to the repairs that need to be carried out in order to make it operational again. I hope to be in a position to advise of the outcome of the assessment at the next meeting.

POLICING

On the 29th August the CEO and I met with David Ridgeway MP, Shadow Minister for Police, and Terry Stevens MLC. The purpose of the meeting was to update the opposition on matters relating to 24 hour policing and other associated policing matters. I once again made it very clear that Coober Pedy was in need of 24 hour policing, and the absence of 24 hour policing was negatively impacting on other services that the town was endeavouring to implement.

WATERPROOFING SA

I have received a letter from the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Martin Hamilton- Smith MP, asking that the Opposition's water policy entitled "Waterproofing South Australia - A Framework for Action" be tabled at the Council Meeting. The report has now been tabled and any member of the community wishing to obtain a copy for themselves is advised to contact the Office of the Leader of the Opposition on Ph: 8237 9295.

MINI GEMS

My sincere congratulations to the team at Mini Gems for winning the Children's Services Category, South Australian section of the Small Business Champion Awards. This deserving award recognises the hard work and dedication that has been demonstrated by all the staff at Mini Gems over the past few years. Working with small children, although extremely rewarding, also has its challenges. The team at Mini Gems have embraced the challenges and have been duly awarded for doing so.

I wish the team all the very best for the finals in November.



Mini Gems Director Rachel Underwood (right) and Tink Seekamp with some of the kids at the centre

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

I will be once again conducting a citizenship ceremony in the chambers at 1pm on the 26th September. There will be three recipients at this ceremony that will be conferred. Councillors and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

AUTHOR - ALEXIS WRIGHT

I am pleased to announce that at the invitation of the Umoona Community Council and the District Council of Coober Pedy, Alexis Wright, winner of this year's Australian Literary Awards, Miles Franklin Award, and the Australian Book Industry Award, will be visiting Coober Pedy on Thursday the 27th September. It is expected that Alexis will meet with the school children at the library during the day, and be available to attend an event for the public in the evening.

The event will be hosted jointly by the DCCP and Umoona Community Council and will give Alexis the opportunity to talk about the writing of her new book Carpentaria, do a reading from her novel, and do book signings. It is rare that we are able to attract someone of Alexis' calibre to Coober Pedy and her visit will be very special to the children at the school and all those within our community that are interested in literature.

I urge everyone interested in literature or wishing to meet Alexis to come to the Library at 6.30 pm on the 27th of September. Finger food and light refreshments will be provided.

Steve Baines JP
Mayor

DOG CONTROL

The District Council of Coober Pedy wishes to remind dog owners of their responsibilities pursuant to not only the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 but also of Council's own By-Law Number 6 – Dogs.

This By-Law, along with others, was introduced on 19th December 2002 for the purpose of controlling dogs within the Council area, to limit the number of dogs kept in premises and to require dogs to be effectively secured.

The limit on the number of dogs shall be:

- (1) In a small dwelling, one dog; and
- (2) In premises other than a small dwelling, two dogs.

A 'small dwelling' means a flat, a service flat, home unit, or a suite of rooms which is wholly occupied, or designed or intended or adapted to be occupied, as a separate dwelling, but does not include a detached, semi-detached or row dwelling house;

The limit does not apply to those dogs being kept on any premises when this by-law came into effect (19/12/2002), but the limit does apply if the number of dogs kept on those premises exceeds after that time.

Dog Free and Dogs Off-Leash Areas

Council has declared the following areas to be "Dog Free Areas"

1. The Triangle Playground
2. The Tennis Courts
3. The Basketball Courts

No person shall in a public place to which this paragraph applies cause, suffer or permit any dog (except guide dogs guiding a person who is wholly or partially blind; or wholly or partially deaf), under that person's control, charge or authority to be in, or remain in that place.

Council has declared the following areas to be "Dog Off-Leash Exercise Areas"

1. The area of land adjacent to the Oodnadatta Road, the boundaries of which are Oodnadatta Road from 17 Mile Road to Henri Street, south-east along Henri Street to Chadwick Road, south along Chadwick Road to Chucky Street, west along Chucky Street to the northwestern corner of Allotment 2094, south to the boundary of Allotment 1857, west along the southern boundary of Allotment 1864 and South to Seventeen Mile Road.

DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS cont.

2. The area known as the Water Conservation Reserve and generally regarded as that land north of Burke Street to the Old Water Tank Road, Matrix Avenue and Clarky Road.

3. The area of land adjacent to the Stuart Highway, the boundaries of which are Monument Road, Jungle Crescent, William Creek Road and the Stuart Highway

4. The Town Oval between the hours of 6.00 am and 8.00 am

Any person may enter upon any part of Council land to which the Dog Off-Leash Areas applies for the purpose of exercising a dog under his or her control.

Where a person enters upon such part of the Council land for that purpose, he or she shall ensure that the dog or dogs under his or her control remain under effective control within the meaning of the Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995 while on the land.

FOR SALE BY TENDER - TENDER NO. S10/07

Pursuant to Section 237 of the Local Government Act 1999, the District Council of Coober Pedy offers for sale by tender the following impounded vehicles:

Vehicle Make & Model Registration No

Holden Sunbird	SJK-347
Holden Apollo	WNK-787
Mitsubishi Sigma	UHE-699
Holden	UGE-048
Toyota Corolla	UBS-960
Mitsubishi Sigma	UVT-861
Nissan Skyline	XHK-752
Holden Commodore	XIX-560
Toyota Camry	XKU-785
Toyota Camry	NONE
Ford Laser	VOC-209
Ford Falcon	XSS-499
Volvo	WTL-543

Inspection of the vehicles can be undertaken between 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm on Wednesday 26th September 2007 at the Council Works Depot. Please contact the Works Manager Mr Darren Zechner on 0417 813 571.

Written offers of purchase are to be received by Council no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 28th September 2007, and marked Tender S10/07 to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO 425 Coober Pedy SA

Neither the highest nor any tender necessarily accepted.
Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer

POSITION VACANT
CASHIER/RECEPTIONIST

The District Council of Coober Pedy has a vacancy in the administration team for a Cashier/ Receptionist.

The position involves cashiering and receipting of monies received at Council, answering phone calls and general enquiries from ratepayers, customers and tourists.

Interested persons must have a high level of numeracy skills and accuracy in the handling of monies, excellent customer service skills and a basic word processing and computer knowledge.

An information kit, including the position description, can be obtained from Ms Judy Williams on (08) 8672 4600 or email jwilliams@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au . For further information regarding the position please contact Mr Damien Clark, Finance & Administration Manager, on (08) 8672 4600.

Applications for the position can be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO Box 425 Coober Pedy SA 5723, and are to be received before close of business on Friday 5th October 2007.

Trevor McLeod, Chief Executive Officer

Climate change driving dangerous bushfire season ahead

THE CLIMATE COUNCIL is warning Australia's 2017/18 bushfire season will be more severe and dangerous, as a result of worsening climate change, following the release of a new critical outlook today.

The Climate Council said the new Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC outlook is a smoke signal for yet another worrying bushfire season, highlighting a largely warm and dry winter that has set the scene for dangerous bushfire conditions over the coming months.

Climate Council CEO, Amanda McKenzie said the latest southern Australia bushfire outlook, released today, shows an earlier and more active bushfire season should be expected.

"Climate change is the driving force behind southern Australia's worsening bushfire conditions," she said.

"As Australia's pollution levels continue to rise, many parts of the country are poised to live through another dangerous bushfire season. Climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil and gas, is intensifying extreme weather events - and bushfires are no exception."

"We must rapidly and deeply reduce our rising pollution levels and continue the retirement of all coal power stations, in a bid to protect Australians from these worsening extreme weather events."

McKenzie urged the Federal Government to follow the actions of state and local governments across the country, by rolling out climate and energy policy to support the transition to Australia's clean energy future.

"The link between worsening extreme weather events and climate change is clear. Australia must act now to slash its rising pollution levels through clean, affordable and secure renewable energy and storage technology."

Coober Pedy woman charged with drug trafficking

A 65-year-old woman was arrested for drug trafficking at Coober Pedy on Wednesday.

Police attended at a Coober Pedy home just before 10pm on Wednesday 6 September after receiving information of alleged drug dealing.

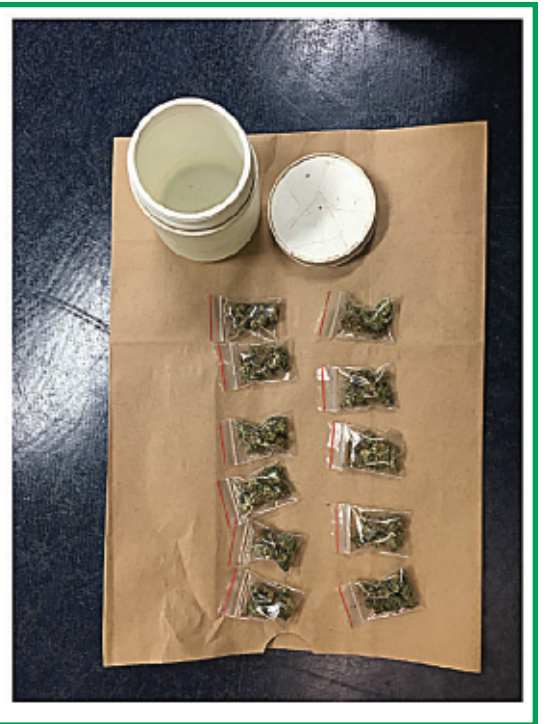
When patrols arrived, they found a man and woman sitting in a car in the driveway with an amount of cannabis and cash. Police will allege that the woman was selling cannabis to the man.

A search of the woman's home uncovered eleven bags of dried cannabis which were packaged ready for sale.

The Coober Pedy woman was charged with trafficking cannabis and bailed to appear in the Coober Pedy Magistrates Court on 29 November.

Anyone with information on the sale or manufacture of illicit drugs is urged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or report online at <http://crimestopperssa.com.au/>

You can remain anonymous



FAIRWORK: STRONGER PROTECTIONS FOR VULNERABLE WORKERS

Legislation to protect vulnerable workers from unscrupulous employers passed the Federal Senate on Monday night.

Minister for Employment, Michaelia Cash, said that the Government's Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017 delivers on a significant election commitment.

"This Bill builds on the Coalition Government's record of protecting workers from unscrupulous employers" Minister Cash said.

The Bill strengthens protections, including:

- introducing a higher scale of penalties (up to 10 times the current amount) for a new category of 'serious contraventions' of prescribed workplace laws
- expressly prohibiting employers from unreasonably requiring employees to make payments (ie 'cash-back' arrangements)
- strengthening the evidence gathering powers of the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) to ensure that the exploitation of vulnerable workers can be properly investigated and
- Introducing stronger provisions to make franchisors and holding companies responsible for breaches of the Fair Work Act in certain circumstances where they are culpable for the breaches.

"The FWO's new powers and the franchising provisions will be vital in tackling worker exploitation, in important cases like that of 7-Eleven."

The passage of the Protecting Vulnerable Workers Bill builds on a number of important Coalition initiatives to address exploitation in the workplace. These include;

- \$20 million in additional funding for the FWO
- The establishment of the Migrant Workers Taskforce Chaired by Professor Allan Fels AO
- The establishment of Taskforce Cadena, led by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Fair Work Ombudsman
- Requiring a valid pay slip as proof of work before a second working holiday visa can be granted and strengthening compliance arrangements for employers
- Legislation to prohibit charging for a visa outcome
- Reforms to the Student Visa program to provide greater discretion for decision makers to investigate applicants' financial capacity to support themselves while studying in Australia.

Employers and employees seeking assistance with workplace concerns can visit www.fairwork.gov.au or contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94.

SAVE THE DATE - VACSWIM'S COMING!

Online enrolments for the iconic SA Water VACSWIM water safety program have opened TODAY for the 2017/18 season, NOW is the time for families to register and save the date to keep children safe in the water this summer.

Up to 12,000 primary school aged children accompanied by 600 qualified instructors are expected to take part across 123 South Australian pool and beach locations throughout the busy Christmas and New Year holiday period, with the majority of locations offering VACSWIM from the 2nd-10th January 2018 (some locations offer alternate dates and it is best to check the website).

VACSWIM is a one hour a day, one week long program delivered in partnership with Royal Life Saving SA, Surf Life Saving SA, YMCA and a number of independent providers that covers a range of vital water safety and survival techniques including first aid, stroke development, floatation surf and sun safety and survival.

In 2016/17 56% of VACSWIM participants took part at a regional location with 44% of participants completing the program in the metropolitan zone. Up to 90% of participants are repeat VACSWIM customers with families choosing to reengage children in the learning and take advantage of the social aspects of VACSWIM.

As well as calling families to action, VACSWIM also needs up to 600 AUSTSWIM qualified instructors to support delivery of the program.

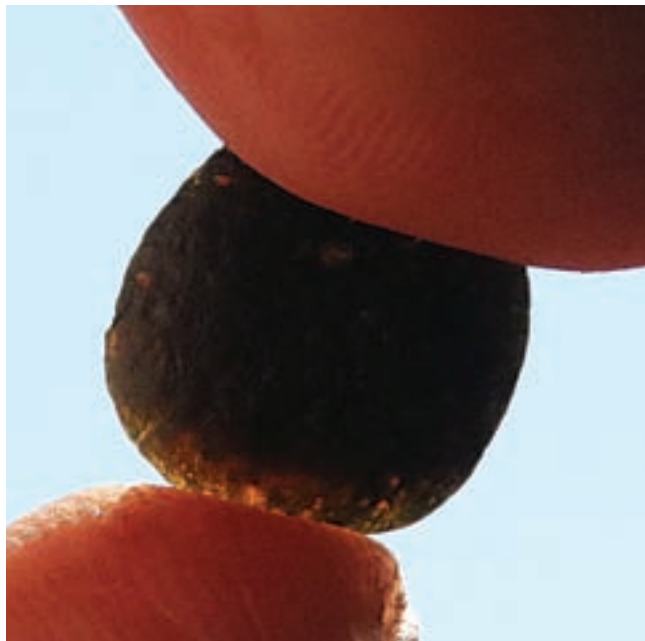
Far North locations for VACSWIM

Coober Pedy Swimming Pool
Hawker Swimming Pool
Quorn Swimming Pool

Little Miners have fun with science

A large meteorite named "Florence" flew past earth this week which got the Little Miners interested in space rocks, so off they went looking for new treasures.

Both boys are keen miners and love finding opal but they also love looking for other kinds of rocks. Their latest trip was out to look for tektites which are found across many parts of Australia.



Tektites become a transparent orange/green when held up to the sun.

Tektites are thought to have originated from meteorite impacts. They occur globally but Australia's tektites are thought to be from an 800,000 year old impact in Cambodia (Lake Tonle Sap).

Scientists hypothesise that when the meteorite impacts it creates intense heat that melts the surrounding sand into glass. The glass is then ejected over what's referred to as a "strewn field". The glass, generally, comes in the shape and size of a smartie (though not always). They appear black, at a glance, but when held up to the light they become transparent with a green/orange tint. The Australian tektites have traveled thousands of kilometres from the original impact point of the meteorite.

Unlike meteorites, tektites are legal to keep. They make a great conversation piece for your rock collection. Always remember that if you are lucky enough to find a meteorite,

Photos: Jason Wright



Little Miner Xavier holds up a tektite



Xael inspects the ground



"Daddy, is this one?"

they are considered the property of the South Australian government when found in S.A. All meteorites found in South Australia should be handed over to the South Australian Museum.

Little Miners message this issue: "Science is amazing and there's all sorts of ways to engage your kids in learning. Our imagination runs wild when things like space rocks are mentioned!"

MEET THE RECORD-BREAKING SUPERHEROES OF GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2018 OUT SEPTEMBER 7, 2017



- Longest fingernails: Measuring an incredible 576.4 cm (18 ft. 10.9 in) in total
- Oldest bodybuilder: Professional bodybuilder, Jim Arrington, at 83 years 6 days
- Cat with the longest tail: A lengthy 44.66 cm (17.58 inches)
- Tallest high top fade: Magnificent height of 52.0 cm (20.5 in) tall
- Longest eyelash: Spectacular 12.40 cm (4.88 in) long

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/products/books/guinness-world-records-2018-edition/>

A new chapter for the people of Whyalla and the north

PREMIER JAY WEATHERILL today welcomed the beginning of a new chapter for the people of Whyalla at a ceremony to mark the official handing over of the steelworks and mine to new owner GFG Alliance.

The event brings to an end 16 months of uncertainty for workers, their families, supply chain businesses and the broader Whyalla community.

Importantly, GFG Alliance Executive Chairman Sanjeev Gupta has said the company will make major capital investments in its Whyalla operations.

The State Government has also committed \$50 million to be invested in Whyalla's steel-making capacity to help ensure the long-term security of thousands of local steelmaking and mining jobs, and is in discussions with GFG about the nature of that investment.

Premier Jay Weatherill said, "Whyalla is the birthplace of the Australian steel industry, and I commend GFG and Mr Gupta for seeing the potential in the region".

"Today marks the beginning of a hugely promising partnership with the GFG Alliance. The vision and strategy that underpins this acquisition means that the livelihoods of thousands of people have been secured, and that the region will prosper."

"South Australia looks forward to seeing Whyalla steel increasingly competing in the global marketplace," said the Premier.

Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis said, "Whyalla has a proud history of steel making and today we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter for a city that produces the highest quality steel in the world."

"The Arrium Administration brought 16 months of uncertainty for workers, their families, supply chain businesses and the broader community".

"There is a renewed sense of confidence and optimism about the future in Whyalla since the sale of the steelworks and mine, and I congratulate the people of Whyalla and Mr Gupta on this important day for the steel city."

"The State Government moved early to commit \$50 million for the successful purchaser of Arrium to invest in the Whyalla operations, and we are in discussions with the company about how this investment will be made."



Photo: Whyalla News

A big welcome to Sanjeev Gupta owner of GFG Alliance. A new chapter is about to begin for the structural steel industry in Australia with the potential investment of up to a billion dollars. Pictured are South Australia's Premier Jay Weatherill, Member for Giles Eddie Hughes, GFG Alliance Executive Chairman Sanjeev Gupta, and Mayor of Whyalla, Ms Lyn Breuer

Member for Giles Eddie Hughes said, "What a great day for Whyalla and our state with the final sign off on the sale of Arrium."

"Whyalla has been through an incredibly tough period with the loss of close to a thousand jobs leading up to Arrium going into Administration," he said.

"On top of the job losses came a period of profound uncertainty about our future."

"Thanks to an amazing collective effort on the part of Arrium workers, unions, KordaMentha, government and the broader Whyalla community we are about to turn the corner."

"Due to that effort GFG Alliance and its Executive Chairman Sanjeev Gupta has picked up the baton and are looking to seriously invest in the future of the company in Whyalla," continued the Member for Giles.

"As a community Whyalla will now rebuild after the job losses and profound uncertainty over the last few years."

"Three generations of my family have worked in the steel industry in Whyalla and I look forward to others having that opportunity in the years to come."

"Our region is turning the corner with a range of major investments in the north if our state," said Mr. Hughes

BHP terminate Prominent Hill Connection and Access Agreement

30 August 2017 OZ Minerals received notice of termination from BHP Olympic Dam Corporation Pty Ltd (BHP) that it will terminate the connection and access agreement between the companies with effect from 30 August 2020.

The current term of the agreement ends in July 2018 and OZ Minerals has a right to request an extension of 10 years. BHP has reserved its position that the agreement will not be extended in July 2018.

OZ Minerals considers that the agreement is required to be extended for a further term and OZ Minerals is exploring its legal options to ensure continued access for at least the next three years.

BHP has confirmed that it remains open to discussions with OZ Minerals regarding alternative access arrangements.

Under the existing agreement, OZ Minerals Prominent Hill mine shares BHP's power line from Davenport to Olympic Dam. OZ Minerals owns the power infrastructure from Olympic Dam to Prominent Hill.

OZ Minerals has been developing its Company-wide power strategy for some time, and is continuing to progress a range of long-term alternate power options.

This power strategy and the range of solutions are expected to enhance security of supply, reduce line losses and importantly enable future mine expansion optionality at both Prominent Hill and Carrapateena.

The options being considered are not expected to affect Prominent Hill's guidance for FY17, FY18 and FY19 as set out in the Company's June quarterly report.

However, it may result in an increase to the Prominent Hill Life of Mine All-In Sustaining Costs (AISC) in the range of 2% to 5% from mid-2020. This is subject to the Company maintaining access to the infrastructure during the three-year notice period.

More information will be provided once a preferred solution has been finalised.

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RE: THE DEBATE OVER ‘COMPULSORY’
VACCINATION Needs Independent studies

Dear CPRT,

I just wanted to say a quick "thank you" for the balanced article on ‘compulsory vaccination’.

It was a change to see a news outlet actually present both sides of this argument, as opposed to the usual 'one sided' propaganda presented by the government and major media outlets.

We know FACTUALLY that there are inherent dangers that come with vaccination. The manufacturers, themselves, warn of possible adverse reactions to their product in the inserts of vaccine packaging (which the majority of people NEVER read). I have heard people say "yes there are risks but reactions and deaths are so few that it's worth the risk".

They say this with very little regard for the families of vaccine damaged children. ANY death or reaction IS a concern! I, personally, know a number of friends who have children that have been damaged by vaccine and it is a terrible burden for them to bare. Knowing that it was their decision to vaccinate (based on the "vaccines are safe" rhetoric that the government and pharmaceutical companies repeat) that caused their child's injury.

So few people are aware of what they are injecting their children with. They assume that it is just a "deactivated virus" but have no idea about the other ingredients entering their child's system.

Here is just a small list of other ingredients in vaccines:
Aluminium
Thiomersal, also called Thimerosal
Gelatine
Human serum albumin and recombinant albumin
Sorbitol and other stabilisers
Emulsifiers
Antibiotics
Egg proteins (ovalbumin)
Yeast proteins

Formaldehyde
Acidity regulators
Human cell-lines, animal cell-lines and GMOs
Recombinant DNA technology
Bovine products
Other growing media

Now, parents who refuse to take the risk of letting these additives cross the blood/brain barrier in their kids are PUNISHED by the government. They have had a large portion of their family tax benefits taken from them EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE PAID TAXES LIKE EVERY OTHER PERSON!

How can this be ok?!

I think it's a disgrace that parents choice has been taken from them. Parents who want there children free of these toxins and prefer their child to fight disease naturally are now being punished. It's mind boggling!

In closing; With recent laboratory studies revealing that aluminium adjuvants (in vaccines) cause neurological disorders such as alzheimers is it not time some proper, INDEPENDENT, studies were conducted AND published?

Most people are unaware that in EVERY vaccine study the "control group" has not received a saline placebo but, instead, a vaccine solution without the virus contained...

How can this type of study give true and accurate results when we are well aware that it's not the virus causing these reactions but the other ingredients in vaccines?

Only when there is a 100% success rate with a legitimately tested control group, should the government expect 100% of the thinking parents to submit their child for vaccines.

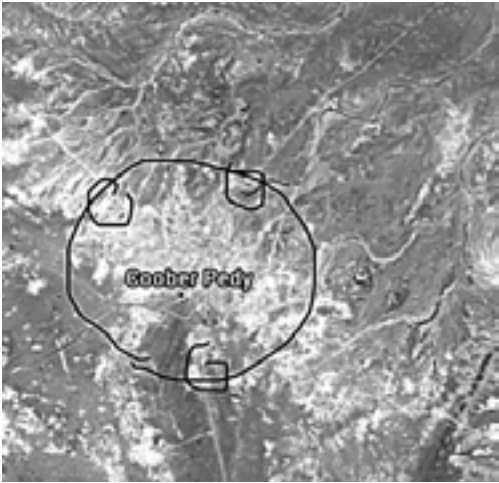
Sincerely,
A concerned parent.
(Name supplied)

CANDIDATE 1

We would like to announce that, after careful consideration, the "Make Coober Pedy Great... Again" party will be standing for council elections.

As the election proceeds we will elaborate more on our intentions and policies but, to get the ball rolling, here are our key policies:

1. A Wall - We'll make the trucking companies pay for it?



2. Drain the swamp - We intend "draining the swamp". For too long our politicians have wasted funding on useless projects that tend to line the pocket of politicians and their associates. Under our government this will STOP! Thus leaving more funds available for golf courses and spray tanning salons.

3. Lock her up - We will investigate the email scandal and find those missing emails!

4. Missile Defence initiative - We will address the growing issue of the aggressive Australian government testing missiles on our doorstep. By installing a missile defence system and applying stringent sanctions on the aggressors.

5. Strengthen ties between Russia and Coober Pedy.

6. Withdraw our support for the Trans Pacific Partnership.

7. Remove ourselves from the Paris Climate Agreement.

8. Declare China a "currency manipulator" and bring them to the bargaining table on copyright and intellectual property laws.

9. Invite Donald Trump to play golf on our world class course.

10. Employ a strategy to sell Coober Pedy's excess power to South Australia in times of statewide blackouts. As we saw, last year, our robust power supply was impervious to the storms that ravaged the state.

We intend putting forth many other policies as the election develops as these policies are just a small part of a great plan to "Make Coober Pedy Great... Again"!

Regards,



Not
Donald

Misconceptions about radioactive medical isotopes

Dear Editor **Australians get their information about medical isotopes straight from The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation(ANSTO) via handouts faithfully retailed via the mainstream media.**

The message is straightforward and goes like this:

The purpose of the Opal nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights is to make medical radioisotopes to treat cancer. Australia needs a national radioactive waste dump in rural South Australia, thousands of miles away from Lucas Heights, to dispose of the low-level medical radioactive wastes produced. And this will be a bonanza for the lucky rural community of Kimba.

Is this story true?

No. It is misleading on a number of counts.

First of all, a nuclear reactor is not essential for making medical isotopes. The IAEA lists 39 countries that use cyclotrons to produce them. That includes Australia, which has them not only at Lucas Heights itself, but also at hospitals in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia.

From the invention of the cyclotron (1931) , and discovery of artificial radioactivity (1934), non nuclear particle accelerators were used to produce medical radioisotopes. After the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in 1945, the USA Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), was keen to give nuclear reactors a 'respectable' face. They provided the medical isotopes free of charge to USA citizens!

Australia was a bit slow to jump on the medical isotopes bandwagon. The Lucas Heights nuclear reactor began its life in 1958 as the start of a plan for nuclear weapons for Australia. Then it was promoted as research for nuclear power, and later as for making medical radiopharmaceuticals. Lucas Heights and ANSTO itself are very much part of the nuclear lobby's plan to promote the entire nuclear industry in Australia.

Australia does not need a national radioactive waste dump for medical wastes. Nearly all medical radioactive wastes are very short-lived - a matter of days, or even hours. There is no need to transport them across the continent. Australia does have a problem with higher level wastes: Spent reactor fuel, sent to France and UK for processing, must be returned. This is the type of waste that needs deep and very secure disposal. That is sure to be the underlying purpose of the South Australian waste dump plan.

The Kimba community is being asked to accept a temporary nuclear waste dump, which is to be set up long before any permanent dump is set up, if it ever is. Kimba, the proposed dump site, is likely to suffer the fate of so many sad sites in America - stuck with "stranded wastes" of radioactive trash. Think what that would do to Kimba's environment and reputation as an agricultural area. The nuclear lobby has argued persuasively that the Lucas Heights area has held nuclear wastes for decades. However, the Lucas Heights residents did not grasp the implications when the nuclear reactor was set up. They do now - that's why they want the wastes sent far away.

Following the South Australian Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission's failed attempt last year, to introduce radioactive waste importing, the next sortie is to use Lucas Heights to get a national nuclear waste dump happening. To justify this, the argument put forward is the medical argument.

As most medical radioisotopes have very short half lives - it makes sense to produce them in a decentralised way - in cyclotrons close to the hospitals where they will be used. The transport of isotopes from cyclotrons is much less of a problem, than from the centralised nuclear reactor.

The nuclear reactor produces radioactive wastes suitable for use as nuclear weapons fuel - and present a safety problem, with the reactor itself also a target for terrorism. Cyclotrons do not have these risks, and this need for huge, and expensive security measures.

Canada, having abandoned nuclear reactor production of medical isotopes, is now leading the way in their production and export without use of a nuclear reactor. ANSTO's boast of a future thriving export industry in isotopes is sounding hollow.

Noel Wauchope
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CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162

By Margaret Mackay

Euphorbia tannensis subsp. eremophila self-seeding in a Coober Pedy garden

Eremophila is a Greek word that means Desert Lover

When this scrawny desert loving plant began appearing in my garden after rain last year, it landed in the compost bin at least twice.

But you know the saying, “third time lucky”? So after the third plant appeared (several rain events later) I decided to put the dry tangled, leafless, woody specimen with tiny yellow flowers and little green berries into a pot and see what it became.

I put it under the gum tree for a while to try out filtered sunlight, especially as it was still small and confined to a pot, I didn’t want it’s roots accidentally cook.

It was then that this little plant began to develop leaves which totally enhanced it’s overall appearance. It’s stems became longer and it began leaning over onto the ground. Whether is meant to be or not, it is now a native hanging plant at least for the time being.

Eremophila was definitely not a species that occurred to me, but it was very exciting this week when the SA Natureteers, an online group that I belong to, helped me to identify it by going through a process of eliminating similar looking desert dwelling plants. I really appreciated their patience and expertise.

The Euphorbia tannensis subsp. eremophila commonly known as desert spurge is noted at the Western Australian Government Flora Base as an erect annual or perennial, herb or shrub, 0.1-1 m high. Fl. green-yellow, Jan or Apr to Sep. Stony or sandy soils. That describes Coober Pedy quite well, so not surprised that it germinates here. <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/12097>

This species is present across Australia.



Close up of the branches and other attributes



Wow, but shouldn't it be in the garden?



I prefer it as a hanging plant!

GARDENING IN THE OUTBACK

Not everything is a weed!



BEFORE: Newly potted plant, later identified as Euphorbia tannensis subsp. eremophila



AFTER: Same plant but after some time in filtered sunlight, it decided to grow healthy leaves and hang!



Close up of the tiny flower, seed pod and leaves

How is your PURSLANE growing?

Another so-called weed that is actually edible and healthy, growing in our gardens. Plenty of recipes online for Purslane.

Anything dressing that goes with cucumber or zucchini will suit this crunchy lemon tasting salad plant. A lovely and different side-dish for summer.



Coober Pedy Cup RACES

PHOTOS BY: Chris Warrior
Prominent Hill
Bike events



Running of the Opal Inn Cup on the Coober Pedy Racetrack



Chris Warrior from Prominent Hill with Fashion on the Fields winners Jackie Williams



Jackie Williams with a few friends showing off their track-side fashions

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Mining Act 1971

Notice is hereby given in accordance with
Section 28(5) of the *Mining Act 1971* that the
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and Energy intends to grant Exploration Licences
over the areas described below.

Applicant: Golden Cross Operations
Pty Ltd
Location: Coober Pedy area approx.
15 km northeast of
Coober Pedy
Pastoral Leases: Mount Clarence
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 189
Reference number: 2017/00118

Plans and co-ordinates can be found on the
Department of the Premier and Cabinet website:
[http://www.minerals.dpc.sa.gov.au/exploration/
public_notices](http://www.minerals.dpc.sa.gov.au/exploration/public_notices) or by contacting Mineral
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Community information on mineral exploration
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J Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Coober Pedy Shooters Club
will hold its Annual General Meeting
at the Club rooms
on 10th September, 2017
at 1PM

All current members are
encouraged to attend.
Harley Staines
Acting Secretary
Coober Pedy Shooters Club

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Grants SA

A new grants program, Grants SA,
will provide \$3 million in grants to
improve community participation,
wellbeing and quality of life for
South Australians.

Through Grants SA, four one-off grant
programs, the Charitable and Social
Welfare Fund (Community Benefit
SA), Multicultural Grants, Volunteer
Training Grants and the Volunteer
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Community organisations can now
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will be open four times and minor
grants of up to \$5,000 will be open
all year and assessed at the end of each
month.

For further information visit
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Minor round applications close 5pm
on the last working day of every month

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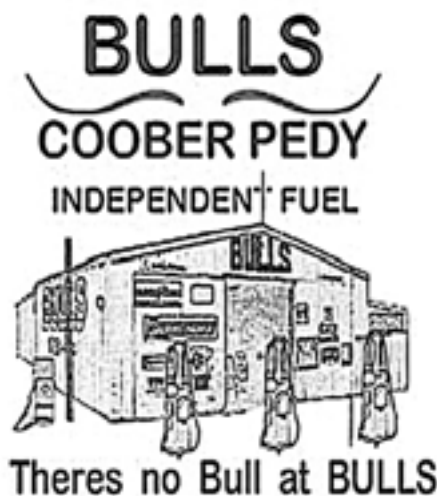
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10 Years ago - September 2007!

NEW SIMULATOR AT PROMINENT HILL AIDS IN TRAINING MINE WORKERS

Wednesday August 28, Oxiana invited media to Prominent Hill in South Australia to witness a demonstration of the Theiss aquired simulator designed to aid workers learning to handle the \$3m dollar, 240 tonne dump trucks at the open pit mine in South Australia's Far North.

It is South Australia's first simulator although there are 26 simulators operating in various mines throughout the country. The virtual reality technology will cover surface and underground work as well as dump truck training.

Due to a skills shortage of workers in the mines, the simulator will be able to train unskilled newcomers in a safe environment. It will also assist in reducing damage to the expensive trucks which are costly to repair.

Tour guide Andy Haslam said "The simulator currently on the Prominent Hill site will be moved south to Port Augusta Tafe" This should greatly enhance Port Augusta's Tafe curriculum opportunities.

After a comprehensive powerpoint display by Prominent Hill Manganer Mick Wilkes, the media party toured the open pit which is neatly manicured and designed, before being treated to a wonderful lunch at the mess hall. There is notable expansion in the project after just one year. Everyone was fitted with safety glasses, helmets and bright orange vests as a safety measure.



Left: Site construction in progress



NRDB's Steve Staines, Coober Pedy/Prominent Hill's Frank Pennisi and Prominent Hill Village manager, Colin Rinsma greet us upon arrival.



Nancy Worley, Oxiana's PR Manager stands outside the simulator building



Almost impossible to describe the magnitude of the pit. Pic taken from great distance



Inside the simulator, Mick Wilkes speaks with trainee Kimberley Lane. The simulator is connected to a computer which records the progress and experience of the operator.



From our high vantage point we could see the dump trucks inside the pit being loaded and relaying up and down the road



Left: Kimberley Lane as a Jillaroo on Anna Creek Station

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Pictorial overview of
visit to Prominent Hill

Margaret Mackay
Coober Pedy Regional Times



Byron McNamara from Ceduna says hello to his two sisters in Coober Pedy



Byron is one of several employees who wears a radioactive detector on his shirt

10 YEARS AGO - September 2007

Stargazing in Coober Pedy

Lunar Eclipse 28th August
by Gary Bremer

Radekas night sky tour did a special tour on the 28 August when the world experienced a lunar eclipse, which was beautifully visible from Coober Pedy.

"We packed the excited stargazers into the big bus and headed off to a vantage point. It really pays to do your homework", said Gary. "It's amazing when everyone brings their binoculars and starts looking around, just how many questions come out of left field that you must know the answers to. Fortunately Martin Smith who developed the tour as a service which was greatly lacking in Coober Pedy with the vast access we have to the skies, passed on his legacy and wealth of knowledge to Gary so the service could continue".



Coober Pedy. The moon in partial eclipse

When the moon rose just after 6pm. It was fainter than normal as the outer, fainter, part of the earth's shadow was already across most of it (this is called the "penumbral" shadow). The inner, dark part of the shadow (the "umbral" shadow) started to cover the moon at about 6:18 pm and the moon was totally covered and fairly hard to see by about 7:18 pm

TOTAL ECLIPSE.

At this point it became a much richer colour, with the sky already dark. At about 7:34 pm it was midway through the TOTAL eclipse. It stayed in total eclipse until about 8:20 pm, when the umbral shadow began to move off. This shadow was completely off at about 9.20 and the penumbral shadow moved off by around 10.20 pm. and we were able to see a normal full moon.



Visitors on the Stargazing Tour receive their commentary while they watched, all geared up.

Thank You Coober Pedy



Above: Emily Sirbescu relaxes after the 2007 Readathon campaign is completed. Emily said that she enjoyed reading the books and would like to continue with the project again next year.

Right: Major sponsor, Dr. Chris Howes our "local" dentist who is based in Adelaide. Chris was very busy when we spoke with him, however he was delighted to support the MS Readathon for Emily.

A great big thank you from Emily Sirbescu who amongst several other students from Coober Pedy Area School, participated in the MS Readathon to help raise money for those suffering from multiplesclerosis. There were many wonderful locals who supported the MS Readathon and in the doing helped the students improve their reading skills.

Those who sponsored Emily in the MS Readathon helped raise a massive \$870 for the 2007 campaign. Emily has been a reader for the MS Readathon for several years now and in 2005 Emily and her sponsors raised the most money in South Australia for multiplesclerosis sufferers.

Just \$750 will provide a 10 week exercise group program aimed at increasing strength for MS sufferers.

Congratulations Emily and a special thank you to Chris Howes the dentist who was a major sponsor for Emily this year.



Stargazing Fan Mail

Gary has a huge collection all of the letters that come in after the tours. eg.

Dear Radekas, I just wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to Gary for the Stargazing tour my daughter Morgan and I went on with Gary recently. You brought the night sky alive better than any experience outside a planetarium!!! I also appreciate the CDROM with software and websites! We may come back to Australia next Summer

All the best!! ... and let me know if there is anything I can do in return for a wonderful night star gazing!! regards, Bill Strehl

COMET McNAUGHT

To Gary Bremer, During the night of January 21st 2007 we participated at your Star Gazing Presentation.

Please let me assure you, that we have enjoyed very much your explanations and the aspect of the Comet McNaught.

Now, that we arrived back to our country Austria, we talk quite often of the great impression of this very special tour with you.

For your kind help I am most grateful. Wishing you lots of visitors.

I remain
Sincerely Yours
Robert Konopasek
Austria

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Sam Chester says Farewell



A special farewell and thank you everyone in Coober Pedy for making my life special in Coober Pedy, especially to the people who helped me achieve my goals. Rose Temple for being my Youth worker and good friend, Robin Walker and his family, Mark Bell and Chris Butler and everyone who supported me in the football club. Rhonda Smith and Mark Hazelwood from the school and the greatest family friend Shorty O'Toole. Coober Pedy friends you will never be forgotten.

Sam Chester
SAAboriginal Sports Training Academy
Adelaide



Dame Roma Mitchell Grant

Dame Roma Mitchell grants provide opportunities for eligible children and young people who are, or have been under the guardianship of the Minister for Education and Child Development.

Grants are available under the following categories:

- Achieving personal goals
- Health and well being
- Developmental opportunities

For further information visit: SA Government
Applications close Monday, 25 September 2017

Active Club Program— Round 44

This program supports community-based sport and active recreation organisations to deliver their programs and services to all South Australians. It provides up to \$5,000 for program and equipment applications.

For further information visit www.ors.sa.gov.au or phone 7424 -7708.
Applications close Monday, 15 September 2017

Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC)

The program supported by various partner, addresses issues that make a difference to the sustainability of rural, regional and remote communities, including projects that address the following:

- Strong leadership & Community Capacity: investing and developing leadership, skills and capacity of individual and organisation, enhancing inclusion and strengthening culture.
- Sustainable Community Infrastructure: Projects focusing on improving local infrastructure, creating places which enable communities to connect and grow their identity.
- Equitable Access to Opportunities: Ensuring equitable access to quality services and opportunities in the areas of culture, arts education, health, wellbeing, communications, transport, food and the environment
- Vibrant Local Economies: Projects that enhance a sustainable economy, providing jobs, growth and wealth for the community.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia. Priority is given to communities of 10,000 or fewer

For further information visit: Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal
Applications close 27 September 2017

Future Jobs Fund

Grants and loans will be offered through this fund to help you grow your business and create jobs if you're in one of the following growing sectors:

- Shipbuilding
- Renewable energy
- Mining, including the mining industry supply chain
- Tourism, food and wine
- Health and biomedical research, including businesses expanding to provide National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services
- Information and technology
- Advanced manufacturing

For further information visit: www.treasury.sa.gov.au

Grants from \$100,000 to \$5 million dollars, and low interest loans from \$100,000 to \$10 million are available to create ongoing jobs in the sectors listed above.
Applications close Friday, 29 September 2017

GRANTS & CONCESSIONS

Grants for Seniors

The aim of Grants for Seniors (GFS) program funding is to increase options for older people to participate in group and/or community activities, generally through the purchase of equipment or small scale program support.

Through two rounds of Grants for Seniors (GFS) in 2016/17, 35 organisations received a total of \$150,000 to enable older South Australians to become more active in the community.

For further information visit: SA Health
The first GFS Round for 2017/18 will open in August 2017

Positive Ageing Grants

Positive Ageing Grants (PAG) provide one-off ageing-specific grants of between \$10,000 and \$30,000 to support projects that promote and progress the development of more positive community attitudes towards ageing and older people and increase the participation of older South Australians.

In 2016/17, six not-for-profit organisations shared in PAG funding of more than \$130,000 to engage with older South Australians in the community.

For further information visit: SA Health
The first PAG Round for 2017/18 will open in August 2017

Age Friendly SA Grant Round

The Age Friendly SA Grant Round was established as an early action under the Age Friendly SA Strategy to provide grants of up to \$25,000 to local government to deliver projects that contribute to an age friendly South Australia.

Age Friendly SA Grant applications for larger grants of up to \$45,000 will be considered from regional partnerships of three or more local governments.

The first Age Friendly SA Grant Round in 2017 provided funding of \$150,000 to eight local councils and community organisations for projects to promote stronger connections between generations and support people to make a contribution and/or have a say.

For further information visit: SA Health
The 2017-18 Age Friendly SA Grant Round will open in August 2017

Female Facilities Program – Round 3

The Female Facilities Program helps eligible organisations to develop sustainable, functional, inclusive and fit for purpose female change room facilities that meet the current and future needs of the South Australian sporting community

State Sport and Active Recreation Organisations, Industry Representative Bodies, Local Government, Community Groups, Incorporated Sport or Active Recreation Clubs that do not hold a gaming machine license.

For guidelines and application forms visit www.ors.sa.gov.au

Applications close Monday, 9 October 2017

Sporting Surfaces Program

The Program helps eligible organisations to develop new or upgrade/enhance or replace existing synthetic and hard-court sporting playing surfaces including synthetic playing fields, and indoor and outdoor courts to support courts in SA.

For guidelines and application forms visit www.ors.sa.gov.au

Applications close Monday, 9 October 2017

Grants SA

A new grants program, Grants SA, will provide \$3 million in grants to improve community participation, wellbeing and quality of life for South Australians.

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Minor round applications close 5pm on the last working day of every month

Medium round applications close Sunday, 15 October 2017

Major round applications close Tuesday, 31 October 2017

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation – Leadership Development Grants

Leadership Development Grants are designed to support people who are currently playing a key role in projects that are enhancing and maintaining the natural living environment, particularly landscape restoration projects. The grants will assist with leadership/professional development activities, so successful applicants are equipped with skills and knowledge they need to further their conservation work – to either remain or become a leader.

For further information visit: Wettenhall Environment Trust

Applications are now open, the round closes when there are a suitable number and spread of applications

The Norman Wettenhall Foundation – Small Environ- mental Grant Scheme

The Small Environmental Grant Scheme will provide support for groups or individuals undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

Projects will be considered around flora and fauna conservation, threatened mammal conservation, and landscape restoration and education.

These projects should involve any of the following:

- monitoring, recording and sharing data
- delivering community education
- providing community capacity building (e.g. skills training, organisation)
- research and science

For further information visit: The Norman Wettenhall Foundation

Applications are now open, the round closes when there are a suitable number and spread of applications

\$50 Sport Vouchers Program

The program is open for parents and carers who are now able to claim \$50 sport vouchers for their children, to use towards the cost of sport club fees or memberships.

Clubs wishing to register for the program and parents or guardians wanting to find a participating club in their area should go to www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au.

Club One (SA) Small Sponsorships

Small Sponsorship of up to \$500, although in special circumstances can be as high as \$600, is available to community clubs and associations and are considered every one to two months.

For further information visit: www.clubone.net.au/club-one-sponsorships.asp

Clubs SA/IGC Sponsorship Assistance Program

There are streams of funding available through Clubs SA for the not-for-profit sector, including clubs.

Before applying for any stream of funding it is advised that you contact Clubs SA for further details and assistance on the application process.

There is no set dollar value to the program, applications for sponsorship are considered by the board on case by case basis.

For further information visit: Clubs SA
Applications are accepted at anytime during the year

Job Accelerator Grant Scheme

The Scheme has been established to encourage South Australian businesses to employ additional full-time, part-time and casual employees, and maintain them for at least 12 months. A Job Accelerator Grant of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 each year for two years) per new full-time equivalent (FTE) job created is available for businesses liable for payroll tax in SA with total Australian wages of \$5 million or less. Job Accelerator Grant for Small Business & Start-ups of up to \$4,000 (\$2,000 each year for two years) per new job created is available for most businesses that are not liable for payroll tax. This includes businesses with Australian wages below the payroll tax free threshold (currently \$600 000) and most organisations that are exempt from payroll tax (e.g. public benevolent institution).

Businesses that increase their number of SA employees will be eligible to receive a grant for each additional worker employed by them in a new position between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018.

For further information visit: www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au

Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme SA

The Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES) is a South Australian Government energy efficiency scheme that provides incentives for South Australian households and businesses to save energy.

Energy Audits will be made available for a number of low-income households in the "priority group", to help assess current energy use practices, compare usage to energy efficient practices and identify practical ways to be more energy efficient at home.

Energy Efficiency Activities will be made available to South Australian households and many businesses through incentives offered by any retailer with REES targets in a particular year, for the installation of a number of pre-approved Energy Efficiency Activities. These may include activities such as the installation of efficient lighting products, low-flow showerheads and ceiling insulation.

For further information visit: Essential Services Commission

Applications are ongoing



GRANTS & CONCESSIONS

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT COMES TO SA LOW INCOME EARNERS THIS WEEK

Almost 135,000 South Australian homeowners and retirement village residents on low or fixed incomes will have started to receive the State Government's Cost of Living Concession payment this week.

The payment is being made directly into bank accounts to help with expenses such as utilities and council rates.

The payment of up to \$202.70 for homeowners is made automatically to eligible South Australians who received the concession last year. This payment has been indexed to increase each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible tenanted households will receive a \$101.40 payment in February 2018.

The Cost of Living Concession was introduced by the State Government after the Federal Government cut the council rate concession.

Eligible households who have not applied for the Cost of Living Concession, or who previously received the concession but have not provided their banking details, are encouraged to call the ConcessionsSA hotline on 1800 307 758.

Applications for the 2017-18 Cost of Living Concession close on 31 October 2017.

The Cost of Living Concession is available to pensioners, retirees, people receiving payments from Centrelink and low-income households, extending the payment to tenants.

People who have not previously received the concession can apply from 1 July to 31 October each year. Eligible homeowners applying for the first time this year will receive their payment before the end of the year, while eligible tenant households will be paid by March 2018.

The payment will increase each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Applications can be submitted online at www.sa.gov.au/concessions/costofliving. Supporting documents can be uploaded and existing recipients can use this form to update changes to their details.

Communities and Social Inclusion Minister Zoe Bettison said, "The Cost of Living Concession is one of the ways the State Government supports low-income South Australians."

"Payments of more than \$160 million were made in 2016-17 to help households with their living costs."

"The concession gives recipients the flexibility to use the payment wherever it is most needed to support themselves and their families."

"If you received the payment last year and your circumstances have changed, please contact the hotline on 1800 307 758 to update your details."



Zero Waste Industry Program

The Program aims to develop a project to help improve your business or organisation's use of resources, reduce costs and improve productivity.

The program is open to:
•Small to medium businesses
•Not-for-profit organisations

For further information visit: Zero Waste SA
Applications are ongoing

Industry Development Pocket Grants

Industry Development Pocket Grants provides funding to South Australian music businesses to assist with one-off expenses that arise at short notice. These include travel, conference or legal fees for short-notice opportunities. Arts South Australia accepts applications until they use up the annual funding portion.

Grants up to \$1000 are available
For further information and guidelines visit: Arts South Australia
Applications are ongoing

Country Arts SA – Quick Response Grant

Regional artist can access professional arts development and training opportunities, or organisations/communities with small project opportunities that arise at short notice.

Individual—up to \$1,500 which provides support for professional development opportunities for individual artist and arts workers in regional South Australia
Community—up to \$3,000 which provides support for small-scale arts development initiatives for community groups and organisations in regional South Australia.
For further information visit: Country Arts SA

Applications are accepted at anytime during the year (closed for a period over Christmas)

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.

MONDAY


CFS TRAINING Monday each fortnight 7-9 pm. Call Wayne Borrett 0439881049

FRIDAYS


GREEK HALL - WINTER
Charcoal BBQ & Salad
7pm every FRIDAY night

TWILIGHT GOLF
with a social ambrose 3 – 6 hole competition from 6pm

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
7pm Friday night Clay Target Shotgun

GREEK CLUB - Bingo
7.30 pm

Coober Pedy Scrabble
7.30pm United Club .
All skill levels welcome

AA Meeting
7 pm Catholic Church
Ph no. 1800222222



SATURDAYS

MINE RESCUE/SES Training (Alternate Saturdays)
0427725446

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
No shooting over the holidays but pre-arranged shooting will take place.
Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389 or Susy Chapman on 0401092264 to book a time

CROATION CLUB
Happy Hour
Saturdays 6-7pm



SUNDAYS

SUNDAY GOLF

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

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389 to book a time .

Check that your entries are still current

What's On in COOBER PEDY

from 7-9-2017 & Visiting Services



September 2	-	Baby Driver (MA)
September 9	-	Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (M)
September 16	-	Logan Lucky (M)
September 23	-	The Dark Tower (M)
September 30	-	Smurfs the Lost Village (G)
October 7	-	Gifted (M)
October 14	-	The Emoji Movie (G)
October 21	-	Kingsman: The Golden Circle (TBA)
October 28	-	IT (Halloween special) (MA)
November 4	-	The Lego Ninjago Movie (TBC)
November 11	-	Blade Runner 2049 (TBC)
November 18	-	The Snowman (TBC)
November 25	-	Thor: Ragnarok (TBC)
December 2	-	Bad Moms Christmas (TBC)
December 9	-	Murder on the Orient Express (TBC)

Starting times may vary, please check cooberpedydrivein.org.au or facebook.com/cooberpedydrivein for up to date schedules, starting times and events.



COMING SOON!



REMAIN PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

The Coober Pedy Regional Times will record a passing if we hear about it, and particularly where families choose to have their relative acknowledged

Keep in touch!

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The next Local Council elections will take place during November 2018

STATE ELECTIONS

The next State election will be held on 17 March 2018

SCHOOL TERM DATES

2017

Term 3: 24 July - 29 Sept

Term 4: 16 Oct - 8 Dec

Alice Springs Bronco Branding

Sat 16 September 2017

Thank you for keeping the community informed

TAX & FINANCIAL



Incorporating Waters & Younger

Ph: 8291 2111 Adelaide
Ph: 8672 5979 Coober Pedy
Fax: 8291 2101

Mob: Richard 0422 428 850
richard.younger@360private.com.au

Mob: Kezia 0414 522 392
kezia.manning@360private.com.au

2017 VISITS TO COOBER PEDY

30 January - 8 February
27 February - 3 March
19 - 28 April
29 May - 2 June
13 - 28 July
14 - 18 August
4 - 15 September
16 - 28 October
13 - 24 November
4 - 8 December (to be confirmed)

Income tax returns lodged electronically for a prompt refund (within 14 days subject to ATO)

We also specialize in providing sound, practical accounting & taxation advice to individuals, families, businesses & SMSF's

Other services provided –

- preparation & lodgment of business activity statements (BAS)
- registration for ABN's, GST and Tax File Numbers
- establishing new companies, superannuation funds (SMSF) and trusts
- superannuation advice
- tax planning
- preparation of budgets
- general business advice
- auditing
- capital gains tax information, advice & record-keeping

GUIDE TO SHOPS AND SERVICES

IN COOBER PEDY

The Opal Capital of the World



Accommodation

Oasis Tourist Park **1**
08 86725169

Restaurants

Outback Bar & Grill **3**
(08) 86723250

Opal Shops

Just Opals **4**
Seven Stones Jewellers **5**

Fuel Outlets

Opal Miner's Enterprises **6**
Bulls Garage **7**

Other Services

Bridgestone Tyres **8**
360 Private Accounts and Finance

Clubs

Greek Community **2**
St. Nicholas Street

Croatian Club
RSL

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Ambulance, Fire and Police - 000
National Security Hotline: 1800123400

Police Stations

Coober Pedy: 08 86725056
Marla: 86707020
Oodnadatta: 86707805

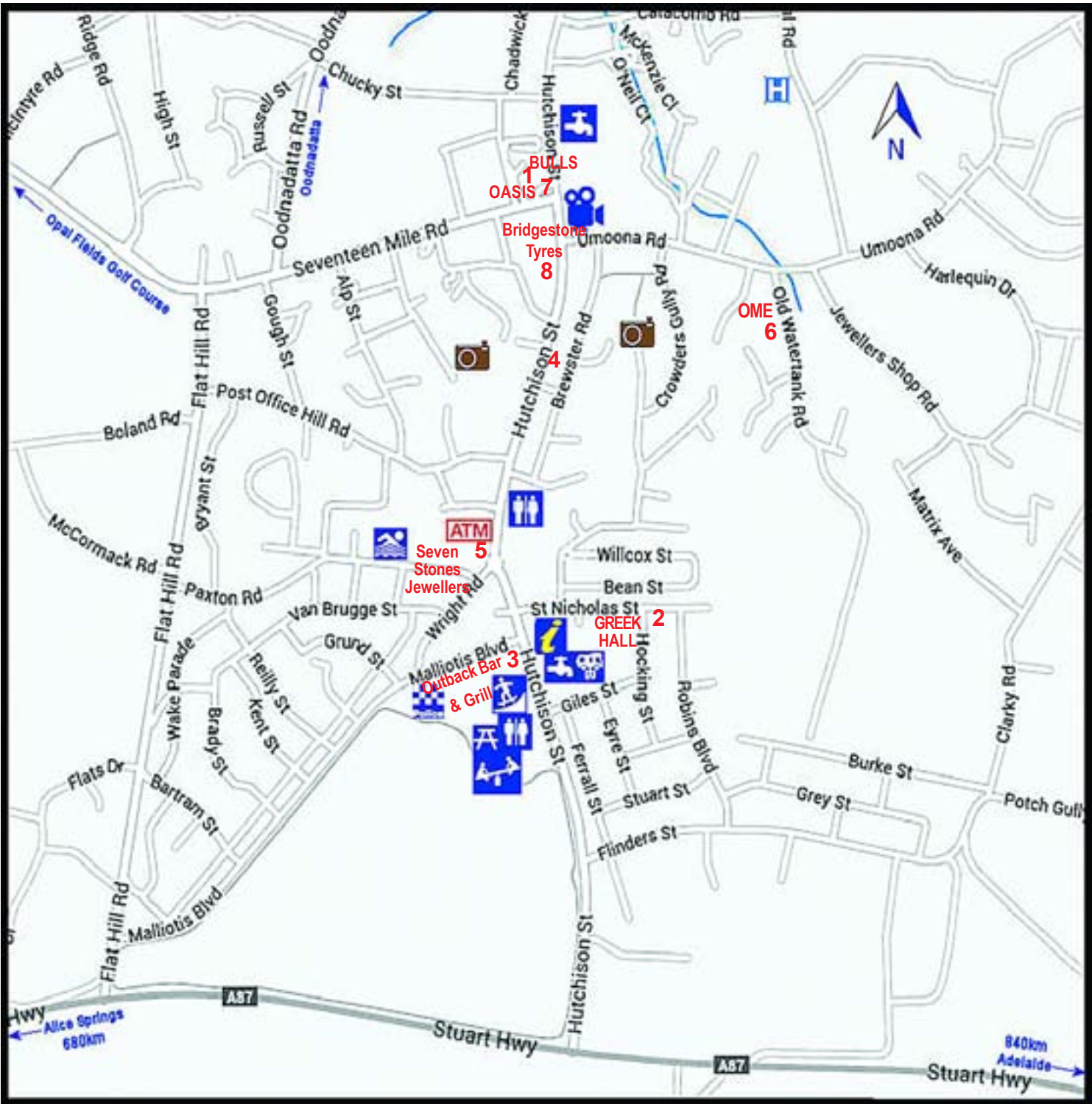
Coober Pedy Hospital 08 86725009

Coober Pedy School 08 86725077

District Council Coober Pedy: 86724600

Australia Post:

Coober Pedy: 86725062
Marla: 86707001
Mintabie: 86705000
Oodnadatta: 86707819



**family parks**
Holiday Parks & Campgrounds

**Tourist Park**
Coober Pedy 08 86 725 691

BULLS
COOBER PEDY
INDEPENDENT FUEL

There's no Bull at BULLS

BULLS GARAGE
On-site Service Centre
*Phone: 86 725 036

Affordable Opals & Souvenirs

**Just Opals Australia**
Coober Pedy

Located in IGA MALL

OUTBACK BAR & GRILL

MONDAY \$15 ROAST	TUESDAY \$15 PIZZAS	WEDNESDAY \$15 SCHNITZELS	THURSDAY \$18 PORK BELLY	FRIDAY \$15 SEAFOOD	SATURDAY 10% OFF	SUNDAY \$14 PASTA
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**OME OPENING HOURS:**
Mon - Fri 7.00am - 5.00pm
Sat 7.00am - 1.00pm; Sun Closed

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- Industrial & Hardware Supplies • Filters all types • Hydraulic Fittings
- Oils • Bearings • V Belts • Hosing • Air Fittings • Trailer Parts
- Safety Gear • Chain Blocks • Slings • Rigging Gear • Cigweld Agent

Searle Trading Pty Ltd/ Opal Miners' Enterprises
Lot 1299 Old Water Tank Rd, Coober Pedy SA 5723
Phone: (08) 86725830 ABN: 44 761 266 367

WINTER at GREEK HALL
Warm up with
Charcoal BBQ & Salad
Every Friday night at 7pm

**TYRE CENTRE**
COOBER PEDY

Lot 36 Hutchison St Coober Pedy
Ph: 08 8672 3322
A/H: 0487 183 963

Services Include:

- Bridgestone Tyres
- Ironman 4 x 4
- Tyres, Repairs and Balancing
- Computer Wheel Alignment
- Mechanical Servicing
- Batteries
- Lubricants
- Filters
- Auto Electrical Lamps & Fittings
- Auto Tools and Accessories



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