

COOBER PEDY FACES 45C 'TEMPS' BUT THE DESERT HAS TURNED GREEN!



OUTBACK PHENOMENON MID SUMMER

with Coober Pedy into it's second heatwave, and the desert turning green!

From November to March the weather around Coober Pedy warms up with summer temperatures ranging from 35° C to the 45° C in the shade, and occasional dust storms. The annual rainfall in the area is minimal at around 140.4 mm per annum and can fall during any time of the year.

The past few years have seen increased rain at Coober Pedy and indeed the wider Far North, but nothing has prepared the locals for the amazing transformation of the desert as even up until last week with stormy weather coming across from Western Australia, the rain just kept on coming.

Shocked locals are seeing this sight around Coober Pedy at present with the desert turning GREEN mid summer. Rain clouds often accumulate at Tom Cat Hill and North West Ridge areas, in the background

The annual rainfall in the Coober Pedy area is amongst the lowest in Australia, and sits at around **130 millimetres** (5.1 in) per annum.

By totalling Coober Pedy's 2016 monthly Airport measurements, BOM recorded 308.2mm for the Airport last year.

Since January 2017 the airport location (BOM) has measured 23.4mm over 6 Days, while locals across town have recorded much stronger rainfalls.

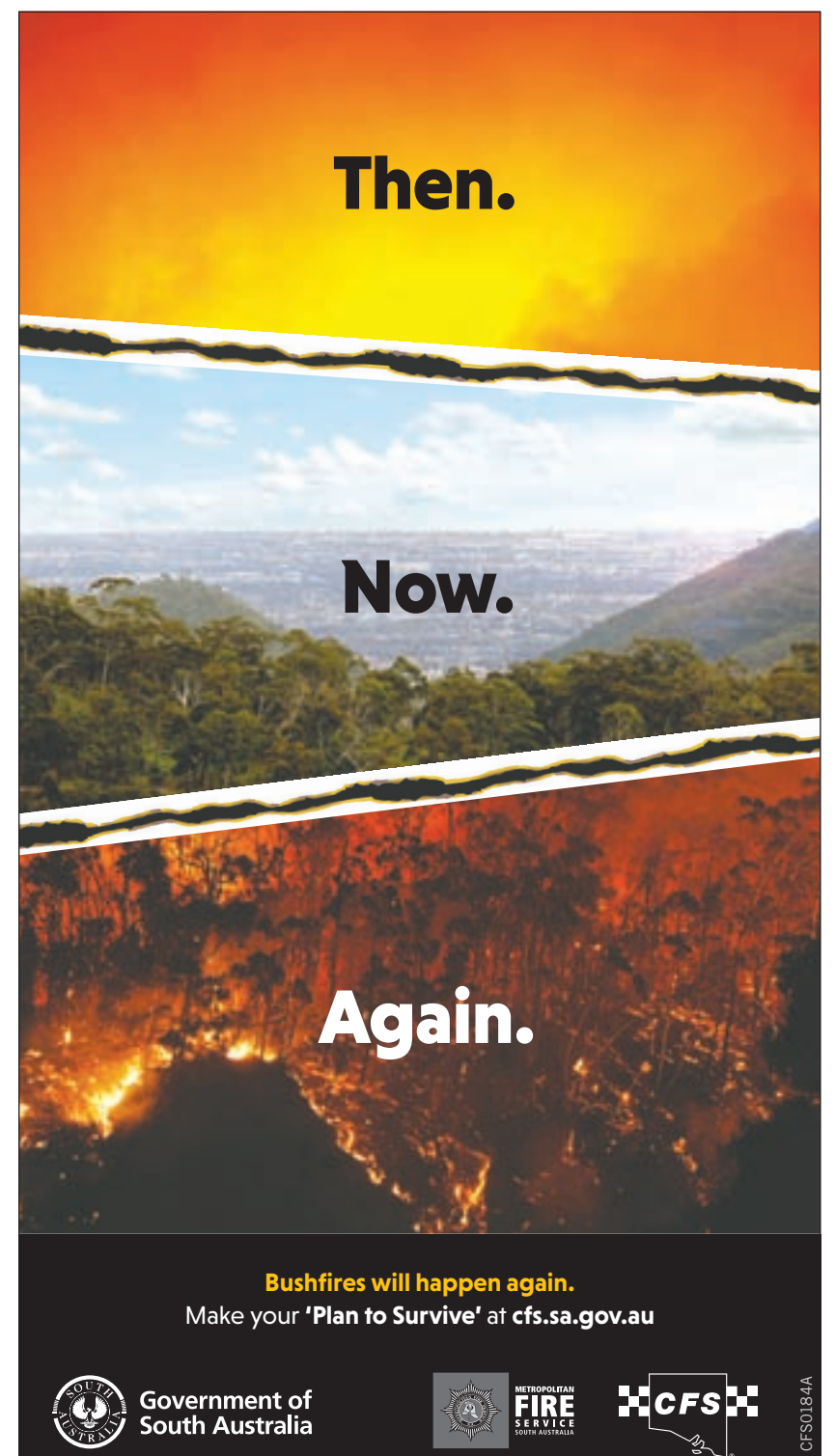
Just because there is a weather station at the Airport doesn't mean the clouds will rain on that spot each time.

Photographic records and subsequently the green countryside indicates that rain may have missed the Airport on more than one occasion.

People are entitled to measure their own rain, and the Coober Pedy Regional Times welcomes those measurements as well.



Rain from clouds can be a bit hit and miss. Did this rain reach the Airport rain-guage?



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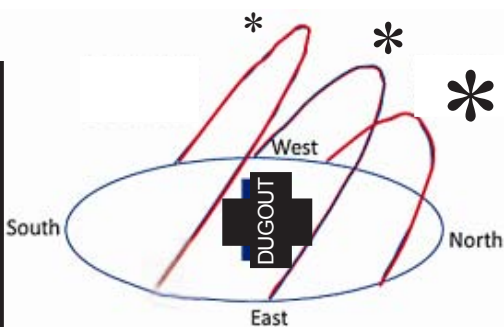
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7 DAYS WEATHER - HOT, HOT, HOT

Coober Pedy Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka

COOBER PEDY 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST							
	Sun Jan 29	Mon Jan 30	Tue Jan 31	Wed Feb 1	Thu Feb 2	Fri Feb 3	Sat Feb 4
Summary	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Possible shower	Mostly sunny
Maximum	42°C	45°C	42°C	41°C	38°C	38°C	40°C
Minimum	25°C	28°C	27°C	27°C	25°C	24°C	25°C
Chance of Rain	5%	10%	20%	40%	40%	30%	70%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm
UV Index	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme		
Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wind Speed	9am 16 km/h 3pm 15 km/h	9am 17 km/h 3pm 9 km/h	9am 27 km/h 3pm 16 km/h	9am 20 km/h 3pm 13 km/h	9am 30 km/h 3pm 24 km/h	9am 23 km/h 3pm 16 km/h	9am 20 km/h 3pm 12 km/h
Wind Direction	ESE	E	NNE	N	SSE	SE	ESE
Relative Humidity	30%	11%	22%	9%	48%	19%	33%
Dew Point	11°C	5°C	9°C	5°C	18°C	13°C	12°C



*** Autumn Equinox**
Monday, 20 March 2017
at 10:29 UTC

*** WINTER SOLSTICE**
Wednesday, 21 June 2017
at 04:24 UTC

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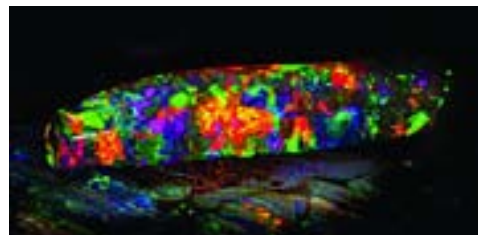
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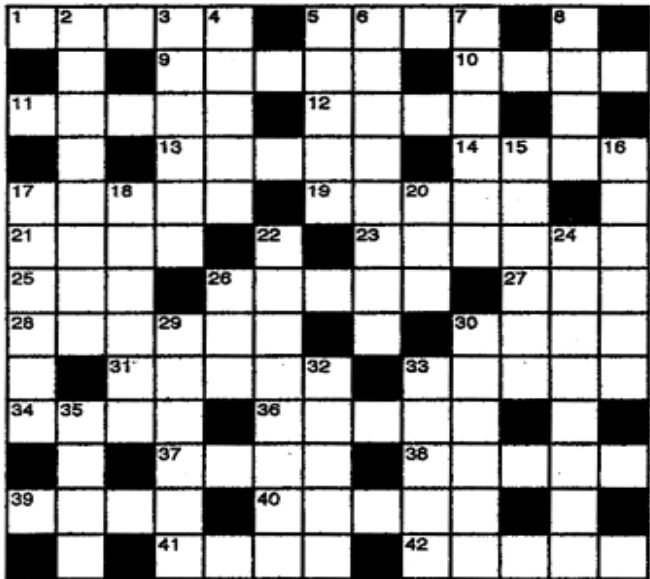


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Hey Australia - PORTUGAL CLEANED UP IT'S ICE PROBLEM 14 YEARS AGO!

Most of us would be aware of the tragic event that took place in Bourke Street Melbourne recently. There has been suggestions from several media articles that one of the key contributing factors leading to this incident was illicit drug dependence.

This revelation begs the following question.

What is Australia actually doing about its drug problem?

In 1971, US President Nixon declared war on drugs. The idea being that funds would be poured into law enforcement in order for special task forces to be established, and a targeted approach to stopping drugs and the criminal elements which surround them.

Since that year to date, various online news articles estimate that the US has spent around \$1 Trillion dollars in a bid to remove illicit drugs from their streets and homes. **It isn't working.**

Australia seems to have taken its cue from the states in its approach to the issue of drugs. Money is put in police budgets and health budgets with the expectation that over time, drugs will be eradicated. It isn't working. In fact, the drug problem in certain parts of Australia, and as a whole is almost unable to be policed, and is getting worse.

The drug 'ICE' has become an epidemic. It is cheaply and easily manufactured, which also makes it cheaply and easily obtained by comparison to other illicit substances. It is of a highly addictive nature, and has drastic impacts on the health of the user, both physically and mentally. Not to mention the flow-on effect drugs have on society, with thefts, assaults and break-ins etc.



The drug 'ICE' has become an epidemic in Australia. Rather than fighting a losing battle, perhaps it's time to revise what Australia is currently doing about drugs.

In 2001, the Portuguese government implemented a different approach to getting rid of drugs, which has delivered some truly remarkable results. The decriminalisation of drugs.

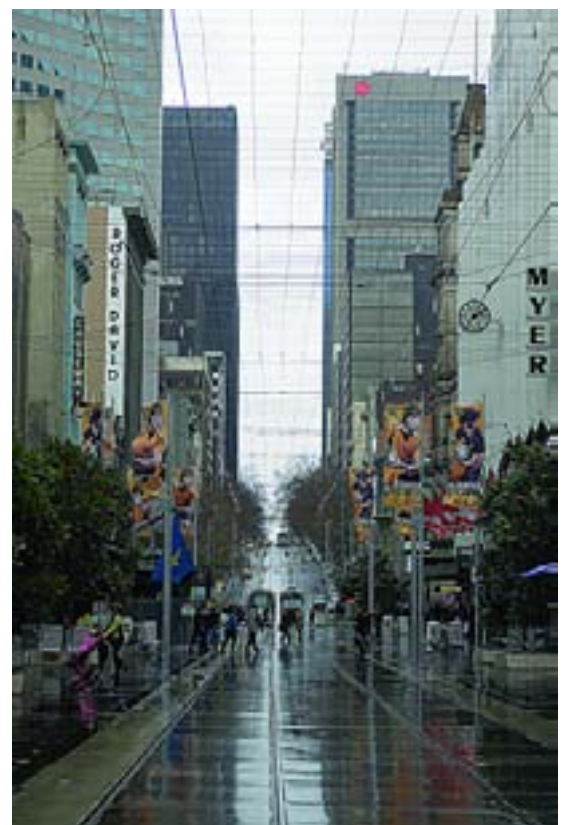
First of all, it's important to note that this doesn't mean that drugs are legal. It is still illegal to possess, manufacture or distribute drugs in Portugal. However, there are a great number of government clinics where people with a substance addiction can attend and get a clean and measured dose, or obtain professional health care in relation to addiction and disease.

By decriminalising illicit drugs, Portugal are no longer spending copious amounts of money on law enforcement, but rather, focusing their funding on their health system to better manage people's addiction and providing them with a ready availability of counselling and rehabilitation. Drug addicts are not labelled as "criminals" and sent through the endless cycle of being arrested, court hearings, prison etc. Historically, this only leads to further offending, mainly due to having the stigma attached to them as being a "criminal".

Since Portugal decriminalised drugs in 2001, their reported crime has dropped to roughly half of what it was before 2001. The drug related imprisonment and charges have significantly decreased, but there has been a surge of visits to health clinics which facilitate people with addiction and disease.

It has been a slow process, which saw an initial increase in drug use. But years on, people do not have to steal to pay for their addiction. Consider the flow on effects of this. Drug manufacturers and dealers are unable to make money in Portugal since decriminalisation. Drug related crimes have become almost non-existent. Overdoses have been reduced to about 1-3 per 1 million of the population. It's not completely solved by any means, but all of the statistics suggest that the decriminalisation of drugs has worked.

Rather than fighting a losing battle, perhaps it's time to revise what Australia is currently doing about drugs.



Bourke Street Mall, Melbourne looking east.
Author Vincent Quach

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SA Health

SMARTPHONE APP: IN CASE OF SNAKE BITE, MAY BENEFIT REMOTE WORKERS

As many as one in five Australians (20%) have first-hand experience of venomous bites and stings, having either been bitten themselves, or been present when someone was bitten or stung. Yet despite a significant number of people experiencing venomous injuries, one in three (33%) people said they did not know what treatment to apply when it actually happened.

Seqirus is the world’s sole producer of antivenoms for Australia’s most venomous snakes, spiders and marine animals; a community service it began in the 1930s and continues to play today in partnership with The Australian Government.

As part of its commitment to providing the community with education about venomous creatures, Seqirus has developed a free smartphone app, Australian Bites & Stings: First Aid Guide to Australian Venomous Creatures, which contains information about Australian venomous creatures and basic first aid.

“If people have concerns about a bite or sting, they should consult a health care professional. However, if this is not possible, they may need to initiate treatment themselves. Unfortunately, too many Australians are heading outdoors without adequate first aid preparation and may not realise that their mobile phone could hold valuable first aid information,” commented Professor White.

The survey also found:

Those born overseas are also at high risk with less than one in five (16%) being able to initiate first aid if they or someone present were bitten or stung.

More than half of Aussies (59%) would undertake first aid training if it were offered free

Only 12% (p30) of Gen Zs know exactly what to do if they or someone present were bitten by a funnel web spider.

Gen Y and Z are best placed to close the first aid knowledge gap by accessing useful apps since they are more likely than any other generation to pack their phone for a day outdoors (22% and 23% respectively).

One in four Gen Zs (23%) said they are more likely to pack their mobile phone than water or sunscreen when planning a day out at the beach or in the bush.

About The Australian Bites and Stings App:

The app is available to download for free from the Apple App store and Google play. Information contained in the app has been designed to provide assistance for the general public on Australian venomous creatures.

The guide is specific to Australian fauna, and is based on local resuscitation and envenoming first aid management guidelines published by the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC).The information provided in the app is to be used as a reference only and not intended as a substitute for professional first aid training and techniques.

About Seqirus: Seqirus is a global company created from the combined strength and expertise of bioCSL and the influenza vaccines business formerly owned by Novartis. In July 2015, bioCSL and the influenza vaccines of Novartis joined forces to create Seqirus, now the second largest influenza vaccine company in the world. With extensive research and production expertise and manufacturing plants in the US, UK and Australia, Seqirus is a transcontinental partner in pandemic preparedness and a major contributor to the prevention and control of influenza globally. Seqirus has a workforce of over 2,000 employees, significant manufacturing capacity, and a commercial presence in approximately 20 countries.
[1] National survey of 1,247 people conducted by Di Marzio Research, Oct 2016

NATIVE HIBISCUS FLOURISHES IN LOCAL GARDEN

Local gardener and native plant enthusiast Amandine Bachmann Caire is seeing the colourful results in her garden after a year of extraordinary rains.

This member of the Malvaceae (Hibiscus) family is endemic to Western Australia and has pride of place in Amandine’s native garden here in Coober Pedy. Currently this spectacular Australian native is flowering profusely.

The species has soft lobed leaves and large deep purple hibiscus-shaped flowers. It generally blooms in late spring and summer however flowers may appear sporadically at other times of the year.

Alyogyne huegelii propagates readily from cuttings, which is another plus for this beautiful plant.

Native Hibiscus
Amandine Bachmann Caire



SNAKE FOUND ON THE RIDGE

A snake found on North West Ridge in a residential yard after heavy rains over the Christmas/New Year period has been tagged as potentially an Eastern Brown



Underbelly is cream with pink - orange spots



The North West Ridge snake was found by Rod Wells on the 31 December 2016. Rod and Shelley believe that the heavy rain and flooding has played a part in carrying snakes into our yards, instead of the creeks.

The Eastern Brown (Pseudonaja textilis) is a cousin to the Western Brown (both very similar and equally as poisonous)

It is often referred to as the common brown snake. This snake is considered the world's second most venomous land snake.

Identification:
The Eastern Brown Snake may be any shade of brown but can also be grey or black. Some individuals are banded. The belly is typically cream with pink or orange spots. Juveniles may be plain or banded and have distinctive head markings consisting of a black blotch on the crown and a dark neck band. This species grows to 2 metres. Midbody scale rows 17; ventrals 185–235; anal divided; subcaudals divided 45–75.

Distribution:
Found over most of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. It also occurs in southern South Australia and there are isolated populations in the Northern Territory. This species is also present in southern Papua New Guinea.

Habitat:
Found in all habitats except rainforest. It has adapted well to farmed, grazed and semi-urban lands. In South-eastern Queensland, this species is particularly common around Beenleigh and Ipswich.



Habits:
This species is active by day, although young Eastern Brown Snakes are often encountered at night.

Danger:
This species is dangerously venomous and has been responsible for many human deaths. The venom is strongly neurotoxic. If bitten, apply first aid and seek urgent medical attention. First aid procedure for any snakebite from the Australian Venom Research UnitExternal .

Eastern Brown Snakes can be pugnacious when provoked and rear up in distinctive "S" shape.

Food:
Feeds on frogs, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Breeding:
Mating occurs in spring and early summer. Up to 28 eggs are laid. Hatchlings are around 19 cm from the tip of the snout to the base of the tail (snout-vent length).

Similar species:
Adults are most similar to Coastal Taipans (Oxyuranus scutellatus), Mulga Snakes (Pseudechis australis) and some colour forms of the Western Brown Snake (Pseudonaja nuchalis). They can be distinguished from these species by pattern and scale differences. A number of small snake species can be mistaken for juvenile Eastern Brown Snakes because they have similar head markings (for example, Red-naped Snake, Furina diadema; Grey Snake, Hemiaspis damelii ; Dwyer's Snake, Parasuta dwyeri and the Curl Snake, Suta suta).

COOBER PEDY farewells old friends

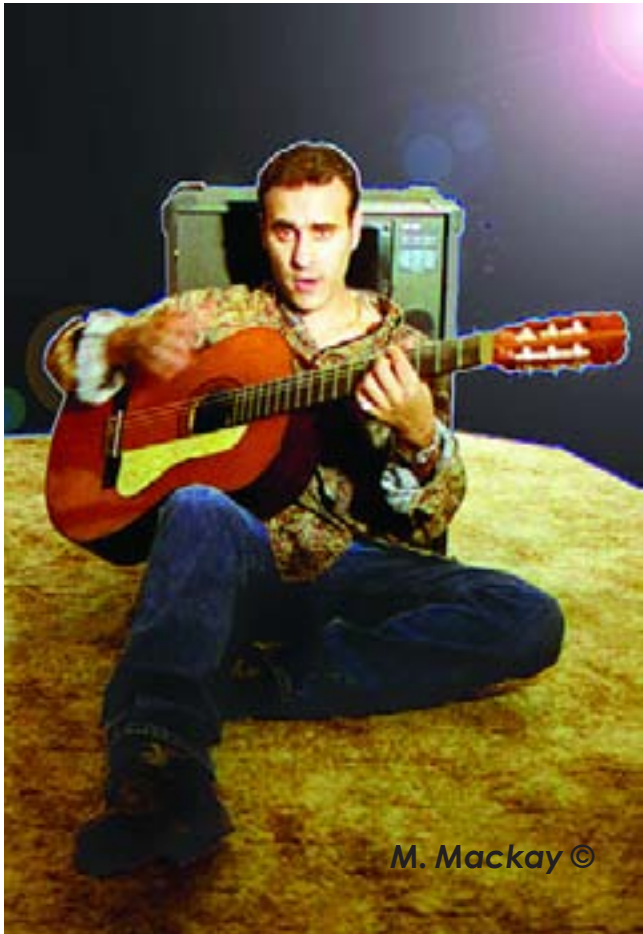
During the 2016/2017 holiday break many Coober Pedians said a sad goodbye to a number of past and current residents.

Those who have sadly left us since December are:



FAREWELL ANDREW PROCOPIS

During July 2016, former Coober Pedy resident Andrew George Procopis was diagnosed with *gliblastoma*, an aggressive form of brain cancer. Despite surgery and chemotherapy, on 16 January 2017 Andrew lost the fight.



Andrew Procopis belts out an Elvis number whilst living in Coober Pedy

Andrew is survived by his twin brother Savvas and his mother Katerina.

Many Coober Pedians will remember the Blobel/Procopis family who ran the Breakaway's Cafe for a number of years when opal mining and Coober Pedy was at a peak.

The Breakaway's Cafe was well located opposite the Miner's Store, in the building that housed Traces Restaurant, the Continental Coffee Lounge upstairs, a number of jewellery shops and the Multicultural Centre.

The historic building was destroyed by a fire in July 2013.

Both Andrew and his twin brother Savvas were devoted Elvis fans and between them were able to conjure up a few crowd pleasing Elvis numbers at a function when requested.

The popular twins were very much a part of the Coober Pedy fabric during the 90s and beyond the Millenium, however the family eventually moved to Adelaide for personal reasons.

Andrew who is laid to rest at Centennial Park Cemetery in Adelaide will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

Thursday 26 January 2017

Coober Pedy's Citizen of the Year is

John Dunstan

By Margaret Mackay

This year's Citizen of the Year Award in Coober Pedy was presented to local resident John Dunstan at a ceremony held on Australia Day at the District Council of Coober Pedy.

The Award was presented by Mayor Michelle Provitidis during the Australia Day event on Thursday morning.

Long term Coober Pedy resident John Dunstan said, "I got the biggest shock when I found out I had been nominated. To receive this award in my own hometown is a big honour," he said.

"When I told my wife Yoka that I had been nominated, she said, ah bull***," John laughed.

"We still don't know who nominated me, but it was a wonderful surprise indeed," he said.

John Dunstan a second generation opal miner has been living on the opal fields for 60 years. John spent 11 years growing up with his family in Andamooka and began mining there in 1966. He has spent the last 49 years opal mining mostly in Coober Pedy, but he also threw his pegs down in Mintabie and Lambina.

John Dunstan is an unsung hero of the airwaves, always ready to conduct an interview with his natural enthusiasm for the opal industry and more often than not other local issues. John is as well known to the national media as he is to the local media.

Over the years John has conducted countless media presentations and interviews on opal mining and tourism. All have promoted Australia's national gem, Opal as the Queen of Gems and Coober Pedy as an exciting destination to visit.

Together with his wife Yoka, John owns and operates John and Yoka's Opal & Art shop in Hutchison Street Coober Pedy.

Essentially an opal miner, John was directly involved in finding the last three opal fields in Coober Pedy's precious stones area. He kick started the Allan's Rise field then a few years later he started the Opal Ridge field that is still working, and in 2011 with his partner Paul Reynolds, John discovered Donna's Rush out on the Mt. Clarence Station.

FAREWELL TONY KARETSIAN

Current Coober Pedy resident Tony (Antonio) Karetsian aged 67 died unexpectedly on Thursday 19 January when he accidentally drowned whilst swimming at West Beach in Adelaide.



Tony with Zoro his pet bearded dragon in May 2007

Tony was buried on Friday January 27 in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Anthony, Milner Street, Prospect.

Coober Pedy will best remember Tony as a partner in the highly successful accommodation venue, Radeka Downunder Dugout Motel & Backpacker Inn. Tony had other business interest in Coober Pedy and was a regular face around the town. RIP Tony!



Long time ambassador for opal mining and Coober Pedy tourism John Dunstan receives the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award from Mayor Michelle Provitidis



John and Yoka Dunstan with the Citiizen of the Year Certificate outside the Council offices on Australia Day

The Donna's Rush field is still active, despite its distance from Coober Pedy.

John told the Coober Pedy Regional Times that to him this years Citizen of the Year award recognised opal mining. "I feel extremely proud and would like to thank everyone who supported me," he said.

FAREWELL VASILIOS SOTIRIANAKOS

Vasilios Sotirianakos of Coober Pedy and Adelaide passed away on Saturday the 7th of January 2017. The funeral was held at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Adelaide on Friday the 13 January 2017

FAREWELL DAVID WESTNEAT

There are no other details at this stage, however David passed away sometime in January. He had been an active member of the Coober Pedy Miner's Association and a former opal miner. The Miner's Association acknowledges David's long term work as a former secretary of the Miner's Association

HOW TO 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 family member acknowledged.

Recording resident movement, particularly from the opal mining sector, or from any sector can be important for our historic records.

With social media playing a part in self publishing, information does not always reach us. Entries or comments about a loved one on social media are often lacking in important detail, and in due course may be deleted.

If you have information about a past resident who may have made a significant contribution to Coober Pedy or the opal industry, you may wish to have an article that recognises them in the Coober Pedy Regional Times. You can contact the editor at cptimes@ozemail.com.au

By Margaret Mackay

The hybrid micro-grid at Coober Pedy, is well underway with the erection of two Senvion wind turbines now completed.

In addition to two Senvion MM92 turbines from the company's two-megawatt (MW) portfolio, the project will also use a unique combination of solar and battery storage to reduce the town's reliance on diesel fuel.

Construction of the project began in September 2016, with commercial operations expected to commence in the second half of 2017. The nacelle and rotor blades now in place were manufactured at Senvion's factories in Portugal.

Chris Judd, Managing Director of Senvion Australia, said: "Wind energy can play a very important role in helping remote communities and industries reduce their reliance on expensive fuels. This pioneering micro-grid project will demonstrate what can be achieved in remote applications – not just in Australia, but also the rest of the world."

"We are thrilled to be working with EDL on this exciting and innovative project in Coober Pedy. Senvion's robust and reliable technology is perfectly suited to remote applications, including the harsh conditions of South Australia's outback, and we have the right skills and expertise to make this project a success," he said.

This will be the first time that Senvion has delivered an off-grid project.

Due to its innovative nature, the project has secured \$18.4 million funding support from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA). ARENA's CEO Ivor Frishknecht said: "This is a next-generation off-grid project, taking advantage of advanced renewable and enabling technologies that have already been successfully trialled at off-grid locations such as King Island."

To date, Senvion has installed 215 wind turbines from the Senvion two-megawatt series with a cumulated rated power of over 437 MW in Australia.



2.) By the 15 January the nacelle had been fitted to the mast of wind turbine no 1 with most of the working activity occurring at night due to weather conditions - mainly heat but sometimes rain or wind was a hinderance.

A nacelle is a cover housing that houses all of the generating components in a wind turbine, including the generator, gearbox, drive train, and brake assembly.

Thursday 26 January 2017

NEW SENVION WIND TURBINES IN PLACE AT COOBER PEDY



1.) The first mast of the two, new generation Senvion wind turbines appeared on our landscape on the 12 January 2017



3) On the 19 January the blades appeared on SENVION wind turbine no 1 (REAR). The older NORDEX wind turbine in the foreground showing signs of wear and tear.



By the 23 January both SENVION wind turbines were upright with rotor blades intact



5) The two SENVION wind turbines were only just completed before a major rain storm hit the town.

The beginning of a new era for Coober Pedy. It is expected that the presence of this new generation hybrid renewable energy project will generate a fair amount of world interest.

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RFNSA Ref: 5734007 - www.rfnsa.com.au/ 5734007

The proposal is to upgrade the existing site through the installation of a replacement Optus Small Cell.

Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 1997 ("The Determination") based on the description above.

Further information including an EME Report can be obtained from David Johnston of Kordia Solutions, 07 3907 1403, David.Johnston@kordia.com.au

Written submissions should be sent to: Kordia Solutions, Unit 3/370 Nudgee Rd, Hendra Qld 4011 by 9 February 2017.

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RENOWNED WATER ENGINEER TO VISIT COOBER PEDY

Renowned water engineer Colin Pitman will be visiting Coober Pedy in Febuary and March and will be available to discuss medium to large scale water cleaning, recycling and storage opportunities of water in deep wells using Aquifer Storage and Recovery Techniques for Waste Water, Stormwater and Industrial Water.

If community members and businesses wish to discuss these processes please contact colinpitman@waterphilosophy.com.au or 0418 848 279 to arrange an

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MAGSPEC Airborne Surveys Pty Ltd will be undertaking an airborne geophysical survey north of Coober Pedy from late January 2017 (see attached figure).

The aircraft will be flying East-West survey lines 60m above ground level. The survey is being conducted on behalf of Geoscience Australia (GA) in collaboration with the Geological Survey of South Australia (GSSA) and is a component of the South Australian Government's \$20 million PACE Copper initiative. For more information visit:

http://www.minerals.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/geoscience/pace_copper or

http://www.minerals.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/geoscience/pace_copper/gawler_craton_airborne_survey_community_information

For further information please contact Peter Spencer at MAGSPEC Airborne Surveys Pty Ltd by telephone: (08) 6260 2041 or email peter@magspec.com.au



PUBLIC NOTICE



Government of South Australia
Department for Correctional Services

TEAM SUPERVISOR (REMOTE)

COOBER PEDY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ONGOING

Vac No: 2017-17045, 2017-17047 & 2017-17049

\$87,384 - \$98,896 (ASO6/AHP3/PO3)

For more information and how to apply visit: www.corrections.sa.gov.au/jobs

Applications close: 5:00pm Monday 30 January 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Board Meetings

Members of the community are invited to attend the 2017 meetings of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board, to be held in Port Augusta on the following dates:

7-8 February
28-29 March
30-31 May
25-26 July
12-13 September
27-28 November

Meeting details are available from the Natural Resources SA Arid Lands on (08) 8648 5300 and are published on the Board's website www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/aridlands

Any changes to meeting dates or locations will be readvertised in local papers.

Janet Brook
Presiding Member
SA Arid Lands NRM Board



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South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

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ATTENTION

OPAL MINERS

Seven Waterholes and Broken Leg Opal Mining Areas are CLOSED.

All mining activity has ceased. All Notices of Entry are invalid.

Entry to the opal fields without permission is trespass and will be reported to the Police.

Permission to access these areas to clean up and remove camps and equipment may be sought from the Lessee Mr Alan Fennell.

Any property remaining at Lambina Station 42 days after this notice is published will be deemed to be unclaimed goods and dealt with accordingly.

Contact Details:
Alan Fennell
Lambina Station
Marla SA 5724
Phone: 08 86707930
Fax: 08 86707932
Email: lambina@bigpond.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

PET GROOMING

Maggie from Any Pet Grooming will be in Coober Pedy 1st February until 18th February.

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to make a complaint
to make general police related enquires
to report a crime which does not require a statement
(e.g. house breaks, illegal use, property damage, theft)

Ota the missing cat

Dear Editor,

It will be awhile before I can get back down to Coober Pedy to look for OTA (missing cat) myself, which I've done a few times over the last few months, since we now believe that he survived the road accident last year and made it to Coober Pedy

We have a post going on the Coober Pedy Buy Swap and Sell page but not everybody is on Facebook.

I'm hoping we could reach more people through the Coober Pedy Regional Times.

He has been missing for about 4 months now and I believe he is still alive. There were a few sightings of him around Christmas time around the school and Italian Club Road. I had a couple of posters up at the IGA's and Johns Pizza Bar and one person rang me to say he had seen him around the school and then another one on Facebook said she had seen him at the school too.

There is a reward for anyone who happens to catch him. He is desexed and microchipped and we'd love to have him back home with Tippy in Alice Springs.

Thank you to everyone that has helped so far. I think about him every day and would love him to be home with us,

Sincerely
Bronwyn McAdam (Alice Springs)



Police News



Coober Pedy Police has been as busy as Santa's Elves over Christmas, with a range of challenges arising from too much 'eggnog'

In the evening of Friday 4th January 2017 police attended a disturbance in Coober Pedy involving four men fighting with each other in the street. On arrival, when the pair of officers tried to break up the brawl, one of the males produced two knives, one in each hand. He was arrested for carrying an offensive weapon in a public place and will face court at a later date.

A second man involved in the altercation was also arrested and when he arrived at the police cells he spat blood into the face of a third police officer. Because blood carries communicable diseases, the officer for the next six months will undergo testing for illnesses that can be transmitted by bodily fluids.

Unfortunately this can have a huge impact on anyone's personal life, and even more so for families with young children or ill relatives. Exposure for these groups can be life threatening and so the afflicted have to keep their distance.

The offender was fittingly charged with using or threatening to use unlawful violence and aggravated assault causing harm against police. He will attend court at a later date in relation to these charges which both carry penalties with terms of imprisonment.

On 11th January 2017 a few more members of the public were a little too rambunctious, when police were called to a fight occurring in the carpark of the Italian

Club. On arrival the officers were confronted with several grossly intoxicated men in their 20s and 30s who were behaving in an anti-social and aggressive manner.

It quickly became apparent that these drunks were not going to go home quietly, and so they were bundled into the cage of a police car and conveyed to their places of residence for some rest and relaxation. Two main offenders will be issued with barring orders to all licensed premises in Coober Pedy, preventing them from entering and drinking at bars, and purchasing takeaway alcohol. These barring orders will last for a minimum of three months.

On Sunday 15th January 2017 two persons broke into the Italian Club and committed a theft of alcohol. Police investigations are ongoing in relation to this matter. If readers have information about this break in, please contact us.

In happier news, Coober Pedy Police has welcomed a new member to their ranks. Jake Cook, a Constable previously based at Eastern Adelaide Local Service Area, has opted for a desert-change. He and his family moved to Coober Pedy in mid-December, just in time for Christmas! Feel free to introduce yourself to Jake when you see him out and about.

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.

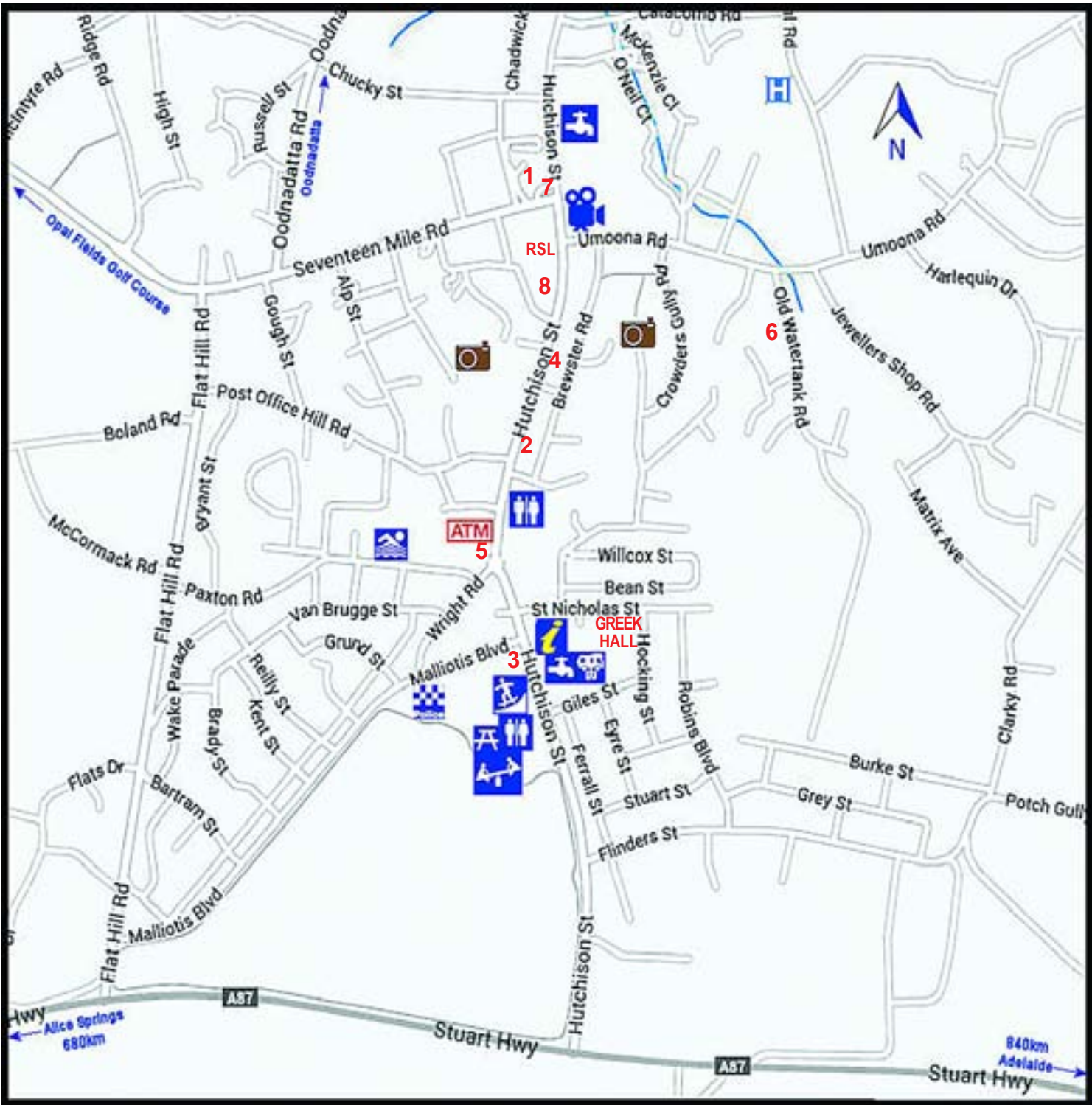
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IN COOBER PEDY



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Oodnadatta: 86707805
- Coober Pedy Hospital 08 86725009
- Coober Pedy School 08 86725077
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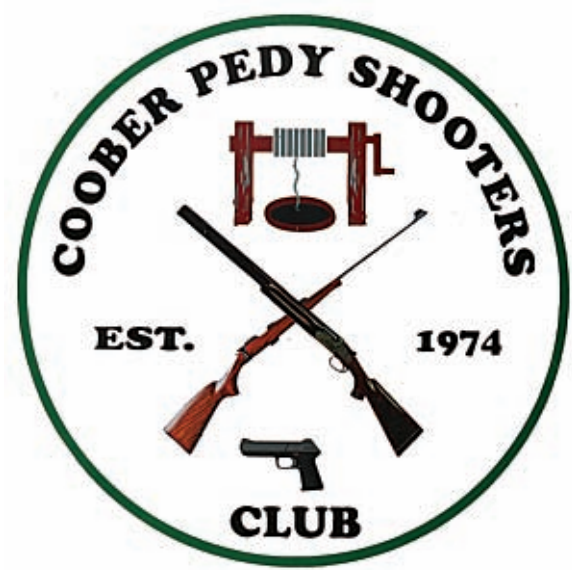


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- Vice President Dale Price
- Secretary Susanne Chapman
- Assistant Secretary Carol Shearer
- Treasurer Tina Boyd
- Handicappers James Michie, Susy Chapman,
Misty Mance, Lauren Palmer.
- Licence Armourer Chris Warrior
- Range Officers James Michie, Les Pullen



Some of the Shooters Club members: Back row
Susy; James Misty Front row Jill and Les

The Cooper Pedy
Shooter’s Club
welcomes new
member enquiries



Cooper Pedy Shooter’s Club begins the 2017 season

The Shooter’s club is starting again for this year.

Below are the times, disciplines and sponsors for the shoots.

We would like to thank John DiDonna for hours of work on this calendar and also his hard work at getting these Sponsors.

We would also like to thank the people and companies for their sponsorship, Cooper Pedy Shooter’s Club Members are very grateful.

Friday night shotgun Sponsored by IGA 8:15 pm Start 10years up	Saturday Pistols Sponsored by Charlie Hui Rapid Fire	Sunday Rifle Sponsored by Fire Equipment Maintenance Group
3 February	4 February	5 February
10 February	11 February	12 February
17 February	18 February	19 February
24 February	25 February	26 February
3 March	4 March	5 March
Range Fees (Visitors) \$10:00	Range Fees (Visitors) \$10:00	Range Fees (Visitors) \$10:00
Range Fees (Members) \$5:00	Range Fees (Members) \$5:00	Range Fees (Members) \$5:00
Shotgun Fees	Club Ammo + Targets \$8:00 (65 rounds)	Club Ammo \$7:00 (55 rounds)
Club Ammo + Clays \$29:00	Prices may change without notice	Prices may change without notice
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Ammo + Clays \$29:00		
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Any queries please contact: -

John DiDonna President on 0427 649 389

Susy Chapman Secretary on 0401 092 264

Cooper Pedy Shooter’s Club follows IPSC Regulations

IPSC Australia Inc is the body recognised by the Australian Government for the management and regulation of the sport of Practical Shooting in Australia.

Practical shooting is an International competition that is shot on all continents, with local, state, national, regional and international championships happening on a regular basis. It is controlled on an International basis by IPSC, with national and regional committees organising membership and competitions.

The sport of Practical target shooting is different to most other forms of target shooting. In other forms, a single type of target is used (most often a round paper target with concentric scoring zones and a “bulls eye” in the

middle). Also the rules for target engagement are specific, and so the shooting match is conducted in exactly the same manner match to match. This allows competitors to practice the competition itself over and over again.

In Practical competition, a variety of target types are used (both paper and steel, stationary and moving, scoring targets and penalty targets). There is no set way these targets are arranged, nor even how many targets are used in a single match. A competition organiser creates a number of “stages” (conforming to a set of IPSC design rules), each using different numbers and arrangements of targets, to create a shooting challenge that the competitors have to solve as accurately and as rapidly as possible. For more information look here: <http://www.ipsc.org.au/>

What's On in COOBER PEDY? & Visiting Services

PLEASE REVISE YOUR ENTRIES
FOR THE COMING YEAR and KEEP
YOUR ENTRIES RELEVANT TO THE
COMMUNITY.

Send to cptimes@ozemail.com.au

TUESDAY

Drop in Centre 3:00 – 6:00pm;
Ages 8-17 (Sophie Reynolds)

**DISTRICT COUNCIL
MEETINGS** 3rd Tuesday each
month at 7pm

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

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday-Links 11:00 –
2:00pm Ages 17 and older
(Sophie Reynolds)

Active Boys Group 3:15-
5:00pm; Ages 8-17 (Sophie
Reynolds)

LITTLE MUSICIANS 10:30am –
11:15am School (old Deadly
Centre) 3 – 6 years (**Donna
Clements**)

Active Girls Group 3:15-
5:00pm; Ages 8-17 (Sophie
Reynolds)

FRIDAYS

GREEK HALL
7pm Charcoal BBQ & Salad
Every FRIDAY night

What's On Enquiries Email

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

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
7pm Friday night Clay Target
Shotgun

FRIDAY

GREEK CLUB - Bingo 7.30
pm

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

AA Meeting
7 pm Catholic Church
Ph no. 1800222222

Late Night Fridays 6:00 –
10:00pm; 11-17(Sophie
Reynolds)

SATURDAYS

Drop in Centre; 11:00 – 2:00;
Ages 8-17 (Sophie Reynolds)

MINE RESCUE/SES
Training (Alternate Saturdays)
0427725446

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

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

PLAY TIME 2pm – 3:30pm
School Gym
0-5 YEARS & Parent/Carer
(Donna Clements)

SUNDAY GOLF has ceased
for the summer period, and will
resume again next year.
(Watch this space)

CATACOMB Church Service
and Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday. Bus pickup available.
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**COOBER PEDY
GEM TRADE SHOW**
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April 2017
www.cooberpedygemtradeshow.com.au

The 2017 Coober Pedy
Gem Trade Show,
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and 16th April.

The trade show will coincide with
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The Croatian Club host the Gem
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The 2016 Gem Trade Show
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To secure a booth or table, please
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Chairperson, on M: +61 400 865
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SATURDAY NIGHT - DUSK

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The next 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 1: 30 January - 13 April

Term 2: 1 May - 7 July

Term 3: 24 July - 29 September

Term 4: 16 October - 8

December

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“Thanks to all sponsors, volunteers and organisers... especially to Suneth Sriwantha Mendis & Dilusha Fernando for organising such a wonderful event.”

Score is:

Winner- CP Sri Lankans by 37 runs

Best bowler- Rami

Best Batsman - Martin

Man of the match- Dilshan



Winning team is Coober Pedy Sri Lankans



Coober Pedy 'Australians' team did their best!



The array of trophies sitting on the sidelines



Families turned out to watch the Australia Day Cricket match



Spectators at the oval watching the cricket