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VANDALISM AT MINTABIE EXTENDS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE

South Australian residents are appalled but not surprised that the state government did not seek to secure infrastructure at Mintabie paid for by the Australian taxpayers, prior to the handover.

While the Mintabie township was turned over to the control of the APY Lands on 31 December 2019, it seems odd not to have salvaged or put out tenders for the removal of infrastructure or/and put some security measures in place to minimise damages. Damages that surely would have been anticipated given the history of vandalism at Mintabie with no police presence.

As one reader has pointed out, "This is what the former residents of Mintabie had to deal with on a regular basis; break-ins, theft, destruction of property from [those individuals] coming into town."

"Mintabie residents were blamed for all of the problems in the town but a significant amount of it was likely from the same people that committed this [alleged] crime."

Another concerned resident said, "So, totalling up all remediation and repairs of damaged APY infrastructures/buildings, using tax payer funding, where can these figures, in the interests of transparency, be found?"

It is thought that the solar panels and the Telstra transmission tower has been there since the 90s and was built using taxpayer's money.

Reports that another tower and solar panels have been installed by the nearby mining company since the town's closure are not yet confirmed. Were the Mintabie folk in fact displaced by the state government to make way for a mining company and oil and gas royalties?

While the government has said mining is still allowed at Mintabie, it is now believed that this is only because large companies are permitted to mine there.

Residents say a police presence where there is known vandalism and expensive machinery would make sense.

A wealth of taxpayer funded police resources was gathered at Cooper Pedy this week arguably eyeing off soft targets. Residents say the road toll and other crime is occurring further up and down the Stuart Highway.



6 unmarked police vehicles with drivers and cameras are positioned in and around Cooper Pedy from Wed, 5 Feb 2020 to Tues, 11 Feb 2020



Photo: Mark Hoobin

Vandalised infrastructure at Mintabie that locals believe could have been subjected to a tender for salvaging



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More deliberately vandalised infrastructure. Former Mintabie residents say that taxpayer money was used to pay for the infrastructure

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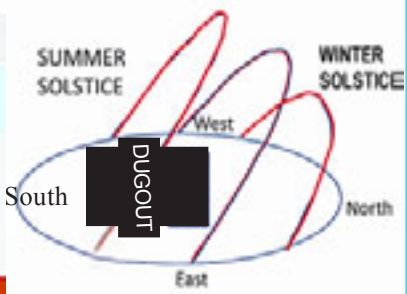
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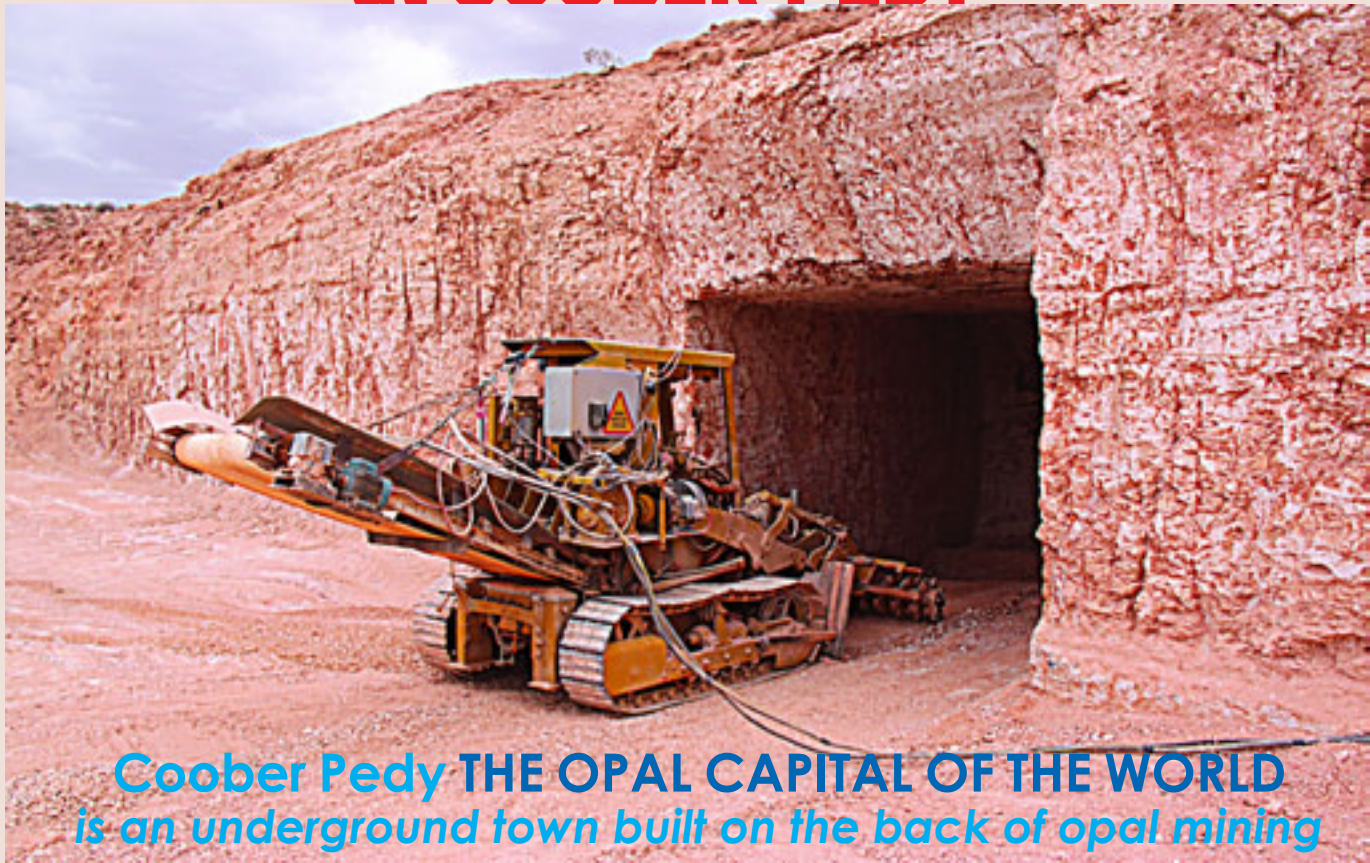
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- ☐ AMAZING UNDERGROUND HOMES (at least 1500 people living underground)
- ☐ OPAL FIELDS GOLF COURSE - bring your own green
- ☐ Take a tour to the natural landscapes outside the town (see film locations like Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome and Red Planet) including the PAINTED DESERT, the colourful BREAKAWAYS and the MOON PLAIN
- ☐ Join the MAIL RUN out of Coober Pedy to deliver outback mail! Take a leisurely flight over the spectacular LAKE EYRE
- ☐ During Easter a GEM TRADE SHOW is held

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The annual rainfall in the area is around 175 mm (5 inches) per annum

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BILL McDOUGALL'S NIECES TRAVEL FOR A MINI REUNION

by Margaret Mackay

We all know Bill McDougall O.A.M. as one of Coober Pedy's most prized treasures. Bill turned 96 years old in November 2019 and now only a few months later his three nieces Brenda, Gabrielle and Heather have travelled from overseas to spend a few days with Bill.

Bill McDougall is the man who was at the forefront of implementing improved conditions on the opal fields for opal miners and their families. Bill featured heavily in Coober Pedy's history from 1959 onwards and wore many significant caps including Justice of the Peace, Ambulance Officer, Progress Association member and of course, opal miner.

Even though Bill mined at places like the 8 Mile and the Shell Patch, and then later at Mintabie and Lambina, Bill says, "I did find a bit of opal, I just didn't find enough."

Mine Rescue member since 1979 Andy Sheils said at the time of the Shell Patch ballot, "Citizen extraordinaire", Bill McDougall O.A.M. was a long term miner at Shell Patch. He had been opal mining there since 1963. "Bill commuted backwards and forwards to town as he was heavily involved in community projects".

"Having lived and worked at the Shell Patch, both myself and Bill McDougall understood how critical time, local knowledge and expertise were in an emergency", said Andy.

"It was Bill McDougall and another bloke Jack Jurians the waterworks manager for EWS (Energy & WaterSupply), who, with other volunteers ran the MRS at that time", he said.

"In honour of Bill's considerable contribution to the CooberPedy community, McDougall Road that runs directly upto the old hospital is named for him."

The late 50s onward at Coober Pedy was a time when opal fever was running high, but there was very little in the way of health care and emergency services in the town. Bill, together with a team of locals was responsible for the establishment of the Coober Pedy Hospital.

Bill was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 1978 in recognition of his work. Bill also established both the Coober Pedy and the Mintabie Mine Rescue Services and was awarded the SES Service Medal at the same time.

What we found out from Bill's nieces was that Bill was the second eldest of 8 children and in 2020 is the only one still living. Bill and his siblings were raised in Oamaru NZ a large town town in the South Island of New Zealand.

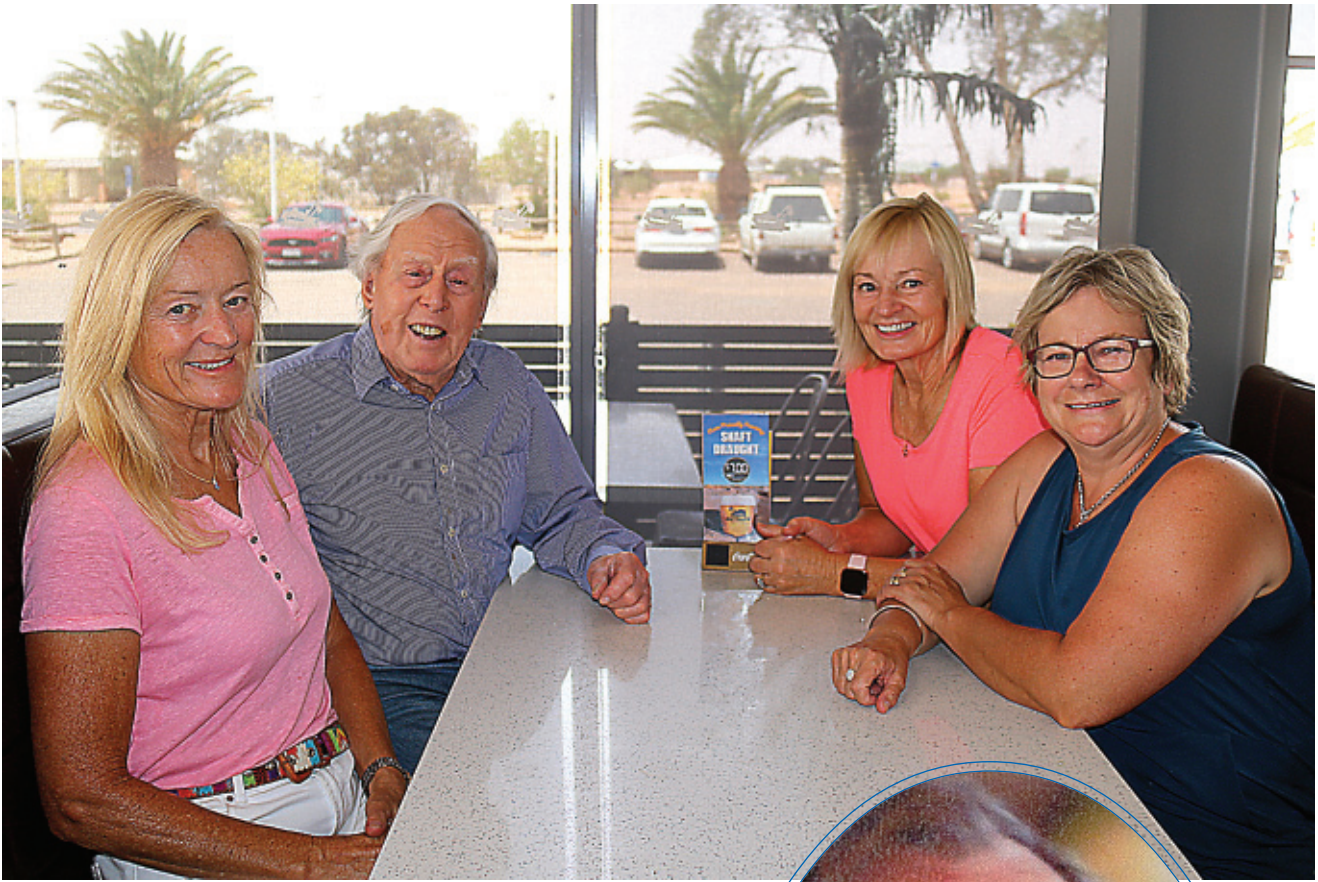
Bill's father Donald McDougall was born in Fredrick Street Adelaide but at the age of 14 ran away to New Zealand. Later Donald went to Gallipoli and fought in World War 1.

During the war Donald was injured three times. Twice he was put onto a hospital ship and once admitted to a hospital in England. It was during his time on the hospital ships that Donald learned to be a card shark. The beginning of a bigger career for Bill's very versatile father.

After the war Donald married Aileen Ellis and together they raised their family of eight children. Bill's father, Donald's occupation is noted by the family as Bookie, Bootlegger and Freezer Worker.

Whenever there was a police raid Donald would hide all of the bootleg booze in the kids beds knowing that the cops would not look there.

Nevertheless Bill grew up and became a carpenter at Oamaru NZ. In 1959 while working on a job site one day, a tradie friend of Bills said to him, "Let's go opal mining". The rest is embedded in history.



The McDougall cousins at Coober Pedy are Gabrielle, Brenda and Heather with Uncle Bill in the centre

The McDougall cousins spent approximately three days in Coober Pedy and enjoyed every minute of it. Heather from New Zealand said that her two brothers Stuart and John McDougall came to Coober Pedy in 1975 to try their hand at opal mining. But as she recalls they didn't last long.

Gabi who had travelled from Gloucestershire in England for meet up with her cousins told us that Bill had been a marathon runner in earlier days as well, and participated in events up at Alice Springs.

Brenda also from New Zealand said that Bill has another niece Christine Munro who teaches at King's Canyon in the NT and is a regular visitor of Bills and oversees his needs. The cousins agreed that it was wonderful that Bill has Christine nearby to help him with various decisions. The cousins were clearly pleased to be back together again. Gabi said she had wanted to travel to Coober Pedy to see Uncle Bill again. However the reunion took place after

When Molly, Bill's sister passed away she gifted the descendants of her brother and sisters something in her will. This brought the cousins back in touch again, and so they planned this moment in time together where they could meet up and visit with Uncle Bill.



Des Roffey former police officer at Coober Pedy called in to pay his respects to the McDougall family

Des said, "When I was a police officer stationed at Coober Pedy in the 70s, we interacted with Bill regularly as he was one of the local Justices of the Peace



Bill McDougall in younger years at Coober Pedy



At the Coober Pedy hospital (the hospital that Bill helped establish) Bill McDougall OAM received the Governor-General Medallion for services to the community over his long life on on Tuesday 5 March 2019,

This included the establishment of the Royal Flying Doctor Service at Coober Pedy, and other Emergency and life saving services. by the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

Bulk tenement release invites explorers to break new ground

By Andrew Spence

More than 20 mining exploration leases in some of the Australia’s richest copper and gold regions are up for grabs this week as explorers look for their chance to unearth the next major Olympic Dam style deposit.

The South Australian Department for Mining and Energy has opened 21 new mineral exploration release areas covering 7421 km2, giving explorers until 5pm this coming Friday to lodge applications.

There are 680 mineral exploration licences in South Australia that are valid for up to five years before they need to be renewed or surrendered.

The department’s deputy executive director of mineral resources Pru Freeman said the release of 21 exploration areas at one time was an unusually high number in one batch and was in part due to not wanting to hold “application weeks” in the traditionally quiet months of December and January.

She said the handing in of licences often happened in waves but expected there to be strong interest including from North and South American explorers looking for copper and gold. Global explorers and mining companies must have an office in Australia to explore within South Australia.

“Instead of just releasing a postage stamp here and there, we decided we would do them together fresh in the new year so everyone could regroup and rethink,” Freeman said.

“It generates excitement and interest and gives some of those majors an opportunity to get into South Australia.

“The ERA is a merit-based selection so we’re hoping there are many applications for each parcel of land and then there will be rigorous selection process and we’ll be looking to choose the proposal and the applicant with the best credentials and the highest chance of success.

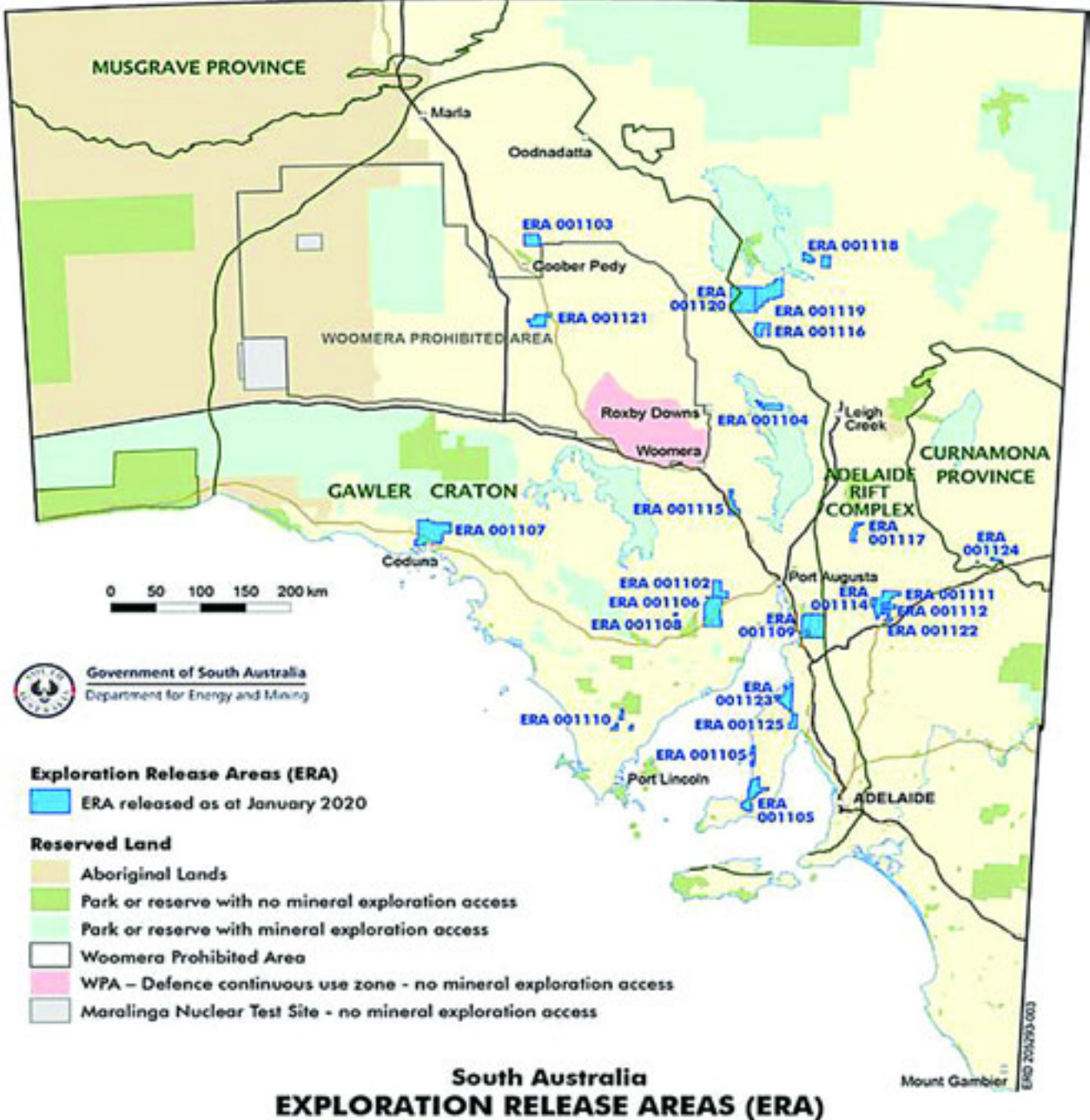
“The main change we’ve seen over the past three years is a lot of the on-ground drilling and geophysics is being done by the middle size and larger mining houses that have mills to feed and have mining operations already.”

About a third of the new exploration release areas are within the Gawler Craton region, which is already home to large-scale copper/gold mines Olympic Dam, Prominent Hill and Carrapateena. BHP announced in November 2018 it had made a huge copper/gold discovery at Oak Dam West, 65km south of its Olympic Dam operation.

The leaseholders will also have access to data from the almost completed Gawler Craton Airborne Survey, which captured approximately 1,800,000 line kilometres of data over an area of about 324,000sq km – the size of Norway – and is the largest survey of its kind to be done in Australia and possibly the world.

Freeman said she expected copper/gold deposits to be the most popular targets among explorer applications, particularly in the eastern half of the Gawler Craton region.

“In that part of the world it’s highly prospective but it’s also quite deep so it would be reasonable to expect that



the next Prominent Hill or Carrapateena is under hundreds of metres of cover and that’s expensive to drill so that’s why we’re expecting those medium to large companies to show interest,” she said.

Australia has about 6 per cent of the world’s economic copper resources and is ranked third after Chile (25 per cent) and the USA (16 per cent). South Australia hosts 68 per cent of Australia’s economic demonstrated resources of copper.

The South Australian government launched its Copper Strategy in February 2016, which aims to triple the state’s copper production to 1 million tonnes per year within two decades.

Freeman said the state was now starting to be recognised globally as a significant copper producing region, particularly among the copper-producing powerhouses of Chile, Canada and the United States” she said..

2020 Vision 10th National Opal Symposium is being held this year in Coober Pedy



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Master of Ceremonies, Nicole Willis modelled the spectacular Australian Opal Dress [designed by Ljubica Novosel], smothered with gemstones from all the opal fields of Australia, valued at AUD \$500,000 at the 2007 Opal Symposium at Coober Pedy Nicole Willis urged designers to keep moving forward!

Also pictured is 2007 Opal Symposium Committee member Steve Staines and Tegan Clohesy both of NRDB [Northern Regional Development Board]

The 2020 Opal Symposium committee are feeling very excited to be hosting the 20/20 Vision 10th National Opal Symposium.

Opal Industry virtuoso Dale Price is the Chairperson of the 2020 Symposium Committee this year, and along with his team invites YOU to attend the 2020 Opal Symposium at Coober Pedy.

“This is a great opportunity to showcase Coober Pedy and what the town has to offer to those who have come from different parts of Australia to attend the event.”

“It will be a fantastic time for the local miners to network with other miners and to just hear and learn what is happening within the Opal Industry”

“Come along and join us and get involved to create a more cohesive industry and promote both the mining of opal and the marketing of Australia’s national gemstone.”

“This is a great opportunity to meet and network with opal miners from all the opal fields of Australia, particularly Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia along with major opal dealers and traders plus many from the Universities of Australia and the Mining Industry.”

The aim of the National Opal Symposium is to create a more cohesive industry and promote both the mining of opal and the marketing of Australia’s national gemstone.

The Opal Symposium committee is committed to providing an environment for the Industry to come together, to

network and share their experiences and ideas and to showcase the latest techniques, technologies and current research.

The Symposium is being organized by a dedicated committee under the auspices of the Coober Pedy Retail, Business and Tourism Association.

On Tuesday 7th February the event kicks off with a Meet & Greet at the Italo miners Club. You may recognise some people (or even yourself) in the Historical Movies being shown throughout the evening courtesy of the Coober Pedy Historical Society

On Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th April attend the Opal Symposium at the Desert Cave Hotel and hear about the latest technologies and techniques, mining practices, marketing and so much more.,

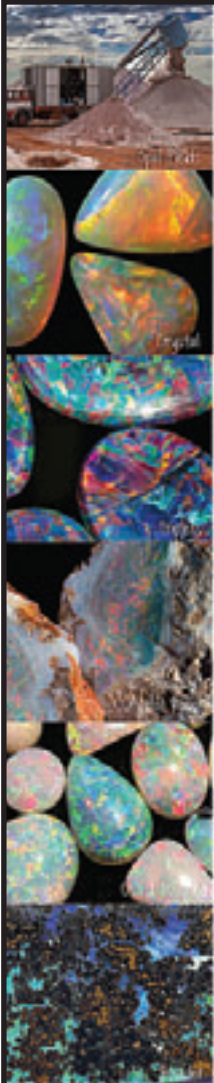
Wednesday evening is the traditional Conference Dinner being held at the Desert Cave Hotel. Take this opportunity to mix and meet others involved in your industry. Sit back relax and listen to Anthony Alexandrou perform.

For the attendees there is an End of Event social being held at the Outback Bar & Grill.

Businesses are being encouraged to be a Silver sponsor to then have an allocated space for their displays.

Register Now at www.opalsymposium.org or give Gai Di Donna a call on 0438119390 for more information

Major Event



AUSTRALIAN OPAL

2020 VISION

10TH NATIONAL OPAL SYMPOSIUM

8th to 9th April 2020

Coober Pedy South Australia

register now at www.opalsymposium.org

Register now to receive your 10% early bird discount on full registration until 31st Jan 2020

Help us Celebrate the opal mining industry and show why Australian Opals are the best in the World!

Featuring World renown experts in the Opal and Opal Mining fields, along with the current hands on miners from across Australia, we will be discussing the future direction of the industry including: improvement in technology and techniques, mining practices, equipment, marketing, employment, skills, palaeontology, jewellery, tourism, sustainability & environmental issues, together we create a clear 2020 vision to the future!

Following the Symposium is the Annual Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show where you will find the best opals miners have on offer. With displays of White, Crystal, Black, Boulder, Doublet, Triplets and Parcels of Rough Opal, there is something for everyone!

Coober Pedy -The place to be in 2020!



COOBER PEDY GEM TRADE SHOW

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th April 2020

www.cooberpedygemtradeshow.com.au



History of the National Opal Symposium

The First National Opal Symposium was held in Lightning Ridge in 1999 by the Lightning Ridge Miners’ Association Ltd and the then NSW Department of Mineral Resources.

The National Opal Symposium is held every 2 years with NSW, Queensland and SA each taking their turn to host the event.

The primary objective of the original Symposium continues today to increase opal miner’s knowledge, practically and theoretically and to promote improvement in the industry thus

enhancing the discovery and safe extraction of opal.

The symposium provides the environment for networking, sharing of ideas and promoting changes within the industry that could enhance mining practices.

The Symposiums also aims to promote the industry as a cohesive unit across the nation and to provide a forum for industry and governments to exchange information and ideas.



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Reflecting on the 2007 Opal Symposium held at Coober Pedy; front row, Steve Staines (NRDB), Yanni Athanasiadis (Umoona Opal Mine), Dr. Gaetano Cavalieri, President of the World Jewellery Confederation, Andrew Cody (Buyer). Back row: John Dale and Peter Lane (PIRSA); Trevor McLeod (DCCP) and Mark Bell (NRDB)

Symposium and Gem Show a Categorical Success

The 2007 National Opal Symposium took place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May at the Italian Club and Desert Cave Hotel in Coober Pedy.

The event attracted around 100 delegates from four Australian states as well as delegates from USA.

The organising committee was very disappointed with the poor attendance of locals as the array of speakers was unarguably the best talent ever assembled in Coober Pedy's history at any single event.

The committee extends its gratitude to those locals who did attend in support of this important industry event.

Ross Honeywill, Managing Director of the Centre for Customer Strategy, spelled out a few home truths for the Australian Opal Industry. It is in its infancy and has been for nearly 100 years. It is time for the industry that produces Australia's National Gemstone to come of age and start treating opal as if it is a product not a commodity.

Dr Gaetano Cavalieri, President of the World Jewellery Confederation also explained to the delegates that the industry needed to collaborate and that it is time for the industry to become an industry and not an assembly of disjointed hobbyists.

"Many within the Australian Opal Industry hope that the outcome of this year's Symposium will be a catalyst to a new era, an era of unification and development not continued fragmentation and stagnation", said Steve Staines, Event Coordinator and Secretary for the Symposium. "The opal industry has been suffering in recent times from a variety of ailments and inhibitors to its growth.



Entrance to the Gem Trade Show, Coober Pedy



Steve Staines, Steve Baines and Yanni Athanasiadis

If it (the industry) is going to survive it needs to work more cooperatively and strategically and establish some clear and achievable goals", he said.

The next National Opal Symposium will take place in Winton, Queensland in 2009.

The inaugural Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show was also a great success. It came about through a partnership between the Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association and the Coober Pedy Miners Association. Initial seed funding was sourced from these two organisations. Council and the Northern Regional Development Board (NRDB) then matched this funding which ensured the event would take place. The committee consisted of representatives from these four organisations and PIRSA. Oxiana also contributed some funding towards the Gem Show.

It is conservatively estimated that over \$100,000 was bought and sold at this years show.

"Considering that this is our first Gem Show the Committee is delighted with the outcome", said Steve Staines, Far North Economic Development Officer with the NRDB and Gem Trade Show Coordinator. "Eight out of the twelve booth holders have already booked booths for next year," he said.

Next year's Gem Trade Show will consist of at least twenty booths and ten of those have already been sold. It is hoped that this event will grow year by year until it rivals some of the bigger gem shows around Australia.

Margaret Mackay
COOBER PEDY REGIONAL TIMES

GEM TRADE SHOW OPENING DAY



Peter Taubers from Andamooka Opal Showroom



Boro Rapaic and Tony Wong



Barbara Lamont from the Opal Cutter, David Benham



Trevor Berry from the Old Timer's Mine



Dragan Illic, Tony Maric and Narelle Maric (back)



Boulder Opal Traders - Barry Brown



Mark Bell and Pommy John haggling



Sally Patel from True Blue Opals in Queensland



Mick Petelski and Andy Sheils at MY GEMS

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Open letter to Rowan Ramsey, Liberal federal member for Grey

Australia's commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement is pathetic, so whether or not we comply is almost irrelevant. Australia's per-capita rate of greenhouse emissions is among the highest in the world, we have a moral obligation to the people of the world, especially to those who are now young, to substantially and urgently reduce our emissions. In any case reducing our emissions is in Australia's best interests.

As you well know, there have recently been unprecedented fires in both NSW and SA, Australia has experienced its hottest day on record, there is an unprecedented drought and unprecedented low flows in the Murray-Darling. The world's climate scientists have warned us for years that this sort of thing was to be expected with climate change. It has also been reported that agricultural incomes in Australia had fallen 22% due to climate change.

Australia ranks 53rd in the world in population, but sixth in the world in the carbon dioxide produced by its electricity industry. Australia has 0.3% of the world's population, but produces 1.2% of the world's greenhouse gasses. If Australia's fossil fuel exports are taken into consideration the nation is responsible for at least 3.6% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

*When climate change is destroying the world as we know it, why is only about one person in a thousand making a serious effort to do anything about it?
"If you think you're too small to make a difference, you've never been in a room with a mosquito" - Annita Roddick*

Change to SAPOL recruit training

Improvements are being made to the SA Police training program which will see cadets graduating to the role of Probationary Constables in a shorter timeframe.

Overall recruits spend two and a half years on the Constable Development Program, with that total timeframe remaining unchanged, however the initial period of training at the Police Academy will be halved for recruits from 2020.

In recent years, police recruits have spent 12 months at the educational facility at Taperoo before graduating as Probationary Constables. They are permanently appointed as Constables after a further 18 months.

For recruits starting from mid-2020 onwards, the initial period spent at the Academy will be reduced to six months.

Recruits will then graduate and be sworn in as Probationary Constables, spending the next three months being deployed operationally in a continuous training and development phase as part of their total two-year probation period.

Assistant Commissioner Linda Fellows (Human Resources) said the change to the program was potentially more family friendly and attractive to regional recruits who may have previously struggled with a 12-month commitment at the Academy.

The Climate Change Performance Index for 2020 ranked Australia last of all 58 countries rated for climate policy. It was the only nation to receive a score of zero out of 100, the second lowest scoring nation, the USA, received a score of 2.8.

Our international reputation is in the mud. The people of Australia can only be ashamed of our country's record.

I've written more on this subject at ramblingsdc.net/Australia/WhatMatters.

Australia has sustainable energy resources as good or better than any other country, our future (and the world's future) is in renewable energy (ramblingsdc.net/Australia/AusEnergyFuture), but our government's obsession with coal is holding our nation back.

I hope that you are doing all you can to press the government for action on emissions reduction and the fastest possible change from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Regards, **Dave Clarke**
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"An extensive evaluation had considered best-practice training methods, with the area subjected to constant review to ensure the best outcomes for the recruits, SAPOL and the wider community," she said.

"We think this is a good opportunity, once they are operationally ready, to give them that real hands on experience of using their police authorities while under direct supervision.

"At the moment in the 12-month program there are 'out phases' where recruits go out into the field as observers, but they don't have sworn authorities.

Assistant Commissioner Fellows said SA Police were recruiting now for the courses which will begin in 2020.

"We will continue to recruit to our diversity targets of 50 per cent women and 30 per cent youth (people aged under 21) on every course, as well as seeking people from diverse cultures" she said.

"I would encourage anyone who has considered a career in the police to evaluate all we have to offer and apply now."

For more information about joining SA Police visit our website here.
<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/join-us>

68mm RAIN FOR COOBER PEDY & FAR NORTH

RAINFALL FEBRUARY 2020

68.0mm 1st February 1 Day(s)
Wettest February On Record 88.4mm 2011
(Ex Cyclone Yasi)

Intermittent and steady rain fell over Coober Pedy and the Far north on 1st of February, 2020. Locals are suggesting that the 68mm may be enough rain to give us a show of wildflowers around July.
See below for some local rainfall history...

FLASHBACK: THE HEAVENS OPEN & RECORDS TUMBLE

10 April 2014

On 9th April 2014 Coober Pedy received **115mm** – the fourth largest known single rain event since records began in 1921. With 149.5mm so far this month it is already the wettest April on record.

Coober Pedy’s average rainfall over the past 93 years is 156mm so we received roughly 96% of our average annual rainfall so far this month and 74% of our average annual rainfall on the 9th April.

Historic records show that Coober Pedy received **180mm** on 14th March 1989. The entire month’s rainfall in March 1989 was 268mm – the wettest month ever recorded. 1989 was also the wettest year on record with 391.6 mm recorded

Current rainfall patterns appear more comparative with the big rains of the late 1930s with moderate to good annual rainfall over the preceding previous 15 years dotted with bone drying years. In 1929 Coober Pedy’s annual rainfall was just 30.6mm and in 2002 just 33.2mm.

By Steve Staines
10 April 2014

More photos from locals



Photo: Daniel Diaz Rock Pools



Photo: Peter Ellis (Port Pirie)

Rainfall 50 km south of Coober Pedy will sustain native flora and fauna for some time



Photo: Peter Ellis (Port Pirie)



Photo: Peter Ellis (Port Pirie)

Coming towards Coober Pedy on the Stuart Highway



Margaret Mackay ©

Runoff from a hill is at Coober Pedy is caught in a ‘catchment area’ in local resident’s yard and then channeled onto the garden. It’s worth waiting for some nitrogen rich rain to fall.



Photo: Daniel Diaz (Coober Pedy) Rock pools between Coober Pedy and Eyre Peninsula



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RIBA’S UNDERGROUND CAMPING CHANGES HANDS

Last week saw the end of an era (1994 - 2020) as long term Coober Pedy business owners Rick and Barb, of Riba's Underground Camping, packed up and headed South. After 26 years they decided to take a well earned retirement.

Just to keep locals in the loop, Rick and Barb Noone have sold their property to local residents Jason Wright and Ariane Montminy Roberge who say they are very excited to keep the successful business operating using its current model.



Underground camping experience at Riba's

"Apart from a little maintenance and some TLC we won't be changing much at all" said Jason. "We have installed a lot of new signage on the property as well as modernized some equipment that was getting a little tired but all in all we are maintaining the same strategies that have made this business a success over many years" he said.

Jason and Ariane, married with three kids, moved to Coober Pedy five years ago. Jason guided people through our town on a weekly basis beginning back in 2007 so has had a long association with Coober Pedy and selling our town to an international market.

After starting his own tour business last year Jason says that the purchase of this property just "made sense" and goes hand in hand with our "Follow Me Downunder" tag-along tour which we will continue to operate."



Aerial view of Riba’s Underground Camping at William Creek Road Coober Pedy

CALTROPS (Tribulus terrestris) A GROWING PROBLEM AROUND COOBER PEDY

Sue Britt 7-2-2020

Caltrops are like 3-corner jacks with 4 vicious spikes instead of 3. These pretty ferny leaved plants came up after the rain and already they are flowering and starting to set seed.

Caltrops are introduced noxious weeds. They favour paths where they can stick their thorns into dog paws, shoes and bike tyres.

When I walk the dog, I take a knife and a plastic bag to remove them. I have done this in the town orchard, but I haven't found them all.



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Coober Pedy's number 1 tag-along adventure!

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(Kids half price!
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Ph: 08 8672 5614 / Web: <http://followme.downunder.global>

PUBLIC NOTICE



**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CATEGORY 3
DEVELOPMENT**

Pursuant to Section 38(5) of the Development Act 1993

Development No: 691/01/20

Applicant: SA Drafting Services Pty Ltd

Development: Change of land use from Residential to Light Industry

Subject Land: Lot 1607 Mudge Court / Lot 1954 Flats Drive, Coober Pedy SA 5723

Zone: Residential Underground

The application may be examined until 22nd February 2020 at the council office at Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy during business hours. Any person or body affected may make relevant representations in writing concerning this application to reach the council office at Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy no later than 22nd February 2020. Each person making a submission should indicate whether that person wishes to appear personally or be represented by another party before the Council Assessment Panel in support of that submission. Please note that, pursuant to section 38(8) of the Development Act, a copy of each representation received will be forwarded to the applicant for a written response.

If you have any further questions, please contact Grant Riches on 083742211 during business hours.
Date 7th February 2020

THIS IS THE FIRST AND ONLY PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

DANGER Instantaneous gas water heaters can be dangerous

Instantaneous gas water heaters as illustrated below can be dangerous — installation is prohibited in confined spaces such as bathrooms, bedrooms, toilets, shower cubicles and saunas.



Instantaneous heaters illegally installed in confined spaces may emit carbon monoxide. This could be due to lack of maintenance, poor ventilation, the age of the appliance, a blocked flue or faulty installation.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless and odourless highly toxic gas. If inhaled in sufficient quantities it can cause nausea, unconsciousness, and even death.

For further information please contact the Office of the Technical Regulator on (08) 8226 5722, or visit sa.gov.au/energysafe

T Tucker
Acting Technical Regulator



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South Australia**

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PUBLIC NOTICES & CLASSIES

See page 2 for Rates, Deadlines & Publishing Dates

PUBLIC NOTICE



Government of South Australia
Department for Energy and Mining

Mining Act 1971

Notice pursuant to section 28(5) of the *Mining Act 1971* Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 28(5) of the *Mining Act 1971* that the delegate of the Minister for Energy and Mining intends to grant an Exploration Licence over the area described below.

Applicant: OZ Minerals Prominent Hill Operations Pty Ltd
Location: Balta Baltana South area - approximately 40, 80 and 90 km southeast of Coober Pedy
Pastoral Leases: Anna Creek, McDouall Peak
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 86
Reference no: 2019/00139

Plan and co-ordinates can be found on the Department for Energy and Mining website: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_applications or by contacting Mineral Tenements on 08 8463 3103.

Community information on mineral exploration licence processes and requirements under the *Mining Act 1971* is available from: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_applications or hard copy on request to Mineral Tenements.

J Martin
Mining Registrar as delegate for the Minister for Energy and Mining
Department for Energy and Mining

W1029

<http://energymining.sa.gov.au>

PUBLIC NOTICE

DANGER

Have gas appliances serviced and safety checked by a licensed gas fitter at the manufacturer recommended intervals.

If service intervals are not given, service and safety check gas appliances at least every 2 years to ensure safe efficient operation.

Poorly maintained gas appliances may emit carbon monoxide. This could be due to poor combustion, poor ventilation, the age of the appliance, a blocked flue or faulty installation.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless and odourless highly toxic gas. If inhaled in sufficient quantities it can cause nausea, unconsciousness, and even death.

Have gas appliances serviced and ask the gas fitter to undertake a spillage and safety combustion test on the appliances for Carbon Monoxide.

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Applicant: Southern Iron Pty Ltd
Location: Mount Brady area - approximately 30km east-southeast of Coober Pedy
Pastoral Leases: Anna Creek
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 167
Reference no: 2019/00140

Applicant: Southern Iron Pty Ltd
Location: Windy Valley area - approximately 50km south of Coober Pedy

Pastoral Leases: Ingomar
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 158
Reference no: 2019/00141

Applicant: Sipa Exploration N.L.
Location: Mabel Creek area - approximately 60km west-southwest of Coober Pedy
Pastoral Leases: Mabel Creek
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 830
Reference no: 2019/00157

Applicant: Sipa Exploration N.L.
Location: Mabel Creek area - approximately 110km west-southwest of Coober Pedy

Pastoral Leases: Mabel Creek
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 308
Reference no: 2019/00158

Applicant: Sipa Exploration N.L.
Location: Ingomar area - approximately 40km south of Coober Pedy
Pastoral Leases: Ingomar
Term: Two years
Area in km²: 143
Reference no: 2019/00162

Plans and co-ordinates can be found on the Department for Energy and Mining website: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_applications or by contacting Mineral Tenements on 08 8463 3103.

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J Martin
Mining Registrar as delegate for the Minister for Energy and Mining
Department for Energy and Mining

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<http://energymining.sa.gov.au>

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Regional Times
Newspaper**

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NOT DANGEROUS



Yellow Faced Whip Snake
(Weakly Venomous)



Jan's Banded Snake
(Weakly Venomous)



Monk Snake
(Weakly Venomous)



Stimpson's Python
(Non Venomous)



Orange- Naped Snake
(Weakly Venomous)



Woma Python
(ENDANGERED)
(Non Venomous)

How Should A Snake Bite Be Treated?

Snake venom does not move in the bloodstream as many people assume. It moves in tiny lymphatic vessels under the skin. This means it is comparatively easy to restrict its movement and to delay onset of symptoms for many hours.

Bites by Australian snakes should be treated like bites by any other snake.

- A pressure immobilisation bandage should be applied immediately. It will apply pressure over a wide area of the bitten limb. Bandage the limb about as firmly as you would a sprained ankle. An elastic bandage is ideal for this. Do not cut off the blood flow!
- Place the bandage over the bite and wrap the limb, first away from the heart, then back towards the heart. The finished bandage should reach from just above the fingers or toes as far up the limb as possible with the available materials.
- The limb should be immobilised using a splint. The person should avoid any movement. If help is far away someone needs to go and get help. The person who got bitten must not attempt to walk!
- Do not wash the bite. Venom on the skin is needed to positively identify the snake and administer the correct antivenin.
- Do not cut bitten area.
- Do not suck venom out of wound.
- Do not use a constrictive bandage/tourniquet.
- Do not try to catch the snake.

Coober Pedy does not have a regular Snake Catcher this year.

Keeping the community informed

SNAKES OF THE GREATER COOBER PEDY REGION

Coober Pedy is home to some highly venomous species of snake as well as many weakly venomous or non venomous species.

The species classed as "weakly venomous" are completely harmless to people because their venom is incredibly weak or has no affect on people.

Even the highly venomous species are only dangerous if provoked and will always attempt to flee if given the chance.

It is illegal by South Australian Law to interfere with or kill any native reptile (including snakes) and heavy fines and prison time are some of the penalties if found guilty.

What Should I Do If I See A Snake?

Do the same as if it were any other Australian animal, say a dingo or kangaroo? Stand still, try not to scare it off, and then creep closer to take a good photo of it.

Snakes will quickly disappear as soon as it senses you, just like a dingo or kangaroo will.

Avoid doing anything that might threaten or scare the snake. If a snake feels cornered it may bite to defend itself. Trying to corner a big male red kangaroo is not advisable either! Any animal that feels threatened will defend itself as best as it can, not just Australian snakes.

Most snake bites happen when people try to catch or kill snakes.

Snakes are generally looking for water, so bathrooms or wet areas a likely place. Give the snake way out, and keep a dish of water somewhere away from the house. Take a photo so you can identify it later.

DANGEROUS



Strap Snouted Brown Snake
(Highly Venomous) – Two common colour forms



Inland Taipan
(Highly Venomous)
Left: Summer Colour Right: Winter Colour



Curl Snake
(Highly Venomous)



Mulga Snake (King Brown)
(Highly Venomous)

Welcome to Grants & Opportunities 2020



GRASSROOTS SPORTS FUNDING BOOST

Local sports clubs throughout South Australia will receive a boost of almost \$15 million amid the announcement of successful applications through the Grassroots Football, Cricket and Netball Facility Program.

The Office of Sport, Recreation and Racing in collaboration with the SACA and the SANFL will provide \$6 million, while another \$9 million will be chipped in by local councils, sports clubs, the Federal Liberal Government and other agencies.

“The funding will be used for many different upgrades including building family-friendly facilities so everyone from the family can be active and upgrading lighting to allow more sports to be played more often.

Round One of the Grassroots Program is directly injecting \$6 million into the facilities of the 20 successful applicants.

Details on how to apply for Round Two
https://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding

\$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.

The Government of SA has approved the Sports Vouchers program for a further four years **until 2021-22**

COMMONWEALTH BANK DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you are an eligible CBA customer you can access our Domestic & Family Violence Assistance Program to support you and your family experiencing a domestic or family violence situation. This includes situations of financial abuse (PDF).

Access the program by calling 1800 222 387 between 8am – 8pm Mon-Fri (Sydney/ Melbourne time). It is a confidential service run by independent, specialist trauma counsellors. These counsellors are not bank employees

For further information visit
<https://www.commbank.com.au/support/dv-assistance>

Clubs SA / IGC Sponsorship Assistance Program

Together with the Independent Gaming Corporation (IGC), Clubs SA invites non gaming Clubs and community organisations to apply for Project Grants via its Sponsorship Assistance Program.

In recent years, over \$2,000,000 has been directed back to the wider South Australian community under the auspices of the Sponsorship Assistance Program to support projects that include resurfacing of sports grounds, lighting, charity projects, community awareness campaigns and many more.

Applications for this Funding Program are accepted each month and are vetted by Clubs SA's Board before recommendations are passed on to the IGC Board.

For further information visit: <https://www.clubssa.com.au/about/funding/>

Advancing Renewables Program

The Advancing Renewables Program aims to fund projects that contribute to one

or more of the following outcomes:

Reduce costs | Increase value | Improve technology |
Reduce barriers | Increase skills

Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) grants are expected to be between \$100,000 and \$50 million.

Applicants need to match the funding sought from ARENA.

For further information visit: <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/advancing-renewables-program>

The Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES)

A South Australian Government energy efficiency scheme that provides incentives for South Australian households and businesses to save energy. It does this through establishing energy efficiency and audit targets to be met by electricity and gas retailers.

South Australian households and businesses may be able to access discounted or free energy efficiency activities from energy retailers participating in the REES. Low-income households may also be able to receive an energy audit.

To find out what activities energy retailers are currently offering, you can contact any of the obliged energy retailers in South Australia, not just the retailer currently supplying you.

For further information visit:
<https://www.escosa.sa.gov.au/industry/rees/overview/rees-overview>

NEW: Veteran and Community Grants

The Australian Government is inviting organisations through an open, non-competitive process to apply for grant funding under the Veteran and Community Grants Program from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

The objective of the program is to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the Australian veteran community by providing funding for projects that sustain or enhance health and wellbeing.

Applications close at 11:00 pm AEDT on 27 February 2020.

For further information about eligibility and how to apply, go to the Grant Round Application page.

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/veteran-and-community-grants-0>

ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER REBATE SCHEME

Applications are open for eligible applicants to access the \$4.75 million On-farm Emergency Water Rebate Scheme.

The scheme has been established to provide one-off 25 per cent rebate up to \$25,000 (GST exclusive) to primary producers in drought affected areas for the costs associated with the purchase and installation of on-farm water infrastructure.

The program **will close on 31 March 2021**, or when the funding allocation is exhausted.

On-farm water infrastructure can include:

- pipes
- water storage devices such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering
- water pumps
- de-silting of existing dams, where you can demonstrate that the property does not have access to groundwater
- the professional installation costs to install the water infrastructure
- and more....

MAKING AN APPLICATION

Applicants should carefully consider activities against the eligibility criteria before submitting an application.

More information on the scheme including the guidelines and application form can be found here: https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/grants_and_assistance/drought_support/financial_assistance/on-farm_emergency_water_infrastructure_rebate_scheme?shorturl_onfarm-water-rebate#toc0

Contact Regional Development Australia Far North on (08) 8641 1444 if you require further clarification or assistance with your application.

Indigenous Employment and Business

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Tailored Assistance Employment Grants are available to provide funding support to connect working age Indigenous Australians with real and sustainable jobs, as well as assisting Indigenous school students to transition from education into sustainable employment.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria in Section 7 of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Grant Guidelines.

Instructions for Lodgement: Applications for funding must be submitted using the online application form. The form is available on the Department's website.

Other Instructions: The application kit provides key information to assist applicants to complete the application form and should be read in conjunction with the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Grant Guidelines.

<http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/employment/jobs-projects-funding-tailored-assistance-employment-grants>
Ongoing

WEDNESDAY

CFS TRAINING Wednesday each fortnight 7-9 pm. Call Cpt Wayne Borrett 0439881049 or Matt Meyers 0455682637 Training Coordinator

Mine Rescue/SES training weekly at 8:00pm on a Wednesday AND every 2nd Saturday of the month training at 8:30am.

THURSDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
7.30 pm SHOTGUN,
Air pistol and Darts
All welcome



FRIDAYS

Greek Charcoal BBQ every Friday at the Greek Hall (20th Apr 2018) \$18 plate Bar open at dinner ready around 7pm. (enjoy a night out.



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 is weekly at 8:00pm on a Wednesday AND

Every 2nd Saturday of the month training at 8:30am.
'Michael Beelitz' Unit
Manager '0407 724 966'

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

Pistols (Rapid Fire)
9:00 AM And 11:00AM

Ring John DiDonna on
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CROATION CLUB

Happy Hour
Saturdays 6-7pm

SUNDAYS

GOLF



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

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

Starting Time: 10:00 AM

Rifle 55 Round Match 50m
include grouping bench rest

Ring John DiDonna on
0427649389 to book a time

COOBER PEDY RSL

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

What's On in COOBER PEDY

& ***Visiting Services***



COOBER PEDY
DRIVE-IN THEATRE

COOBER PEDY
DRIVE IN THEATRE

January 18 - Ford Vs Ferrari	ENTRY - DRIVE IN
January 25 - Knives Out	\$20 per car
February 1 - Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker	\$40 if more than 8 occupants
February 8 - Jojo Rabbit	ENTRY - WALK IN
February 15 - Jumanji The Next Level	\$10 per adult
February 22 - The Gentlemen	\$5 per child
February 29 - Frozen 2	FOLLOW THE CAR BONNET SIGNS
March 7 - Dolittle	OFF UMOONA RD!
March 14 - Birds of Prey	
March 21 - Bad Boys for Life	
March 28 - A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood	

THIS SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCE

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CABARET - APRIL 4

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A MINER'S SON PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

JANUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 22
GATES OPEN 8:30PM
FILM STARTS 9:00PM

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 28
GATES OPEN 8:00PM
FILM STARTS 8:30PM

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

2020

New Year's Day	Wed, 1 Jan 2020
Australia Day	Mon, 27 Jan 2020
Adelaide Cup	Mon, 9 Mar 2020
Good Friday	Fri, 10 Apr 2020
Holy Saturday	Sat, 11 Apr 2020
Easter Monday	Mon, 13 Apr 2020
Anzac Day	Sat, 25 Apr 2020
Queen's B/day	Mon, 8 Jun 2020
Labour Day	Mon, 5 Oct 2020
Christmas Eve	Thu, 24 Dec 2020
Christmas Day	Fri, 25 Dec 2020
Proclamation Dy	Mon, 28 Dec 2020
New Year's Eve	Thu, 31 Dec 2020

SA schools term dates 2020

Term 1 28 Janto 9 April

Term 2 27 April to 3 July

Term 3 20 July to 25 Sept

Term 4 12 Oct to 11 Dec

PUBLIC NOTICE

Munga-Thirri - Simpson Desert

Full Closure of Simpson Desert Regional Reserve and Conservation Park

Munga-Thirri-Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve will be closed between
6pm Saturday 30 November 2019 and
6pm Sunday 15 March 2020

The purpose of this closure is to ensure public safety during summer months when temperatures are extreme and present high risk to travellers

For more information please contact

Desert Parks Information



Phone (+61 8) 8648 5328
Email: DesertParks@sa.gov.au

Welcome to Grants & Opportunities 2020



Grants-in-Aid 2020-21 grant opportunity – now open for applications

A new grant round of the Grants-in-Aid program (the program) opened for applications on Wednesday, 15 January 2020 and closes at 11:00PM Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Thursday, 27 February 2020.

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$145,000 (GST exclusive) for the 2020-21 financial year for the program. Funding is available for eligible organisations to apply through a targeted competitive process. The maximum grant amount is \$10,000. Grants are limited to one per organisation.

The Grants-in-Aid program aims to fund discrete projects or activities by national ex-service organisations (ESOs) that address a specific problem or issue and will achieve a clear benefit to the ex-service and Defence community.

This program is open to bona fide national ESOs and provides funding to encourage cooperation and communication between the ex-service community, ESOs and the Australian Government. Funding for national ESOs aims to encourage the advancement of the objectives of ESOs.

If you require additional information about the Grants-in-Aid grant, please refer to the grant opportunity on the Community Grants Hub or GrantConnect websites, or contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.



FUNDING OPEN TO SUPPORT REGIONAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS ACROSS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Organisers of tourism events and festivals held in regional South Australia are invited to apply for grants to support marketing and publicity activities which will help bolster event attendance, promote the state's regions and grow the visitor economy.

The State Government's funding streams incorporate the Regional Events & Festivals Program and the Community Events Development Fund to help drive local tourism.

The next round of applications opens on Friday, 31 January 2020 and will support events held after 1 September 2020.

Applications for funding are assessed against the South Australian Tourism Commission strategic plan, must be important to the state or their tourism region, and support South Australia's economic priorities and the South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy.

There is no maximum amount for funding per event through the Regional Events & Festivals Program. The Community Events Development Fund is aimed at smaller, community-based events with the potential to grow into regional tourism events and offers a maximum of \$5,000 per event.

Applications close at 5pm Friday, 20 March 2020. For more information or to apply, visit tourism.sa.gov.au/events-and-industry/events-south-australia/event-funding-and-support.

LOCAL PRODUCERS CAN NOW APPLY FOR INNOVATION GRANTS

Local food and beverage producers can now apply for financial support from the Coles Nurture Fund to help them innovate and grow.

Coles has opened a new round of the Coles Nurture Fund to provide grants of up to \$500,000 for small businesses to develop new market-leading products, processes and technologies.

Food and beverage producers affected by bushfires or drought can also apply for financial support to help renew their business.

Businesses with innovative ideas, fewer than 50 full time employees and turnover of less than \$25 million in annual revenue are eligible to apply.

Since it was established in 2015, the Coles Nurture Fund has committed more than \$21 million in financial support to over 50 Australian businesses to help them introduce ground-breaking technology, establish new products and improve productivity and efficiency.

Previous Nurture Fund projects include Australia's first quinoa processing plant and an automated indoor facility that grows highly nutritious cattle fodder in just six days.

To apply for Round Eight of the Coles Nurture Fund, log onto www.coles.com.au/nurturefund

Applications close at 5pm AEST on Friday, 20 March 2020.



The South Australia Export Accelerator (SAEA) program is now open for applications!

If you own or operate a business looking to explore international markets consider applying for this financial assistance program through one of the Emerging Exporter, Export Accelerator or New Market Entry categories. It provides funding support to you at each stage of your export journey, whether you are emerging, current or mature exporter.

The South Australia Export Accelerator (SAEA) grant is a financial assistance program for South Australian businesses who are looking to grow into international markets.

We provide funding support to you at each stage of your export journey. Whether you are an emerging, current or mature exporter (subject to eligibility), the SAEA may help in your exporting.

There are three funding categories in SAEA. Each is designed to help you expand your business through export marketing activities.

See the program guidelines for program eligibility, eligible activities and terms and conditions.

The categories are: Emerging Exporter

Grants up to \$5,000 are available to South Australian businesses that are exporting for the first time

Export Accelerator

Grants up to \$30,000 are available to help fund business expansion that will create multiple direct ongoing jobs

New Market Entry

Grants up to \$15,000 are available for mature export companies that have exhausted their grant funding but are looking to enter new export markets. New Market Entry of \$15,000 per new export market.
Key dates:

27 January 2020 Open - 6 March 2020 Close

Applications must be submitted by 5:00PM CST on the close date in order to be considered.

For more information and to apply visit <https://dti.sa.gov.au/trade/sa-export-accelerator>

Community Languages Multicultural Grants Stream Two

The Australian Government is inviting applications under the Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship Program: Community Languages Multicultural Grants Stream Two.

The objective of the grant opportunity is to build the capacity of community language schools to deliver quality language education. The Community Language Multicultural Grants aims to:

Support the maintenance, development and acquisition of languages other than English.

Connect young Australians to the languages and cultures of their community.

Enhance cross-cultural awareness and respect for cultural diversity.

Applications close at 11:00pm AEDT on 6 March 2020.

Information about applying for this round can be found on the Community Grants Hub website and [GrantConnect.https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/community-languages-multicultural-grants-stream-two](https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/community-languages-multicultural-grants-stream-two)

Welcome to Grants & Opportunities 2020

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 Support Fund, have been combined into a single application process. Community organisations can now apply once to be considered for funding across all four streams, and will also benefit from less restrictive guidelines and simpler reporting requirements.

Minor grants of up to \$5,000 will be open all year and assessed at the end of each month.

For further information visit www.dcsi.sa.gov.au

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

Open for applications - Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

The Australian Government is inviting applications through an open competitive process to apply for grant funding during the 2019-20 financial year under the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program (the program).

The program aims to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and involve people around the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Projects and activities should promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

There are two categories of grants available under the program:

1. Community Grants (STS-CG)

Grants to a maximum of \$10,000 are available for local, community-based projects and activities.

2. Major Grants (STS-MG)

Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 are available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective.

Applications close at 11:00 pm AEDT on 31 March 2020.
<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-their-service-cgp>

Boots for All Equipment Grant

Boots for All's vision is to have an active and socially inclusive Australia through sport. The organisation exists to break down barriers to sport participation and strengthen communities by collecting and distributing quality, new and near-new sports equipment to vulnerable Australians and by providing volunteering and training,

opportunities via the Sports for All social enterprise sports store.

<https://www.bootsforall.org.au/request-equipment>
Applications are ongoing

The Slater and Gordon Community Fund

The Slater and Gordon Community Fund is a philanthropic fund established in 2001 which offers grants to community groups in three key areas of focus:

- Assisting people with disease and disability and promoting their participation and inclusion
- Addressing inequality and disadvantage
- Encouraging young people to engage in healthy activity and lifestyles through a project or program

The fund is open to any group or organisation, so long as their project fits the criteria and they carry a DGR status.

<https://www.slatergordon.com.au/firm/community/our-community-fund> **Applications are ongoing**



Planning and Research Program (PRP)

The PRP provides funding for planning and research initiatives that contribute to the delivery of facilities, programs and services that grow participation in active recreation and sport. Eligible applicants are able to apply for up to \$100,000 per application.

Planning Projects

Funding is available for strategic, evidence based planning initiatives that inform future active recreation and sport needs for communities.

Research Projects

Funding is available for evidence based research projects that supports policies, practices, and/or grows the knowledge base for active recreation and sport

http://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/planning_and_research_program

Applications are open year round allowing applicants to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for a project at any time.

PLAY FOR PURPOSE

is an innovative fundraising solution, that rewards both clubs and supporters alike!

Local Sporting Champions

Grants for 12-18 year olds towards costs associated with participating in an eligible competition.

Move It AUS - Participation

Targeting inactive communities to build a more active Australia.
Move It AUS - Community Sport Infrastructure

Supporting small to medium scale projects, particularly for improvements to existing sports facilities.

Move It AUS - Better Ageing

Aiming to increase physical activity levels of Australians aged 65+, to improve their overall health and wellbeing.
dAIS Athlete Grants

Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games athletes can be nominated by their National Sporting Organisation for a grant.

Sporting Schools

Helping schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

Women Leaders in Sport

Providing women with development opportunities to reach their leadership potential in the sport industry.

Third party funding opportunities

As well as Sport Australia grants, the following organisations may also provide funding opportunities for you. The schemes below are not run by Sport Australia and we take no responsibility for their eligibility criteria.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SA Government sport grants
SA Local Councils

For further information visit:
https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/play_for_purpose

Clubs SA/IGC Sponsorship Assistance Program

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

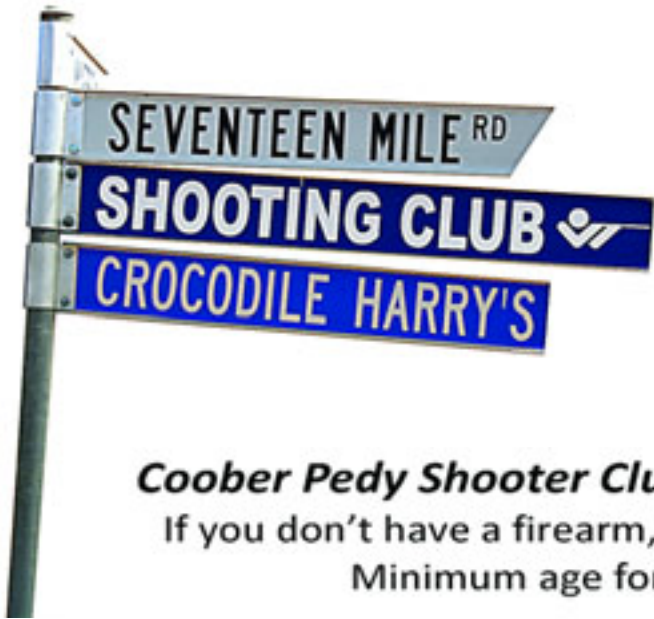
Before applying for any stream of funding it is advised that you contact Clubs SA for further details and assistance on the application process.

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:
www.clubssa.com.au/about/funding

Applications are accepted at any time during the year





Cooper Pedy Shooters Club *welcomes all new Members,* *Visitors and Sponsors*



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If you don't have a firearm, come along & our members will assist you with all enquiries.

Minimum age for shooting at the club is 10 yrs (Rifles and Air Pistol)
& 14 yrs (Pistols).

**Starting Times 9:00
AM**

**Saturday — Pistols
(IPSC)
11:00 AM - IPSC**

8 February

22 February

29 February

7 March

Inter-Club Comp.

14 March

**Starting Time: 10:00
AM**

**Sundays Rimfire
Silhouette
Match**

9 February

23 February

24 February

8 March

Inter-Club Comp.

15 March

MEMBERSHIP Renewal Now Due 2020

Single Membership \$60.00

Family Membership \$90.00

SSAA MEMBERSHIP DUE NOW

Sign-up online

<https://ssaasa.org.au>.... Or at the club

Any Enquires regarding Membership, sponsorships, donations, or shooting, please contact

Anthony Daelman - - Email cpssc.treasurer@gmail.com

John Di Donna - Mobile 0427 649 389 - Email. [jdiddonna@dodo.com.au](mailto:jdidonna@dodo.com.au)

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