

OUTBACK SOUTH AUSTRALIA: A VISION FOR A THRIVING FUTURE

By: Leila Day - Chair Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Association Inc.

Outback South Australia is not just a destination—it's an adventure. From opals and dinosaurs to bilbies, rockets, fossils, and vast star-studded skies, the Outback is home to some of the most unique and captivating attractions in the world.

As an internationally recognised brand, the Outback draws visitors from all over, eager to experience its rich heritage and natural wonders.

However, the true potential of the Outback has yet to be fully realised. The current regional tourism model has led to inadequate support and management, diluting the distinct identity of this iconic region. But change is on the horizon.

Outback South Australia is excited to propose the creation of a Pilot Destination Management Zone (DMZ) in collaboration with the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

This initiative aims to enhance supply-side management, ensuring that the Outback receives the focused attention and strategic oversight it needs to thrive.

Why the Outback?

The Outback represents a myriad of extraordinary experiences:

Opals: The shimmering gemstones that have made South Australia famous.

Dinosaurs & Fossils: Unearthing the ancient past with remarkable discoveries.

Rockets: The launch site for cutting-edge space exploration.

Stars: Some of the clearest night skies in the world, perfect for stargazing.

Bilbies & Bettongs: A place where people can come spotlighting to see the animals on a conservation reserve

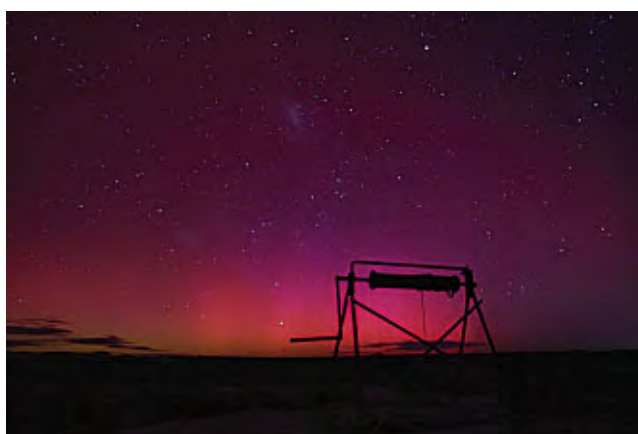
The Outback Futures report highlights the region's significant value proposition:

- 127 tourism accommodation businesses, each with more than 15 beds.
- 186,750 overnight visitors per year, providing 96 jobs.
- Almost 800,000 visitor nights and 631,000 day trips annually.
- A visitor spend of \$459 million in 2019, projected to increase to \$638 million by 2025.

The international success of the "Outback Opal Hunters" series, streaming to over 120 countries and reaching an audience of 180 million viewers, has already raised the Outback's profile, attracting high net worth visitors and significantly boosting tourism.



Virgin Rainbow Cooper Pedy Photo Credit: South Australia Museum,



The Need for Better Management

Despite its allure, the Outback has suffered from mismanagement due to being grouped with the Flinders region. This has diluted its unique message and hindered effective supply management.

A dedicated Pilot DMZ will address these issues, allowing for tailored strategies that leverage the Outback's unique strengths and global exposure.

Members of the Cooper Pedy Retail and Tourism Business Association (CPRTBA), Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Association (AOFTA), and key stakeholders in Cooper Pedy, William Creek and the Outback are eager to collaborate on this proposal. We are also exploring a potential partnership with NT Tourism to create a combined SA and NT Outback initiative.

A Call for Support

We call on Flinders Ranges and Outback Tourism Marketing Committee (FRO) and Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN) to support this ambitious endeavour. By backing the Outback SA as a Pilot Destination Management Zone, you will help unlock the full potential of this remarkable region, ensuring it receives the attention and management it deserves.

The future of the Outback is bright. With strategic support and focused management, we can accelerate growth, enhance visitor experiences, and ensure that the Outback remains a world-renowned destination for generations to come.

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Lake Eyre Kati Thanda National Park - Photo Trevor Wright

Bilby, Jasmine Vink - Photo Credit Arid Recovery

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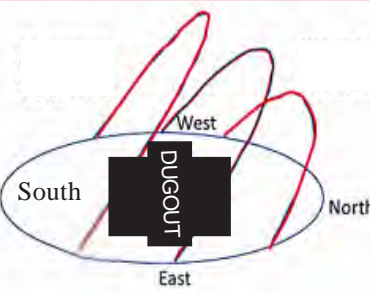
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Margaret Mackay
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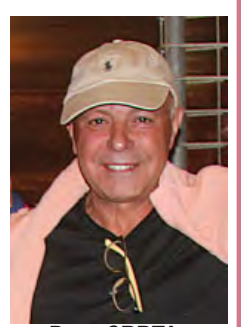
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Andamooka

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John Di Donna
Opinion & Commentary

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Pres. CRBTA
Opal Miner/Trader

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OPAL = AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL GEM

*Coober Pedy - situated on the LARGEST
OPAL FORMATION in the world

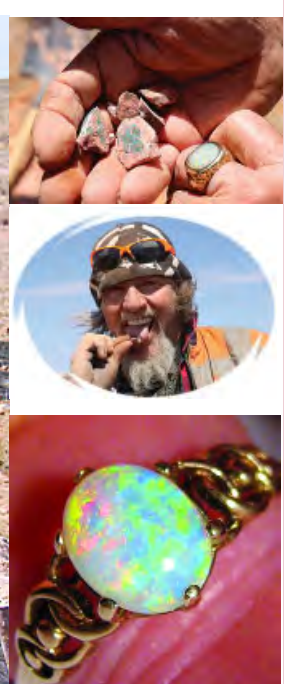
*Over 40 Nationalities living together;bonded by
the OPAL Industry

*Spacious underground living

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Opal miners Miroslav and Boris Markovic checking their dumps to see if they had drilled up opal, with Andrew Giryan at Coober Pedy



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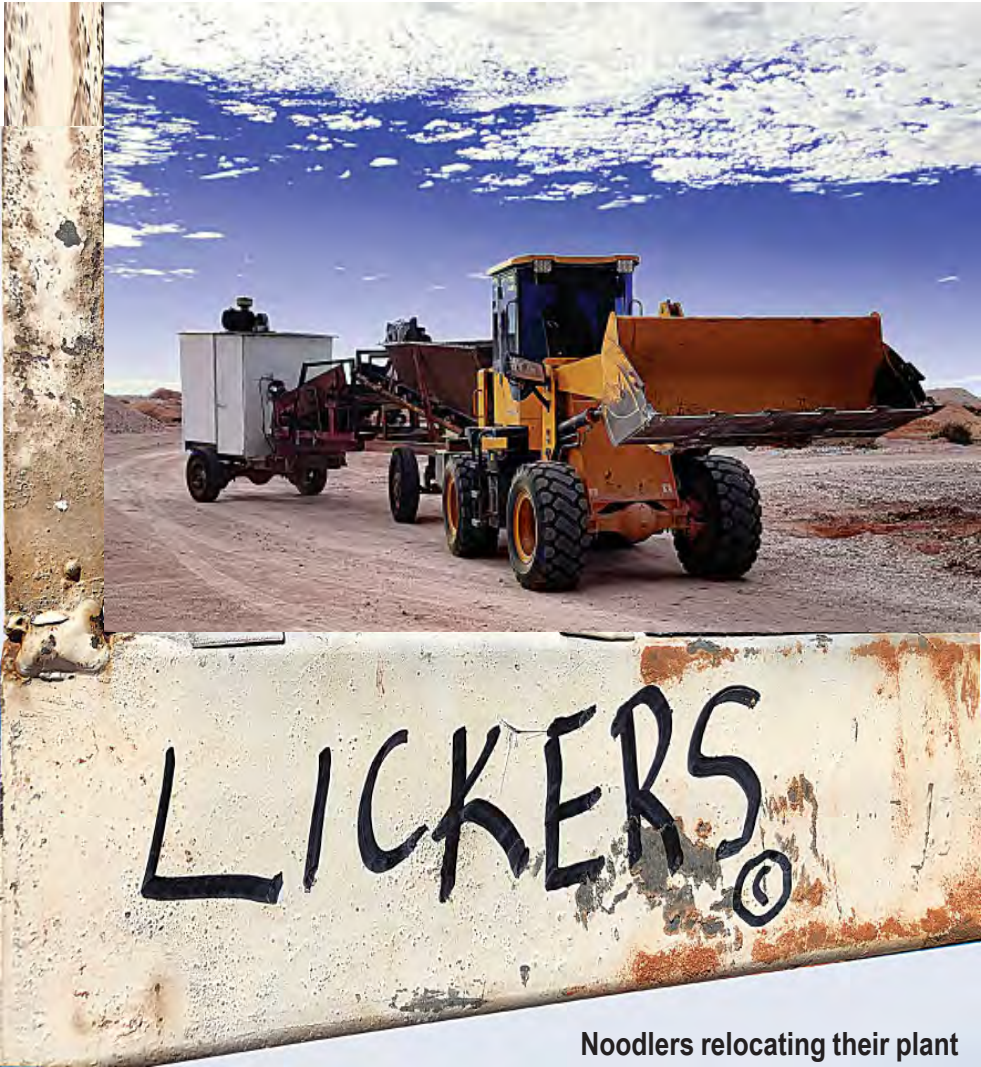
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Coober Pedy - 455
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Stuart Creek - 1

**Wardens Court Circuits
29th - 31st July 2024**



Wedge-tailed
Eagle alighting
from bulldozer
dump, early
morning

Opal Mining talk



■ An urgent meeting with government authorities to discuss potentially out of date safety regulations on the field is needed re the growing spate of accidents on the Coober Pedy Proclaimed Precious Stones Fields, at night.

With the invention of Ultra Violet Torches, Blacklighting has become a popular passtime, but there is also Open Cut Mining occurring. With both activities there is a high risk of injury or death present. Local children have grown up without a father because of night mining!

Any experienced miner will tell you why they don't mine at night! At night 80% of dangers are not visible. You will not be able to see the collapse of a wall or falling debris?

All persons that enter the mining field day or night should have a current PSPP. Or should we restore proper Health and Safety protocols with a certificate for who ever sets foot on the opal fields?

The livelihoods of genuine opal miners is in jeopardy with blowins making an already difficult job impossible. We need to take control of our work place!

■ A miner noticed a council garbage truck picking up bins out on the field? Is council now responsible for removing rubbish from pegged claims?

■ Great opal coming out of Opal Valley at present. Good luck Lickers.

Opal field shafts (SAFEWORK SA)

Caldwell shafts are sunk during exploration drilling to provide ventilation and access/egress from underground workings on the opal fields. Often these shafts will be in-situ when a claim is pegged. Without adequate identification and guarding, these shafts present a major hazard.

Safety issues

Risks associated with caldwell shafts include:

- shaft covered or obscured with soil from excavation or noodling placed on top
- the coverings used may have degraded and incapable of supporting a person's weight
- mounded ground collapsing during noodling or when walked on
- work occurred underneath the covered shaft which enabled the ground to collapse and cause engulfment. Vibration or failure of the cover due to corrosion or the weight placed upon it could have been responsible.

Risk control measures

Risk control measures for caldwell shafts include:

- when pegging a claim, ensuring all existing shafts are identified and made safe
- protecting shaft edges by using earthen bunds or the placing of open mesh, capable of supporting a person, over the shaft opening
- on surrendering a claim, ensure all shafts are clearly identified and protected in such a way that alerts a person of their presence
- when noodling or climbing mounds, using a rod to penetrate the ground to identify where a shaft may be covered
- maintaining regular contact with companions to monitor each other's safety when on the opal fields
- not placing heavy vehicles on top of shaft coverings.

<https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/industry/mining-and-quarrying/opal-field-shafts>

LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO CONTINUE AT COOBER PEDY FOR ANOTHER 12 MONTHS, AFTER TOKEN CONSULTATION



Zoe Thomas Assistant Director, Licensing; Consumer and Business Services, Fraser W. Stroud the Acting Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, and Paul Bertram, General Manager, Compliance and Enforcement Operations, Consumer and Business Services

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Restrictions on the sale of takeaway alcohol in Coober Pedy will be ongoing from 1 July 2024, following a decision made by the Liquor and Gambling Regulator after meeting with local residents, and public servants at Coober Pedy

The impact of the (same) restrictions will be reviewed again in yet another 12 months, to determine their effectiveness.

The decision means that liquor licence holders will not be able to sell takeaway alcoholic beverages to the local community or tourists before midday, to deter sales from reaching the hands of residents from prescribed lands (APY Land and other remote communities), with sales of takeaway liquor limited to one purchase, per person, per day of the daily limits that apply.

Q: Why has the state government set Coober Pedy up with permanent services to cater to this expected influx. Curious?

This result from the Office of the Liquor Licensing Authority should be no surprise. 11 years of tokenism by the State Government with the local community again sentenced to another 12 months of restrictions, violence, crime and antisocial behaviour.

Director of Regulation and Advice with Consumer and Business Services, Fraser Stroud, said *“Feedback from local business groups, community groups, authorities, and local health services was considered and taken into account in making the decision.”*

“There were a broad range of views expressed and this was not an easy decision to make,” he said. “I appreciate that there are many in the community who feel they are being unfairly penalised by these limits, but at the same time, the evidence in favour of the restrictions continuing is hard to ignore.”

“Frontline health and support services that provide domestic, family violence and mental health support in Coober Pedy – reported the later start to takeaway liquor sales was making a significant difference, with a number of clients able to more effectively engage in DV counselling services.

“These organisations also advise they have been able to provide more financial counselling and gambling help services as a result, and they had also observed a greater willingness of clients to engage with services before midday, helping people access the mental health services they needed.”

“This indicates that services can provide more help to people at risk of alcohol-related harm, thanks to a later start in the sale of takeaway liquor.”

Mr Stroud said he would be consulting with licensees on an additional restriction, which would prevent them from selling takeaway liquor after 7pm. Licensees have until the end of July to provide their feedback on this proposed additional measure, and a decision will be made soon after,” he said.

Mr Stroud thanked all community members who participated in the consultation process. “Locals have been very keen to engage in this, and I appreciate there are some strongly held views,” he said.

“Consumer and Business Services will continue to closely monitor the impact these ongoing restrictions are having and will reassess whether they remain appropriate to continue in 12 months.”

Chairperson of the Coober Pedy Retail, Business and Tourism Association George Kountouris said, “The current opening hours of our 2 takeaway outlets do not restrict anti-social behaviour. The policing of the dry Zone is imperative in maintaining our welcoming nature.”

“We tax-paying businesses and their employees have become very reliant on Tourism. We need to take drinking off the streets completely and have Government health agencies, positioned ‘near’ the APY Lands, take a more active role in the problem. SAPOL at Coober Pedy cannot do everything.”

“Businesses in Coober Pedy have the right to trade without hindrance and loiter. The proposed closing time of 7 punishes both the businesses and the wider public. Not forgetting that businesses in Coober and the broader Far North have only seven months of reasonable trade in the year.”

“Everyone in outback, remote towns want and need a peaceful, free environment. Maybe the answer is a cash card. One cannot help but conclude that politics is more at play here than equal human rights. If you need to change the relevant Act, then change it!”

One local resident/ratepayer that divides time between Adelaide and Coober Pedy has the following to say.

“Obviously the welfare organisations are in favour of the restrictions being continued, however, their generalised comments I suspect could not be sustained if we asked for particulars. They are saying there is increased, mental health contact, domestic violence services, financial assistance etc. etc. That being the case you should be seeing an army of clients marching down Hutchinson Street towards the relevant services instead of congregating around the Chemist shop, Bus Station, Hotel, and bottle shops.”

“Alternatively the service providers would be picking up the malefactors from those locations and taking them to their offices for consultations etc. None of which appears to be happening.”

“I have been asked on occasions by residents to bring favourite beverages from Adelaide when I come up, as the inconvenience of having to go to the bottle shop every day and at unsuitable times is a draining annoyance for those who work, travel or operate a business.”

“I personally and for obvious reasons, never shop at the hotel or local bottle shops.”

“I read from the Restriction Notice from the Consumer and Business Services that if you are from certain remote communities you are prohibited from buying takeaway alcohol. Yet that seems to be the problem. It seems that restrictions applied to help the minority are detrimental to the majority. However alcohol-related crimes and other violence including stabbings have increased despite the restrictions, therefore it can be said they are not working.”

“Licensees are being consulted regarding the possibility of liquor restrictions after 7pm.

Be that as it may, the late morning sales are a ‘fait accompli and here to stay for 12 months. At the earliest opportunity, I would be asking our local police sergeant or their Superintendent what documentary information is to be compiled and recorded for the next submission in 12 months?’

“At a meeting with the Far North Superintendent about this very matter a few months ago, he assured us that the police would be disposing of alcohol being consumed in Dry Areas. Is there any evidence of that having taken place yet? If not why not?”

“I haven’t given much thought to the liquor restrictions as they have never bothered me personally, but from a community perspective Coober Pedy residents should not be treated any less than other State citizens as a matter of principle.”

Brett Smith local resident and President of the ItaloMiner’s Club in Coober Pedy attended the meeting with representatives from the Liquor Licensing Authority. Mr. Smith mentioned that the Italian Club, run by volunteers, had been the victim of around a dozen break-ins, where people were looking to steal alcohol during the night.

Mr. Smith asked the team for their KPI’s (Key Performance Indicators.) Ms Thomas stated that they would have a clearer view of their KPI’s at the end of the financial year. **As that time has now arrived, Mr. Smith is asking again, if those KPI’s can be released to our community?**

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COOBER PEDY CRIME REPORT

20/6/2024 – 3/07/2024

20/6/2024 – Reporting person states that between 0900 hrs on 21/03/2024 and 0900 hrs on 07/06/2024, unknown offender/s have entered the shed at on Umoona Rd via a padlocked door.

Suspects gained entry by cutting the padlock, entering and stealing 2 x tents (\$179.00 each), 5x chairs (\$50.00 each) and 3x sleeping bags (\$150.00 each).

27/6/2024 - A man was flown to hospital in Adelaide following a non – fatal light plane crash at Evelyn Downs (north of Coober Pedy).

27/6/2024 - Police and emergency services responded to reports of a light plane crash in the state’s far north this morning.About 9.30am on Thursday 27 June, police received reports of a light plane crash near Mulgathing (south-west of Coober Pedy).

The pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft, a 22-year-old local man, sadly died in the crash.

Major Crash Investigators and Forensic Crime Scene officers attended the scene, along with officers from Far North Local Service Area. The Australian Transport

Safety Bureau will be investigating the incident. Safework SA has been notified of the death and police will be preparing a report for the Coroner.

27/6/2024 – Reporting person states unknown offender/s have entered his property on Post Office Hill Rd between 30/5 and 26/6/24 and stolen approximately \$50000 worth of opal and jewellery.

A further \$5000 in damage caused to gain entry and commit the theft. Investigations continuing.

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John Di Donna, a local resident, business operator, and participant in a Local Working Group that canvassed many people too shy to come forward, said, “YOUR LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS ACHIEVE NOTHING BUT DIVISION”.

In my opinion, the acting liquor commissioner, Fraser Stroud, is unrealistic if he thinks keeping the same restrictions for another twelve months will resolve the anti-social violence and other criminal activities, particularly during court sessions at Coober Pedy, that he failed to mention.

In 2013 the South Australian State Government (in a BUDGET CUT) withdrew funding from the Court Circuits attending the APY Lands causing court attendees from the Lands to attend court in Coober Pedy more frequently, thus creating a new wave of crime to be dealt with at a later date! At around the same time the Department of Corrections, based in Marla, near the Lands, was relocated to Coober Pedy to supervise parolees who live in the north of the state!

Creating relief for a severely impacted community has not been considered by your department. Your department must exist for something else. It is extremely disappointing to see our state governed in such an oppressive and authoritarian manner, where community well-being and safety is merely lip service – a farce.

Q: What exactly does the Liquor Commissioner imagine the outcome of the new round of Liquor Restrictions to be in 12 months?

In my opinion, the A/licensing commissioner Fraser Stroud believes in Utopia, (a place that doesn’t exist.) The actions of continuing with the alcohol restrictions, knowing that the community clearly expressed that the restrictions DON’T work, attest to this fact. From 2013 to the present time, there was probably one year that worked, the rest is well-documented history.

Q: Why didn’t Fraser Stroud contact the family of the deceased, who was fatally stabbed in front of the Opal Inn Hotel at approximately 6 pm after attending a court session, when his alcohol restrictions were in place?

Q: Can you explain to them how the anti-social behaviour and related violence was not happening due to the alcohol restrictions being in place?

Stabbing is becoming the new norm with young people emulating their alcoholic role models.

Q: Did Fraser Stroud contact the victim (a 14 year old boy) who was allegedly stabbed riding his push bike from school during the newly trialled liquor restrictions and advise him that he has extended the restrictions, and no more incidents will occur at any level?

Q: Did Fraser Stroud contact the business owners of the Post Office and explain that at approximately 3 pm a woman allegedly drove her vehicle into the post office while under the influence of alcohol, causing thousands of dollars’ worth of damage, and let the owners and the staff know that the alcohol restrictions are working?

Q: Will Fraser Stroud release his mobile phone number so the community can contact him directly to express their frustration and anger when they are humbugged for money and cigarettes and threatened to be stabbed while eating their dinner at local restaurants?

CBS In particular, the District Council of Coober Pedy submitted that, while the trial appeared to have had a positive impact on the community, a longer trial was required to gather relevant data and other feedback about the effectiveness of the restrictions.

Response: WOW! What positive impact? Why aren’t their findings published? Considering the Council’s FIFO administrator is NOT a local in Coober Pedy, and the CEO position, for some time has been a revolving door affair.

The council received funding from the federal government almost three years ago for new CCTV cameras on Hutchison Street. However, nothing has been done to monitor all the antisocial and illegal activities. Therefore, public safety is a low priority for the current administrator and his offsidiers.

Community Forum

CBS We held a community forum on the evening of Monday 27 May 2024, which was attended by approximately 35 local residents; and met with other residents and business owners on Tuesday 28 May.

Response: Residents majorly acknowledged that the restrictions have had no positive impact on the town and that they are being penalised in circumstances where they have done nothing wrong “just because a minority of people are doing the wrong thing”. The restrictions on the daily quantities of liquor that can be purchased, impact their ability to buy alcohol when it is on special, or to purchase alcohol in larger quantities for events such as Christmas or birthday parties.

The growing crime including deaths and daily begging, pilfering, littering, loitering and threatening behaviour is alarming to the local community, especially living in a remote area with meager services provided by the State Government.

The residents also came up with practical recommendations and solutions that would reduce impact on the currently targetted community, which the department failed to take seriously.

The basic card should be lobbied for and returned. Those receiving taxpayer’s money as in Centrelink payments should NOT be allowed to use it for non-essential items, eg. alcohol, gambling, or drugs? The funding should be used for essentials such as food, medications, clothing, etc...

The introduction of the wet area where all government support services can monitor and implement responsible drinking in one area.

Q: Why not have a comprehensive database of violent anti-social offenders and limit those with the same restrictions as mine site employees do?

Q: Why not investigate the possibility of alcohol sales in the APY lands or near the lands with the same restrictions as mine site employees?

This would limit remote communities from travelling to Coober Pedy looking for liquor outlets. They then can return home sober and sleep in their beds and won’t need to rely on government-funded agencies outside of their communities or towns.

Q: Why not implement the same alcohol restriction in the WHOLE Adelaide area under the liquor licencing Act 1997 Section 43(2)(g) to combat the same ani-social violence, domestic violence, common assaults, serious criminal trespass–residence’ and serious assaults?

Implementing restrictions and regulations in Adelaide wouldn’t be a popular move with State elections imminent.

Q: So what makes you think that your narrow-minded solution should be imposed, and would work in country communities? Not enough votes to worry about perhaps? (Famous quote by a former Labor MP)

Q: Why is the commissioner imposing harsh penalties on country communities and targeting law-abiding citizens?

A local ambulance officer, speaking publicly in her ‘private’ capacity, said she had certainly seen an improvement since the restrictions were imposed and her workload [as an ambulance officer] had reduced, and assaults were not as frequent.

She then expressed the view that it was easier to get shopping done in the morning without being intimidated.

Q: Did anyone speak to the CEO of the Ambulance Service or to other Ambo’s battling the streets at night, or was your decision based on one person’s speaking in a semi-private capacity?

Our community is tired of hearing twisted truths based on the personal ideologies of government employees.

Sobering Up Unit

CBS They reported that admission numbers to the SUU had not decreased and that intoxication levels remained very high. They attribute this to alcohol coming into the community from other sources and believe that alcohol is being brought into Coober Pedy from out of town and on-sold to transient people.

Response: Acting Commissioner Fraser Stroud’s judgment is to put further alcohol restrictions on the community. **Q:** How did Mr. Stroud and his team conclude, that beating up on innocent people, would stop black market alcohol from being brought into Coober Pedy and sold off.

Licensees of the Opal Inn and Cellarbrations

CBS Staff of the Opal Inn felt that while it was quieter in the mornings, the midday opening hours had just moved the issues to later in the day, rather than resolving them. The licensee submitted that the trial hasn’t been successful in reducing harm to the community and referred to the black market in liquor, break ins on premises and assaults on staff

Response: It’s not ROCKET SCIENCE!! Of course, it will be quiet in the morning. There is no reason to loiter around the bottle shop or any other venues when they are closed for business.

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COOPER PEDY RETAIL, BUSINESS & TOURISM ASSOC. INC

Report:
George Kountouris Chair

Good to see more travellers during these school holidays. Many businesses are delighted considering the very slow year so far.

The BHP Local buying program information session is being held on the 19th of July 2024 at 7.30_9.30 am at AMYAC rooms next to Centrelink.

All business owners who are seeking information on local and indigenous procurement are welcome.

Please RSVP michael@amyacntbc.com.au

The CPRBT 2024/2025 travellers guide will be on your doorstep this week ,currently at Mcardles and will be distributed locally



Australian wide we have placed over 12,000 brochures in various locations ensuring that visitors receive our towns information way before they arrive..

This years **Opal festival Committee** has had its debriefing meeting and assessed this year's performance. A great deal of encouraging information has emerged from these discussions.

A **questionnaire** will be sent to all members of the association to gain your feed back on the future format and dates of next year's festival.

Extremely disappointing to see that the increase of rates, electricity and water without any sincere public consultation. The businesses are going to bear the brunt, along with their employees.

RATE INCREASES. We had sinerely hoped we would have a business friendly council this time around, or at least a council that was capable of trimming down its spending in the appropriate places.



Buffel grass invading private properties due to exterior infestations out of control

JULY 2024 The Invasive Species Council welcomes the announcement this week that buffel grass has finally been declared a weed in the Northern Territory, following a similar declaration by South Australia in 2015.

'This is a huge win that follows years of relentless campaigning by local Indigenous groups, environment groups and tourism operators who are alarmed at the spread of this highly flammable weed,' Invasive Species Council Conservation and Biosecurity Analyst, Lyall Grieve said.

'Buffel grass is undeniably one of the most severe invasive threats to the environment and culture of Central and Northern Australia.

'As buffel grass spreads, it pushes out native grasses, starves our wildlife and drives more extreme fires.

'Communities in the Northern Territory have been calling on the government for decades to take decisive action to prevent the spread of invasive buffel grass.

'While this change is a critical first step for action, the battle against invasive buffel grass cannot be won without serious funding for action on the ground.



Buffel grass coming in from public land, choking a young peach tree in a domestic orchard.



Vast patches of buffel grass creeps into communities and slowly chokes out native species

'If we are going to save the remaining central Australian mulga, red gum woodlands, hummock grasslands and the animals who rely on them from this invasive menace, then it will require long term funding of a targeted removal program.

The NT Government is spending \$750,000 managing buffel grass this year and this is a good start but it must be backed up with increased and longer term funding.

'Whilst we celebrate this announcement, it is unfortunately yet another instance of government action coming only after an invasive species has spiralled out of control. We must learn from this and adopt a proactive approach to protecting our previous ecosystems in the future.'

Background: The Invasive Species Council and the Arid Lands Environment Centre joined over 50 organisations in a multi-sector open letter calling for Minister Worden to declare buffel grass a weed across the Northern Territory, recognising the impact it has on public safety, culture, environment, health and economic diversity.

In 2023 The Invasive Species Council made a submission to the NT Gov urging them to act on the issue of buffel grass. View this submission here.

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/275906/4108_PIRSA_factsheet_Buffel_Grass_Control.pdf

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/288664/PIRSA_factsheet_Buffel_Grass_Control_Decision_Tool_FA2_CJ.pdf

KEVIN POPE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL FROM THE 70'S REVISITS COOBER PEDY WITH HIS SONS

Friday nights at the Italo Australian Miner's Club at Coober Pedy is always a great night out, with travellers from all over the world and country finding their way there.

The Club is thriving with a new Italian /Aussie Menu, warm fires burning, plenty of social activity and the Double Jays viz Jason Pache and Julie Johnstone providing foot tapping entertainment for a town that has never truly left the 60s and 70s.

One of the highlights this week was being introduced to a gentleman currently revisiting Coober Pedy with his two sons, only to discover he was the Deputy Principal at Coober Pedy Area School in the 70s.

Kevin Pope will undoubtedly be remembered by many of the parents and students of that time, when the only reason for families to be in Coober Pedy was opal mining or a support service occupation. Kevin who had a young family, became actively involved in town affairs and was elected as the Vice President of the Progress and Miners Association alongside Bepi Coro from 1975 - 1977.

It was Kevin who organised the first swimming pool for Coober Pedy Area School. He also organised a Grant for the Town Hall which we know as the old Maralinga Building.

Kevin said, "The Hall was originally the Maralinga Picture Theatre, and we had to disassemble the building, transport it up to Coober Pedy and resurrect it again at its current location. That was in the mid 70s."

"We then built the Basket Ball Courts next door to it."

Kevin was an Inaugural member of the Golf Club (Opal Fields Gof Club).

While Kevin was busy teaching students and helping to build stronger foundations at Coober Pedy, his wife Judith Pope worked at the Hospital as a Nurse.

Sons Richard, (also a school teacher) and Stuart (Owner/ Director of Sky High Access Australia - Multi Story Building Maintenance. Est 1990) said they remember their years living in Coober Pedy with great fondness, and were absolutely thrilled to be visiting their old home town with their dad during the current term school holidays.

The visiting past residents were able to reel off many names of people they knew from the 70s including Jeff Boland. They were more than surprised to discover Roger Boland was one of the locals who had come over to chat with them at the Italian Club fireside.



Above: After dinner the family relax and chat with the locals.. Back row: Richard and Stuart Pope. Front row Father, Kevin Pope and Italian Club President Brett Smith

Story & Photos: Margaret Mackay ©



In front of the fire, having a beer and a chat are Kevin Pope, Roger Boland, Stuart and Richard Pope



Kevin Pope and Tim Nagy engage on the subject of Crocodile Harry

SAVE THE DATE
THE ITALO-AUSTRALIAN MINERS CLUB
COOBER PEDY
URNS 60
September 14, 2024
BBQ LUNCH FROM 1PM, KIDS NOVELTY
EVENT, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, DINNER
FROM 5.30PM & MUCH MORE



Stuart Pope with a round of drinks for the group



Meanwhile, in the background were the Double Jays, Jason and Julie, with music to take us back into time.

FIRST NAIDOC BALL at COOBER PEDY A HUGE SUCCESS - THANK YOU EVERYONE!



Pictured are Lani and SJ our Local NAIDOC Prince and Princess for 2024.

We would like to thank the Hospital staff and community for selecting the Prince and Princess this year

NAIDOC WEEK in 2024 is celebrated from Sun, 7 July 2024 – Sun, 14 July 2024

NAIDOC WEEK is the National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee and celebrates the history, culture and achievements of our people.

Coober Pedy saw its first NAIDOC BALL on Thursday 11 July at the Greek Community Club Hall.

Congratulations goes to the organisers, ACAG, 'AMYAC Community Action Group' for all their hard work in putting together Coober Pedy's first NAIDOC Mini Ball during NAIDOC week, AND thank you to the AMYAC committee and to CEO, Mr Michael Coughlan for all of their support in launching this event.

Thank you to the GREEK COMMUNITY CLUB at COOBER PEDY for allowing us to have the NAIDOC BALL at the hall. Children who attended, were absolutely stunning. They danced the night away. It was all about having fun and they enjoyed the evening immensely and so did their parents. It was a pleasure to be part of this event and we thank everybody for coming and being a part of our NAIDOC Mini Ball.

A further thank you to Kasey from the Bakery for Catering and to Dave Laslett for coming to Coober Pedy for our Naidoc Ball and taking lots of photos. Hopefully year next will be even bigger!



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING BLAK LOUD AND PROUD, NAIDOC WEEK
AMYAC Community Action Group

COOBER PEDY TRIP

Weekend: 20-22 September

- Why?:**
1. To see where Ntaria 'family' passed away in 1960.
 2. On Saturday 21 September at 11am, to unveil a plaque to remember the place.
 3. Plant a tree or shrub or two!!

PLAQUE READS:

In this vicinity lie the remains of five Arrarnta men who perished when their car broke down during a severe heat wave in excess of 50°C in January 1960. They had set out from Coober Pedy to drive to William Creek.

Rolfe Entata Laughing Willie
Frank Maynard Jackaboy Rakara
Jimmy Graham

This memorial erected with support of family and friends in 2020

If you or your family members are interested or know of anyone who might like to attend this ceremony down along the Coober Pedy to William Creek road;

1. Let them know of the above details..... "spread the word around..."
2. Work out your own travel, accommodation, food details.
3. Inform Ingkaarta Neville Doecke from Hermannsburg/Ntaria that you will be attending [give numbers]
Mobile: 0498 583 808 Email: doecke.nh@gmail.com



RED DIRT

Service and Repair

Workshop is now open week days - Call in and see Marcus

Lot 66 Seventeen Mile Rd (Opposite Lion's Club)
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085582637596>
PHONE: 0488007450 or FB Messenger



Motor Repairs
Servicing
Exhaust
Brakes
Truck/Trailer repairs
Steering/suspension
Clutch/transmission
Radios and cooling

Diagnostics
Auto electrical
Air conditioning
Air-con regassing
Diesel mechanic
Mining Machinery
Heavy Vehicles
Vehicle parking

Celebrating Six Decades of the Duke Legacy in Andamooka

Article by Leila Day -
Andamooka

Andamooka and the Dukes: A Legacy of Opals, Innovation, and Culture.

On May 17, 1964, Inge and Rudi Duke arrived in Andamooka with their daughter Margot, and son Nick marking the beginning of a remarkable journey.

Over the past sixty years, the Duke family has woven their story into the very fabric of this unique opal mining town, leaving an indelible mark on both the community and the wider Outback tourism industry.

Margot Duke, alongside her parents, has played a pivotal role in shaping Andamooka's identity, transforming it into a vibrant hub of activity that attracts visitors from near and far. The family's dedication and vision have not only boosted the local economy but also highlighted the region's geological richness and stunning beauty.

A Legacy of Innovation and Perseverance

The cornerstone of the Duke family's legacy is the Dukes Accommodation Establishment, founded by Rudi and Inge in 1967. This establishment, which started as a modest venture, has evolved over the years into a central point of Andamooka's community life.

Today, the Dukes Bottlehouse Motel proudly services eight accommodation rooms and offers a plethora of amenities and services that cater to both tourists and locals.

The Motel's multifaceted facilities include the Andamooka Post Office, an Underground Gem and Mineral Museum, and an Opal Showroom. These attractions not only showcase the town's rich opal heritage but also educate visitors on the unique geological phenomena of the area.

Fostering Creativity: The Underground Art Gallery

Margot Duke, continuing her family's legacy, recently opened the Andamooka Underground Art Gallery to celebrate sixty years in the town. The gallery stands as a testament to Margot's commitment to fostering creativity and enriching the cultural landscape of Andamooka. It provides a platform for Margot and her partner Peter Taubers to display their art collection, adding a vibrant cultural dimension to the town and offering visitors a unique artistic experience.



Margot Duke in the Opal Showroom



Partners Peter Taubers and Margot Duke at Umbertos



Leila Day from Andamooka Observatory with Margot Duke at the National Opal Symposium 2021 - Coober Pedy



Margot Duke as a young girl at Andamooka.



The famous Dukes Bottlehouse incorporating a Motel, Opal Showroom, Museum, Art Gallery and Post Office.

A Grand Celebration.

The opening of the Underground Art Gallery was a grand event, graced by the presence of South Australian Minister for Tourism and Multi-Cultural Affairs, the Hon. Zoe Bettison.

This momentous occasion highlighted the significance of the Duke family's contributions to Andamooka and their impact on the broader Outback tourism industry.

Adding to the celebrations, Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia visited Andamooka and led the crowd in a heartfelt sing-along of "Happy Birthday" to Dukes Bottlehouse Motel. This special moment underscored the community's deep appreciation for Margot's enduring dedication and the remarkable legacy of the Duke family.

Supporting the Opal Industry

The Dukes have also been instrumental in supporting Andamooka's opal mining community. Their establishment facilitates opal miner access to essential services provided by the Department of Energy and Mining, including obtaining a Precious Stones Prospecting Permit (PSPP), Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILLUA), and registering mining claims. This support has been crucial in sustaining the local opal industry, ensuring that it remains a viable economic activity for the region.

A Celebration of Excellence

As Andamooka celebrates the 60th anniversary of the Dukes' arrival, it's a time to reflect on the incredible legacy they have built. Their innovation, perseverance, and commitment to excellence have transformed Andamooka into a thriving community that proudly showcases its natural and cultural treasures.

Here's to celebrating sixty years of the Duke family's remarkable journey. Their contributions have not only enriched Andamooka but also left a lasting impact on the Outback tourism industry. The legacy of Margot, Inge, and Rudi Duke is a testament to what can be achieved with vision, dedication, and a deep love for the community.

For more information about the Dukes Accommodation Establishment and the Andamooka Underground Art Gallery, visit <https://andamookaopal.com.au/>

LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TO CONTINUE AT COOBER PEDY FOR ANOTHER 12 MONTHS, AFTER TOKEN CONSULTATION

From page 5

South Australia Police

CBS Local police reported that midday opening hours have provided a 2-hour window in the mornings for police to attend to other policing work rather than having to respond to alcohol-related tasks as was previously the case.

Response: If the Police station was at its full capacity with staffing, [they are short of ten officers], it wouldn't be an issue with policing the community. That is the State's responsibility! The afternoon opening hours made policing slightly better for them, by moving the problem to the afternoon and night.

CBS Common assaults', 'serious criminal trespass – residence' and 'serious assaults not resulting in injury' remained about the same.

Response: Police failed to mention serious assault causing death. (Fatal stabbing in the main street).

CBS I also take into account that the quieter mornings have allowed police to focus on other policing work than responding to alcohol related tasks which has other positive flow-on effects for the community..

Response: Surely the police are using the quieter mornings to focus on finding the culprits that have caused serious criminal trespass, serious assaults and other criminal activities throughout the night? They are not utilising their 2 hours in the morning to wash their police vehicles.

We believe that the CBS officers have limited understanding of the daily reality of living in a war zone, and have formed their decision with NO real-life experience, and potentially by cherry-picking the departmental reports. In our view the flow-on effect will see alcohol sales flourish, people remain drunk but continue to stimulate the economy using their welfare money, with public monies flowing into the welfare departments, thus creating employment. Otherwise, why would these departments be established in a town, nowhere near the affected communities?

CBS In considering the impact on tourism, I take into account that alcohol transactions have not decreased, but rather appear to have increased during the tourist season at the standalone packaged liquor store, so to that extent, there is little evidence (other than anecdotal) to suggest that tourists are being negatively impacted by the restrictions.

Response: I suggest you leave your contact details for the tourists, and you can get direct feedback from the many disgruntled travellers that we encounter.

CBS: I accept that liquor restrictions result in inconvenience to all who choose to purchase takeaway liquor and that some pre-planning is involved for special events and parties, however, I consider that the inconvenience is not unreasonable or disproportionate to the harm-minimization objectives which the liquor restrictions seek to achieve and that customers can still purchase quantities of alcohol during reasonable business hours.

Response: I consider the conclusion is most likely unlawful as it targets law-abiding citizens and their civil and constitutional rights when 98 percent are law-abiding and are now restricted. We believe this to be also discriminating. One set of rules for landowners and mining companies and penalise everyone else.

The object of the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 is to regulate and control the promotion, sale, supply and consumption of liquor -(a) to ensure that the sale and supply of liquor occurs in a manner that minimises the harm and potential for harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor.

The Act defines that 'harm', caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor includes –

- (a) the risk of harm to children, vulnerable people and communities (whether to a community as a whole or a group within a community); and
- (b) the adverse economic, social and cultural effects on communities (whether on a community as a whole or a group within a community); and
- (c) the adverse effects on a person's health; and
- (d) alcohol abuse or misuse; and
- (e) domestic violence or anti-social behaviour, including causing personal injury and property damage.

Q: Where in the Act does it show that law-abiding citizens are to be restricted on the purchase of alcohol?

Q: Where does the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 show the restrictions on the sale of alcohol to tourists that are not subject to any court order?

The commissioner has not listened to the local community. His decision was based only on the police, Council and Umoona Health.

The restrictions are based on antisocial people offending; therefore, they should not affect the 93 per cent of people doing the right thing.

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- (e) domestic violence or anti-social behaviour, including causing personal injury and property damage.

I do not fit into any of the categories under the Liquor Licensing Act

LOCAL NEWS

AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE



AUSTRALIAN OPAL TOUR 2024

25 September – 4 October 2024 <https://www.australianopalcentre.com/opaltour>


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Tuesday 24 September	Evening meet and greet in Sydney NSW
Wednesday 25 September	Fly Sydney to Lightning Ridge NSW
Thursday 26 September	Lightning Ridge and surrounding opal fields
Friday 27 September	Lightning Ridge and surrounding opal fields
Saturday 28 September	Fly Lightning Ridge to Winton Qld
Sunday 29 September	Winton opal fields
Monday 30 September	Fly Winton to Coober Pedy SA
Tuesday 1 October	Coober Pedy opal fields
Wednesday 2 October	Fly Coober Pedy to White Cliffs NSW. Visit opal fields
Thursday 3 October	Fly White Cliffs to Sydney NSW

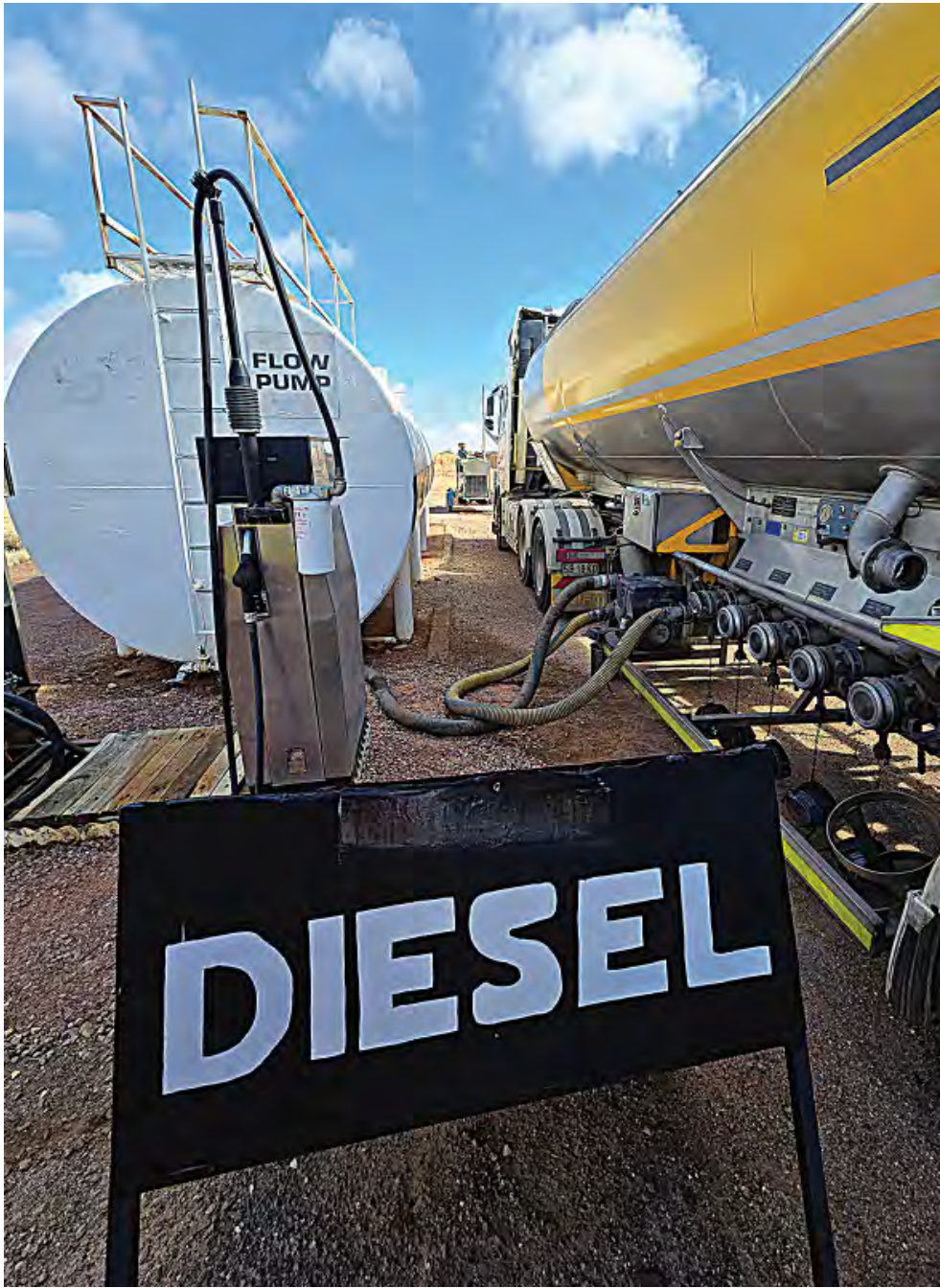
Every endeavour will be made to adhere to the proposed timetable. If circumstances outside our control, such as weather, cause some activities to change, there will be fun alternatives.

Email register@australianopalcentre.com to receive more information as tour details are finalised. Places are strictly limited and participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

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HERITAGE TOURISM FUNDING ANNOUNCED

More than a dozen businesses will share in nearly \$150,000 in State Government funding to enhance heritage tourism across South Australia.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$15,000 have been awarded to 13 businesses under the new Activating Heritage Tourism Small Grants program.

Successful projects include the development of the Eyre Peninsula’s first cultural tour in Port Lincoln, new heritage tours at the historical Yalumba distillery in the Barossa Valley and the creation of a storytelling bush tucker garden at Wadna.

A total of \$147,794 was awarded through the partnership between the Department for Environment and Water and the Tourism Industry Council SA (TiCSA).

Applicant contributions will see projects have an overall value of about \$250,000. In 2023, tourism contributed \$10.1 billion to the South Australian economy, with \$1.2 billion of that attributed to heritage tourism.

Susan Close MP Acting Premier Minister for Climate / Environment and Water said, *Heritage Tourism connect visitors to our state’s character and way of life.It is a testament to our state’s diverse history, and the businesses which are telling our stories, to see such an amazing range of experiences receiving these funds.*

These grants will give tourism businesses and attractions a ‘hand up’ so that they can creatively engage visitors in our stories.

Organisation	Project description	Funding
Untamed Escapes	Development of the Eyre Peninsula’s first Cultural Tour in Port Lincoln.	\$14,930
Walk the Limestone Coast	Videography to promote the rich culture and heritage experienced on the Taste of the Aussie Camino - Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage.	\$12,800
Wadna	Flinders Ranges garden showcasing bushtucker, medicine and cultural heritage with interpretive signage.	\$10,130
Riesling Trail Bike Hire	Burra by Bike: Provision of eco-friendly and sustainable tourism options for Burra State Heritage sites.	\$7160
Yalumba Family Winemakers	175 Years – activating the historical Yalumba Distillery, believed to be SA’s oldest pot still, with a bookable wine and whiskey experience and self-guided experience.	\$10,000
Mary MacKillop Penola Centre	Mary MacKillop Penola Centre – Lightscape Project: Illuminating Experiences.	\$15,000
Port Adelaide Football Club	Development of a self-guided online tour through the Port Adelaide Football Club Museum.	\$15,000
Emu Ridge Eucalyptus	Enhancing the visitor experience specifically centred around the history of the South Australian eucalyptus oil industry and the MacGillivray Post Office on Kangaroo Island.	\$6960
Sevenhill Cellars	Digitisation of heritage walking trail.	\$10,880
Barossa Museum	The Museum Project: Telling the story of the Barossa through updated storyboards, recorded narratives and tours.	\$5750
Hahndorf Academy Foundation Incorporated	Hahndorf Museum – Imagine the Past: A vibrant heritage museum engaging tourists and future historians.	\$14,700
Kay Brothers	Interpretive display showing the unique and valuable history of the Kay Brothers family and winery.	\$15,000
Seppeltsfield Wines	A Seppeltsfield self-guided heritage tour experience using QR codes on signage linked to podcasts.	\$9484

Zoe Bettison MP Minister for Tourism said, *South Australia has a unique history and a diversity of heritage unlike anywhere else in the nation.*

These grants help tourism operators tell our South Australian stories, to preserve our heritage and to share our history not just with visitors but with future generations.

The diversity of grant recipients is as diverse as the heritage they are preserving.

From the First Nations heritage at Wadna in the Flinders Ranges to the life of St Mary MacKillop in the Limestone Coast the rich diversity of our state is accessible to more people than ever before.

Shaun de Bruyn, TiCSA Chief Executive Officer said, *We have loved partnering with the State Government to deliver this grant program.*

As the peak body for tourism operators across SA, we are passionate about building the capability of our diverse industry.

About 95 per cent of tourism operators are micro or small businesses, while heritage organisations are predominantly not-for-profit, volunteer-based organisations - so keeping up with evolving customer expectations is not something they can usually do on their own.

The high level of engagement and the diversity of businesses that have participated in the program shows the breadth of incredible stories we have to share as a state.

ICAC: PUBLIC STATEMENT RESIGNATION OF THE HON. ANN VANSTONE KC

By Coober Pedy Regional Times on July 9, 2024

Statement by the Hon. Ann Vanstone KC
Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

South Australia's ICAC Commissioner resigns

“This morning I advised the Governor of my resignation as Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, effective 6 September 2024. At that time I shall have served four years of my seven year term.”

It has been a pleasure to work with the exceptional team that makes up the Commission. I have led them through tumultuous times and have been impressed by their commitment to finding a way to make an impaired system work, so that it provides public value.

Since the 2021 amendments to the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 2012 (SA), our focus has been on streamlining our investigations, assisting public entities to identify systemic vulnerabilities to corruption and providing education to public officers.

In my time we have published 25 reports (with another 12 in progress) and undertaken nine evaluations of agencies. This activity is informed by our investigations, which remain vital to our work.

We have conducted hundreds of education sessions, which I know public officers find useful. Then, there is the work we do behind closed doors. The importance of all this work has sustained me, and everyone at the Commission. I am immensely proud of it.

My resignation is prompted by a number of factors, some personal, but most professional.

The 2021 amendments to the legislation governing public integrity in South Australia damaged the scheme, under the guise of making it more ‘effective and efficient’. I have been saying this since before the amendments passed and have had reason to continue to say it.

In essence, the public interest is not served by narrowing the definition of corruption, or by isolating the Commission from the intelligence sources constituted by all complaints and reports, or by completely divorcing us from the prosecution process so that we are unable to assist a prosecution.

Absurdly, we are not even allowed to speak to the prosecutor, meaning they are denied access to the expertise and knowledge of Commission investigators who best know the matter.

Likewise, the public interest is not served by gagging us to ensure we cannot comprehensively share with the community what we know about integrity issues in South



Australian public administration; and of course, it is not served when the public is required to pay the legal fees of those convicted of an offence, simply because they were investigated by the Commission.

On multiple occasions, I have pointed out the significant problems within the scheme to this Government and the last, and to the parliamentary committee that oversees us.

It is not that the legislation is wholly unworkable, but it does need to be as robust and effective as possible. I have not asked for the previous scheme to be restored. I have recommended modest reform and an independent review of the amendments to see how effective they are. My words have fallen on deaf ears.

I hope the next Commissioner will succeed where I have failed.

There are two reasons I have remained in the role despite my frustrations with the scheme that governs it. I perhaps naively expected that the weaknesses and issues I have identified would be addressed. That has not happened and I have no confidence that it would, even if I stayed until the end of my term.

Most importantly, I have stayed for the staff, to help them retain faith that the work they do is important and valuable, notwithstanding the attacks on the Commission.

But I have run out of steam.

In closing I wish to thank every person who has ever reported conduct suspected of being corruption and those witnesses who have assisted in the investigations of such allegations. You are the most important cogs in the public integrity wheel.

To the staff of the Commission, I say thank you. I have so enjoyed working with each of you and am grateful for your hard work and commitment to the Commission’s cause. I shall miss you.

Tuesday afternoon 9 July 2024 **Attorney-General Kyam Maher MLC** made the following statement on the resignation of the Hon Ann Vanstone KC

The State Government has been advised that the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Honourable Ann Vanstone KC, will be leaving the position later this year.

Commissioner Vanstone is the second person to hold the position of Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, taking over from inaugural Commissioner Bruce Lander KC in 2020.

Ms Vanstone’s resignation will take effect from 6 September.

The Government thanks Commissioner Vanstone for her service over the last 4 years, and will commence recruitment of a new Commissioner in the coming weeks

FOGGY MORNINGS FOR COOBER PEDY



District Council of Coober Pedy

Adoption of Valuations and Declaration of Rates

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting of 5 July 2024 the District Council of Coober Pedy adopted its valuations and declared its rates for the 2024-25 financial year. The Council resolved as below.

Adoption of Valuations

To adopt for rating purposes the capital valuations made by the Valuer-General within the Council area totalling \$176,914,120 of which \$153,944,436 represents rateable land.

Declaration of Differential General Rates

To declare: differential general rates according to land use as follows:

Residential	1.4649 cents in the dollar
Commercial – Shop	1.6846 cents in the dollar
Commercial – Office	1.6846 cents in the dollar
Commercial– Other	1.6846 cents in the dollar
Industry Light	1.6844 cents in the dollar
Industry – Other	1.6846 cents in the dollar
Vacant Land	1.4649 cents in the dollar
Other	1.6846 cents in the dollar

To impose a fixed charge of \$75.00 in respect of each separate piece of rateable land within the Council area.

Adoption of Regional Landscape Levy

To declare a separate rate of a fixed charge based on the land use code on all rateable land in the Council area of:

Residential	\$46.90
Commercial – Shop	\$93.80
Commercial – Office	\$93.80
Commercial – Other	\$93.80
Industry Light	\$93.80
Industry – Other	\$93.80
Vacant Land	\$46.90
Other	\$46.90

to raise the amount of \$82,415 on behalf of the SA Arid Lands Landscape (SAAL) Board.

Adoption of Water Annual Service Charge

To impose an annual service charge on all land within the Council area to which the Council provides or makes available the prescribed service of the treatment and provision of water, based on the nature of the service, of \$325.44.

Declaration of Annual Wastewater Service Rate

To declare a service rate for the prescribed service of the collection, treatment and disposal of waste water in respect of all rateable land within the Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) Area and within the area of the Council, as set out in Attachment 1 to the Report titled "2024-25 Annual Business Plan Budget, Valuations and Rates - Adoption" and dated 5 July 2024, of 0.5816 cents in the dollar, based on the capital value of the land, the subject of the rate.

Payment of Rates

That all rates and charges will fall due in four equal or approximately equal instalments on 2 September 2024, 2 December 2024, 3 March 2025 and 2 June 2025

A copy of the Annual Business Plan 2024-25 can be viewed at the Council offices, Lot 773 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy SA 5723, during business hours or from www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au

Dated 5 July 2024

Scott Reardon

Acting Chief Executive Officer

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FUNERAL NOTICE



Yanni Doumtsis

The relatives and friends of Yanni are respectfully informed that his funeral service will be conducted on **Tuesday July 16, 2024 at 11am**, in Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Coober Pedy.

The cortege will then proceed to the Coober Pedy Cemetery for the committal.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 10:15am at the Coober Pedy Hospital.

Grant Family Funerals
0418 816 745 0418 894 014

PUBLIC NOTICE

Coober Pedy Mine Rescue/SES
Unit Manager: Petta Burnett
Deputy Unit Manager: Mark Hood
Ph: 0458 679 977

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
Location: Coober Pedy Mine Rescue/SES Shed
- 1 McDougal Street
Date: 13TH July 2024
Time: 18:00 – 6pm

Any apologies to Petta Burnett by 12th July 2024
* If interested in volunteering please call 0427 725 446 or email Petta.burnett@sasesvolunteer.org.au *

Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.

Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.

Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

ANDREWS PROPERTY

Deceased Estate Portfolio Auction

Lot 163 Paxton Road, Coober Pedy



- Former commercial property - 3 bed, 1 bath
- Zoned - Township
- Land - 1300 sqm approx.
- Leased at \$165 per week

Lot 102 Roberts street, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 5 bed 1 bath
- Zoned - Residential
- Land: 809 sqm approx.
- Leased at \$185 per week

Lot 1347 Burke Street, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 3 bed, 1 bath
- Zoned - Residential
- Land: 928 sqm approx.
- Leased: \$140 per week

Lot 1637 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 3 bed, 1 bath
- Zoned - Residential
- Land: 1313 sqm approx.
- Leased: \$220 per week

Lot 230 Stretton Road, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 2 bed, 1 bath
- Zoned - Residential
- Land: 2616 sqm approx.
- Leased: \$150 per week

Lot 397 Jones Street, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 2 bed, 1 bath
- Zoned - Residential
- Land: 899sqm approx.
- Leased: \$160 per week

Lot 407 Fitzgerald Road, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 3 bed, 1 bath
- Zoned - Residential
- Land: 1050 sqm approx.
- Leased: \$160 per week

211 Stretton Road, Coober Pedy

- Opportunity to renovate - reside or rent
- Large clean up required - you never know what you may find
- Value in property and loose items
- Fantastic opportunistic project

Lot 1073 Opal Crescent, Coober Pedy

- Residential dwelling - 3 bed, 1 bath
- Two dugouts on the one Crown Record (Annual Licence)
- Combined kitchen and dining area
- Carpeted bedrooms and living areas

Auction: 16th July 2024 at 12:00 Noon
at Italian Club, Coober Pedy
– Italian Club Road

(All properties offered individually unless sold prior)

Enquiries to Warren Andrews
0418 700 600 |
warren.andrews@andrewsproperty.com.au
(RLA: 321321)

WEDNESDAY

CFS TRAINING

Training 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.

ALL enquiries to Cpt Matt Corner on 0458 396 305

MINE RESCUE/SES

1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm, and
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am.

Unit Manager Contact detail is 0427 725 446.

THURSDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See back page for latest updates



FRIDAYS

Greek Charcoal BBQ every Friday at the Greek Hall.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meets Fridays 7pm at the side of the Catholic Church

If you have a drinking problem and need help. Call 1800222222, Or call Dave on 0409349753

SATURDAYS

Saturday 21 September at 11 am
Unveiling of Memorial at site 65km east along the William Creek road. Details to come.

PARKRUN

8am Saturday mornings
Town Oval



GOLF 8 30am

MINE RESCUE/SES

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am
Duty officer ph no: is 0427 752 446

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK page for latest updates, or Ring John DiDonna on 0427 649 389

CROATION CLUB

Happy Hour 6-7pm

SUNDAYS

CATACOMB Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES begin on the 10th and then every Sunday following EASTER SERVICES Easter Friday 29th March and Sunday 31st March.

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK PAGE for latest updates
Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389

COOBER PEDY RSL

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

lets create!
**Costumes
Masks &
Headress**

**PORTABLE
INFLATABLES**

BOOK NOW
Ph: 0466 265 377
people aged 8years old or under must be accompanied by an adult

at
ANDAMOOKA

12th & 15th July
10am - 12pm
Andamooka Primary School
Community Library

As part of the ongoing Opal Evolution project in Andamooka, this workshop will focus on:
Costume Making: Backpack-based costumes, characters, portable inflatables
Masks and Headdresses

Open to all community members: seniors, youth, school kids, sewers, crafters and anyone with a passion for creativity and community arts projects.

Tony Hannan is a sculptor and maker who works with communities to create giant puppets, parade floats, banners, and flags. He teaches a wide range of skills including lantern making, stilts, inflatables, fire murals, and articulated fire puppets. Tony is the founder of kneeHIGH puppeteers (now OSCA) and the Hills Lantern

Festival <http://tonyhannan.com>

Workshop Date & Time:

Friday 12th July 10am-12pm

Monday 15th July 10am-12pm

Location: Andamooka Primary School, Community Library

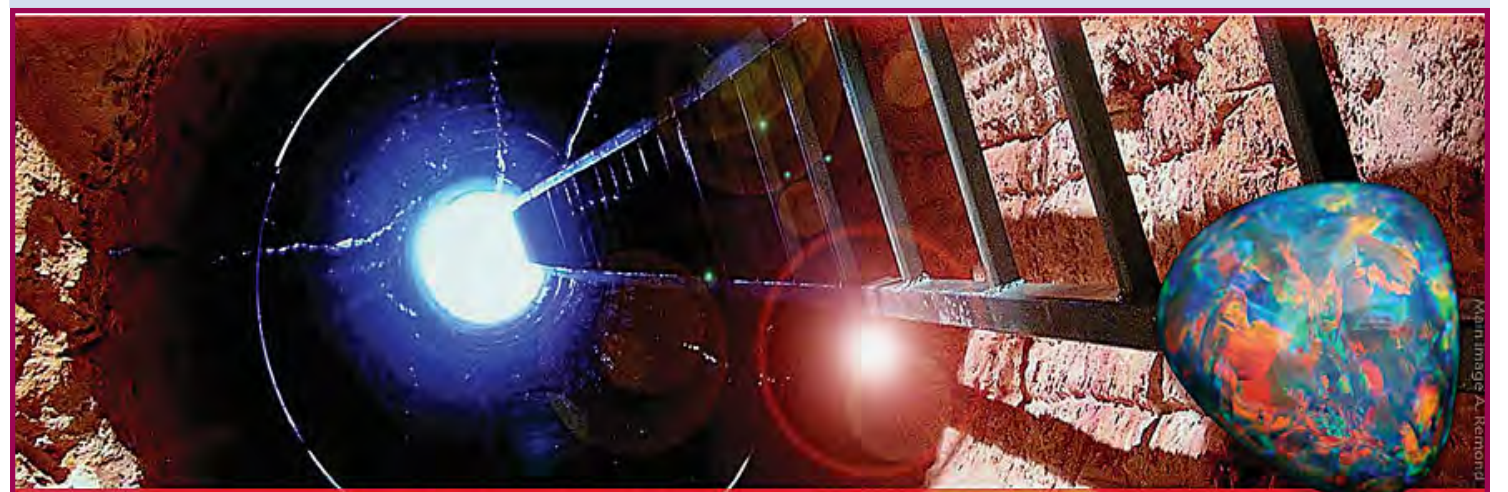
All participants aged 8 years old or under, must be accompanied by an adult for the entirety of the workshop.

Don't miss this chance to unleash your creativity and be part of something spectacular!
Opal Evolution Festival: Celebrating the Eromanga Sea

FIND OUT MORE: <https://events.humanitix.com/creative-workshops-with-tony-hannan>
OPAL EVOLUTION ANDAMOOKA <https://osca.org.au/project/opal-evolution/>

Opal Evolution is a community arts project celebrating Andamooka opal and prehistoric creatures, and the ancient inland sea, the project is a series of art workshops in lighting & projection design, digital drawing, large scale puppet making and costumes and parade props that will culminate into an annual festival in Andamooka on the October Long Weekend.

The inaugural festival will be October 2024 this is a community led project that will evolve into a full-scale event in the lead up to 2027 when Andamooka host the National Opal Symposium.



AOC AUSTRALIAN OPAL TOUR 2024

Experience of a lifetime • 25 September - 4 October 2024

See link for Itinery

<https://www.facebook.com/cooberpedyregionaltimes/posts/pfbid047D1eDFaalVsJjRSVeqKqYW14uZfnw6VTqPNQWwjrerZkpXarb8ygnpX4PbZF7ZYI>

New Code Determination lifts professional standards for tax practitioners

Tax Practitioners Board

A new Ministerial power to expand the obligations in the Code of Professional Conduct (Code) was introduced to enable a swift response to any emerging or existing risks in tax practitioner behaviours and practices. This strengthens the regulatory framework and is consistent with the Government’s announcement in August 2023 to crack down on misconduct and rebuild confidence in the systems and structures that keep our tax system strong.

From 1 August 2024 tax practitioners will need to comply with 8 additional obligations that will supplement the existing obligations under the Code. These new obligations reinforce public trust and confidence in the tax profession and have been informed by public consultation.

The Chair of the Tax Practitioners Board (TPB), Peter de Cure AM said ‘The 8 additional obligations, align with existing principles of the Code, including honesty and integrity, independence, confidentiality and competence. Tax practitioners should familiarise themselves with these new requirements and review their practices to ensure they are compliant.’

Mr de Cure went on to say, ‘Many tax practitioners will already meet these new standards required of them. However, for those tax practitioners that do not, they will need to promptly ensure that they have appropriate controls and arrangements in their practices to comply with the new obligations.’

The TPB will be consulting on draft guidance relating to the new Code obligations progressively, starting in the coming weeks.

About the Tax Practitioners Board

The TPB regulates tax practitioners in order to protect consumers. The TPB aims to assure the community that tax practitioners meet appropriate standards of professional and ethical conduct. Follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

Fatal Crash - Central Desert Region NT Police

Northern Territory Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred 13-7-2024 in the Central Desert Region NT.

Around 2:50pm, Emergency Services received reports that a sedan carrying 5 people had crash on the Tanami Road, 20Km from the Stuart Highway intersection.

NT Police, NT Fire and Rescue Service and St John Ambulance attended the scene where a male and female were declared deceased.

The remaining 3 occupants were conveyed to Alice Springs Hospital for treatment.

A crime scene was declared and the road is currently closed in both direction. Motorists are advised to avoid the area for the remainder of the night. A diversion is expected to be set up later this evening.

The Major Crash Investigation Unit has carriage of the incident and a report will be prepared for the Coroner.

The Lives Lost on Territory Roads in 2024 now stands at 34.

Cooper Pedy Magistrate Court

Malliotis Blvd. Cooper Pedy (08) 8672 5601



Cooper Pedy Sitting dates in AUGUST

Monday 26 Aug
Tuesday 27 Aug
Wednesday 28 Aug
Thursday 29 Aug
Friday 30 Aug

<https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/case-lists/cooper-pedy-caselist/>

<https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/case-lists/roxbury-downs-caselist/>



Call for information – Aggravated robbery – Katherine; Police

Northern Territory Police are calling for information in relation to an aggravated robbery that occurred overnight in Katherine.

Around 9.00pm last night, a group of up to 5 male youths approached and engaged in conversation with two women walking along Dowling Street.

An additional group of youths subsequently approached the women. One of the offenders from this group allegedly threatened one of the women with an edged weapon, before stealing her handbag.

All youths immediately fled the scene.

The 57-year-old woman and her companion did not suffer any injuries.

Police are urging anyone with information, including of CCTV or dash cam footage of the area, to make contact on 131 444 and quote reference P24186803.

Anonymous reports can also be made through Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via <https://crimestoppersnt.com.au/>.


CONTACT


Whyalla
8645 4255

Port Pirie
86331744

Kadina
88214366

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lee@counsellingcompanion.com.au
www.counsellingcompanion.com.au





Cooper Pedy Country Fire Service
Station open Wednesday nights from 1800. (6pm)
with training from 18.30. (6.30pm)

For more information contact
Jeremy at
Jeremy.lambert@sacfsvolunteer.org.au

Or Coordinator, Raylene Hagel 040 808 9725.
In an Emergency dial 000

FOSSICKING FOR OPAL

Fossicking Definition

Fossicking means the gathering of precious stones (opal) as a recreation, or without the intention to sell the stones or to utilise them for a commercial or industrial purpose. Note: Does not include gathering precious stones through disturbance of land by machinery or explosives.

Opal Fields are no place for children!



Dangers are everywhere, a child's safety will be placed at risk!

- Open mine shafts / exploration drill holes,
 - Unstable ground, undercut shaft edges and deep trenches,
 - Explosions,
 - Mobile plant and operating machinery, and
 - Snakes and insects.
- Falling into a mine shaft, deep trench or open cut pit, can / will sustain serious injuries or death!
- Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies
- It can reach temperatures of up to 50 degrees during summer months, and the following is recommended:
- Apply 50+ rating sunscreen to protect exposed skin from the sun's UV radiation,
 - Wear a broadbrim hat, strong lightweight clothing, gloves and enclosed footwear, and
 - Wear a P2 Dust mask / respirator when generating dust to prevent possible exposure to respirable crystalline silica.
 - Carry enough cool drinking water and fuel for the trip.
- Note: Camping is illegal on South Australian opal fields!

Communications

When fossicking alone:

- Tell someone where (location) you are going,
- Have communications (phone, two way radio etc...) to regularly check in, and
- Ensure your contact person knows what to do if you don't check in!

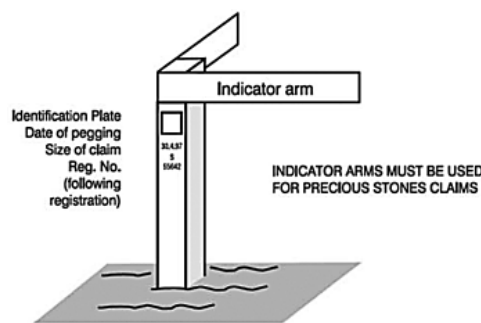


Accessing Opal Fields - Know your Location!



- Use a GPS, compass, or take pictures of locations or ground markings to ensure you know the right way out of the areas,
 - Recommend having a 3m flexible flag (orange) or an amber flashing light to make vehicle visible, and
 - Drive slow, look for traffic and drive to conditions,
- Note: Mine shafts are everywhere, keep eyes open!

Identifying a Registered Claim



A registered claim can be identified by:

- A post on each corner of the claim with a permit number attached to the post.
- Each post must be at least 70 mm thick and stand at least 0.750 m above the surface of the ground.
- Posts must be knocked securely into the ground and have indicator arms on the outer sides of the post to show the direction and clearly identify the claim boundary.

It is an offence for fossickers to enter or remain on land comprised in a claim without obtaining the permission of the owner of the claim

Dangerous Ground

Dangerous ground is an area of ground (mine shafts, tunnels, open pits, faces etc...) that has been deemed unsafe to access, fossick or mine by the Department for Energy and Mining, because it has either collapsed, or has the potential to collapse. Dangerous ground can be identified by a "Danger – Unsafe Ground, No Mining Permitted" sign, or by Red Post Markers knocked into the ground. Accessing or mining dangerous ground is prohibited without approval from SafeWork SA.



Identifying Unsafe Ground

Signs of potentially unsafe ground conditions are, but not limited to:

- Sunken ground, cracked / split ground,
- Open voids, and
- Weathered / eroded shaft edges

Fossicking

Fossickers are warned against entering old open cut and underground workings as many dangers may exist!



- Fossicking can only take place to a maximum depth of 1 metre,
 - All holes must be refilled,
 - Unstable ground, stale air and lack of oxygen,
 - Unprotected openings and water filled holes,
 - Fossicking into sides of excavations may cause a cave in,
 - Large stockpiles may collapse unexpectedly if undercut.
- Note: Seek assistance of experienced and competent miners to assist before entering old mines!

Caldwell Drill Holes and Exploration holes

Do not stand too close to an edge of a mine shaft! Rains can erode and undercut the ground around the top edge of a mine shaft, whilst still giving the appearance of solid ground. When weight is placed on the ground around the edge of the shaft, the ground can give away and collapse!

Hidden Dangers!



Look where you place your feet, and never walk backwards!

Mine shafts can be covered with sheets of corrugated iron or thin metal mesh, spinifex, mullock heap spoil and other materials which can hide the dangers. Stepping on these areas, can result in the material / ground collapsing, and a person falling down a mine shaft. It is recommended to:

- Use a thin long steel rod or piece of wood to test the ground in front of you when walking around the base of a heap.
- Listening for metal on metal type sounds when tapping / pushing into the material, is a good way to identify these hazards.

Mullock Heaps



Mullock heaps are mounds of material that have been dug from a mine shaft and underground, and are generally known as waste material, and can be very slippery to climb.

Mine shafts are located at the bases of a heaps. When climbing, a loss of footing could result in a person sliding to the bottom of the heap, into a mine shaft resulting in serious injury or death.

Always climb a heap on the opposite side to a mine shaft opening, and always take a bucket of material from a heap and search through it on stable, safe ground.

First Aid and Emergencies

Be prepared for minor first aid injuries or emergency situations while fossicking in the opal fields.

Snakes are all too common in these areas, they can be found in shafts and holes, or curled up under a bush or a piece of tin.

The "inland taipan" and the "brown snake" are extremely poisonous and will attack if they feel threatened.

Ensure your first aid kit has a snake bite kit in it and familiarise with the requirements for first aid treatment of a snake bite.

It is recommended at a minimum, that the following is carried in a vehicle at all times whilst in the opal fields:

- A small first aid kit, and snake bite kit, and
 - List of emergency contact numbers
- Emergency Contact Numbers
- Ambulance, Fire and Police : 000
 - Coober Pedy Mine Rescue / SES - EMERGENCY ONLY : 132 500
 - Andamooka SES : 0427 181 752
 - Andamooka CFS : 0408 807 943

Additional Information

For further information on opal mining & locations, go to www.energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/mining/opal_mining or Contact: Ashley.Wood@sa.gov.au Phone: 08 8672 5800 or Kosta Christopoulos Opal Mining Registrar Email: Kosta.Christopoulos@sa.gov.au | Ph 08 86789061

Updated Local Service
Provider Listings

C.P. Police Station
Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 5056; Assistance 131 444;
Emergency 000; Crime Stoppers 1800 555 677

Coober Pedy Hospital
Lot 89 Hospital Rd
Open 24 hours · (08) 8672 5009

Coober Pedy Medical Practice
Lot 89 McDougal Road
(08) 8678 9224

iCCnet SA (Remote Health Monitoring)
Level 1, Administration Building
1 Tonsley Boulevard, Tonsley SA 5042, Australia
Tel 7117 0600 (9am to 8pm seven days a week)
Email: HEALTHFMCiCCnetSA@sa.gov.au

Coober Pedy Area School
17/18 Paxton Rd. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 5077

Umoona Tjutagku Health Service
Lot 8 Umoona Rd
(08) 8672 5255

Housing SA
Lot 334 Hutchison St (Opposite Bank)
PHONE: 131 299

Centrelink
LOT 715 Hutchison St. Coober Pedy
13 24 68

District Council of Coober Pedy
LOT 773 Hutchison St. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 4600

Coober Pedy Tourist Information Cen.
LOT 773 Hutchison St
(08) 8672 4600

Umoona Community Council Inc
Umoona Rd
(08) 8672 5246

MAP/Sobering Up Centre. Ph: 86723903
MAP BUS Tues to Sat. 4pm-12am.
Sobering Up Centre Tues - Sat 4pm - 8am

Umoona Tjitji Tjapu Tjuta Childcare Centre
Lot 315 Robins Blvd
(08) 8672 5644

Umoona Aged Care
Lot 89 Hospital Rd
(08) 8672 5605

National Indigenous Australians Ag. (NIAA)
17/18 Paxton Rd. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 5077

Far North Health Advisory Council
C/- Coober Pedy Hospital
(08) 8672 5009

C.P. Community Correctional Centre:
Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 3091

Uniting Country SA
Paxton Rd
1300 067 777

TAFE SA
Adult education school
Hutchison St. Coober Pedy
(08) 8678 9000

Coober Pedy Magistrates Court
Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 5601

Child Abuse Report Line (CARL)
131478

Aboriginal Family Support Services
Lot 1991 Aylett Street, Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 3066

Coober Pedy Retail, Business
and Tourism Association Inc

Coober Pedy SA 3723
Committee Elected for 2024
President: George Kountouris
Vice President: George Russell OAM
Treasurer: Nick Brellas
Secretary/Public Officer: Nicky Kountouris
Committee Members:
Irene Spillmann
Daniel Tsharke
Sean Harrison
Contact: chair@cooberpedy.com
<https://www.cooberpedy.com/contact-2/>

Coober Pedy Sports and
Recreation Association Inc

Dilusha Fernando - Chairperson
Jacqui Boland - Treasurer
Gwen Martin - Secretary
Jon Fatt-Clifton - Committee member
Paul Maduro - Committee member
Email: cpsportsandrecreation@gmail.com

COOBER PEDY, SA 5723
Committee Elected for 2024-2026

COOBER PEDY SHOOTERS
CLUB Inc

COOBER PEDY, SA 5723
Committee Elected for 2023/2024“

President Daniel Lamb
“Senior Vice President Stephen Scott“
Junior Vice President Nil“
Secretary John Di Donna“
Treasurer Suzanne Bunker“
Public Relations Daniel Lamb“
PR /MPIO Officer Tabetha Wilkes“
F/Arms Instructor Chris Warrior“
F/Arms Instructor John Di Donna“
F/Arms Instructor Dale Price“
F/Arms Instructor James Michie“
Licensee/Armourer Chris Warrior“
Licensee/Armourer Daniel Lamb
Contact Secretary: 0427 649 389

Coober Pedy RSL
(Sub branch)

President: Raylene Hagel
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Matt Cormer
Ronda Michell
Malcolm Michell
Rosslyn Jazepczyk
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Coober Pedy RSL, Edward Street
COOBER PEDY SA 5723
(08) 8672 5477

Coober Pedy Historical
Society Inc

Committee 2024
Chairperson: Yuko Castles
Secretary: Jenny Davison
Treasurer: Sue Britt
Janet Walton
Edi Brandli
Contact: cooberpedyhs@gmail.com

Coober Pedy
GEM TRADE SHOW
Association Inc

Committee 2024
TBA

COOBER PEDY MINERS
ASSOCIATION INC

Coober Pedy SA 3723
Committee Elected for 2024
President: Matt Graham,
Secretary: Monique Harding
Treasurer: John Olsson,
Committee Members:
Rod Wells,
Mish Blanus,
Dean Kennelly, Sebastian Crisa,
Mike Eakins, Steve Perkins,
Lachlan Blanchford,
Shannon Blanchford
Bailey Stevens

Coober Pedy Opal Fields
Golf Club Inc.

Coober Pedy SA 3723
Committee Elected for 2024
Club Captain: Stephen Borrett
President: Chevahn Hoad
Secretary: Nadine Lewis
Treasurer: Father Paul Crotty
Grounds Keeper: Dylan Lewis
Bar Manager: Stephen Borrett
Committee Members:
Chloe Lewis,
Miro Markovic
Contact: cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com

Coober Pedy Area School
Governing Council

Members
Maurice Saah (Principal) - Ex-Officio Member
Elected Staff Representative
Veronika Witham
Elected Parent Members
Lisa McClure
Chantelle Bamford- Secretary
Sabrina Troisi- Treasurer
Lyn Boussios
Ariane Montminy-Roberge- Chairperson
Lia Pantelis
Yuko Castles
Marzena Mazurkiewicz
Sarah Rethus
Donna Clements
Elected Community Members
Amber McDonald
Maria Brellas


We are currently waiting on our
representatives from the Umoona Community
and the District Council of Coober Pedy

Outback Open Air Cinema Inc
(Coober Pedy Drive In
Theatre)

Coober Pedy SA 3723
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Chantelle Bamford Chairperson
Rebecca Nicolle Deputy chair
Tanya Lauder Secretary/Treasurer
Lyndal Price - Committee member
Gemma Hoad - Committee member
Kaysy Clet de Leon-Committee member
Bethany Aylett- Committee member
<http://www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au/>


DUSTY RADIO INC

Coober Pedy SA 3723
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Treasurer: Suzanne Bunker
Public Officer: Patsy Anne Noble
Social Media Officer: Rika Wiegand
Committee member: Tess Wiegand
Committee member: Karen Harvey
<https://www.dustyradio.com.au/>



Cooper Pedy Shooter's Club

Established 1974



Cooper Pedy Shooter Club welcomes all new members, visitors and Sponsors
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)
& 10 yrs (Pistols).

Starting Times 9:00 AM

Saturday — Pistols (IPSC)

6 July

13 July

20 July

27 July

3 August

DISCIPLINES INCLUDE:

Air Rifle/ pistol

IPSC

ISSF

Rifle Metallic Silhouette

Combine Service

Black Powder

Service pistol

Shotgun

Steel Challenge

Cooper Pedy Shooter's Club supports:

Darts

Archery

Starting Time: 10:00 AM

Sundays .22 Rimfire 100m Benchrest

7 July

14 July

21 July

28 July

4 August



FINAL REMINDER MEMBERSHIP Renewal Now Due 2024

Single Membership \$ 100.00

Couple Membership \$150.00

Family Membership \$ 200.00

Affiliate Membership \$20.00

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
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