

**Media Release:  
Coober Pedy Reunion a Centenary Highlight**

9 July 2014

Calling all past residents of Coober Pedy!

One of the highlights of the town's Centenary Year in 2015 will be a Reunion Lunch on Sunday April 5th at the Coober Pedy Area School, starting at 11.00am.

Mayor Steve Baines wants it to be a huge event, bringing together some of the great characters who have contributed to Coober Pedy's colourful history.

"We're famous for being a unique place but that's only come about because so many unique people have lived here over the years", Steve said.

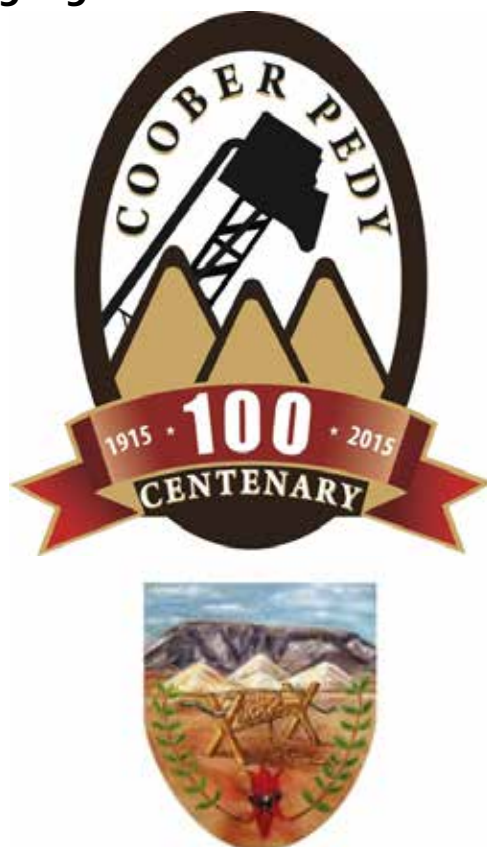
"Coober Pedy is an extraordinary place with an extraordinary history. There's never a dull moment here, and that's down to the very special sort of people who've been attracted to its unique character and have, in turn, added to it. I don't think there's anywhere else in Australia quite like Coober Pedy and I know there are hundreds, if not thousands, of past residents who'd agree with me.

"It's the people who make the town, and we want as many of those people as possible to come back here for the Reunion Lunch. I think we're sure to see some long-lost friends get together again in the true spirit of the town, which would be a wonderful thing.

"It will be the culmination of an action-packed and exciting week which also includes a Centenary Street Party on April 2, with food and live music; the 100-Year Ball on April 3; the Opal Festival on April 4 and the Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show on April 4 and 5"

Other Centenary events throughout the year are the Australia Day commemoration on January 26, with Coober Pedy Ambassador Maggie Beer; the Centenary Launch on February 1; the Great Breakaways Bold on May 23; the Harmony Day Multicultural Festival in March or June; and the Coober Pedy Races and Gymkhana on August 8 and 9.

A working group is being formed to finalise details of the Reunion Lunch and attendance cost is expected to be finalised some time in August.



District Council of Coober Pedy

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**MINI GEMS CHILDREN'S CENTRE**



Requires:

**Childcare Professional  
Level 3 Inc 1  
\$ 30.63 p/hr  
Full Time Casual**

**(Position is a 6 month contract to be reviewed end of June 2015.)**

The District Council of Coober Pedy invites applications to fill the position of a Casual Child Care Professional at Mini Gems Children's Centre, a high quality Accredited Child Care Service.

Coober Pedy, South Australia, is located 840 kilometres north of Adelaide and 690 kilometres south of Alice Springs, with a multicultural population of approximately 3,500 predominantly involved in tourism, opal mining and other support services and industries. Recognised as "The Opal Capital of the World", Coober Pedy produces approximately 70% of the World's precious opal. The tourism and opal mining industries are a major contributor to the economy and employment in town.

Applicants must have qualifications as specified in the DECS Licensing & Standards, Senior First Aid Certificate and Child Safe Environment Certificate.

A remuneration package approximately 20% above child care award.

A Position Description can be obtained by contacting Mij Dukarich on (08) 8672 4623 or email [mdukarich@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:mdukarich@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au)

Requires:

**Casual  
Level. 2 – \$27.65 ph  
(Certificate 3 / Studying Certificate 3 in Children's Servies)**

Applicants will be required to provide contact details for three referees. Written applications of no more than one page can be forwarded to The Director, Mij Dukarich, Mini Gems Children's Centre, PO Box 392, Coober Pedy SA 5723 or personally delivered to Mini Gems front desk.

Email: [mdukarich@cpccouncil.sa.gov](mailto:mdukarich@cpccouncil.sa.gov)

Position will be open until suitable applicant is found.



**District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter**

*Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World*

**ISSUE 8 - AUGUST 2014**

**Community News**

**From Little Things Big Things Grow**

By Damien Bachmann

On 18 June, 15 professional golfers from across Australia and the US came to Coober Pedy for a wonderful day of Golf.

180 students played on our world famous Golf course and received some high level coaching from the professionals. Sponsors offered caps, T-shirts, shoes, food and drinks. The professionals also gave some great mentoring and motivational speeches.

Pros and amateurs from town had the opportunity to play golf together. The game was followed by drinks and talks at the Golf Club; friendships developed and contacts were made for future events.

The 18 June sowed the seed for promising developments. We are hoping that some of the talented juniors and adults who played on the day will join the Golf club. The great news is that Pro golfers will be back for the Golf Open in October!

Thank you to Mygolfpro, PGA Australia, Coca-Cola-Amatil, Puma, Callaway Golf, CP Council who graded and reshaped the course, Luke Kenny, Andrew Wooden and the CP area school, Amandine Bachmann Caire, Father Paul Bourke, Clair Alford, Good Sports, the CP Police, Angie and Pearl, volunteers from businesses or the town, Families SA, Exact mining and Umoona Tjutagku health services.



**August Events:**

**Sat 9 & Sun 10 Aug 9:00am**  
Coober Pedy OZ Minerals Races

**Saturday 23 Aug**  
William Creek Camp Draft & Bronco Branding

**Saturday 30 Aug**  
Lions Club Trash & Treasure

If you would like your event listed in the newsletter, on Facebook or added to the 'events calendar' on the tourism website please email [newsletter@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au) or call (08) 8672 4600

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**Coober Pedy OZ Minerals Races**  
*45th Annual Race Meeting and Gymkhana*

**9th & 10th August 2014**

From 9am Saturday & 10am Sunday

Stalls, jumping castles, food and novelty events.  
Lots to see and do at the 2014 Coober Pedy Races!

A family weekend  
of fun!!!

**Sunday**

Fashion on the  
Field  
Kids "Best Hat"  
competition



## MAYORS REPORT

July 2014

Mayor Steve Baines

I am pleased to advise that Councils CEO, Phil Cameron has officially exercised his right to extend his current employment contract with Council.

Phil's current contract expires on the 23rd April 2015 and Phil has chosen to take up the option of a two year extension in accordance with clause 4.1 of his contract.

Clause 4.1 of the current agreement states that the right of extension is at the sole discretion of the CEO. Accordingly, the Council is bound by Mr Cameron's decision to extend the term, given that he has achieved 'Competent Performance' as defined.

You will recall that the CEO's Performance Review was undertaken on the 21st May 2014 and the panel found that Competent Performance was achieved and the CEO's performance met expectations. This finding was accepted by Council via resolution on the 17th June 2014.

I have sought advice from Satish Dasan from Norman Waterhouse who drafted the original contract in regard to the extension and have received the following.

**Clause 5.3 requires that if an extension is sought, the parties must enter into a new contract of employment. This means that the extension cannot be achieved simply in an exchange of correspondence between the parties.**

**The new employment agreement can be drafted in almost identical terms to the current agreement, if both parties are happy with the content. There will simply be a need to make a number of administrative changes. I recommend that this new agreement be signed and finalised before the expiry date of the current agreement, being 23 April 2015. Accordingly, I suggest that this extension be dealt with before the caretaker provisions of the Local Government Act 7999 (SA) take effect.**

On this basis I have instructed Mr Dasan to undertake the required administrative changes and will endorse the contract once received.

The changes for commercial and domestic electricity tariffs came into effect on the 1st July 2014 as promised by the state government prior to the South Australian State Elections.

It has been a long hard road trying to get pricing equality for our residents and businesses and I thank everyone involved who offered support in the lead up to the state elections for their assistance, particularly those involved in the OPAL campaign.

### News from the Works Depot

TO ALL RESIDENTS: Over the years people have graded tracks to their properties, which has created a maze of tracks all over town. Please be advised that we are beginning to phase all non-gazetted roads out so that only gazetted roads will remain. For further information or queries please contact Jan van der Merwe, Works Supervisor, on (08) 8672 4625.

### Media Commitments this month

19/06/2014 ABC re Electricity pricing  
2/7/2014 ABC re Electricity pricing

### NADIOC Awards

On Friday 18th of July, Mayor Steve Baines attended the NADIOC week Gala Dinner and Awards night at the Desert Cave. Over 100 people were in attendance.

The evening was hosted by the Elders at Umoona Aged Care and celebrated the achievements and contributions of Coober Pedy community members and organisations.

Mayor Baines was pleased to present five community awards. The awards were presented to Mrs Edie King Senior Elder, Dean Walker, Chris Warrior, Bryce Tickner and Pearl Austin.

Special awards were also presented to Mayor Steve Baines and Hon Lyn Breuer both for their 16 years of outstanding contribution to the Coober Pedy community.

The District Council of Coober Pedy also received an award for outstanding service to the Coober Pedy community.

An award in honour of the late Mr Robin Walker for his lifetime contribution was presented to his son, Dean Walker.

The District Council of Coober Pedy congratulates all those who received awards and thanks you for your contribution to our community.

Our thanks to the Elders and Umoona Aged care for hosting the NADIOC Gala Dinner and Awards night, and the massive amounts of work that went into making the evening a very special event for all sectors of the community.



Mayor Baines receiving personal award



Mayor Baines receiving Council award

## COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ON CPAMP WORKING PARTY APPOINTED

Phil Cameron, CEO

Residents may recall that some time ago Council received funding to formulate an Alcohol Management Plan for the town of Coober Pedy. This plan carries on from the Alcohol restrictions implemented late last year and contains over 80 recommendations and actions to further address the alcohol issues in Coober Pedy. After extensive public consultation the plan was adopted by Council in October last year.

The Terms of Reference of the Coober Pedy Alcohol Management Plan (CPAMP) Working Party outline a number of community sectors with representation on the committee which includes:

- AMYAC - representing the Aboriginal Community
- Multicultural Community Forum - representing older persons with other cultural backgrounds
- One elected member - representing ratepayers and the wider community
- Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association - representing the business sector
- CP ACCORD Committee - one representative linking this group with the Working Party

Another position to a more general community representative was recently advertised for.

The CPAMP Working Party was requested to form a Sub Group which consisted of Cr Rose Berry, Susie Crisa, Lisa McClure and Chris Crism-ani to consider any expressions of interest received from the Coober Pedy community.

A predetermined criteria to help determine any applicants understanding of the business of the CPAMP Working Party was agreed upon.

Process:

- The Sub Group met to consider three expressions of interest received by Council
- One applicant did not address the predetermined criteria and was eliminated from further consideration
- Two applicants were invited to meet with the Sub Group for an informal discussion/interview
- A suitable applicant was determined by their responses and discussion points at this meeting
- The Sub Group reported back to the full Working Party with a recommendation; a motion of the full Working Party was passed to accept their recommendation for Sharyn Baines to join the working party as a community representative
- Council then endorsed Sharyn Baines as a community representative on the CPAMP Working Party at its meeting held during July

Council congratulates Sharyn on becoming the community representative on the working party.

### Flowers Blooming at the Breakaways

Photos supplied by Julie Rowntree







# Cooper Pedy's Youth Activities

Date: August 2014

Issue: Eight (8)

## Aboriginal Youth Advisory Committee (AYAC) Conference

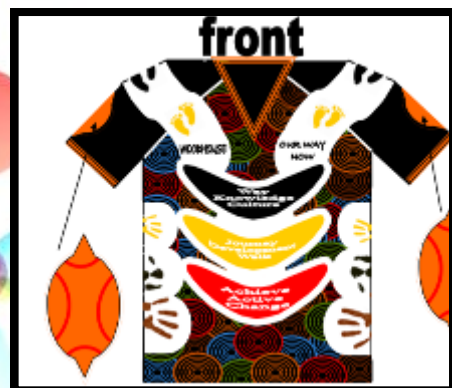
Every two years an AYAC Conference is held. This year the AYAC Conference was held in Woodhouse Crafers from the 14th to the 16th of July. Each Community involved with an AYAC Committee took two young people, a male and a female and one youth worker, to the conference in Woodhouse.

Ben Buller, the youth worker, AJ Burns and Evanna Williams were the selected three to attend the conference this year.

We had people from all over South Australia; including Port Augusta, Daventport, Whyalla, Berri, Kooniba and many more places.

Each community had to present a 10-15 minute presentation on their community and themselves. Evanna, AJ and Ben created a video presentation for the other people attending the conference. Like always, each young person was shy to start off with but by the end of the conference they were all best friends!

As a special treat along with going to the conference, AJ and Evanna got taken to see the Comedian Wayne Brady at the Adelaide Festival Theatre. They enjoyed the night and even got to have a photo taken with him! We also met Jarrod Petrenko as he visited the caravan park we were staying at! We had a great trip and everyone was well behaved.



*This year Ben designed the AYAC Conference t-shirts. He did a great job and they turned out fantastic. Everyone was wearing them at the conference!*



Want more information on youth activities?  
'Like' us on Facebook  
Cooper Pedy Youth Shed



# Cooper Pedy's Youth Activities

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## Youth NAIDOC Ball

This year the young people of Cooper Pedy celebrated NAIDOC week with a ball on Saturday the 12th of July. A big thank you to Umoona Aged Care who organised the event and the awards for the young people.

This year Squadron Leader Darren Shorter from the Royal Australian Air Force gathered formal clothing from his base in Adelaide. They hand delivered the clothing to the Youth Shed. WOW, there was so much to choose from! Numerous suits and dresses all for the young people of Cooper Pedy.

The Youth Shed and Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS) helped the young people get ready for the ball! I'm not sure what the AFSS building looked like after the boys had finished getting ready for the ball but the youth shed looked like a tornado had hit from when the girls got ready! But it was definitely worth it!

Everyone looked stunning! All dressed up ready for the ball at the Desert Cave.

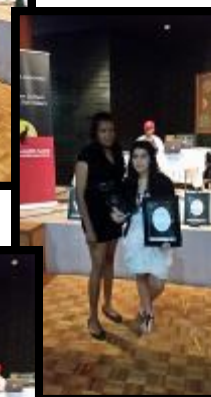
The dinner started at 6:30 pm. A buffet dinner was served along with a delicious dessert. There were seven young people awards given out for the night, congratulations to all that received an award.

1. Youth of the Year - Vanessa Riessen
2. Youth of the Year Runner Up - Julia Chamberlain
3. Future Leader - Anna Tsakiridis
4. Future Leader - Evanna Williams
5. Deadly Sportsperson (M) - Arthur Kyrtzaliotis
6. Deadly Sportsperson (F) - Tequilia LeBois
7. Reconciliation - Shannon Mazzone

After dinner and the award ceremony the music started and the young people had a great time dancing away until 11:00pm that night.

It was a fantastic night and all that attended enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and helped the young people get ready for the ball: Umoona Aged Care, Aboriginal Family Support Services, Uniting Care Wesley, Remote School Attendance Program, Chris Durdin & Simone Brooks.





# Child and Youth Activities

## AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Arts & Craft playgroup 2 - 4 years at the lions club

Tuesday 10:30am – 11:30am

Tjitji Tjuta Inkanyini Pukulpa Playgroup

0-5 years at the home makers Tuesday 12pm – 2pm

Baby Bounce 0-5 years at the School Library Wednesday 10am

Active After School Activity's at the School 5 years and up

Little Musicians 3-5 years at the C.P.A.S Music Room

Thursday 10am – 10:45

Tiny Tackers Playgroup 0-3 years at the Community Health Friday 10am – 12:30pm

Cut and Paste Arts and Craft 5 years and up 2pm till 3:30 Every 1st—3rd Saturday of the month AT THE Youth Shed

Lego group 5 years and up Lions Club 10am-12pm Saturday

except the last Saturday of the month

Play Time 0-5 years at the School Gym Sunday 2pm – 3:30pm

Toy library at the Library during opening hours

Nappy program from the Council during opening hours

### Active Girls Group Term 3 2014

Thursdays 3:15—5:00

8 years old and Up

- 31/07/14 - Activity - Group Banner Painting, Where - Youth Shed
- 07/08/14 - Activity - Race Day, Where - Youth Shed
- 14/08/14 - Activity - Canvas Paining, Where - Youth Shed
- 21/08/14 - Activity - Group Cooking, Where - Youth Shed
- 28/08/14 - Activity - Fathers Day Activity, Were - Youth Shed
- 04/09/14 - Activity - Decorating Glass Jars, Where - Youth Shed
- 11/09/14 - Activity - Sports at the Oval, Where - Youth Shed
- 18/09/14 - Activity - Discover Yourself, Where - Youth Shed
- 25/09/14 - Activity - Break up Party, Where - Youth Shed

### Active Boys Group Term 3 2014

Mondays 3:15-5:00

10 years old and Up

- 28/07/14 What - Army Drills, Where - Town Oval
- 04/08/14 What - Wii Boxing Comp, Where - Youth Shed
- 11/08/14 What - Foosball Comp, Where - Youth Shed
- 18/08/14 What - 8 Ball Comp, Where - Youth Shed
- 25/08/14 What - Basketball, Where - Outdoor Courts
- 01/09/14 What - Soccer, Where - School Gym
- 08/09/14 What - Badminton, Where - School Gym
- 15/09/14 What - Cricket, Where - Town Oval
- 22/09/14 What - Break up Party - Youth Shed



# Child Community Links

## JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



- “The children had a great time - lots of laugh's and smiles”
- They learnt to play golf (two children got a hole in one)
  - Had a go at karate, enjoyed it too
  - Spent time at the skate park and playground on scooters and bikes
  - At the youth shed there were: video games, computers, lots of things to cook
  - Helped with the car wash and did a fantastic job



WATER AEROBICS STARTS IN September/October 3 FREE sessions a week for the community

To help organise sessions could those interested please send an email including what time and day/s would suit i.e. Morning 10:00am, Lunch 1:00pm, Night 7:30pm so I can try to accommodate everybody and have sessions at time's people are available. Thanks - first in better chance for your times. Please email on me on [childlinks@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:childlinks@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au)

## Cooper Pedy OZ Minerals Races

9th & 10th August 2014

### ENTRY COST

- Adults \$10.00
- 12 to under 18 years \$5.00
- Family 2 Day Pass \$35.00
- Under 12 years admitted Free

## What's Free For Children?

- Jumping castle's
- Kids activity area
- Face painting
- Play dough, puzzles, badge making, blocks
- Kids novelty events
- Hat competition
- (so make your hat's)

## Best Boys, Best Girls prizes

- Entry Under 12 Free

BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO GOT THEIR CARS WASHED

IT WAS for a good cause!

**We raised \$800 to put towards to ALL ACCESS PLAYGROUND FANTASTIC JOB!**

**Big thanks to IGA, STORM-CO, RED CROSS Sandy Williams, MEL AYLETT, ALL THE CHILDREN and VOLUNTEERS District Council of Cooper Pedy, Mij Dukarich and all who braved the cold to help**

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