

## Media Release: Centenary Ball tickets on sale



District Council of Coober Pedy

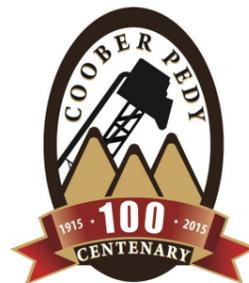
5 February 2015

There's only one place to be this Easter for anyone with a love of the outback and its characters – the Coober Pedy Gala Centenary Ball!

The iconic Opal Capital of the World is celebrating its birthday with a year-long program of events, but the Ball and many other events over the Easter long weekend are the highlights.

Tickets are now on sale for the event, to be held at the Greek Orthodox Community Hall on Friday 3rd April. Early bird price to February 13th is \$60, after that the full price is \$75/head and \$70/head for tables of 12.

Mayor Stephen Staines says the Ball will highlight not just the history of the town, but its successful multicultural mix.



"It's not often that people in Coober Pedy get the chance to dress up, but this year, our centenary year, there will be plenty of opportunities.", Mayor Staines explained.

"The town, and our guests, will be celebrating in style, showing our passion for Coober Pedy and all it stands for. The entire celebrations are a tribute to our pioneers from many nations, and at the Ball we'll have visual displays in honour of those groundbreakers. It's fascinating to see the old photos and read their stories of people who arrived here over the decades, bringing their heritage and cultures with them. They often came here with only the clothes on their backs and a fist full of pounds in their pockets. They dug homes into the sandstone and helped each other out when mates were down on their luck and not finding much opal. They were simply amazing men and women and worthy recipients of our tribute and respect." Mayor Staines concluded.

The Ball ticket price includes; a 3 course sit down dinner, event favours, radio personality MC with entertainment to be provided by Free Genie & Res 'n' 8.

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Online registrations are now open for the GREAT Breakaways Marathon: [www.great-breakawayssmarathon.com.au](http://www.great-breakawayssmarathon.com.au).

Locals wishing to enter the Marathon can collect an entry form from the Council (discounted rate).

We encourage community members, all ages and stages of life, to get involved with the 2015 Marathon, either by entering the race – 5km, 10km, 15km, 21km or 42km – or by volunteering at one of the checkpoints. As usual, the success of this event relies on volunteers.

## Opal Festival Parade Registration & Call for Expression of Interest of Mining Machinery

The 2015 Opal Festival is fast approaching. The Coober Pedy community is encouraged to begin thinking about creating floats for the Opal Festival Parade, which will be held on Saturday 4 April at 11am. Floats need to be in the marshalling area (RSL) by 9.30am. Parade Registration Forms are available now from the Council & online. As part of the Festival & Parade we would like to include some mining machinery and are looking for Expressions of Interest from community members who have any of the following machinery\*:

- Blower
- Tunnelling machine (on a trailer)
- Drill
- Winch (on a trailer)
- Any other mining machinery without tracks

\*No mining machinery with tracks

Council has the provision to pay the fee for 5-10 Short-Term Unregistered Vehicle Permits. The route to & from Hutchison Street needs to be discussed with the Opal Festival Coordinator, who will liaise with the necessary parties.

The Volunteer & Community Group Registration Forms are now available from Council. Make sure your community group completes the form to be eligible to receive a once-off donation from the Opal Festival for volunteer hours. For more information on 'Volunteer Hours' have a look at the January 2015 Issue of the Council Newsletter (available online).

Forms now available from Council & on the Opal Festival website:

Stall Holder Forms

Parade Registration

Volunteer Registration

Community Group/Non-Profit Organisation Registration



# District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter

Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World

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## Community News

### Coober Pedy Centenary Launch Centenary Launch Sub-Committee

Mayor Stephen Staines officially launched Coober Pedy's Centenary Year celebrations on Sunday 1st February – 100 years to the day after young Will Hutchison first found opal here.

Two new books: Images of Coober Pedy 1915-2015 compiled by Jenny Davison and Judy Underwood; and The Boy Who Found Opal written by Sue Britt and Illustrated by Bec Castelijin were also launched on the day.

"The Historical Society, Council staff, the Golf Club committee, the local ladies who provided the delicious afternoon tea... they should all be proud and be commended for putting on such a terrific event," Mayor Staines said.

We now all look forward to Easter 2015...



Balloons with messages attached ready for the balloon release



Image courtesy of Peter Rowe: Mayor Stephen Staines, two members of the Hutchison family & Historical Society representatives



Centenary birthday cake made by CK Confectionaire



And they're off! 100 balloons released to celebrate the start of our centenary year

## Australia Day

Australia Day was once again held at the Old Timers Mine. A lot of locals came to mingle and meet the 2015 Australia Day Ambassador, Maggie Beer. The event had a great turnout with the most people ever in attendance. Congratulations Patricia Turner who is Coober Pedy's Citizen of the Year. Every year this event raises money for the Royal Flying Doctor & this year \$2,034.05 was raised, which is \$300 more than previous years. Well done Coober Pedy residents, for supporting this worthy cause! A big thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers who made this day possible.



Mayor Stephen Staines presenting Patricia Turner with the Citizen of the Year Award



Mayor Stephen Staines presenting Australia Day Ambassador Maggie Beer with Centenary Souvenirs

## News from the Works Depot

### DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT ACT 1994 – SECT 43

43 – Dogs not to be allowed to wander at large

(1) A person who owns or is responsible for the control of a dog is guilty of an offence if the dog is wandering at large.

Maximum penalty:

- (a) for a first offence –
  - i. if the dog is a dangerous dog or a dog of a prescribed breed - \$2,500
  - ii. in any other case - \$250
- (b) for a subsequent offence –
  - i. if the dog is a dangerous dog or a dog of a prescribed breed - \$5,000
  - ii. in any other case - \$750

Expiation fee:

- (a) if the dog is a dangerous dog or a dog of a prescribed breed - \$210;
- (b) in any other case - \$80

INCREASE IN EXPIATION FEES 22 January 2015 - [Government Gazette](#) pages 348 to 351

### DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT ACT 1995 – SECT 44

44 – Dogs not to be allowed to attack etc

(2) A person who owns or is responsible for the control of a dog is guilty of an offence if the dog attacks, harasses or chases or otherwise endangers the health of a person or an animal or bird owned by or in the charge of another person (whether or not actual injury is caused).

Maximum penalty: \$2,500

Expiation fee: \$210

Australian Road Rules	Description of offence	Expiation fees set by Schedule 4 of the Road Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2014	
		Old fee	New Fee (from 22/1/2015)
168(1)	Stopping where "no parking" sign applies	\$70	\$72
169	Stopping on road with continuous yellow edge line	\$87	\$89
170(3)	Stopping within 10 metres of intersection without traffic lights	\$87	\$89
179(1)	Stopping in loading zone	\$62	\$64
179(2)	Stopping in loading zone—exceeding time in loading zone	\$62	\$64
182(1)	Stopping in taxi zone	\$117	\$119
183(1)	Stopping in bus zone	\$117	\$119
187(2)	Stopping in bicycle lane	\$245	\$247
194(1)	Stopping near fire hydrant etc	\$70	\$72
197(1)	Stopping on path, dividing strip or nature strip	\$87	\$89
198(2)	Obstructing access to and from driveway etc	\$70	\$72
203(1)	Stopping in parking area for people with disabilities	\$339	\$341
205(1)	Parking for longer than indicated where "permissive parking" sign applies	\$46	\$48
207(2)	Failing to pay fee etc for parking where fees payable	\$46	\$48
208(1)	Failing to park on road (except in median strip parking area) in accordance with rule—parallel parking	\$62	\$64
Private Parking Areas Act 1986	Description of offence	Expiation fees set by Private Parking Areas Variation Regulations 2015 – (Regulation 15)	
Section 8(3)	Parking in a permit parking area without a permit	\$62	\$64
Section 8(6)	Exceeding time limit in a private parking area	\$46	\$48



## Media Release: Coober Pedy child programs finish due to Federal Government funding decision

30 January 2015

Federal funding reallocation may force the closure of all the Child Community Links programs in Coober Pedy. These are the only funded programs within Coober Pedy for 0 – 12 year olds and their families.

### District Council of Coober Pedy

DCCP's Chief Executive Officer, Phil Cameron, said "Council had been advised that for the first time in 11 years they have been unsuccessful in securing funding to continue their programs. Programs will be suspended immediately or over the coming few weeks while we try to source alternative funding".

"Child community links staff have gone into overload seeking grants to plug the gap, but at the moment it's not looking promising", Mr. Cameron said. "It's very important that people understand that these are Federally-funded programs and Council is not able to fund them itself. Simply, this cut came from Canberra, not from us.

"We're doing all we can to find replacement funding, including talking with the Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, and State Member for Giles Eddie Hughes. We urge parents and anyone else affected by this to contact their local member direct and make their feelings known. Mr. Ramsey's office can be contacted on 8633 1744".

The programs, provided by Child Community Links which have been suspended, are:

- Tuesday art and craft for 2-5 year olds
- Tuesday Tjitji Tjuta Inkanyini Pakulpa Playgroup 0 – 5 year olds
- Friday Tiny Tackers Play Group for 0-2 year olds
- Saturday Lego Club 5 - 12 year olds
- Cut & Paste art group for 5-12 year olds every second Saturday
- Free Kids Tent at the Opal Festival
- Face Painting and kids entertainment (ie characters, jumping castle etc) at the Coober Pedy Races
- Holiday Programs for 5 year olds and up

Programs which are continuing to run temporarily due to volunteer input are:

- Monday morning playtime for 2-5 year olds with the kindy kids and child care centres
- Thursday Little Musicians 2 – 5 year olds
- Sunday Playgym for 0-5 year olds

Child community links play a key role in organising other community and family events throughout the year which would not be possible without ongoing funding.

Mr Cameron said, "These programs have had increasing attendance and growing enthusiasm and support from our community. They are very important programs supporting the families of Coober Pedy particularly those classified at risk, vulnerable and/or socially isolated. These programs are all learning based programs where children and parents learn important skills that have a positive impact throughout their lives."

Currently, funding has been extended until the end of June but no further and Council is continuing to work to extend the funding, and therefore guarantee that the programs can continue beyond that date.

## News from the Works Depot continued...

### Rubbish Bins

Green Wheelie Rubbish Bins are to be placed in position at 7:00am each morning of the day they are due to be emptied. If they are positioned at a time later than 7:00am they may not be emptied. If your Green Wheelie Bin is damaged, Council cannot supply replacements parts - a new bin can be purchased from the Receptionist at the Council Chambers.

### Runway Update

The first part of the project has been completed which is the application of a 6m seal either side of the existing runway.



## PUBLIC NOTICE: Easter Road Closures

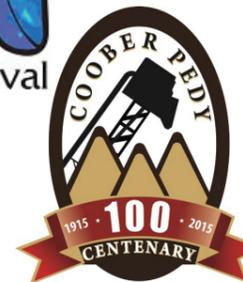
Please be advised that sections of Hutchison Street will be closed at the following times.

### Centenary Street Party & Multicultural Celebrations

Hutchison Street from Oliver Street/Post Office Hill Road to Bank Place will be closed on 2 April 2015 between the hours of 5.15pm and 10.00pm.

### Opal Festival Parade

Hutchison Street from Seventeen Mile Road to Flinders Street will be closed on 4 April 2015 between the hours of 10.45am and 12noon.



# Youth Shed Activities

## Term One (1) 2015

<u>Day</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Activity</u>	Open Day	Active Boys Group	Open Day	Active Girls Group	Movie Night	Open Day	Saturday Night	Open Day
<u>Time</u>	3:00—6:00	3:15—5:00	3:00—6:00	3:15—5:00	6:00—10:00	11:00—2:00	6:00—10:00	11:00—2:00
<u>Age</u>	8-17	10-17	8-17	8-17	11-17	8-17	11-17	8-17

### Active Boys Group Tuesday 3:15-5:00 Ages 10-17

<u>Date:</u>	<u>03/02/15</u>	<u>10/02/15</u>	<u>17/02/15</u>	<u>24/02/15</u>	<u>03/03/15</u>	<u>10/03/15</u>	<u>17/03/15</u>	<u>24/03/15</u>	<u>31/03/15</u>	<u>07/04/15</u>
<u>Activity:</u>	Open Day	Swimming Activities	Basketball 3 on 3	Dodge Ball	Cooking	Soccer	Competition Day Pool & Wii	Bike Maintenance Day	Volley Ball	BBQ Break Up Party
<u>Venue:</u>	Youth Shed	Swimming Pool	School Gym	School Gym	Youth Shed	School Gym	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	United Club	Youth Shed

### Active Girls Group Thursdays 3:15-5:00 Ages 8-17

<u>Date:</u>	<u>05/02/15</u>	<u>12/02/15</u>	<u>19/02/15</u>	<u>26/02/15</u>	<u>05/03/15</u>	<u>12/03/15</u>	<u>19/03/15</u>	<u>26/03/15</u>	<u>02/04/15</u>	<u>09/04/15</u>
<u>Activity:</u>	Craft, Cooking & Games	Healthy Hearts	Chinese New Year Activities	Stay Smart Online	Creative Pastiche	Visit from Royal Flying Doctors	Harmony Day Activities	Random Act of Kindness	Chocolate Making	BBQ Break Up Party
<u>Venue:</u>	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed	Youth Shed



# Cooper Pedy's Youth Activities

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## Living a Healthy Hip Hop Life

The Youth Shed had a busy time over the Christmas Break. It was very fun and exciting! We had a visiting organisation come all the way from Melbourne! Whitelion is a non-profit community organisation that provides youth-focused gender and culturally specific services in several areas which include; mentoring, employment, specialist outreach support and education based prevention programs.

Living a Healthy Hip Hop Life was the exciting program we all got to join in on! We had two Hip Hop Dancers run five (5) programs over two (2) days. Everyone was left wanting to learn more!

We had the pleasure of meeting Dallas Woods and Miranda D'Unieville Hip Hop Dancers from the Indigenous Hip Hop Project. You may have seen Dallas Woods on the ABC Channel showing you some dance moves!

We had five Programs all together, our biggest event was the Battle Rock Disco, which took place in the Youth Shed, we managed to fit 60 young people in, and everyone got to have a dance. Miranda and Dallas were brilliant and all the young people got to learn a few moves!

We cant wait for Whitelion to visit again, with hopefully another fun and exciting event.

Thankyou to all the organisations and agencies that helped around town, without you it would not have been possible.





# Child Community Links

*FREE Water aerobics  
for the community will continue until April 2015*

## *Thanks to Benefit SA*

*For all ages, capability, gender, nationality  
Work at you own ability come and give it ago*

*Keep active*

*Feel good*

*Have a good time*

*And socialise because it's FREE*



*Times: 1:00 pm Wednesday and Friday*

*Times: 7:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday*

*Other sessions are available at a small cost see Donna Clements*

*No children to be in pool area at 1pm or after 7:30 Unless pre-arranged with  
Donna Clements*

Thankyou to  
the families  
that enrol their  
children in the  
Vacswim  
program for  
2015

It was a success !  
I enjoyed  
work with the  
Children  
See you again in 2016

**We were Unsuccessful in securing Funding for our Child Community Links programs  
That's why some programs have not started again yet  
But GOOD NEW'S we can continue ALL the programs until end of June thanks to a four months  
extension**

***PROGRAMS STARTING & CONTINUING IN 2015  
UNTIL JUNE***

## ***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 Satur-  
day of the month AT THE Youth Shed***

**February 2015**



# School holiday program December 2014 and January 2015



This holidays were fantastic we had a average of 40-60 children here is some photos of the wonderful art work created, many enjoyed the hip hop work shop, all children enjoyed swimming at the pool, lunches were a big hit Thank you to all children for coming and staff it wouldn't been possible with out you