

## Coober Pedy Centenary Events

Clair Alford, Event Officer

As many of you know there are a lot of events happening next year to help locals and past residents celebrate Coober Pedy's Centenary.

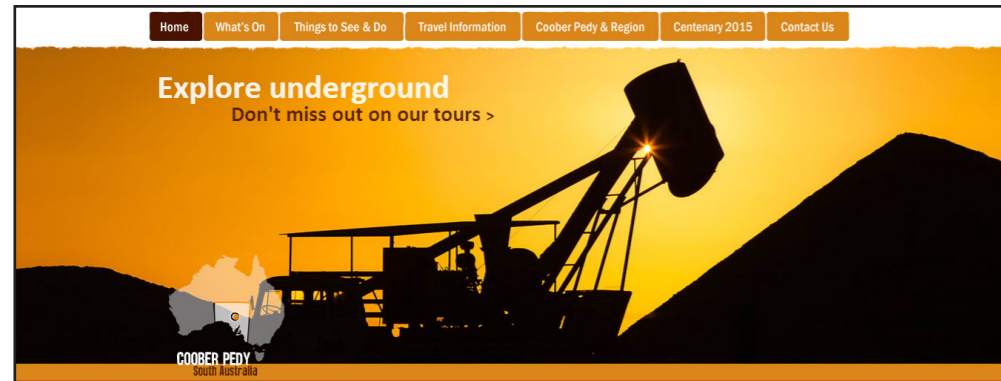
### Centenary Events:

Australia Day	Monday 26 January
Centenary Launch	Sunday 1 February
Centenary Street Party	Thursday 2 April
100 Year Ball	Friday 3 April
Coober Pedy Opal Festival	Saturday 4 April
Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show	Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 April
Welcome Back to Coober Pedy	Sunday 5 April
The GREAT Breakaways Bolt	Saturday 23 May
Harmony Day Multicultural Festival	TBC
Coober Pedy Races & Gymkhana	Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August

We are looking for proactive community members to assist the Centenary Committee with the organisation of the once off Centenary events including the: Launch, Street Party, 100 Year Ball and Welcome Back to Coober Pedy. If you are interested in helping out please contact Clair at the Council.



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### Visit our new tourism website:

[www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/tourism](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/tourism)

The Council run tourism website has had a face-lift! The website is now more user friendly as well as mobile responsive. It includes a lot of useful information for both local & tourists.

Have a look & let us know what you think by calling: (08) 8672 4600

### Visitor Statistics

Desrey Jones, Tourism Officer

Coober Pedy along with surrounding areas such as William Creek, Oodnadatta and the whole Flinders Rangers in general had a great three years in terms of visitor numbers in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Why you ask? Simple - Lake Eyre filled, which is seen to be a once in a lifetime opportunity. I believe this played a big part in the increase of people visiting the area. Once the Lake dried, visitor numbers dropped off which had businesses a bit nervous about their future in tourism.

As seen in the table (right) numbers have increased slightly from last year to this year which is hopefully an indicator of tourism and numbers in town looking up.

Statistics are recorded here at the VIC not only to gauge how many visitors are visiting the centre but also where they are coming from.

2012-2013-2014 VISITOR STATISTICS COMPARISON			
	2012	2013	%
January	1497	1256	-19.19
February	1200	1020	-17.65
March	1576	1214	-29.82
April	1943	2106	7.74
May	2763	2042	-35.31
June	2569	2619	1.91
July	3466	3243	-6.88
August	2033	3156	35.58
September	2306	3005	23.26
October	2620	2288	-14.51
November	1555	1525	-1.97
December	1253	1059	-18.32

	2013	2014	%
January	1256	1024	-22.66
February	1020	1158	11.92
March	1214	1344	9.67
April	2106	2883	26.95
May	2042	3676	44.45
June	2619	3502	25.21
July	3243	3850	15.77



# District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter

Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World

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## Community News

### Coober Pedy Races Gallops to Success

By Chevahn Hoad

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The Coober Pedy Race weekend was a busy time for families this year. With more free kids attractions and stalls than ever before there was plenty to look at and enjoy. The horse and motorbike events were fun to watch. Gymkhana competitor numbers were good particularly in the adult age group as kids have moved out of the 15 and under group. The race club would like to encourage more kids to bring their bikes out on race weekend and participate. If you would like details about the rules for any of the gymkhana events please email [president@cooberpedyraces.com](mailto:president@cooberpedyraces.com). Again some of the big races were won by competitors from down south. Fund raising for Ovarian Cancer Australia went well raising over \$3,100. Local community projects and groups will also receive donations from the weekends fund raising over the coming weeks. The Race club would like to thank all the volunteers, before, during and after the weekend, the various groups that participated, the stall holders, competitors and officials who worked tirelessly. See you next year on the second weekend in August.

Photos courtesy of Peter Rowe



### September Events:

Sat 13 Sept 6:00pm

Coober Pedy Football Club - 2014 Season Presentation Night  
Italo Australian Miners Club

Entry:

\$15 - pre-sale  
\$50 - 5 tickets  
\$20 - at the door



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@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au) or call (08) 8672 4600

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## MAYORS REPORT

August 2014

Mayor Steve Baines

The past month has kept me extremely busy with the issue of the runway widening due to new CASA regulations that take effect February next year.

After some initial discussions with CASA and REX Rowan Ramsey and I believed common sense would prevail and an acceptable way forward would be found. Unfortunately this now seems not to be the case.

I am fast coming to the realization that the only way forward for us to ensure the continued operation of our regular passenger service is to widen the existing runway to 30 metres. This being said CASA have agreed to accept a seal coat of the existing 6 metre gravel shoulders.

Councils works manager is currently exploring options and costs for seal coat but it is expected that the cost will be significant.

The member for Grey Rowan Ramsey and the member for Giles Eddie Hughes have been assisting me to bring this issue to the attention of both the federal and state governments. I have also written to the respective Ministers seeking their support.

Once it is known exactly what is required and how much it will cost I will endeavour to source both state and federal funding, this may require me to travel to Canberra to meet with Minister Truss.

To compound the problem we will soon be in caretaker mode due to the impending local government elections. This effectively means that council will be unable to enter into a contract that exceeds \$100,000 without ministerial approval.

### Update:

The widening of the runway has now been costed at \$475,000.

I have sent a letter to the Minister for Local Government Hon Geoff Brock informing him of the issue and seeking in principle support for Ministerial approval if we are successful in obtaining funding during Councils caretaker period.

I can assure everyone that I will continue to source funding and seek a commitment to widen our runway prior to the November council elections.

## News from the Works Depot

The Works Depot have come across some sinkholes in residential properties. Can everybody please make a habit of checking your toilet and waste water holes in your backyard as the corrugated iron used to cover them becomes rusted over time and can become unsafe.

REMINDER: all unwanted electrical items and items containing gas need to be taken to the Depot. Small items (e.g. keyboards, toasters, irons, etc) go in the white bins to the right of the Depot entrance. When dropping off larger items (e.g. micromaves, TV's fridges, etc) please go to Reception for directions and a safety vest.

## Coober Pedy History Reunited with Council

On 14 February 2014 Australia Day Programs and commemorative coins from 1987 were given to the District Council of Coober Pedy Mayor, Steve Baines by Graham Gunn. The day also marked the swearing in of Coober Pedy's very first Council.

A frame has been designed to hold the programs and coins which are now displayed in the Council Chambers. Council sincerely thanks Mr Gunn for his generous gift to Council and the Coober Pedy residents.



The order of procession is as follows:

- 11am Open and Introduction  
Guest Speaker: The Hon. Chris Hurford M.H.R.  
Minister for Immigration & Ethnic Affairs  
Swearing in of Inaugural Council Members  
Naturalizations  
Australia Day Senior Citizen Award  
Australia Day Junior Citizen Award
- 1pm Luncheon
- 2.30pm Australia Day Secondary Student Award  
Australia Day Primary Student Award  
Prize Presentation to Coat of Arms Design Winner  
Prize Presentation to Flag Design Winner  
Best Hat Judging and Prize Presentation  
Best Tie Judging and Prize Presentation  
Others
- 4pm Close

The reuniting of the 1987 Australia Day Program with Coober Pedy is just in time for Coober Pedy's Centenary edition of Australia Day in January 2015. On this day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. Our Australia Day ambassador for 2015 is the one and only Maggie Beer. Maggie Beer is an Australia cook, food author, restaurateur and food manufacturer. To tie in with our guest, Australia Day 2015 will also launch the Centenary Cookbook.

[www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au)

## Local Government Election Information

The Electoral Commissioner, as the Returning Officer, conducts all Council elections.

Council elections will be held in November 2014. Below is the timetable:

Nominations open	Tuesday 2 September
Nominations close	12 noon Tuesday 16 September
Draw for position of candidates on ballot papers	4pm Tuesday 16 September
Issuing of voting packs to electors	Monday 20 to Friday 24 October
Last day for issue/reissue of voting pack by post	5pm Wednesday 5 November
Last day for personal issue/reissue of postal voting papers	5pm Friday 7 November
Close of voting	5pm Friday 7 November
Scrutiny and count	Saturday 8 November

### Who can nominate

You are eligible to nominate if:

- You are an Australian citizen or have held office as a member of a council at any time between 5 May 1997 and 1 January 2000 and as at roll close
- Are an elector for the council area or
- Are the designated person of a body corporate or a group either of which has its name on the council's voters roll (you must be an officer of the body corporate or a member of the group or an officer of a body corporate that is a member of the group) or
- Your name has been omitted in error from the council's voters roll or you are the designated person of a body corporate or a group which has had its name omitted in error from the council's voters roll and you would otherwise be eligible for nomination.

A body corporate or group can only nominate the designated person to stand as a candidate for an election.

### Who cannot nominate

You cannot nominate if you:

- Are a member of an Australian Parliament (including any State or Territory Parliament)
- Are an undischarged bankrupt or benefiting from law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- Are an employee of the council
- Are disqualified from election by court order under the Local Government Act 1999
- Have been sentenced to imprisonment and are, or could become, liable to serve the sentence or the remainder of the sentence

Note: you cannot

- Nominate for more than one position on a council (LGEA section 19)
- Nominate for election to more than one council; in the event of multiple nominations, all nominations are void at the time of close of nominations

### Voting in Council elections

Voting packs will be sent to enrolled voters between Monday 20 October and Friday 24 October.

Voting packs contain:

- A ballot paper for each election being contested in the council area for which you are entitled to vote
- Candidate profile brochure
- A ballot paper envelope
- A reply paid envelope
- A Postal Voting Guide

Most electors will receive one voting pack. However, people who have additional properties or entitlements for a different election may receive more than one voting pack.

Remember you can only vote once for each separate election.





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# Cooper Pedy's Youth Activities



## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY AND AIRFORCE

On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, The Royal Australian Air Force and The Royal Australian Navy visited Cooper Pedy. We had the pleasure of having them attend the Youth Shed and run a Softball game at the town oval.

We had over 40 young people attend from the ages of 7-17. We formed two teams, Air Force vs Navy. Each young person got a turn at batting, pitching and catching.

The weather was perfect, with lots of parents coming to support the program.

The Navy team won the softball game! Unsure of the score, but it was a very close game!

After the game, thanks to the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force), we finished off the day with a sausage and steak BBQ with bread and sauce. No food was wasted, everyone enjoyed.

The RAAF will be visiting us in the future, with some fun and interesting activities, the community are looking forward to their future visits.



Want more information on youth activities?

'Like' us on Facebook



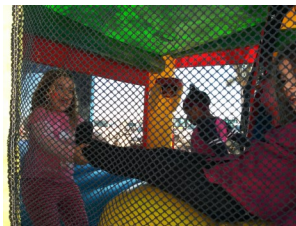
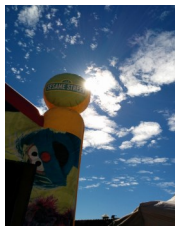
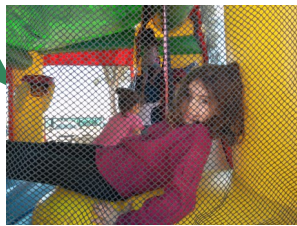


# Child Community Links

## Cooper Pedy Races



*Kids loved the face painting and coloured hair chalk but the biggest hits were the jumping castles. They couldn't stay away from them! One had a built in slide on the inside which was very popular to the children. The children were busy having so much fun and even the older children enjoyed a turn on the jumping castles. The castles made the weekend full of fun. The weather was so nice on the weekend and it was great to see so many family's there. Had some good feedback about the jumping castles from families, and over all, the weekend was a "success".*



## After School Activities

This term we have been doing ballet and soccer. Both have been a big hit with lots of children participating. There are still a few session to go so come on down and join in.

Next term is Hockey and Base Ball



## **Calling on all organisations**

*We are in need of sponsorship or donations for an All Access Playground*

*If any organisations are interest in donating it is for a good cause !*

*I will try to visit all organisation over the next few weeks to see if you are able to support the playground or please feel free to come and see me at the Council if you are interested.*

*If you would like more information on this project please email or ring Donna Clements on the contact info below. I will answer any questions you have.*

*Thank you for supporting the children's needs of the community!*

*The target is \$230,000. I am waiting on some responses to see if we have won two grants totalling \$25,000. So far I have secured funding totalling \$43,800.*



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