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The Coober Pedy Retail Business & Tourism Association
Presents



Coober Pedy Opal Festival 2003



PROGRAM

SATURDAY APRIL 19 2003

OPAL FESTIVAL SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

10.00am STREET PARADE - \$500 cash to be won.

Floats - Beaufort Marching Band - Groups - Clowns - Mining Equipment - Stock Cars- Juggernaut (juggling, bubbles, fun) - Emergency Services vehicles and crews. Best Float \$300. Most Entertaining \$100. Best Clown \$100.

10.30am OVAL GATES OPEN - \$500 Lucky Gate Prize

ADMITTANCE \$4 Adults \$2 Kids Family pass \$10

Food Tents-Stalls-Sporting Events-Train rides - Mining Equipment - Bar from 12 noon till 11pm Competitions-Stage Acts-Beach Volleyball - Bungy Jumping - Fireworks - Dance Band -Rock Wall climbing - Sideshows all day . Fire-eating and Circus workshop FREE.

BACKHOE COMPETITION - Prize 400 litres of fuel (conditions apply).

Test your skills Coober Pedy style. Put golf balls in a bucket using a spoon attached to a Backhoe bucket tooth. Finishes 5.00pm.

LIONS CLUB DUGOUT TOURS - Visit 3 authentic lived-in Dugouts

One Hour tours depart every 20 minutes - Bookings at Lions Tent.

NOODLING - Hand & Machine - \$10,000 worth of Opals to be found.

Hand \$5 for 15 Mins. Machine \$20 per scoop. Opals polished \$2-\$5.

BEAUFORT MARCHING BAND - Entertaining throughout the day .

11.30am OFFICIAL OPENING

His worship the Mayor, Eric Maliotis, will welcome guest dignitaries in a special welcoming ceremony.

11.45am KING, QUEEN and JUNIOR of TRACK - \$2,000 in Prizes.

Novelty hexathlon event - (6 fun events) Run 50m with ankles tied, push a wheelie bin 50m, skip 50m, fill a bucket with sand & run 50m, roll a beer barrel 50m and sprint to the finish! \$2,000 in prize money open to all.

WEAR HOUSE ARCADE JUNIOR HEXATHLON

\$500 in Prizes Winner \$250, Runner up \$150, 3rd \$100.

UMOONA OPAL MINE & MUSEUM WOMENS HEXATHLON

\$750 in Prizes" Winner \$500, Runner Up \$150, 3rd \$100.

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12.30pm JUGGLING WORKSHOP on Main Stage - FREE.

"Juggernaut" presents an hour of FREE entertainment, teaching ball juggling, equipment use and working with a partner. A great opportunity to learn juggling skills.

OPAL FESTIVAL SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

1.30pm WOODEN SPOON & HARD HAT RACE - \$300 IN PRIZES

Using a "Wooden Spoon" and an Opal Miners' 'Hard Hat".

For Ladies & Men. (Coober Pedy Style Egg & Spoon Race)

MULTICULTURAL DANCING & SINGING \$2,000 IN PRIZES

Prizes for the best cultural and contemporary dancing and singing

2.00pm DESERT SANDS BEACH VOLLEYBALL - \$500 IN PRIZES

Played on red desert sand - 3 per team.

AMPOL 24HR ROADHOUSE TUG-O-WAR \$500 CASH IN PRIZES

6 Per team. Ladies and mens events.

2.30pm TOSSING THE "SAUSAGE" \$700 Heats only—Flying bombs!

3.00pm COOBER PEDY COMBINED EMERGENCY SERVICES DEMO.

Simulated Disaster Demonstration - latest methods and equipment.

4.00pm TOSSING THE "SAUSAGE" Finals—Explosive entertainment!

Best Throws – Ladies & Gents – Winners \$200, 2nds \$100, 3rd \$50.

4.30pm MINE RESCUE OPAL BUCKET HOLDING COMPETITION

Test your strength in the Coober Pedy style Stein Competition.

Ladies & Mens events – Winner \$150, 2nds \$100, 3rd \$50

5.00pm JUGGLING & CIRCUS SHOW ON MAIN DANCE FLOOR.

Half an hour of rola bola, fire eating, balance, juggling, club passing and a dazzling finale involving fire club passing. Stand back for this one !!

6.00pm ROCKING STONES LIMBO ROCK COMP - \$500 IN PRIZES

A "Rolling Stones" cover band playing hits from yesteryear. Dance to the beat and WIN !! Winner \$250, Runner up \$150, 3rd \$100.

7.00pm "ALLURE" (FIRE SHOW) ON MAIN OVAL.

After the sun goes down, "Juggernaut" presents 30 minutes of tantalising fire show to music, incorporating fire eating, fire fingers, fire club juggling, fire poi and a fire staff duo routine. Energetic and amazing !!

7.30pm FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR.

A pyrotechnics display to enthral everyone - \$6,000 up in smoke !! Lock up your pets before leaving home.....

8.00pm GATE PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWN - \$500 prize money.

Conditional on the winner BEING PRESENT at the draw!

8.30pm "ROCK AND ROLL" DANCE COMPETITION - \$500

Dance your way into cash Winner \$250, Runner up \$150, 3rd \$100

11.00pm BARS CLOSE

Lights off at 11.30pm - oval cleared. Close of Festival.

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

OPAL WALK - \$1,000 Polished Opal to be won!

Take a look at magnificent opals and specimens displayed in participating opal shops. Walk around town (or drive) and get your passbook stamped by at least 12 of the participating shops. Enjoy talking to our towns folk.

Passbooks in most shops and Admin. Tent at the oval on Saturday.

PHOTO COMPETITION -at Goanna Land. Prizes to be won - 3 classes.

FRINGE EVENTS

Thursday Evening 17th April 2003

6.00pm MEET THE MINER - Italian Club -Tall tales and true.

"The Rocking Stones" - entertainment.

Friday 18th April 2003

1.00pm AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL MATCH - Perpetual Trophy

Coober Pedy vs Oodnadatta. Local rivals will provide a great match.

2.30pm LADY'S SOCCER MATCH - Trophy

(See Samantha at the Coober Pedy Times for details)

3.15pm MEN'S SOCCER MATCH - Trophy

Plenty of excitement.

6.00pm DRIVE-IN Cook your own BBQ - provisions may be purchased from the Canteen.

8.00pm DRIVE-IN Movie marathon of the latest release films at our unique outback open air cinema.

Sunday 20th April 2003

7.30am SUNRISE SERVICE at The Big Winch

Ecumenical Service - don't miss our spectacular sunrises.

12.00pm GOLF -GREYHOUND PIONEER CLASSIC - Prizes \$\$\$

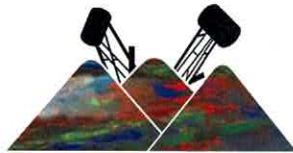
Ambrose Tournament played on the best 18 hole outback course in Oz - Mixed Teams of 4 - Prizes for winners and Runner up..

6.00pm SPEEDWAY Thrills and spills at the track.

Bar and hot food available till late.

8.30pm DEMOLITION DERBY Get wrecked!

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COOPER PEDY SIGHTS



The Lunar Landscape



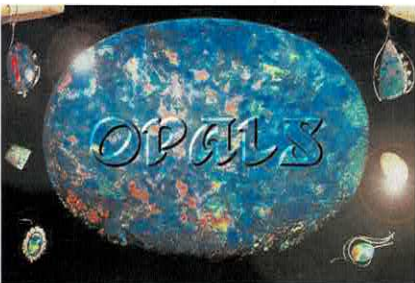
The Dingo Fence



An Outback Sunset



The Breakaways



Opal



Underground Living

Cooper Pedy was discovered in 1914 by a young man named William Hutchison. He had travelled from Adelaide with his father and several friends to prospect for gold. The men set up camp 8 miles south of where the town is situated today. They left young William to look after the camp while they went prospecting. Gone for three days, on their return they found William sitting on top of a sackful of opal he had found. They went straight back to Adelaide to register a claim. The main street, Hutchison Street, is named after William Hutchison, who first discovered opal in Cooper Pedy.