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**Opal Miners
Hall of Fame
Inductions**

**The Coober Pedy
Retail Business & Tourism Association Inc. Presents
the 20th Anniversary of the First**

Coober Pedy Opal Festival Program



Spanish Jim Pifarre leads the Street Parade, Photo courtesy of Christina Kerkvliet Goddard.

EASTER SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2007

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Welcome to the 2007 Coober Pedy Opal Festival

What a marvellous time for Coober Pedy leading up to and over Easter. Opal is our historic background and look what we have got happening;

- Tuesday April 3 to Thursday April 5 - 2007 National Opal Symposium
- Friday April 6 & Saturday April 7 - Inaugural Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show
- Friday April 6 to Sunday April 8 - Coober Pedy Opal Festival.

1987 was the first Opal Festival and although we have not held a Festival continuously over those years we can certainly celebrate a 20th. Anniversary of that original Festival.

To all our visitors, a warm and friendly welcome to Coober Pedy - "The Opal Capital of the World" - we hope your stay is informative and enjoyable.

I would also like to take this moment to thank all the members of the Coober Pedy Retail Business & Tourism Association Inc. for presenting the Opal Festival on behalf of the Council, and thank all the other sponsors and helpers who have made the event possible.

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Steve Baines, Mayor, District Council of Coober Pedy.

Opal Walk Competition:

A \$1,000 "Coober Pedy Solid Crystal Opal" is the prize. This competition is available from Good Friday April 6 - Easter Sunday April 8 with the entry form doubling up as our Festival Survey / Feedback form.

Entry Forms and Street Maps are available from every Coober Pedy Accommodation Outlet.



District Council of Coober Pedy CEO Trevor Mcleod (left) and his Secretary Lyn Freeman (second from right) conducting the Opal Walk Draw in 2006 with visitors from Victoria.



2006 Opal Walk winner Ms Linda Farantouris with mum Gina.

Coober Pedy Opal Miners "Hall of Fame" Honour Board



Inducted in 2006 by Paul Holloway MLC were from left Opal Minders
Mr Guenther Friedrich Wagner, Mrs Robyn Rapaic and Mr Evangelos (Angelo) Karagiozis

Inaugural Inductees of 2004

Mr Bill Andoniadis
Mr Bill Batsiokis
Mr Charalambos (Bubby) Bibasis
Mr Emmanuel Christianos
Mr Ante Cubelic
Mr David R Davison
Mr Werner Gunter (Bill)
Deckelmann
Mr Christos (Taki) Delithanassis
Mr Nickolas Farantouris
Mr Chris Findanis
Mrs Jenny Gough

Mr Guenther Hackenberger
Mr Aurelio Krmac
Mrs Jean Kyle
Mr Jim Kyle
Mr Athanasios (Nakos)
Kyrtzaliotis
Mr Milan Lakic
Mr Sakis Likouresis
Mr Luke Lucas
Mr Arthur Lyrtzis
Mr Nick Macris
Mr Eric Malliotis
Mr Eric Mavropoulos
Mr Raymond R Mazzone

Mrs Sandra K Mazzone
Mr Bill McDougall (Order of
Australia 1978)
Mr Milton Morias
Mr Dimitrios (Jimmy) Nikoloudis
Mr Drago (Charlie) Novosel
Mr Mario Nussio
Mr Yanni Pappadopoulos
Mr John Provatidis
Mr Boro Rapaic
Mr Giuseppe Serra
Mr Bert Wilson
Mr Izidor Zelenko

Inducted in 2005

Mr Gino Cilicci
Mr Willie (Bill) J. S. Hutchison

Mr George Doumtsias
Mr John Doumtsias
Mr Ron Martin

Mr Antonios (Apache Tony)
Troupstis
Mr Carlo Sala

Inducted in 2006

Mr Stavros (Steve) Batsokis
Mr Mirko Gojic
Mrs Janet Mibus (posthumously)

Mr Guenther Friedrich Wagner
Mr Christos Georgianoudis
Mr Ilias Georgianoudis
Mr Evangelos (Angelo) Karagiozis

Mr Lyall Mibus
Mrs Robyn Rapaic
Mr Jerko Simac

Inductees for 2007

Mr Ivan Mance
Mr Drago Marijanovic
Mrs Konnie Rowe
Mr Peter Rowe

Mr Ivan Spasojevic
Mr Josef Kovacic Snr
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OPAL FESTIVAL EASTER SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

"Cover up from the Sun at the Festival Oval" Gates Open 1.30pm - 10pm

10am - Noon: The SA Museum is in town. Join **Dr Ben Kear** for "Fishing with Plesiosaurs", and the Museums 3D Preparator & Taxidermist **Jo Bain** with "Behind the Scenes", at the Umoona Opal Mine & Museum.

12.30pm: "Wear-House" Arcade Cardboard Box Car Race. Outside "Wear-House" Arcade, \$50 voucher to 1st & \$25 vouchers to 2nd & 3rd.

1pm: "Lucas Supermarket Street Parade".

Featuring painted mining utes & proudly led by "Spanish Jim" Pifarre. \$200 Voucher for best float, 6 x \$50 vouchers to be won by other entrants.



1.30pm: Oval open. Adults \$5, 6 - 17 years \$2.50, under 6 years no charge, Family Pass \$12.50 (2 Adults & up to 3 6 - 17 year olds). **Licensee Martin Smith** - No Glass, Eskies or Alcohol to be taken into oval & proof of age will be required. Food & refreshment marquees, novelty stalls, amusement rides. **Designated "Dry Areas" are the Country Health SA Childs Fun Marquee, the Dance Floor & Amusement Ride area.**



2pm - 5pm: Information Marquee meet **SA Museums Dr Ben Kear** & Taxidermist **Jo Bain** for Fossil ID & Discovery Centre. & **"Ute Art Stage 2" - Arts SA / SA Government** funded, promoting the Arts to remote SA youth. **Lead Artists Barrie & Christina Kerkvliet Goddard.**

2.30pm: Local marathon runner **Mr Jimmy (The Runner) Nikoloudis** arrives at Oval, does a lap of the crowd to end his 8k run in from Olympic Field carrying an opal to present to **Mayor Mr Steve Baines** to open the Festival & welcome visitors. Followed by certificate presentation to inductees into the **"Coober Pedy Opal Miners Hall of Fame"**.

2.50pm: Desert Traders Auto Centre presents the **"Jimmy Nikoloudis Gift"**. Men 60 & over, Ladies 50 & over. See Jimmy at the southern goals, run to the northern ones & back. **Desert Traders Auto Centre** are supplying a **Miners Store** \$50 voucher for the mens winner, a \$25 voucher for 2nd & 3rd, & a **Lucas Supermarket** \$50 voucher for the ladies winner, a \$25 voucher for 2nd & 3rd.



3pm: Opal Miners Enterprises "Tossing the Sausage" Competition. Ladies & Mens. \$50 OME Fuel / Hardware Voucher to winners & a \$25 & \$15 OME Fuel / Hardware Voucher to 2nd & 3rd in each division.



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3pm - 5pm: Star Opal & Old Timers Mine "Hand Noodling Pit". \$5 for 10 min. Proceeds shared by **Lions Club & Coober Pedy Saints Football Club.**



3.15pm - 4pm, 5pm - 5.45pm, 6.45pm - 7.15pm, 8pm - 8.45pm & 9.15pm - 10pm. Country Rock Music Band **"Key Country".**



4pm: Desert Traders Auto Centre "Singing & Dancing Competition". Desert Traders Auto Centre are supplying a \$50 **Lucas Supermarket** voucher for winner & a \$25 **Miners Store** voucher for 2nd & 3rd. To enter phone Martin Smith Mobile 0417 800 409.

4pm: Johns Pizza Bar: "Holding Sacks of Opal" Competition - In front of the marquees. Mens, Ladies, Junior Men & Junior Ladies Divisions. \$40 Johns Pizza Bar vouchers to 4 winners, \$20 & \$15 vouchers for 2nd & 3rd.

4.45pm: Coober Pedy Area Schools "Cirkidz Performance" Local Students performing juggling, tumbling and human walls.

5pm: "Tug o War" Competition. Ladies & Mens Divisions - Teams of six. Stubby Holders to winners & runners up in both divisions.



6pm: Master Plumbers Paul Kay & Kym Gartners "Outback Dunny Toilet Seat Races". Ladies & Mens Divisions: 1st Prize for each winner is a Carton (48 packs) of Premium 2 Ply Toilet Tissue 110mm x 100mm 400 sheets + Toilet Brush & Holder, 2nd & 3rd in both divisions win 24 packs each.

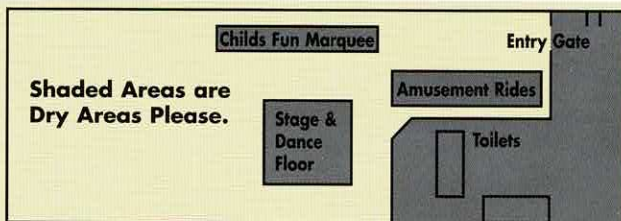
6.30pm: Mud Hut Motel & Restaurant "Lucky Gate Prize Draw". \$1,000 Opal Products Voucher from **Mud Hut Motel.** Your security wrist band has a number on it !! Conditional on the winner being present at draw & wearing the wrist band. Followed by the announcing of highest bid for this years **"Painted Ute"** & the Opal Festival **"Gold Nugget"** Raffle Draw donated by our sister mining city, **"The Greater City of Bendigo".**

7.30pm:  - Lock up your pets before leaving home.

10pm: Marquees & Festival Close. Lights off at 10.30pm - Oval cleared.

Site Map

(Coober Pedy Oval)



Opal Festival Mining Ambassador

In 2005 the Opal Festival inaugurated the naming of an "Opal Festival Mining Ambassador" to honour a local who themselves or their family have been long term opal miners in Coober Pedy, and have made a significant impact in benefiting the local communities with their own time and resources.

2005: Mr Bill McDougall – Order of Australia Medal 1978.

2006: Mrs Victoria (Vicki) McCormack – Order of Australia Medal 1990, and Dr Ernie Kamitakahara – Hon Order of Australia Medal 2000 Jointly.

2007: Peter & Konnie Rowe

The Fringe

Good Friday 6th April • Open Air Outback Cinema – Feature Movie

Easter Sunday 8th April • **Dawn** Combined Church Service at the Big Winch Lookout
8am - 10.30am – Join the SA Museum team for their **"In the Footsteps of Time" Moon Plain Walk**. Meet at the turn off to 10 Mile Creek Camp, 10kms out of town on the Oodnadatta Road, Take water, sunscreen and a hat.

Noon – Ambrose Tournament at the famous **"Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club"**.

Sponsored by the **Mud Hut Motel & Restaurant**. To have a game telephone the club on 8672 3535



• **6.30pm** - Speedway and Demolition Derby at the **Motor Club**.

Ute Art Stage 2.

Painting of Utes starts Wednesday April 4th.

This years "Bid Ute". The Coordinator purchased for himself the Ute which belonged to Thelma and the late Jimmy Bekiaris of Traces Restaurant, to donate to the Festival to raise funds to buy paint for the youth of the town in future years so "Ute Art" can continue. This V8 is registered until the end of June and was painted last year by the Umoona Girls. Bid forms are available from the Information Marquee and the highest offer will be announced at the Festival at 6.30pm.



Opal Festival Raffle:

\$5 a ticket at Information Marquee. Drawn at Festival Oval 6.30pm Easter Saturday.

1st Prize \$1550 Gold Nugget from **"The Greater City of Bendigo"**.

2nd Prize \$395 Pierre Cardin Opal Faced Watch from **"Umoona Opal**

Mine & Museum". 3rd Prize \$50 Dinner Voucher from

"Tom & Mary's Greek Taverna".



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Greek Glendi celebrations Friday 6th & Saturday 7th July.

Phone Greek Orthodox Community of Coober Pedy (08) 8672 5110

Coober Pedy Amateur Racing Club Horse Race Meeting Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th August. Contact Peter Rowe 0429 679 780.

NEXT COOBER PEDY OPAL FESTIVAL EASTER SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 2008.

Contact District Council of Coober Pedy Tourist Information Centre Freecall 1800 637 076

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