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The Coober Pedy Retail Business & Tourism Association Inc. Presents 'The Anniversary Festival'



Coober Pedy Opal Festival & Coober Pedy Opal Miners Hall of Fame 2005



15 of the 36 inaugural inductees of the Coober Pedy Opal Miners Hall of Fame 2004.
Photo Courtesy Ceinwen Grose (Coober Pedy Regional Times). Standing(From Left); Mrs. Jean Kyle, Mr. Milton Morias, Mr. Aurelio Krmac,
Mr. Sakis Likouresis, Mr.Nickolas Farantouris, Mr. Boro Rapaic, Mr. Millan Lakic, Mr. Dimitrios (Jimmy) Nikoloudis, Mr. Ante (Tony) Cubelic,
Mr. Christos (Taki) Delithanassis, Mr. Mario Nussio, Mr. Bill McDougall (Order of Australia Medal 1978),
Kneeling(From Left); Mr. Guiseppe Serra, Mrs. Jenny Gough, Mr. Athanasios (Nakos) Kyrtzaliotis.

PROGRAM SATURDAY MARCH 26 2005

www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au

FRINGE EVENTS

OPAL WALK. - \$1,000 POLISHED OPAL TO BE WON!

Take a look at magnificent Opals and Specimens displayed in participating shops.

GOANNA LAND PHOTO COMPETITION.

Category 1. 2004 Wild Flowers at Breakaways/MoonPlain, Category 2. Weather Over Coober Pedy, Category 3. A Coober Pedian, Category 4. Open.

 $4 \times 50 Local Restaurant Dinner Voucher to be won. Photos must be framed or mounted, Entry fee \$2 per photo. Entries close at Goanna Land Wednesday 23rd March and judged 10am Easter Saturday 26th March.

SCENIC FLIGHTS BY OPAL AIR PTY. LTD.

Local pilot and opal miners Lindsay and Anne Mathews.Ph.Mob.0427 304 599

HARLEY DAVIDSON RIDES

With local opal miner Kon Kapetanakis. Mob. 0407 867 074 or info marquee.

TOWN AND BREAKAWAYS TOURS

Desert Cave Ph 8672 5688, Oasis Caravan Park 8672 5169, Opal Inn Hotel/Motel 8672 5054 Radekas Downunder Backpackers & Motel 8672 5223, Stuart Range Caravan Park 8672 5179

23rd, 24th & 25th March **Tiny Peco Production** play Chasin' Rainbows. A play about Willie Hutchison. Phone Melissa 0400 023 487.

Coober Pedy Arts Network presents 'Talent Lurks Beneath the Earth'. A local artist exhibition of sculptures, painting, mosaic, screen printing. 6pm Thursday 24th March until Friday 22nd April at Underground Art Gallery, Hutchison St. Phone Sam Yates 0427 800 748.

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

FOOTBALL MATCH AT THE OVAL COOBER PEDY SA V SANTA TERESA NT AUSSIE RULES.

Noon - Juniors, 2PM - Seniors, 4.30PM - BBQ, 6PM - Santa Teresa Band. Playing for the 'Radeka Shield' *No alcohol allowed at the oval on this day.

AFTER DARK, DRIVE-IN MOVIE

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

DAWN COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE AT THE BIG WINCH LOOKOUT

NOON, GOLF AT THE FAMOUS COOBER PEDY GOLF CLUB - AMBROSE TOURNAMENT. Ph 8672 5590

NOON, SOCCER AT THE OVAL, COOBER PEDY V ADELAIDE CITY AND WHYALLA.

6.30PM, SPEEDWAY AND DEMOLITION DERBY AT THE MOTOR CLUB.

8PM JAZZ AND BLUES CAFE featuring musician Greg Jones. Catacomb Church, free admission. Coffee and Dessert available for a gold coin donation.

OPAL FESTIVAL SATURDAY 26TH MARCH

Welcome to the Coober Pedy Opal Festival for 2005, 'The Anniversary Festival'. So themed because on 1st February we celebrated the 90th Anniversary of 14 year old Willie Hutchison finding opal here at the Stuart Ranges in 1915. (See back page). The 26th June is also the 85th Anniversary of 'The Stuart Range Opal Fields Progress Committee' selecting our town name 'Coober Pedy' an aboriginal term meaning 'white man in a hole or burrow'.

1PM STREET PARADE - \$500 IN SHOPPING VOUCHERS TO BE WON COURTESY LUKE LUCAS SUPERMARKET.

Proudly led by 'Spanish Jim' Pifarre, 'Spanish Joe' Telleria and this years Coober Pedy Opal Miners 'Hall of Fame' inductees. Floats, community groups, stock, cars, mining equipment, emergency services vehicles and crew. Best float \$200 retail shopping voucher plus 6 other \$50 vouchers to be won. Some floats made possible by Arts SA / SA Government via 'Spin FX' and locals.

1PM GATES TO OVAL OPEN

ADMITTANCE \$5 Adult, \$2.50 Under 18, no charge 5 years and younger, \$12.50 Family Pass (2 Adults & up to 3 Children).

Food Marquees-Stalls-Mining Equipment-Sideshows and Amusements-Lions Club Dugout Tours-Hand Noodling \$5 for 10 minutes (\$5,000 worth of prizes to be won). All proceeds from the Hand Noodling Pit are shared by the Coober Pedy Lions Club and the Coober Pedy Football Club. Many thanks to Star Opal and The Opal Cutter and many other sponsors for the great noodling pit prizes. Bar facilities available from 1pm - 11pm. Festival Licensee - Martin Smith. Proof of age may be required, policy of the Festival is responsible serving of alcohol. The dance floor, the area in front of Child's Fun Marquee and amusement rides are designated 'Dry Areas'. No Glass is allowed at the Oval. Place your empty cans and plastic bottles in the 'white bins' as a fund raiser for the Coober Pedy Football Club.

LIONS CLUB DUGOUT TOURS ASK AT INFORMATION MARQUEE ON THE DAY, OR MAKE A PRE-BOOKING ON 0413 026 486.

Fellowship Marquee has Tea/Coffee available for a Gold Coin donation. Anne Johnson, Coober Pedy Historical Society will be in information marquee for heritage questions

2PM OFFICIAL OPENING

2.10PM 2005 INDUCTION OF MINERS INTO 'THE COOBER PEDY OPAL MINERS HALL OF FAME'.

Certificate presentation to Miners who came to Coober Pedy prior to 1966. Certificates made possible by: Ampol 24 Hour Roadhouse, Mike Maylin Electrical, Miners Store and Natalie Slovachevsky & Dr. Victor Sotnik.

2.15PM SA MUSEUM.

Dr Benjamin P. Kear postdoctoral research fellow (University of Adelaide) and Honorary Research Associate (South Australian Museum) and friends will be in the information marquee with exhibits and to identify your fossils and findings. Bring them along and have a chat with these special guests. Our thanks to SA Museum, Ben & Friends.

2.30PM ROUGH OPAL AUCTION

Parcel 1 Proceeds to Mines Rescue, Parcel 2 proceeds to Coober Pedy Football Club.

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2.30PM JUGGLENAUT. JUGGLING & CIRCUS SHOW Made possible by Country Arts SA & Regional Arts Fund

3PM OLD TIMERS MINE LITTLIES NOVELTY EVENTS .

3PM. HOW TO PEG A CLAIM WITH JOHN SMEDLEY

3PM "WEAR-HOUSE" ARCADE JUNIOR NOVELTY HEXATHLON.

\$200 in retail shopping vouchers to be won, junior female & male divisions, \$1 Entry Fee. A 6 leg novelty event which includes running with ankles tied, dragging a wheelie bin.

4PM MULTI-CULTURAL SINGING AND DANCING WITH SAM YATES Ph 0427 800 748

4PM OPAL MINERS ENTERPRISES 'TOSSING THE SAUSAGE'.

5PM 'TUG O WAR'.

6PM CARMELO CRISAS LONGEST FOOTY KICK.

7PM - 7.45PM, 8.15PM - 9PM, 10.15PM - 11PM THE OPAL INN HOTEL / MOTEL PRESENTS ADELAIDE PUB & CLUB BAND 'JUNGLE JOOCE'. www.junglejooce.com

7.45PM GATE PRIZE DRAW.

Draw 1. 62 gram Gold Nugget from The Greater City of Bendigo, our sister mining city. Draw 2. \$1,000.00 Retail Voucher of Opal Products from Mud Hut Motel. Your security wrist band has a number on it! Conditional on the winner being present at the draw and wearing the wrist band.

9PM JUGGLENAUT, ALLURE FIRESHOW FEATURING LOCALS.

Made possible by Country Arts SA Regional Arts Fund.

9.45PM CHINESE OPAL BUYERS & DESERT VIEW UNDERGROUND APARTMENTS FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

lan & Sue Riedel from "FireworX" Qld are your pyrotechnicians, lock up your pets before leaving home!

11PM BARS AND FESTIVAL CLOSE.

Lights off at 11.30pm - Oval cleared.

OPAL FESTIVAL AMBASSADOR

2005 Opal Mining Ambassador: Mr Bill McDougall (see front cover for photo) Awarded Order of Australia Medal in the June 1978 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Bill was instrumental in establishing the Coober Pedy Medical Centre in 1964, the Mines Rescue Squad in 1972 and the local St. John's Ambulance Brigade in 1973.

COOBER PEDY OPAL MINERS HALL OF FAME (* indicates 2005 inductees)

Mr Bill Andoniadis Mr Bill Batsiokis

Mr Charalambos (Bubby) Bibasis

Mr Emmanuel Christianos

Mr Gino Colicci*

Mr Ante Cubelic

Mr David R Davison

Mr George Doumtsis* Mr John Doumtsis*

Mr Werner Gunter (Bill)

Deckelmann

Mr Christos (Taki) Delithanassis

Mr Nickolas Farantouris

Mr Chris Findanis

Mrs Jenny Gough

Mr Guenther Hackenburger

Mr Willie (Bill) J.S. Hutchison 1901 - 1920*

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 Ron Martin*

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 Nussia

Mr Yanni Pappadopoulos

Mr John Provatidis Mr Boro Rapaic

Mr Carlo Sala* Mr Guiseppe Serra

Mr Antonios (Apache Tony)

Trouptsis*

Mr Bert Wilson Mr Izidor Zelenko

2006 Coober Pedy Opal Festival and Coober Pedy Opal Miners Hall of Fame Inductions Easter Saturday April 15th. Themed; The Year of the Opal Miner. Opal Miners who arrived in Coober Pedy prior to 1st January 1972 are up for induction, please submit your name as your nomination to the Coordinator Martin Smith PO Box 601 Coober Pedy SA 5723 by Christmas 2005.

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Lions Club of Coober Pedy (I)

Lookout Cave Motel (F) Lucas Supermarket (P)

Lyn Brever MP (I)

Mail Run Tour (F) Mike Maylin Electrical (F)

Miners Store (F & P)

Mobil Outback Service Station (P)

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Mud Hut Motel (I & P) Oasis Caravan Park (F)

Old Timers Mine (F & I & P)

Opal Cave (I) Opal Country (F)

Opal Inn Hotel/Motel (F & I & P)

Opal Inn Chinese Restaurant (F)

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Index: F = Financial, I = In Kind, P = Prizes.

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SA Museum (I) Star Opal (I & P)

Stuart Range Caravan Park (F)

The Opal Cutter (P)

The Underground Motel (F)

Tom & Mary's Greek Taverna (P)

Traces Restaurant (P)

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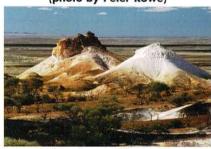
A Blower working on a Coober Pedy opal field (photo by Peter Rowe)



The Dingo Fence (photo by Peter Rowe)



Underground Living (photo by unknown)



Breakaway Country (photo by Peter Rowe)

Coober Pedy was discovered in 1915 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 Coober Pedy.