



**Coober Pedy
Opal Festival 2010**

PROGRAM



Easter Saturday

3rd April



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Welcome to the 2010 Coober Pedy Opal Festival



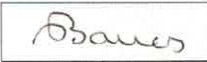
The Opal Festival is one of two major events on the Coober Pedy calendar, the other being the Coober Pedy Race Weekend held in August. The Easter weekend in Coober Pedy falls at one of our best times of the year. The weather is perfect and everyone is full of anticipation for the celebrations that are the Coober Pedy Opal Festival.

This year's opal festival is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever thanks to a new and enthusiastic committee, and will include something for everyone starting with the traditional street parade along Hutchison Street.

To all our visitors, a warm and friendly welcome to Coober Pedy the "Opal Capital of the World" in the heart of the South Australian outback. We hope your stay is both informative and enjoyable.

My sincere thanks to the Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association for presenting the Opal Festival on behalf of Council, and thanks to all the other sponsors and helpers who have made this event possible.

I wish everyone a memorable and enjoyable Opal Festival weekend.



Steve Baines. Mayor, District Council of Coober Pedy

The Fringe

Friday 2nd April

- **Welcome All Ball** at the Desert Cave Convention Room
7.30pm for 7.45pm. Buffet and Entertainment \$65 per head
(Charity raffle: 50:50 Australian Red Cross: RFDS)

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April

- **Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show** at the Greek Hall (9 to 5)

Sunday 4th April

- Church service at the Big Winch 6:15am arrive for a 6:30am start
- **Coober Pedy Area School 50th Birthday Celebrations**
Full Range of fun activities for all the family. From 2pm at the School

The Opal Festival Program

Saturday 3rd April—Oxiana Oval

Entry Price: \$5 per Adult, \$2.50 per child under 15. (Children under 2 no charge)

1:00 Festival Street Parade

To start off the Festival, line the main street of Coober Pedy and watch the colourful floats make their way from Lucas Supermarket to Town Oval.
\$2000 Major Prize for the Best Float!

2:00 Official Opening Speech

Mayor Steve Baines open the festival at The Oxiana Oval

2:20 Chris Sperou – Air Show

Make sure you are at the oval to see Chris Sperou perform his aerobatic stunts over the crowd.

3:00 Holding Sacks of Opal (Sponsored by Monica Nagyszollosi from Raine & Horne)

Do you think you have the endurance? If so, why not have a go at trying to outlast your opponents in holding a sack of opal with your arm outstretched.
Prizes – Men \$100 to the winner, Women \$100 to the winner.

3:30 Toss the Sausage (Sponsored by Waters & Younger)

Well it's not a sausage but a traditional explosive used by opal miners. The person that can toss it the furthest distance wins, it's that simple! Join in and put your strength to the test.
First Prize \$250, \$100 Second Prize and \$50 Third Prize.

4:00 Relays (Sponsored by Wear-House Arcade)

Egg & Spoon Race 100m Sprint
Wheelbarrow 3 Legged Race

4:30 Tug of War (Sponsored by Desert Rainbow)

Get a team together to compete against the locals or just stand by and watch as the men and women put their muscles to work!
First Prize \$250 each division.

5:00 Chris Sperou – Air Show

Chris Sperou will perform his aerobatic show for the second time just in case you missed it the first time or give those plane enthusiasts a chance to see it again!

7:00 Presentations

Best Float, Opal Festival Raffle Draw, & Event Winners.

7:30 Fireworks (Sponsored by Exact Mining Services)

It speaks for itself! Don't miss out! Lock up your pets.

10:00 Marquees & Festival Close. Lights off at 10:30pm.

Licensee Kevin Holland No Glass or BYO Alcohol to be taken into the oval—Proof of age will be required for alcohol service.

All Day Events—Saturday 3rd April



One of Adelaide's most popular bands **THREE PIECE FEED** perform live throughout the day and night!

Family fun for everyone. Bring the kids along and let them enjoy Thomas the Train, Jumping Castle and other rides.

Ages 1 - 12 years

Volleyball



1st Prize \$400, 2nd Prize \$100. 4 per team (2 Men & 2 Women). Sponsored by JOHN'S PIZZA BAR.

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Noodling Pit

Look through huge mounds of dirt for a tiny speck of opal (Don't worry, we have made it easy for you, well easier!)



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Opal Walk

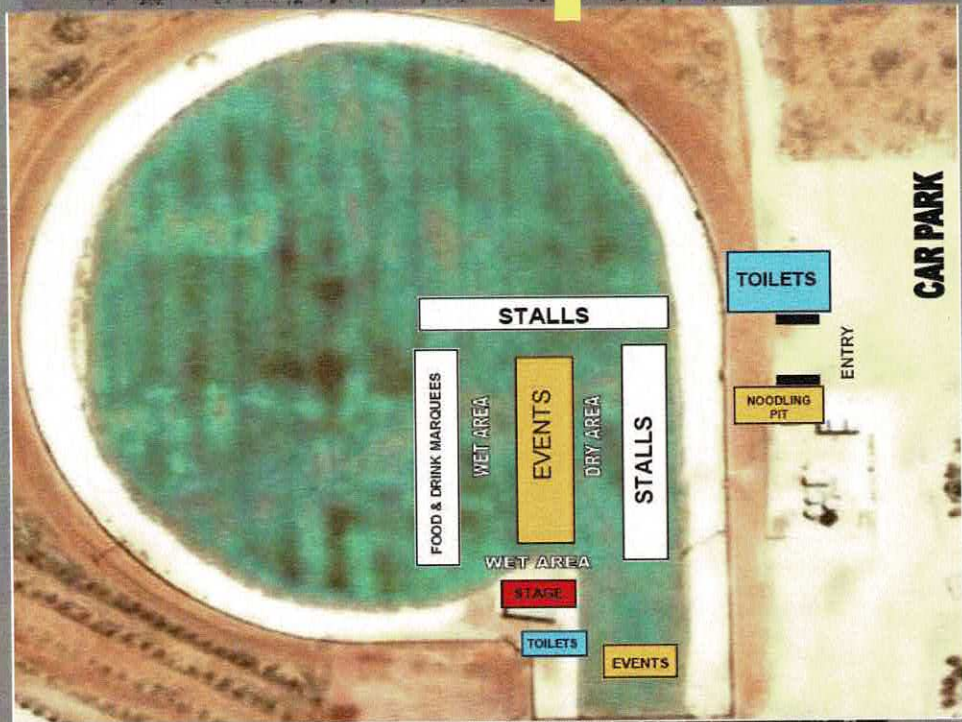
Do the Opal Walk and give yourself a chance to win a \$1000 Opal for FREE over the Easter weekend.

To enter collect a free Opal Walk Pass Book from your place of accommodation, any of the participating business or at the Opal Festival show grounds.

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*Cover up from the sun at the Opal Festival—Remember to Slip Slop Slap
Bring a hat & sunscreen.*

Map



Opal Festival Raffle

\$5/Ticket. Available at Information/Registration Marquee.

Drawn at the festival grounds at 7:30 pm,
Easter Saturday 3rd April 2010.

Major Prize \$2,200.00 Gold Nugget from the
"Greater City of Bendigo".

Other prizes include Dinner Voucher, Accommodation, Opal
Jewellery and many more.

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