

## Film crew invasion

130 members of the Salute of the Jugger Film Crew are at present staying in Coober Pedy in hotels, dugouts, 12 homes and caravans.

Forty to fifty Coober Pedy locals have been put on the film set with a host of Coober Pedy businesses supporting the activities.

The Salute of the Jugger stars Rutger Hauer, Joan Chen and Vincent D'Onofrio. The film is being shot entirely on location in Coober Pedy and Sydney over 11 weeks. It is due to be released in August '89.

The Salute of the Jugger, takes place at a point in the future where civilization as we know it has collapsed. The film follows the journey of a small band of gladiators committed to the athlete's challenge of physical endurance, sportsmanship and the quest to win.

Dutch-born Rutger Hauer has 21 movies under his belt, including "Blade Runner" and "Wanted: Dead or Alive".

Joan Chen has appeared in "The Last Emperor".

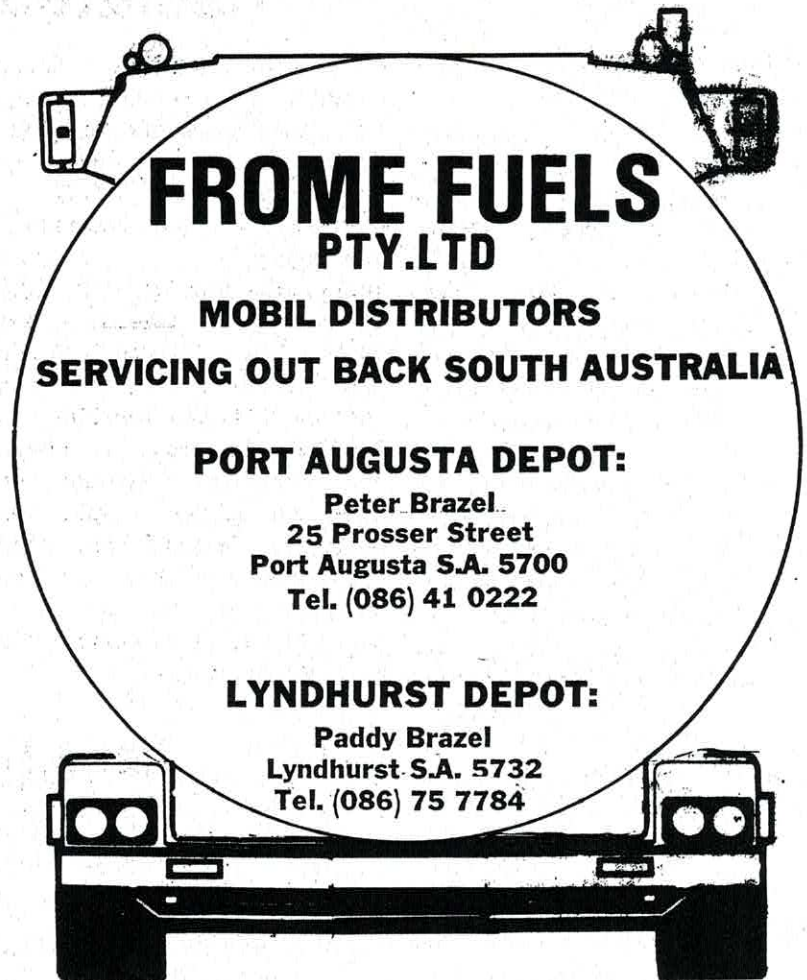
American director David Webb Peoples, who wrote "Blade Runner" and "Ladyhawke", will make his directorial debut in "Salute of the Jugger", also his own original screenplay.

David Egby, whose cinematography credits include "Mad Max 1" and "Ground Zero" is the director of photography.

Production designer, John Stoddart, whose credits include "Mosquito Coast" will be in charge of changing the Coober Pedy locations into the future world.

Special make-up has been created by Michael Westmore and Bob McCarron. Bob has worked on "Mad Max 11" and "Bourke & Wills".

So over the next few weeks Coober Pedy will be sharing facilities with these high flyers!



## Robbery updates

Between 6.30 and 8.45pm, on the night of the 11th of August, \$900,000 in cash and opal was stolen in a safe from the home of Arthur Lyrtzas, in Elleway Drive, Coober Pedy.

The thieves are believed to have driven a car and trailer down the driveway of the house behind, cut through the fence, smashed a rear window, and rolled the safe on to a trailer.

The vehicle and trailer was later recovered.

SES and Mines Rescue were called into help police search for the safe. The Coober Pedy Greek community engaged a private investigator, Frank Church, to find further information.

An extensive search around the opal fields proved unsuccessful.

There are an estimated 100,000 mine shafts in the area. Mirrors were used in an attempt to see the bottom of shafts.

Anybody with information are asked to contact Coober Pedy CIB.

On Wednesday 17th of August, between midnight and 7.00am, 5 trays of opals were taken from Umoona Mine. The trays contained 96 rings, 36 opal pendants and 12 opal bracelets. All opals were solids.

The thieves broke in through a door, grabbed the trays and quickly left. The burglar alarm was activated.

There are no further developments in either robberies. The Coober Pedy CIB are heavily involved in investigations of both robberies.