

OPALS

Our Opal Shops are owned and managed by passionate, long term residents; many mining their own product, cutting, setting and selling.

We are truly the Opal Capital of the World!

Considered Australia's National Gemstone, the play of colour in top quality opal cannot be rivaled by any other gemstone on Earth.

For your information, here is our 30 second guide to Opal throughout Australia

NATURALLY OCCURRING OPAL

Potch – 85% of opal found – no fiery colours and thus no value.

Grey/White/Milky Opal – found in Coober Pedy, Mintabie, Andamooka, White Cliffs. The base colour or body tone is light, white or a greyish colour. Generally considered the lowest grade of the Precious Opal.

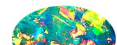
Crystal Opal – found in the SA Opal Fields. The base or body colour is transparent or very translucent. The quality and value increases as the range, brightness, and size of the colour play inside the stone improves.

Black Opal – predominantly Lightning Ridge in NSW. The body colouring is a smoky to very dark grey, to black. The darker, the higher the value.

Boulder Opal – found in the inland QLD Fields – ie Yowah, Quilpie. Layers of Opal are naturally formed in narrow cavities in ironstone – often giving the opal an uneven surface, or a mix of opal and ironstone on the surface.

PRESENTATION OF OPAL

Opal is polished and presented for sale in its loose form, or set into jewellery, utilizing a range of techniques to enhance or highlight the natural colours.



SOLID OPAL



DOUBLET



TRIPLET

Solid Opal – Usually cut as a cabochon (smooth round top), highly polished. Freeform or specific sizes (ie round, oval, teardrop).

Doublet – A slice of precious opal whose colour is enhanced by bonding it to a dark backing such as ironstone or obsidian. More affordable as less opal used in each piece.

Triplet – A triplet is produced when an even thinner slice of opal than the doublet is used. The opal slice is then protected by a crystal dome.

Inlay – a more modern technique, whereby precious opal is cut precisely to fit a jewellery setting. The opal and jewellery is then polished as one piece, giving a contoured appearance.



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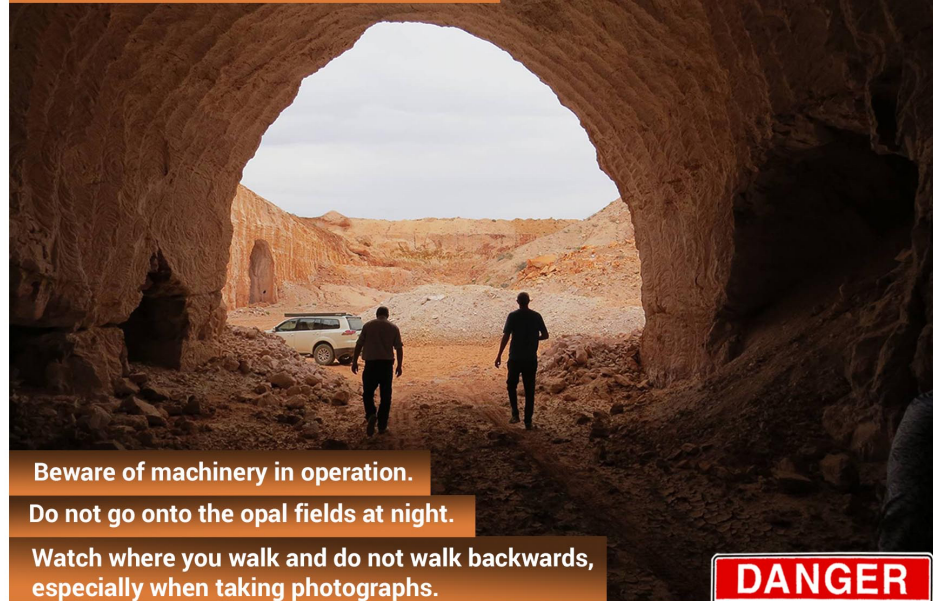
The Cooper Pedy Retail Business & Tourism Association welcomes you to our unique cosmopolitan town. We trust your stay will be both memorable and enjoyable and that the information provided on this map will be of assistance. All businesses listed are members of the association and working together to make Cooper Pedy and the surrounding areas a memorable destination!

OPAL FIELDS

Opal fields are pitted with abandoned prospecting drill holes up to 30m deep.

It is illegal to go on a pegged claim without the miner's permission.

2019 Cooper Pedy Prize Winner
Arid Areas Tours



Beware of machinery in operation.

Do not go onto the opal fields at night.

Watch where you walk and do not walk backwards, especially when taking photographs.



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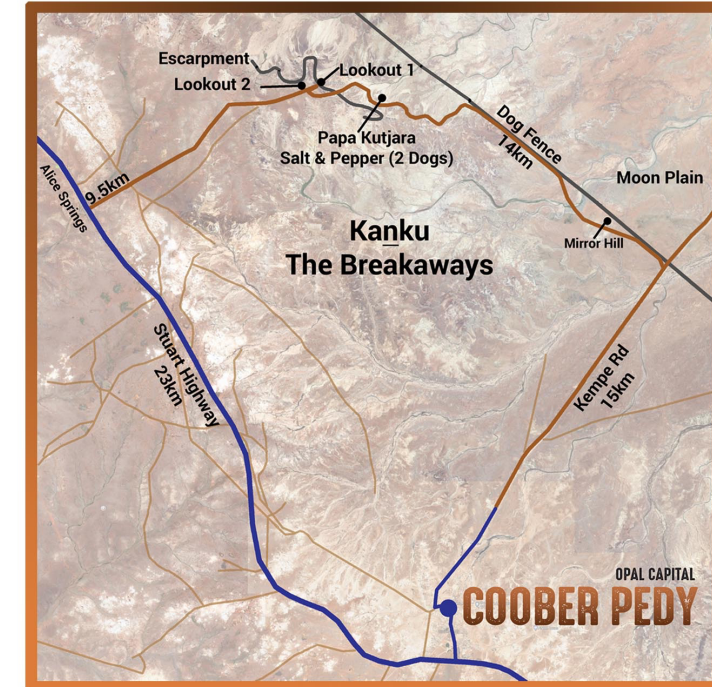
The Cooper Pedy Visitor Information Centre

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Weekends/Public Holidays 10am to 1pm
Phone: 08 8672 4617



Kanku - Breakaways Conservation Park

An Aboriginal Heritage Site, 23km north of Cooper Pedy. A beautiful Scenic area, leaving the impression of the long gone inland sea. A 70km round trip back to Cooper Pedy past the Dog Fence & Moon Plain.



Permits are required and can be purchased at the Visitors Information Centre & The Underground Bookstore. Price \$10 per vehicle or \$8 concession.



Stefano Nocetti



OPAL CAPITAL COOBER PEDY

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- Attractions**
- A John McDouall Stuart Monument S34
 - B Serbian Orthodox Church..... Q19
 - C Wind Turbine Generator..... O27
 - D St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.. J17
 - E Revival Underground Church..... L13
 - F Boot Hill Cemetery..... N29
 - G Catacomb Church..... M6
 - H Public Noodling Area..... M11
 - I Breakaways & Dog Fence..... A 31
 - J The Big Winch Look Out..... K 13
 - K Greek Orthodox Cemetery..... K 22
 - L EDL Wind & Solar Field..... Q34

- Tours**
- 39 Arid Areas Tours..... R31
 - BIG4 Stuart Range Outback Tours..... L29
 - 24 Faye's Underground House..... M15
 - 36 Josephine's Gallery & Kangaroo Orphanage..... J10
 - 35 Mail Run Tour..... A10
 - 41 Noble Tours Australia..... U22
 - Oasis Caravan Park..... I 9
 - Old Timers Mine..... L13
 - 1 Riba's Caravan Park..... V34
 - 43 Tom's Working Mine..... D30
 - 18 Umoona Opal Mine & Museum..... J14
 - 59 Wrights Air..... B34

- Opal Shops**
- BIG4 Gaea Gems..... L29
 - Comfort Inn Experience Motel..... L14
 - 36 Josephine's Gallery & Kangaroo Orphanage..... J10
 - Old Timers Mine..... L13
 - 20 Opal Cave..... J13
 - 21 Opal Direct..... L15
 - 8 Opalios..... I20
 - 3 Opals on Hutchison..... I18
 - 11 Radeka's Motel & Backpacker Inn..... J17
 - 22 Star Opal..... J22
 - 18 Umoona Opal Mine & Museum..... J14
 - 51 Waffles & Gems..... J14

- Restaurants & Cafes**
- 40 Boomerang Takeaway..... I20
 - 16 Downunder Gallery & Café..... I15
 - 47 Italian Miners Club..... J15
 - Johns Pizza Bar & Restaurant..... J12
 - 70 Mediteranean Street Food Tavern..... L29
 - BIG4 Nostimo Pizza..... J16
 - Oliver St Café..... I21
 - IGR Orange & Olives..... J12
 - 10 Outback Bar & Grill..... J22
 - Passion Bakery & Café..... H21
 - RSL Coober Pedy RSL..... I10
 - 51 Waffles & Gems..... J14

- Supermarkets & Bottle Shops**
- IGR Carters IGA Supermarket..... J12
 - Cellarbrations..... J19
 - 64 The Coober Pedy Town Store..... I18

- Car Hire & Repairs**
- 28 Bulls..... J8
 - Budget Car Rentals..... J21
 - 58 Bridgestone Coober Pedy..... J10

- Accommodation**
- BIG4 Stuart Range Outback Resort..... L 29
 - Comfort Inn Experience Motel..... L14
 - 62 Desert Dwellers BnB..... U25
 - 66 Di's Dugouts..... E3
 - 34 Down to Earth B&B..... T28
 - 53 Dug Out B&B..... V24
 - 48 Jam Bed and Breakfast..... C29
 - Lookout Cave Underground Motel..... L7
 - 5 Mud Hut Motel..... J21
 - Oasis Caravan Park..... I9
 - 20 Opal Cave..... J13
 - 50 Potch & Colour..... P17
 - 11 Radekas Motel & Backpacker Inn..... J17
 - 1 Riba's Caravan Park..... V34
 - Shell Service Station..... J23
 - 33 The Underground Motel..... K6
 - 18 Umoona Opal Mine & Museum..... J14
 - 37 Underground B&B..... P24
- Town Stores & Business**
- 67 All Site Transport..... F12
 - 12 Arid Areas Accounting Audit & Tax J7
 - 17 CP Pharmacy..... J18
 - 54 Dusty Radio 104.5FM..... G19
 - 63 Jill's Wear-House..... I19
 - 60 Mike Maylin Constructions..... E13
 - 69 Shaz's Massage Therapies..... U32
 - True Vale Hardware..... J18
 - 15 Underground Books..... I15
- Service Stations**
- BP Service Station..... J18
 - 28 Bulls..... J8
 - Caltex..... J16
 - Shell..... J23

- Emergency & Medical Services**
- 17 CP Pharmacy..... J18
 - CFS - Country Fire Service..... J8
 - Health Centre..... M8
 - Hospital..... M7
 - Police..... I23
 - SES - State Emergency Services... L10
 - SA Ambulance..... L10

- Local Community**
- Airport..... B34
 - 46 Council Offices..... J22
 - CP Area School..... H19
 - CP School Library..... H19
 - CP Swimming Pool..... H19
 - CP Amateur Race Club..... B11
 - CP Croatian Club..... K27
 - CP Drive In..... K9
 - CP Golf Course..... A12
 - CP Greek Club..... K22
 - CP Gun Club..... C6
 - RSL CP RSL..... I10
 - CP Speedway..... C10
 - Play Ground & Skate Park..... J24
 - Visitors Information Centre..... J22

- ATM'S**
- BP Miners Store..... J18
 - Caltex Service Station..... J16
 - IGR Carters IGA Supermarket..... J12
 - Shell Service Station..... J23
 - Westpac Bank..... I17

