

Ladies & Gentlemen, Pilots & Navigators,

After a hugely successful Barossa Fly-In we are now well into planning our next gathering at Coober Pedy (YCBP). This is being organised at unusually short notice, due to the change in locations associated with Covid restrictions that have played havoc with our normal planning arrangements.

We are planning Coober Pedy with Check-in on **Saturday 04 September 2021**, checkout Tuesday 07 September 2021 (ie 3 nights).

Our primary activity will be a fly away to Maralinga (YMRA – No fuel available – Brg 243 Dist 175nm from YCBP) with a tour to be conducted at the atomic bomb test site. Google Maralinga, it's interesting! Details are yet to be finalised but this would involve an early morning departure from Coober Pedy, flight time 80-90 minutes, tour of Maralinga, then return to YCBP. First light YCBP 2050Z, last light 0911Z, around 12:20 of daylight. The tour can only accommodate 23 people (max) so depending on numbers this may involve a fly-away to be conducted over 2 days. The tour is approximately 6 hours and costs around \$205 per person. "Gulp", yep, it's expensive but a rare opportunity to explore an important part of our history.

If the tour to Maralinga is undertaken over 2 days, then the Coober Pedy group could tour the town or maybe fly to the Kanku Breakaways, Painted Desert, lunch at William Creek and back to Coober Pedy via the Painted Hills. Time permitting, a fly over Lake Eyre and Maree Man is also fun.

With so many people holidaying in Aust, accommodation is tight.

So, to help us finalise arrangements we would ask you to notify Andrew and Jane of your intentions.

- 1 Your name & aircraft registration
- 2 Are you definitely planning on attending the Coober Pedy Fly-In?
- 3 How many people in your party?
- 4 How many hotel rooms does your party require?
- 5 Are you definitely planning on the day trip to Maralinga?
- 6 Are you interested in the William Creek Flight?

Please **respond** by the end of this month, **30 April**.

Safe flying and looking forward to seeing you there.

Peter Jones

Rob Terzi

Rob Barnes