



The new Australian Opal Centre. Architects Glenn Murcutt + Wendy Lewin. Rendering Candalepas Associates.

INVITATION TO BECOME A FOUNDER OF THE AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE

You are invited to become an Australian Opal Centre (AOC) Founder - one of an exclusive group of fewer than 150 contributors to a major fund that will leverage \$20 million from government for one of Australia's most exciting, nationally significant regional projects.

The Australian Opal Centre

At Lightning Ridge in outback NSW, we are building a spectacular national monument - an energy-efficient, two-storey, underground facility filled with glittering treasures from the earth and stories of the people who found them: the stories of resilience, ingenuity and humour for which Australia's opal fields are famous.

In the Australian Opal Centre you'll marvel at stunning opal gemstones in every colour of the rainbow; and the world's greatest public collection of fossils made of opal - indescribably rare relics from the Age of Dinosaurs.

All of this, in a building that is the masterwork of esteemed Australian architects Glenn Murcutt and Wendy Lewin. The Australian Opal Centre will be a model for energy-efficient public building design in semi-arid Australia: a 21st century Australian architectural icon.

Raising the bar

The Australian Opal Centre is being developed by the not-for-profit organisation LROFC Inc. AOC assets, including a 3 hectare development site and the world's most significant collection of opalised fossils, are already valued at around \$5 million.

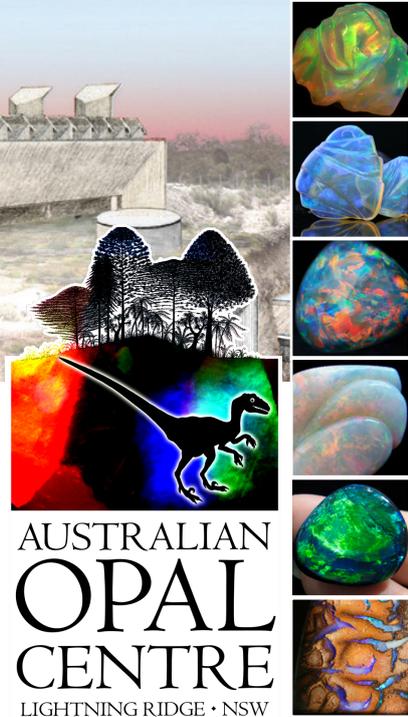
In 2012-13 the AOC turned to the crowd to match NSW Government funding available for site works for the new Australian Opal Centre building. The crowd responded, leveraging \$107,040 from government. A 100 metre long, 11 metre deep construction site was prepared for the new building.

In 2016/2017 we are raising the bar, seeking \$9 million in Founder donations and pledges and \$1 million in other donations, to leverage \$20 million from Australian federal and state governments for completion of the new Australian Opal Centre by early 2021.

Australian Opal Centre Founders

AOC Founders will enjoy the benefits of tax deductibility and receive invitations to exclusive Founders events. Most importantly, members of this elite group will be honoured in perpetuity at the new Australian Opal Centre.

Be the benefactor of a vibrant institution and world-renowned building. Witness the building's genesis, then see extraordinary treasures shared with the world, thanks to you. Enable enduring regional economic and cultural development. Make the Australian Opal Centre your proud and lasting legacy.



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LIGHTNING RIDGE • NSW

The Australian Opal Centre is a world-class, not-for-profit facility at Lightning Ridge, NSW, for the world's premiere public collection of precious opal and rare opalised fossils from across the nation. It is a long-awaited Centre for Australia's magnificent National Gemstone.

This high-profile tourism asset is a dynamic hub for industry, enterprise, education, research, employment and cultural activity.

Internationally renowned architects Glenn Murcutt and Wendy Lewin have designed an innovative, largely underground new Australian Opal Centre building at the historic Three Mile opal field. The building will provide its own water and power, its internal environment controlled by passive mechanisms regulating light, air movement, temperature and humidity. Solar powered, water conserving and insulated by the earth, the Centre will be a model for energy-efficient design in semi-arid Australia.

The Australian Opal Centre will be a world-class architectural icon, an international tourism asset, a global focus for education, research and promotion of Australia's National Gemstone and a dynamic stimulus to economic and cultural development.

LROFC Inc owns a 3 hectare development site, building concept plans, an extraordinary collection of opal-related artifacts, and two venues hosting popular public programs.

The Australian Opal Centre, Lightning Ridge: a unique national centre renowned worldwide for its architecture, its opal and fossil collection and its celebration of outback opal mining culture.

Pledge with confidence

Simply choose your AOC Founder pledge amount, then secure your place as a Founder with an initial contribution of \$2,500. *You don't have to pay more until we reach \$10 million in cash and commitments.* That's right - you don't have to give all the money now, and if we don't reach our target, you needn't pay any more. Please give more sooner if you can though, because your contribution is tax deductible and *every dollar gets us there faster!*

Want to be a Founder but don't have \$2,500 now? Contact us; we can help make it happen!

Giving Levels

AOC Founders may choose from seven contribution levels, with a strictly limited number of opportunities at each level and a total of fewer than 150 Founder places available.¹

\$10,000	\$50,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000
\$30,000	\$150,000	\$500,000	

Pay upfront or spread your contribution over 2, 3 or 4 years.² Instalments may be paid annually, or by fortnightly, monthly or quarterly debits. Give as an individual or business, or get together a group of family, friends or colleagues!

Valued Supporters Get Credit

If you have already donated to the Australian Opal Centre Building Fund (e.g. in a previous campaign) we will happily credit you for your contribution thus far. Please let us know if this is the case. For example, if you have already given \$1000, you need pledge only an additional \$9,000 (payable over up to 4 years) to become a \$10,000 supporter.

Putting Your Contribution Straight to Work

The AOC is experiencing unprecedented growth and opportunity, and is in a unique position to capitalise on multi million dollar government funding opportunities. Your initial contribution will be put to work immediately. Within 10 weeks of receiving the first 40 Founder pledges, the AOC will complete vital documentation underpinning applications to the Australian Government and NSW Government for funds to complete and open the new Australian Opal Centre. Founders will receive progress reports as milestones are achieved.

What's your passion?

The Australian Opal Centre is building rich collaborative relationships with government, industry bodies, philanthropic entities, educational institutions, corporate and private entities. Eight key sectors benefit from synergies with the AOC:

Arts, Culture and Heritage	Regional Employment & Capacity Building
Education	Opal Industry Development
Tourism Development	Scientific Research
Commercial and Social Enterprise	Sustainable Building and Design

If your passions intersect with any of these areas, talk to us about how we can make an involvement with the AOC work for you.

Other ways to give

If the AOC Founders offer is not for you, there are other ways to contribute and be a part of this extraordinary project. Contact us today to discuss your involvement. You could:

- Become a member or choose a higher level of membership
- Make a tax-deductible donation now, or pledge a lower amount.
- Volunteer to raise money and deliver programs.

Secure your place now or find out more

To secure your position as an Australian Opal Centre Founder, simply complete an AOC Founders Application Form and return it with your contribution to the address below, or to founders@australianopalcentre.com. Have questions? Please don't hesitate to call us on 02 8006 0221 or email founders@australianopalcentre.com.

¹ MAXIMUM DONORS PER LEVEL

Donor level \$	Max. no. donors
10,000	65
30,000	25
50,000	20
150,000	15
250,000	10
500,000	8
1,000,000	5
Total:	148

² EXAMPLE ANNUAL AND MONTHLY INSTALMENTS After initial \$2,500

DONATION PAID OVER 4 YEARS

Total \$	Per year \$	Per month \$
10,000	1,875	156.25
30,000	6,875	572.92
50,000	11,875	989.58
150,000	36,875	3,072.93
250,000	61,875	5,156.25
500,000	124,375	10,364.58
1,000,000	249,375	20,781.25

DONATION PAID OVER 3 YEARS

Total \$	Per year \$	Per month \$
10,000	2,500	208.33
30,000	9,167	763.89
50,000	15,833	1,319.44
150,000	49,167	4,097.22
250,000	82,500	6,875.00
500,000	165,833	13,189.44
1,000,000	332,500	27,708.33

DONATION PAID OVER 2 YEARS

Total \$	Per year \$	Per month \$
10,000	3,750	312.50
30,000	13,750	1,145.83
50,000	23,750	1,979.17
150,000	73,750	6,145.83
250,000	123,750	10,312.50
500,000	248,750	20,729.17
1,000,000	498,750	41,562.50



YES - you are welcome to refer this offer to other potential AOC Founders.

AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE FOUNDERS APPLICATION AND PAYMENT AUTHORISATION FORM

Identity of recipient LROFC Inc ABN 20 377 425 512 trading as Australian Opal Centre (AOC)

Type of contribution *Tick to select:* Donation (tax deductible gift) OR Sponsorship (tax invoice)

Founder details
NAME
ADDRESS
TOWN/CITY STATE.....
POSTCODE/ZIP CODE COUNTRY

TELEPHONE (home/work).....TELEPHONE (mobile).....
EMAIL.....ABN (if a business).....

Amount pledged Total amount pledged (tick to select amount)
 \$10,000 \$30,000 \$50,000 \$150,000 \$250,000 \$500,000 \$1,000,000

Initial contribution The initial contribution may be any amount between \$2,500 and the entire amount pledged.
 \$2,500 Total pledged (write amount) Other (write amount)

Payment method Cash Cheque Visa Mastercard Direct deposit
Card No. Expiry: / CCV:
Name on card: Signature:

For direct deposit: Account - AOC Building Fund BSB - 032561 Acc no - 191800
Please put your name in the Description for your direct deposit transaction.

Balance & frequency If the initial contribution is less than the total pledged, the Founder may pay the balance in monthly or annual instalments over a period of 1, 2, 3 or 4 years. Subsequent instalment payments will commence (*tick to select*) immediately, OR upon the AOC securing cash and/or pledges to a total value of \$10 million. *The AOC will contact the Founder to confirm payment arrangements. Payment method and frequency may be varied.*

Purpose The AOC agrees that the money pledged by the Founder will be applied to the development, construction and fit out of the Australian Opal Centre Building.

Privacy statement *Please tick here to confirm that you have read and agree to the AOC's Privacy Policy (available at www.australianopalcentre.com/privacy) and the Privacy Policy of your State or Territory.*

Acknowledgement By signing this pledge form:

- I consent to any information in this Pledge Form and any other information provided for the purposes of the Founder's pledge being used by the AOC in seeking additional funding from the Commonwealth Government, State and territory governments and relevant agencies, organisations or individuals, and being used in any manner which is required to process this pledge.
- I understand that I cannot later revoke the Founder's pledge and that any funds the Founder pays or gives to the AOC will form part of the AOC's funding for the development, construction and fitout of the Australian Opal Centre Building.
- I agree that upon the AOC securing cash and/or pledges to total value \$10 million by 31 December 2020, the Founder is obligated to pay or give the balance of the Founder's pledge not already paid or given to the AOC.
- I understand that in the event that the AOC is unable to secure cash and/or pledges to a total value of \$10 million by 31 December 2020, the AOC will not return any money already given to the AOC and used for the agreed Purpose of the money.
- I agree that AOC may assign the benefit of the Founder's pledge to any successor, assign or related entity provided that the money pledged is applied to the development, construction and fit out of the Australian Opal Centre Building.
- I declare that the information in this Pledge Form is true and correct.
- I have authority to enter into this pledge and commit the Founder to the payment of the pledge.

Signature
Signature of founder or authorised officer of Founder

Print name Date