

2012-18 FEDERAL TAX AUDIT FOR COOPER PEDY COUNCIL

By Margaret Mackay

12 months has now passed [10 May 2017] since then State Treasurer Mr. Tom Koutsantonis requested that the State Auditor General examine the DCCP finances.

Subsequently the Auditor General issued a letter to the DCCP that contained the following information.

“As you may be aware, the Treasurer, the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP. requested that I examine the District Council of Cooper Pedy's (the Council) accounts under section 32(1)a of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 (PFAA).”

“The Auditor-General must deliver copies of the report to the Council, the Treasurer and the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly.”

One year later just as many were expecting the AG report to be completed and presented in the current session of Parliament, the following two paragraphs were noted below council's monthly financial report.

“Council is about to undergo an ATO audit within the next few weeks. The ATO will investigate PAYG and Superannuation calculations and deductions from 2012.”

“Further, they may investigate the consistency and application of GST payments and deductions, BAS report discrepancies if any, including Fringe Benefit Tax.”

In the same report it is recorded that the DCCP owes creditors \$3,394,344 Million, with \$3,335,819 Million being owed to Energy Generation (EDL) as at 31st March, with April account not included./not received. Council also continues to owe \$6,731,124 Million to the Local Government Finance Authority for monies borrowed.

LGFA loan was reduced slightly by a recent interest payment. Cash at bank is \$734,831.

Cooper Pedy was mentioned in SA Hansard last week by Local Member of Parliament, Mr. Eddie Hughes. In addition to his Giles portfolio Mr. Hughes is now Shadow Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development.

South Australian Parliament Hansard 11-5-2018 Mr EDDIE HUGHES (Giles) (15:35):

I rise today to talk about a number of issues, especially in some of the smaller communities in my electorate...

I want to start with Cooper Pedy. Cooper Pedy is a great community, and when I use the word 'unique' it has genuine applicability to Cooper Pedy. It is in an incredibly challenging place.

Earlier this year, I wrote to the then treasurer to indicate that I believed it was beyond the capacity of the Cooper Pedy council to run some of the essential services that they were expected to run in that community when it comes to water and when it comes electricity distribution and billing. I thought, 'Enough is enough. We need to take those responsibilities away from the council.'



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Amidst the plethora of potable (or other) water leaking around the town is an ongoing leak near the plantation that runs parallel to Hutchison and Ferral Streets

They have an incredibly small rate base. They have had revolving door senior officers. They have had revolving door mayors.

Many people in that community are socially and economically disadvantaged, yet we expected that council to run services that no other council in this state is expected to run.

Last year, we ordered the Auditor-General to carry out an investigation into the Cooper Pedy council, and I await with interest what the outcome of that investigation will be; irrespective, I believe that we do need to be looking at what services the Cooper Pedy council have the capacity to run.

There are people up there who have amassed electricity bills in excess of \$10,000. These are people on Centrelink payments. They have no chance of being able to pay that back, and when people are cut off—these are usually people in above-ground housing in Cooper Pedy—the consequences are pretty dire, especially if you have young kids or elderly people in those houses through the summer months.

So I will be writing to the new government, laying out some of my thoughts about Cooper Pedy and what needs to be done.

I think, as a first step, SA Water would be a reasonable body to take over the running of the water assets up there in Cooper Pedy. [Time expired]

Cooper Pedy's water situation: that water pipes continue to split, burst, leak across town at the moment is not a criticism, it is a fact!

Last edition we reported that residents had expressed concerns that the water pressure was too high and was potentially the main cause of the crisis.

Mr. Pitman Water Manager/Acting CEO did not have time to respond to our request for an update for the last edition, but Mr. Pitman has now agreed to some commentry.

“A reduction in water pressure from the plant by 30 kilopascals of pressure for the last 6 weeks which compliments a reduction in the water losses from 25% to 11%,” said Mr. Pitman.

Upon request for more detailed information on previous pressure and current pressure, Mr. Pitman has provided the following comment.

“The water pressures have been reduced from 530Kpa to 500Kpa or a 3 m pressure head reduction”. Signed Colin Pittman, Acting CEO.

While this only refers to pressure reductions in the recent 6 weeks, we thank Mr. Pitman for his comment.

Mr. Pitman has written further information on a variety of other topics, and that can be found on page 7.

INSIDE: Italian Club Social photos, LETTERS; and Drive-In AGM Report by Chairperson Matt Key

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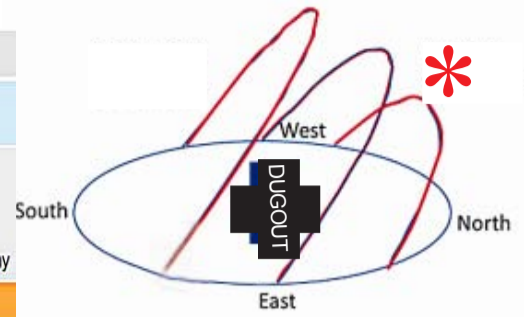
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	Thu May 17	Fri May 18	Sat May 19	Sun May 20	Mon May 21	Tue May 22	Wed May 23
Summary	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
Maximum	20°C	20°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C
Minimum	7°C	6°C	8°C	10°C	8°C	7°C	7°C
Chance of Rain	5%	5%	5%	5%	20%	5%	5%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm
UV Index	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate		
Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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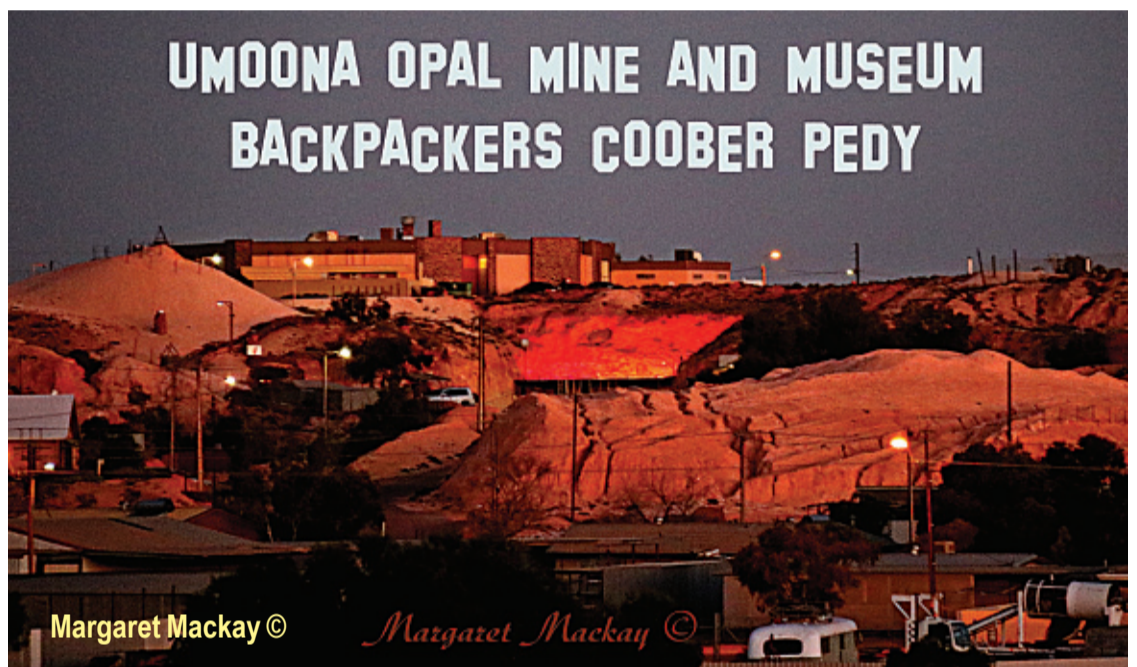
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Thursday 21 June, 2018

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Umoona Opal Mine and Museum Backpackers quarters roof lights up a fluorescent orange at night. Easy navigation for tour drivers and a nice colour visual for the groups that stay.



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Uncommon sighting of a Red-browed Pardolote at the Kempe Road Creek

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Fortnight at a Glance

DCCP Council meeting Tuesday 15th May 2018

Is council publishing selective reimbursement claims?

Council states "Agenda Item: 7.20 Documentation from former Mayor Michelle Provatidis Report to: Council From: Colin Pitman, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Date: 15/05/2018 Subject: Documentation from former Mayor Michelle Provatidis; File: GR.689."

The Coober Pedy Regional Times has requested an up-to-date copy of the following document -

9. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS

Pursuant to Section 79 of the Act, the Chief Executive Officer will maintain a record of the annual allowances paid to Elected Members under Section 76 of the Act,

any expenses reimbursed to a Member under Section 77(1)(b) of the Act

and any other benefits paid or provided to a Member, with the exception of reimbursements paid under Section 77(1)(a) of the Act.

Copies will be provided to interested parties at no cost.

At the time of publishing no response had been received from council

Treated effluent - used on the TOWN ORCHARD is now FOR SALE

7.13 Fees and Charges, Liquid Waste Disposal, Raw Water and Treated Effluent

C20180509 Septic Tank or Primary Treated Effluent \$7.67 per KL

C20180510 That the Raw water charge be set at \$3.80 per KL.

C20180511 That the fee for sale of treated effluent to meet the regulators standards and health quality for irrigation is set at \$0.158 / KL

Lease of public land to private development

Southern end Hutchison Street

7.5 Lease of Crown Land

Acting Mayor Paul Athanasiadis declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7.23 pm.

Deputy Mayor Boro Rapaic took the Chair.

Moved: Cr N Wayne Seconded: Cr P Reynolds

C20180505

That Council pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999; Section 221, approve the issuing of a S221 permit to the Stuart Range Outback Resort to construct road surfaces as shown on the attached Tonkin Plan, Job Number 2017.1053 with the condition that the applicant prepares a Management Plan to the approval of the Department of Environment and Water and to meet all costs of the plan.

Acting Mayor Paul Athanasiadis returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 7.22 pm.

CARRIED

Department of Education and Training, Community Child Care Fund (CCCF)

C20180513 That Council accepts the Community Child Care Funding of **\$82,500 per financial year for 5 years**, for the project Early Childhood Education & Care Wrap-around Outreach Project from Department of Education and Training.

Department of Education and Training, Community Child Care Fund (CCCF), Sustainability Support

Moved: Cr P Reynolds Seconded: Cr A McCormack
 C20180514

That Council accepts the Community Child Care Funding of \$200,000 per financial year for 5 years, for the objective of sustainability support from Department of Education and Training. The funding will transition with the Mini Gems Children's Centre to the new provider.
 CARRIED

CU RIVER UPDATE

Cu-River Mining is bringing to site a variety of materials and equipment it will need for exploration, construction, mining and related activities at Cairn Hill and its other tenements in the area. This includes structural materials, as well as mining, transport and processing equipment. Cu-River Mining is transitioning the operation of the site to owner-operator.

Construction at site is subject to State Government approval, and we are currently working through that process.

So despite what may seem as a lot of local activity, we are not in a position to make any estimate on when mining production may re-commence. Cu-River's Adelaide office is busy finalising its approval documentation for the State Government, seeking permission for a range of infrastructure at site.

The final version of that document should be lodged in the next month or two (it will be a public document available on Cu-River's website, and the SA Government website) but none of the construction work on site can be undertaken until Government approvals are given. This includes approvals from the Department of Defence as we are inside the Woomera Prohibited Area. We expect those approvals to be given very soon.

The plan is that when the approvals are given, the construction will take place and steps will be taken to re-open the mine and have it back in production at the increased rate of 3 million tonnes per annum (3Mtpa).

While that's all taking place, Cu-River has been busily purchasing the construction materials and equipment it will need for mining at today's prices - and that's what you may have seen being trucked to site.

There will also be some more exploration work to prove up the next planned site after Cairn Hill, Snaefell. It's all part of a medium to long-term strategy aimed at producing 15Mtpa of magnetite, which obviously will require a substantial workforce and even more infrastructure.

How long will it take to come about? It's largely down to how long it takes to get Government approvals in the shorter term, and how the exploration drilling goes in the medium to longer term.

Cu-River will keep the community informed and has also established a Community Consultative Committee which will act as one of the channels for two-way engagement with the people of Coober Pedy and surrounding areas.

Hon. Stephan Karl KNOLL

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government; Minister for Planning

DIGITAL ACCESS - RED CROSS ONLINE HUB FOR LOCALS

COOBER PEDY Online Hub Group at the RED CROSS office has two online computers

Older citizens can co-exist with their families and friends in the digital realm.

Seniors and ethnic groups that need assistance to better develop their online banking skills, and fill out online forms.

Red Cross have two computers available where members of the community read on screen or print out the local newspaper

Call in and say hello



FAR NORTH POLICE NEWS

MAN ARRESTED CARRYING OFFENSIVE WEAPON AT COOBER PEDY

8 May 2018 9:11am A man was arrested after police spotted him carrying a pole in the main street of Coober Pedy yesterday afternoon.

Police located the man walking along Hutchinson Street, Coober Pedy just after 5pm on Monday 7 May. It will be alleged he was carrying a large metal pole and had earlier been in a licensed premises, in breach of a barring order.

The 43-year-old man was arrested without incident and charged with carry offensive weapon and breach of barring order. He was bailed to appear in the Coober Pedy Magistrates Court at a later date. There were no reports of injuries.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING EMPLOYEE AT COOBER PEDY PUB

08 May 2018 9:05am A woman was arrested after allegedly assaulting an employee at a Coober Pedy licensed premises.

It will be alleged the 37-year-old Coober Pedy woman entered the hotel in breach of an existing barring order about 5pm on Monday 7 May. When the manager escorted her from the building, the woman alleged hit her with a pair of scissors. The victim sustained a small laceration to her arm, but did not require medical treatment.

The woman was arrested and charged with aggravated assault cause harm and breach of barring order. She was bailed to appear in the Coober Pedy Magistrates Court at a later date.

ALCOHOL SEIZED ON APY LANDS

08 May 2018 Three people were reported after they allegedly brought alcohol onto the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Acting on information received from the public, police stopped and searched two vehicles on Sunday 6 May. Bottles of alcohol were seized.

A 44-year-old Holden Hill woman, a 37-year-old Ernabella man and a 37-year-old Ernabella woman were all reported and will be summonsed to face court at a later date.

Amata man charged with house break-in

ARREST AFTER AMATA HOUSE BREAK-IN

09 May 2018 9:32am It will be alleged that about 10.30am on Tuesday 8 May, the suspect entered an Amata home using a stolen set of house keys, was confronted by the occupant and ran off. He was quickly arrested by local police.

There were no reports of injuries during this incident.

The 29-year-old Amata man was charged with aggravated serious criminal trespass and two counts of theft. He was refused police bail and will appear in court today.

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LGA President Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg

2018-19 Federal Budget

While the 2018-19 Federal Budget included some significant large-scale infrastructure projects for our State, it was disappointing that supplementary local road funding for SA was not confirmed beyond the coming financial year.

South Australia has 11% of Australia's identified local roads, and 7% of its population, but only receives 5.5% of federal local roads funding.

Last year's Budget included a two-year \$40 million commitment to supplementary road funding that addressed the unfair share of federal funding SA councils receive.

However, this additional funding will expire after 2018-19, leaving SA councils with a \$20 million question mark hanging over their future roads budgets.

A key focus for the LGA this year will be advocating to all South Australian federal MPs to support the continuation of supplementary road funding for SA in 2019-20 and beyond.

A commitment from the Commonwealth to make this funding permanent would enable South Australian councils to better plan for strategic road upgrades, and put them on a level playing field with councils interstate.

Commonwealth funding is a critical part of local government's revenue mix, and any shortfall received by SA councils often needs to be supplemented with additional rates. It is a priority for councils nationally to ensure that the value of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) are set at an adequate level.

South Australian councils were allocated around \$160 million in FAGs in the 2018-19 Federal Budget – an increase of \$4 million on 2017-18. This funding is untied, meaning it can be used by councils to address local priorities.

Despite the recent return of annual FAGs indexation, more needs to be done to grow the total value of these grants.

Over the past two decades the relative value of FAGs has decreased significantly – from 1% of national taxation in 1996 to 0.55% today.

Local government collects just 4% of Australia's taxes, and over time the total value of FAGs grants should be increased to its previous level to ensure councils are adequately resourced to provide the services and facilities their communities need.

Rate capping legislation

South Australia's new State Parliament opened last week, which means that the Government will soon introduce its rate capping legislation into the Lower House to meet their first 100 days of government commitment.

Last week I wrote to the Minister and asked him to defer debate on this Bill until the spring session of Parliament in September, to allow the LGA to thoroughly consult with our member councils on the details of their proposal. Rate capping legislation

This would allow the Government to introduce the legislation as promised, and wouldn't interfere with their intention to bring a rate capping scheme into effect in the 2019-20 financial year, should they have the support of the Parliament.

There is a long standing protocol in relation to government legislation impacting on local government to consult with the LGA and councils before parliamentary processes commence.

As a sector we understand and are opposed to the concept of rate capping, and members have varying views about what it will mean for their councils. However, we need to thoroughly understand the detail of what is being proposed by the government and consult with councils on the specifics of the proposed model before finalising a sector position on the legislation.

Prior to the election the Liberal Party committed to capping the fees and charges collected by councils in addition to capping rates. This will add an additional burden and a level of complexity that must be fully considered.

Domestic arrest Port Augusta

Police have arrested a man following a domestic assault in Port Augusta this week.

Police were called to a Port Augusta residence yesterday, Wednesday 2 May, after reports a woman had been assaulted by a man known to her.

A 33-year-old Far North man was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and breach of intervention order.

The man was refused bail and will appear in the Port Augusta Magistrates Court today.

Police encourage anyone experiencing domestic violence to contact them immediately for assistance.

03 May 2018 10:53am

Man charged over Far North break-in

A man was charged after a break-in and theft at Mintabie just before 2am Wednesday 2 May where a home was broken into and items including a TV and water-cooler stolen.

Following an investigation, officers from the APY lands arrested a 30-year-old local man and have charged him with aggravated serious criminal trespass and theft. The stolen items were recovered.

He was bailed to appear at Indulkana Magistrates Court on 9 August.

03 May 2018 11:35am 18/D81516

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2018 Federal Budget News for Grey

Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey has welcomed Treasurer Scott Morrison's 2018 Budget and said the Government is now on target to deliver a surplus next year, twelve months earlier than expected.

"There are a number of Budget announcements which will directly affect people living in Grey and I am pleased we have further funding for programs we have done very well from in recent times," he said.

"I am especially delighted with the announcement of \$160m for the duplication of the Joy Baluch Bridge.

"The multi-billion dollar aged-care package and tax relief for low and middle income earners are also great news items from the Budget.

"I have been raising problems of delivering aged care in regional areas with the Minister for Aged Care Ken Wyatt for some time and am delighted he is taking significant action with the Treasurer announcing \$144m to assist the viability of regional aged-care facilities.

"The extra 14,000 new home-care packages can be added to the 6,000 created in December enabling more older Australians to live in their homes for longer.

"Low and middle income earners are set to benefit from lifting of tax thresholds from July by between \$200 and \$530.

In three years those benefits flow through to other tax scales and in year five the 37c rate will be abolished and 94% of taxpayers will pay a top marginal rate of 32c in the dollar."

Mr Ramsey said other highlights of the Budget include-

- Extending the \$20k instant asset write-off for small business.
- The Parental Income test for access to Youth Allowance for independent students will be relaxed with the threshold of combined parental income increased to \$160,000 for one child and \$10,000 more for every additional child.
- The extension of the School Chaplaincy Program on a permanent basis.
- The announcement of \$200m for a third round of the Building Better Regions Fund which during the five years in Government with the previous National Stronger Regions Fund has delivered \$27m to Grey.
- A fourth round of the Stronger Communities Program

- The increase in the Work Bonus program will enable aged pensioners to earn \$300 now a fortnight without affecting their pension.
- Record funding for roads, education, disability services and health funding.
- The Government will invest \$550 million in the Stronger Rural Health Strategy which will strengthen local health services and deliver more Australian doctors in rural Australia.

This Strategy will deliver around 3,000 additional doctors for rural Australia, more than 3,000 additional nurses in rural general practice and hundreds of additional allied health professionals in the regions over 10 years.

"This Budget is a responsible, measured plan for all Australians and will pave the way forward to Budget surplus.

"I see real opportunities for Grey. The economy is taking off, record jobs growth is lifting Government receipts and paying the bills.

I am very pleased that from next year we will have fully reversed the legacy left to us by Labor and will begin paying off the debt."

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ARIA nominated artist noodles for songs in Cooper Pedy

Cooper Pedy played host to ARIA nominated singer/songwriter Paul Greene on the first Saturday night of May.

A few lucky residents were treated to an intimate concert with one of Australia's most talented live artists and they were not disappointed. The Underground Motel, with the magnificent Breakaways as the backdrop, was the perfect setting for Paul's performance as he played originals and covers that captivated the audience.

The reason for Paul's impromptu visit to Cooper Pedy was to perform for motel manager Ariane's birthday. Husband, Jason, said "Paul Greene is one of Ariane's favourite Australian artists so what better way to celebrate your birthday than to have him play for you"? He went on to say that this was a "special" birthday as Ariane officially became an Australian this year. "I figured that your first birthday as an Australian is pretty special and should be memorable". "I have known Paul for more than 10 years and when I called to ask he was only too happy to join us for the night".

This was Paul Greene's first time in Cooper Pedy but we don't think it will be his last. Paul posted to his FaceBook "Cooper Pedy - Thank You! You've forever burrowed into my heart". During his stay there was a hint that our little town could be the inspiration for some new songs with Paul saying "There's a lot of songs here. This is my day of song noodling".

Guests were entertained and swept away by inspiring tunes like "Simplicity", "Shine like gold" and "Whole of the moon". By the reaction and feedback we seriously doubt this will be Paul's last visit to the Opal Capital.



Photo: Margaret Mackay ©

Left:
The birthday gang at the Underground Motel in Cooper Pedy up on the hill overlooking the Breakaways and listening to the music of touring singer Paul Greene

Right
Special birthday celebration at the Underground Motel with Manager 'Ariane's first birthday as an Australian citizen. Needless to say the evening had French undertones.

Ariane is pictured with husband Jason, and singer Paul Greene



Invitation for Public Comment SAPEX/TRI-STAR Statement of Environmental Objectives

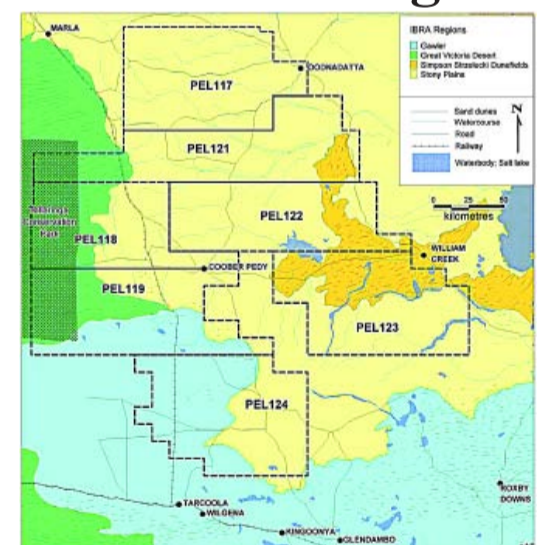
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COMMENTS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL BY COLIN PITMAN

In response to an email from the Editor of the CPRT requesting an 'update'

To the Editor,

You have agreed in the CPRT dated 3rd May 2018, that Council can respond to articles published in the Coober Pedy Times. In doing so the Council wishes to make the following Points:

- Colin Pitman has been appointed Acting CEO for an indefinite period pending the return of The CEO Fiona Hogan from Leave.

- Colin has extensive knowledge in Local Government, with 21 years at Salisbury Council, the second largest Council by revenue in the State, 15 years at Enfield Council, CEO of the largest local government Water Subsidiary in the State and an engineering consultant for 2 years prior to the Water Managers position at DCCP.

- Lindsay Morley the Finance Manager has recently retired, we wish her well in her future endeavours and the Contract Accountant, Rex Mooney has chosen to resign his services.

A Contract accountant has been sought and a new internal accountant has been advertised and about to be appointed.

- The council are clearly experiencing the impact of a funding shortfall caused principally by issues outside the Councils direct control. They include:

- State Natural Disaster grants for flooding in 2016 not being honoured (\$4.5million) A new application has been reloaded

- A significant reduction in the annual subsidy for power by the previous State Government of \$1.3 Mill per annum

- A significant number of outstanding debts by non-payers for power and water which in many cases the Essential Services Commission regulations prohibit easy recovery.

- Other strategies to improve income include new grant applications (\$37million) to assist in renewal of our roads, water assets and power assets. The applications reflect the need for complimentary state government contributions.

- There has been a general austerity program in place with a predicted reduction in operating costs for the water business of in excess of \$300,000 per annum.

- A reduction in water pressure from the plant by 30 kilopascals of pressure for the last 6 weeks which compliments a reduction in the water losses from 25% to 11%. The target is to decrease the water loss to a bare minimum. Significant operating savings will occur as a result.

- A capital upgrade in water assets with new town water supply pumps (refer to Photo), new generators at the bore, planned upgrades of media filters and membranes for the Reverse Osmosis no 2 plant, skimmer box repairs and Aerator repairs at the sewerage plant and repair to a storage tanks are under way.

- New grants have been received for design of the common effluent drainage system expansion of \$300,000 and a recent grant for the delivery of the new Child Care model of \$200,000 per year for 5 years.

Council staff have been criticised for the extensive repair work undertaken in the water and the sewerage network, but a high service level has always been provided on very old (28 years) and poorly constructed infrastructure. The repairs have been well serviced by employees of the past and equally diligent efforts by the current employees and contractors of the township.

The spillage at the sewage pump station was reported immediately to the EPA. It was due to someone putting clothing into the toilet or sewerage system and blocking the pumps. This was outside the control of the staff, and local contract resources were used to assist in the repair of the system.

The effort to repair the Councils road infrastructure has been limited by comparably poor grant levels compared with communities much smaller than Coober Pedy. This

Thursday 17 May 2018

Opinions/Questions/Comments/Letters to the Editor

SECTION 90 MEETINGS

Mon, 23 Apr 2018 09:43:08 +0930

Email to the DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY

Dear *****

There appears to be a broad range of interest in DCCP Section 90 register at the moment. Just looking now and notice nearly **12 months worth of entries missing.**

When can we see an up to date version?

<https://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Confidential%20Items%20Register.pdf>

Kind regards,
 M. Mackay, Editor
 Coober Pedy Regional Times

To date **no response has been received** to this correspondence, and at the time of print the Section 90 Register is approximately one year out of date.

Lifting the "Cone of Silence" at council

Dear Editor,

I appreciate the first steps Colin Pittman has taken to lift the cone of silence that has covered Council activities for the past few years.

At the Information Session with acting CEO - Colin Pittman organised by the Retail Business and Tourism Association, he said that he intends to keep the community better informed.

Let's hope he can continue as he has started.

Regards,
 Sue Britt

Hon. Stephan Karl KNOLL
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government; Minister for Planning

Opinion: At the macro-economic level Coober Pedy's greatest need, is a Debt Amnesty

With our rates base in "freefall" (query, population 1,400 and declining) and our civic debt at \$10M. Given this inverted fiscal ratio the town is no longer economically sustainable in its present form.

Minus a Debt Amnesty Coober Pedy could go, in say 10-20 years, the way of: Pimba, Glendambo, Cadney Park or Marla; or, far worse – from a productive perspective – the towns of Marree or Oodnadatta.

Most businesses would have to shut up shop and leave (foreclose). This is already happening to some extent; e.g., the Miners' Store and Transport.

Possibly the town could go the way of Glendambo and Marla with one or two petrols station on the Stuart Highway and behind it an autochthonous enclave not visited by tourists.

An even more egregious scenario is the Mintabie option; i.e., permanent closure due to government apathy or hostility (in the long term). In short it could become a ghost town, if it is not already one in the backstreets and outer suburbs.

The market is flooded with empty houses and nobody wants to buy them. Children then trash them and the authorities take no action. After a life time of work (mining) your house is effectively valueless (unsaleable) due to the financial irresponsibility of both past and present councils.

The rot had already set in, well and truly, with the old council; but, the new council (sadly) has failed to turn the ship around. For express and implied incompetence see the Ombudsman's Report (Redacted) 2014/5.

More bad news is yet to follow I am reading; e.g., further

Ombudsman's Reports, the Auditor-General's Report, parliamentary scrutiny, etc.. In brief, the picture is grim, beyond your worst imagination. If the town goes over the precipice it will take the European population and their businesses with it.

That the entire town is in "freefall" is a direct and indirect result of the short-sighted policies adhered to by all councils but especially of yore. I reiterate, the architects of our crushing \$10M. debt are no less than the people we elected and the people they chose (CEO's) to lead us.

And seemingly, by handing both field and town over to Native Title, is as if the gentlemen alluded to covet the town's transmogrification from the Space Age, back to a previous Age.

The Miners' Association, lugubriously, must also accept some responsibility here. Some are even referring to this process by the verb: Oodnadattification. Going Oodna. I say, going down the tube.

Folks, go outside, go down on your knees, pray for a miracle, pray for the future of your town; because, without a Debt Amnesty (per the state government) you are undoubtedly facing OBLIVION along with all the businesses in town.

We need to ask the elected members/Miner's Association what they are doing singularly and collectively to avoid Coober Pedy becoming another 'Glendambo', or 'Mintabie', as the plague of neglect, apathy and self interest creeps along the highway towards us. What was, and what is/was their long term plan?

Resident - Brett Trueman.

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For those in the community that need an interpreter, see one of the Government Departments in Hutchison St.

ITALIAN CLUB 80s - 90s DISCO NIGHT!

Italian Club retro party!

Well over 100 people attended the Italian Club Dance night. "It is proving to be a popular social event, said Bar Manager Dan.

The bar was entirely wrapped in silver, with 80's-inspired lighting and a range of retro cocktails available

Music included hits from the 80's/90's decades' finest, including Prince, Madonna, Tina Turner, Bon Jovi, Gloria Estefan, The Spice Girls, Eurythmics and more with DJ Paolo bringing back the vintage hits.

Door prize winner was Josh Conway with his 80's aerobics outfit and complementary dance moves (You may have pics – he is wearing a red outfit with a headband – he has a short beard and girlfriend in a tutu.)

Thanks to Michelle for offering her 'Cooper Uber' service for the night

Bar Manager Dan said "Everyone seemed to have a great night! It was fantastic to see so many people out, with some brilliant retro outfits as well."



The full disco effect with patrons now looking forward to regular Dance Nights at the Italian Club



Donna Bailes and a few friends at the disco



Chrissy and Ayla



Alistair Gardiner with Josh Conway



Dan serving cocktail specials at the bar



Kaysy Clet de Leon and Cherry Anne



Alex Pantelis with friends



Anna Bootle and Jesse Fairfull



Some of the locals and their families enjoying the night



Alistair, Chrissy, Josh and Ayla

ITALIAN CLUB 80s - 90s DISCO NIGHT!



The 80s/90s music provided some great winter exercise for the locals



Josh won the door prize for his 80's aerobics outfit and complimentary dance moves



Cocktails at the bar were a big hit

The night was magic with the bar entirely wrapped in silver, with 80's-inspired lighting and a range of retro cocktails available.

See cocktails menu - right



RETRO DRINK SPECIALS!

<p style="color: green; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Britney</i></p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 2px;">Midori, Vodka & Lemonade with a spearmint garnish. (Guaranteed not to make your hair fall out!)</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Billy</i></p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">Bad-boy inspired shot for rebels only! A wicked mix of layered Crème de Cacao & Jagermeister.</p>	<p style="color: pink; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Kylie</i></p>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; background-color: pink; color: black; padding: 2px;">Pink sparkling wine with Maraschino Cherry liqueur makes a sweet & locomotive combination!</p>
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Master mixer, Richie Blobel on Cocktails

Got questions about the nbn™ broadband access network?



BWMNCO0681/190x263/CT

We're here to answer your questions.

Cooper Pedy
 Monday 21st May
 6pm - 7:30pm
 Town Centre

Roxby Downs
 Tuesday 22nd May
 2pm - 5pm
 Roxby Downs
 Leisure Centre

Roxby Downs
 Tuesday 22nd May
 6pm - 7:30pm
 Roxby Downs
 Community Youth Centre

Look out for the nbn™ Sky Muster™ Satellite Truck and drop in any time — no appointment necessary.

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Government of South Australia
Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
TO THE STATE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
COMMITTEE**

Members of the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee (SAHC) are appointed by the Premier to represent the interests of Aboriginal people throughout the State in the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage.

The functions of the SAHC are set out in the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988*. The Committee has advisory and decision-making roles.

Additional powers around the appointment of Recognised Aboriginal Representative Bodies (RARBs), bodies corporate who represent and speak for Traditional Owners in matters where heritage may be impacted, and the revocation or suspension of RARB appointments were conferred on the SAHC when the amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* were proclaimed in October 2017.

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAHC INVOLVE?

The SAHC conducts one-day meetings in Adelaide every four to six weeks, though additional availability may be required. A commitment to time between meetings for meeting preparation is also required. Sitting fees are paid. Travel and accommodation support is available for eligible members.

ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT

The Premier will consider all nominations from South Australian Aboriginal persons over the age of 18 years who live in South Australia and who meet the selection criteria.

TO NOMINATE

Eligible individuals may either self-nominate or be nominated by their local community.

Nomination forms that include questions addressing the selection criteria are available for download from www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/sahc

All nominations should be submitted via post or email to

Jill Walsh Executive Officer – SAHC
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
GPO Box 320, Adelaide SA 5001
Email: jill.walsh@sa.gov.au Ph: (08) 8226 8913

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2018

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COOBER PEDY**

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- Current Year 10 Student, committed to completing Year 11 & 12.
- Committed to working 8 hours per week in workplace during school term (additional hours in school holidays may be negotiated).
- Can communicate effectively and empathetically.
- Basic computer knowledge including Microsoft Office.
- Punctual and reliable at all times.
- Positive attitude with willingness to learn, follow instructions and manage time.
- Able to pass National Criminal History Check (Statewide Group Training will assist with this during recruitment).

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 30TH MAY 2018

Please forward:

- Application letter
- Resume containing 2 current referees
- Copy of most recent school report

To: Statewide Group Training, Attention Tracy Northcott
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**nbn reps in Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs next
Monday 21 May and Tuesday 22 May**

nbn™ representatives will be in Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs next Monday 21 May and Tuesday 22 May to speak with members of the community about the rollout of the nbn™ broadband access network in the region.

The nbn fixed line network was switched on in parts of Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs in May last year with homes and businesses able to place an order for a plan over the nbn™ access network through their preferred phone and internet provider.

It is important for the community to be aware that once we switch on the fixed line nbn broadband access network on in a particular area, residents and businesses have an 18 month window to contact their preferred phone or internet provider and make the switch.

After this time, the nbn™ access network will replace most existing landline phone and internet services and the copper network will be decommissioned.

This allows time for people to speak to their preferred provider to discuss their individual needs. It also ensures that people that have special equipment including medical and security alarms and EFTPOS terminals, which operate using a landline phone connection, to contact their device provider and preferred provider before the 18 month disconnection.

This means that the deadline for homes and businesses in parts of Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs to switch their landline phone and internet services over to the nbn™ broadband access network is fast approaching.

The 18 month disconnection window does not apply to those areas covered by an nbn Sky Muster™ Satellite service. Premises within these areas will have the choice to keep their existing landline phone service over the copper network active, or switch to a service on the nbn™ access network through a phone and internet provider.

“We encourage members of the community to attend the community drop-in sessions to speak with an nbn representative one-on-one and ask any questions they may have,” said nbn™ local manager Jill Bottrall



Look out for the custom-made nbn Sky Muster truck at the drop-in sessions

The time and location of the Community drop-in sessions are as follows: **Coober Pedy**
Monday May 21
6 pm to 7.30 pm
Comfort Inn

Roxby Downs
Tuesday 22 May
2 pm to 5 pm: Roxby Downs Leisure Centre
6 pm to 7.30 pm: Roxby Downs Community Youth Centre

Thursday 17 May 2018

Our Drive-In: “part of everyday life in Coober Pedy”

Chairperson’s Report

In April 2017 we attempted to hold an AGM. Unfortunately, due to an issue with personnel the meeting was unable to go ahead.

After the meeting as a committee we regrouped and listened to the feedback from the community.

The key talking points were: The importance of the weekly screening of films, the importance of producing independently audited financial documents and the continued independence of the drive-in from commercial and political interests.

I am pleased to say that in the months since last April we have tightened up our procedures and continued to screen films each week, with a short break over summer, completed our financial audits, and remained independent.

New priorities include producing a business plan to ensure the long term continued viability of the drive-in, with an emphasis on continued support of the local community; The renovations of the canteen space to ensure that volunteers can experience the movie; exploring options to add some character to the field, as well as better signage and promotion of our facility.

I would like to thank Nigel Wayne and David Hartley for committing to screening the AFL. This is a unique part of what we can do at the drive-in and for them to organise the screenings and BBQ has been a great benefit. I’d also like to thank Wayne Borrett for his generous donation of a BBQ to use on film nights moving forward.

Since April 2017 we have been featured on ABC Me, been a feature of the Blackscreen Film Festival and received coverage in SA Life Magazine. We appreciate the opportunities that we are given to showcase our magnificent facility, and look forward to continuing to share our little piece of Coober Pedy in the future.

We appreciate the support of DCCP in allowing us use of the land and buildings, as well as their commitment to the maintenance of their space. We have entered discussions about putting a new gate on Hutchinson Street to provide easier access to the drive-in.

The Council also agreed unanimously to have an independent business plan created for the drive-in. We look forward to developing this business, with a key focus on remaining a cheap, accessible, sustainable part of everyday life in Coober Pedy.

I have included the report I presented in 2016/2017 in full, as the information in it is pertinent and accurate. Finally, a huge thank you to Sue Britt, for showing up each and every week and ensuring that the canteen remains operational.

Matthew Key (Chairperson)



Cars begin to roll in for the Saturday night feature



Drive-In Committee and members 2018 are: Matt Key, Sue Britt, Kyle-Anne Child, Sue Radeka, Edward Radeka, Daniel O’Conner, Nigel Wayne and David Hartley, and Margaret Mackay (photo) Below right: 50 years of our Drive-in 2015.

I am excited to present the 2016/2017 chairperson’s report. This has been my first year as the chairperson of the drive-in and I have found the opportunities which this great facility presents to be both rewarding and challenging.

I have had the great opportunity to advocate for the drive-in to a variety of vendors including Tourism SA, Vogue Magazine, Going Attractions and ABC Radio with Peter Goers and Sonya Feldhoff.

I have been lucky as the Media Teacher at CPAS to showcase short films and advertisements made by students, and our recent relationship with the Local Business Association will only highlight this further. In the past 12 months, we have screened over 50 films, admitted over 1300 cars with an estimated audience of 4000 people.

Our social media presence has been strong with each of our posts seen by an average of 1200 – 1400 people each week. This compounded with 250 unique visitors to our webpage and 500 page views each week give us immense value in the online realm. Responsible use of online media can be attributed to our success in this area.

The value of the drive-in to the Coober Pedy community is obvious, about 30% of our audience is made of tourists, many of whom choose to stay extra time in Coober Pedy to have the unique experience of seeing a movie in the outback under the stars.

We provide a place for young people to go, and students regularly talk to me and request films which they would like to see– there are rarely other options for entertainment for young people on a Saturday night and the drive-in provides a safe and fun venue for families looking for something to do. Not to mention the simple fact that having one of the last drive-in’s in Australia located in such a remote location is just incredibly cool, and I know the community recognises that.

The most rewarding part of being a part of the drive-in has been working with our wonderful volunteers and the community of Coober Pedy who have shown unending support for the drive-in, despite slow progress on the building developments.



Our committee: Sue Britt, Sue Radeka, Nigel Wayne, Grant Maxwell, Margaret Mackay, Kylie-Anne Child and Michelle Provatidis have shown immense grit and determination in ensuring that our facility remains open and accessible to the Coober Pedy Community. Their patience in waiting on council processes and their flexibility and adjustment to change is a testament to the importance of this facility and the dedication of our committee.

Volunteers have also been integral to the weekly films shown and without people such as Pearl Driver, Tracey Piggott, Anna Bootle and Jesse Fairfull, Renata Wayne, Monish Ulugad, Daniel Botten, Sally Martin, Harinder Garcha, Tarun Garcha, Alan Dawson, Lauren Palmer, Daniel O’Conner, Edward Radeka, Ainsley Smith, Lucy Cogan, Christel Hauri, Kim Key, David Hartley and the many other volunteers who have supported us over the past 12 months there is no way that the drive-in would be able to continue to open its gates every Saturday night.

A special thanks to our friends in the council, Nigel Wayne, Kyle Hay, Paul Reynolds, Ian Crombie and Mayor Michelle Provatidis. Their advocacy for the importance of this project cannot be understated and during a time of much change their unwavering support to the drive-in has been vital. Nigel’s work in the projection booth with Alan Dawson has ensured many screenings have gone forward and his support on the AFL screenings last year with integral to those events going ahead. Michelle has been a dedicated volunteer on our gate and her assistance in welcoming people to the drive-in on those nights is warmly appreciated.

'Our Drive-In' - Chairperson's Report

Dusty Radio, Carter's IGA, The Miner's Store, The Coober Pedy Community Library and the Coober Pedy Regional Times have provided the drive-in with advertising time and space on a consistent basis. Without the ability to communicate our message to tourists we would be unable to attract an audience and I offer a deep and sincere thankyou to Bob Pryce, Margaret Mackay, Michael Chan, Tim Carter, Leanne Marijanovic, Judy Griffiths, Maria Brellas and Duncan McLaren for ensuring that our films are promoted around Coober Pedy.

Tracey Piggott and the Catacomb Church did a wonderful job of promoting the special interest film Lion, and because of her hard campaigning we will be expanding the genres of film the drive-in will play in the future (Hidden Figures coming soon!)

Thanks also to Steve Staines, Tina Boyd, Tanya Lauder, George Russell, Trevor Gotte and all previous committee members for your advice, information and support during this transitional year for the drive-in.

We received more national and international exposure this year than in any other period. A Coober Pedy Area School student, Krystin Mance, submitted an entry to ABC's Heywire which was selected as a winner. Her piece, which can be found online (abc.net.au/heywire) is a love letter to the drive-in and the memories of the facility and the way in which the town united to ensure the sustainability of the drive-in's future.

We were featured in a Japanese documentary starring the lead actor in Godzilla, Hiroki Hasegawa, which was aired in a primetime slot on Japanese television. I have been interviewed by ABC radio on several occasions, most recently to discuss the short-term closure of the Gepps Cross Drive-In. We have also partnered with the local business association to acquire drone footage of our town, including a special shot of the drive-in. We have also been featured in National Geographic Online with a beautiful image of our drive-in.

We have had many people donate money to the drive-in, often by putting extra money in when attending films and through bottle and can donations, and I feel that it's important to mention one individual specifically by name. Colin Kruger has been our biggest and most consistent donor and supporter and in the past three years he has donated over \$1400 worth of bottles and cans.

I am sure I have missed many names, and to those of you whose names do not appear, I do apologise. The Drive-In feels to me like a big part of the heart of Coober Pedy and without all those patrons who regularly attend week after week it would not exist. Thanks to the whole community of Coober Pedy for remaining enthusiastic about our exciting and very unique facility.

Despite this long list of names, it is important to ensure that we have a large and consistent group of volunteers in order to remain sustainable, and I ask for anyone who is interested to drop me a line and have a go at helping out if possible.

We have held a number of special screenings throughout the year for events such as The Community Health Day, Opal Festival, Blackscreen (in partnership with AFSS and Country Arts SA), Historical Society Screenings, School Reward Screening, Bollywood Night for our 50th Anniversary Celebration as well as Live Friday Night AFL, which has proven to be popular. We have recently trialled multiple films on one night, which presents new challenges, and I look forward to analysing their success as the trial continues.

The key challenge for the Drive-In committee over the past several years has been the construction of a formal agreement, in writing, between the council and the drive-in outlining the nature of the relationship. With the constant changing of key personnel in the council, particularly in the areas of Works Manager and CEO progress on the development of this agreement has been regularly reset and the plans developed by the Project Management Team of Steve Staines, Damien Clarke, Sue Radeka, Tina Boyd, Sandy Williams, Sue Britt and Jan van der Merwe in 2014 have been left by the wayside effectively halting the process of installing the new canteen and the development of a storage and historical walk through display.



Margaret Mackay ©

Most important is the role of Volunteers. "Colin Kruger has been our biggest and most consistent donor and supporter and in the past three years he has donated over \$1400 worth of bottles and cans."

The committee will require the continued support of the council as the land owners and owners of the drive-in's equipment to ensure the project is compliant and completed in a sustainable and satisfactory manner.

The new CEO, Fiona Hogan, and Works Manager, Rodney Philips, have been supportive of the continued operation of the drive-in and have ensured that we have been able to continue to operate whilst the long process of developing a new agreement is undertaken.

We will continue to work closely with the councillors and administration to ensure that an agreement can be put in place that will be of mutual benefit to the drive-in, council, and most importantly, the community.

On March 21st 2017, Councillor Nigel Wayne introduced a motion to have the drive-in site surveyed, which is essential if a Lease Agreement is to be developed for the Drive-In land.

At present the boundaries of the drive-in site are different from what has been submitted to SAILIS as much of the original drive-in block was taken over by the council's works department with initial approval from the drive-in committee many years ago.

For the council to offer the Drive-In committee a lease, it is vital that the agreement specifies the land that is being leased; this can only be done after the site is surveyed. The motion was initially moved by Cr. Hay and seconded by Cr. Reynolds, however after a discussion the motion was then lost.



Margaret Mackay ©

Above: Hands-on Drive-In operators for many years are Steve Staines and Tina Boyd

We now will need to work with council on creating a Memorandum of Understanding in regards to the site which outlines the responsibilities of both council and the committee in the operation and use of the drive-in site. This will be a key priority in 2017 and must be completed before any works can commence in regards to the canteen upgrade. We currently operate with a small financial burden on the council, and the ability to open the canteen and receive additional revenue through food sales will hopefully allow us to make a larger contribution and lessen our cost of operation to the council.

There is a plan developed for the canteen upgrade which has been costed by a local builder. We initially went out to a tender process in 2016, but were unsuccessful in receiving any applications. The plan outlines a new location for the canteen, in the front storage room of the main building, and this would also allow volunteers to watch and experience the films shown at the drive-in whilst manning the canteen.

The Doorways to Construction students under supervision of Michael Beelitz have removed the old equipment from this space to ensure it is prepped for any future work. I am excited for the formal agreement with council to be made, so we can continue to make progress with this important upgrade for the drive-in. We also have costed options of building another custom container to house the new canteen if the need arises.

Sue Britt, Nigel Wayne, Grant Maxwell, Edward Radeka and myself have also been working intently on updating our Rules of Association to meet the current needs of the drive-in and provide clarifications to the committee roles and responsibilities. The updates ROA can be found on the website.

I have very recently been in talks with the Local Business Association who have been very keen to provide support to the drive-in and offer expert assistance in designing and ensuring all compliances of the new canteen. I am excited to develop this relationship between the drive-in and LBA and the sharing of resources and knowledge that can be gained from the business experts in Coober Pedy.

There is still much work to be done, but we now have a clear path moving forward. After a big year of getting the pieces in place we now have the opportunity to work with a new stable council administration, and with the support of the LBA, council and community I am excited about the developments that will occur at the drive-in over the next 12 months.

**Matthew Key,
Chairperson Drive-In**

MONDAY



CFS TRAINING Monday each fortnight 7-9 pm. Call Wayne Borrett 0439881049

FRIDAYS



CP SHOOTERS CLUB
8pm Daylight Savings SHOTGUN

Darts - after SHOTGUN.
All welcome



Greek Charcoal BBQ is back every Friday at the Greek Hall (20th Apr 2018) \$15 plate Bar open at 6pm dinner ready around 7pm. Come enjoy a night out.

GREEK CLUB - Bingo

7.30 pm

Coober Pedy Scrabble

7.30pm United Club .

All skill levels welcome

AA Meeting

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SUNDAYS



SUNDAY GOLF

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Starting Time: 10:00 AM

Rifle 55 Round Match 50m
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What's On in COOBER PEDY
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WK Lawyers will be attending for circuits at Coober Pedy on the following dates;

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27-30th August 2018
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COOBER PEDY
DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Gates open at 6:30, Film bounces up on the big screen at 7:00pm. Footy will also be on again Friday night, gates open at 7:00pm

NEXT MOVIES: 19/5 - Rampage; 26/5 - AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR; 2/6 - Death of Stalin; 9/6 - Naidoc Week: Special Film GURRUMUL; 16/6 - Tully; 23/6 - STAR WARS: HAN SOLO; 30/6 - DEADPOOL 2

Vehicle price: Car (up to 7 people)- \$20; Van/Bus (8 or more people) - \$40; Walk in price. Adult - (16+) \$10; Child up to the age of 15 - \$5;
Food and beverages available in the Canteen

South Australian



The Opal Queen Pageant
will be held later in 2018 (Biennial)
More information coming soon

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Our six pillars include:- Taxation & Accounting Advice , Strategic Advice , Investment & Portfolio Advice, Risk Protection Advice, Succession & Estate Planning Advice, Personal & Self Management Superannuation Advice

ELECTIONS

Local Council elections will be in November 2018 unless we go into Administration

Federal Elections: Earliest August 4, 2018 and the latest possible date is May 18, 2019

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 2 Monday 30 April, 2018 Friday 6 July, 2018 10 Weeks

School Holidays Saturday 7 July, 2018 Sunday 22 July, 2018

Term 3 Monday 23 July, 2018 Friday 28 September, 2018 10 Weeks

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018

Queen's Birthday Monday, 11 June 2018 SA Wide

Labour Day Monday, 1 October 2018 SA Wide

Christmas Eve (Part day from 7pm) Monday, 24 December 2018 SA Wide

Christmas Day Tuesday, 25 Dec 2018 SA Wide

Proclamation Day Public Holiday Wednesday, 26 December 2018 SA Wide

New Year's Eve (Part day from 7pm) Monday, 31 December 2018 SA Wide

Every Sunday in South Australia is nominally a public holiday under the Holidays Act 1910 (SA).

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AT THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018
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Future Premiers at Cooper Pedy



Margaret Mackay ©
 Cooper Pedy Regional Times

New SA Premier Steven Marshall has been Leader of the SA Liberals since February 2013.

In October 2015 Steven Marshall called in at Cooper Pedy after a visit to the APY Lands where he was discussing housing, employment opportunities and other ongoing issues.

At the March 2018 state election Steven Marshall led the Liberal into Government. He maintains the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio.

Left: Channel 7's Peter Caldicott was in Cooper Pedy that day and interviewed Steven Marshall in the DCCP chambers

Becoming South Australia's next Premier was probably not on Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Jay Weatherill's mind when he accompanied Health Minister John Hill to Cooper Pedy for the opening of the Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Dental Clinic in July 2008.

After a leadership change from Mike Rann in October 2011 Jay Weatherill (Labor) became the 45th Premier of South Australia until the March 2018 state elections where he was succeeded by Steven Marshall (Liberal).

Right: At the opening of the Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Dental Clinic Jay Weatherill and John Hill had some fun in the dentist's chair for a Cooper Pedy Regional Times photo.

John Hill is seen resisting Jay Weatherill's offer for a drilling!



Margaret Mackay ©
 Cooper Pedy Regional Times

Shadow Cabinet

Peter Malinauskas Shadow Defence Industries, Space Industries and Opposition Leader.

Susan Close Deputy Leader, Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Environment and Water.

Kyam Maher Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, and Shadow Attorney-General, Industrial Relations and Public Sector and Aboriginal Affairs.

Tom Koustantonis: Leader of Opposition Business in the House of Assembly and Shadow Minister for Mining and Energy and Employment and Government Accountability.

Stephen Mullighan: Shadow Treasurer.

Zoe Bettison: Shadow Trade, Tourism and Investment.

Chris Picton: Shadow Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

Tony Piccolo: Shadow Minister for Planning and Local Government, Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans' Affairs.

Katrine Hildyard — Shadow Minister for Recreation, Sport & Racing, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Shadow Minister for the Status of Women

Lee Odenwalder — Shadow Minister for Police, Emergency Services & Correctional Services

Eddie Hughes — Shadow Minister for Primary Industries & Regional Development

Nat Cook — Shadow Minister for Human Services
Clare Scriven — Deputy Leader in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Industry & Skills, Shadow Minister for Forestry

Jayne Stinson — Shadow Minister for Child Protection, Shadow Minister for Arts

Planning and Research Program (PRP)

The PRP provides funding for planning and research initiatives that contribute to the delivery of facilities, programs and services that grow participation in active recreation and sport.

Eligible applicants are able to apply for up to \$100,000 per application.

Planning Projects

Funding is available for strategic, evidence based planning initiatives that inform future active recreation and sport needs for communities.

Research Projects

Funding is available for evidence based research projects that supports policies, practices, and/or grows the knowledge base for active recreation and sport

For further information visit: http://ors.sa.gov.au/funding/apply_for_funding/planning_and_research_program

Applications are open year round allowing applicants to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for a project at any time.

Boots for All Equipment Grant

Boots for All's vision is to have an active and socially inclusive Australia through sport. The organisation exists to break down barriers to sport participation and strengthen communities by collecting and distributing quality, new and near-new sports equipment to vulnerable Australians and by providing volunteering and training opportunities via the Sports for All social enterprise sports store.

For further information visit: <https://www.bootsforall.org.au/request-equipment>
Applications are ongoing

The Slater and Gordon Community Fund

The Slater and Gordon Community Fund is a philanthropic fund established in 2001 which offers grants to community groups in three key areas of focus:

- Assisting people with disease and disability and promoting their participation and inclusion
- Addressing inequality and disadvantage
- Encouraging young people to engage in healthy activity and lifestyles through a project or program

The fund is open to any group or organisation, so long as their project fits the criteria and they carry a DGR status.

For further information visit: <https://www.slatergordon.com.au/firm/community/our-community-fund> **Applications are ongoing**

Local Sporting Champions

The Local Sporting Champions (LSC) program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young sportsmen and women aged 12-18.

If successful, applicants will receive a \$500 grant that can be used towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships, or a School Sport Australia state, national or international championships.

For further information visit: https://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions **Applications are ongoing**

Country Arts SA— Quick Response Grant

Regional artists can access professional arts development and training opportunities, or organisations/communities with small project opportunities that arise at short notice. Individual—up to \$1,500 which provides support for professional development opportunities for individual artist and arts workers in regional South Australia

Community—up to \$3,000 which provides support for small-scale arts development initiatives for community groups and organisations in regional South Australia.

For further information visit: www.countryarts.org.au/funding

Applications are accepted at anytime during the year
 (Closed for a period over Christmas)



Veteran and Community Grants

The Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) program aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the veteran community by providing funding for projects that support activities and services to sustain or enhance health and wellbeing.

V&CG is open to ex-service organisations, veteran representative groups and other organisations. V&CG provides seed funding to develop projects that will become sustainable and financially viable and that have an ongoing benefit for members of the veteran community.

V&CG funding rounds occur on an ongoing, rolling basis. When sufficient applications are received or a two month period has elapsed, a funding round will be processed for the Minister's decision

For further information visit: www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grant-bursary-programs/veteran

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

The STS Commemorative Grants program is designed to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and promote appreciation and understanding of the role that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

Two categories of grants are available under the STS program:

Community Commemorative Grants (CCG) – Grants up to a maximum of \$4,000 are available for community-based commemorative projects and activities. This includes, for example, the building of community memorials and the preservation of wartime memorabilia that is significant locally but is not necessarily nationally significant.

Major Commemorative Grants (MCG) – Grants in excess of \$4,000 are available for projects and activities that are significant, usually from a national, state or territory perspective and that contribute to Australia's understanding of its wartime heritage and honour the service and sacrifice of its servicemen and women

For further information visit: www.dva.gov.au

Clubs SA/IGC Sponsorship Assistance Program

There are streams of funding available through Clubs SA for the not-for-profit sector, including clubs.

Before applying for any stream of funding it is advised that you contact Clubs SA for further details and assistance on the application process.

There is no set dollar value to the program, applications for sponsorship are considered by the board on case by case basis.

For further information visit: www.clubssa.com.au/about/funding
Applications are accepted at any time during the year

Grants SA

A new grants program, Grants SA, will provide \$3 million in grants to improve community participation, wellbeing and quality of life for South Australians.

Through Grants SA, four one-off grant programs, the Charitable and Social Welfare Fund (Community Benefit SA), Multicultural Grants, Volunteer Training Grants and the Volunteer Support Fund, have been combined into a single application process. Community organisations can now apply once to be considered for funding across all four streams, and will also benefit from less restrictive guidelines and simpler reporting requirements.

Minor grants of up to \$5,000 will be open all year and assessed at the end of each month.

For further information visit www.dcsi.sa.gov.au
Minor round applications close 5pm on the last working day of every month



Job Accelerator Grant Scheme

The Scheme has been established to encourage South Australian businesses to employ additional full-time, part-time and casual employees, and maintain them for at least 12 months.

A Job Accelerator Grant of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 each year for two years) per new full-time equivalent (FTE) job created is available for businesses liable for payroll tax in SA with total Australian wages of \$5 million or less. Job Accelerator Grant for Small Business & Start-ups of up to \$4,000 (\$2,000 each year for two years) per new job created is available for most businesses that are not liable for payroll tax. This includes businesses with Australian wages below the payroll tax free threshold (currently \$600 000) and most organisations that are exempt from payroll tax (e.g. public benevolent institution).

Businesses that increase their number of SA employees will be eligible to receive a grant for each additional worker employed by them in a new position between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2018.

For further information visit: www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au

\$50 Sport Vouchers Program

The program is open for parents and carers who are now able to claim \$50 sport vouchers for their children, to use towards the cost of sport club fees or memberships.

Clubs wishing to register for the program and parents or guardians wanting to find a participating club in their area should go to www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au.

Club One (SA) Small Sponsorships

Small Sponsorship of up to \$500, although in special circumstances can be as high as \$600, is available to community clubs and associations and are considered every one to two months.

For further information visit: www.clubone.net.au/club-one-sponsorships.asp

Industry Development – Pocket Grants

Industry Development Pocket Grants provides funding to South Australian music businesses to assist with one-off expenses that arise at short notice. These include travel, conference or legal fees for short-notice opportunities. Arts South Australia accepts applications until they use up the annual funding portion.

For further information and guidelines visit: www.arts.sa.gov.au/grant/pocket-grants
Applications are ongoing

Mid Murray Council Community Grants

Council is pleased to offer a range of Community Grants to provide support to develop, grow and implement a range of exciting initiatives at a local level. The new grants program offers a broader range of opportunities for Council to work with motivated community groups to help make things happen at a local level. Grants available include:

- Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants(Available all year round)
- Small Community Grants– up to \$1000 (Applications close end of March and September)
- Event Grants – up to \$2000 (**Available all year round**)

For further information visit: <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=780>



Coober Pedy Shooter Club welcomes all new members, visitors and Sponsors

If you don't have a firearm, come along & our members will assist you with all enquiries.

Minimum age for shooting at the club is 10 yrs (Rifles and Air Pistol)
 & 14 yrs (Pistols).



Groovy Grapes - Ross showing off his bullseye shot with the .44 black powder pistol



Ross the tour guide operator of Groovy Grapes, with his group enjoy come and try shooting program

Any Enquires regarding Membership, sponsorships, donations, or shooting, please contact
 Tina Boyd - Mobile 0419 416 824 - Email cpsc.treasurer@gmail.com
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Starting Time: 7:00PM
Friday Night Shotgun /Air Pistol/Darts

20 April
27 April
4 May
11 May
18 May

FRIDAY NIGHT

Range Fee (Visitors) \$10.00
 Range Fee (Members) \$5.00

Shotgun Fees

Club Ammo + Clays \$29.00
 Clays + Own Ammo \$7.00
 Air Pistol/Rifle Ammo \$ 2.00

410 Shotgun Fees

Ammo + Clays \$29.00
 NOTE: Prices may change without notice.

Starting Times 9:00 AM And 11:00AM
Saturday — Pistols + Blackpowder (20 Shots 20 Mins + Steel Targets)

21 April
28 April
5 May
12 May
19 May

SATURDAY

Range Fee (Visitors) \$10.00
 Range Fee (Members) \$5.00

Pistol Fees

Club Ammo \$9.00 (56 Rounds)

NOTE: Prices may change without notice

Starting Time: 10:00 AM
Sundays - Rifle (50m +100M Rapid Fire) Bench Rest / Prone

22 April
29 April
6 April
13 May
20 May

SUNDAY

Range Fee (Visitors) \$10.00
 Range Fee (Members) \$5.00

Rifle Fees

Club Ammo \$4.00 (30 Rounds)

NOTE: Prices may change without notice