



COUNCIL RATING OPTIONS CAUSE FOR CONCERN AT COOPER PEDY

On Tuesday night 6th October the DCCP held a questions & answers evening, in part, to give ratepayers an opportunity to ask questions on a number of proposed rating options.

5 Rating Options were presented at the meeting.

Option 1: [Existing] Single fixed charge raises 40% of rates income
Commercial & Industrial properties 3x
Residential properties and vacant land 66% of residential Rate-in-the-dollar

Option 2: No fixed charge
Same Rate-in-the dollar

Option 3: 50% income from a fixed charge
Same Rate-in-the dollar

Option 4: No fixed charge
2/3's income from Commercial & Industrial properties ,
1/3 from residential properties

Option 5: No fixed charge
1/3 income from Commercial & Industrial properties,
2/3's from residential properties

No other options have been suggested at this stage.

In the latest Federal Budget, also released on Tuesday night 6th October, the government has created an environment for enterprises to "pivot their businesses" with favourable offsets and tax rebates to help keep the wheels turning and in anticipation of Jobkeeper concluding in March 2021.

Residents that attended the questions and answers meeting last Tuesday night were generally concerned that the low income families in the town could be saddled with the biggest share of the ratings [Option 5] in order to subsidise the bigger businesses in the town.

The administrator Tim Jackson confirmed that he had been lobbied by some of the larger businesses for rates relief.

Ratepayer Des Roffey said after the meeting that commercial rates are 100% tax deductible for businesses, but are not deductible for residential.

"Business have the opportunity to claim anything against their business, but those who are not in business do not have that opportunity at all. Businesses can pass it on, or write it off etc", said Mr. Roffey.

Some pension recipients may be eligible for a Cost of Living Concession <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/care-and-support/concessions-and-grants/concessions/cost-of-living-concessions>

Copies of the Rating proposals are available at the Council Office and on the Council website:

<https://www.cooperpedy.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/latest-news/public-consultation-rates-review-and-abp-and-budget-202021>

The closing date for submissions on both documents is 5:00pm, Thursday 15th October 2020. All submissions will become public documents.

Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission can do so on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at the Council Mtg at Chambers 7pm

If you require any information in relation to the consultation or the process of making a submission, please contact the main office on 8672 4600.

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A SUMMARY OF THE 2020-21 FEDERAL BUDGET

ECONOMY

- * Budget deficit of \$213.7 billion in 2020/21
- * Deficit narrows to \$112 billion in 2021/22, \$87.9 billion in 2022/23 and \$66.9 billion in 2023/24
- * Commonwealth net debt to rise to \$703.2 billion in 2020/21 before hitting \$966.2 billion in 2023/24
- * Economic growth to fall by 1.5 per cent in 2020/21 before expanding by 4.75 per cent in 2021/22
- * Unemployment rate of 7.25 per cent in 2020/21, before falling to 6.5 per cent the following year
- * Inflation as measured by CPI to be 1.75 per cent in 2020/21

TAXATION

- * Extra \$12.5 billion in personal income tax relief over the next 12 months
- * In 2020/21, low and middle income earners will get tax relief of up to \$2,745 for singles and up to \$5,490 for dual income families
- * When the plan is fully rolled out in 2024/25 around 95 per cent of taxpayers will have a marginal tax rate of 30 per cent or less
- * A \$2 billion research and development tax incentive to apply from July 1, 2021

BUSINESS

- * From budget night to June 20, 2022, businesses with a turnover up to \$5 billion will be able to deduct the full cost of eligible depreciable assets of any value in the year they are installed.
- * Loss 'carry-back' will also be available to around one million companies, with losses incurred up to 2021/22 carried back against profits made in or after 2018/19.
- * Changes to fringe benefits tax
- * Small and medium businesses can access up to 10 tax concessions

HOUSING

- * An extra 10,000 places in 2020/21 under the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme to buy a new home or newly-built home
- * These first home buyers can secure a loan with a deposit of as little as five per cent, with the government guaranteeing up to 15 per cent of a loan
- * \$1 billion increase in the government guarantee to the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation to support more affordable housing

INFRASTRUCTURE

- * Boosting infrastructure spending to \$110 billion over the decade

THE BUSH

- * \$328 million to help agricultural exporters and the recovery from drought, bushfires and COVID-19
- * Digital platforms to make it easier for exporters to access overseas markets
- * \$550 million regional package to support tourism, rural health workforce, manufacturing and technology

YOUNG WORKERS

- * JobMaker hiring credit to support around 450,000 people aged between 16 and 35 get into work, at a cost to the budget of \$4 billion
- * The credit of up to \$200 a week will be available to employers for each new job they create over the next 12 months
- * \$1 billion JobTrainer fund will support up to 340,700 free or low-fee training places
- * \$1.2 billion to subsidise apprentice wages

WOMEN

- * \$240.4 million package to deliver job opportunities, support parents and increase participation in STEM industries

HEALTH

- * \$4.9 billion in health measures to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, including support for hospitals, protective equipment and vaccines and treatments
- * \$750 million for COVID-19 testing
- * \$112 million to continue Medicare-funded telehealth
- * Extra \$746.3 million to support senior Australians in aged care, workers and providers to respond to the pandemic

PENSIONERS

- * \$2.6 billion for two additional payments of \$250 to pensioners and other eligible recipients

ENVIRONMENT

- * \$249.6 million over four years to modernise recycling infrastructure, reduce waste and recycle more
- * \$47.4 million ocean health package
- * \$29.1 million to clean up contaminated land

SUPERANNUATION

- * Ability to keep your superannuation fund when you shift employers, effectively "stapling" the fund to the worker

SECURITY

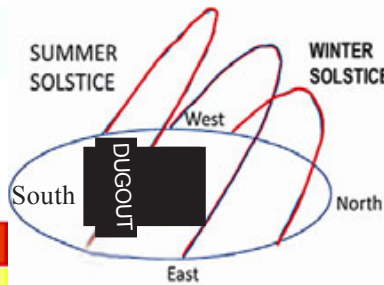
- * Extra \$201.5 million to deliver a cyber security strategy, with new investment in training. AAP

7 DAYS WEATHER at COOBER PEDY Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka Roxby Downs

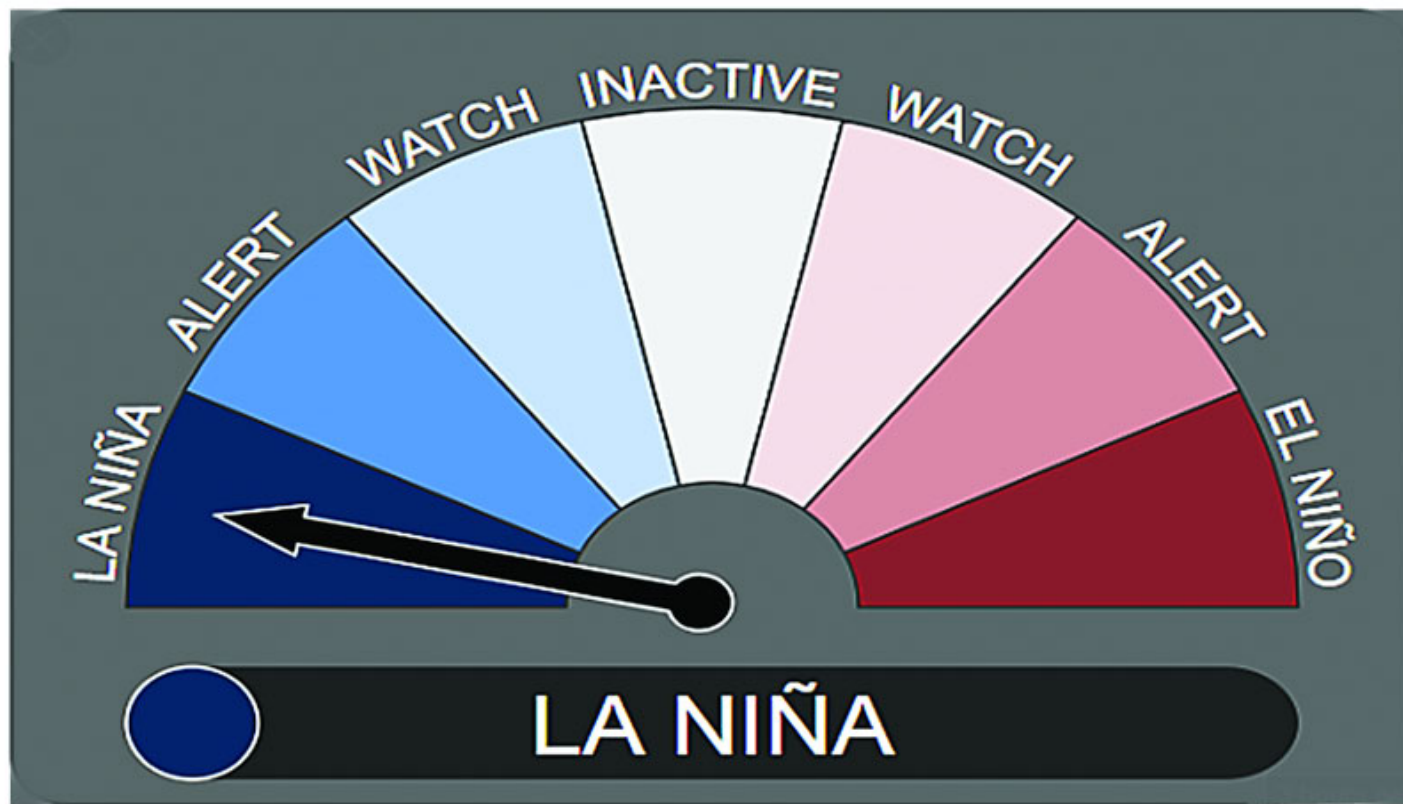
COOBER PEDY 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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	Fri Oct 9	Sat Oct 10	Sun Oct 11	Mon Oct 12	Tue Oct 13	Wed Oct 14	Thu Oct 15
Summary	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
Maximum	26°C	29°C	30°C	31°C	33°C	34°C	37°C
Minimum	9°C	12°C	13°C	16°C	17°C	19°C	19°C
Chance of Rain	5%	5%	10%	5%	20%	5%	30%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm
UV Index	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High			
Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wind Speed	9am 19 km/h 3pm 11 km/h	9am 23 km/h 3pm 21 km/h	9am 22 km/h 3pm 29 km/h	9am 25 km/h 3pm 29 km/h	9am 24 km/h 3pm 26 km/h	9am 24 km/h 3pm 28 km/h	9am 29 km/h 3pm 28 km/h
Wind Direction	NE	NNE	NNE	NNE	NE	ENE	NE



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Coober Pedy

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an underground town built on the back of opal mining

Things to do in Coober Pedy

- ☐ GO NOODLING FOR OPAL at THE JEWELLER SHOP - Umoona Road/Jeweller Shop Road in town.
- ☐ While in town take an OPAL FIELDS tour - you'll believe you're on Mars.
- ☐ Be sure to visit THE UNDERGROUND CHURCHES
- ☐ AMAZING UNDERGROUND HOMES (at least 1500 people living underground)
- ☐ OPAL FIELDS GOLF COURSE - bring your own green
- ☐ Take a tour to the natural landscapes outside the town (see film locations like Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome and Red Planet) including the PAINTED DESERT, the colourful BREAKAWAYS and the MOON PLAIN
- ☐ Join the MAIL RUN out of Coober Pedy to deliver outback mail! Take a leisurely flight over the spectacular LAKE EYRE (Currently on hold)
- ☐ During Easter a GEM TRADE SHOW is held

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The annual rainfall in the area is around 175 mm (5 inches) per annum

The CPRT newspaper first became DIGITAL/ ONLINE in 2006. Although online is now the main trend, copies are still printed locally.

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5.) Names and Captions must accompany photos + DO NOT REDUCE PHOTOS

6.) Letters to Editor need to be signed and also may be edited.

Gel blasters declared regulated imitation firearm

From 8 October 2020 gel blasters are declared as a regulated imitation firearm.

People who own a gel blaster will have to register their gel blaster, obtain a firearms licence within six months, or surrender the gel blaster as part of a firearms amnesty. The amnesty will take place from today until 7 April 2021.

Officer in Charge Firearms Branch, Superintendent Stephen Howard said the declaration comes following investigations by police who have assessed gel blasters to be firearms as defined in the Firearms Act.

“The firing mechanism in a gel blaster compresses air to fire a projectile and therefore meets the threshold test to be defined as a firearm,” he said.

“A gel blaster can easily be mistaken for a real firearm, with potential to cause concern in the community and trigger a police response that could involve the use of police firearms, or other tactical options.”

SAPOL estimates more than 62,000 are circulating in the South Australian community.

These changes mean:

- It is an offence to possess a gel blaster without a licence.
- It is an offence to possess an unregistered gel blaster.
- The sale and possession of gel blasters becomes regulated.
- They will be subject to licencing and control.
- If a person or business does not wish to become licenced then it will become illegal for them to sell or possess a gel blaster.



Details on how to apply for a firearms licence is available from the SAPOL website - <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/firearms-and-weapons/apply-for-a-firearms-licence2>

The Firearms Act contains a general amnesty which can be utilised to surrender a gel blaster to police, additional amnesty conditions are in place for those gel blaster owners to obtain a firearms licence

“If a member of the public is in the possession of a firearm that is not registered or they don’t have a firearms licence then they should make use of the amnesty and surrender the firearm at a police station, or at a participating firearms dealer.”

To ensure the safety of police officers, when surrendering a gel blaster it must be in the following condition:

- Magazine removed and empty
- Battery removed
- Stock removed (if possible, the battery is often housed in the stock)
- Gel blaster should be carried in a bag or cover to prevent causing concern.



SAPOL will not accept accessories including:

- Batteries - they are generic, rechargeable and the owner can keep them and do with them what they wish.
- Battery chargers
- Scopes, sights, imitation silencers, muzzle brakes, slings
- Fore grips, bipods, tripods
- Gel balls
- Goggles or protective clothing
- Torches (specific torches are sold to fit to the gel blaster)

If a person deals, owns or possesses a gel blaster and does not hold the appropriate firearms licence then that person may be committing offences against the Firearms Act 2015 and Firearms Regulations 2017, and maybe liable to prosecution.

To learn more about the changes, visit the South Australia Police website at www.police.sa.gov.au/gel-blasters

For more information about the changes to gel blasters visit the SA Police website – www.police.sa.gov.au/gel-blasters

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“Local jobs for local kids. To me that's big.”

Supporting local employment, Regional SA.

Keeping jobs in regional areas can also keep communities and families together. After a successful BHP traineeship, Meg is now studying to be a mining engineer and follow in her parents' footsteps with full time employment at Olympic Dam. BHP is proud to support the next generation of local workers to help ensure their communities remain great places to live and work for decades to come. Find out more at BHP.com/community/programs

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONS TO DCCP ON \$3.55m ERROR in BUDGETED FIGURES REMAIN UNANSWERED

Surplus VS Deficit and Anomaly VS Error

6 only questions on the faulty financial statement prepared and published on 5th July 2020 on council's website that remained in the public domain for between 5-7 days.

We invited the council to respond more specifically, but *avoid unnecessary technicality and excessive detail* as to how the anomaly/error occurred.

Council MUST have expected that an error of around \$3.55 MILLION DOLLAR magnitude would at the very least attract scrutiny and arguments for maladministration/incompetence.

Q • What was the cost of preparing these financials in terms of time and labour?
Not answered

Q • Please identify the amounts and explain the surplus in one part of the ledger, turning into a loss on another part of the ledger?
Not Answered

At the 28-7-2020 Council Meeting Mr. Alan Rushbrook spoke of correcting some errors during his talk on borrowings. It was not clear if he was talking about errors in his latest projections, or the errors in the faulty budgeted figures published on the 5th July.

Unless explanations are clear then we will have to consider that our questions are not answered.

Q • Could the "anomaly" as Mr. Miller CEO called it, be explained or clarified in plain English for the community to understand, avoiding unnecessary technicality and excessive detail?
Not answered

Q • Did the council officers compiling the budgeted figures not wonder where over a million dollars of surplus money had actually come from, given that council operates at the brink of bankruptcy and on the limit of borrowings at all times?
Not answered

Q • What financial risk management policies or audit policies are in place?
Not answered

Q • What measures have been put in place since, to prevent this happening again?
Not Answered

We have since received (after a previous publication 7-8-20) a compilation of questions and answers constructed by council that do not adequately address the 6 simple questions posed by the community (above).

We therefore decline to complicate the issue by publishing or accepting council's replacement questions. It is not for councils to decide how they will be scrutinized.

Editor

Strzelecki Track set to be sealed



Rowan Ramsey with former Transport and Infrastructure Minister Darren Chester at the Strzelecki Track in 2017

The Strzelecki Track is to be sealed from one end to the other under a deal reached between the Federal and State Governments the Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey announced this week.

"This is an exciting project and one which I have been campaigning for for more than six years. It gives a certain degree of satisfaction to achieve such a positive outcome after a long effort," he said.

"Both governments had already made commitments on sealing parts of the 472km track, but this announcement provides the resources to get the whole job done.

"The Federal Government is providing \$100m and the State \$25m, with the 80:20 formula echoing a string of partnerships we have signed with the State Government, now representing a \$700m Federal Government investment in the electorate of Grey alone."

"These deals are underwritten by our decadal \$100bn commitment to transport corridors across the nation. Never before have we seen anything like this level Commonwealth support back into transport corridors in Grey. It's a remarkable performance!"

Mr Ramsey said the sealing of the Strez should see the very lucrative supply contracts for the Cooper Basin return to South Australia after a period of time when the majority of supplies have come from the east coast despite it being half as far again, simply because the Strez is so rough it wrecks trucks.

"It also stands to become one of the great tourist routes of inland Australia," he said. "Driving out of Brisbane, it will soon be bitumen all the way to Innamincka, where a tourist can easily access Cooper Creek and the Coongee Lakes, from there they will be able to travel the 472 km on a first class road to Lyndhurst where they have a choice between Lake Eyre or the Flinders Ranges. It will be busy!"

FAREWELL PETER - HELLO JASON at FOOD Plus



Most of the Cooper Pedy businesses know Peter Ellis who delivers weekly food supplies around town from Port Pirie on behalf of FoodPlus.

Sadly for us, Peter has taken on a job that keeps him closer to home. This week Peter brought FoodPlus' new driver Jason Chivell, up to Cooper Pedy to show him the ropes and meet the clients.

Family man Jason pictured in the dark sunnies taking the baton, or boxes from Peter is also a Port Pirie lad.

Jason said that after the next run on Monday 12 October, he will be bringing the weekly supplies to Cooper Pedy.

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A GRANDMOTHER'S MEMOIRS TAKES ADELAIDE QC PAUL HEYWOOD-SMITH OUTBACK TO AFGHAN CAMELEER COUNTRY 1909

Part 2



Law Clerk Paul Heywood-Smith in 1972, aged 23

In 1972 long before lap-tops were invented, people, particularly professionals kept comprehensive diaries. At the age of 23, May Brady's grandson Paul had graduated from University having completed a law degree.

In September of 1972 Paul, working as a Law Clerk, found himself accompanying a legal team to Cooper Pedy for a court circuit. Paul assisted John Lewis who was a partner of Elliot Johnston, later Supreme Court Justice and Commissioner in the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission. The firm was then Johnston & Partners but is known today as Johnston Withers.

John Lewis became a Magistrate and later a District Court Judge before leaving the Court and joining the profession as a barrister in the Northern Territory.

The other lawyer on the trip was Derrance Stevenson, who was later murdered - Body in the Freezer. His murderer, David Szach, was his gay lover and sought to remove himself from the scene by travelling to Cooper Pedy.

Paul Heywood-Smith's diary in September 1972 reads:

27/9/72 Set aside the old kiddies story for a while. Tonight I had the good fortune to sit in on one of those conversations in which you learn more about life than all the books you want to read. I had better lay the foundations. I am presently engaged in an illegal mining case being heard in Cooper Pedy and involving two Yugoslavians. When I say engaged I am only really here to assist John Lewis.

In any event tonight John and I with Derrance Stephenson were invited out to dinner at Eric Malliotis' place. Eric took the opportunity to fil us in on a bit of the local colour

The first story concerns Nick Macris, the main prosecution witness in our case. Apparently over the past 4 years Nick has had about 4 runs of over 100,000 pounds of opal and yet today he is a broke man. Why, because when he gets money he loses his head. Example: driving down to Adelaide with girl he has picked up, she wants to go to toilet. Nick stops car and says, "Hey, you want some toilet paper?", at the same time taking out a roll of \$20 bills and peeling off 5 - 10 and giving them to her.

The best stories however are the life and death ones. The following example involving Eric himself, shows the philosophy of the man and what a real person he is.

Oodnadatta, and the end of steel

By Frances May Brady

From previous edition 18-9-2020: That afternoon a Manager from an outback station kindly asked me to drive with him to the Chinaman's garden about five miles from the township, and one of the sights of Oodnadatta. As we drove over the stony track my friend told me the object of this visit was to secure an excellent cook, Wandering Tim. "He is a queer character" he said, "but any Station Manager would gladly have him".

I hear he is on the track again, that means he will walk for weeks, but if I can get him we'll have decent bread for a time anyway. He gets tired of a place suddenly, packs his swag by night, and, like the Arab, silently steals away. The whole station is left breakfastless."

Away in the distance a green spot appeared. An 'Oasis in the desert' it seemed, 'the Chinaman's garden on the edge of a waterhole. This waterhole will, after heavy rain, keep the garden going from eight to ten months. There was no sign of life anywhere as we approached. I held the reins and my friend went away behind the queer shaped shack, which was covered by a beautiful balloon-creeper. "It is marvellous" I thought, "what a Chinaman can do in this desert with a packet of seeds and a watering can".

The moments passed, the sun grew hotter, not a bird anywhere, or any sign of life. The horses went to sleep, I gazed over the never ending plain, and thought of cities with their teeming thousands; the closely packed buildings; the noise, the hustle and rush. Then this stillness, this limitless space.

I awoke from my reverie, a man was coming from the shack; there was an easy swing about his walk, he drew near the slip-rails. Horrors! It was a Chinaman. I save a despairing glance around, no sign of the Station-manager or much sought after Cook, not even a black-boy. His face wore the bland smile of the Celestial, he raised a huge hat, yet did it gracefully. "Good afternoon" he said. I only heard last week that you had arrived, I hope you will like Oodnadatta." I was too utterly astonished to tell him that the only thing I liked about it was the return ticket lying at the bottom of my trunk.

"Come down into the shade, won't you", he continued. "I would like to show you my garden. I have the best vines within hundreds of miles, and I have just picked a tomato weighing two pounds. I will I show it to you." Whatever was I to do?

He held out his hand to assist me down. At last I said "Oh, er, thank you, but I do not think Mr. Earl would care for me to leave the horses." He laughed, "These horses are quite used to standing hours, and I am sure that you must want some tea after the hot drive. Let me help you." After all, why not take the hand of this most unusual Chinaman, with his self-assured manner and charming voice. I had shaken hands only the day before with a villainous looking Afghan, from whom I had accepted an exquisite silk shawl, given to me because, to use the Afghan's words, he 'liked my boss', meaning of course my husband. Though I did not agree with the 'term' I let him think so, the shawl was a thing of beauty.

So I found myself gazing at a tomato turning the scales at two lbs. exactly, admiring a beautiful vine, the only one within hundreds of miles, and accepting tea and biscuits from a most unusual host.

On the return drive Mr. Earl, elated at securing the services of Wandering Tim, apologised for keeping me waiting. "The time was not at all long" I said. "I have been delightfully entertained. I had no idea that Chinamen were so courteous." "Oh, but Ned is not the ordinary common garden John, you know. He is quite a superior person. Did he not discuss politics with you?" "No I'm thankful to say, for I can quite imagine that he, knows far more than I do".

But I was to meet that "Heathen Chineee" under quite a different role at a later date, when I attempted to take up the reins of house-keeping at Oodnadatta. To be continued.



A young May Brady wrote of her time living in Oodnadatta. May loved writing and sketching



Margaret Mackay ©

[From Paul Heywood-Smith's diary]

Eric had a certain claim. According to mining law if a person has a claim which he is not working another person can "complain" in the following way. He can remove one of the pegs and put in his own. Then, if nothing is done about that for a week he can make his complaint and have himself registered on that claim.

In any event a couple of Yugoslavs did this to Eric's claim and he failed to notice the new pegs until one day there arrives at his claim the Yugoslavs and Mining Inspector. Having learned what has happened Eric says "Alright, the claim is yours, what will you do with it?"

Left: Mayor Eric Malliotis
in 2005 at Cooper Pedy

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A GRANDMOTHER'S MEMOIRS TAKES ADELAIDE QC PAUL HEYWOOD-SMITH OUTBACK TO AFGHAN CAMELEER COUNTRY 1909

Part 2

Continued from page 5 [From Paul Heywood-Smith's diary]

The expected answer "Mine it of course" was forthcoming. Eric immediately advanced to his Land Rover, pulled out a rifle and replied, "If you mine that claim, you are a dead man."

Apparently Eric had every intention of carrying out his threat as the two Yugoslavs realised, because they cleared out in a big hurry.

Stories of sticks of gelignite lowered into persons dugouts are commonplace, as are those of contracts on persons' lives for failing to pay gambling debts, retainers to the police sergeant for non-interference and so on.

Of course what is really behind everything is the people. Most are either Greek, Yugoslavian, Italians, Croatian etc. I need not mention the temperament of the Southern Europeans. They have brought to Australia their old fears, hostilities, and allegiances that they had in the old country. They stick together in their separate clubs and form vigilante groups to protect their mines from opal stealers at night.

Many are wasters, sitting around the club all day waiting to lure some striker into a game of manila and take every penny he can off of him. Most own pistols and many carry them. Put all that together with a corruptible police force and you have a very volatile situation to say the least.

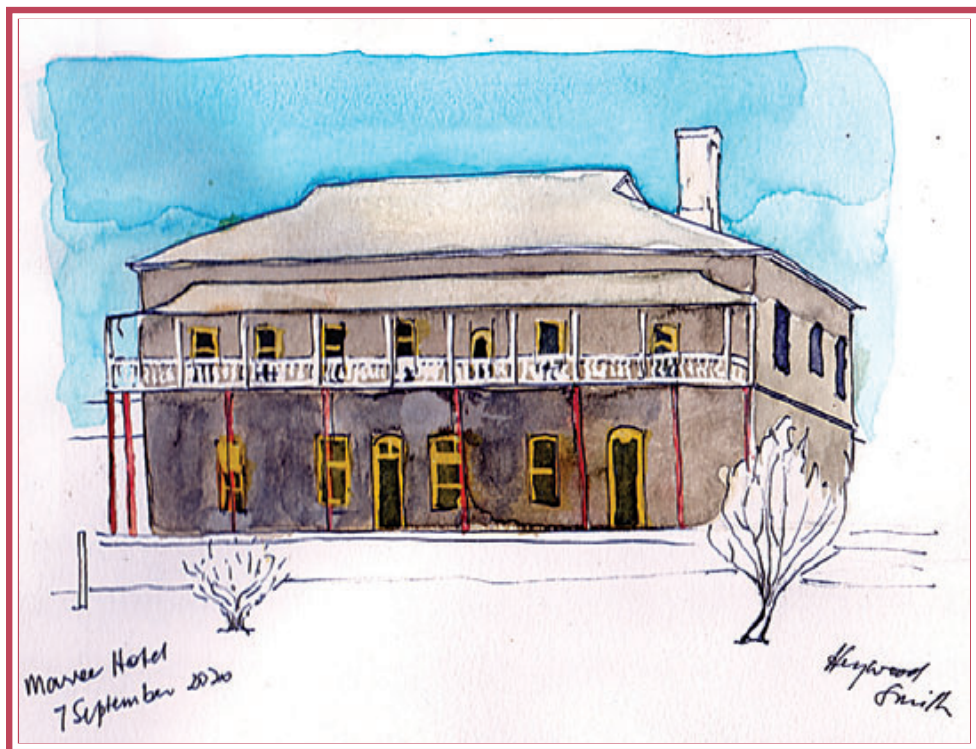
Leaving the local colour I should perhaps mention that I also learnt a great deal about the opal business. I shall only touch on this briefly...

I believe I began to understand the thrill, the excitement, the pounding of the heart in expectation as the small pick coming up from underneath struck and made as it struck, that slightly different sound, or feeling, whatever it is that makes the opal miner know...

Note the following terms attached to the opal industry: triplet - second class, no one cuts up a good opal to make triplets; soft opal - i.e. soft colours, the milky variety; black opal - harsh, dark colours, rare, considered the best. [Paul Heywood-Smith 1972]



May Brady's sketch and water colour of an early cottage



When Paul and his wife Edie retraced the route from Adelaide through Marla to Oodnadatta that May Brady took just after the turn of the century, Paul found himself sketching and painting along the way.

On the left: is a water colour of the Marree Hotel sketched and painted by Paul when he stopped at the town in September 2020.

It seems more than a coincidence that grandmother and grandson shared strong similarities in their natural aptitude for both art and the English language.

Right: Edie at Hookey's Hole Oodnadatta in Sept.



Paul Heywood Smith after completing his pilgrimage from Adelaide to Oodnadatta following the Old Ghan Route, is at the Desert Cave Hotel with Margaret Mackay, Editor of the Coober Pedy Regional Times Newspaper. Paul and his wife Edie both have a prior connection to Coober Pedy.



Edward Chong's grave at Oodnadatta. Ned, as he was called, cultivated the vegetable garden at Hookey's Hole just outside of Oodnadatta



The Dodge City Roundup

A work of pure Satire by Minnie Geatter



Morning darls, guess what? Paddy's really close friend and business associate Darragh O'Shagahey is in town. He lives at the Long Bay Retirement Village with Paddy and Dags and he decided to take an early release on his rental and come to Coobers. Its more of a business mission for Paddy and when Dags rang and told me I was so excited.

Dags said hes a real nice bloke but he could be a little hard to understand. Well that was a understatement wasn't it. When I picked him up off the plane he was nothing like I expected. He's definitely vertically challenged and got a bit of ink and looked like a shaved ape but I just couldn't understand him. He's so Irish. I couldn't even say his christian name let alone his surname. Darger Shagghahey it sounded like so he said I should just call him Shag. It took five minutes just to sort that.

Anyway Dags said he should stay at my dugout because he's a bit shy and preferred to keep to himself. Besides I've got a computer, a phone and a fourby which he'll need to do some jobs for Paddy.

When we got to my dugout he couldn't understand how I lived, but when he got inside he really liked it. Underground, out of sight, no neighbours. Perfect he said.

Anyway he said Paddy wanted a report about everything in town because he intends to be mayor and wants to invest here.

Shag said he would like to have a drive all over the fields to see what was happening because Paddy told him the Outback Opal Hunter was making another movie here and he needed to keep his finger on the pulse. He wanted Shag to check out all the mining activity on the fields and plot them on a GPS so he could find them later.

I thought that was a bit odd because I could drive him out there but Shag said Paddy would probably prefer to go out at night with the Texan and Boris. I figure they are insomniacs.

Paddy said he wanted all the eateries and bars checked out so he could start planning his Irish Club. I told Shag we'd start at the Outback Bar and Grill. He loved the food there but nothing Irish.

Then we did the Opal Inn and he thought the food was OK but preferred the TAB. Then we did the Roadkill Restaurant and he didn't understand why we'd eat

kangaroo and emu but he said it was tasty but definitely not Irish.

We started to look around for something suitable that was central with plenty of car parking. The obvious choice was the Council and Visitor Centre but I told him that'd be off limits, but seeing as they're broke they might come at it.

Later on Shag saw the dugout in the main street that was for sale and it looked almost perfect he said. Cheap too. He liked that it had windows fronting the street, three offices at street level and nine rooms underground. Shag said he needed to talk to a sparky about wiring up the cameras and alarms. Perfect for Paddy and the boys to live and do business, because right out back was a BBQ restaurant set up and ready to go. It's been closed for some time and when Shag told Paddy about it they started talking figures and how much to buy both. Paddy told Shag to make some discreet inquiries with the owners and start negotiations. Shag told Paddy it's a buyer's market here and that cash is the only language.

Anyway Shag told Paddy on the phone about everything he'd seen so far and Paddy sounded happy. Well they were laughing a fair bit and Shag said the town is perfect for what they needed to do. He told Paddy the town's got an airport and bus service, so getting the stuff in and out was easy. I thought they were talking about supplies for the Irish Club so I told Shag they could get everything at Wally's mart and save on freight. He gave me this strange look and then laughed.

You know, I remember dear old dad Arnie telling me similar stories about Coobers in his day back in the 60's and 70's. These people who came to town from Sydney and Melbourne to mine for opal and keep under the radar he would say.

They'd do some mining but played cards every night at the dustbowl club in the main street.

They could bet on any horse race in Australia with Greek George. No TAB then.

They could get anything they needed like tobacco and booze at a very good price. Just like shopping on ebay or gumtree but without the hassle.

Everything was done in town probably because we were so far away from anything. Nobody drove to north to Alice. If anyone got lucky with a good parcel, they bolted to Adelaide on Opal Air and then made their way to Melbourne or Sydney to have some fun.

Arnie said the lads had been working hard for months and needed to get away for a blowout. Some even brought their girlfriends back with them and a few were stunners, Arnie said. Most were blonde with long legs and loved to party.

Anyway Arnie used to tell me all these stories about the people who lived here. He said the locals stuck together like turds to a sheet and made sure nobody missed out. Arnie used to rave about the good days.

I was telling Shag a few Arnie yarns one night when we were sitting in the dugout and he really enjoyed listening to them. He loved the hard luck stories of people coming to town who took the punt hoping to make their fortune and some eventually did.

He really loved the way they backed themselves and was amazed at some of the money found. He said he wished he and Paddy could turn back the clock but they were fairly busy in Belfast at the time.

Anyways when I was driving Shag around and showing him all the sights, I told him about the stray dogs being trained at the TAFE by Big Roger to pick up the green cans in the dry zones. Well we didn't see Big Roger or the strays in training, but there was no shortage of green cans.

Shag reckons the council could put recycle bins made like basketball hoops or soccer nets in the dry zones to help the locals keep fit and entertained whilst slaking their thirst.

Anyway I took Shag down to Centrelink the other day to get his pension sorted and he said they were very helpful filling out his forms for him, particularly the bit about his new address and reporting to the board of the Long Bay Retirement Village once a month. He must be one of the directors there like Paddy who need to hold shareholder meetings. A couple of savvy businessmen I reckon.

Speaking of Wally's Mart have you seen the rise in the cost of fags lately? Shag was absolutely appalled at the cost of a pouch of White Ox and papers.

Today I'm taking Shag for a drive around town to have a look at the Big Winch and check out the sky lift the council are putting in. Apparently its going to be like the walk to the top of the rock but you jump into a four seater and away you go. Fascinating.

Well we can talk later darls, I'm off to 'you know where'. Minnie

Anyone can be a F.A.S.T hero by learning the F.A.S.T test and asking these questions if they suspect a stroke:



- Face Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?
- Arms Can they lift both arms?
- Speech Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?
- Time is critical If you see any of these signs call triple zero (000) straight away.

Why should you care?

- One in four people globally will have a stroke in their lifetime
- More than 475,000 Australians are living with the impact of stroke.
- Too many people are delaying hospital presentation during COVID-19, putting their lives at risk.
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REMOVING CAPITAL GAINS TAX FOR GRANNY FLATS

The Morrison Government is supporting older and disabled Australians and their families by providing a targeted Capital Gains Tax (CGT) exemption for granny flat arrangements where there is a formal written agreement in place.

Tax consequences can be a key impediment to families creating formal and legally enforceable granny flat arrangements.

When faced with a potentially significant CGT liability, families may opt for informal arrangements which can leave open the risk of financial abuse and exploitation, for example following a family or relationship breakdown.

Under the measure, CGT will not apply to the creation, variation or termination of a formal written granny flat arrangement providing accommodation for older Australians or people with disabilities.

The measure will commence as early as 1 July 2021 subject to the passing of legislation.

This change will only apply to agreements that are entered into because of family relationships or other personal ties and will not apply to commercial rental arrangements.

Currently there are around 3.9 million pensioners and around 4 million Australians with a disability who would be eligible for this exemption under this change.

The measure is consistent with the Government's National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians announced on 19 March 2019, the Board of Taxation's Review of Granny Flat Arrangements, and the 2017 Australian Law Reform Commissions Report: Elder Abuse a National Legal Response.

As part of the 2020-21 Budget, this will boost the construction industry, stimulate demand for new housing and support tradies' jobs at a time when the economy needs it most.

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2020

AI Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands artist and Western Arrernte man Vincent Namatjira has won the 2020 Archibald Prize at the Art Gallery of New South Wales for his portrait of champion Australian Rules footballer and community leader Adam Goodes.

An Archibald Prize finalist for four consecutive years, Namatjira is the first Aboriginal artist to win the Archibald Prize in its 99-year history and his painting *Stand strong for who you are* is one of ten Archibald Prize 2020 finalist portraits featuring an Indigenous sitter – a new record for the prize.

In the portrait, Namatjira has painted himself alongside Goodes, whom he describes as “a proud Aboriginal man who stands strong for his people”.

On hearing the news Namatjira said: “I’m so proud to be the winner of the Archibald Prize, and to be the



first Aboriginal artist to win is really special. I feel like this is a very important moment in Australian art. It’s an honour to be the first, but I also want to acknowledge all of the Indigenous finalists and Indigenous sitters for the Archibald this year and in past years.

“When I saw the documentary *The final quarter* about Adam’s final season of AFL, my guts were churning as I relived Adam’s experiences of relentless racism on and off the field. Memories of my own experiences were stirred up and I wanted to reach out and reconnect with Adam.

“We share some similar stories and experiences – of disconnection from culture, language and Country, and the constant pressures of being an Aboriginal man in this country. We’ve also both got young daughters and don’t want them to have to go through those same experiences.

“When I was younger and growing up in the foster system in Perth, Indigenous footballers were like heroes to me. Goodes is much more than a great footballer though, he took a strong stand against racism and said, ‘enough is enough’. I stand strong with you too, brother,” said Namatjira.

The pair first met in 2018 when Goodes visited the school in Indulkana, where Namatjira lives, as part of his work promoting Indigenous literacy. Namatjira decided to reconnect with Goodes after watching the 2019 documentary *The final quarter*, which explored the final three years of his playing career when he publicly called out racism, sparking heated public debate.

Born in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) in 1983, Namatjira lives in the community of Indulkana in the APY Lands in the north-west of South Australia and works at Iwantja Arts. Since 2013, he has been painting portraits of important figures, both personally familiar and famously political.

He is an acute observer of national and international politics and the connections between leadership, wealth, power and influence. He is the great-grandson of the renowned artist Albert Namatjira, who exhibited in the Wynne Prize in 1944 and was the subject of William Dargie’s 1956 Archibald-winning portrait.

Art Gallery of NSW director Michael Brand said Namatjira’s painting was selected as one of 55 finalists and then as the winner from a record number of 1068 entries for the Archibald Prize.

“Vincent’s work shows how much portrait painting still has to say and what strong voices our Indigenous artists have. I commend the Board of Trustees both for their choice of winner and for the respect they have shown to all the artists during the judging process,” he said.

Hubert Pareroultja wins the Wynne Prize 2020 of \$50,000 for his painting *Tjoritja (West MacDonnell Ranges, NT)*

The Wynne Prize is awarded annually for ‘the best landscape painting of Australian scenery in oils or watercolours or for the best example of figure sculpture by Australian artists’. First-time Wynne Prize finalist Hubert Pareroultja is a Western Aranda man from the Northern Territory. His painting *Tjoritja (West MacDonnell Ranges, NT)* represents the story of the giant caterpillars called the Yeperenye that became Tjoritja (West MacDonnell Ranges in the distant past).

Marikit Santiago wins Sulman Prize 2020 for her work *The divine*

The Sulman Prize, valued at \$40,000, is awarded for the best subject painting, genre painting or mural project by an Australian artist. Each year the trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW invite a guest artist to judge; in 2020 artist Khadim Ali selected 18 finalists for the Sulman Prize. On hearing that her work *The divine* had been awarded the Sulman Prize 2020 winner, western Sydney artist Marikit Santiago said she is absolutely thrilled.“

We’re extending the JobKeeper Payment until 28 March 2021.

The Australian Government is extending the temporary JobKeeper Payment to the end of March 2021. From 28 September, businesses must meet the turnover test and submit their declarations by the 14th of each month.

There will be two new payment rates – one for those who work more than 20 hours per week in the relevant period, and another for those who work less. The employee eligibility date has also changed to 1 July, meaning some businesses could claim for more staff.

It’s part of our plan to keep business in business, and Australians in jobs.

28 Mar 2021

JobKeeper Payment

Visit [Australia.gov.au](https://australia.gov.au)

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What is growing around Coober Pedy?

MARSDENIA AUSTRALIS, commonly known as the bush banana, silky pear or green vine is an Australian native plant. It is found in inland areas of most states. It is a bush tucker food used by Indigenous Australians.



Marsdenia australis - Bush Banana by Mark Marathon - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=34841811>

M. australis has many different names in Aboriginal languages. In the Arrernte language of Central Australia; merne alangkwe (older transcription: elonka, merne ulkanyerrkng (the flowers) and merne altyeye (the prefix merne signifies plant food). In Karrajari, Nyulnyul and Yawuru it is called 'Magabala'.

The young roasted pods are eaten as a vegetable, tasting like zucchini. Exceptionally rich in thiamine, they yield up to 2900 micrograms per 100 grams, more than ten times that of any cultivated food (Tim Low, 1990). The leaves and flowers are edible and the white fibre of the fruit has a mild flavour, described by some as tasting like snowpea. All plant parts are edible.

The flowers hang in clusters and can also be eaten raw, as can the main part of the plant (altyeye in Arrernte). Some people suck the nectar from the flowers as a source of food, while others use it as a garnish.

Bush bananas are cooked in hot earth beside the fire or eaten raw when young (the flavour has been likened to fresh peas or zucchini). The root of the plant is called Merne atnetye and can also be eaten raw or cooked. The very white roots are cooked in the hot earth close to the fire. Young leaves can be used in salads.

One of the significant bush food for the Aboriginal people of Australia, the food is often depicted in current Aboriginal art, especially paintings about 'bush tucker', as well as 'Bush Banana Dreaming' paintings.



A ripe Marsdenia australis commonly known as the bush banana, silky pear or green vine is an Australian native plant grows naturally around Coober Pedy



Marsdenia australis is a vine from the Asclepiadaceae family, native to Central and Western Australia. Pods split to reveal fluffy wind borne seeds.



Marsdenia australis seeds

The seeds of of M.australis can also be eaten and are said to resemble garden peas in taste. The plant also produces an edible underground tuber.

M.australis can be grown from fresh seed, which requires no pretreatment. Cuttings of firm, young growth should also be successful.

Marsdenia australis prefers a sandy, well drained soil. Reasonably fast growing, it needs a tree/trellis/etc to climb over. Likes a lot of root space as it will start to put on tubers/thickened roots for water storage. Do not allow to be waterlogged; best kept on the dry side.

It should be planted in a position receiving full sun or light, dappled shade.

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M australis can be found growing on other shrubs and trees, and often difficult to see among the trees own leaves. It has been seen growing over acacia, red mulga, native orange, corkwood hakea and a cassia.

It will not overwhelm other plants growing nearby.

The bush banana has pinkish flowers, and thick narrow leaves that grow from a short stalk.



Marsdenia australis habit; by Mark Marathon - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=28115781>

It can be found growing in inland areas of SA, WA. NT QLD, NSW and VIC

Triple Zero (000)
For emergencies or life threatening situations.

Police Assistance Line (131 444)
For non emergencies.

Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

Vegies and herbs to plant in “central” Australia during October.

Try artichoke, beetroots, cabbage, capsicum, carrots, chillies, eggplants, French beans, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, parsnip, potatoes, sweet corn and watermelon! For some herbs try basil (both sweet and purple), parsley, sage, pyrethrum, lemongrass, oregano, rue and marjoram.

JobKeeper extension - Fact Sheet

Extension of the JobKeeper Payment – information for businesses and not-for-profits



The JobKeeper Payment

- You can enrol at any time until the program closes
- Pay your eligible employees \$1,500 per fortnight (before tax) until 27 September 2020
- Complete your monthly business declarations

Changes to employee eligibility

Employees that meet the eligibility requirements can now be nominated by a new employer if their original employment with a JobKeeper employer ended before 1 July 2020.



As of 3 August 2020, the key date for assessing employee eligibility is now 1 July 2020, rather than 1 March 2020



The JobKeeper Payment has been extended

Extension 1

28 September 2020 – 3 January 2021

You will need to demonstrate that your actual GST turnover has fallen in the September 2020 quarter (July, August, September) relative to a comparable period (generally the corresponding quarter in 2019)

Tier 1 rate will be **\$1,200** per fortnight

Tier 2 rate will be **\$750** per fortnight

Extension 2

4 January 2021 – 28 March 2021

You will need to demonstrate that your actual GST turnover has fallen in the December 2020 quarter (October, November, December) relative to a comparable period (generally the corresponding quarter in 2019)

Tier 1 rate will be **\$1,000** per fortnight

Tier 2 rate will be **\$650** per fortnight

Information is current as at 1 September 2020. For more about JobKeeper visit [ato.gov.au/jobkeeper](https://www.ato.gov.au/jobkeeper)

<https://www.ato.gov.au/General/JobKeeper-Payment/JobKeeper-extension-announcement/>

LGA OVERVIEW OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA’S LOCAL GOVT. SECTOR

LGA President Sam Telfer

Federal Budget

Amidst what Treasurer Josh Frydenberg describes as “the most severe global economic crisis since the Great Depression”, the 2020/21 Federal Budget delivered a vote of confidence in local government’s ability to drive economic recovery.

The LGA welcomes the increased investment in stimulus programs, and particularly the \$1 billion expansion of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program which was first announced earlier this year.

SA councils can expect to share in around \$76 million in funding through this program in 2020/21, and a further \$44.6 million next financial year. This will enable councils to move quickly to bring forward infrastructure projects that will improve their communities and create local jobs.

Unfortunately, the Budget Papers don’t confirm the extension of supplementary road funding for South Australian councils, which is due to run out next June.

South Australia has 11% of Australia’s local roads and 7% of its population, yet receives only 5.5% of the Federal Government’s Identified Local Roads funding.

The \$20 million annual top up that we’ve received over the past four years addresses this inequality, and we will be strongly advocating for it to continue beyond the current financial year.

Supporting economic recovery

Last week The Advertiser revealed that SA councils are taking on record levels of borrowings to invest in big projects to stimulate their local economies (subscriber link).

Earlier this year the LGA commissioned a report from the South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES), which told us bringing forward strategic infrastructure projects is one of the best ways that local government can support recovery, and that’s exactly what many councils are doing right now.

The expansion of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program announced in this week’s Budget will enable us to do even more, and provide a boost to local economies across the State.

Dog Fence rebuild



Premier Steven Marshall speaking from the Dog Fence that runs past Coober Pedy.

“The Dog Fence is one of the longest structures in the world and has been helping to protect Australia’s live-stock industry for generations.”

“However, a number of sections of the Dog Fence are more than 100 years old and in urgent need of replacement to stop the incursion of wild dogs.”

“We’ve embarked on a once-in-a-generation \$25 million rebuild of 1,600 kilometres of the fence.”

“This rebuild will benefit the pastoral industry and supporting outback communities through reduced wild dog management costs, employment opportunities and choices about whether they choose to run sheep or cattle.”

CALL TO COMPENSATE SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY Gel Blaster Ban



The Small Business Commissioner John Chapman has called on the State Government to compensate small businesses which have been virtually shut down overnight by changes to laws regarding gel blasters.

“It is simply not right that SA Police can use what I regard as coercive force with seemingly little regard to the livelihoods of those concerned,” Mr Chapman said.

“The Government needs to have a genuine review of this process and if they are determined to continue with the current changes, then they should compensate both businesses and arguably the purchasers of these items.”

“I would anticipate very few owners of gel blasters will apply for a firearms licence at a cost of \$101 plus a \$40 firearm registration fee plus the owner will have to undertake a TAFE course and ensure their gel blaster is locked up in a Category one gun safe.”

Mr Chapman said there had been a precedent for compensation with changes to the firearms laws in 1996.

“At the time, the Federal Government which was responsible for the changes put in place a compensation scheme in conjunction with the States due to the significant changes to firearm laws.”

“At a time when many small businesses are struggling and some failing due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the last thing we need are deliberate government actions which financially disadvantage small businesses,” Mr Chapman said.

“Governments have a responsibility to do no harm and that must always include small businesses.”

Mr Chapman said he would be pursuing the matter through the Police Minister Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE GREEK CLUB



A good mix of locals and tourist at the Greek Charcoal Grill on Friday nights



Goran and Yanni catch up for a chat



Flaxton's turn to check on the availability of food



Regular attendee at the Greek BBQ on Fridays is Vince Malugani



Chris Pantelis checking to make sure the food hasn't run out

CFS VOLUNTEERS BURN OFF FOR THE COUNCIL AT THE ORCHARD

Photo: Chantelle Bamford



Pre-summer burn-off at the orchard. Getting rid of all the dead trees. Thank you to the volunteers

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Fatal crash north of Marla

06 Oct 2020 5:08pm A woman died following a fatal crash at Marla on Tuesday morning.

Just after 7.15am on Tuesday 6 October, police were called to the Stuart Highway about 19 kilometres north of Marla following reports of a single car roll over.

One occupant of the Holden station wagon, a 35-year-old woman from the Far North sadly died at the scene. A second occupant, 57-year-old man from the Far North, sustained non-life threatening injuries and was taken to the local hospital.

Major Crash Investigators have flown from Adelaide to examine the circumstances surrounding the crash.

The Stuart Highway was closed while police were at the scene.

The woman’s death is the 69th life lost on SA road’s compared with 83 at the same time last year.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Government of South Australia

Department for Energy and Mining

Mining Act 1971

Notice pursuant to section 28(5) of the Mining Act 1971 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 28(5) of the Mining Act 1971 that the delegate of the Minister for Energy and Mining intends to grant Exploration Licences over the areas described below.

Applicant:

Location:

Pastoral Leases:

Term:

Area in km²:

Reference no:

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Plans and co-ordinates can be found on the Department for Energy and Mining website: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_applications or by contacting Mineral Tenements on 08 8463 3103.

Community information on mineral exploration licence processes and requirements under the Mining Act 1971 is available from: http://energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/exploration/public_notices/exploration_licence_applications or hard copy on request to Mineral Tenements.

J Martin

Mining Registrar as delegate for the Minister for Energy and Mining

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Cooper Pedy Historical Society



AGM

2 pm on Sunday 25th October 2020

at the Catacomb Church

All members and friends are invited to attend as we review the past year and elect office bearers for 2021

This will be followed with a presentation on the Opal Field in the boom year of 1920 which includes events leading to the naming of Cooper Pedy, the visit by Rev Coledge Harland in April 1920, miners working and the state of the opal industry 100 years ago

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Cadell vs Coober Pedy weekend



Royce Coober (Coober Pedy Shooter) Shotgun



Will and Amy line up for golf ball competition..
Aim to drive the golf ball with 10 shot to the longest distance



Cadell vs Coober Pedy. From Left David, Kevin , John, Amy, Kym, Royce and Dale.
We'd like to thank the Cadell Pistol Club for their hospitality and for a fantastic weekend



Coober Pedy and Cadell in the Service Pistol Shoot



John Di Donna participating in the Black Powder round



Left:
Another souvenir group photo of the competing teams Cadell and Coober Pedy in front of the lovely stone Club House of the Cadell Pistol Club



UPDATED COVID 19 DIRECTIONS - CROSS BORDER TRAVEL NO 16



07 Oct 2020 5:32pm

An update has been made to the public activity restrictions in South Australia.

The Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 15) (COVID-19) Direction 2020 has been revoked and replaced by the Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 16) (COVID-19) Direction 2020. This new Direction comes into effect as of 0001 Thursday 8 October 2020.

The new Direction provides an update to the restrictions currently in place for cross border travellers into and out of South Australia and allows travellers to transit through Mildura if they are travelling from a low community transmission zone.

Cross Border Community Member Essential Travellers

Changes have been made to the definition of the Cross Border Community Member which now allows people who live up to 70km into Victoria or South Australia to be classified as an Essential Traveller.

A person travelling the SA/VIC border as an approved cross border community member is not permitted to travel more than 70km into South Australia or Victoria from the point at which they entered.

Cross Border Community Members are required to submit to a COVID-19 test within the last 7 days or on day 1 & 12. Entry as a Cross Border Community Member is only permitted for the purposes of; employment, education; providing care and support to another person, receiving care and support to another person, obtaining food, petrol or other fuel or medical care or supplies.

Cross Border Community Members with an already approved travel status do not need to apply for a new approval unless they are applying under different Essential Traveller criteria.

Travelling through Mildura

The direction has been updated allow travellers from a low community transmission zone to transit directly through Mildura, Victoria in order to get to South Australia.

Travellers must not stop (unless under the law or for an emergency) in Victoria and must travel directly to the South Australia/Victoria border. Travellers who do stop in Victoria and do not comply with the direct travel provisions will not be granted entry into South Australia.

Travellers are only permitted to travel on the following roads:

- Sturt Highway to Yamba
- Calder Highway and Meridian Road between Abbotsford Bridge and the Sturt Highway to Yamba

Quarantine Requirements

The direction has been amended to clarify requirements when self-quarantining in that once the person has arrived at the place to commence self-quarantining they must remain in that place for 14 days. The day of arrival is not counted and is classified as day zero, self-quarantine will need to be undertaken in the subsequent 14 days.

People travelling from overseas that arrive in South Australia on a connecting flight from a low community transmission zone (WA, NT, QLD, ACT, NSW or TAS) will have to remain in self-quarantine for 14 days commencing on the date of their arrival in the low community transmission zone.

Travellers who are required to remain quarantined at a place determined by an authorised officer must not refuse a COVID-19 test. If the person refuses, the person will be required to undertake an additional 10 days quarantine at the conclusion of the 14 day quarantine period. People travelling with this person must also remain in quarantine for an additional 10 days whether they have had a COVID-19 test or not. Children under the age of 16 years who are required to remain quarantined at a place determined by an authorised officer are required to submit to a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of arrival and on day 12.

It is acknowledged that many restrictions still apply, but they are critical in dealing with the spread of COVID-19.

All existing directions, frequently asked questions and other information can be found here: <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations>

SA COVID-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787 between the hours of 9am to 5pm 7 days per week or go to the SA Health website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au or www.sa.gov.au/covid-19

This minor change has taken place to clarify the requirement for COVID-19 testing of people wishing to enter a Residential Aged Care Facility from Victoria. People who are awaiting routine COVID-19 test results as a consequence of a Direction pursuant to the Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel) Direction 2020 are permitted to enter the Facility.

It is acknowledged that many restrictions still apply, but they are critical in dealing with the spread of COVID-19.

Updated COVID-19 Directions 2020 - Public Activities No 10

02 Oct 2020 11:14pm

The Emergency Management (Public Activities No 9) (COVID-19) Direction 2020 has been revoked and replaced by the Emergency Management (Public Activities No 10) (COVID-19) Direction 2020. This new Direction comes into effect as of 0001 Saturday 3 October 2020.

The new Direction provides an update to the restrictions currently in to allow standing consumption of food and beverages in outdoor areas, provisions for dancing and drinking at prescribed events and restrictions to holiday accommodation.

Standing consumption of food and beverages

Food and beverages are now able to be consumed vertically in an outdoor area.

Dancing and drinking

A gathering of 150 people at a wedding, funeral or private function at a 'relevant licensed premises' is permitted to have standing consumption of beverages and food as well as dancing whether indoor or outdoor. The density requirements of 1 person per 2 square metres must be adhered to.

A private function is an invitation only event in a designated area at a relevant licensed premises. A private function must have separate bathroom facilities where available and no public access.

Holiday accommodation restrictions

Caravan parks and camping grounds are only permitted to have up to 6 people over the age of 16yrs staying at each site with up to 6 visitors. Houseboats and short term accommodation venues are permitted to have the maximum number of people permitted to sleep at the premises plus six visitors.

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Updated COVID-19 Directions 2020 - Residential Aged Care Facilities No 10

02 Oct 2020 9:36pm

A minor update has been made to Residential Aged Care restrictions in South Australia.

The Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 9) (COVID-19) Direction 2020 has been revoked and replaced by the Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 10) (COVID-19) Direction 2020. This new Direction comes into effect at 0001 Saturday 3 October 2020.

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WEDNESDAY

CFS TRAINING CFS TRAINING:
Wednesday each fortnight 7-9pm.
Please contact regional office on
08 8642 2399 or
Email: CFSRegion4@sa.gov.au for
more information.

Mine Rescue/SES training
weekly at 8:00pm on a
Wednesday AND every 2nd
Saturday of the month training at
8:30am.

THURSDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB
See page 16 for latest
updates



FRIDAYS

Greek Charcoal BBQ every
Friday at the Greek Hall



AA Meeting

7 pm Catholic Church
Ph no. 1800222222

SATURDAYS

MINE RESCUE/SES Training is
weekly at 8:00pm on a Wednesday
AND

Every 2nd Saturday of the month
training at 8:30am. 'Michael Beelitz'
Unit Manager '0407 724 966'

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

SAT MORN PISTOLS 9AM
SAT NIGHT SHOTGUN 6.30PM

Ring John DiDonna
on 0427649389



CROATION CLUB TBA

Happy Hour
Saturdays 6-7pm

SUNDAYS

GOLF 1pm Teeoff



CATACOMB Church Service
and Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday. Bus pickup available.
Ph 8672 5038

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

Starting Time: 10:00 AM

RIFLE: .22 Rim Rifle

Ring John DiDonna on
0427649389 to book a time



COOPER PEDY RSL

Open Sunday afternoon from
4.00pm, Happy hour and
members draw between 5.00pm
and 6.00pm

What's On In COOPER PEDY &

Visiting Services

COOPER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Drive-In Movies

October & November

- 17/10 New Mutant
- 30/10 Adams Family (Friday night kids special)
- 31/10 The Grudge
- 7/11 Astro Kid (kids)
- 14/11 Bill and Ted face the music
- 28/11 Trolls world tour (kids)



see page 16 for posters

<https://www.facebook.com/cooperpedydrivein/>

ELECTIONS

The next SA COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be during November 2022
The next South Australian STATE ELECTION, Saturday, 19 March 2022
The next AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL ELECTION will be held in or
before 2022 to elect members of the 47th Parliament of Australia

WHAT'S ON - OUT BACK?

The 2020 Blinman Gymkhana is cancelled due to COVID restrictions
– Make sure you mark in your diary 16 October 2021 and hope to see
you all here!

WHAT'S ON in the NT?

An evening of Magic and Wizards - Darwin. Wednesday 14 October 2020
Fun for the whole family. You will be transported into the World of Magic &
Wizards, and why not enhance the experience by dressing the part in your best
magic-themed costume. Prizes will be awarded on the night for best dressed,
so get crafting.
<https://northernterritory.com/darwin-and-surrounds/events/an-evening-of-magic-wizards-darwin>

Mango Madness Festival, 25 October – Packed with family-friendly fun and
entertainment, the festival showcases the best of Darwin's mango-inspired
food and drinks, including tasting stalls, a cocktail masterclass from the winning
Mango Cup team, Dom's Bar & Lounge, and mango-eating competition. More
information. <https://northernterritory.com/gb/en/darwin-and-surrounds/events/mango-madness-festival>

Desert Mob 11 September – 25 October 2020 is an event of national
significance, representing the most comprehensive survey of contemporary
Aboriginal art by artists from Desert-member art centres from the desert regions
and communities of the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia.

Desert Mob 2020 will be vibrant celebration where artists and audiences converge
on the Araluen Arts Centre in Mparntwe (Alice Springs). It will feature hundreds
of new, innovative artworks from emerging and established artists; the Desert
Mob online gallery, a virtual symposium of powerful projects, presentations
and artist talks; an affordable art marketplace supporting ethical purchasing
from Aboriginal owned art centres, and associated events at venues across
Mparntwe.
<https://northernterritory.com/alice-springs-and-surrounds/events/desert-mob>

**Parrtjima is the only authentic Aboriginal light festival of its kind 9 – 18
April 2021.**

The annual festival takes over Alice Springs with ten nights of light installations
from a number of Aboriginal artists set against the majestic MacDonnell Ranges.
Alongside the artworks you can enjoy a program packed full of live talks, events
and music by local and national musicians. Come for the festival fun, but stay
for the rich history, incredible sightseeing and an authentic, memorable experience
<https://northernterritory.com/alice-springs-and-surrounds/events/parrtjima-a-festival-in-light>

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BARBER OUTBACK COMING BACK!!

OCTOBER - FRIDAY 16 - SATURDAY 17 - SUNDAY 18



Book Now or risk missing out!
Get in quick to avoid disappointment!!!
Call Tabetia
PH:0429 331 663

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

2020

Christmas Eve Thu, 24 Dec 2020

Christmas Day Fri, 25 Dec 2020

Proclamation Day Mon, 28 Dec 2020

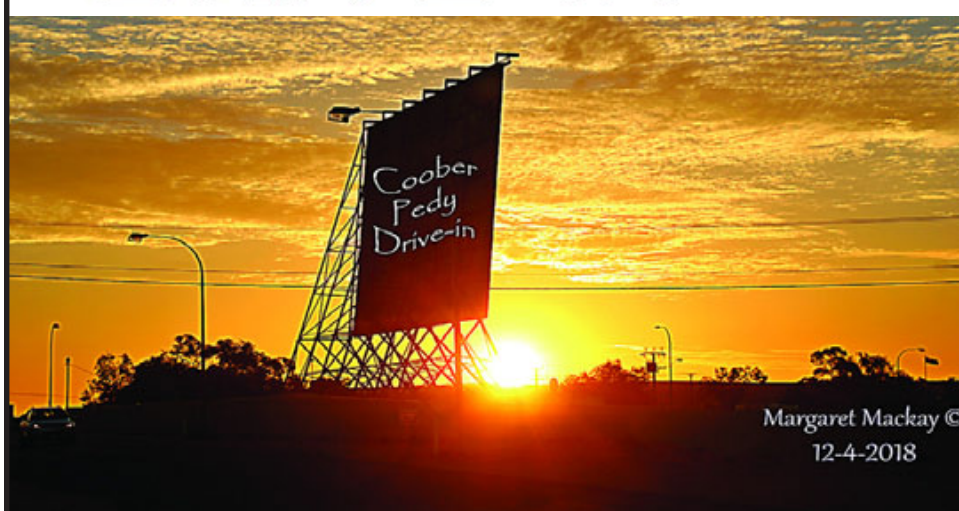
New Year's Eve Thu, 31 Dec 2020

SA schools term dates 2020

Term 3 20 July to 25 Sept

Term 4 12 Oct to 11 Dec

COOBER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE



Drive-In Movies September & October 2020

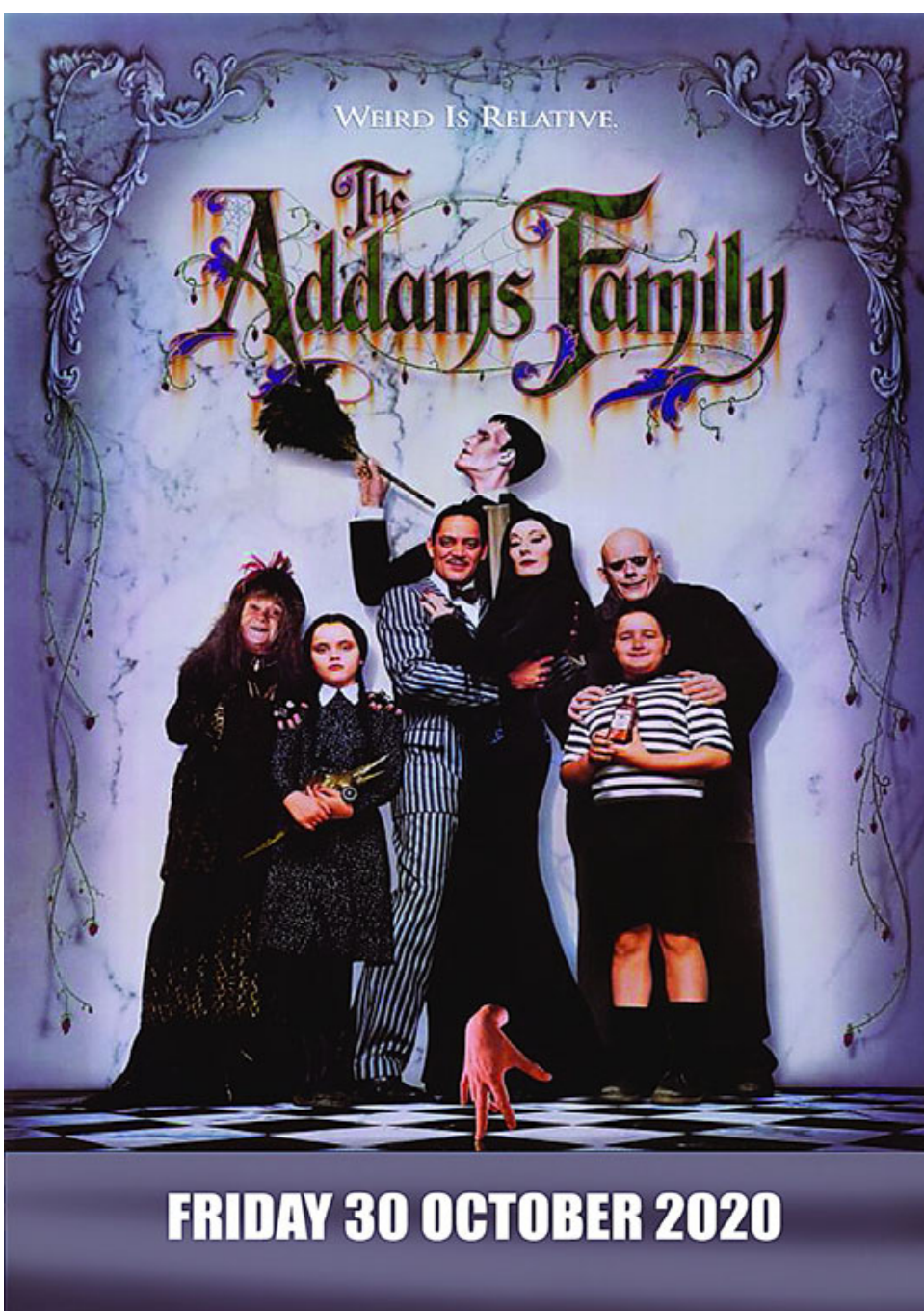
17th October is The New Mutants

30th October is The Addams Family (Friday night kids special)

31st October TBA

Gates open 6.30
Movie starts 7pm
Canteen has snacks, drinks
and popcorn

<https://www.facebook.com/cooberpedydrivein/>



New, COVID-19 Support Grants of up to \$10,000 available

Grants of up to \$10,000 are now available for community organisations so they can continue to provide services and support to vulnerable South Australians during this unprecedented time – and the Marshall Liberal Government is urging non-for-profits to apply.

A total of \$3.35 million has been committed towards COVID-19 Support Grants as part of the Marshall Liberal Government's strong response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Funding will be prioritised to support organisations who provide services to vulnerable and disadvantaged South Australians in response to COVID-19.

Examples of eligible ways organisations can use their funding include items like IT equipment and software to enable staff and volunteers to work from home, personal protection equipment and website upgrades.

The COVID-19 Support Grants temporarily replaces the regular Grants SA program, recognising community need at this time.

Applications are now open and close on October 30, 2020. For more information or to apply visit: www.dhs.sa.gov.au/grantssa



PIRSA Connecting Drought Communities Events

Community groups and local governments in eligible drought-affected areas of South Australia can apply for event funding under the Connecting Drought Communities – Events Grant.

Your organisation can apply for funding for one or more events, up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each event. The total funding available is \$330,000.

Events must:

be open to the community | offer free or low-cost entry aim to help build community resilience & wellbeing | be held before 15 June 2021.

Events can be (but aren't limited to) a:

picnic | online party | seminar | dance | sports carnival | open air cinema | car rally concert | quiz night | street party | reunion | laser light show | barbeque | arts festival

Under the current COVID-19 restrictions, events can be virtual or planned for when restrictions have eased.

Your organisation can be:

a community or industry group | a club or association | local government.

Your organisation must also be located within an eligible drought-affected local government area.

The program is a competitive process and priority funding will be given to regions significantly affected by drought.

For further information visit: https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/grants_and_assistance/drought_support/financial_assistance/connecting_drought_communities_events_grant

Applications close on Wednesday 31 March 2021 or when funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

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Welcome to Grants & Opportunities 2020

Giving Young Entrepreneurs a Leg Up



Business SA, in partnership with the State Government, is excited to announce the launch of a regional-focused South Australian Young Entrepreneurs Scheme (SAYES). We understand that access to business education and mentoring support in regions can be difficult. Now budding regional entrepreneurs aged 18 to 35 don't have to miss out.

Successful participants will travel to Adelaide on five occasions during a 12-month period to participate in two-day group training workshops and mentoring sessions. Participants will also receive remote mentoring sessions throughout the program.

Regional SAYES program participants will:

- Be allocated a dedicated business mentor who will nurture and guide them throughout the program
- Take part in training workshops and mentoring sessions covering topics such as business strategy, finance, marketing, law, employee relations, leadership and media
- Produce a comprehensive business plan before graduating
- Be expected to apply the learnings from the SAYES program to start a new business and/or improve their businesses operations and sales in South Australia

The program costs \$1600 Inc. GST and accommodation and travel costs will be reimbursed for Regional SAYES participants.

Apply now

[https://www.business-sa.com/Commercial-Content/Entrepreneurs-Start-Ups/SAYES-\(SA-Entrepreneurs-Scheme\)/apply-for-regional-sayes](https://www.business-sa.com/Commercial-Content/Entrepreneurs-Start-Ups/SAYES-(SA-Entrepreneurs-Scheme)/apply-for-regional-sayes)

SAYES is taking applications for our next intake, due to commence 14 October 2020



Cooper Pedy Regional Times

FREE Screenings for Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of our community organisations and sporting groups and now, thanks to the Marshall Liberal Government, they can be accessed for free.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) Screening Unit provides checks of workers and volunteers to organisations, contributing to creating safe environments for children and other vulnerable people.

For some organisations, the abolition of volunteer screening fees could save thousands of dollars a year. That is money that will be back in the pockets of Stuart's community organisations, including sporting clubs and charities, as well as emergency services.

To apply for a free screening check or for more information, visit www.screening.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.

Additional funding to reinforce Australia's aged care sector

The Australian Government will provide an additional \$563.3 million to extend support for the aged care sector's response to COVID-19, announced in March and subsequently as part of the Aged Care response plan.

This funding will be required to be used by providers to fund and support enhanced infection control capability, including through an on-site clinical lead.

Funding may also be used to address other COVID-19 related costs such as increased staffing costs, communications with families and managing visitation arrangements.

Providers will be required to report how these funds were used for additional COVID-19 related costs through strict requirements in providers' end of financial year returns.

Providers will receive around \$975 per resident in major metropolitan areas and around \$1,435 per resident in all other areas.

This payment will be provided through Services Australia by early October.

Aged Care workers are continuing to provide invaluable care for our senior Australians.

In recognition of the ongoing pressure and challenges, the Australian Government will provide a third Workforce Retention Payment based on employment at 30 November 2020, costing \$154.5 million.

This will provide a financial incentive for workers to continue to provide the frontline care that is needed in facilities across the country. This third payment will have the same eligibility criteria as the first two rounds (the first paid in July, the second scheduled for September) of the workforce retention bonus.

Finally, the Government will expand support for older Australians who temporarily relocate from residential Aged Care facilities to the community to live with their family due to concerns about COVID-19, with an additional \$71.4 million for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.

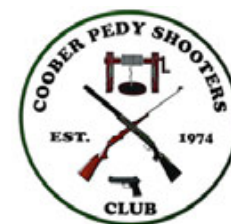
See more at: <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/senator-the-hon-richard-colbeck/media/additional-funding-to-reinforce-australias-aged-care-sector>

Friday 9 October 2020



Coober Pedy Shooters Club

Welcomes all new Members, Visitors and Sponsors



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)
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Starting Times 6:30 PM

**SATURDAY NIGHT
SHOTGUN**

19 September

26 September

3rd CADELL CLUB

10 October

17 October

24 October

**Starting Times 9:00
AM**

**Saturday — Pistols/
Rifle (Steels)
11:00 AM**

19 September

26 September

3rd CADELL CLUB

10 October

17 October

12 November

**Starting Time: 10:00
AM**

**Sundays—(RimRifle)
Silhouette**

20 September

27 September

4th CADELL CLUB

11 October

18 October

13 November

NOTE: strict COVID-19 Safe plan will be carried out.

Including:

- Contact tracing record attendance at public activities
- People Capacity - Maintain the physical distancing principle of at least 1.5m separation where possible:
- Hygiene - Hand sanitiser on entry and exit of the premises. - Conduct frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection especially of touch-points, including firearms and equipment.
- If you are unwell or develop symptom, stay at home and isolate:
- If you have recently returned from overseas or interstate, or been in direct contact with a person who has COVID-19 and you suspect you have COVID-19, contact a COVID-19 clinic or testing centre for further information.



NOTE:

Group Bookings Welcome!! (Subject to volunteers , Range Officers and availability)

Any Enquires regarding Membership, Bookings, sponsorships, donations, or shooting, please contact

Dale Price - Email cpssc.treasurer@gmail.com

John Di Donna - Mobile 0427 649 389 - Email. cpssc.secretary@gmail.com



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