

# 2024/25 ITALIAN CLUB COMMITTEE ASPIRES TO EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Italian Club AGM was held on Saturday 19 October, 2024, electing a committee of volunteers from the local Coober Pedy community. The club established in 1964 is currently run by active volunteers. The community is proud of its humble beginnings and its long term success in providing a family oriented social atmosphere for generations of Coober Pedians.

From the outdoor dining and beer garden, patrons can watch the sunset across the town, sit down to a meal Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and enjoy local entertainment, usually on a Friday night.

The Italian Club has a number of special events throughout the year and provides support for community functions on a regular basis.

The Italian Club Secretary Deanna Smith said, “We would like to thank the current and previous committee members for the past year of hard work.”

“We welcome a few new faces to the committee this year and look forward to working with everyone again and providing a warm and friendly community atmosphere for locals and visitors in 2025”.

“We thank all of the members for attending the AGM last Saturday 19th October.” Committee in attendance are pictured on the left.

During the AGM, President Brett Smith presented a set of Core Values that the current Committee aspires to in managing the Italian Club.



**OUR MISSION** - *To build a solid foundation for the Italian Club to thrive by empowering and enabling the committee. Bring members and the community together.*

**OUR VISION** - *Strengthen the club which in return supports the entire community. Become a family friendly environment and a preferred place to socialise for local and interstate travelers.*

**OUR VALUES** - *Do Things Right*  
*We work and act with uncompromising honesty and Integrity in the best interest of our industry partners and the environment*

**GROW TOGETHER** - *We collaborate, respect and support each other so we can reach our full potential*

**OUTPERFORM EXPECTATIONS** - *We perform with excellence to support our industry and associated partners, stakeholders, community and each other*

**ACCOUNTABILITY**- *Each of us is responsible for our words, our actions, and our results*



2024/25 Italian Club Committee L-R: Izzy Zelenko, Deanna Smith Secretary, Nick Farantouris (Jr) Karen Harvey, Rosslyn Jazepczyk; Tara Jane Smith, Brett Smith President, Nicko Farantouris Vic Pres, Peter Chechy) Cech, Catherine Bell (Treasurer) Not in photo: Brad Jeffree & P. Burnett. Back row: Photo Bomber Simon (barman)



Family photos in front of a magnificent Coober Pedy sunset with Astrid Strawbridge, Deanna and Tara Jane Smith



Regular at the Italian Club is Zoe Pollard relaxing outdoors with a joey



Italian Club locals attending a special event during October 2024.

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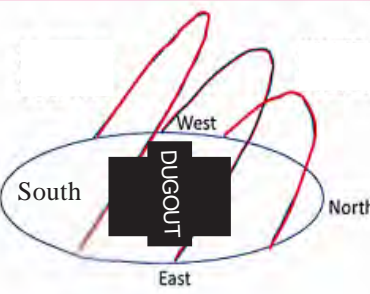
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Margaret Mackay  
Editor

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was raised in Balranald NSW and has lived in Andamooka for 15 years. She is the Chair (AOFTA) Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Assoc. Inc. Owner/Operator Andamooka Observatory (and more) Leila joins our team as we share highlights of our respective OPAL FIELDS.



Leila Day  
Andamooka

JOHN DI DONNA


was raised in the South Australian Outback and is a long term resident of Coober Pedy. As a business person John is a regular, commuter along the Far North and Flinders highways and byways, covering the entire Far North & East and Outback.




John Di Donna  
Opinion & Commentary

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# BHP TEAM UP TO PROVIDE GRADER AND ROLLER COURSE OPPORTUNITIES AT COOBER PEDY

Matt Graham President of the Coober Pedy Miner's Association attended the BHP Pathways into Industry meeting earlier this year and discussed how BHP could help the community.



Roller machine supplied by Mantaworks on standby

Matt and his committee had first discussed beneficial options before meeting with BHP Billiton, CEG (Career Employment Group), AMYAC (Antakirinja Matu-Yankuntjatjara Aboriginal Corporation), Umoona Community and other members of the community about running some Pathways Training and Shared Services that would benefit Coober Pedy.

"It was highlighted that those looking for employment in the mining industry needed industry training and pathway options in order to get started. It was decided that to begin with, we would run a small group through the Grader and Roller course that would see 5 people from across the community trained and ticketed.

The training would take place on the opal fields mining roads, and would help to restore some of those roads into good condition after a number of rain events," said Matt.

"Works have begun on the main roads into Olympic Field and will progress further north. BHP have also agreed to have the grader continue on a bit longer, to tidy up more sections of road," Matt continued. "We will look to gate 13 next and then the roads through 11 mile north through 14, 15, 17 mile areas, as parts of these have been identified as needing immediate attention.

"There are plans to continue to run training and pathways courses in and around Coober Pedy. We all know of the many benefits having good roads on our Opal Fields. Industry specific training will give our community more skilled people to help fill local jobs."



Training site with trainers and trainees on standby, nearby miners and supervisors.

"We thank BHP, and CEG for their time and guidance and sponsorship.. We thank Mick Insch trainer and assessor for supervising the road repairs and Kresh Simac Mantaworks for providing the Loader and the Roller for training purposes.. We thank AMYAC for providing us with a training room at the AMYAC Offices, and finally the DCCP for allowing some of the employees the time to participate in the training during this past week," concluded Matt.

**Coober Pedy Opal miner Roger Bulovic** who noted the works taking place out on the Olympic field roads said, "I feel to say thank you to BHP for offering this opportunity to our local workers for roller and grader training which will have practical application benefits for our local opal mining industry."

"The ticketed training will also help with employment prospects here in Coober Pedy and across the district, in creating a valuable career option for the future," said Roger.



Loader training in progress out on Olympic opal field





## Community Alliance Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> of October at 4 pm at the Italian Club.

### REPORT delivered 26-10-2024 as summary of previous meeting 5-10-2024

We thank everyone for attending the meeting and welcome newcomers signing up with the Community Alliance.

#### Summary of the meeting

The water quality report from the acting CEO (Garry) was presented and discussed at the meeting.

The report lacks substance, and most questions were not answered adequately. Further investigation needs to be conducted.

The new acting CEO is aware and will investigate.

Furthermore, I had a 4-hour meeting with the new acting CEO and believe he has all the skills and qualifications to assist this community.



Newly appointed CEO Garry Herdegen introduced himself to attendees and addressed some of the community concerns



Local community discuss potential housing complex for public service fifo workers, and other.



Business owners present, confirmed an abundance of local housing options available for fifo workers, and other.



Residents were still unhappy about excessive council charges whilst council continuing with reckless spending practices

#### The Master Plan for the Drive-in was not popular. 5-10-2024

The question was how many people at the meeting were aware of the master plan (show of hands).

- Eleven people were aware.
- Fifty-nine people were not aware.

With the discussion of the Drive-In master plan, 7.5 million dollars investment. who is for the master plan (show of hands)

- Fifty-eight people were against the master plan
- Two people were for the master plan.

#### Reasons-

- The Drive-in is historic. Converting our hard earned reality into a modern metro style would be detrimental to our town's appeal as a frontier town.
- How much would it cost the ratepayers for ongoing maintenance?
- The Drive-in is iconic and is a draw card for tourists and locals in its authenticity
- Who would invest 7.5 million dollars, and what is the investor return?

#### Request to Discuss 40+ dwellings for essential workers and others,

How many people are aware of the proposed project? Show of hands.

- Fifty-four are not aware of the project.
- Six people were aware.

A majority of people at the meeting disapproved of the project.

#### Reasons + Questions + Comments

- Will such a development impact ratepayer / property owners - Including current government rental arrangements
  - The council must stop dreaming up projects that will not benefit the community or the local economy..
  - Why not instigate action on the current condemned SA housing on Paxton Street and other burnt-out buildings? • What depts have so many fifo workers coming into town?
  - The council needs to prioritise it's services to this community.
  - Not enough information provided to satisfy questions arising.
  - Who is the developer? • How will this impact on the private sector?
  - What surveys have been conducted so far? Results please?
- (Some information has begun filtering through)

#### Other concerns brought to the Alliance's attention 5-10-2024

**Coober Pedy Area School** requested assistance on a zebra crossing at Paxton Street and the school bus parking area safety issues. Apparent lack of communication from the works manager.

**Result:** Works Dept has since connected with the school staff. Bus parking will be remedied and Zebra Crossing still being investigated.

**An abandoned vehicle** was reported three months ago by two ratepayers.

**Result:** We have followed this up, and issue has finally been resolved.

**Basketball lighting issues continue.** Issue has been escalated to Minister for local government privately.

Kind Regards

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**NEXT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024**  
**To be Confirmed.**





## CRIME REPORT 14.10 – 24.10

**Over night on the 20th October 2024** a group of youths have gained entry to a vacant house and stolen property. Youths have then broken the Big 4 Caravan Park and stolen alcohol.

The youths have then attended the Desert Cave and stolen 2 x bike tyres from the rear of a vehicle. Police have apprehended persons in relation to this and other matters.

Between the hours of **12.30 am and 2.00 am on 18th October 2024** two unknown suspects have broken into a premise and threatened the victim before taking cash. Police are still investigating the matter.

Overnight on the 20th October 2024 unknown persons have caused property damage to the Kindergarten by breaking a window. No other damage or entry made.

At about 8.45 pm on **22nd October 2024** person has damaged the window of a vehicle parked outside the Opal Inn. Police have identified a suspect and follow ups are being conducted.

At about 12.15 am on **24th October 2024** police and CFS attended a small scrub fire on Brewster Street. CFS extinguished the fire which has been deemed suspicious. No damage occurred to any structure. Police are investigating the matter.

## 6 MONTH TRIAL: PORT AUGUSTA DECLARED A PUBLIC PRECINCT

The Port Augusta CBD is the first 'Declared Public Precinct' outside of the metropolitan area from Friday 18th October, 2024.

The initiative, which will run for six months, is aimed at ensuring community safety for both residents and visitors to Port Augusta.

The Officer in Charge of the Far North Local Service Area, Superintendent Paul Isherwood, said, "SAPOL continues to participate in a multi-agency response to address alcohol abuse, anti-social behaviour and community safety concerns in Port Augusta area".

"Police take a multi-agency approach to this social issue and are regularly meeting and working with other government agencies, health partners, the Port Augusta City Council and community stakeholders," he said.

"We will continue with this collaborative approach, but this declaration will provide additional authorities to SAPOL to maintain public order and safety within the defined area."

**Please be advised the Port Augusta CBD will be a 'Declared Public Precinct' from Friday 18 October 2024.**

The defined area is bound by the following locations:

- the western boundary of Augusta Highway / Victoria Parade extending in a straight line north to the low tide shoreline of Spencer Gulf
- the low tide shoreline of Spencer Gulf at the northern extension from Augusta Highway / Victoria Parade, extending south along the eastern low tide shoreline of Spencer Gulf to the straight line extension of the northern boundary of Flinders Terrace

- the eastern low tide shoreline of Spencer Gulf at the straight line extension of the northern boundary of Flinders Terrace, along the northern boundary of Flinders Terrace to the western boundary of Augusta Highway / Victoria Parade.

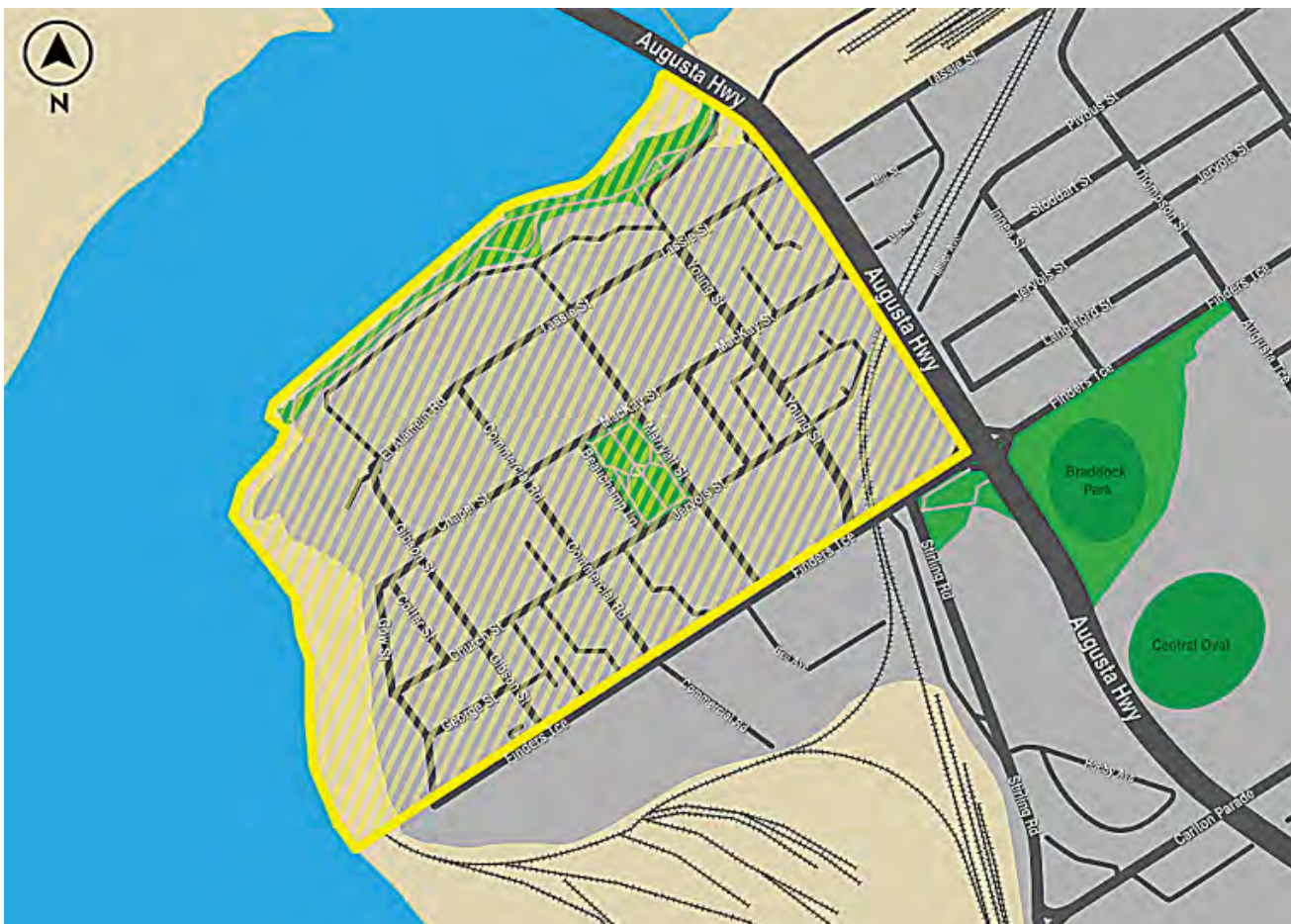
In September 2024, SAPOL made a recommendation to the Attorney General, the Honourable Kyam Maher MLC, to approve a Declared Public Precinct (pursuant to Section 66N of the Summary Offences Act 1953) for the Port Augusta CBD.

On Friday 11 October 2024, the Attorney General approved the declaration to operate for a period of 12 hours from 10am to 10pm on every day of the week.

The declaration will come into effect on Friday 18 October 2024 for six months, ending on Sunday 27 April 2025.

A Declared Public Precinct enables the following powers provided by Section 66 of the Act to be exercised by police:

- conduct a metal detector search of a person and any property in their possession within a declared public precinct for the presence of weapons
- carry out general drug detection in relation to any person present within a declared public precinct
- order a person or group posing a risk to public order and safety to leave the declared public precinct
- ban a person who commits an offence of a kind that may pose a risk to public order and safety, or behaves in an offensive or disorderly manner, within a declared public precinct.
- remove children from the declared public precinct who are in danger of physical harm or abuse, behaving in an offensive or disorderly manner, or otherwise committing or about to commit an offence.



## Crime up, cops down

South Australia has witnessed a concerning spike in crime, with recent statistics revealing an increase in several offenses over the past year, including:

**Murder – 54 % increase.**

**Assault police – 15 %increase.**

**Shop theft – 7% increase.**

**Threatening behaviour – 10 % increase.**

**Graffiti – 14 %increase.**

Shadow Minister for Community Safety, Police and Correctional Services, Jack Batty said that the latest data highlights the effects of Labor's police recruitment and retention crisis on community safety.

"We have a very sorry situation now where crime is up while cops are down," Mr Batty said.

"The very real impact of not having enough cops on the beat is on full display – with a broad range of crimes increasing including murder, shop theft and graffiti.

"It feels like you can't consume the news without reading about violent home invasions, suburbs being subjected to nightly firebombing or small businesses being hit with shoplifting.

"South Australians deserve to feel safe in their own homes and to shop at their local supermarket without the fear of being attacked by knife-wielding youths."

Mr Batty expressed significant concern that South Australia will continue to see significant increases in crime until there are more police on the streets.

"Unless the number of police on the streets increase, it's highly likely that crime will keep rising, which is a significant concern for me and, I'm sure, for many other South Australians," Mr Batty said.

"SAPOL is severely under resourced, with a shortfall of nearly 200 police officers. Unless we better recruit, retain and resource our police officers, crime will continue to rise.



# FLINDERS RANGES QUESTION THE EQUITY OF GOVERNMENT PLAN TO IMPOSE TIP FEES, ONCE GUARANTEED AS A FREE SERVICE.

Remote area residents are renown for chipping in as volunteers, for services provided elsewhere, by councils or private enterprise.

Dear Editor,

I am deeply concerned about the government's plan to impose a waste collection fee on Copley residents.

From my understanding, the community was assured of continued, free access to the mine site tip following the Leigh Creek coal mine's closure in November 2015. Now, that access has been closed, and residents are being deprived of a benefit once guaranteed—a benefit that was vital, considering the losses our region has endured due to the mine's closure.

In addition, there is a proposal to reduce bin sizes and introduce charges for bin collection, using Leigh Creek as a basis for expanding these fees. This plan was brought to my attention by a fellow resident, and I am left wondering how many others are aware of the potential financial impact if it goes ahead.

Outback residents fulfill critical roles, often acting as unofficial public servants, as aptly put by a volunteer from Andamooka. We support the region's business, mining, and tourism sectors, all while facing rising living costs and frequent power outages since the mine's closure. Why, then, should we bear additional financial burdens? Surely, these costs could be covered through the taxes and levies already in place for the outback's thriving mining sector, which continues to profit handsomely from the region.

It really is time to call a halt to this process, pending a proper inquiry into the past agreements made, and to look at ways of managing the local waste properly, fairly, and responsibly into the future.

Sincerely,

Craig Edwards  
Flinders Ranges Resident/Visitor

# New research - on a serious but treatable prostate condition affecting 1 in 2 Aussie men aged 50+

**A common, non-cancerous prostate condition affecting almost 194,000 South Australian men aged 50+ years, is seriously compromising their physical, mental, and social health and wellbeing, according to new Australian research released today – Tuesday, October 29, 2024.**

An 'enlarged prostate' affects between 50 to 60 per cent of men aged in their 60s, and a staggering 80 to 90 per cent of those aged 70+ years. Yet concerning, this silent prostate condition is currently under-diagnosed, and under-treated.

While a healthy prostate resembles the size of a walnut, an enlarged prostate can grow to the size of a mandarin??, or even a lemon??, causing obstruction, bladder blockage, and life-disrupting symptoms.

If left untreated, the symptoms can cause feelings of anxiety, resulting in depression and stress, and potentially urinary tract infections, kidney stones, and kidney damage.

"The longer the male has had the problem, and the more severe it is, the less likely it is to be fully reversible," said Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) President, Professor Helen O'Connell AO.

Importantly, an enlarged prostate, and its associated symptoms, are treatable. Doctors are therefore encouraging men living with enlarged prostate symptoms to visit their GP before they get worse.

To learn more about the new research involving this common prostate condition, tee up an interview with one or more of our spokespeople (see attached media release). **To learn more, head to: [www.fixmyflow.com.au](http://www.fixmyflow.com.au)**

## REGIONAL NEWS & ISSUES

Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP  
Leader of the Opposition

Jack Batty MP  
Shadow Minister for Community Safety, Police and Correctional Services

# Liberals to ban underage teenagers from buying knives

The Opposition will introduce legislation to Parliament this week to prohibit the sale of knives to individuals under the age of 18.

It is currently an offence to sell a knife to a minor who is under the age of 16. The Bill to be introduced by the Opposition will amend the Summary Offences Act 1953 to also prohibit the sale of a knife to anyone aged 16 or 17.

The introduction of the Bill follows a disturbing spate of alleged knife crimes committed by minors in recent weeks – including two separate incidents on the same day, at the same shopping centre, allegedly involving teenagers aged 16 and 17.

Leader of the Opposition, Vincent Tarzia, said that this sensible reform is aimed at preventing youth crime and making our community safer.

"This common-sense law-reform will help reduce knife crime and keep South Australians safe during a time when we know that crime is unfortunately on the rise," Mr Tarzia said.

"South Australians deserve to be able to feel safe in their homes, in their workplaces and at their local shops but under Labor's watch crime is soaring.

"Community safety needs to be more of a priority to the Malinauskas Labor Government. I hope that the Government will support this proposal by the Opposition to make our community safer."

Shadow Minister for Community Safety, Police and Correctional Services, Jack Batty said he would be introducing the legislation this week to bring South Australia in line with other jurisdictions and to help prevent knife crimes committed by young people.

"There is absolutely no reason for teenagers to be wielding knives around at our local shopping centres," Mr Batty said.

"The incident at the Elizabeth Shopping Centre allegedly involved teenagers aged 16 and 17. It's a scary prospect that these minors could have potentially purchased these knives legally under the current law.

"Teenagers can't buy knives in New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia or Queensland – so, why are we letting them buy knives in South Australia?

"There is no time to waste on this issue and I hope we can pass this simple reform quickly."

Shockingly, statistics from the Australia Bureau of Statistics revealed that in 2022, 44 per cent of attempted murder victimisations involved a knife while 1169 assaults victimisations involved a knife in South Australia.

"This amendment would play a key role in getting knives out of the hands of minors and reducing the number of knife crimes committed across the board," Mr Batty concluded.

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# CORRECTIONS MOTION FOR DISCUSSION

## 13.5 Department for Correctional Services – Community Service Program

Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer.  
Report Author: Jill Leonard, Executive Assistant.  
Report Type: Matter for Decision / Information Only.  
Conflict of Interest: The author declares no conflict of interest in this matter.  
Attachments: Nil  
**Purpose of Report**  
**The purpose of this Report is for Council to consider an allocation in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2024/25 Budget to enable Council to take part in the Department for Correctional services – Community Service Program.**

### Discussion

The Department for Correctional Services (Department) Community Service Program was established to give offenders an opportunity to repay their debt to the community and at the same time offer meaningful work and training opportunities.

The Principal Administrator and Acting Chief Executive met with representatives of the Department and indicated their agreement to joining the Program with the identified tasks proposed being:

- Garden Maintenance – raking, blowing leaves, weeding, pruning
- Litter collection
- Brush cutting/mowing
- Painting
- Graffiti removal
- Cleaning of playground equipment

Council recognises significant benefits from joining this Program including maintenance of the orchard, repairing and erecting vandalised signs, weed spraying of footpaths and many other projects as identified by the Works Manager.

Cost to Council per day is \$200 + GST plus dumping fees as required with the intention of the work being undertaken one day per week.

**Financial Implications**  
**\$10,000 for the balance of the 2024/25 financial year.**  
Consultation  
Principal Administrator, Works Manager

Risk / Governance Implications  
Risk assessments are undertaken by the Department for Correctional Services.

Community Implications  
There is a backlog of work requiring attention that is beyond the capacity of the staff and volunteers in the community. Work completed under this program would help to address some of these issues earlier than anticipated.

**Recommendation**  
That Council:  
**1.** Notes the Report titled “Department for Correctional Services – Community Service Program” and dated 28 August 2024.

**2.** Approves an allocation in the amount of \$10,000 in the 2024/25 Budget to cover the costs to Council for work to be undertaken approximately one day per week at a cost of \$200 (exclusive of GST) per day, for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year.

**3.** That this variation be reflected in Council’s Quarter 1 Budget Review

## SUE BRITT'S QUESTIONS

Council has responded to a request for \$10K which will benefit offenders participating in a \$10,000 Correctional Services work program. Obviously not work for the dole OR community service whereby the govt pays, but work for the community whereby we pay.

Sue Britt (new Alliance member) asked a number of relevant questions, of normal community concern, before the motion for discussion was put forward at the monthly meeting.

- 1.) Who will supervise the offenders?" ie Works Department, or Corrections?**
- 2.) Are the offenders local?"**
- 3.) At what point did ratepayers have a chance to find out more about the plan or raise objections?**

Primary Administrator Geoff Sheridan did not wish to answer Sue’s three questions on the day, and said he would send her a private letter, in which he omitted to address two of her questions.

The Community had been very keen to hear Sheridan’s response, which Sue has kindly provided for us. (below)

## SHERIDAN'S RESPONSE

**From: Geoff Sheridan**  
**<gsheridan@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au>**  
**Sent: Thursday, 26 September 2024 11:31**  
**To: sue.britt**  
**Subject: Public Forum Query**

Hi Sue

“In essence your query was what where your options to make comment about the Correctional Services Support report that went to Council in Augst 2024 prior to Council considering it.

The agenda was finalised and published on Friday 23 August 2024 so there were 4 clear days to consider and use one or more of the following options prior to Council considering the matter at the meeting on 28 August 2024.

**You could have** prepared a submission in the public forum which I recall you did use this option.

**You could have** contacted Council’s CEO or Principal Administrator and requested a 10-minute deputation to the Council meeting.

**You had up to** 10.00am on the day of the Council meeting to request this and up to 3.00pm that afternoon to finalise your deputation. I note that it is normal for one person to make a Deputation.

**You could have** contacted Council’s CEO and spoke to him or emailed him with any comments that you wanted to convey or ask questions of.

**Similarly, you could have** contacted anyone of Council’s 3 Administrators asking questions or passing on any comments. We are all open to being contacted about Council Agenda items.

**You could have** submitted a petition to Council’s CEO prior to the meeting – a petition may be lodged containing two or more signatories.


You also made comment inferring that Council took only very little time to consider the matter. In this regard the Administrators get the agenda just before it is released to the public, so they also have 4 clear days plus most of the day of the meeting to read the agenda and contact Council staff if they have any queries or concerns with any mater on the agenda.

It is a very common practice in local government for elected members to contact Council staff about Council reports on an agenda so in this regard the roles of the Administrators are no different.

It is also worth noting that the 3 current Administrators have had considerable local government experience over many years and would have had exposure and familiarity to such programs previously so they would not have as many queries about such a program.”

Council does have the option of withdrawing from the program if we are not getting value for our investment.

Regards. Geoff S      Geoff Sheridan, Principal Administrator  
District Council of Coober Pedy



ALLIANCE

Coober Pedy Community

Coober Pedy Community Alliance, on Sue’s behalf contacted the Department of Correctional Services to gain correct and open information on the Corrections program that our council wants to engage with.

**Tony Shillabeer Northern Regional Director of the Department for Corrections**, has responded to the Alliance Committee’s request spontaneously and with great pleasure, offering to answer anymore questions.

The Coober Pedy Community Alliance would like to thank Tony Shillabeer for his prompt response, and thank Sue Britt for all of the work she and the Historial Society members do in Cleaning up Coober Pedy on a monthly basis, free of charge, due to the Council’s inability to keep our town clean while charging us rates for that service!

We also thank Sue or drawing our attention to this issue that we all now have a better understanding of.

**Dear Coober Pedy Community Alliance Committee**  
  
Thank you for contacting me in relation to the proposed contract the Department for Correctional Services has engaged with the DCCP.

Below is a bit more information in relation to the contract. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you want any further information or have any questions.

Since 1992 the Department for Correctional Services (DCS) has managed a successful community service program in Coober Pedy for people to work off their fines or complete court ordered Community Service.

DCS has engaged with DCCP for local residents undertaking community service to work on community projects performing a range of tasks. DCS charges the council a nominal fee of \$200 per day to cover basic costs.

This fee allows DCS to provide the following;

- **DCS employed supervisor – who provides direct supervision and training during the CS day**
- **1 – 4 local participants who are working off fines or undertaking Court Ordered community service hours**
- **Work vehicle and trailer**
- **Hand tools/brushcutters/blower etc**
- **PPE – Hi-Vis vest/gloves/safety glasses etc**
- **Tasks performed would include; litter collection/ orchard work/cleaning or playgrounds/cemetery clean-up/graffiti removal**

Currently DCS is working with the Department of Transport and Infrastructure maintaining/cleaning of the parking bays on the Stuart Highway but DCS is seeking local community projects so have engaged with the DCCP.

DCS is engaged with many local councils right across the state in community service projects on a fee for service basis. These councils include; Playford Council, Port Augusta Council, Salisbury Council, York Peninsula Council, Ceduna Council to name just a few.

regards, **Tony Shillabeer**

**Regional Director | Northern Region | Community Corrections**

**Statewide Operations | Department for Correctional Services | Government of South Australia**

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SUPERVISOR**

**Department for Correctional Services**  
**Coober Pedy Community Correctional  
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# FOSSICKING FOR OPAL

## Fossicking Definition

Fossicking means the gathering of precious stones (opal) as a recreation, or without the intention to sell the stones or to utilise them for a commercial or industrial purpose. Note: Does not include gathering precious stones through disturbance of land by machinery or explosives.

**Opal Fields are no place for children!**



Dangers are everywhere, a child's safety will be placed at risk!

- Open mine shafts / exploration drill holes,
  - Unstable ground, undercut shaft edges and deep trenches,
  - Explosions,
  - Mobile plant and operating machinery, and
  - Snakes and insects.
- Falling into a mine shaft, deep trench or open cut pit, can / will sustain serious injuries or death!
- Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies
- It can reach temperatures of up to 50 degrees during summer months, and the following is recommended:
- Apply 50+ rating sunscreen to protect exposed skin from the sun's UV radiation,
  - Wear a broadbrim hat, strong lightweight clothing, gloves and enclosed footwear, and
  - Wear a P2 Dust mask / respirator when generating dust to prevent possible exposure to respirable crystalline silica.
  - Carry enough cool drinking water and fuel for the trip.
- Note: Camping is illegal on South Australian opal fields!

## Communications

When fossicking alone:

- Tell someone where (location) you are going,
- Have communications (phone, two way radio etc...) to regularly check in, and
- Ensure your contact person knows what to do if you don't check in!

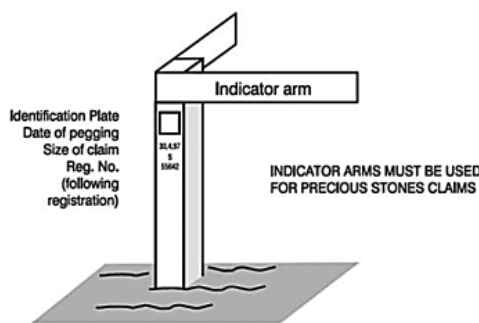


## Accessing Opal Fields - Know your Location!



- Use a GPS, compass, or take pictures of locations or ground markings to ensure you know the right way out of the areas,
  - Recommend having a 3m flexible flag (orange) or an amber flashing light to make vehicle visible, and
  - Drive slow, look for traffic and drive to conditions,
- Note: Mine shafts are everywhere, keep eyes open!

## Identifying a Registered Claim



A registered claim can be identified by:

- A post on each corner of the claim with a permit number attached to the post.
- Each post must be at least 70 mm thick and stand at least 0.750 m above the surface of the ground.
- Posts must be knocked securely into the ground and have indicator arms on the outer sides of the post to show the direction and clearly identify the claim boundary.

**It is an offence for fossickers to enter or remain on land comprised in a claim without obtaining the permission of the owner of the claim**

## Dangerous Ground

Dangerous ground is an area of ground (mine shafts, tunnels, open pits, faces etc...) that has been deemed unsafe to access, fossick or mine by the Department for Energy and Mining, because it has either collapsed, or has the potential to collapse. Dangerous ground can be identified by a "Danger – Unsafe Ground, No Mining Permitted" sign, or by Red Post Markers knocked into the ground. Accessing or mining dangerous ground is prohibited without approval from SafeWork SA.



## Identifying Unsafe Ground

Signs of potentially unsafe ground conditions are, but not limited to:

- Sunken ground, cracked / split ground,
- Open voids, and
- Weathered / eroded shaft edges

## Fossicking

Fossickers are warned against entering old open cut and underground workings as many dangers may exist!



- Fossicking can only take place to a maximum depth of 1 metre,
  - All holes must be refilled,
  - Unstable ground, stale air and lack of oxygen,
  - Unprotected openings and water filled holes,
  - Fossicking into sides of excavations may cause a cave in,
  - Large stockpiles may collapse unexpectedly if undercut.
- Note: Seek assistance of experienced and competent miners to assist before entering old mines!

## Caldwell Drill Holes and Exploration holes

Do not stand too close to an edge of a mine shaft! Rains can erode and undercut the ground around the top edge of a mine shaft, whilst still giving the appearance of solid ground. When weight is placed on the ground around the edge of the shaft, the ground can give away and collapse!

## Hidden Dangers!



**Look where you place your feet, and never walk backwards!**

Mine shafts can be covered with sheets of corrugated iron or thin metal mesh, spinifex, mullock heap spoil and other materials which can hide the dangers. Stepping on these areas, can result in the material / ground collapsing, and a person falling down a mine shaft. It is recommended to:

- Use a thin long steel rod or piece of wood to test the ground in front of you when walking around the base of a heap.
- Listening for metal on metal type sounds when tapping / pushing into the material, is a good way to identify these hazards.

## Mullock Heaps



Mullock heaps are mounds of material that have been dug from a mine shaft and underground, and are generally known as waste material, and can be very slippery to climb.

Mine shafts are located at the bases of a heaps. When climbing, a loss of footing could result in a person sliding to the bottom of the heap, into a mine shaft resulting in serious injury or death.

Always climb a heap on the opposite side to a mine shaft opening, and always take a bucket of material from a heap and search through it on stable, safe ground.

## First Aid and Emergencies

Be prepared for minor first aid injuries or emergency situations while fossicking in the opal fields.

Snakes are all too common in these areas, they can be found in shafts and holes, or curled up under a bush or a piece of tin.

The "inland taipan" and the "brown snake" are extremely poisonous and will attack if they feel threatened.

Ensure your first aid kit has a snake bite kit in it and familiarise with the requirements for first aid treatment of a snake bite.

**It is recommended at a minimum, that the following is carried in a vehicle at all times whilst in the opal fields:**

- A small first aid kit, and snake bite kit, and
  - List of emergency contact numbers
- Emergency Contact Numbers
- Ambulance, Fire and Police : 000
  - Coober Pedy Mine Rescue / SES - EMERGENCY ONLY : 132 500
  - Andamooka SES : 0427 181 752
  - Andamooka CFS : 0408 807 943

## Additional Information

For further information on opal mining & locations, go to [www.energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/mining/opal\\_mining](http://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/minerals/mining/opal_mining) or Contact: Ashley.Wood@sa.gov.au Phone: 08 8672 5800 or Kosta Christopoulos Opal Mining Registrar Email: Kosta.Christopoulos@sa.gov.au | Ph 08 86789061



# 2010: OPAL MINERS ENTERPRISES TO BE SOLD BY TENDER

## NOTICE To Members of OME (past & present) & the Coober Pedy community.

It is with regret that I advise that the OME committee have, after a great deal of discussion and debate, decided to sell the business and assets of OME as a going concern by way of expressions of interest (that is public tender) to the highest bidder, (subject to terms and conditions).

The decision was reached as the business model of OME is no longer viable given,

1. **The number of individual/independent miners/ members is greatly reduced.**
2. **The lack of capital.**
3. **Members CONTRIBUTIONS to fund the business are no longer sufficient, hence OME is grossly undercapitalized.**
4. **The margin on fuel sales is very small given the competitive nature of the current market.**
5. **The number of volunteers who served the business over the years has gradually declined.**
6. **The OME business model, while it served the community and members in the past, is outdated & can no longer survive in the current market.**

THE SALE will be conducted by John Trafford of Dale Wood, Business Brokers and will be advertised locally and nationally.

A meeting will be held at 6PM on FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November at OME for members and the Coober Pedy community to discuss your concerns and answer any questions. Please note that this is not a general meeting and as such no motions will be accepted.

In the interim, should you have any queries, kindly direct them to me in writing c/o PO BOX 733, Coober Pedy, SA 5723.

The OME committee acknowledges the support over many years of its committee members, staff, volunteers, and the Coober Pedy community.

On behalf of the committee

Jim Kyle  
President  
October 2010



Members of OME and community members meet to discuss the sale of the Opal Miners Enterprises

At 6.00 pm on Friday 5 November 2010 an informal meeting was held at the Opal Miners Enterprise where members of the committee were in attendance to answer questions on the committee's decision to sell the OME.

Jim Kyle President of the OME addressed the 'meeting', saying, "It is with regret that I advise that the Committee have, after a great deal of debate, decided to sell the business and assets of OME as a going concern by way of expressions of interest (that is public tender) to the highest bidder".

"This decision was reached after concluding that the business model of OME was no longer viable given initially, the business was designed to be served by a large number of volunteers and this is no longer the case."

"OME has been a safety valve for fuel prices in the town, so it is hoped that the business will be bought privately and continue to meet the demands of the regular traders.

The location of OME has always been ideal for heavy vehicles and caravans unable to negotiate bottlenecks

within the town centre. We are still operating of course until the tender closes. It is for the benefit of the town and region that the OME continue it's unique service".

"The OME business model was undoubtedly sound at the time it was established with the business served by a large number of volunteers. This is no longer the case and volunteers are no longer feasible, said Jim Kyle".

"The Committee acknowledges the support over many years of committee members, staff, volunteers, members and the community in general", the President of the OME committee Jim Kyle said, reiterating the regret of the committee.

Many OME members and also community members, expressed opinions, commented and asked questions.

Committee member John Cruse spoke at considerable length to the members and answered questions. A few members expressed emotional sentiments in remembrance of days gone by.

The sale will be conducted by John Trafford of Dale Wood, Business Brokers and will be advertised locally and nationally.



OME committee members Johan Herr, Ken Boland Jim Kyle John Cruse  
(Arthur Harris and Darryl Borrett absent)

The announcement of OME being sold as a going concern attracted considerable interest from the Coober Pedy community



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**WEDNESDAY**  
**CFS TRAINING**  
Training 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm.

**MINE RESCUE/SES**  
1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm, and  
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am.

Unit Manager Contact detail is 0427 725 446.

**THURSDAYS**  
**CP SHOOTERS CLUB**  
See back page for latest updates


**FRIDAYS**  
Greek Charcoal BBQ every Friday at the Greek Hall.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meets Fridays 7pm at the side of the Catholic Church

If you have a drinking problem and need help. Call 1800222222, Or call Dave on 0409349753

**SATURDAYS**  
**PARKRUN**  
8am Saturday mornings Town Oval


**GOLF 8 30am**

**MINE RESCUE/SES**  
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am  
Duty officer ph no: is 0427 752 446

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**CROATION CLUB**  
Happy Hour 6-7pm

**SUNDAYS**  

**KIDS CHURCH/CLUB**  
Catacomb Anglican Church  
Every Sunday at 10 am ( 40 mins) - church starts at 9:30 am

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See BACK PAGE for latest updates  
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**COOBER PEDY RSL**  
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ITALIAN CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS WITH A VIEW



Patrons waiting for the sun to set, at the Italian Club



Sunset across Coober Pedy is rarely disappointing.



Tim O'Reilly shooting a bit pool before dinner



Good mates Roger Boland and Julie Johnson catch up for a chat before the entertainment begins



Tommy Crow and Nicole Reynolds at the Italian Club outdoor area



Enjoying pre dinner drinks are Kevin, Goose, Ella, Dessi and Tania



Izzy Zelenko and Deanna Smith enjoy the evening ambience.



On warm nights patrons enjoy sitting around outdoors in the patio area



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BUSINESS EVENT

**MEETING BASICS**  
Training

**Coober Pedy**

Wednesday 30th October

6:00pm-8:00pm

Mud Hut Motel

St Nicholas Street

A FREE training session on how you and your committee can have an effective meeting.

What will you get?

- Face to face training close to home.
- Understanding the roles and responsibilities of committee members and find out who does what!
- Learn how to set up functional Agendas and Meeting Minutes.
- Explore the basic governance of committees.

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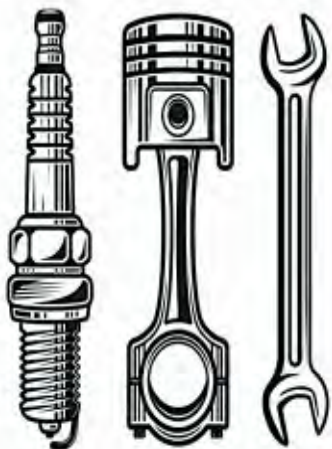
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For more information contact:  
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Training: Second & Fourth Wednesdays - 7:00pm  
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# UMOONA COMMUNITY VISIT BY MINISTER NAT COOK

Thursday 19 Sept Coober Pedy saw a visit at Coober Pedy from Minister Nat Cook who is the Minister for Human Services and Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well

The Umoona Community council Inc. including Dean Walker, Dawn Brown, extend a thank you to the minister for her visit. "We appreciate having the time to speak with Minister Cook about the current programs, some of the current difficulties and possible solutions, and the opportunity to show the Ministerial party around the recently opened Umoona Art Centre."

The Department of Human Services funds Umoona Community Council to deliver the Assertive Outreach and Return to Country programs.

Since January 2024, DHS has provided \$258,000 (for 1 year) to Umoona Community Council to deliver a trial Safety, Wellbeing and Return to Country (RtC) Program. Over 100 people have been supported to return to their home communities in the period from January to end August this year.

In 2023-24 Umoona Community received \$42,996 one-off funding through the DHS Grants SA Strengthening Inclusive Pathways to Employment Program to establish the Umoona Garden and Housing Maintenance Business. This funding was provided for resources, training and equipment.

**"I was delighted to visit Coober Pedy last week and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the local community,"**

During the morning Minister Cook met with DHS staff at the Council Chambers where they discussed current issues in the area. The trip included an early morning visit to the Breakaways as well as other locations around the town.



The artists at Umoona Community were delighted to show Minister Nat Cook around the new Umoona Art Centre



Dean Walker, Minister Nat Cook and Dawn Brown



Dean Walker



**Above:** Pearl Austin working on her section of a joint mural  
**Right:** Minister Nat Cook speaking with artist, and Dean Walker Umoona Community board member and "tour guide".





# South Australian Tourism Commission - Flinders Ranges & Outback

Join SATC CEO Emma Terry and team at 1.00pm on Wednesday 6 November at the Central Augusta Football Club, 3 Hannagan St, Port Augusta, to discuss the 2030 Visitor Economy Sector Plan refresh: Building South Australia's competitive drivers.

The event will run for approximately 3 hours, with a break for afternoon tea.

Please fill out the form below to register your attendance by Saturday 2 November 2024. If your RSVP changes, please contact Lauren Turner-Hopgood on [lauren.turner-hopgood2@sa.gov.au](mailto:lauren.turner-hopgood2@sa.gov.au).

By completing and submitting this registration form, you acknowledge and agree that you will receive communications from the South Australian Tourism Commission ("SATC") in respect of the event.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9yilvan8L0O8mL1-kNQJBvdGrKwAUo1GjNtwRCv-JDBURF13UIVPUzBEUEU3M081OVIYQTcyQ0M0Qi4u>

Stephen Mullighan MP  
Treasurer

Andrea Michaels MP  
Minister for Small and Family Business

## Small businesses urged to apply for help to reduce their energy bills

Small businesses are being urged to apply for Round 2 of the Malinauskas Labor Government's \$154 million Economic Recovery Fund (ERF), before entries close at the end of November.

\$20 million has been allocated to help up to 8000 eligible small businesses and not-for-profit organisations, invest in energy efficient equipment or improvements to help reduce their power bills.

Grants range from \$2,500 to a maximum of \$50,000, with the applicant required to match the contribution.

More than 500 applications have been received since Round 2 opened at the end of August.

48 Flavours gelateria at Trinity Gardens is among more than 100 applicants approved for grants so far.

The company will receive \$50,000 towards a \$103,000 investment in more energy efficient heating, cooling and refrigeration, with a potential energy savings of up to \$33,350 per year, alongside increased productivity benefits.

### The grants can be used for investments including:

- Purchasing and installing power supply and generation equipment (such as batteries and solar panels)
- Replacing existing appliances with more energy efficient appliances (above 4-star rating air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers and dishwashers)
- Purchasing/adopting automation technologies that result in greater energy efficiency
- Building improvements to ensure more efficient heating and/or cooling.

Currently, the majority of applicants have been from the Agriculture sector, followed closely by Accommodation and Food Services, and Manufacturing.

Most have applied to invest in solar panels with battery, battery storage systems and more energy efficient appliances.

Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis, until the allocation is exhausted or by November 29, 2024.

Find out if you're eligible here:  
<https://business.sa.gov.au/programs/small-business-energy-efficiency-grant>

# Cooper Pedy Magistrate Court

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Tuesday 10 Dec  
Wednes 11 Dec  
Thursday 12 Dec  
Friday 13 Dec

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<https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/case-lists/roxby-downs-caselist/>



Nat Cook MP  
Minister for Human Services

## New grants bridge the digital divide

The State Government is taking another step toward ensuring all South Australians can thrive in an increasingly digital world with the launch of the **Digital Inclusion grants round**. This initiative is part of the Government's commitment to improving access to digital technologies and enhancing digital skills and safety, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

The Grants SA Digital Inclusion Round will provide eligible organisations with funding of up to \$20,000 for projects that address barriers to digital inclusion.

By focusing on key priority groups, the grants aim to ensure that South Australians from all walks of life can engage with digital technology confidently and safely, contributing to a more connected and inclusive society.

### Funding focus areas are:

**Digital infrastructure:** Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for organisations seeking to acquire digital technology equipment for community and/or public use.

**Accessibility enhancements:** Support for projects aimed at improving the accessibility of existing digital platforms to ensure broader community use.

**Digital literacy workshops:** Funding to deliver both online and in-person training designed to improve digital skills, safety, and confidence within the community.

Program expansion: Grants to extend existing digital literacy programs, including drop-in support services for those needing ongoing community education in digital skills.

The Digital Inclusion grants, which will provide a total of up to \$300,000, aim to foster greater digital participation and enhance the overall wellbeing of South Australians.

Funding opportunities include digital literacy workshops, eSafety workshops and initiatives, accessibility audits and improvements, and support for access to digital workshops through supports like creches or translation/interpreting services.

The Digital Inclusion grants round is open until 3pm on 19 November 2024. For more information and to apply for the Digital Inclusion grants, visit <https://dhs.sa.gov.au/how-we-help/grants/available-grants/digital-inclusion-grants>



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- Coober Pedy Hospital

Lot 89 Hospital Rd  
Open 24 hours · (08) 8672 5009
- Coober Pedy Medical Practice

Lot 89 McDougal Road  
(08) 8678 9224
- iCCnet SA (Remote Health Monitoring)

Level 1, Administration Building  
1 Tonsley Boulevard, Tonsley SA 5042, Australia  
Tel 7117 0600 (9am to 8pm seven days a week)  
Email: HEALTHFMCiCCnetSA@sa.gov.au
- Coober Pedy Area School

17/18 Paxton Rd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 5077
- Umoona Tjutagku Health Service

Lot 8 Umoona Rd  
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- Housing SA

Lot 334 Hutchison St (Opposite Bank)  
PHONE: 131 299
- Centrelink

LOT 715 Hutchison St. Coober Pedy  
13 24 68
- District Council of Coober Pedy

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- Coober Pedy Tourist Information Cen.

LOT 773 Hutchison St  
(08) 8672 4600
- Umoona Community Council Inc

Umoona Rd  
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- MAP/Sobering Up Centre.

Ph: 86723903  
MAP BUS Tues to Sat. 4pm-12am.  
Sobering Up Centre Tues - Sat 4pm - 8am
- Umoona Tjitji Tjapu Tjuta Childcare Centre

Lot 315 Robins Blvd  
(08) 8672 5644
- Umoona Aged Care

Lot 89 Hospital Rd  
(08) 8672 5605
- National Indigenous Australians Ag. (NIAA)

17/18 Paxton Rd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 5077
- Far North Health Advisory Council

C/- Coober Pedy Hospital  
(08) 8672 5009
- C.P. Community Correctional Centre:

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 3091
- Uniting Country SA

Paxton Rd  
1300 067 777
- TAFE SA

Adult education school  
Hutchison St. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8678 9000
- Coober Pedy Magistrates Court

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 5601
- Child Abuse Report Line (CARL)

131478
- Aboriginal Family Support Services

Lot 1991 Aylett Street, Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 3066

Coober Pedy Country Fire Service

COMMITTEE  
Captain: Jeremy Lambert  
2nd Lieutenant: David Frost (Frosty)  
3rd Lieutenant: Ann Gerschwitz  
Senior Firefighter: Linda Buckeridge  
Contact: Jeremy.lambert@sacfsvolunteer.org.au  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/813853775367739>

Coober Pedy Retail, Business &  
Tourism Assoc. Inc

Coober Pedy SA 3723  
**Committee Elected for 2024**  
President: George Kountouris  
Vice President: George Russell OAM  
Treasurer: Nick Brellas  
Secretary/Public Officer: Nicky Kountouris  
Committee Members: Irene Spillmann  
Daniel Tsharke Sean Harrison  
Contact: chair@cooberpedy.com  
<https://www.cooberpedy.com/contact-2/>

Coober Pedy Sports & Rec Assoc. Inc

Dilusha Fernando - Chairperson  
Jacqui Boland - Treasurer  
Gwen Martin - Secretary  
Jon Fatt-Clifton - Committee member  
Paul Maduro - Committee member  
**Email: cpsportsandrecreation@gmail.com**  
  
COOBER PEDY, SA 5723  
**Committee Elected for 2024-2026**

Coober Pedy Shooters Club Inc

COOBER PEDY, SA 5723  
**Committee Elected for 2023/2024“**  
  
President Daniel Lamb  
“Senior Vice President Stephen Scott“  
Junior Vice President Nil“  
Secretary John Di Donna“  
Treasurer Suzanne Bunker“  
Public Relations Daniel Lamb“  
PR /MPIO Officer Tabetha Wilkes“  
F/Arms Instructor Chris Warrior“  
F/Arms Instructor John Di Donna“  
F/Arms Instructor Dale Price“  
F/Arms Instructor James Michie“  
Licensee/Armourer Chris Warrior“  
Licensee/Armourer Daniel Lamb  
**Contact Secretary: 0427 649 389**

Coober Pedy RSL (Sub)

President: Raylene Hagel  
Mick Cox: Vice President  
Treasurer: Miriam Kammermann  
Secretary: Peta Burnett  
Kingsley Kammermann  
Matt Cormer, Ronda Michell  
Malcolm Michell, Rosslyn Jazepczyk  
Julie Knight-Eastwood  
**Coober Pedy RSL, Edward Street**  
**COOBER PEDY SA 5723 (08) 8672 5477**

Coober Pedy Historical Society Inc

**Committee Elected 20/10/2024**  
Chairperson: Trish Turner  
Secretary: Jenny Davison  
Treasurer: Sue Britt  
Public Officer: Yuko Castles  
**Contact: cooberpedyhs@gmail.com**

DUSTY RADIO INC

**Committee 2024**  
Chairperson Tony Wiegand  
Secretary: Sharon McFarlane  
Treasurer: Suzanne Bunker  
Public Officer: Patsy Anne Noble  
Social Media Officer: Rika Wiegand  
Committee member: Tess Wiegand  
Committee member: Karen Harvey  
<https://www.dustyradio.com.au/>

ASSOCIATIONS

COOBER PEDY MINERS ASSOC.

Coober Pedy SA 3723  
**Committee Elected for 2024**  
President: Matt Graham, Secretary:  
Monique Harding  
Treasurer: John Olsson,  
Committee Members: Rod Wells, Mish  
Blanusa, Dean Kennelly, Sebastian Crisa,  
Mike Eakins, Steve Perkins,  
Lachlan Blanchford, Shannon Blanchford,  
Bailey Stevens

Coober Pedy Opal Fields  
Golf Club Inc.

Coober Pedy SA 3723  
**Committee Elected for 2024**  
Club Captain: Stephen Borrett  
President: Chevahn Hoad  
Secretary: Nadine Lewis  
Treasurer: Father Paul Crotty  
Grounds Keeper: Dylan Lewis  
Bar Manager: Stephen Borrett  
Committee Members:  
Chloe Lewis, Miro Markovic  
**Contact: cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com**

Coober Pedy Area School  
Governing Council

Maurice Saah (Principal) - Ex-Officio Member  
**Elected Staff Representative**  
Veronika Witham  
Elected Parent Members  
Lisa McClure  
Chantelle Bamford- Secretary  
Sabrina Troisi- Treasurer  
Lyn Boussios  
Ariane Montminy-Roberge- **Chairperson**  
Lia Pantelis, Yuko Castles  
Marzena Mazurkiewicz  
Sarah Rethus; Donna Clements  
**Elected Community Members**  
Amber McDonald; Maria Brellas  
Gary Herdegen DCCP  
We are currently waiting on our  
representatives from the Umoona Community

Outback Open Air Cinema Inc  
(Coober Pedy Drive In )

**Committee 2023 -2024**  
Chantelle Bamford Chairperson  
Rebecca Nicolle Deputy chair  
Tanya Lauder Secretary/Treasurer  
Lyndal Price - Committee member  
Gemma Hoad - Committee member  
Kaysy Clet de Leon-Committee member  
Bethany Aylett- Committee member  
<http://www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au/>

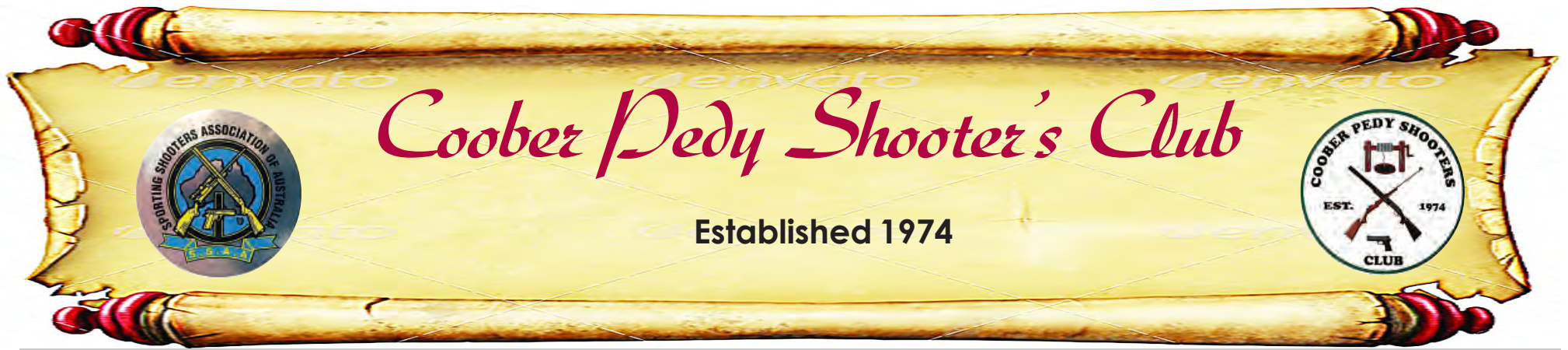
Coober Pedy Italian Club Inc

**Committee Elected 19/10/2024**  
Brett Smith President,  
Nicko Farantouris Vice Pres  
Deanna Smith Secretary,  
Cat Bell (Treasurer)  
Tara Jane Smith,  
Izzy Zelenko,  
Nick Farantouris (Jr)  
Karen Harvey,  
Rosslyn Jazepczyk;  
Peter Cech,  
Brad Jeffree.

Coober Pedy GEM TRADE  
SHOW Assoc.

**Committee 2024 TBA**





# **AGM NOTICE**

## **Follow By General Meeting**

COOPER PEDY SHOOTERS CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WHEN**

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 24

**VENUE**

COOPER PEDY SHOOTERS CLUB

**TIME: 1.00PM**

ALL POSITIONS WILL BE DECLARED OPEN.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS TO DISCUSS PLEASE NOTIFY  
SECRETARY, SO IT CAN BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

**IT IS FOR THE CLUBS INTEREST THAT YOU  
PARTICIPATE.**