

# SANTA ARRIVES AT COOBER PEDY WITH A FIRE TRUCK FOR A SLEIGH

The Italian Club at Coober Pedy held its annual Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December, with Santa arriving in full outback style on the back of Coober Pedy's hardy and faithful fire truck.

It was a hot and sticky summer's day at the Opal Capital, but Santa had recruited a crew of elves from the Coober Pedy Country Fire Service to assist with a big bag of beautifully wrapped toys for the kids of the local families.

Families and friends sat around the big Christmas tree inside while kids took turns meeting with Santa and receiving their gifts.

Members at the Italian Club and their friends, sat around socialising and enjoying the wrap-up of yet another year, while the committee organised all of the Member's Draws and prepared a Spit Roast and accompanying dishes for an amazing Christmas meal together.

Brett Smith, Chairperson of the Italian Club wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

"Just a reminder that we will be closed from Saturday 14th December and will reopen Friday 3rd January 2025!"

"A special thank you the wonderful CFS Volunteers, to Santa for never forgetting Coober Pedy, to the Italian Club Committee for your commitment to the Community, and to the sponsors of the Christmas Party - Old Timer's Mine, Cellarbrations, Home Hardware, Cucinare, Outback Bar & Grill, Shell Roadhouse, Opal Miner's Enterprises (OME)"



Santa arrives safely at the Italian Club escorted by the local CFS Volunteers



Tegan and Mark Fontanot with their two children accepting gifts from Santa at the Italian Club



Santa arrived at the Italian Club in Coober Pedy, chaperoned by a local Elf from the CFS Brigade, Ann Gerschwitz



Corey Edwards and partner Emily Jane seeing Santa with their daughter



Dilusha and Erandi Fernando with their lovely daughter seeing Santa



Pre-dinner drinks and a social catch up for members and friends at the Italian Club Christmas Party



Brad Jeffree receiving his prize from Brett Smith. Brad is a winner of the Member's Draws at the Italian Club Christmas Party.

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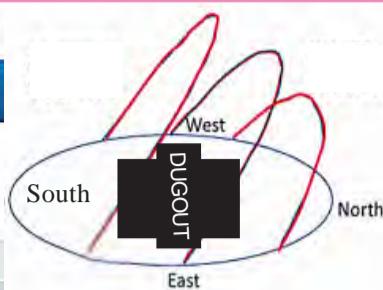
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## 7 DAYS WEATHER at COOBER PEDY Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka Roxby Downs

### 7-DAY WEATHER FORECAST: COOBER PEDY

From 13-12-2024

	FRI Dec 13	SAT Dec 14	SUN Dec 15	MON Dec 16	TUE Dec 17	WED Dec 18	THU Dec 19
Summary							
Maximum	39°C	43°C	43°C	39°C	34°C	37°C	39°C
Minimum	21°C	23°C	29°C	29°C	20°C	21°C	23°C
Chance of Rain Likely Amount	5% <1mm	20% <1mm	20% <1mm	60% 1-5mm	10% <1mm	5% <1mm	5% <1mm
UV Index	Extreme						
Frost Risk	Nil						
	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am	3pm	9am
Wind Speed	16km/h S	15km/h WSW	21km/h NE	19km/h NNW	21km/h ENE	20km/h N	19km/h W



Summer Solstice. 0° of Capricorn - 21 December 2024. AWST 5.20pm.

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Margaret Mackay  
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Shane Hoobin  
(Opal Miner)



Checking for  
colour

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- Friday 07 Feb 2025
- Friday 21 Feb 2025

... the prime value of journalism is that it imposes transparency, and thus accountability, on those who wield the greatest governmental and corporate power. ~ Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras and Jeremy Seacill

### Four pillars of Democracy are

**LEGISLATIVE** : The body which makes laws for the state.

**EXECUTIVE** : Executes and enforces laws.

**JUDICIARY** : Works to protect laws.

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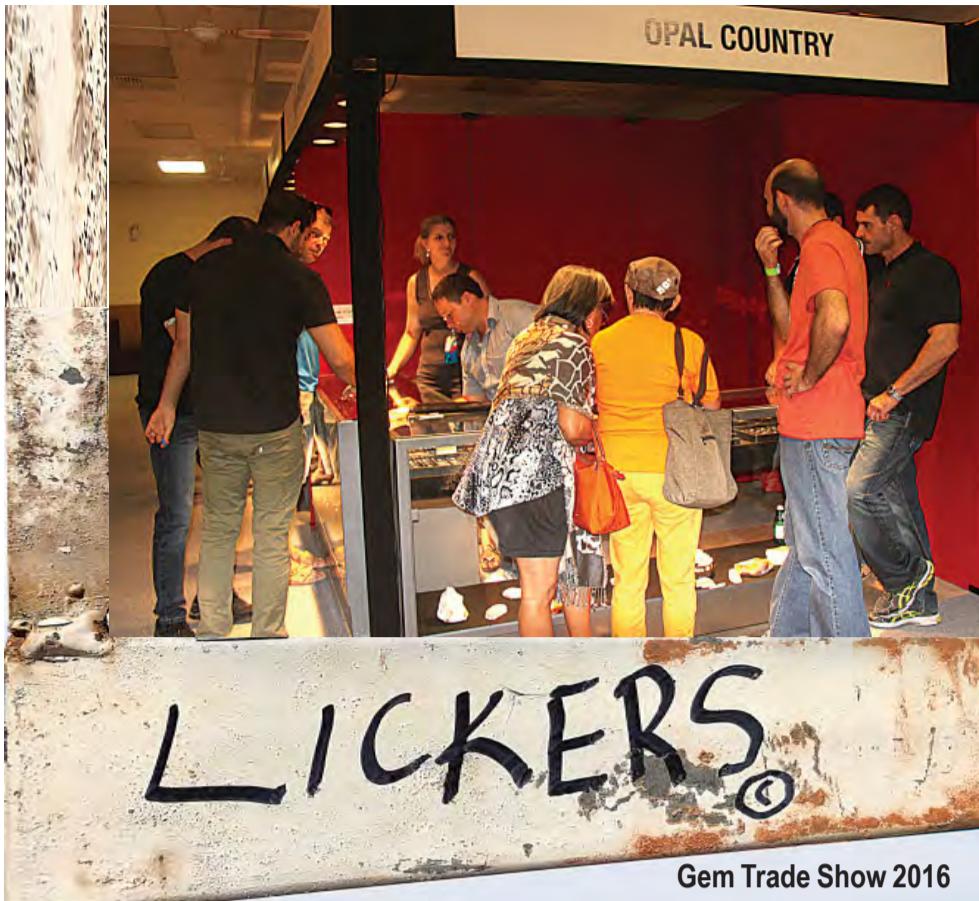
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**The 2025 Coober Pedy  
Gem Trade Show**



**Easter long weekend, Saturday, 19 April,  
and Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025**

# OPAL INDUSTRY NEWS

## Active Claims as at the 12/12/2024

Coober Pedy: 467; Andamooka: 165;  
Mintabie: 10; Stuart Creek: 1



**The Mines Department will be closed  
between the following dates: 23/12/2024  
to the 04/01/2025 (2 week period).**

## “Amnesty Period”

for  
**OPAL MINERS**



**15 December 2024 and  
14 March 2025 inclusive**



## Opal Mining Regulations 2012

Part 6—General provisions for tenements.

### 18—Removal of posts

(5) A person (other than the holder of the relevant tenement) must not remove a post placed in the ground in order to mark a precious stones tenement (or an area for a precious stones tenement).

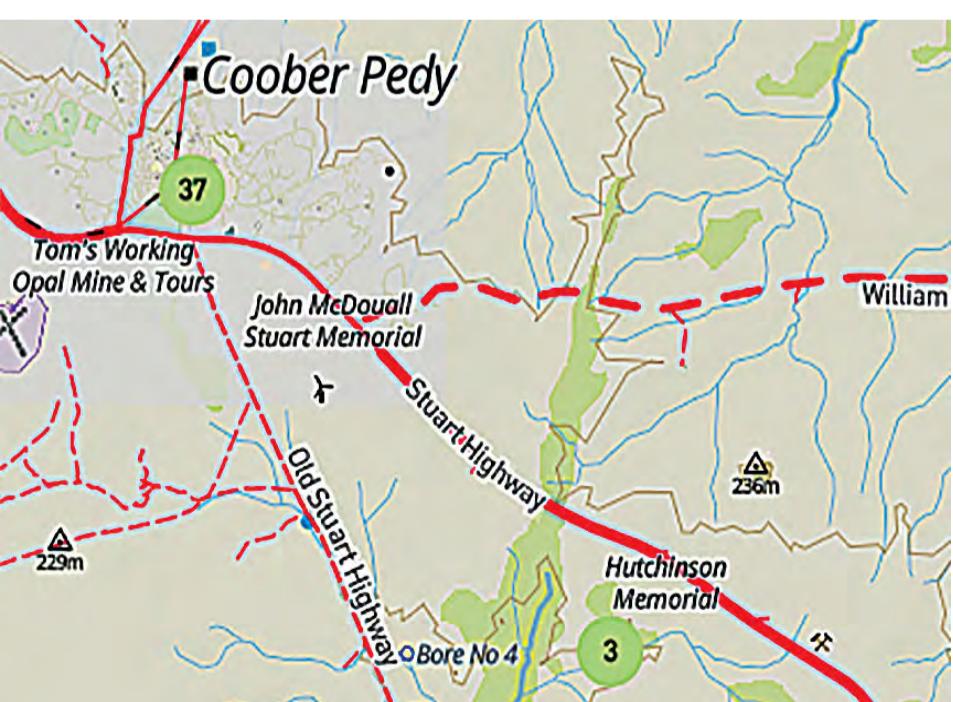
## The Black Flag Ballot “Stuart’s Run” will go ahead in **March 2025**

### “Stuart’s Run”

**John McDougall Stuart.  
First to cross Australia (South to North).**

**Stuart Highway: Runs from Port Augusta to Darwin.**

**The “Old Adelaide Road at Coober Pedy was part of the “original” Stuart Highway.**





# ASIC SUES REX AIRLINES & 4 DIRECTORS FOR SERIOUS GOVERNANCE FAILURES



ASIC has commenced legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of NSW seeking leave to allege Regional Express Holdings Limited (administrators appointed) (Rex) engaged in misleading and deceptive conduct and contraventions of continuous disclosure obligations.

ASIC will also allege former executive chair Lim Kim Hai (Mr Lim) was involved in Rex's continuous disclosure breach and that Mr Lim, along with The Hon John Sharp AM, Lincoln Pan and Siddharth Khotkar, contravened their directors' duties.

ASIC will allege Rex released a misleading ASX announcement on 28 February 2023 stating Rex was 'optimistic the Group will have positive operating profits for the full FY23 barring any further external shocks'. ASIC will allege that Rex did not have a reasonable basis for that claim for a number of reasons, including because it had incurred operating losses in the financial year to date, and it did not prepare a financial forecast for FY23 before issuing the announcement.

ASIC will contend Rex breached its continuous disclosure obligations by failing to disclose a material downgrade, despite being aware when it issued the February ASX announcement that the company was unlikely to achieve an operating profit. Rex subsequently announced a downgrade on 20 June 2023 forecasting a \$35 million operating loss for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

ASIC Chair Joe Longo said, 'Our case will allege serious governance failures at Rex. Rex's directors had a responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure the company complied with the law and we will seek to hold them to account. 'We will allege four of Rex's directors breached their duties because they failed to take steps to ensure the market had accurate information about the company's financial performance.'

ASIC will allege Mr Lim contravened his directors' duties between 28 February 2023 and 20 June 2023 by drafting and approving the 28 February 2023 announcement and failing to take steps to prevent Rex from breaching continuous disclosure rules.

ASIC will also allege the other three directors became privy to financial information from 14 April 2023 which should have led them to take steps to ensure Rex updated the market in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations prior to 20 June 2023.

'Continuous disclosure of market-sensitive information is fundamental to upholding the integrity of our public markets and supporting a fair and efficient financial system,' Mr Longo said.

'Directors of listed entities play a critical role in ensuring companies comply with their continuous disclosure obligations. Failing to take reasonable steps to ensure a company is compliant is not acceptable.'

ASIC seeks leave to commence the proceedings against Rex as it is in administration. While ASIC will seek a declaration of contravention against Rex, it will not seek pecuniary penalties against the company.

ASIC will seek declarations, pecuniary penalties and disqualification orders against Mr Lim, The Hon Sharp AM, Mr Pan and Mr Khotkar.

Previously on 18 May 2021, ASIC announced that Rex paid an infringement notice of \$66,000 issued by ASIC for an alleged continuous disclosure breach (21-105MR).

#### In this proceeding ASIC will allege:

- On 28 February 2023, Rex stated to the market that it was optimistic the company would have positive operating profits for the financial year to 30 June 2023 barring further external shocks (Announcement), giving rise to representations without reasonable grounds, in breach of section 1041H of the Corporations Act and section 12DA of the ASIC Act.
- Former Executive Chair of Rex, Mr Lim, contravened his directors' duties from 28 February to 20 June 2023 by authorising and failing to take steps to correct the Announcement.

#### ASIC will further allege:

- Rex breached its continuous disclosure obligations from 28 February 2023 until its downgrade on 20 June 2023, including by failing to inform the market that it did not have reasonable grounds for the Announcement and was unlikely to have positive operating profits for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

- Mr Lim contravened section 180 of the Corporations Act from 28 February 2023 to 20 June 2023 including by failing to take steps to cause Rex to correct the Announcement and to disclose the company was unlikely to have positive operating profits for the year to 30 June 2023. In addition, ASIC will allege Mr Lim was knowingly concerned in Rex's continuous disclosure contravention in breach of section 674A(3).

- The Hon John Sharp AM, Mr Lincoln Pan and Mr Siddharth Khotkar (directors) contravened section 180 of the Corporations Act from 14 April 2023 to 20 June 2023 including by failing to take steps to cause Rex to disclose the company was unlikely to have positive operating profits for the year to 30 June 2023. It is ASIC's contention that by 14 April, these directors were in possession of financial information which put them on notice of the need for Rex to update the market.

Rex is Australia's third largest airline. Rex ASX shares were suspended from trading when it entered voluntary administration on 30 July 2024.

**1 Sept 2020** — Post Covid-19, Rex recording a no net loss in revenue in financial year 2020 thanks to \$62 million in government handouts.

**2 Nov 2024** — \$80 million in financing will be provided to keep Rex Airlines and its regional services afloat while a buyer is sought.

**First published:** <https://cooperpedytimes.com/2024/12/11/asic-sues-rex-airlines-4-directors-for-serious-governance-failures/>

## POLICE NEWS

### CRIME REPORT

22.11.24 – 5.12.24

**At about 9.50 pm on Sunday 24th November** unknown persons have broken into a premises. Possible damage to property incurred however no items stolen. No suspects have been identified.

**At about 9.00 pm on Thursday 28th November** a suspicious fire was lit out the front of a premises setting fire to approximately 2m x 5m of front yard. Fire was able to be extinguished by occupants of the house using a garden hose. Approximately \$200 worth of damage caused. No persons were injured and CFS were not required. Police investigation is continuing.

**Over the course of Thursday night 28th November to Saturday morning 30th November** a group of kids broke into the AFSS centre and Coober Pedy Oval Gym.

Kids have set off fire extinguishers, damaged doors and stolen numerous bicycles.

Approximately \$4,000 damage caused. Police have apprehended all kids in relation to the incidents and all the bicycles have been returned.

**The early morning of Saturday 30th November** unknown persons have damaged windows of earth moving equipment parked on the street causing approximately \$8,000 damage. Police investigation is continuing.

#### SAPOL is standardising Regional Police Station OPENING HOURS (weekdays)



Current opening hours at Coober Pedy Police Station  
**8.45am. 4.30pm**

From 23rd December 2024 Coober Pedy Police Station will be open from  
**9.00am - 5.00pm**

After hours/weekends/public holidays, or if the station is unattended, the following numbers apply.

**000 for emergencies.**  
**131 444 for non-urgent police assistance.**  
**1800 333 000 for Crime Stoppers**

## Davenport man arrested allegedly with blood alcohol reading 0.284

**12 Dec 2024 8:03am** Police have detected a driver almost six times the legal limit at Port Augusta on Wednesday.

About 2.30pm on Wednesday 11 December, police stopped a Holden sedan on Stirling Road and submitted the driver to a breath test.

The driver, a 48-year-old man from Davenport, allegedly produced a blood alcohol reading of 0.284. Checks on the man's licence revealed that he was disqualified from driving and his car was unregistered.

The man was arrested for drink driving, driving disqualified, and driving an unregistered motor vehicle. He was also issued with a twelve-month instant licence disqualification. He was bailed to appear in the Port Augusta Magistrates Court on 20 January.

# ILLEGAL RUBBISH DUMPING MAY BE INDICATOR THAT WASTE DEPOT PROVISIONS ARE UNCLEAR

## REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY



Complaints are growing about Crown land along Flat Hill Road becoming a safety risk and a potential CRIME SCENE as per Illegal Dumping Laws. A deterrent could be ONE FREE TRAILER LOAD ANNUALLY at the TIP, and annual HARD RUBBISH COLLECTIONS.



White goods can be taken to Waste Depot FREE during opening hrs



Household paraphernalia on same vacant land along Flat Hill Road



Abandoned vehicles - same location



We have borrowed a notice from Roxby Downs Council to inform our locals of the consequences of illegal dumping and to inform the community of the **Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016**.

### HOW TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

If you see or suspect someone dumping waste illegally, you can report it to **Roxby Downs Council./COOBER PEDY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

If it is safe to do so, please get the below information, then report it to us by contacting Customer Service on (08) 8671 0010 or via email at [roxby@roxbycouncil.com.au](mailto:roxby@roxbycouncil.com.au) **AtCooberPedy** [(08) 8672 4600, [dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au)]

- where the dumping occurred
- what material was dumped
- a description of the person
- vehicle registration number and description

### LOCAL NUISANCE, LITTERING & ILLEGAL DUMPING - Roxby Downs

It is illegal to litter and dispose of waste on public land within the Municipality. Please refer to the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016.

If you dump waste illegally, you could receive an on the spot fine of up to \$1,000.

### HOW TO MANAGE HOUSEHOLD WASTE & RECYCLING - Roxby Downs

There are many services to help you deal with hard waste from households and businesses. Learn more about our free household waste and recycling service for Roxby Downs residents.

### THE COPPER COAST COUNCIL OFFERS ONE FREE HARD WASTE DISPOSAL FOR RESIDENTS ANNUALLY

Residential properties in the **Copper Coast** are entitled to one free delivery (up to 175 kgs) of hard waste to the Copper Coast Council Resource Recovery Centre each financial year. This is in addition to the existing two free deliveries of green waste (up to 175 kgs).

An illegal dumping concern was raised during the Coober Pedy Community Alliance Meeting in November, that household refuse was being dumped on Crown Land within the DCCP precinct, together with concerns that the area has become a safety hazard.

Signs have appeared at the illegal dumping site suggesting that spikes are being placed in the ground, possibly to deter dumping.

Residents say they are surprised that an illegal dumping ground has been allowed to reach that magnitude inside the town area. Surely access to the authorised TIP on Kempe Road isn't so difficult.

Illegal dumping is a crime. Clean up and disposal costs Council time and money that could be better spent in making our community better.

### COOBER PEDY Waste Depot

#### Opening Hours

Monday & Wednesday 12:45pm - 3:45pm  
 Friday 12:45pm - 3:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

NOTE: Severe weather conditions may change scheduled opening times. **Closed Public Holidays**

PLEASE NOTE: Dump fees need to be pre-paid at the District Council Administration Office or Works Depot before travelling to the Waste Depot.

#### Waste Depot Fees - GST Inc.

Car/Sedan	\$5.20
Station Wagon/Van	\$5.20
Ute only or 6x4 Trailers	only \$26.10
6 x 4 Trailers	only \$26.10
6x4 Trailers with Cage	only \$31.30
7x4 Trailers	only \$36.50
7x4 Trailers with Cage	only \$36.50
8x5 Trailers	only \$36.50
8x5 Trailers with Cage	only \$46.90

**All Local Trucks** (minimum charge of \$50.00 per load) \$52.20 per tonne  
 All Non-Local Trucks \$246.10 per tonne  
 Grease Trap Waste \$246.10 per tonne

**All electrical items** as well as fridges, freezers and air conditioners are to be taken to the Waste Depot during opening hours for dumping. **There is NO FEE.**

**All fridges and freezers** will be inspected to ensure that the unit is clear of foodstuffs before unloading.

**All Trucks** that have not been weighed off on the DCCP Weighbridge will be charged at the vehicle's maximum Gross Mass Limit (GVM-UL = GML)

**Solid Asbestos Waste** - Resident & Ratepayer per tonne GST Inc.

**Solid Asbestos Waste** (minimum charge of \$500 per load) \$521.50 per tonne

Without a licence, a contractor is only permitted to remove up to 10m<sup>2</sup> of non-friable asbestos or associated dust or debris.

**Commercial Quantities** - Class A/B asbestos removal licence is required for asbestos dumping. The completion of all required & relevant compliance reporting is a condition of dumping.

All Asbestos Waste dumping is at the discretion of the Works Manager

# COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Alliance Meeting 23rd November 2024

We have extended the scope to accommodate evolving consumer experiences. Pls note that not all residents receive all services.

This Survey includes 15 new members ratings to add to previous satisfaction survey (BELOW)

**New rating: Negative Impact of visitors**

1.) School, Community Library and Swimming Pool.  
All satisfied = **SATISFACTORY**

2.) Waste Pick up (Domestic) 13 persons rated with 13 satisfied = **SATISFACTORY**

3.) Aerodrome = 7 satisfied = **SATISFACTORY**

4.) Cemeteries = 11 persons rated with 10 satisfied and 1 unsatisfied = **SATISFACTORY**

5.) Animal Management = 12 persons rated with 7 satisfied and 5 unsatisfied = **Negative Impact of visitors**

6.) Parks and Gardens = 15 persons rated with 9 satisfied and 6 unsatisfied **Negative Impact of visitors**

7.) Drainage = 9 persons rated with 5 satisfied and 4 unsatisfied = **AVERAGE SATISFACTION**

8.) Waste Depot = 8 persons rated with 5 satisfied and 3 unsatisfied = **AVERAGE SATISFACTION**

9.) Private Works = 4 person rated 4 unsatisfied = **UNSATISFACTORY**

10) Workshop Services = 6 persons rated with 1 satisfied and 5 unsatisfied = **UNSATISFACTORY**

11) Roads = 13 persons rated with 6 satisfied and 8 unsatisfied = **UNSATISFACTORY**

12) Yard Sales = 5 persons rated with 2 satisfied and 3 unsatisfied - **UNSATISFACTORY**

13) Other = 1: Water leaks reported and not fixed, 2: No action with Buffel grass and cactus eradication.  
**UNSATISFACTORY**

# WHAT DID THE COOBER PEDY COMMUNITY GET FOR THE \$10M PUBLIC SERVANT BLOWOUT?

Audit Committee Meeting Tuesday 10 December 2024

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 **Council operating with \$175k shortfall**
- 11.2 **Council can only spend budgeted money**
- 11.3 **Mini Gems at serious risk of closing, unless external funding can be found.**



For the past 6 years the administrators have been spending our money on Consultants, Lawyers and Litigation. Where does that leave our town and our investments?

Residents continue to ask... Working ratepayers cannot attend meetings at those times. Please help us to get this council working for/with this community.

## RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE

1) Basketball Courts lighting burning throughout the night, disturbing residents in nearby homes.

Result - • **Issue has been escalated to the LG Minister's office for resolution and the CEO. No response**

2) Administrator air trips including Canberra - considered to be avoidable spending.

Result - • **Issue has been forward to the LG Minister's office for an explanation. No response**

3) Water supply maintenance issues and fire plug safety concerns.

**Alliance Committee** deemed many of the **Council's responses to date** are unsatisfactory. The Alliance is continuing to follow avenues to gain a better understanding of the true state of our water supply.

## Q: What incentives are there to deter illegal dumping?

**ILLEGAL RUBBISH DUMPING** IS STILL OCCURRING ALONG FLAT HILL ROAD as well as out on the opal fields, down shafts, in open cuts and alongside the Oogelima Creek

**COUNCIL** may need to consider offering ratepayers a number of free loads of household paraphernalia annually, a hard rubbish collection, as well as making the general dumping requirements more visible, involving police and enforcing penalties.

**DO LOCALS REALISE:** All electrical items as well as fridges, freezers and air conditioners can be taken to the Waste Depot during opening hours for dumping, **FREE OF CHARGE?**

## What is the point of the PUBLIC Forum at Council Meetings?

1. Drinking on the isolated properties in Brewster St behind IGA Supermarket, this should be discussed with the owners, and police become involved.

2. Burnt out houses around Coober Pedy should be removed and the area cleaned up. The Council should speak to the owners of the properties and inform them of the issues.

3. All the dogs with no collars and not on leads. All dogs should be registered and have collars.

4. White Lines should be repainted down Hutchinson St, as I believe this is a safety issue and this line should be repainted as it wears away.

5. The driveways to Bulls Garage on Hutchinson St and the driveway to Oasis Tourist Park on Seventeen Mile Rd should be rebuilt as rain water flows down the main St, it flows straight into Bulls Garage and Oasis Tourist Park causing major flooding.

The Council has sent qualified people out to look at this problem and they have advised me that it is a Council problem, but the council continually refuses to fix it. What next?

George Russell (Business Owner/Ratepayer)

**PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY CONDUCTED SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Coober Pedy REGIONAL TIMES**  
United We Stand - Divided We Fall

**ALLIANCE**

**COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY**  
District Council of Coober Pedy

**FROM 48 SURVEYS COLLECTED TO DATE**

**MOST UNSATISFACTORY SERVICES**

1. Roads = scores of 5 and less, 99% answered.
2. Parks and Gardens = scores of mainly 5 or less, 85% answered.
3. Drainage = scores mainly under 5 50% answered.
4. Waste Depot = scores mainly under 5 50% answered.
5. Workshop Services = scores under 5 on average, 30% answered.
6. Yard Sales = scores mainly under 5 30% answered.
7. Animal Management = scores mainly under 5, 80% answered.

**Under services OTHER, mentions of:**

1. Drinking in public places
2. Water quality or lack of and water maintenance
3. Drive-In concerns
4. Cost of water, power and rates

**COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGED BY DCCP eg Minigems/Library/Post/Support Programs**

- Very few responses (N/A to most)
- those that did respond were satisfied,
- others indicated they did not use that service.

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## Dear members of the CP Community Alliance, and the general community

23-11-2024 We welcome all of the new members, and others to our meetings, and will continue to address your concerns, large or small; seek responses and contribute to solutions.

In response to a possible January meeting, we will seriously consider this and aim for a late January meeting, TBA.

We acknowledge your concerns over the \$19M debt, \$10M of which has evolved since administration began, and further acknowledge that there are no visible improvements to our town, in fact the opposite. We also learn that Mini-Gems is at risk of closing unless external funding can be found, and our Water Supply is in a diabolical state after being allowed to run down.

Whilst we now have yet another Administrative team in place it still seems that the State Government is not willing to take responsibility for handing our town over to a selection of retired public servants [non-skilled as Administrators] and did not ensure adequate direction, expertise or supervision.

The latest team, all new to our remote culture, is tasked with taking the begging bowl around, and risks opening our doors to predators and a potential way of life that will not suit us.

The State Government Local Government Legislation is the culprit, with similarities being reflected in the horrendous financial blowouts across the local government sector in SA.

With kind regards,  
John Di Donna - Chair CPC

# 4th Meeting of the Coober Pedy Community Alliance, held Saturday 23rd November, at the Italian Club

### PETITIONS - progress

- \* Petition re Zoom Mtg. Will submit end January.
- \* Petition re 7pm start. Will submit end January.

\* Sue Britt spoke about the petition regarding a Master Plan for the Drive-In. The reality was that hardly anyone knew about it. Most were strongly opposed to turning our Drive-in into a metropolitan style attraction.

### OTHER CONCERNS - (Some ongoing)

\* A number of members present spoke about their concerns regarding

- a) **Change in Administrator.** Three people spoke.
- b) **\$5M annual staff wages**
- c) Ongoing use of consultants instead of Government provided services - incorporate in policies.
- d) **Liquid Waste concerns** - Should Council have a contingency plan?
- e) **Private Works** issues
- f) **Child Care Service** uncertainty
- g) **Visitor impact** on ratepayer domestic services and charges, for eg Caravan Dumping Point costs.
- h) **Lack of Christmas decorations** throughout the town.
- i) Concerns of **large scale illegal dumping** inside town area.
- j) **Basketball courts** operating on a push button system that gives two hours of bright lighting in a residential area at night, each time the button is pushed. Perpetrators are youth aged approximately 7 - 15 yrs old. Ratepayers are billed for the electricity usage.

### BHP COURTS INITIATIVE

\* Two local business people decided to try out the tennis courts after work one evening. Firstly, the key they were given didn't fit the lock. Secondly they found the courts to be covered in broken glass, human faeces, and miscellaneous rubbish. Thirdly they needed to clean up the courts before they were able to use them.

### DRY ZONE AREAS (Action overdue)

\* A member commended the council staff for their futile daily task in trying to clean up rubbish across the town, only to find that within a few hours there were empty cans, bottles, rubbish and broken glass littering the town again, in particular any of the parks and gardens areas, all of which are legislated Dry Zone Areas.

With consideration to the obvious futility of this daily council task, we will request that Council Admin seek a meeting with the local police on a regular basis with a view to enforcing Dry-Zone laws and assisting with other instances of illegal dumping of rubbish.

This could include regular patrols day and night of the BHP basketball and tennis court initiative to ensure that abusive and antisocial behaviour of those areas are deterred or kept to a minimum.

The ratepayers of this town are concerned that council managers do little if nothing to ensure that relevant State Legislations are upheld inside the DCCP jurisdiction.

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## COOBER PEDY RETAIL, BUSINESS &amp; TOURISM ASSOC. INC



George Kountouris  
CPRBTA Chair

Many in town will be pleased to see 2024 behind them. This year has been described as "anus potchilus" Some good months, some average months of trading and visitors numbers, and some that just fell off a cliff.

The CPRBT Association has extended a hand of welcome and of cooperation to the new CEO Garry Herdegen, the new Principal Administrator Patrick Conlon and also to John Moyle and Erika Vickery. We believe that Coober Pedy is fortunate to have secured this management and confident that this is a new dawn for the town and its people.

The CPBRTA, as the longest established incorporated association, has had internal discussions on the direction of the Association.

Collectively we believe there are three areas that we need to concentrate on.

**Firstly Tourism:** The current committee has secured a 3 year deal with the South Australian Tourism Commission for our Opal Festival, a positive achievement as well as establishing communication and assistance from the most influential and resourced authority on tourism in South Australia.

We have been encouraged to set up a tourism working group to pursue cost effective paths of promoting our brand and reach out to travellers before they make plans. More of this in January.

Alongside modernising our visual imagery, our social media following has increased by 60 per cent and recently we received 1.9k views on one post. We are committed to continue improving our presence and with the help of our members can portray the array of activities, accommodation and retail outlets that are available. So please continue sending your content!

This committee will also be responsible for conveying the message that the town and tourism needs to officiate a voice of professionalism, positivity and accuracy on the towns mandate. It shall act as the official spokesperson.

**The olive and opal hunt** will be a new event at the Olive Grove where visitors and locals can pick their own olives and will be shown how to preserve them. There will also be an opal hunt for the children and food in the early evening under the stars. More information to follow.

**Secondly Retail:** This is the sector that has seriously lagged behind, predominantly because it crosses over with tourism to some degree. It also has not had any retailer on the committee in the past that has made any recommendations on how this sector could go forward.

**The CPRBTA new window sticker with the tick that states 'shop local' was introduced this year.** This is the first of many steps in reaching for accreditation for all businesses in the Association, especially those who deal with opal and opal related products.

At the moment there is not a uniformed dialogue on the sales of opal with the introduction of synthetics, Ethiopian and other non Coober Pedy opal.

As an authentic brand as the opal capital, we need to set the standard in the classification of opals sold in South Australia so that our visitors can be reassured this is the best place in Australia to buy Coober Pedy opal.

The Association has engaged in talks and actions with Regional Development Australia, Far North on devising an accreditation program that will enable our members to reach world standards on governance and protocol.

## End of year Report

### The Year We Had to Have



The 2024 Coober Pedy Opal Festival Committee

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**Thirdly Business:** We recently met with 'out of town' mineral miners who are seeking to utilise the resources of our business sector. This area is an area for potential growth for small and medium size businesses to provide procurement.

Business other than tourism is another sector in which we will focus on and develop strategies to encourage investors to our market place.

Our agenda next year is to engage with our Federal Government in establishing export opportunities, as many of our members are both opal miners and wholesalers. The Association has had talks with government representatives in a methodology for 2025.

These three sectors are the pillars of this Association.

### SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS, WE THANK YOU!



Peak Iron (Major Sponsor) joined the parade for the Shooters Club with Sumo guys/kids and hotdog, mustard, sauce, spoon costumes



Dean Kenelly and Dawn Brown shared techniques at the Camp Oven Cook off, held at the RSL



COOBER PEDY  
RETAIL BUSINESS AND  
TOURISM ASSOCIATION INC

**Finally and above all,** I personally wish to thank all the people who have remained positive in this years journey, the volunteers endless hours and meetings, it shows that we can, as a town, muster our people to deliver positive outcomes without paying consultants and volunteers.

Our sponsors have contributed handsomely to our town and Opal Festival. Thank you!

To all the members old and new it is imperative that we have a voice in our businesses and our investments and implement ideas that will remain a positive.

That is the final thought and now we all will approach 2025 with, a CAN-DO attitude, not forgetting that we have one of the most unique products in the world.



The first event of the 2024 Opal Festival was the Opening Dinner at The Big Winch 360.



Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey and Teresa Ramsey did the rounds at the Opal Festival, catching up with everyone.



The Camp Oven 'cook-off' Inaugural Event at the RSL is likely to be a regular attraction

# Revised Electricity Tariffs to apply from 10 January 2025

The \$300 payment for residential customers and \$325 for eligible businesses will be distributed quarterly as a reduction on their bill or addition to their pre-pay meter balance.

**The South Australian Government continues its support of remote South Australian communities by providing subsidised electricity to around 3,400 customers across 13 townships and 15 Aboriginal Communities under the Remote Area Energy Supply (RAES) scheme.**

RAES tariffs are reviewed and set annually by the Minister for Energy and Mining, with residential and business tariffs aligned to the average of market/discount offers provided by South Australian on-grid retailers.

Having held RAES tariffs below the average on-grid market rates since mid-2023, the 2024 Review has concluded that an increase in tariffs is necessary to reflect the continued high cost of energy production across the scheme.

Increases for residential customers have been capped at the consumer price index, resulting in RAES tariffs around 8 per cent lower than the average of market offers from South Australian on-grid retailers.

This equates to an average increase of \$111 per year for residential customers, however, RAES tariffs remain around \$230 lower than equivalent on-grid prices.



Consistent with the long-standing RAES policy, business tariffs have been re-aligned with the average of on-grid market offers.

**RAES residential and business customers will receive Energy Bill Relief Fund payments in 2024-25.**

The \$300 payment for residential customers and \$325 for eligible businesses will be distributed quarterly as a reduction on their bill or addition to their pre-pay meter balance.

This first two instalments are included in the bill issued for December 2024 reading.

**Holders of a pension concession card, DVA, Gold Card or Centrelink low-income health care card** may be eligible to receive a concession on the energy costs. Phone 1800 307 758 or go to [www.sa.gov.au/concessions](http://www.sa.gov.au/concessions) to apply.

If you wish to explore how you can reduce the amount of energy used in your home or business, please call the Energy Advisory Service within the Department for Energy and Mining on the 'free call number' 1800 671 907.

Any queries regarding tariffs should be directed to Council via email to [dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au) or call 08 8672 4600.

## CONSULTATION: DISTRICT COUNCIL OF COOBER PEDY IS DRAFTING COMMUNITY LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

**The District Council of Coober Pedy is required under legislation to prepare and adopt management plans for community land under the custodianship of the Council.**

The Plans' purpose is to guide the management of each parcel of community land based on its category.

All the local Government Land (except roads) that is classified as community land under Council's care, control and management (for example Crown Land) has been allocated to five categories:

- **Heritage and Tourism**
- **Sporting and Recreation**
- **Council and Community Service Delivery**
- **Essential Service Delivery**
- **Other Open Space Areas**

These five categories have been developed to reflect the dedicated use of the land, protect community interest in the land and provide for effective management of the land into the future.

The draft Community Land Management Plans to be released for community engagement from 6 January 2025 to 31 January 2025 have been prepared to replace Council's existing outdated Plans which were adopted in 2004.

**Community feedback will be presented to Council at its February 2025 meeting** and verbal submissions will be welcomed at that time. So please, let Council know if you would like to speak at this Meeting.

The new documents provide greater clarity as to the location and dedicated use of each property with copies of the Crown Records, gazetted dedications and photos of the sites included.

**Council will then consider the draft Plans for amendment or adoption.**



**The District Council of Coober Pedy invites feedback regarding its Draft Community Land Management Plans**

Council is required by legislation to prepare and adopt management plans for its community land which:

- identify the land to which the plan applies
- state the purpose for which the land is held by Council
- state Council's objectives and proposals for the management of the land
- state performance targets and how Council proposes to measure its performance against its objectives and performance targets.

Community engagement will commence at 9am Monday 6 January 2025 and close at 5pm on Friday 31 January 2025.

Written submissions which must be received by 5.00pm on 31 January 2025 can be made by:

- Emailing [dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au);
- Visiting [www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au](http://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au)
- Mail to Attn: Chief Executive Officer  
District Council of Coober Pedy  
PO Box 425  
Coober Pedy SA 5723 or
- Dropping them directly into our office at Lot 773 Hutchison Street Coober Pedy.

Verbal submissions can be made at the February 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday 26 February 2025. The meeting will provide for attendance in person or online via Zoom.

# New Independent Commissioner Against Corruption appointed

Office for Public Integrity (OPI) Director, **Emma Townsend**, has been appointed to the role, replacing Acting Commissioner Ben Broyd, who has held the role since the retirement of Ann Vanstone KC earlier this year.

Ms Townsend's extensive legal background includes 18 years as a prosecutor with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), other roles within the Attorney-General's Department and the commercial law firm Thomson Playford. She has been at the helm of the OPI since shortly after it was established as a standalone entity in late 2021.

At the DPP, amongst other responsibilities, she was responsible for establishing the Office's Vulnerable Witness Team – which manages the prosecution of child sexual abuse cases and other matters involving vulnerable victims and witnesses.

As Director of the OPI, Ms Townsend has been responsible for assessing complaints under the ICAC Act, oversight of complaints and investigations under the Police Complaints and Discipline Act and managing the complex work of an integrity agency.

Ms Townsend's term as Commissioner begins in February next year.

This appointment now sees a majority of anti-corruption commissions across the country being led by individuals who are not former judges.

Ms Townsend's remuneration will be consistent with those paid to her predecessors.

Ms Townsend's predecessors were entitled to a judicial pension by virtue of being former judges, and the Government believes this is an important integrity measure that should apply to the new Commissioner and future Commissioners.

In order to facilitate this change, legislation will be put forward in the new year to ensure all future ICAC Commissioners are provided with a judicial pension.

OPI Assistant Director, Vanessa Burrows, will act as the Director of the OPI while a recruitment process is undertaken for the role.

SA Attorney General Kyam Maher said, "South Australia's ICAC will be well served by Emma Townsend's extensive experience as a prosecutor and as the head of the Office for Public Integrity."

"She has discharged the functions of the office with independence and great skill, and ensured smooth management of the way our integrity bodies deal with complaints."

"She has significant experience in complex investigations and strong understanding on the way our anti-corruption laws are enforced."

"I wish her all the best in this new role".

"I also thank Acting Commissioner Ben Broyd for his work over the past several months."

General News & OPPORTUNITIES

## EPA warns on illegal tyre disposal services



A non-authorised vehicle suspected to be involved in the illegal disposal of waste tyres in SA

The EPA has called for commercial businesses to be aware of persons cold calling and offering to provide waste tyre transport services, for a reduced fee. Enquiries by the EPA suggest regional businesses are being contacted. There are concerns that the tyres are then being disposed of illegally.

The EPA's Director of Operations Andrew Pruszinski said that waste tyres were a controlled waste as they can pose a significant risk to the community if not transported and disposed of appropriately.

"We've had several concerning reports from members of the public in relation to this matter," he said. "It appears the operators are targeting regional businesses across SA. It's a timely reminder that businesses must only engage an appropriately authorised waste transporter for the removal and disposal of waste tyres."

"If tyres are stored in large quantities, they can present a fire hazard and can harbour disease carrying mosquitoes and vermin. The EPA is committed to ensuring that tyres are stored, transported, and disposed of in a manner that minimises their negative effects on the environment."

Illegal transport of waste tyres carries heavy penalties of up to \$120,000, while the illegal disposal of waste tyres carries penalties of up to \$250,000.

Further information on the correct way to undertake waste tyre transport and disposal can be obtained from the EPA website or by contacting the EPA directly. Anyone who has encountered these individuals is encouraged to contact the EPA on 1800 623 445 or yourepa@sa.gov.au

## MIGRATION INTAKES - 50,000 ABOVE BUDGET FORECAST

"Net overseas migration is more than 50,000 above budget forecast and is making Australians poorer," said Dr Kevin You, economist and Senior Fellow at the Institute of Public.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' National, State and Territory Population data for the June 2024 quarter, released today, shows Australia's migration intake remains out-of-control and well above federal budget forecasts; (tables below)

In the 2024 financial year, net migration reached 445,700, which is the second highest year on record, behind the 2023 financial year.

The net overseas migrant intake for the 2024 financial year was 13 per cent more than the federal government's budget target of 395,000.

The data also reveals that net overseas migration still accounts for more than 80 per cent of Australia's population growth.

"The current federal government has repeatedly promised to cut migration levels but has failed to do so for its entire period in office. Not one year has its migration budget forecast been met," said Dr You.

"For the last two years, Australia has taken in record numbers of people, none of which has been planned for, and it has fuelled a perfect storm of high inflation, declining household incomes, and ever-higher house prices and rents."

## On-farm Drought Infrastructure Rebate Scheme



### Funding offer closes

The scheme will close when the \$5 million funding for this round is exhausted.

### Grant details

The On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Rebate Scheme is to assist primary producers implement infrastructure projects that assist with managing current drought conditions and strengthen preparedness for future droughts.

### Amounts

Successful applicants must be able to cover the full cost of the infrastructure and will be reimbursed through the grant for 75% of the total cost up to a maximum grant of \$5,000 (GST exclusive).

Applicants must contribute at least 25% of the total infrastructure cost. Other government funding, including grants, concessional loans, or insurance claim funds, cannot be used towards the applicant's contribution.

### Eligibility

To apply for this rebate, the following conditions must be met: (See link for more details)

[https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding/on-farm\\_drought\\_infrastructure\\_rebate\\_scheme](https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding/on-farm_drought_infrastructure_rebate_scheme)



## Governing Board chairs and members sought for South Australia's public health system Local Health Networks

Expressions of interest are sought for experienced Board chairs and Board members to fill current and future vacancies across South Australia's 10 Local Health Network Governing Boards.

Governing Board members are positions of significant strategic leadership and responsibility in the health system presenting an opportunity for experienced leaders to engage closely with and guide Local Health Network decision making.

Membership composition outlined in the Health Care Act 2008 includes a mix of people with experience across different areas. Individuals with experience, knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas are encouraged to apply:

- Health management
- Clinical governance
- Commercial management
- Financial management
- The practice of Law
- The provision of health services, and
- Other knowledge, experience and expertise that will enable the effective performance of the Governing Board functions

Applicants should demonstrate at least ten years' experience in their field of expertise and/or completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors course.

In addition to the above, applications are sought from:

- Health professionals
- Individuals with expertise, knowledge or experience in relation to Aboriginal health.

**Deadline for submissions: 11.59pm Sunday 2 February 2025**

For more information and an application pack:

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/GoverningBoardEOI](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/GoverningBoardEOI)

Enquiries: [health.governingboardEOI@sa.gov.au](mailto:health.governingboardEOI@sa.gov.au)

# GEOFF BROCK MP COULD BECOME LOCAL MEMBER FOR MOST OF THE FAR NORTH, IF RE-ELECTED IN 2026

## Electoral Commission SA finalises redraw of Electoral Voting Boundaries

Following the release of the draft report on 15 August 2024, the new voting boundaries in South Australia have been finalised.

Coober Pedy, and most of the Far North (excluding Port Augusta and the APY Lands, from 2026 will no longer be in Giles, but will be included in the Seat of Stuart, currently held by the Hon Geoff Brock MP. Should Mr. Brock retain the Seat of Stuart at the 2026 election, he will become Local Member to most of the Far North area.

The New Electoral (Voting) Boundary Maps for SA will come into effect for the next State Election in 2026. Altering Electoral boundaries aims to ensure equitable voting percentages for political representatives, as populations in some areas recede or inflate.

In the new redraw, the Far North, *excluding Port Augusta and the APY Lands*, will be in the State Seat of Stuart. The Boundary Line between Stuart (East) and Flinders (West) will follow the Stuart Highway and include Marla, Oodnadatta, Coober Pedy, William Creek, Finniss Springs, Roxby Downs and Andamooka. See draft map of previously proposed redistribution below.

The final Redistribution Report published by the Electoral Districts Boundaries Commission sets out its reasons for the electoral redistribution it has made. Following the release of the draft report on 15 August 2024, the Commission received 21 submissions. A number of issues arising from the draft report were raised.

The Commission considered each submission without requiring further hearing to receive oral submissions from the major parties and other persons. Changes have been made to 16 of the State's 47 electoral districts resulting in around 38,900 electors changing district for the next State election.

Subject to any appeal to the Supreme Court of South Australia, the new boundaries will take effect at the next State election, on 21 March 2026.

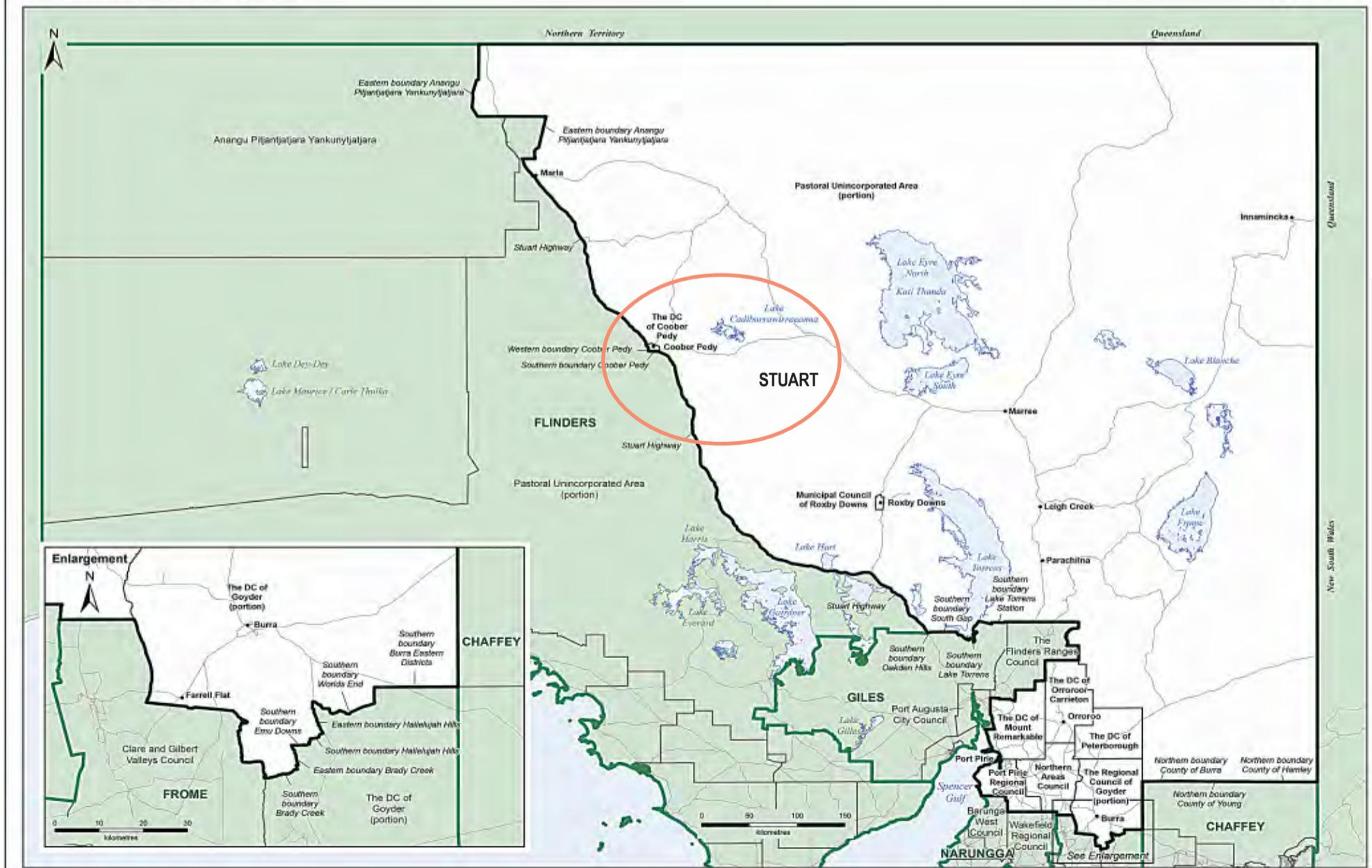


Local residents respond to Minister for Local Government Geoff Brock in 2022 L-R Sabrina Troisi, Jacqui Boland, Susan Black, Minister Geoff Brock MP, Bev Mason, John Di Donna, Syed Hassan Ali and Former Ombudsman Wayne Lines

Coober Pedy located in the very Far North of the state has always been out of any direct political vision or interest. Geoff Brock became a relatively regular visitor and communicator when he was in the role of Minister for Local Government from 2014 until 2018, and again from March 2022 until April 2024.

“... the community has expressed frustration about years of ongoing uncertainty and the future of the town’s stability, which is why I’m committed to walking the course with this community to find solutions to the long-standing challenges to achieving financial sustainability for Coober Pedy,” Geoff remarked during his visit.

## SEAT OF STUART 2026 STATE ELECTIONS



# Marmota (MEU) finds high-grade gold at Campfire Bore, near Coober Pedy

**Marmota (ASX:MEU)** is very pleased to announce that its first drill program at the Campfire Bore gold discovery is yielding high-grade gold in multiple holes, both close to surface and at depth.

## Highlights include:

4m @ 16 g/t gold from 56m below surface in Hole 24CBRC062 in an area previously undrilled (or not drilled deep enough); 16m @ 2.7 g/t gold from 35m incl 4m @ 8.6 g/t from 42m (Hole 24CBRC045); 4m @ 9.4 g/t gold from 101m (Hole 24CBRC021), and 4m @ 9.1 g/t gold from 139m (Hole 24CBRC031). The program has already identified and developed a high-grade zone to the south (see Figures 1 and 2), and identified priority open extensions including thick intervals close to surface.

Almost the entire southern block appears open (closer to surface) to the south and east.

Marmota Chairman, Dr Colin Rose, said: "Marmota is progressing a pipeline of gold deposits in the Gawler Craton, to follow on after Aurora Tank. We are delighted to already be finding new high-grade gold extensions in the first stage of our first ever drilling program at Campfire Bore."

About the program: Campfire Bore October RC (Stage 1 Drilling)

- Campfire Bore is part of Marmota's new Golden Moon JV together with JV partner Coombedown Resources Pty Ltd ('Coombedown') [ see ASX:MEU 9 April 2024 ].
- Marmota (via Half Moon) has 90% ownership [ see ASX:MEU 9 April 2024 ].
- The program is the first drilling at Campfire Bore since 2018 [ see ASX:MEU 10 Sept 2024, 21 Oct 2024 ].
- This is the first part of Marmota's first drill program at Campfire Bore.
- Stage 1: Stage 1 consists of 86 RC holes for 11,690 m.
- Stage 2: Stage 2 consists of the blue triangle holes in Fig. 1 (not yet drilled) + additional holes to be planned to follow-up the high-grade intercepts identified in the Stage 1 drilling.
- These results report 4m composites from the Stage 1 drilling (via aqua regia), and detailed high-quality 1m splits for Holes 1 to 10 via fire assay.
- Marmota's team is departing to Campfire Bore this week to collect the vast bulk of the 1m splits of interest (Holes 11 to 86) for high-quality assaying by fire-assay.

## Enormous Potential to Grow

- Campfire Bore has had minimal drilling compared to Aurora Tank and is not nearly as advanced.
- It features significant gold mineralisation over a strike of more than 1.5km.
- Many of the pre-existing holes at Campfire Bore appear far too shallow, sometimes being only 20m or 30m in depth.
- **Campfire Bore has enormous potential to grow.**
- The role of the program is to identify high-grade extensions to further grow the resource, and to advance Campfire Bore so that Marmota has a pipeline of proximal gold projects ready to go after Aurora Tank.

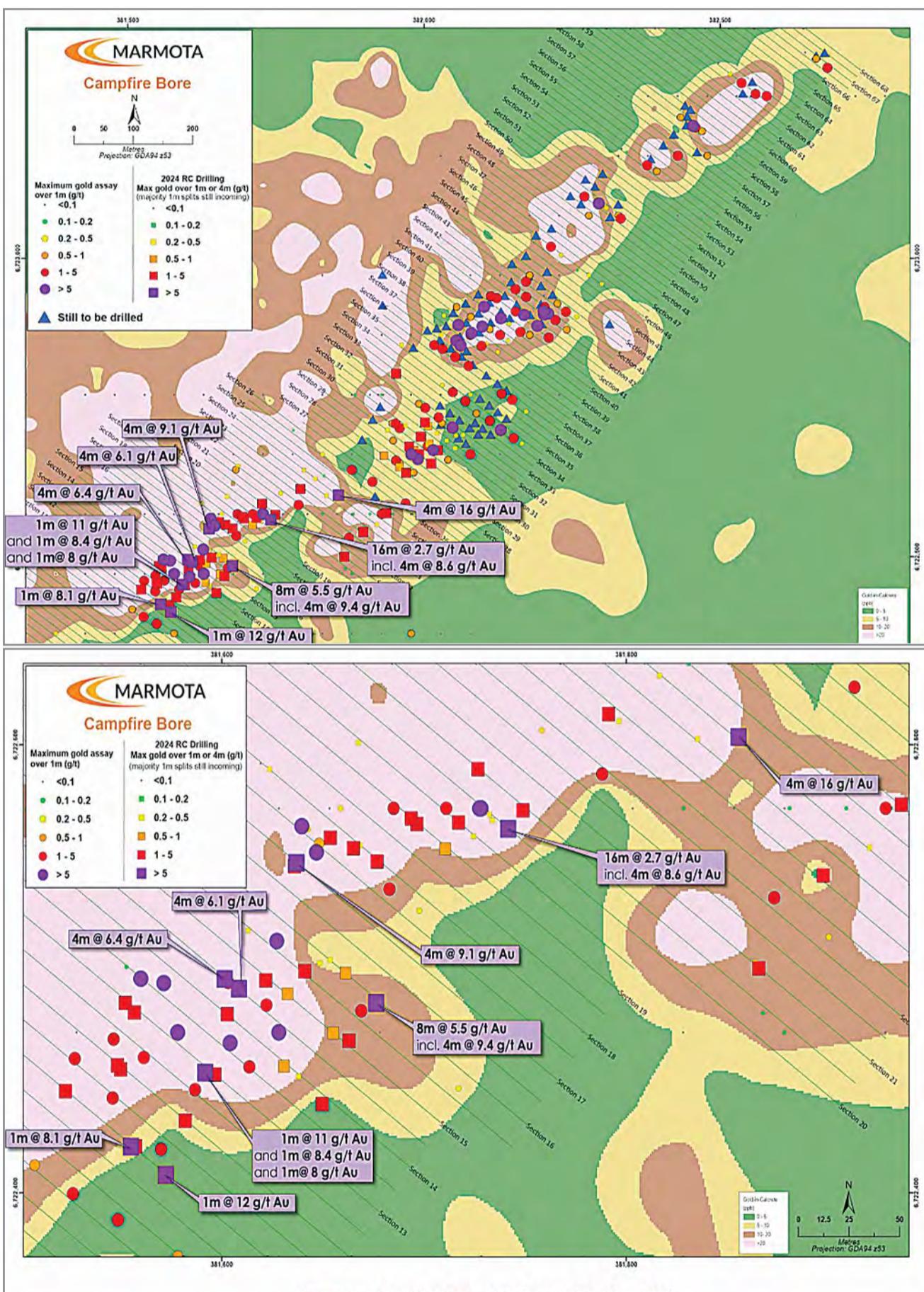


Figure 2: Campfire Bore - Detail view of Southern Pod

**WEDNESDAY**

**Cfs Training**

Tuesday evenings - 6pm at Station

**Mine Rescue/SES**

1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm,  
and 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month  
9am at Mine Rescue shed

**FRIDAYS**

**CP Shooters Club**

See back page for  
latest updates

**Italian Club**

Italian Club Coober Pedy  
We would like to wish everyone a  
very merry Christmas and a  
happy and safe New Year!  
We will be closed from Saturday  
14th December and will reopen  
Friday 3rd January 2025!

**Greek Charcoal BBQ**



**Alcoholics  
Anonymous**

Meet 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



**MINE RESCUE/SES**

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

**CP SHOOTERS CLUB**

See BACK page for latest  
updates, or Ring John DiDonna  
on 0427 649 389

**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

**CP SHOOTERS CLUB**

See BACK PAGE for latest updates  
Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389

**COOBER PEDY RSL**

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

# CALLING ALL all OPAL MINERS PAST & PRESENT

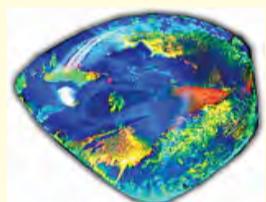
Thinking of travelling to Coober Pedy at Easter?

Many opal miners embark on that EASTER PILGRIMAGE back 'home' to  
OPAL COUNTRY. This year celebrate with us and register your

## COOBER PEDY ODYSSEY

at the

### OPAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD EASTER WEEKEND 2025



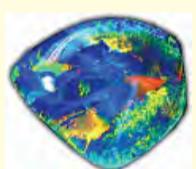
- Friday 18 April - Good Friday
- Saturday 19 April - Easter Saturday
- Sunday 20 April - Easter Sunday
- Monday 21 April - Easter



#### Highlights Include:

##### 1.) The STORY TELLING TENT will DOCUMENT YOUR ODYSSEY; YOUR unique journey!

How your adventure into the world of opal, shaped your life, your direction. etc.

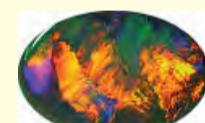


##### 2.) COOBER PEDY ANNUAL GEM TRADE SHOW

Venue: Croatian Club 2 Days

##### 3.) AUCTION FOR A WORTHY CAUSE!

Venue & details TBA

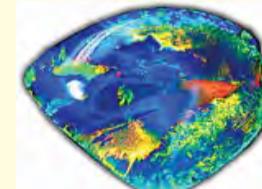


##### 4.) Party time! DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Venue & details TBA



##### 5.) LOCAL STALLS & CAMP OVEN



##### 6.) TOURS, WALK-INS

**Umoona Art Gallery**  
**Underground Churches**

**Boot Hill Cemetery**

**Big Winch Lookout**

**Opal Shops galore**

**Faye's Underground Home**

**Well Being labyrinth**

**Restaurants**

**Greek Club Charcoal Grill**

**Working Mines**

**Breakaways/Dog Fence**

**Historical Society**

**Cultural Clubs**

**Blacklighting**

# Containerised solar power. The Opal Mines still running as temps soar to 50°C

Too hot for diesel generators - no sweat for containerised solar power

In an opal mining area where the temperature regularly exceeds 45°C, all work stops between 10 and 5.

The extreme heat doesn't affect the miners so much, in Coober Pedy, South Australia – as they work underground ...they often live underground, too, in 'dugouts' – but it's just too hot for the diesel generators to run. No power, no work.

However, one mine has installed a solution which changes everything!

**Forward-thinking mine owner Terry Easy** lives on French Island, Victoria, which is not connected to the grid and residents adopt a low-carbon lifestyle. He was one of the first people to install a solar-powered energy system using Faradion Sodium Ion battery storage.

The servicing of that battery, connected to Victron system architecture, was overseen by Adam Smith who has since established Everest Energy – the Melbourne based Victron Energy installer – with his partner Jack Sutton.

Terry's installation was so successful he quickly realised that a solar-based three-phase power system built into a temperature-controlled container would be capable of running his mines right through the heat of the day even when a diesel generator would have to be shut down. In fact, with solar power, he would scarcely need a generator at all except, perhaps, during extended periods of poor weather in the winter.

**Opal Mining uses power** to run its electric jack hammers, conveyer belts, washers, noodlers, and the UV dark rooms which help identify the precious stone from among the dirt. The whole process typically requires a 30 – 50 kVA generator.

**For the power 'container'**, Terry bought an old bus for \$14,000Aus allowing him to have the system built in by his trusted installer Everest Energy, which he would then drive to site – eighteen hours away – and be able to move between his mining operations as required.

The idea of installing the panels vertically on the sides of the bus utilises all available space and although it might seem unconventional, in a location where the optimal panel tilt-angle is 39°-45°, during the winter months the vertical panels can produce similar ...sometimes more energy than those on the roof.

In summer the increased angle is still productive because longer days and higher irradiance compensate for the less than optimal summer angle. Also, the panels are not in close contact with the sides of the bus but an air gap has been provided – keeping the bus cooler by adding shade and air flow.

The same drive to overcome problems resulted in the stylish installation completed by Adam Smith and his business partner Jack Sutton. They wanted to present all system devices together and the best way of doing that was to build a couple of tiered ventilated 'stages' at the back of the passenger area of the bus. The addition cool-blue lighting makes it look even better!

**The installation is climate controlled** – the bus has been insulated around the installation area and there's a 7.1 kW Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) split system air conditioner.

**Explaining the build Adam says:** The main system in the bus consists of three Quattro 15 kVA inverter chargers (48V), configured for three phase operation. Power is drawn from 60 kWh of Pylontech battery storage. There are two SmartSolar MPPT RS 450/200 charge controllers; one is for the 440W Suntech all-black panels mounted on the bus which are rated at around 12 kWp; the other is for auxiliary solar panels which can be deployed in the form of flexible solar mats using 430W panels that can be pinned to the ground, allowing easy expansion of the system. However, we haven't needed the auxiliary solar yet, as the system is performing excellently as it is.

The system build even includes an EV Charging point.



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**The extreme heat is just too hot for the diesel generators to run. No power, no work.**

**Left:** Underground at Coober Pedy - Opal Miners need 'power' to run their equipment.

**The whole process typically requires a 30 – 50 kVA generator.**

Another innovation is a secondary power system comprising a custom-built alternator power take-off running at 24 volts and capable of producing up to 9kW. It feeds three MultiPlus 24/3000 inverter/chargers, and has a Cerbo GX communication centre for monitoring and tuning.

The MultiPlus's take their power from the alternators to deliver three-phase AC power into the second AC input of the Quattros – where it is seen as generator power. This setup allows the system to run loads or charge batteries whilst driving or when the engine is idling.

The main system has an Ekrano GX communication centre which provides remote monitoring and control on site using the touch screen, or remotely via the free-to-use Victron Remote Management platform (VRM).

**Engineering support** is instantly available whenever it's needed thanks to a high speed Starlink satellite internet connection – which is invaluable when the installation is 18 hours away in the middle of a desert.

Adam wants to give a shoutout to their Victron distribution partner, Darren Helleren from Retro Power in Clayton. Adams says: Darren is our trusted Victron dealer and repair center, and he has an absolute wealth of knowledge and expertise on Victron products in Australia. We regularly exchange ideas with each other, and both of us have unique strengths across different ranges of Victron products. This collaboration reinforces the fact that Victron dealers, users, and the broader community are strongest when they support one another, helping each other leverage Victron equipment to achieve almost any conceivable power solution.

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**IMPORTANT COUNCIL CLOSURE**

Dear Customer,  
Please be advised that the Council Chambers, Works Depot, and Waste Depot (Dump) will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period.  
Please read the below information for the closure and re-opening days.

**Council Chambers and Works Depot**  
Closed From: Friday, 20th December 2024 (4pm)  
Re-opens On: Monday, 6th January 2025

**Waste Depot (Dump)**  
Closed On: Wednesday, 25th December 2024  
Closed On: Wednesday, 1st January 2025  
Normal Hours From: Friday, 3rd January 2025  
For garbage collection information please refer to the *Garbage Collection Changes* notice.

The District Council of Coober Pedy wishes you a safe & happy Festive Season.  
For all urgent matters during the closure please call the following on call phone numbers:

Urgent Electricity/Water Connections 0419 708 129  
Electricity Supply Issues 0417 814 617  
Water Supply Issues 0417 811 470  
On Call Animal Control 0408 693 672  
Aerodrome 0400 108 230

**IMPORTANT GARBAGE COLLECTION CHANGES**

Dear Customer,  
This is a reminder that there is no garbage collection on public holidays.  
Please read the below information for your updated collection day(s).

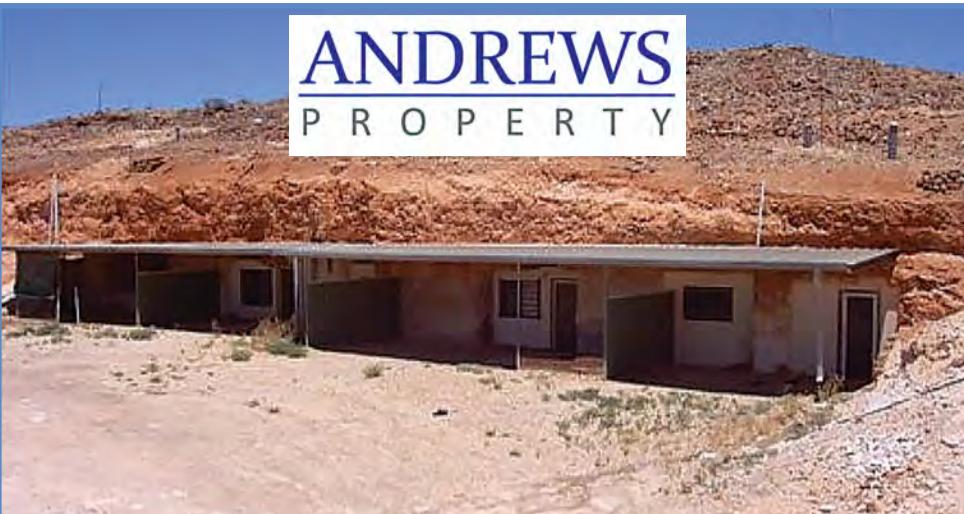
**Christmas**  
Wednesday, 25th December 2024  
**Public Holiday:** Wednesday, 25th December 2024  
**Collection Day:** Friday, 27th December 2024

**Proclamation Day**  
Thursday, 26th December 2024  
**Public Holiday:** Thursday, 26th December 2024  
**Collection Day:** Friday, 27th December 2024

**New Year's Day**  
Wednesday, 1st January 2025  
**Public Holiday:** Wednesday, 1st January 2025  
**Collection Day:** Thursday, 2nd January 2025

**Australia Day**  
Public Holiday: Monday, 27th January 2025  
**Collection Day:** Tuesday, 28th January 2025

The District Council of Coober Pedy wishes you a safe & happy Festive Season.  
For all urgent matters during the closure regarding garbage collection, please call the below phone number:  
Works Supervisor  
District Council of Coober Pedy  
Mobile: 0417 813 571



**Lot 1097 Carrolls Rd Coober Pedy SA 5723**  
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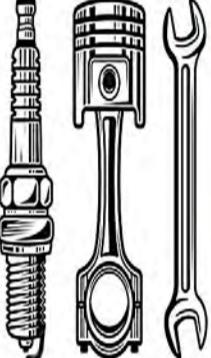
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# Court registry operating hours

**Tuesday, 24 December 2024 to Thursday, 2 January 2025**

## Supreme, District and Environment, Resources and Development Court Registry

The court registry located in the Sir Samuel Way building will close at 4:30pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and reopen on Thursday, 2 January 2025.

**Probate Registry:** The Probate Registry will close at 12.00pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and reopen on Thursday, 2 January 2025.

**Magistrates Court Registries:** Adelaide, Suburban and Country registries remain open during the holiday period, with standard operating hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm, except on public holidays. Registries will close at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024.

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**Coroners Court Registry:** The Coroner's Office remains open throughout the holiday period, excluding public holidays.

**Sheriff's Office Registry:** The Sheriff's Office Registry in the Sir Samuel Way Building will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and will reopen on Thursday, 2 January 2025. For urgent or after-hours security matters please call 0437 272 902.

**CAA Media Office:** The CAA Media Office will close on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and will reopen on Monday, 20 January 2025. For media enquiries during this period contact CourtSA Registry Services on (08) 8204 2444 or email: [media@courts.sa.gov.au](mailto:media@courts.sa.gov.au).

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## Court Listings during the holiday period

**Supreme Court:** Hearings resume the week of 27 January 2025. A Supreme Court Judge will be available on call over the closure period.

**District Court:** Hearings resume the week of 13 January 2025. A District Court Judge on call over the closure period.

**Environment, Resources and Development Court:** Hearings resume the week of 13 January 2025.

**Magistrates Court:** Only the Magistrates Court at Adelaide and Elizabeth will sit on Friday, 27 December 2024, Monday, 30 December 2024 and Tuesday, 31 December 2024 and hear overnight custodies/arrests where police bail is refused as well as any urgent applications for the State. **Regular listings will resume on Thursday, 2 January 2025.**

**Youth Court:** The Youth Court will sit on Friday, 27 December 2024, Monday, 30 December 2024 and Tuesday, 31 December 2024 to hear overnight custodies/arrests related to young people and urgent care and protection matters. **Regular listings will resume on Thursday, 2 January 2025.**

**Coroners Court:** No inquests are scheduled from Tuesday, 24 December 2024 to Thursday, 2 January 2025.

## Christmas Period Office Hours Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office (WPACO)

Please be advised that WPACO will be closed from 12:00 AEDT, Monday 23 December 2024 and re-open 08:00 AEDT, Monday 6 January 2025, as part of the Defence Christmas stand-down.

Permits and Approved/Escorted Personnel applications will not be assessed during this time, and routine requests for access will not be processed.

We encourage you to submit Approved/Escorted Personnel applications as early as possible to allow WPACO to process prior to the stand-down. To guarantee processing please send your applications to WPACO NLT Friday 6 December 2024.

## Woomera Test Range Office

The Woomera Test Range Office will be closed from 11:30 ACDT, Friday 20 December 2024 and re-open 08:00 ACDT, Monday 6 January 2025.

During the closure, urgent access enquiries only may be directed to the Woomera Test Range duty officer on (08) 8674 3370. "Urgent" refers to exceptional circumstances that constitute a serious hazard to health, safety or the environment.

All other access enquiries will need to be processed after the Defence stand-down.

**COURTS SA**

# Coober Pedy Magistrate Court

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy (08) 8672 5601



## Coober Pedy Sitting dates in JANUARY 2025

Monday 20 Jan  
Tuesday 21 Jan  
Wednesday 22 Jan  
Thursday 23 Jan  
Friday 24 Jan

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

## SA 2025 school terms

**Term 1: Tuesday 28 January – Friday 11 April.**

**Term 2: Monday 28 April – Friday 4 July.**

**Term 3: Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September.**

**Term 4: Monday 13 October – Friday 12 December.**

## EASTER WEEKEND 2025

Friday 18 April - Good Friday

Saturday 19 April - Easter Saturday

Sunday 20 April - Easter Sunday

Monday 21 April - Easter Monday

## The 2025 Australian federal election

will be held on or before 17 May 2025 (for half the Senate), or be held on or before 27 September 2025 (for the House) to elect members of the 48th Parliament of Australia. 150 (as opposed to 151 in previous elections) seats in the House of Representatives and likely 40 of the 76 seats in the Senate will be contested.

It is expected that at this election, the Labor government of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese will be seeking re-election to a second term in office, opposed by the Liberal/National Coalition under Leader of the Opposition Peter Dutton.

**The 2026 South Australian state election** will be held on 21 March 2026 to elect members to the 56th Parliament of South Australia.

All 47 seats in the House of Assembly (the lower house, whose members were elected at the 2022 election), and half the seats in the Legislative Council (the upper house, last filled at the 2018 election) are up for re-election.

**The 2026 South Australian local elections** will be held in November 2026 to elect the councils and mayors of 67 of the 68 local government areas (LGAs) in South Australia. The elections will be conducted by the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA).

No election will be held in Roxby as it is served by an administrator who performs the functions of a council. An election for Coober Pedy is expected to be held for the first time since 2018, after the council was suspended in January 2019 and did not have an election in 2022.

## Updated Local Service Provider Listings

### C.P. Police Station

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 5056; Assistance 131 444;  
Emergency 000; Crime Stoppers 1800 555 677

### 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  
(08) 8672 5255

### 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

LOT 773 Hutchison St. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 4600

### Coober Pedy Tourist Information Cen.

LOT 773 Hutchison St  
(08) 8672 4600

### Umoona Community Council Inc

Umoona Rd  
(08) 8672 5246

### MAP/Sobering Up Centre.

MAP BUS Tues to Sat. 4pm-12am.  
Sobering Up Centre Tues - Sat 4pm - 8am

### Umoona Tjiti 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  
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### Far North Health Advisory Council

C/- Coober Pedy Hospital  
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### C.P. Community Correctional Centre:

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy  
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### 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  
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## 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@sacfs.volunteer.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/>

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Dilusha Fernando - Chairperson

Jacqui Boland - Treasurer  
Gwen Martin - Secretary  
Jon Fatt-Clifton - Committee member  
Paul Maduro - Committee member  
Email: [cpsportsandrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:cpsportsandrecreation@gmail.com)

COOBER PEDY, SA 5723

### Committee Elected for 2024-2026

## Coober Pedy Shooters Club Inc

COOBER PEDY, SA 5723

### Committee Elected for 2024/2025

President Daniel Lamb  
Senior Vice President Stephen Scott  
Junior Vice President John Mc Dermott  
Secretary John Di Donna  
Treasurer Suzanne Bunker  
Public Relations Jason Wright  
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: Anthony Goodacre

Vice President: Mick Cox  
Secretary: Kingsley Kammermann  
Treasurer: Miriam Kammermann  
Committee Members:

Raylene Hagel  
Rebecca Adnum  
Linda Buckeridge

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](mailto:cooberpedyhs@gmail.com)

## DUSTY RADIO INC

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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 2024/25

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 2025

Club Captain: Stephen Borrett  
President: Chevahn Hoad  
Vice President: Miro Markovic  
Secretary: Nadine Lewis  
Treasurer: Father Paul Crotty  
Grounds Keeper: Dylan Lewis  
Bar Manager: Stephen Borrett  
Committee Members: Sue Britt, Bob Martin  
Contact: [cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

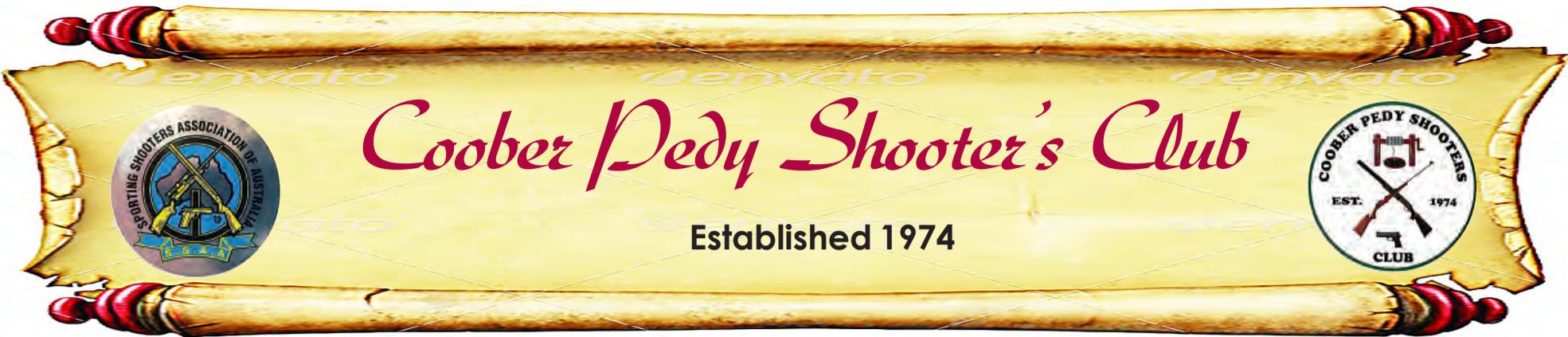
### Coober Pedy Italian Club Inc

### 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



# Welcome to the Coober Pedy Shooter's Club Christmas Breakup Event 2024



*Merry  
 Christmas*

We hope you all enjoyed the banquet that the Big Winch provided.

Earlier this year, the 50 years Celebration went well with fifty people attending the Presentation Dinner at the Outback Bar and Grill.

We would like to thank AMYAC for the ILUA agreement for the 2 kilometre range.

This year in February we had a firearms audit. We finally had a range inspection after 6 years waiting

We pay our respects for the two members who passed away this year; Guy Foley a long term active member at Coober Pedy, and Jeff Mortimer. Jeff is from the Cadell Club and was an affiliated member and enjoyed coming to Coober Pedy with his black power firearms.



## SPONSORS

Thanks once again to our wonderful sponsors! We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors, without whom our season would not be possible.

### GLENYS VEENSTRA MEMORIAL (Carol Shearer sponsors)

Glenys was a well-respected member and our treasurer for many years. Those who knew Glenys always enjoyed her pistol shooting. After she finishes shooting, she'll be at the smoking area with her coke and smokes. Before Glenys passed away, she donated her two pistols to the club.

### The Adelaide Gun Club

The Adelaide gun shop helped sponsor the gift table and discounted ammunition over the years

### Gunning 4 You

Gunning for You has supported our club for a few years now with items on the gift table and discounted ammunition.

### Riba's Underground Camping and Caravan Park

Donating the pool table and machinery work around the club was very much appreciated. We're now looking for a swimming pool.

### The Old Timers Mine

Donations throughout the year with jewellery for the raffles at the 50th anniversary and tonight's presentation.

### Peak Iron

Major sponsor throughout the year during the Opal festival and 50-year anniversary.

Next year, we will seek sponsorship to upgrade our barista coffee machine.



The Big Winch 360 was the venue for this year's Shooter's Club Christmas Event



### Coober Pedy Regional Times

The Coober Pedy Regional Times has been sponsoring the shooting club for many years, publishing our events every fortnight, plus many special features throughout the year.

### Other sponsors

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Steve and Suzanne's Donation throughout the year

Donna and Jesse Donation throughout the year

#### AU INTERNET AND COMPUTER SERVICES

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## PRESENTATIONS

Holster course complete

Daniel Lamb

Jason Wright

Adrian Christie

### Winners Perfect Score (Sponsor Carol Shearer)

Charissa Lamb 100.4

Flavio Brandli 100.4

Winners for today's events

### IPSC

### Junior

1st Xavia Wright

2nd TJ

### Standard .22

1 Daniel Lamb  
 2 John Di Donna  
 3 Simon Brewer  
 (Peak Iron)

### Revolver

1 Norbert Scholtz

### Centrefire

1 Daniel Lamb  
 2 Adrian Christie  
 3 Simon Brewer  
 (Peak Iron)

### Female winner

Chrissa Lamb



Members Carol Shearer and President Daniel Lamb with Female Shooter Winner Clarissa Lamb

### NSA

Steven Scott

IPSC this year ZERO out the lowest score on the day

One lousy day deserves NSA

On behalf of our committee, I would like to thank all our members, supporters, and sponsors who contributed throughout the year.

I also thank The Big Winch staff for their hospitality and excellent food.

If you're travelling, have a safe and Merry Christmas and a great new year.

