

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DOMESTIC, FAMILY & SEXUAL VIOLENCE HEARINGS AT COOBER PEDY

The South Australian Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence, which began on July 1, 2024, held hearings at Coober Pedy during last week, and heard from Front-line Workers.

The commission is examining the state's systems for addressing these issues to identify areas for improvement and make recommendations for systemic change.

The Royal Commission aims to understand how the domestic, family, and sexual violence systems in South Australia are currently functioning and identify areas for improvement to better meet the needs of those who interact with them.

The commission is focusing on prevention, early intervention, the state's response, and recovery and healing, with the goal of achieving generational change to end domestic, family, and sexual violence.

The Royal Commission will examine existing policies, legislation, administrative arrangements, system structure, and funding levers in South Australia.

Natasha Stott Despoja AO has been appointed as the Royal Commissioner.

The Royal Commissioner, Natasha Stott Despoja AO, will deliver her report to the South Australian Government on July 1, 2025, with recommendations on what needs to change to create a safer community.

The Royal Commission is holding public hearings to hear evidence from experts, service providers, and those with lived experience of domestic, family, and sexual violence.

The commission has published an Issues Paper and a companion Background Paper to gather input from the public.

“Share With Us” Initiative: The Royal Commission invites people with lived experience of domestic, family and/or sexual violence, or those supporting someone experiencing violence, to share their views and insights.

The commission heard that SA Police responds to 100 domestic incidents and issues nine intervention orders on average each day. It also heard that more than one quarter of Australian children experience some form of physical, sexual or emotional abuse, and that 44 per cent of young Australians have been exposed to family violence.

The Commission reached a significant milestone last week as we held our final two Public Hearings, ahead of a regional visit to Coober Pedy, the APY Lands and Alice Springs.

Commissioner Natasha Stott Despoja AO said, “I want to thank all witnesses who have provided valuable insights and evidence, and helped expand our understanding of the sector in SA, including identifying gaps and problems in services and supports; highlighting resource issues, and providing examples innovation, collaboration and best practice.”

“I am pleased that we have connected with a broad cross-section of the South Australian community, as part of our efforts to listen and learn – to hear and understand – more about the scourge that is domestic, family and sexual violence,” she said.



Taking part in the discussions at Coober Pedy were: **Annette Marsh** - Support Worker for Return to Country & Sobering-up Centre Driver; **Monique Harding** Return to Country Coordinator; Royal Commissioner, **Natasha Stott Despoja AO**; **Jennifer Riessen**, Manager Umoona Community Sobering Up Centre; and below **Dora Mushongera** - General Manager at Umoona Community Council



Ms Dora Mushongera, above, is the General Manager at Umoona Community Council where Royal Commission hearings were held during last week at Coober Pedy.

Ms Mushongera said, “It was an honour to have Commissioner Natasha Stott Despoja and her team hold some of their Hearings at Umoona Community.”

“I also thank my staff for their willingness and sincerity in assisting with the Royal Commission.”

As a front-line service we were very pleased to participate and be part of any future measures that the Commissioner recommends as an outcome.”

“It was important for the Royal Commission to come into regional and remote South Australia in order to hear from those impacted by domestic, family and sexual violence – particularly about where the gaps are in service delivery, what other problems distance raises.”

The Commission held hearings Port Pirie/Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Kangaroo Island, Mt Gambier, the Riverland and Murraylands and now it has reached the end of public consultation.

Over 10 days of Public Hearings, they heard from a total of 64 witnesses over 48 sessions, in addition to over 100 listening sessions across the state.

The listening sessions provided real and relevant insights, and each helping us to build a comprehensive understanding of the issues facing those impacted by domestic, family and sexual violence. This valuable information will guide our recommendations over coming weeks and months.

Since November 2024 – through our Public Hearings, listening sessions, submissions and Share With Us survey the Royal Commission has heard from front line workers, academics and leaders in the field, from women, men and children, non binary South Australians, young and older South Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people living with disability, people within the LGBTQIA+ communities, CALD communities, people living in regional and remote South Australia, experts from interstate and overseas who have experience in service delivery, response, intervention and recovery.

As at 31/03/2025 the Public Hearings are complete – aside from two upcoming regional visits to the APY Lands and Ceduna. The Royal Commission switches to focus on its final report and developing its recommendations.

ABOUT US

The annual rainfall in the area is around 162 mm | 6.4 inch per year.

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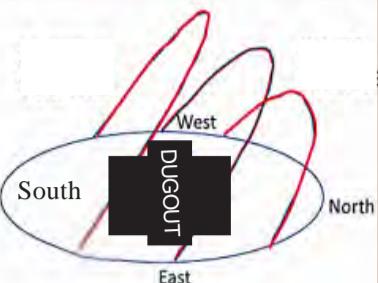
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7 DAYS WEATHER at COOBER PEDY Oodnadatta Tarcoola Andamooka Roxby Downs

	MON Apr 7	TUE Apr 8	WED Apr 9	THU Apr 10	FRI Apr 11	SAT Apr 12
Summary						
Maximum	31°C	31°C	30°C	32°C	32°C	32°C
Minimum	14°C	15°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	17°C
Chance of Rain Likely Amount	5% < 1mm	5% < 1mm	5% < 1mm	5% < 1mm	5% < 1mm	5% < 1mm
UV Index	Very High	Very High	High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wind Speed	16km/h SE	17km/h SSW	19km/h E	16km/h SSE	21km/h ENE	13km/h NE
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Winter 2025 June solstice
21 Jun 12:42 pm

Spring 2025 Sept equinox
23 Sep 4:19 am

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MARGARET MACKAY
News Reporter, Resident and Coober Pedy Ratepayer has been the Editor of CPRT since 2005 and a volunteer contributor since the mid 1990s, covering general news stories, photography, advertising and the coordinating of community contributions.



Margaret Mackay
Editor

Local Scribes

Bi Monthly

Sgt Angus Lovelock joins the Coober Pedy Police Station after gaining local experience on the APY Lands, and also 2 years at Marla in the Far North, West Coast and Penong. Sgt Lovelock is previously from Adelaide where he began his career in policing 12 years ago.



Sgt Angus Lovelock,
fortnightly Police Reports.

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 of South Australia.



John Di Donna
Opinion & Commentary

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- Friday 18 Apr 2025**
- Friday 09 May 2025**
- Friday 23 May 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

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LEGISLATIVE : The body which makes laws for the state.

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EASTER LONG WEEKEND

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

Sat/Sun **COOBER PEDY ANNUAL GEM TRADE SHOW**

Venue: Croatian Club 2 Days

Sat: **MARKET STALLS & CAMP OVEN COMPETITION,**

Venue: Italian Club

Sun: **COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AWARDS DINNER**

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All Weekend: **NOBLE TOURS**

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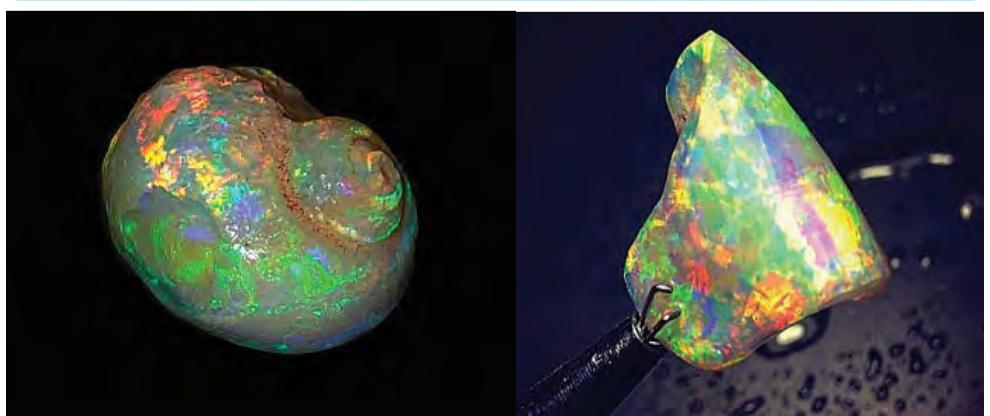
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Active Claims as at the 07/04/2025



Coober Pedy: 447; Andamooka: 160;
 Mintabie: 9; Stuart Creek: 1



Opal Mining Act 1995 Division 2-Declared equipment 34-Use of declared equipment

(1) A mining operator must not use **declared equipment** in the course of mining operations under this Act except-

- on land comprised in a registered tenement within a precious stones field; or
- with the written authorisation of the Director (for land outside a precious stones field).

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declared equipment means-

(a) a trench digger or excavator; or
 (b) mechanically driven equipment, equipped with a blade or bucket of a width exceeding 750 mm, capable of ripping, gouging, scooping or digging earth or rock material; or
 (c) equipment that is capable of digging, boring or tunnelling underground, generally in a horizontal plane, with a cross sectional dimension greater than 750 mm; or
 (d) equipment of a kind prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this definition,
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Coober Pedy POLICE REPORT

21/03/2025 - 04/04/2025



Feb 2025 -Theft of Mining Hut

Sometime between 10th February and 19th March 2025 a security hut was stolen from a mine site at Ingomar. The hut would likely have been moved utilising a truck.

Investigations are continuing and anyone with information is asked to call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.

21/03/2025 – A woman has lost her licence for 12 months

after being caught four times over the legal limit in Coober Pedy.

Just before 10pm on Friday 21st March 2025 police stopped a vehicle within the township. The female driver from Coober Pedy underwent a breath test which returned a result of 0.238

She was reported for drink driving and will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date. **Her driver's licence was disqualified on the spot for 12 months and her car was impounded for 28 days.**

29/03/2025 – 5 people arrested after disturbance at the Italian Club.

At 11.56 pm on Friday 28th March 2025, Coober Pedy patrols were called to the Italo-Australian Miners Club on Italian Club Road COOBER PEDY after reports a large fight had broken out inside the club.

Patrols responded as patrons dispersed from the club.

5 males from Coober Pedy have now been arrested and charged with Affray and will face the Coober Pedy Magistrates court at a later date. A sixth male was issued a \$500 expiation notice for Disorderly Behaviour.

All involved received region wide barring orders restricting them from entering all other licences premises in the Coober Pedy region for up to 6 months.

01/04/2025 – In the early hours of Tuesday 1st April 2025

Unknown persons have broken into a residence on Italian Club Road and stolen a small amount of property.

Investigations are continuing and anyone with information is asked to call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.



Katrina D'Angelo: Tuesday 1 April 2025

Hey Coober Pedians, my father suffered a second home invasion in two months this morning - what's going on???

SECOND OVERNIGHT HOME INVASION - the SAME ELDERLY RESIDENT

While an 86 year old long term resident of Coober Pedy slept in his home, a gang of thugs entered his property and committed a second robbery. Premeditated? Most likely.

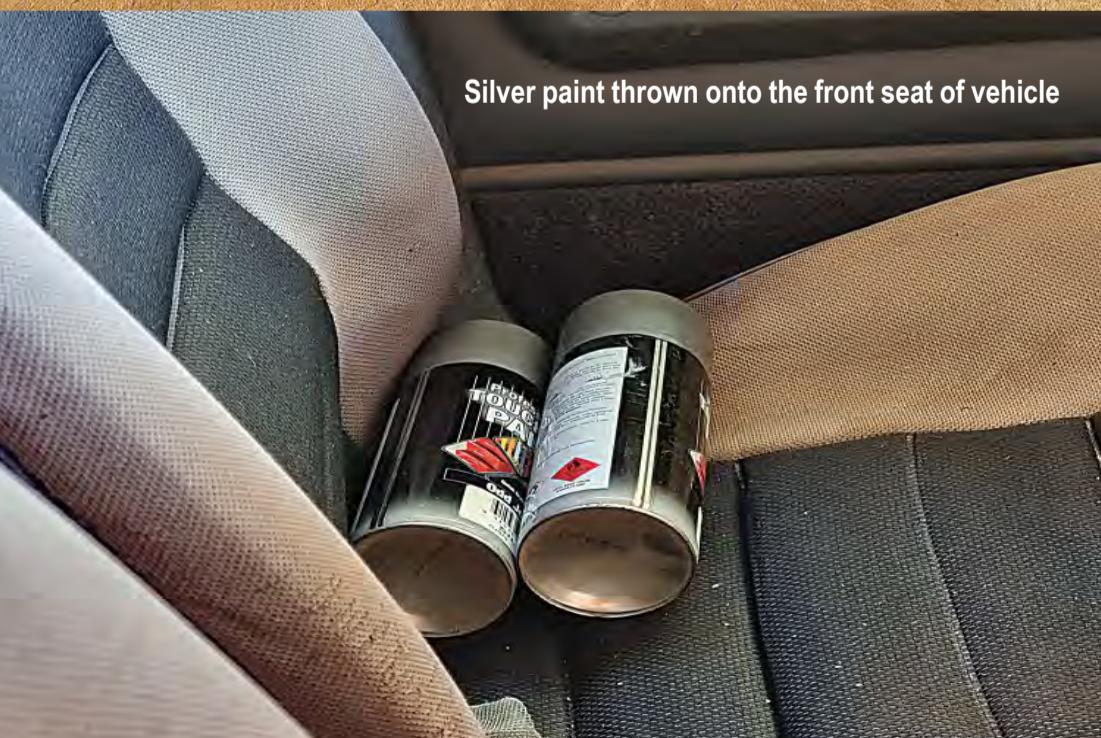
The thugs firstly turned off the electricity at the metre. They then broke into his shed and pulled out the tools they needed for the breakin. They broke into his home while he slept, causing considerable damage. They systematically ransacked his personal possessions using torches. Had they been there before? Possibly.

They took his mobile telephone, his wallet with money, licence and other cards etc. They went through his cupboards and drawers taking items that could potentially be used as weapons, and other items that were of some value.

This gang also left their trademark at the scene. With a can of silver paint taken from the shed on the property they painted a number 4 on the door of their victim's home. On the concrete verandah they painted another number 4 and the initials KT



Number 4 and the initials KT painted onto the concrete



NEXT: CP COMMUNITY ALLIANCE MEETING

Saturday 26 April 4pm, Italian Club, Coober Pedy

Chair: John Di Donna
Vice Chair: George Rosewarne
Member Teena Rosewarne JP
Media Officer: M. Mackay CPRT

MEETING 29th MARCH - REPORT/RECAP

1. SAPOL:

The highlight of our meeting on 29th March was the attendance of Senior Sgt Goldsmith (Goldy) who spoke to us at length about the progress at Coober Pedy since the appointment of several experienced police officers. Residents were able to ask questions and we all took a lot away from the meeting.

There may be an opportunity to recap the meeting with a view to publication, however first hand is always best.

2 Rowen Ramsey Aged Care (next agenda)

3 Meeting with Patrick Colon 26 March 25. See page 6

4 Open Letter to CEO Garry Herdegen See page 6/10

Response from CEO Garry Herdegen on the open letter pursuing Whistleblower, Mr George Naumovic

5 Other Business, including flooding issues See page 6

The two rain events and subsequent flooding of roads and properties at Coober Pedy were also a consideration for some of the attendees, some of whom are currently considering their options with regards to demanding better maintenance around the town, in anticipation of damaging weather events



Residents in an informal setting with Senior Sgt Goldsmith (Goldy) who spoke to us at length about the progress at Coober Pedy since the appointment of several experienced police officers.

Please be aware that it is difficult to concentrate when people speak during the meetings. The sound system is very limited. Feel free to sit outside to chat and enable others to hear the meeting and to understand the speakers.

If you need or wish to address an agenda item, please use the microphone.

Thank you for your attendance, John Di Donna (Chairperson)

The Coober Pedy Community Alliance is holding an

EASTER RAFFLE,

thanks to a generous donation by Pearl-Opal grower Steve Koncz
Pearl-Opals are where 'The desert meets the ocean'

1st \$2800



**TICKETS ARE \$5.00
EACH,
and will be drawn
on
Easter Sunday
evening at
John's Pizza Bar**

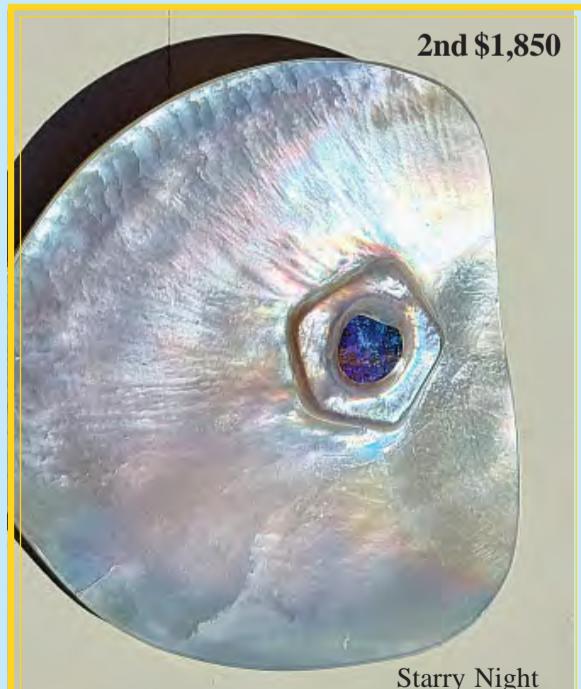
Tickets will be available at
functions held at the Italian Club,
Coober Pedy.

Proceeds to support the
CP Community Awards,
plus a safety initiative that will benefit older
members of the Coober Pedy Community.

(more info at next meeting)



2nd \$1,850



UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY

ALLIANCE MEMBERS

Mtg with Patrick Conlon (and Exec. assist)

Wednesday 26th March 2021 at 1130am

WHISTLEBLOWER

1. Mr Conlon began our meeting by raising the George Naumovic case in response to the Alliance's letter on behalf of its members, asking "so far, what is the total cost of legal fees, and including the financial impact on ratepayers of time, travel, accommodation and other that the council has spent in the last 6 years pursuing whistleblower George Naumovic?"

2. Mr Conlon stated that his executive assistant was in the process off collating all relevant documents relating to George Naumovic, presumably to answer our questions.

3. He stated that George Naumovic had been declared bankrupt through these proceedings and that any properties in Naumovic's name did not amount to anywhere near the amount spent by council on this case. In his opinion he said the case was not worth pursuing. Mr. Conlon asserted that George Naumovic had lost all cases, however the local residents know this to be non-factual.

4. The Alliance will push forward to finding the true cost to Coober Pedy's Ratepayers of pursuing whistleblower George Naumovic. From a ratepayer's perspective it is clear that the entire saga of document exposure and litigation was instigated by Administrator Tim Jackson, therefore in conjunction with our members' wishes, we would strongly urge the Council to seek cost recovery of our funds from Mr. Jackson.

MORE QUESTIONS from concerned ratepayers including "Q. For the entire 6 years to the current date, did council pursue Naumovic, based on available funds at Council or was the legal pursuit conducted under insurance?"

FUTURE ELECTED COUNCIL FOR COOBER PEDY

1. Mr Conlon said, there will be a restructuring of the former council in that it will have fewer committee members, not 9 like before as this was far too many. Amendments will be made to construct a working formula for council to follow. Stating once again that Administration do not want to revisit Coober Pedy regarding its Council.

2. That the council will be monitored closely and instructed in a manner contusive to order. At such a time that CP Council can demonstrate proper procedures, financially and other, ie: allocating monies for breakdowns, maintenance etc, only then will state government be supportive of loaning or funding projects for CP.

3. He said, and I quote," we will still be in debt to EDL and need to continue our payments, there was no getting out of that." Unquote.

4. Mr Conlon, together with the state government and SA Water are still meeting in regard to CP Water and plant, stating once again that Water needs to be out of CP Council hands for Council to run effectively in the future.

ROADS / WATER DAMAGE

We briefed our concerns in regard to the state of the bitumen or lack off, potholes after recent rain in particular. Mr Conlon agreed with all we had to say and said that council needed a bigger or at least a working bitumen gravel sieve. He had enquired about loaning one through 2 different councils and companies but hadn't obtained one as yet. Otherwise buying one and needing \$25,000 but didn't have the money, he said.

1. When asked why the roads are not laid properly in the first instance he replied, it would have been lack of money or equipment in the past.

2. A **lifelong resident, business owner and rate payer**, in his later years who relies on his gopher mobility scooter to get around, bought to our attention a matter of great concern whereby he had taken his grievance to council in person, regarding a blocked or several blocked culverts which diverted storm water runoff into his workshop-yard rendering him no access to get around for days and submerging work materials.

He was not directed to the correct person at the council offices and no message was passed on (it seems) More phone calls made to no avail. A second rain event occurred on the weekend following, close to 2 inches of rain; much bigger than the first, and still no contact from council.

3. **Administrator, Mr Patrick Conlon** did not comment but the assistant executive Catherine Bell, took down a contact number for the resident.

There was no mention of what actions have been taken, as yet, but according to the resident, nobody from the council had contacted him after he lodged three complaints personally.

ALLIANCE



AIRPORT UPGRADE

1. Mr Conlon said the Airport is Federally funded and it was being looked at being upgraded in the future.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. We asked again, on behalf of our members, about the 3pm meetings being changed back to 7pm so that the working class can attend.

2. His response was he would have to take the proposal to the other two administrators, being our council apparently, albeit they do not reside here visit very often or have contact with the community. The last excuse given for keeping the public out of meetings was the cost of staff overtime.

3. Prior excuse was, the meeting can be attended on Webinar and or on their website at any time, after the event. The last meeting recording was posted online at this date: Council Meeting Recording - 23 August 2023

4. The Alliance will keep at them with this issue as it is important that we the community have the right to be involved in issues concerning our town, voice our opinion, to be heard and to question any issues raised at these meetings or in the general management of our town.

5. RM Development Program | Leader Guide Leader

6. Information

7. Annual Business Plan 2024-25

8. Page 15

9. Council is now in the fifth year of transitioning to this methodology. **In the 2024-25 year general rate revenue will increase by 10%.** More information regarding rates can be found on page 31.

10. LOCAL ROADS AND PATHS

11. What we do

12. We maintain 31km of sealed roads, 127km of unsealed roads and various other related assets **including kerbing, footpaths, culverts, road signage and street lighting.**

13. Our community experiences **3 to 4 significant rain events per year.** The rainfall causes major damage to our road network. Council is required to repair the damage at a significant cost

14. Costs

15. **We will spend \$0.98M on maintaining our roads and paths** using the equivalent of 3.4 full-time staff.

16. Funding

17. Local roads and paths are funded through our annual local roads funding from the SA Grants Commission, with the difference funded through general rates

18. DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

19. What we do

20. Our drainage network comprises of 0.7 km of stormwater pipe, 20 pits and 129 m of surface spoon drains.

21. Costs

22. We will spend \$0.007M on **maintaining our drainage network.**

23. Funding

24. Drainage maintenance is funded through general rates.

25. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

26. What we do

27. The Council maintains the visual amenity of the town and supports initiatives aimed at improving environmental sustainability.

28. The challenges we face

29. We do not have funding for important projects such as upgrading the water system or creating a wetland to store wastewater and of conserving indigenous flora and fauna to name a few

*Teena Rosewarne
 Coober Pedy Community Alliance Committee*

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ALLIANCE



EASTER LONG WEEKEND - STALLS

ITALIAN CLUB, COOBER PEDY

APPLICATION FORM

for Stall Holders Saturday 19th APRIL 2025



Event: EASTER LONG WEEKEND at COOBER PEDY

Location: ITALIAN CLUB - OUTDOORS - TABLES ONLY, NO ELECTRICITY.

Date: Saturday 19th April

Set up time 9am (8 hours)

All Stalls are \$25 for the day. BYO Tables and seating. No electricity. No change available on site.

BOOKINGS & APPROVALS must be completed by Wednesday 16th April, 2025

NAME of Applicant

Email Address

Phone Number(s)

Address

Private Insurance details

If no private insurance, you will need to speak with the organisers. Tel: 08 86725920

TYPE OF STALL (no food stalls without a current SA food certificate)

- Bric n Brack:
- Jewelery:
- Crafts and handmade goods
- Clothing and accessories:
- Books, vintage items, electronics:
- Plants, Horticulture
- Other:



Vendors to ensure that adequate pedestrian access is maintained, and that the stall area remains rubbish/litter free.



Fire Ban District **Start** **Finish**

North East Pastoral	15 October 2024	31 March 2025
North West Pastoral	15 October 2024	31 March 2025
Eastern Eyre Peninsula	15 October 2024	15 April 2025
Flinders	15 October 2024	15 April 2025
Lower Eyre Peninsula	15 November 2024	15 April 2025
West Coast	15 October 2024	15 April 2025
Mid North	1 November 2024	30 April 2025
Mount Lofty Ranges	15 November 2024	30 April 2025
Murraylands	1 November 2024	30 April 2025
Riverland	1 November 2024	30 April 2025
Upper South East	1 November 2024	30 April 2025
Yorke Peninsula	1 November 2024	30 April 2025
Adelaide Metropolitan	15 November 2024	30 April 2025
Kangaroo Island	15 November 2024	30 April 2025
Lower South East	1 November 2024	30 April 2025

ICAC Evaluation of SAFECOM, CFS, MFS & SES



3/4/2025 the Commission's report Evaluation of SAFECOM and the Country Fire Service, Metropolitan Fire Service and State Emergency Service on the management of conflicts of interests was tabled in Parliament.

Commissioner Townsend said, "All four agencies have taken positive steps in recent years to improve the management of conflicts of interests. This report contains recommendations to address areas that would benefit from further consideration."

The Commission has made 25 recommendations to assist SAFECOM and the Country Fire Service (CFS), Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) to better manage the corruption risks associated with conflicts of interests. These recommendations detail improvements for policies, procedures and communications across the agencies.

"When not identified, disclosed and adequately managed, conflicts of interests heighten the risk that corruption will occur," continued Commissioner Townsend. "This evaluation – and the openness of the emergency services to engage with us – offers a strong example of how to improve management of conflicts of interest in emergency services. This is also applicable in public administration more broadly."

"I thank the SAFECOM Chief Executive, Chair of the SAFECOM Board and the Chief Officers of the CFS, MFS and SES for their cooperation with the evaluation."

The report is available on the Commission's website here.
<https://www.icac.sa.gov.au/prevention-and-education/evaluations-and-reviews/evaluation-of-safecom>

GENERAL NEWS

SHED FIRE AT CAMERON DRIVE COOBER PEDY - Police are investigating

05 Apr 2025 8:25am

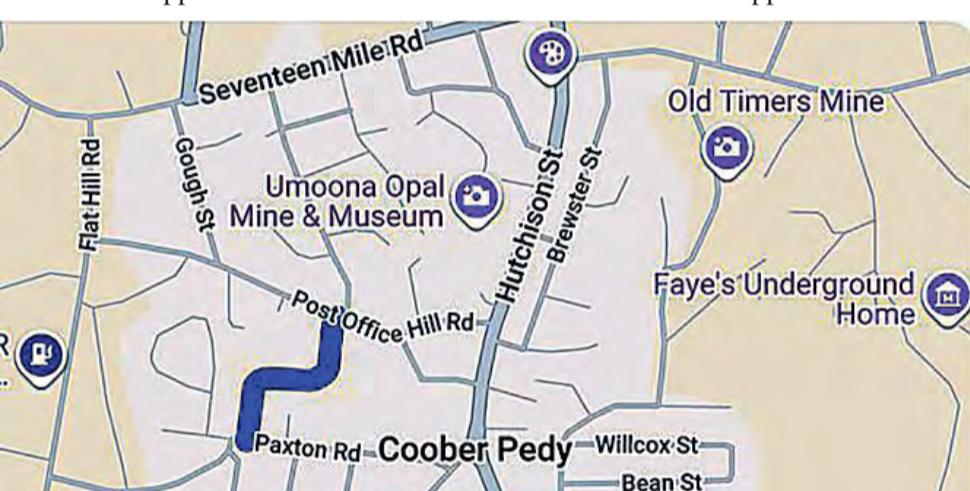


At 3.40am, police and CFS were called to Cameron Drive after reports that a shed was on fire.

On arrival, the shed was fully ablaze. The adjoining property was vacant at the time, and there are no reports of injuries.

The shed was completely destroyed. The fire is being treated as suspicious, and investigations are continuing.

Anyone who saw or heard any suspicious activity or has any information that may assist the investigation is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au



Candidates 2025 Federal Election Grey - Currently Liberal

Tom Venning Liberal
Karin Bolton Labor
Anita Kuss Independent
Laury Bais Trumpet of Patriots
Brandon Turton One Nation
Kylie Evans Family First
Peter Borda National

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
is open
April - December
Thursday 5-10pm and
Friday nights 5 - 1am.

Greek Charcoal BBQ



every Friday at the Greek Hall.

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



GOLF 8 30am

MINE RESCUE/SES

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am

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 OPAL MINERS

Time to embark on that
Coober Pedy Pilgrimage

EASTER LONG WEEKEND



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



LETS COOK!



Saturday 19 April 2025

1.00 pm Italian Club

Entry fee: \$15.00

Ingredients supplied. BYO Camp Oven.



Bookings can be made by
phoning 86725920



Prizes: Announced soon.



Event Manager Des Fisher presents 2024 first prize
to Phil Gerschwitz



2024 Inaugural Camp Oven winners: 1st Phil
Gerschwitz, 2nd Dean Kenelly, 3rd Dawn Brown

REPORT TO COOBER PEDY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE MEMBERS

OPEN LETTER TO GARRY HERDEGEN & RESPONSE Wed, 26 Feb 2025 6:49PM

Dear Mr. Herdegen

Alliance members expressed disappointed that you did not attend our January 25th Alliance meeting in order to answer an array of questions regarding the impact your council's financial situation is having on them personally. As you were not there to answer some of the questions that were put forward, we are now writing for that information.

At our last Alliance meeting on January 25th 2025, members asked questions on information concerning Ratepayer funds (public money) used to finance litigation against a Coober Pedy ratepayer, whistle-blower, and former elected member George Naumovic.

We understand that the council has pursued Mr. Naumovic through the courts for six years (from 2019) without any outcome.

In light of the rapid rise in Council debt (\$19M), the Coober Pedy Community Alliance is seeking financial transparency for its members and the community, and requests the following information.

1. What is the total cost (to date) of legal fees spent in all litigation with George Naumovic 2019 – 2025?
2. What is the total cost of administration/hours, travel and accommodation, compiling documentation and other, involving staff at Coober Pedy or subcontractors in all litigation with George Naumovic?
3. What are the Administrators/Council expecting to achieve by continuing in their legal pursuit of George Naumovic?
4. As the Administrators/Council has been using Ratepayer's funds in their pursuit of Mr. Naumovic, it must believe that there is a benefit to the Ratepayers, can you please outline what that benefit might be?
5. Is the state government assisting with any costs related to the legal proceedings with whistleblower George Naumovic?
6. How much has the council budgeted for 2024-2025 for both legal and administrative costs to council concerning George Naumovic? Please supply a copy of those budget figures.
- 7 Please supply similar budget figures for each successive year of litigation
- 8 What is the expected cost recovery of all the prosecutions against George Naumovic?

Please respond before the 1st March 2025.
Kind Regards,

John Di Donna; Coober Pedy Community Alliance;

RESPONSE TO OPEN LETTER – GARY HERDEGEN

Hi John

Thanks for your email. I will respond in 2 parts
Part 1

You indicated disappointment that I did not attend a meeting. Please note I was neither invited to attend nor informed there were any questions from the community. I would not normally attend an Alliance Meeting.

I received your email with the open letter the evening of the 26th February. Coincidentally it was the evening before I was to attend the Supreme Court regarding the matters you mention in your letter. You sought a response within 48hrs which I considered to be unreasonable given the duration of the issue you acknowledged in your letter.

I understand the matter was discussed in your meeting with Councils Principal Administrator on Friday the 28th where you were informed that a response in your requested timeframe was not possible.

Part 2 Response to questions.

1. What is the total cost (to date) of legal fees spent in all litigation with George Naumovic 2019 – 2025?
2. What is the total cost of administration/hours, travel and accommodation, compiling documentation and other, involving staff at Coober Pedy or subcontractors in all litigation with George Naumovic?

There is a significant amount of time and cost that needs to be allocated to respond to your questions given the 6 year timeframe you have requested and as the case is in progress and confidential at present I am unable to provide an accurate response. I believe the outcome is nearing completion and will provide a response when staffing resources allow for a response to your request.

ALLIANCE



3. What are the Administrators/Council expecting to achieve by continuing in their legal pursuit of George Naumovic?

Council is seeking payment from Mr Naumovic for the determination placed on him by the court for payment to Council

4. As the Administrators/Council has been using Ratepayer's funds in their pursuit of Mr. Naumovic, it must believe that there is a benefit to the Ratepayers, can you please outline what that benefit might be?

As per question 3 Council is working to recoup funds owed to it by Mr Naumovic

5. Is the state government assisting with any costs related to the legal proceedings with whistleblower George Naumovic?

I am not aware of any assistance being received by either party.

6. How much has the council budgeted for 2024-2025 for both legal and administrative costs to council concerning George Naumovic? Please supply a copy of those budget figures.

Council has not budgeted specific funds for these proceedings. Councils always have an allowance for legal fees for many reasons requiring specialist legal advice.

7. Please supply similar budget figures for each successive year of litigation.

I do not believe there have been any specific funds budgeted for this case. There have been long periods where there was no expenditure during this case.

8. What is the expected cost recovery of all the prosecutions against George Naumovic?

The final cost recovery is based on the outcome of proceedings currently in progress. Council will seek to recover the amounts owed to it and any costs incurred where possible.

Kind Regards, Garry

**NEXT ALLIANCE
MEETING/FORUM
SATURDAY 26 APRIL, 2025**

**REMEMBER, EVERYONE IS
INVITED to the
COMMUNITY AWARDS,
JOHN'S PIZZA BAR
Easter Sunday Night.**



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New grant opportunity! Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

Delivered on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

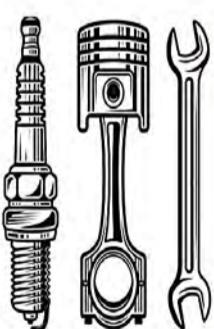
The Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program aims to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel who served in wars, conflicts and peace operations, including National Service personnel, and their families.

Applications are now open and close 9:00 pm AEDT on Thursday 5 February 2026. Find out more on GrantConnect: <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=294278e6-ffba-428a-be0d-acc9fa4dcb5b&keyword=G07626>

RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE Coober Pedy Sub Branch ANZAC DAY 2025



- 6am - Dawn Service at RSL followed by Gunfire Breakfast
- Anzac Day March leaving RSL at 10am sharp, walking to the Cenotaph/Memorial in front of the Catholic Church on Hutchinson Street.
- Service will start once Veterans arrive.
- Lunch Available
- Dinner Available.
- Come and try your hand at Two-Up
- Happy Hour from 5pm - 6pm



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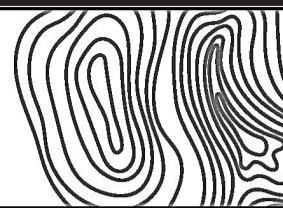


Lot 66 Seventeen Mile Rd (Opposite Lion's Club)
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085582637596>

PHONE: 0488007450 or FB Messenger

**Diagnostics
 Auto electrical
 Air conditioning
 Air-con regassing
 Diesel mechanic
 Mining Machinery
 Heavy Vehicles
 Vehicle parking**

PUBLIC NOTICE



Environment Protection Authority

The EPA has received notification of actual or potential groundwater contamination under section 83A of the *Environment Protection Act 1993* at the following locations:

Notification No: 62961-01

Address: 16908 and Lot 485 The Outback Highway, Copley and LEIGH CREEK 5731

Potentially Contaminating Activity: Leigh Creek Mine

A copy of the notifications can be obtained from the EPA upon request to the EPA Public Register administrator at epa.publicregister@sa.gov.au

Please note that a prescribed fee may apply for accessing public register information.

Please quote the EPA notification number when making your request.

For more information contact:

Environment Protection Authority

Ph: (08) 82042004 or

Freecall for non metro: 1800 623 445

Email: epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au

EPA.SA.GOV.AU



Grassroots Grants open now

Landscape Board's Grassroots Grants program is open, offering a total grant pool of up to \$150,000 for eligible projects.

The sixth round of Grassroots Grants will be open until 4pm on Monday 12 May, offering individual grants up to \$20,000.

SAAL Landscape Board Chair Douglas Lillecrapp has encouraged individuals, community groups, volunteers, not-for-profit organisations and landholders with suitable projects to apply in this round of funding.

"The Grassroots Grants program support local environmental efforts that address climate resilience, water management, sustainable land management, protect and enhance biodiversity and support people and partnerships.

"Over the past five rounds, we've seen some incredible projects that have restored habitat and protected threatened species, controlled pest plants, and supported soil works, regenerative agriculture endeavours, revegetation projects, education programs and capacity building events.

Individuals and groups considering an application are encouraged to speak with their Community Landscape Officer to discuss project ideas and get supported to develop their applications.

Funding will be awarded on merit for projects within the SA Arid Lands region that address the board's priority areas and display value for money.

To find out more about the latest round of Grassroots Grants visit the board's website: <https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/grants-and-funding/grassroots-grants>

Illegal tobacco

Criminals profit. Your community pays.

What is illegal tobacco?

- Tobacco grown, manufactured or produced in Australia without a licence.
- Imported tobacco for which no duty has been paid.
- Tobacco sold without payment of taxes.

\$2.7 billion

went to criminals instead of the community*

Growing tobacco in Australia for commercial sale or personal use is illegal.

*2022–23

Life cycle of illegal tobacco



Organised crime syndicates plough the land, ready to plant tobacco seedlings.



Seedlings take 2 to 3 months to grow into mature tobacco plants.



Mature tobacco plants are large and leafy and many have long, trumpet-shaped, white-pinkish flowers.



Harvested tobacco leaves are dried in a kiln and then cut and sold as loose tobacco, otherwise known as 'chop-chop'.

Would you recognise a tobacco plant?

- 2.5 metres tall
- Large green leaves
- Long trumpet-shaped, white-pinkish flowers
- May resemble kale, cabbage or corn.

Signs of an illegal growing operation

- Intense labour production between November and May
- People approaching real estate agents, landowners or farmers to lease land
- Unusual earthworks along creeks and rivers
- Unexplained and potentially unlawful use of water resources
- An unexplained strong tobacco odour
- Unusual source of loose tobacco.

ATO partnerships

The ATO is part of the Illicit Tobacco Taskforce (ITTF), which was established on 1 July 2018 to detect, disrupt and dismantle serious organised crime syndicates that deal in illicit tobacco.

Let's cut illegal tobacco off at the root

- Report growing operations
- Stop buying illegal tobacco products
- Report illegal tobacco products being sold
- Report suspicious activity.

Phone **1800 060 062** to anonymously report suspicious activity.
Visit ato.gov.au/illegaltobacco for more information.



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

New powers to tackle knife crime

Stronger police powers to tackle knife crime have officially come into effect in South Australia.

The newly commenced reforms allow the Police Commissioner to declare certain places for the purposes of new wand search powers. SAPOL will be required to gazette the declaration and notify the relevant authority in charge of that declared place.

New places that can now be declared to enable police to conduct metal detector searches include public transport hubs and vehicles, and shopping centre precincts.

The new reforms also give SA Police officers the ability to conduct metal detector searches on certain people – including people previously convicted of murder, manslaughter, causing harm, shooting at police, possessing an object with intent to kill or maim, or possessing a firearm with the intent to commit an offence.

Previously, police were only able to conduct a metal detector search on these cohorts if they had a reasonable cause to suspect they had or would commit an offence.

The commencement of these new reforms constitutes the first phase of the Government's comprehensive knife crime package roll-out, with work continuing to be undertaken in preparation for the commencement of the new age of sale of knives, the new offence of supplying a knife to a minor, and the new requirement of safe storage of knives in retail premises.

Attorney General Kyam Maher said, "This will be a significant step forward for police in tackling the issue of knife crime in our community and further adding to public safety."

"Giving police greater powers to search individuals who may pose a threat will be an essential tool in combatting knife crime, while clear requirements on who officers need to notify prior to searches in certain places will ensure there is a level of transparency around them."

"While there has not been any significant increase in knife-related crimes, it is important that police are equipped with the necessary powers to prevent such incidents from occurring."

Police Minister Stephen Mullighan said, "Giving Police these new powers to wand search individuals means they can stop knife crime before it happens in South Australia."

"It's just one measure in a raft of changes to ensure our State has the toughest knife laws in the country."

"We have boosted police funding by more than \$300 million, to ensure there are more sworn officers on the beat and that those officers have the equipment they need to protect the community."

Police Commissioner Grant Stevens said, "These amendments mean police will have more powers to conduct metal detector searches at more locations."

"This will include locations such as shopping centres, public transport hubs, on public transport and at licensed premises. Previously, police were only able to conduct a metal detector search in certain locations."

"The additional powers will allow police to better protect the community as they frequent different areas of South Australia. "Any steps we can take to improve safety within the community can only be positive."

Kyam Maher MLC, Attorney-General

Stephen Mullighan MP, Minister for Police



Coober Pedy Magistrate Court

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy (08) 8672 5601



**Coober Pedy
Sitting dates in
MAY 2025**

Monday 19 May
Tuesday 20 May
Wednesday 21 May
Thursday 22 May

Court attendees can check case lists here
<https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/caselists/copcr.pdf>
<https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/caselists/paucr.pdf>



Prohibited weapons include:

Knives

Ballistic knife where the blade is fired by explosion, mechanics or percussion; Butterfly knife / Bali knife / Balisong knife; Fighting knives - a knife (other than a bayonet or sword) designed for hand to hand fighting, for example, a butterfly knife, dagger, flick-knife, push knife or trench knife

Knife belt that conceals or disguises the knife; Star knife / shuriken / ninja star / throwing star; Whole or part of a knife that cannot be detected by a metal detector or x-ray

Daggers

Double-sided blade or spike-style blade daggers; Traditional Scottish daggers - Dirk and Sgian dhu

Other weapons

Nunchakus martial arts weapon
Bayonet; Brace catapult / SLINGSHOT

Concealed weapons

Extendable baton; Full-size or pistol cross-bow; Hand or foot claws / ninja claws; Knuckle duster including weighted or studded gloves; Laser pointer of more than 1 milliwatt; Morning star, also known as English or medieval mace; Poniard, a Masonic ceremonial weapon
Tear gas where the chemical is CN, CS or DM tear gas
<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/.../firearms-and.../weapons>

Preventive Health SA GRANTS



**\$1000
GRANTS**

to help **community + sporting organisations** buy Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)



preventivehealth.sa.gov.au/AEDGrants

To improve access, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) will soon be mandatory in certain South Australian buildings and facilities.

To support not for profit community and sporting organisations with the purchase of AEDs, we're providing grants of \$1,000 per eligible location.

Applications are open now and close 30 April 2025.

Check your eligibility and apply via preventivehealth.sa.gov.au/AEDGrants

Before you apply... **Eligibility**

Funding is available for community and sporting organisations.

To be eligible, applying organisations must:

- be located in South Australia
- be a not-for-profit club, association or organisation that is sport or community related
- have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
- have public liability insurance with a minimum of \$1 million per claim (proof of eligibility will be required by uploading a Certificate of Currency)
- not have received prior funding from the South Australian AED Grants Program for the buildings/facilities included in the application
- apply for buildings/facilities that do not currently have an AED.

Grants cannot be provided to:

- individuals, government organisations or for-profit businesses
- schools, tertiary institutions or education facilities
- clinics, health or aged care facilities
- long-term or permanent residential sites, including campsites.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS GRANT:

<https://www.preventivehealth.sa.gov.au/engage-with-us/grants-funding/south-australian-automated-external-defibrillator-aed-grants-program-2>



Triple Zero (000)

For emergencies or life threatening situations.



Police Assistance Line (131 444)

For non emergencies.



Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)

To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

Celebrating Harmony Week at Coober Pedy Area School



From Wednesday 5th March to Friday 7th March, we celebrated Harmony Week at CPAS, a time to embrace diversity and share the beautiful cultures that make our community so unique!

Harmony Week is all about celebrating inclusion, understanding, and the many vibrant cultures that make up Australia.

Our staff kicked off the celebrations with an amazing feast featuring home-cooked dishes from around the world.

From Australian Rocky Road to Mexican Enchiladas to Thai Vermicelli Noodle Salad, the variety was incredible, and each dish was deliciously enjoyed.

A huge THANK YOU to all the staff who generously prepared and shared their cultural food – your efforts made this event extra special!

On Friday, our students were treated to some incredible international finger foods, made by the talented team at Outback Bar & Grill.

Our wonderful Special Events Committee served up Greek meatballs with tzatziki, crispy Malaysian vegetarian curry puffs, freshly rolled Vietnamese pork cold rolls with house-made dipping sauce, and of course, delicious Greek rice pudding (Rizogalo)!

We were so excited about the food, we forgot to snap a pic – but trust us, it was AMAZING! ?

Throughout the week, students engaged in cultural activities and took part in fun games during breaks.

Some also enjoyed some relaxing downtime with coloring activities in the library. It was a week filled with joy, connection, and celebration!

A big thank you to everyone who participated and made Harmony Week at CPAS so memorable!

We hope you all enjoyed the celebrations as much as we did.



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
(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: Interim Captain David Frost
2nd Lieutenant: Geoff Squires
3rd Lieutenant: Ann Gerschwitz
Senior Firefighter: Linda Buckeridge
Contact: David.Frost@sacfsvolunteer.org.au

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/813853775367739>

Coober Pedy Retail, Business & Tourism Assoc. Inc

Committee Elected for 2025

President: George Kountouris
Vice President: George Russell OAM
Treasurer: Nick Brellas
Secretary/Public Officer: Nicky Kountouris
Committee Members: Mim Ward, Daniel Tsharke, Clarissa Bigelow
<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 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

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 2024/25

President: Matt Graham,

Secretary:

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

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)2025

Chantelle Bamford Chairperson

Lyndal Price Deputy Chairperson

Tanya Lauder Secretary/Treasurer

Gemma Hoad- Committee member

Mitchell Hoad - Committee member

Clydine Carboni - Committee Member

Kaysy Clet de Leon-Committee member

Gary Herdegen (Council) Committee Member

<http://www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au/documents.html>

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

Committee Elected 19-12-2024

President - Corey Edwards

Secretary - Tara-Jane Smith

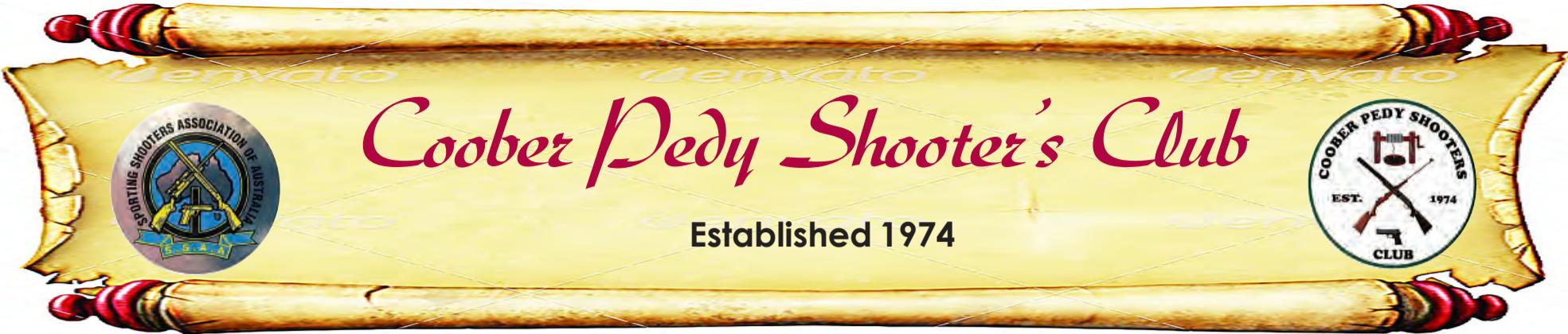
Treasurer – Emily Pennisi

Committee members

Catherine Bell,

Rachel Crothers,

David Hammermeister



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

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

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

Starting Times 9:00

AM

Saturday — Pistols
WA600

13 April

20 April

27 April

4 May

11 May

**DISCIPLINES
INCLUDE:**

- ◆ Air Rifle/
pistol
- ◆ IPSC
- ◆ ISSF
- ◆ Rifle Metalic
Silhouette
- ◆ Combine
Service
- ◆ Black
Powder
- ◆ Service pistol
- ◆ Shotgun
- ◆ Steel
Challenge

**Coober Pedy
Shooter's
Club supports:**

- ◆ Darts
- ◆ Archery

Starting Time: 10:00

AM

Sundays Fly Shoot
100m Benchrest

14 April

21 April

28 April

5 May

12 May



SHOOTER'S CLUB ANNUAL FEES

Single Membership \$ 100.00

Couple Membership \$150.00

Family Membership \$ 200.00

Affiliate Membership \$20.00

The Coober Pedy Shooter's Club is affiliated with the
 Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (South Australia) Incorporated.
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