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Friday 18 April, 2025

IS A CULTURE OF HASTE & WASTE SEEING REGIONAL ROADS LESS THAN SAFE OR PRODUCTIVE

Opinion: John Di Donna©

Politicians and bureaucrats are once again wasting taxpayers' money on projects that won't improve the safety and productivity of heavy vehicles or motorists.

The \$5 million Stuart Highway Rest Areas Upgrade project is jointly funded (80:20) by the Australian and South Australian governments.

What government body, group or organisation decided to upgrade one rest area and build a rest area within 45 km of each other, costing \$5 million?

At present, nine rest areas, including refuelling at Pimba and Glendambo, are situated along the 114 km stretch between Pimba and Glendambo.

While the distance between Glendambo and Coober Pedy is 254km, it has only twelve rest stops. In my opinion, Glendambo to Coober Pedy is the most dangerous section of the highway.

Motorists and Heavy vehicle drivers are not looking for extra rest areas. They want existing rest areas sealed and shelters with all rest areas adequately maintained.

The Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) initiative was launched in 2020. They are currently poorly maintained, with two rest areas without litter bins.

Motorists want to travel safely on the highway without vegetation growing to the edge of the bitumen, which is hazardous to wildlife, livestock and motorists.

Bitumen is left broken away from the edge of the road for months, creating an enormous hole that is unsafe for motorists. Lack of road work can lead to costly vehicle repairs or fatal accidents.

Uneven surfaces cause heavy vehicles and motorists to slow down as they try to stay in their seats, not bounce out, hit their heads on the roof, or lose control of the trailers or caravans.

The deterioration of the road network appears to be due to hurried work and neglect by the government and its contractors. The government needs to wake up and start a full inquiry and audit.

Throwing 1.5 billion dollars for road infrastructure to the state, with only a portion used for maintenance, on the South Australia road network, and a more significant proportion is invested in Adelaide and its surroundings!

The Department of Planning, Transport, and Infrastructure has no road gang or grader operator for the entire country roads in this state. So, once again, the cost of maintaining and repairing the outback roads will increase massively as the contractors demand more taxpayers' money and offer less maintenance.

The Federal government budget 2023 increased the heavy vehicle road user charge (TAX). Heavy vehicles are already heavily taxed, with over \$15,000.00 in registration fees for the prime mover and every trailer and dolly. All this money goes to the government before the truckies start the truck.

Prime Minister Albo is naive if he thinks the truckies isn't going to pass \$228.2 million (2023/2024) new charges to the consumer. The deterioration of the road network is due to neglect by the government and contracts. NOT the motorist.



The roof from the Information shelter at the Ingomar rest area (near Coober Pedy) has been impaled on a nearby fence since October 2024. Is the current State Government really in touch with roadside maintenance in the Far North of the State? Photo inset: Damaged Ingomar information sign.



2020 "Building our future" project. No litter bins were ever provided.



Ingomar rest area - information shelter without its roof, (impaled on fence, see above)



Above: Four months of road damage and no warning signs for motorists.

Left: Vegetation (buffel grass) regrowth on the edge of the bitumen after summer rain events. Buffel grass creates hazards for animals and motorists.

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ABOUT US

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

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

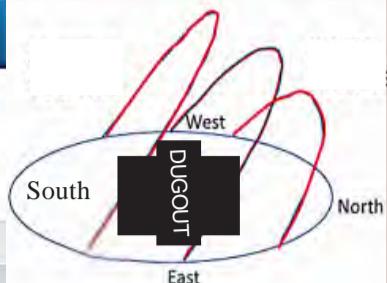
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Minimum	17°C	21°C	12°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C
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Frost Risk	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Winter 2025 June solstice
21 Jun 12:42 pm

Spring 2025 Sept equinox
23 Sep 4:19 am

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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

Coober Pedy Regional Times Newspaper"

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- Friday 23 May 2025**
- Friday 06 June 2025**

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LEGISLATIVE : The body which makes laws for the state.

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Out on the Fields



With the Amnesty over, miners who weren't already working, are back at work.

COOBER PEDY MINERS ASSOCIATION INC

The CPMAI have now obtained all of the licences and permissions necessary to import fuses for the opal miners.

The first payment has been completed and the fuse is now being made.

Once the order is received, miners will be notified.

Matt Graham Pres. CPMAI



OPAL INDUSTRY NEWS

Active Claims as at the 16/04/2025

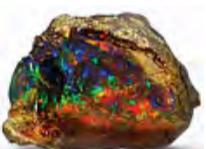
Coober Pedy: 452; Andamooka: 161;
Mintabie: 9; Stuart Creek: 1



Woomera WPA

All WPA opal mining and precious stone prospecting permits expire on 31 March annually.

You must reapply every year.



Opal Valley.
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Tee Valley.
Allans Rise.
Reynolds Ridge.
Morton Rise.
Leonard Rise.
Wild Duck.



The desert fox having trouble getting down into his burrow



Opal Fields
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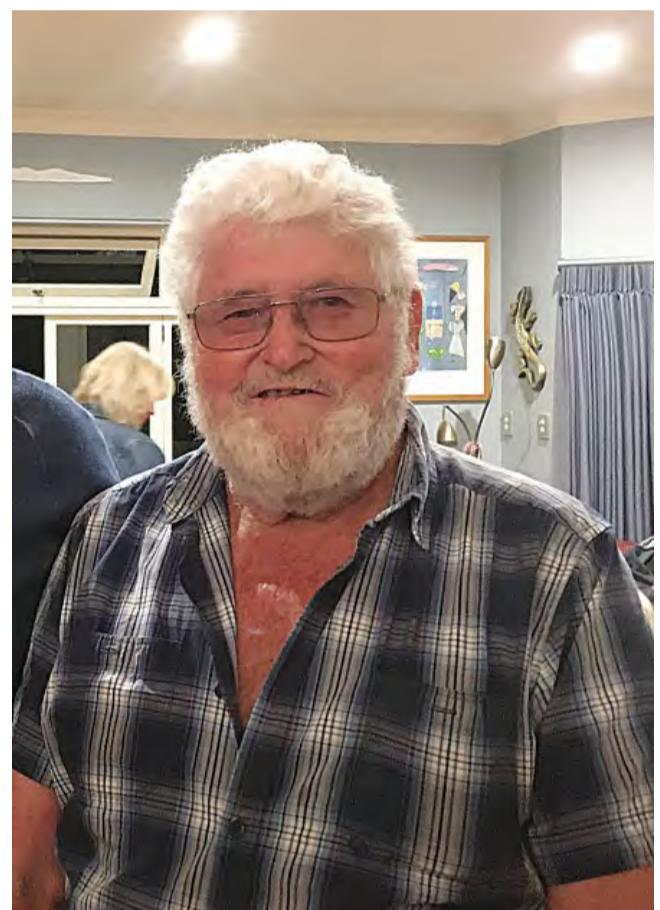
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Obituary

Albert McCormack

Albert was born on 5th November, 1933, the second of five sons to William and Matilda McCormack, in Castlederg, County Tyrone.

The family moved to Adelaide in 1948 when Albert was 14 years old. William had been sponsored to emigrate by the Methodist church, to manage Aldersgate aged care gardens and orchards.



Albert McCormack
5th November 1933 -
7th April 2025

Three of the brothers, Albert, George and Ervine, were taken to a Methodist boys home in Magill, and didn't see their parents much for the next six months. The family were reunited when a renovated home in Felixstowe became available.

Albert did National Service at Woodville Army base and used to race up and down the Adelaide hills on his Norton Dominator. He reckoned he was the fastest rider from Adelaide to Woodside. In order to get the love of his life Vicki Chapman to agree to marry him, Albert had to promise to give up motorcycle racing.

Albert embraced life in Australia, and saw himself as one hundred percent Australian throughout his life.

Albert's passion for heavy equipment and earthmoving developed whilst driving tractors working at market gardens, then driving trucks in the army. This led to an exciting life full of challenges and achievements. He kept moving dirt right up until the end, at his quarry south of Coober Pedy.



Albert became a contractor building Section Two of the Gorge road in the Adelaide hills.

In 1967, opal was calling, so the family moved to Andamooka, moving to Coober Pedy two years later where it was more plentiful.

Brothers Robert, Albert, George, Ervine and Arnold all lived in Coober Pedy with their families at the same time from about 1969 to 1975. George still lives here now.

The years went by - opal mining, heavy earthmoving contracting, quarrying, heavy haulage, concreting, building outback tracks for drilling rigs. He built the Marina at Wallaroo and started the Adelaide rubbish dump at Port Wakefield. His passion for heavy machinery never waned.

Years earlier, Albert had been carting a load of steel for Mr Amarosi when his truck caught fire and warped the metal. Albert lost his truck, and the metal was repurposed to make the metal tree which is now on display at the Big Winch.

In 1989 Albert's front end loader needed to be rescued out of Lake Phillipson where it remained fully submerged after heavy rain six months earlier. Albert's son John, and son in law Steve got their diving gear on, attaching chains to the loader in zero visibility muddy water. It was towed out, the oil drained, batteries replaced, and started up 30 minutes later.

Albert had a terrific community spirit. He was a member of the Lions club, and served as the Coober Pedy Fire Chief for many years. He served on the local council, and was an active member of the church community.

He always enjoyed a yarn, with a steady stream of people dropping into his workshop opposite the rear of the drive in screen for mechanical advice and bloke gossip. His brother Arnold reported he had a tremendous mechanical knowledge of heavy machinery, and helped many people get out of trouble over the years.

Albert loved his wife Vicki, (Vicki McCormack OAM) who was well known locally as a community health nurse. She received an Order of Australia Merit for her work with Aboriginal people in Coober Pedy.

Albert lived the life he chose, and passed away suddenly at home, age 91.

Albert's funeral service will be held at the Catacomb Church on Friday 2nd May 2025 at 10.30 am .

The committal will follow the service at Boot Hill Cemetery, alongside Sister Vicki.

The McCormack Family

COOBER PEDY CFS HONOURS ALBERT McCORMACK IN HIS 90th YEAR

Albert McCormack is a figure prominently featured in Coober Pedy's history, particularly for his role in establishing the Coober Pedy Fire Brigade is mentioned in various articles published by the Coober Pedy Regional Times over many decades.

The newspaper often covered news related to the Coober Pedy Fire Brigade and the community, including stories about Albert McCormack's involvement. The most recent being just over 12 months ago with Albert having just entered his 90th year.

In December 2023 the Coober Pedy Fire Brigade under the Captaincy of Matthew Corner, dedicated an annual award to the Brigade's patriarch Albert McCormack.

The award dedicated as the Albert McCormack Firefighter of the Year Award recognises members below an officer in going above what is expected of a firefighter and making the brigade a better place.



The first Albert McCormack Firefighter of the Year Award presentation in December 2023. L-R: Capt Matthew Corner, First CFS Cpt Albert McCormack, winner of first Perpetual Trophy fire-fighter Marcus Reynolds

Albert was the first Coober Pedy Fire Brigade Captain who served a whopping 25 years from the Brigade's establishment as the Emergency Fire Service (EFS), now the Country Fire Service (CFS) in 1976 to 2001.

In 2023 the new award went to Senior Firefighter Marcus Reynolds. Marcus had attended over 56 percent of Wednesday nights and had the highest attendance for call outs by a firefighter at 42 out of 99.

After the presentation, Albert McCormack congratulated the Brigade for their progress and stated that the brigade is a lot like it was when he was involved so many years ago.

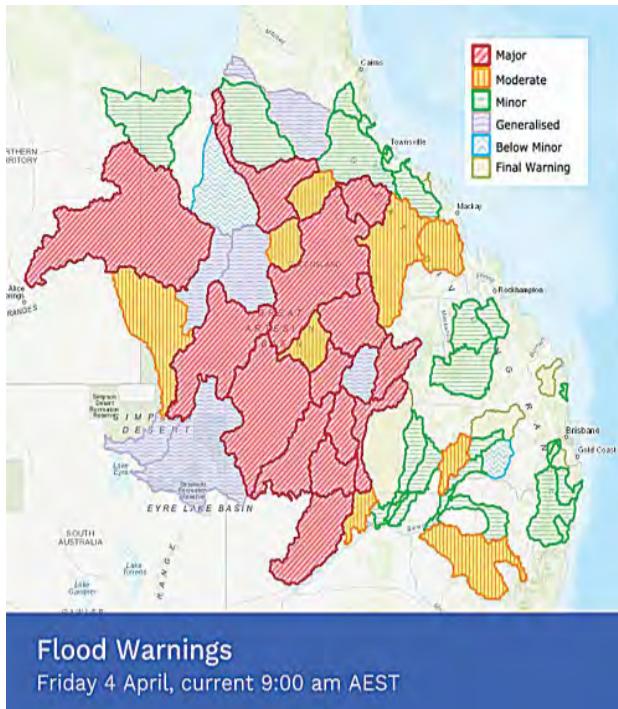
Albert said he felt happy to see the Brigade continuing to go forward and remark as to how much it has grown. He then spoke briefly about his time as a Firefighter and Captain in earlier times. Of immediate importance was the recognition of a worthy local person in receiving Firefighter of the Year, with an award that also honoured past volunteer services.

"I feel deeply honoured that the trophy is named after me as the first Brigade Captain, and I congratulate Marcus Reynolds as the first recipient", said Albert.



The fire-fighters 'take-home' acknowledgment of the Award.

FLOOD WATERS FROM CYCLONE KIRRILY QLD ENTER THE LAKE EYRE BASIN IN SOUTH AUST.



FLOODS 2025

The current flooding into the Lake Eyre Basin originates from record-breaking February rainfall in Queensland, primarily from a slow-moving monsoonal low that caused widespread flooding in the state.

This rain, particularly in the Diamantina and Georgina river catchments, has been travelling south through the Channel Country, eventually reaching the basin.

The slow journey is due to the vast flat plains and braided river systems that characterize the area.

In early February, Tropical Cyclone Kirrily brought significant rainfall to the Lake Eyre basin, contributing to the flooding in the Diamantina and Birdsville areas.

A slow-moving monsoonal low in northern Queensland in late January and early February caused record-breaking rainfall and widespread flooding, according to the Bureau of Meteorology.

The floodwaters from this rainfall have been making their way through the Channel Country, a vast, flat area with a network of braided river channels.

The Diamantina River, which becomes the Warburton River in South Australia, and the Georgina River are major tributaries carrying water towards Lake Eyre.

The water's journey south is slow, as the floodwaters spread across the flat plains and are influenced by factors like the terrain, soil moisture, and vegetation, notes a blog post on the ABC website.

The Diamantina River flows into Goyder Lagoon before eventually reaching the Warburton River and Lake Eyre, says the Australian Broadcasting Corporation



Scene over the Diamantina of floodwaters at Birdsville. Lake Eyre, Channel Country
Photo: Wright's Air.
info@wrightsair.com.au

Can't make it on Election Day?



If you can't vote on Saturday 3 May,
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Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, 10 Mort Street, Canberra.

Meeting at Italo-Australian Miner's Club Coober Pedy on Saturday, 26 April 2025, at 4pm.

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Thank you all for attending: We welcome all Alliance members, and visitors to this meeting. We offer community members to attend three meetings before becoming members of the Alliance. Once you have attended your three meetings, please see a committee member for an application form. We are volunteers, and endeavour to assist our members with local issues and inform them of any progress we make during these uncertain times with its unsettling and constant changes. We are currently entering year 6 of what has been described as a disastrous administration exercise.

Council's debt having recently grown to \$19M

Be aware that the sound system is limited, so please allow others to concentrate on hearing the reports and agenda items. Feel free to sit outside and chat. For anyone who would like to ask questions or make a point, we can bring the microphone.



2. State of our Opal Mining/Tourist Town

Public toilets have been inoperable for over two years.
 Overflowing bins, particularly noted on Hutchison Street during throughout Easter.
 Minimal road maintenance. Lack of forward planning for flooding events.



3. Candidates visiting our town pre-Federal election Candidates for Grey

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

4 Aged Care

Aged Care Concerns: Elderly residents are being relocated to aged care facilities outside the town due to safety concerns, violating their human rights. A model similar to Kimba's aged care facility is suggested as a solution. **Crime and Safety:** Persistent crime issues are affecting the community, with state government and public servants unable or unwilling to address them effectively. These issues highlight the need for better infrastructure, financial management, aged care solutions, and crime prevention in Coober Pedy.

Kimba District Hospital and Aged Care provides a range of services, including emergency care, medical/surgical care, and residential aged care. It features both a hospital with higher-level care and a hostel offering low-level residential aged care. Additionally, the facility includes Independent Living Units and a pioneer memorial village for older residents. The facility is part of the Eyre and Far North Local Health Network with Kimba's population being around 1,211. Such a facility in our town would help the long term multicultural members of this community to remain safely in their "home town."

5 General Business

Correspondence: Letter to council re: Naumovic costs - Discussion. New issues.

6 Raffle Draw

We thank Pearl Opal Grower/Opal Jeweler Steve Koncz for his generous donation to the 'Alliance' of Opal (solids), seeded in Pearl shells and grown under the sea. Steve offered the donation to assist us with a) helping local victims of breakins and other offences; and b) to support our Community Champion Awards that appreciate and honour consistent community focused deeds without expectation of reward.

7 Awards

We move on to the Community Champion Awards where 9 members of our historic opal mining town have been chosen for their dedication, selflessness, community mindedness and consistency either over time, or having such qualities that readily stand out. In the case of student awards; we recognise that our youth are the building blocks of the future, and therefore we have worked with the school for this purpose, and to include our youth. We hope to hold these awards bi-annually.



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FOR GREY - ANITA KUSS**

What I stand for:

- A Secure Future for the Upper Spencer Gulf
- Better Access to Medical and Health Services
- Better Access to Childcare
- Improving Regional Transport Infrastructure
- Growing Strong Regional Communities
- Supporting Communities in our Energy Transition
- Practical and Local Workforce Skills and Training
- Sustaining our Environment and Water Resources for Future Generations
- Cost of Living

Authorised by Anita Kuss 124 Ellen Street Port Pirie SA 5540

VOTE AnitaKuss
Independent for Grey

Independent candidate for Grey Anita Kuss visited Coober Pedy, 14th April and met with local at the RSL where she shared her views and answered questions on a variety of concerns including banking, child care, regional roads and the lack of reliable maintenance, the potential for Federal intervention on Coober Pedy's current administration's plight.

Residents were interested to know about "Anita" who explained, "I am very proudly 'from the region and for the region'. I won't be told how to vote by party bosses. I'll have one job: fighting for what's fair and what's good for our region.

I grew up on our small family farm near Clare before heading off to Roseworthy College for uni. I've spent most of my life working in Grey, from Ceduna and Wudinna, Crystal Brook and the Upper Spencer Gulf – this region is home.

What we all know in this region is that for too long, decisions about our future have been made by people who don't live here, and that needs to change.

There are so many fantastic opportunities for growth right across our electorate, but they need to be led with and for locals – so they suit our needs, our goals, our values.

Right now, we often see big companies or major projects come to town, fly in a workforce from somewhere else, throw some money at a few local activities, and think that's enough. We deserve better than that. We have to get it right.

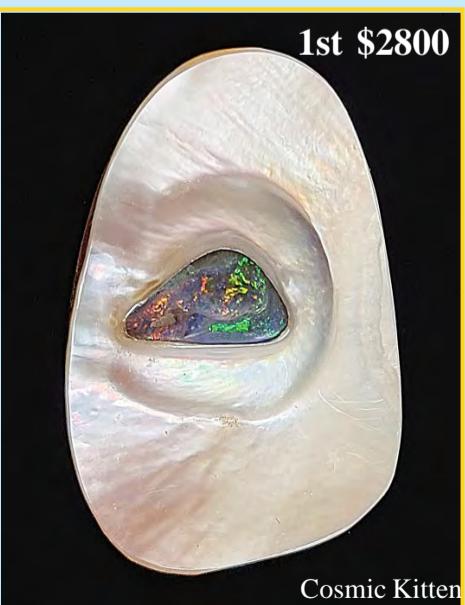
The Coober Pedy Community Alliance

EASTER RAFFLE is STILL ON



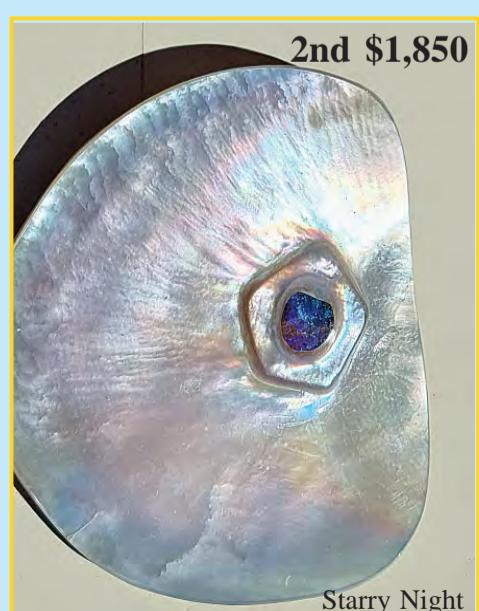
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Pearl-Opals are where 'The desert meets the ocean'



Proceeds to support the
CP Community Awards,
plus a **Safety Initiative**
that will benefit older
members of the
Coober Pedy Community.

**TICKETS ARE
\$5.00 EACH,**
and will be drawn on
Saturday 26 April 2025



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



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

In 2025, the Far North and Flinders regions of South Australia will host a variety of events, including the Annual Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show in April's Easter Long Weekend, a gymkhana/motokhana in Marree,

A fat tire festival in Melrose, the Flying Doctor Race Day in Port Augusta, and the Great Kanku-Breakaways Bolt, all taking place in June.

Additionally, there will be the Coober Pedy Opal Festival, the Andamooka Opal Classic, and the Farmer's & Graziers Squatters Cup. Further events include the Birdsville Campdraft, Rodeo, Bronco Branding, and the Pichi Richi Marathon.

There will also be a Roxby Downs Open Championships.

MAY - JUNE 2025

Roxby Downs World Food & Music Festival

Saturday 3rd May 2025

Roxby Downs

Melrose Fat Tyre Festival

Friday 6th - Monday 9th June 2025

Melrose

Flying Doctor Race Day

Sunday 8th June 2025

Port Augusta Racing Club, Port Augusta

The Great Kanku-Breakaways Bolt

Sunday 8th June 2025

Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park

Coober Pedy Opal Festival

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th June 2025

Coober Pedy

Andamooka Opal Classic

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June 2025

Andamooka Shooting Range, Andamooka

Farmer's & Graziers Squatters Cup

Sunday 22nd June 2025

Port Augusta Racing Club, Port Augusta

Birdsville Campdraft, Rodeo, Bronco Branding, Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th June 2025

Birdsville

Pichi Richi Marathon

Sunday 29th June 2025

Commencing in Port August and finishing in Quorn

Roxby Downs Open Championships

Date: TBA

Roxby Downs Golf Club, Roxby Downs

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FUNERAL NOTICE

ROSEWARNE, James Kenneth (Ken)

23/12/1933 - 07/04/2025 Aged 91 years
Loving husband to Joy (deceased) Father of Lee, George and Michael. Grandfather to 8 grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren.

Sadly missed by family and friends. Rest peacefully.

Funeral Details:

Graveside service: at the Barmera Lawn Cemetery 24th April 2025 2pm

Gathering and refreshments will be at the Barmera Footy Club after the service. All are welcome



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

FUNERAL NOTICE

DEATH NOTICE
ALBERT McCORMACK

5th November 1933 - 7th April 2025



On Monday 7th April, 2025, Albert aged 91 passed away suddenly at home. Cherished husband of Vicki (dec), loved father of John, Wayne and Denise, father in law of June, Valeska and Steve.

Loved Grandpa of Rob, Crystal, Dylan, Teika, Daniel, Amie and Rachael. Loved by his great grandchildren. Albert was fortunate to live the life he chose, and to be in good health until the end.

Funeral details:

Albert's funeral service will be held at the Catacomb Church on Friday 2nd May 2025 at 10.30 am. The committal will follow the service at Boot Hill Cemetery, alongside Sister Vicki.



District Council of Coober Pedy

Audit and Risk Committee

Expressions of Interest

The District Council of Coober Pedy is calling for qualified and experienced independent members to join the Audit and Risk Committee for a period of four (4) years.

The purpose of an Audit and Risk Committee established by Council is to provide independent assurance and advice to Council on accounting, financial management, internal controls, risk management and governance matters.

Council offers a sitting fee per meeting and the opportunity to attend meetings via electronic means.

The Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee can be found on Council's [website](#) or by contacting the Council office on 08 8672 4600.

Expressions of interest, highlighting the skills and experience you would bring to the Committee should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at:

dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

Expressions of Interest close at 5.00pm on Friday 2 May 2025.

NOTE:

(b) the members of the committee (when considered as a whole) must have skills, knowledge and experience relevant to the functions of the committee, including in financial management, risk management, governance and any other prescribed matter;

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Coober Pedy & Oodnadatta

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Exhaust
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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

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

Declared Public Precinct has been applied for at Coober Pedy to help reduce crime

What is a Declared Public Precinct?

A Declared Public Precinct is a strictly defined area that has been proclaimed to give certain powers to police to maintain public safety and order in that area.
 Ongoing Declared Public Precincts
 Learn all about the current Declared Public Precinct in Port Augusta

What does this mean?

To maintain public safety and order, SA Police are able to do the following in the Declared Public Precinct:

- Conduct a metal detector search of a person and any property in their possession for the presence of weapons.
- Carry out general drug detection in relation to any person within the precinct.
- Order a person / group posing a risk to public safety and order to leave the declared public precinct.
- Ban a person who commits an offence of a kind that may pose a risk to public safety and order, or behaves in an offensive or disorderly manner within the precinct (for up to 24 hours).
- Remove children from the declared public precinct who are in danger of physical harm or abuse, behaving in an offensive or disorderly manner, or otherwise committing or about to commit an offence.

These powers give police the ability to issue expiation notices for offences within the geographic area or to issue barring orders covering the precinct. These are similar to, but in addition to, licensed premises barring orders.

If you are subject to any of the above, you are legally required to comply with the officer's direction.

What are the maximum penalties involved?

A person who is barred, but enters or remains, in the Declared Public Precinct is guilty of an offence which carries a maximum penalty of \$2500.

A person who is ordered to leave, but remains, re-enters, or attempts to re-enter, the Declared Public Precinct is guilty of an offence which carries a maximum penalty of \$1250.

A person can also be issued with a \$344 expiation notice (Expiation fee \$250 + \$94 Victim of Crime Levy) for behaving in an offensive or disorderly manner within the Declared Public Precinct.

A person who carries an offensive weapon or dangerous article within the Declared Public Precinct is guilty of an offence which carries a maximum penalty of \$10,000 or imprisonment for two years.

Why was this introduced?

The changes to the Summary Offences Act 1953 were enacted to maintain public safety and order in a defined area for which there is a reasonable likelihood of conduct in the area posing a risk to public safety and order and that the area is reasonable having regard to the identified risk.

Declared public precincts will significantly enhance the ability of SA Police to appropriately manage conduct that poses a risk to public safety and order for members of the community using this area.



WHAT'S ON?

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>

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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>



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Landcare Agriculture Biodiversity in Action Grant



Landcare Agriculture Biodiversity in Action Grant

Landcare Australia's Landcare Agriculture Program is offering funding to landcare and producer groups across Australia to team up with suitable experts to improve and enhance their biodiversity measurement and management skills.

This project will demonstrate how improving environmental practices boosts agricultural production, conservation efforts, community well-being, supply chain reliability, and market access.

The goal of the Landcare Agriculture Biodiversity in Action Grant is to help groups across Australia improve their understanding and management of natural assets on-farm by testing, implementing and evaluating practical initiatives that can restore biodiversity and/or increase biodiversity values. It does this by providing support – including training, field days, and on-ground trials – to advisors, producers, and landcare groups, thereby boosting productivity, resilience, and market access in line with local priorities.

Projects must contribute to achieving both of the following aims:???

Improve knowledge, skills and confidence in biodiversity measurement, monitoring and management.?

Test and implement practical on-ground biodiversity management actions.?

To achieve this, project activities must: Increase the capacity and capability of community, landcare groups, producer groups or First Nations agricultural businesses, to work towards the adoption of measurable best practices for sustainable agriculture.??

Directly improve biodiversity and on-farm adoption of best practice sustainable agriculture through on-farm demonstration.?

Funding Available: Projects can be delivered over 2-years or 3-years and can commence from July 2025. At least 10 projects will be funded.?

2-year projects should be to a maximum of \$40,000 (ex-GST)?

3-year projects should be to a maximum of \$75,000 (ex-GST)?

Projects must include on-ground activities or trials to improve farm biodiversity management.

Key dates:

Applications open Tuesday 15th April 2025, 9am AEST

Applications close Friday 16th May 2025, 5pm AEST

Grant outcome notifications 30 June 2025

Final report due 2-year projects 31 May 2027

Final report due 3-year projects 31 May 2028

Applications Groups can apply for the Landcare Agriculture Biodiversity in Action Grant on the Landcare Australia SmartyGrants Portal until 5pm (AEST) 16th May 2025.

Enquiries If you have any questions after reading these guidelines, please contact Angela Hammond at Landcare Australia, ang.hammond@landcareaustralia.com.au or 0402 921 929.

Apply now: <https://landcareaustralia.smartygrants.com.au/LandcareAg2025>
Read Guidelines first.

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

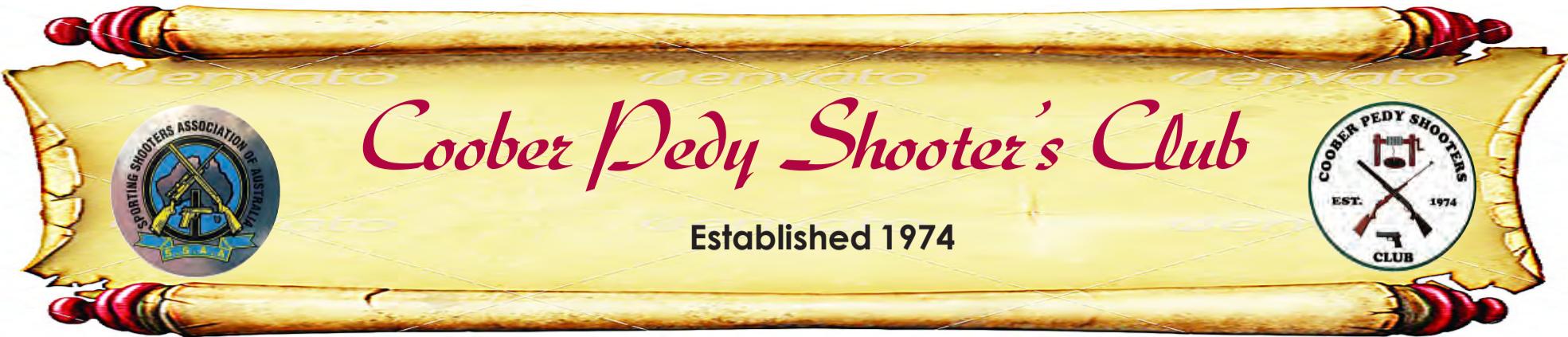
Treasurer – Emily Pennisi

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.
<https://ssaasa.org.au>

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

Suzanne Bunker - - Email cpsc.treasurer@gmail.com

John Di Donna - Mobile 0427 649 389 - Email. jdidonna@dodo.com.au