

# MAN RESCUED FROM MINESHAFT AT COOBER PEDY

## Thank you to the Coober Pedy Mine Rescue Squad and the entire community

On Tuesday 30 Sep 2025, Police and emergency services initiated a search operation at a mineshaft near Coober Pedy.

The alarm was raised just before 4pm on Tuesday 30 September, after a man was reported missing while looking for new mine sites north of the Coober Pedy township.

Police commenced a search and located the man's car just before 6pm. A generator and equipment were located next to a mineshaft nearby. Emergency Services were called in with specialist equipment to assist with searching the mineshaft for the missing man.

The man, Michael Stocks a local resident and opal miner was located underground and extracted from the mine just before 10pm. Fortunately, he was brought back to safety without injury.

Michael tells of his 'ordeal' here, trusting that his experience will benefit others. He headed off to work at 9.30 on Tuesday morning (30th September) and followed his procedure of ringing two mates to let them know where he was and that he was starting work.

"I found the area that I wanted to investigate, and set up the jack hammer and other gear underground for about an hour, then decided to look for another spot, but in the same tunnel. I walked along for about an hour, but suddenly my headlamp went flat."

"I had my phone light but I couldn't find my footprints to go back. I had a fully charged headlamp in my bag

with the jack hammer, but after following the light coming down from dozens of shafts, I realised I had become lost. Eventually I stumbled across a ballroom and found a bit of rubbish. This was about 3pm. I lit about three fires, but didn't seem to attract any attention. I found a piece of foam to lie on, and three bottles of water left by former miners - it was wet!"

"After the third fire went out, I decided to sit down and write goodbye notes to my kids."

In the meantime, above ground, one of Michael's mates had raised the alarm at around 4pm and a search was already underway. But it wasn't until 9.20pm when Michael saw the lights from the Mine Rescue Squad coming down the tunnels searching for him that he knew he would be rescued. "It was an emotional moment", Michael said.

"I have done this 100 times," he said. "But, the headlamp went flat. There is a big lesson here".

"I would like to thank all that came looking for me, the Mine Rescue Squad, the CFS, Ambulance, Police, and the people that had pizza waiting for me after I was rescued."

"I thank all the general public that don't know me, but searched for me. You are all very special; WOW, what a community we have."

"When it comes to a rescue, everyone bands together. What a great town and community I live in. I really appreciate each and everyone of you."



Michael Stocks relaxing at a friends place after being treated to a Pizza.

Michael's advice is this: "Put your secondary headlamp in your pocket, top up the generator every two hours, always tell your kids that you love them, and appreciate your mates."

"It was so good to see people walking around town the next day," he said.

# DIALYSIS PATIENT, 'BIG BROTHER' ROBBED AGAIN

POLICE REPORT: An unknown male approached an elderly resident asking him for money, which was declined. The man's Mobility Scooter and bike were taken in response. Both items were later located by police and returned to the owner. According to the police, further inquiries are still to be made.

Milomir Belosevic, aged 84, and a long term resident of Coober Pedy said, ". This trouble would not be happening if the council had attended to the repairs after the flood last year. The damages done by the water from the block culverts coming into my property has severely damaged my security gates and they won't shut properly or lock. I have no sense of security."

Mr. Belosevic said he is looking for a lawyer to help him deal with the council issues.

Last year Mr. Belosovic's property suffered servere damages during a major rain event that caused severe damages to local roads. Two culverts opposite and beside his property were completely blocked and the water from the rain diverted into his yard causing inconvenience and damages.



After the water had subsided, Mr. Belosovic sustained a fall from his mobility scooter, trying to navigate the trenches caused by the flooding. "If it wasn't for one of the locals turning up and rescuing me from the trench, I might have died there", he said.


Mr. Belosovic was committed to hospital shortly afterwards and now receives regular dialysis. He believes the council to be negligent with it's maintenance both before and after those rain events.




During the recent robbery, Mr. Belosovic said, the thieves not only smashed his mobility scooters, they smashed his equipment and other items with a hammer trying to persuade him to give them money




and alcohol. They also took food. Throughout the workshop is a trail of smashed equipment. "A good start to help stop crime would be for council to play their part."



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Coober Pedy Miners Assoc



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Coober Pedy Community Alliance Monthly Meeting 4 pm Saturday 25 October Sausage Sizzle (See page 3 Agenda)

Coober Pedy Miners Association Inc AGM & BBQ 12.30 pm Sunday 26th October (See page 12)

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ESCOSA REVIEW OF COOBER PEDY WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

See page 7, and HAVE YOUR SAY

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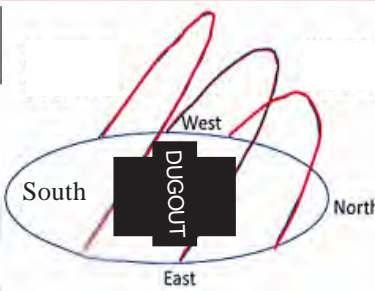
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	SAT Oct 11	SUN Oct 12	MON Oct 13	TUE Oct 14	WED Oct 15	THU Oct 16	FRI Oct 17
Summary	 Mostly sunny	 Sunny	 Sunny	 Sunny	 Sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny
Maximum	35°C	29°C	29°C	31°C	35°C	39°C	34°C
Minimum	16°C	17°C	13°C	14°C	17°C	20°C	19°C
Chance Of Rain	30%	30%	5%	5%	5%	20%	30%
Rain Amount	1-5mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm
	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm	9am 3pm
Wind Speed	24 km/h	11 km/h	30 km/h	27 km/h	22 km/h	12 km/h	12 km/h
Direction	E	E	S	SSW	SSE	SSE	SE
Relative Humidity	31%	18%	49%	23%	49%	19%	38%
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### Bi Monthly

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Margaret Mackay  
Editor

**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,  
Police Reports.

**MIKE GILLAM** is a freelance writer/ photographer who divides his time between his Art Gallery in Alice Springs and his Dugout in Coober Pedy. Mike also writes essays for the Alice Springs News.



Mike Gillam Coober  
Pedy/Alice Springs

**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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Is Our Old Town Hall / Maralinga

Building at Risk?

"Architecture"

When you get a chance, go stand next to this building. Appreciate its size. Then think, “This building was flown to Australia from England in 1956.”



It is architecturally significant, an unusually large example of a prefabricated aluminium structure. Maralinga Village had many other aluminium buildings – dormitories, mess halls, workshops, etc. This building was the Maralinga Picture Theatre. It has a stage.

The buildings, produced in kit form, came from Britain where aircraft and munitions factories were repurposed into making prefabricated buildings after WWII. Bristol Aircraft Factory had access to aluminium, including a particularly desirable high-strength alloy called Hiduminium (High Duty Aluminium), from a large stockpile salvaged from scrapped WWII aircraft.

Post WWII, the British used innovative materials and construction methods to accelerate building times and reduce costs. Bristol Aircraft Factory is best known for making bungalows and schools. This building, made of high duty aluminium, is strong and light. The large wall and ceiling panels were made in the factory, then flown to Maralinga in kit form, where they were assembled.

Its modular construction means each 1.2m x 6m independent wall panel has an aluminium frame and slides into another. The roof panels are 1.2m and slot together like the walls. The ceiling is hardiflex, not asbestos. The walls have interior asbestos.

“The aluminium buildings were large and very distinctive. They featured prefabricated modular units – all the structure is in the actual external walls and so you end up with these lovely spaces and so you can reconfigure the inside to whatever format you want.” Bob Ramsay, Maralinga consultant (Hunt on for Maralinga Test Site Relics, ABC News 4/6/2008)



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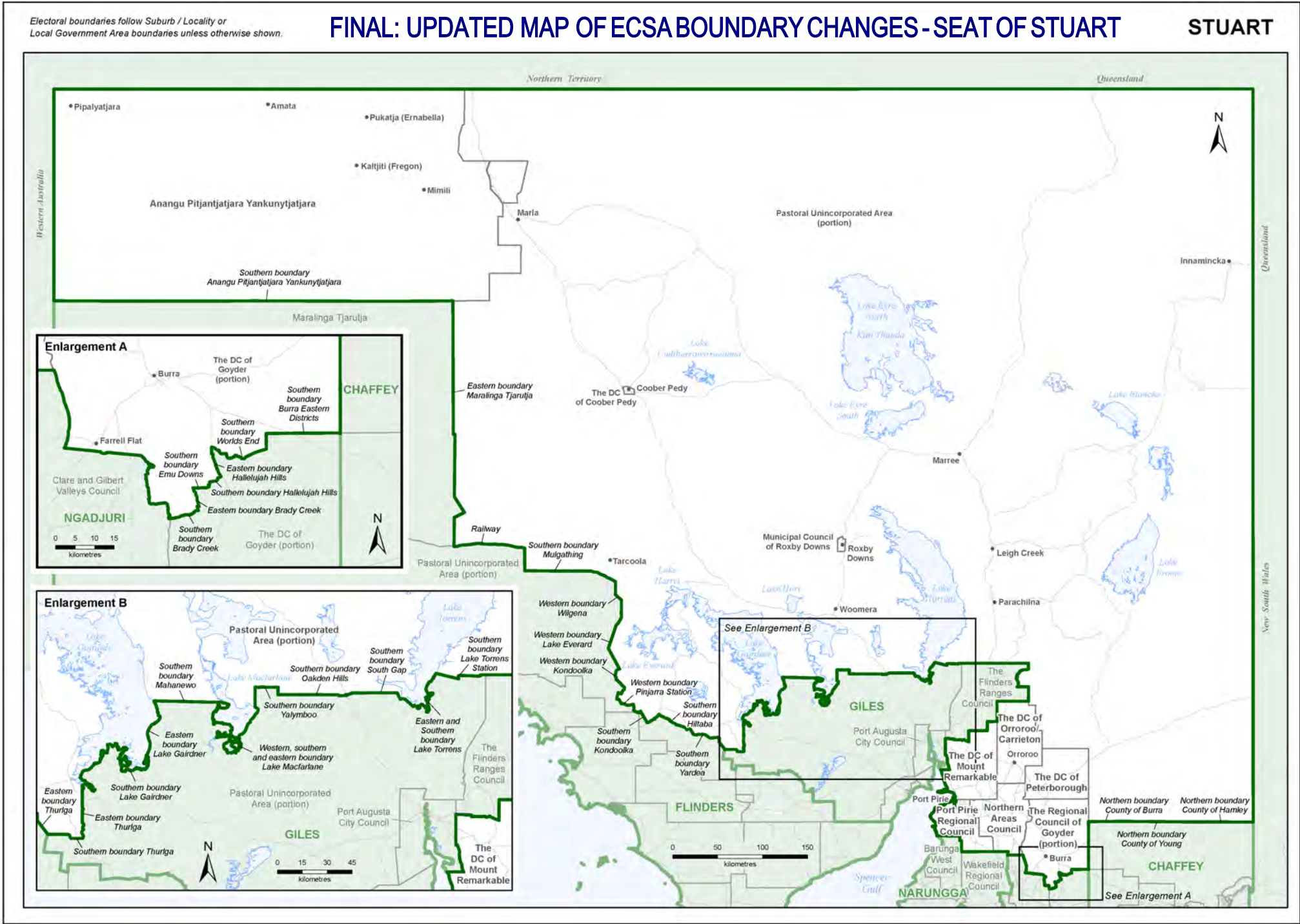
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

MEETING

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER, 2025

at 4pm Italian Club

- 1) Boundary change from Giles to Stuart and what changes it may incur.
- 2) The March State Elections and the options currently available.  
(Do the candidates have any policies? We will check.)
- 3) Petition to terminate the "facilitator" position (progress report)
- 4) Water supply issues - feedback and actions
- 5) Forms available for the Community Satisfaction Survey - ongoing.
- 6) Discussion: What steps to take to protect the Historic Maralinga Building from poor decision-making?
- 7) Continue to send in your suggestions for the agenda





# THE ITALIAN CLUB on GRAND FINAL DAY

## with Brisbane taking home the flag

Geelong's incredible run in the 2025 season has come to a heartbreaking end, with the Cats going down by 47 points to Brisbane in the Toyota AFL Grand Final.

It was a brutal and hard fought match for much of the afternoon, but a quick burst from Brisbane at the end of the third quarter proved to be decisive, the Cats unable to wrestle back the ascendancy as the Lions kicked away.

It will be a bitter pill to swallow for the Cats after a terrific season full of growth, but it will also be a valuable learning experience for plenty of young players who got their first taste of an AFL Grand Final.

The start of the game was everything a fan could hope; brutal, contested and uncompromising. It took over 15 minutes for either team to break the deadlock. The final scores are as follows:

2025 Toyota AFL Grand Final

GEELONG	2.3	5.6	6.8	11.9	(75)
BRISBANE	1.6	5.6	9.9	18.14	(122)

**GOALS**

Geelong: Dempsey 4, Neale, Mullin, Mannagh, Holmes, Close, Bowes, Blicavs 1

Brisbane: McCluggage, Cameron 4, Bailey 3, Lohmann 2, Rayner, Neale, Morris, W.Ashcroft, L.Ashcroft 1

**BEST**

Geelong: Dempsey, Holmes, Humphries, Atkins, Smith

Brisbane: McCluggage, Andrews, Bailey, Cameron, W.Ashcroft, Gardiner

**INJURIES**

Geelong: Jeremy Cameron (arm)

Brisbane: Brandon Starcevich (head)

**SUBSTITUTES**

Geelong: Jack Martin (replaced Rhys Stanley at three quarter time)

Brisbane: Lachie Neale (replaced Sam Marshall at half time)

CROWD: 100,022 @ MCG



Cats and Lions vie for the ball while Italian Club patrons enjoy the show



Local community and a number of travellers made it to the Italian Club to watch the Lions win the Grand Finals.



Spectators Roger Wilson and Flavio Brandli



The big screen at the Italian Club



Father and son; Ben and Lochie Coombes from Catlemaine in Victoria called in at the Italian Club to watch the Grand Final.



Bec and Roman from the Yarra Valley in Victoria with Edi Brandli from Coober Pedy, tucking into a meal while they watch the Lions and the Cats sort things out on the big screen



Izzy Zelenko and Patrick Kiely catching up with friends



Lions / Cats having an upside down moment



Catherine Bell and David Hammermeister turned out for the Grand Final



Cory Edwards, Jake Aulich and David Hammermeister having a day at the footy.



Italian Club President, Brett Smith chatting with friends at the Grand Final



Brisbane and Geelong warming up



The patrons made themselves comfortable but with both eyes on the match



## GEOFF BROCK AND PARTNER LYN DO THE ROUNDS OF 'STUART'

Geoff Brock, current member for the Seat of Stuart in SA and his partner Lyn have just completed a comprehensive tour of the Outback, and also the Flinders Ranges where Geoff has been familiarising himself with the new boundary that will kick in at the next State election.

"Lyn was very impressed with the journey and especially the surrounds and the people", said Geoff.

"The townships that we visited included Hawker, Parachilna, the historic Farina, Copley, Beltana, Leigh Creek, Lyndhurst and Marree, all will be incorporated into the Seat of Stuart."

"We visited the site for the new Barge on the Cooper Creek and saw the works being carried out."

"We called in at Dulkaninna, William Creek; and of course Coober Pedy where we had breakfast with Margaret and John, from the Coober Pedy Community Alliance who spoke at great length about the town folks current concerns for their town, on many fronts."

"I am looking forward to the Listening Posts" on the 1st and 2nd of November at the Coober Pedy RSL and urge those with concerns to make an appointment for a one on one chat."



Above at Outback Bar and Grill are John Di Donna, Geoff Brock MP, with partner Lyn; Les and Maxine Hoad, and Flavio Brandli local opal miner and Mine Rescue Squad volunteer.

"The total area that Lyn and I traveled was just over 2200 Ks, and we saw first hand the unsealed roads, many of which were terrible."

"Incidentally, those roads have now been reported to the new Transport Minister", said Geoff.

## POLICE NEWS

### YOUTHS ARRESTED RE: FAR NORTH BREAKIN

03 Oct 2025 1:48pm Police have arrested five youths following a break-in at a home in a far north community. About 5.15am on Wednesday 1 October, a group of masked youths armed with weapons forced their way into a home in the APY Lands.

The group demanded the occupant hand over their car keys.

The youths subsequently stole the car but it was abandoned a short time later. Thankfully no one was injured. Far North police have since arrested the group involved.

Police will allege the group were also involved in an incident at Ernabella on 28 September where a motor vehicle was damaged.

The five youths arrested are aged between 12 and 16 from the far north. They have been charged with aggravated serious criminal trespass, aggravated assault, theft, illegal use of a motor vehicle and property damage.

They were bailed to appear in the Ernabella court on 15 October.

### TWO DRINK DRIVERS LOSE LICENCE FOR 12 MONTHS DRIVING AROUND COOBER PEDY

10 Oct 2025 6:53am Two men will be off the roads for a year after they were caught drink-driving in Coober Pedy this morning.

At 12.20am this morning (Friday 10 October), police were conducting mobile driver testing in Grey Street, Coober Pedy when they stopped a silver Ford sedan.

The driver, a 33-year-old Oodnadatta man underwent a breath test and returned a positive reading of 0.202.

Further checks showed that the man currently held a provisional licence. He was reported for drink-driving and breaching a condition of his licence and was issued a 12-month immediate loss of licence notice.

Then at 12.30am, police stopped a silver Subaru station wagon on Hutchinson Street, Coober Pedy. The driver, a 35-year-old Mimili man underwent a breath test and returned a positive reading of 0.261.

He was reported for drink-driving and issued with a 12-month immediate loss of licence.

Both men will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date. 260900/260885

### Coober Pedy Crime Report: 19th September – 9th October

If any reader has information pertaining to the below, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

#### 19th September

- Vehicle fire on Catacomb Road. Police believe this to be suspicious. Unknown suspect(s).
- Three small grass fires on corner of Chadwick Road. Police believe this to be suspicious. Unknown suspect(s).
- Disturbance outside Opal Inn. One male arrested for assault.

#### 20th September

- Two calls to noisy parties on Roberts Street and Bray Street respectively.
- Assault and theft of alcohol from Opal Inn. Suspect arrested and refused bail.

#### 21th September

- Shed fire at Flat Hill Road. Police believe this to be suspicious. Unknown suspect(s).

#### 22nd September

- Theft of groceries from IGA. Suspect located and reported.
- Serious assault near Giles Street. Suspect arrested and bailed. Whilst police were managing the scene, a male was arrested for Disorderly Behaviour.

#### 23rd September

- Domestic violence assault near Burke Street. Suspect arrested and refused bail.
- Vehicle accident: Caravan and towing-car had rolled-over at Cadney Park, but no person was injured.

#### 26th September

- Carry Offensive Weapon: a male was located on Hutchison Street carrying a knife. Arrested and bailed.

#### 27th September

- Driving offences: a female was reported and her vehicle impounded for driving whilst unregistered and uninsured.
- Mental-health incident: a female was detained after reportedly making threats.

#### 29th September

- Driving offences: male identified as conducting 'doughnuts' near playground off Hutchison Street. Arrested and refused bail.
- Theft from Shell. Female arrested and bailed.
- Property Damage at Shell. Male kicked glass-doors, causing them to smash. Arrested and bailed.

#### 30th September

- Missing Person: Extensive search of person in the Opal Fields. Person safely located with no injuries.
- Theft of scooter from Opal Inn. Further investigation on-going.

#### 1st October

- Property Damage to abandoned premises on Ward Street. Unknown suspect(s).
- Disorderly Behaviour at Opal Inn with a patron brandishing a dead snake. Female arrested and bailed.

#### 4th October

- Missing Person: Female reported missing by family. Located safe and well.

#### 5th October

- Domestic assault near Dodd Street. Male arrested and bailed.

#### 6th October

- Domestic assault near Aylett Street. Male arrested and bail refused.

#### 7th October

- Theft of scooter and bike at address in Flat Hill Road. Unknown male approached resident asking for money, which was declined. Scooter and bike taken in response. Both items located. Further enquiries to be made.
- Driving offences: Female reported for drink/drive.
- Serious assault at Shell Male arrested and bailed.

#### 9th October

- Disorderly Behaviour. Male arrested for Carry Offensive Weapon and bailed.

## DEEPEST THANKS TO COOBER PEDY RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

**Dear Residents and Businesses of Coober Pedy.**

We would like to convey our deepest thanks to the residents of Coober Pedy while we had a vehicle breakdown earlier last month.

To the businesses mentioned below, "thank you"

- Red Dirt Automotive.
- Oasis tours
- Opal Inn Caravan Park.
- Coober Pedy Home Hardware
- Coober Pedy IGA.
- All cafe's in the town.
- Special thanks to the Greek and Italian Clubs -they made us feel most welcome.

Regards,

Leigh McAlister and Simon Scoggins



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CFS TRAINING WEDNESDAY EVENING - 6PM at STATION.



# \$33.2m upgrade for Fregon Anangu School

A \$33.2 million upgrade of Fregon Anangu School, on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, is complete – with students, staff and the wider community celebrating the new facilities.



Attorney General Kyam Maher admires objects of art at Ernabella Arts during the Country Cabinet visit

The new learning spaces, administration area and whole-of-school upgrade have created three distinct areas within the school, allowing for the growth and progress of students from the early years to primary school, then onto a standalone secondary hub.

A new covered outdoor learning area, including a basketball court and a yarning circle, will support traditional learning and teaching. The new facilities also house a dedicated space for the school's award winning Kungka Ninti Program, a mental health education program for girls and women.

The school, in Kaltjiti (also known as Fregon), has an enrolment of 74 students from birth to year 12 and is a middle-sized school in comparison to other APY Lands schools.

Minor works including additional fencing and canteen modifications will be completed over the coming weeks.

The work has seen a range of new construction providing administration spaces, primary and secondary learning areas, food technology and a canteen, along with the refurbishment of the library and gymnasium.

Premier Peter Malinauskas said, "Investing in our young people is one of the best investments a government can make."

"Education plays an integral role in the APY Lands and its wider community, often changing the entire trajectory of a child's life. Every community deserves to have the best possible education facilities, and our Government is committed to making every school a great school."

Attorney General Kyam Maher said, "Schools in the APY Lands are a crucial cornerstone of their communities and I am so pleased to see this incredible project finished and ready for generations to enjoy".

"The design of these upgrades supports the ways of learning that are important to Anangu, and will foster engagement between students and educators leading to better educational outcomes."

Fregon Anangu School Principal Sara Porzio said, "The Fregon School and preschool/playgroup are a focal point for the whole community, so as a result this upgrade is being embraced by everyone with such pride and joy."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime boost to the morale of the school, our families and our wider community."

"We are planning to celebrate this with a festival-style community event later this month, recognising the importance of the school as a central hub while acknowledging our partnership with traditional educators and the importance of learning on country for our students."



Fregon Anangu School, on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, is a focal point for the whole community



A new covered outdoor learning area,



Visitors make their way through the new facilities



The new construction will provide administration spaces, primary and secondary learning areas, food technology, a canteen, and the refurbishment of the library and gymnasium.



Ernabella Arts is another highlight of the APY LANDS and a fascinating experience for visitors



Country Cabinet meets with APY leaders



# ESCOSA Review of Coober Pedy Council: What to Expect



The Essential Services Commission of South Australia is responsible for the economic regulation of water and sewerage services in South Australia, including industry licensing, consumer protection and retail pricing.



Coober Pedy, a remote South Australian community known for its opal mining and underground homes, is slated for an essential review by the Essential Services Commission of South Australia (ESCOSA) in 2025–2026.

This review forms part of ESCOSA's Local Government Advice Scheme, a four-year rotational process designed to assess the financial sustainability, asset management, and revenue plans of local councils.

In simple terms, ESCOSA will assess how well Coober Pedy's council is managing its money, infrastructure, and long-term planning to ensure it's financially sustainable and accountable.

### What ESCOSA Does

ESCOSA's role is advisory. While it cannot enforce changes, the commission will analyse Coober Pedy's:

- Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP)
- Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMPs)
- Revenue and funding strategies

The commission will review whether the council's plans are realistic, whether its infrastructure needs are adequately funded, and whether it has properly considered financial sustainability over the long term.

### Key Areas ESCOSA Will Examine

#### 1. Asset Management and Renewal

ESCOSA often flags issues when councils fail to prioritise the maintenance and renewal of existing infrastructure. Coober Pedy will likely face scrutiny over its asset register and the adequacy of its capital renewals funding.

#### 2. Alignment of Financial and Asset Plans

The council will need to show that its financial forecasts match its infrastructure plans. ESCOSA has previously pointed out mismatches between councils' asset management and their financial plans, which can lead to underfunded projects or unrealistic budgeting.

#### 3. Transparency of Assumptions

ESCOSA will require Coober Pedy to clarify the assumptions underlying its financial forecasts—such as inflation rates, population growth, and asset depreciation. These assumptions must align with reality and the council's historical performance.

#### 4. Financial Sustainability

If Coober Pedy is forecasting recurring deficits, excessive debt, or unsustainable expenditure patterns, ESCOSA is likely to point out these risks. Sustainable financial planning is a major focus in these reviews.

#### 5. Governance and Accountability

With the District Council of Coober Pedy under administration since 2020 and previous issues with utility compliance, ESCOSA may look more closely at the council's governance, accountability practices, and reporting transparency.

#### 6. Community Engagement

ESCOSA typically expects councils to demonstrate how they've consulted with residents and stakeholders on long-term plans. Given Coober Pedy's service and asset review consultations, the commission may require the council to show how feedback has been integrated into its financial and infrastructure strategies.

#### Coober Pedy's Preparations

In anticipation of ESCOSA's review, the District Council of Coober Pedy has already allocated funds in its Annual Business Plan 2025–26 to cover the costs of the review. A Service and Asset Review, is also being conducted which includes community consultations on potential efficiencies or otherwise. No outcomes have been made public on the Service and Asset Review at this stage which was funded by the State Government.

#### What Happens After the Review?

Once ESCOSA completes its analysis, likely by March 2026, it will publish its advice. The council will then have the opportunity to respond to ESCOSA's findings, addressing any criticisms and outlining steps it will take to improve. This advice will be made public, and the council's response will also need to be published, typically as part of its annual business plan.

#### Why This Matters

The review is a chance for Coober Pedy to strengthen its financial position, improve asset management, and enhance transparency. While ESCOSA's recommendations are advisory, they carry significant reputational weight. For a council already under administration and facing financial challenges, ESCOSA's advice could be pivotal in shaping Coober Pedy's future governance and financial stability.

# RENEWED APPEAL FOR MISSING PERSON BENJAMIN WHO'S VEHICLE WAS FOUND AT WIRRAMINNA IN THE FAR NORTH



Missing person Benjamin - renewed search by police

10 Oct 2025 1:38pm Police are renewing their appeal for information from the public, including dashcam footage, as they continue to search for missing man, Benjamin in the State's Far North.

Ben, 40, was last seen on the Stuart Highway south of Glendambo on the afternoon of Friday 26 September. Police hold grave concerns for his welfare.

Ben is Caucasian, about 180cm tall of medium build.

He was travelling in a blue 2006 Hyundai Getz with Western Australia registration plates 1IGG659.

That vehicle was located by PolAir on Saturday 27 September in scrub about 10 kilometres off the Stuart Highway at Wirraminna.

Unfortunately, Ben was not located with the vehicle and police launched a widescale search of the dense scrub with the assistance of PolAir, SES, drones and local trackers.

Despite extensive searches and inquiries, Ben has not been located.

Police appeal for anyone travelling on the Stuart Highway between Port Augusta and Glendambo between 11am and 2pm on Friday 26 September who saw Ben's blue Hyundai or has dashcam footage of the vehicle to contact Crime Stoppers.

Police received information from several truck drivers in the area that day who were concerned with the manner of driving of the blue Hyundai and ask these drivers to please pass on their details to Crime Stoppers.

Anyone who has information on Benjamin's movements or whereabouts or that may assist the investigation can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at [www.crimestopperssa.com.au](http://www.crimestopperssa.com.au) Quote reference 249443.

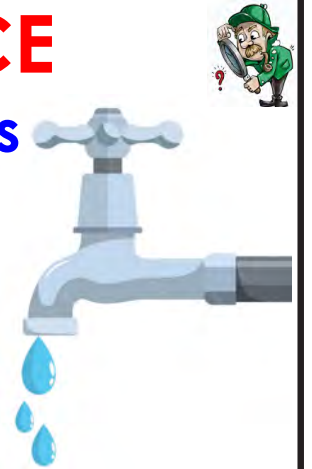


# COOPER PEDY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Invite all Cooper Pedy Ratepayers and Residents  
to take part in this important survey/review

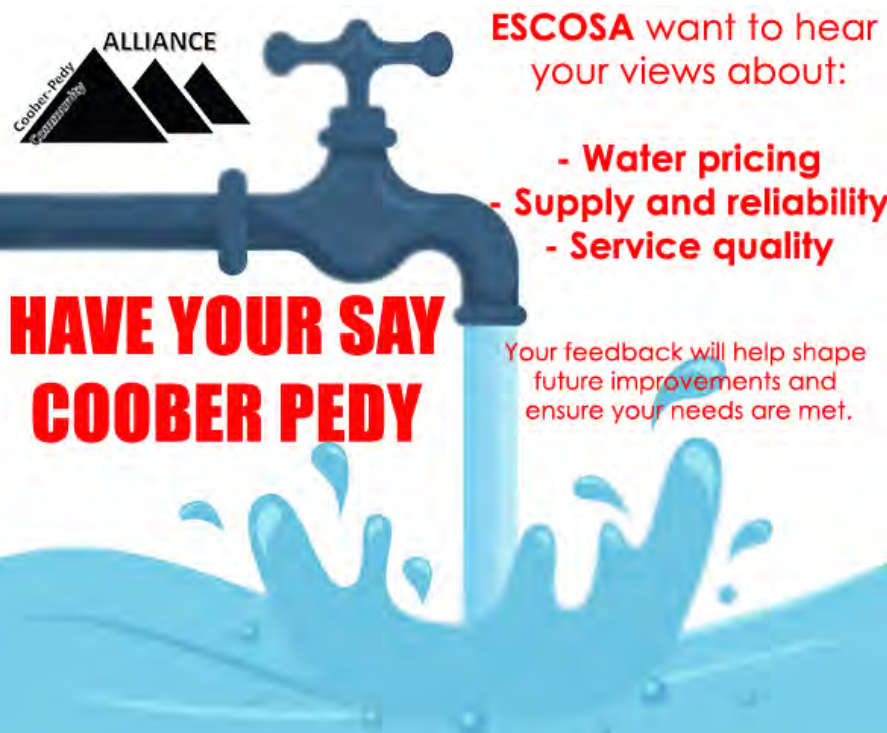


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## Small-scale water & sewerage retail review

Consultation opened 25 August 2025  
Consultation closes 14 November 2025  
<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/small-scale-water-and-sewerage-retail-review>



## ESCOSA (Essential Services Commission of SA) want to hear about your experience as a customer or consumer of a small-scale water and/or sewerage retailer (Current Cooper Pedy Council)

The Essential Services Commission of South Australia (the Commission) is reviewing the regulatory framework that applies to small-scale water and sewerage retailers in South Australia. Input from customers and consumers will help us identify issues and make improvements.

### Background

Small-scale retailers are those with 50,000 or fewer connections. They offer drinking water, non-drinking water, sewerage, and/or Community Wastewater Management System services.

Approximately 110,000 customers in South Australia receive water or sewerage retail services from 71 small-scale retailers. The current regulatory framework is comprised of a consumer protection code, a price determination, a licencing regime, reporting requirements and a compliance and enforcement regime.

The review will focus on the effectiveness of the current regulatory framework in protecting the long-term interests of South Australian consumers with respect to the price, quality and reliability of water retail services.

### What are the next steps?

The Commission will consider all feedback on matters related to the small-scale water and sewerage regulatory framework. **A further consultation opportunity will be provided following the release of a draft decision.**

## Have your say - Take Survey: here

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/small-scale-water-and-sewerage-retail-review/surveys/small-scale-water-and-sewerage-retail-review-survey>

and/or

- Register to attend a consumer or retailer workshop at: [reviews@escosa.sa.gov.au](mailto:reviews@escosa.sa.gov.au)
- **Responding to questions posed in the Issues Paper:** <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9yilvan8L0O8mL1-KNQJBp6PL3NodfHub4FLfKsZVxUOUhaVhK83RFNFUUXRUFE4VINSOVZJQ0IONi4u>
- Email a submission to: [reviews@escosa.sa.gov.au](mailto:reviews@escosa.sa.gov.au)
- Post a submission to: Essential Services Commission of South Australia, GPO Box 2605, ADELAIDE SA 5001



# WILLIAM CREEK BRONCO BRANDING AND COW WORK 2025

Following on from our Variety SA catering earlier in the week, everyone again assembled at William Creek on Friday August 15th for our annual event.

Friday started off with the annual cricket match, and after having had the strip looked over by Les Burdett, ex Adelaide Oval curator earlier in the week, everything was in ship shape condition for the match.

This year the locals, ably assisted by a couple of ringins courtesy of the “Burns Boys”, played a team from Adelaide who were in the area. These men travel all around the state and enjoy a game of cricket with the locals whenever they can.

Competition was fierce, but the locals lads managed to eventually get over the line. Tea and beverages were served after the game.

On Saturday morning the cow work competitors were ready bright and early. Shannon Bell judged the event, and there was some great competition in all age groups.

On the completion of the cow work, the large crowd moved to the bronco branding arena, and settled in for a day of entertainment. Commentator David Bell from Dulkaninna kept everyone informed and entertained, and explained the fine skills and horsemanship which were displayed by competitors, and just how talented the horses are in the arena.

Once again Rev Sunny and his team from Frontier Services ran the kitchen for us during the day - such an amazing group of people who we could not do without.

After everyone had enjoyed their roast tea and the presentations had been made, a spirited auction took place.

DJ Tania, along with assistance from husband Jay from Choonz and Moovz kept the crowd dancing until the early hours. We congratulate Choonz and Moovz who have recently been recognised as Australia’s No 1 Wedding DJ.

All in all it was a great event- and the committee thanks each and everyone of you who helped us over the weekend, sponsored us, participated and brought their horses, travelled long distances to support us, provided auction items, helped during the events and assisted with all the other jobs that need doing on the day.



Annie Stevens looking for her next catch



Doubles Winners: Col Greenfield and Tony Williams with their ground crew of Matt and Cam Williams and Ben Hewitt were successful in the Doubles competition



James(Rags) Boylan together with Cam Williams came second in the Doubles, with their ground crew of Dylan Nicholls, Kate Ozolins and Matt Williams



Former Coober Pedy local Jason Jones with his crew of Cam and Logan Williams and Chris Reynolds



Macumba Station came Third in the Doubles with Eddie Nunn (and Gregggy Warren) as Catcher(s)

Thanking Peter Rowe (Coober Pedy) for attending the event and providing photographs.



## William Creek Bronco Branding

### NOVICE

- 1st - Jamie Kunze Cacher; Jamie Kunze BACK LEG Justin Nunn, FRONT LEG Mark Nitske, BRANDER Clayton Cashen 4:33.29  
2nd- Macumba 2 CATCHER: Justin Nunn BACK LEG Jamie Kunze , FRONT LEG Mark Nesky, BRANDER Gregggy Warren 4:48.31  
3rd - Patsy Springs CATCHER: Kaeli May BACK LEG Chris Reynolds FRONT LEG Ben Hewitt, BRANDER Dylan Nicholls 6:35.18  
Fastest Catch: Justin Nunn 5 sec

### OPEN

- 1st - Billa Kalina: CATCHER Col Greenfield BACK LEG Matt Williams, FRONT LEG Cam Williams, BRANDER Ben Hewitt 7:55.04  
2nd- Northern Flinders: CATCHER Chris Reynolds BACK LEG Dylan Nichols, FRONT LEG Adam Litchfield, BRANDER Bridie Ferguson 8:09.63  
3rd - Mount Barry: CATCHER Tony Williams BACK LEG Cam Williams FRONT LEG Matt Williams BRANDER Logan Williams 9:13.22  
Fastest Catch: Chris Reynolds 6 secs

### DOUBLES

- 1st - Mount Barry: CATCHERS Tony Williams & Col Greenfield BACK LEG Cam Williams, FRONT LEG Matt Williams, BRANDER Ben Hewitt 3:57.72  
2nd- Cam & Raggs CATCHERS: Cam Williams & James Boylan BACK LEG Matt Williams, FRONT LEG Dylan Nicholls, BRANDER Kate Ozolins 4:59.13  
3rd - Macumba CATCHERS: Eddie Nunn & Gregggy Warren BACK LEG Col Greenfield FRONT LEG Justin Nunn BRANDER Mark Neiske 5:18.73

Horse of the Day: Memphis  
Groundperson of the Day: Logan Williams

## William Creek Cow Work

### ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1<sup>st</sup> Missy Reynolds Harley 58/Matey 55  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Roy Nunn Starky/ Jack Williams Chuck 55

### JUNIORS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lara Bell Aussie 61  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Williams Chuck 53  
3<sup>rd</sup> Magenta Williams Matey 51

### JUVENILE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pippa Reynolds Henry 81  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lara Bell Aussie 66  
3<sup>rd</sup> Magenta Williams Matey 62

### ADULT ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1<sup>st</sup> Logan Williams Willow 159  
2<sup>nd</sup> Logan Williams Aussie 154  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bridie Greenfield Roy 128

### ADULT OPEN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adam Litchfield Playdough 173  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bridie Ferguson Jet Star 149  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bridie Ferguson Henry 136

## William Creek Arena Events

### MUTTON BUSTERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lenny Williams 65  
2<sup>nd</sup> Winnie Ward 46  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wyatt Morphet 45

### PODDY RIDE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cooper Garrard 3.22 sec  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mack Maquiry Ferguson 2.43 sec  
3<sup>rd</sup> Charlee Garrard 2.06 sec

### STEER RIDE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pedro Rodriguez 67  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Steicke 65  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jacob Van Dik 63

### CHUTE DOGGING

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shandor & Ash  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pedro & Josh  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bridie Greenfield & Archie

### GUESS THE WEIGHT

- Milky - 510kg Nicole Hayes  
Orangy - 520kg Dayrl Burns



# VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY VISIT TO WILLIAM CREEK

William Creek was extra busy during the week beginning August 11th 2025.

Apart from the usual volume of people visiting the area, The Victorian Variety Bash came through on the Monday, and the William Creek Hotel catered for them at lunchtime.

Meanwhile over at the Gymkhana Grounds the locals were gearing up to feed the SA Variety Bash's 380 plus people who arrived from 4pm onwards. A weber roast dinner was served to the Bash participants who then enjoyed the music of Gavin Chandler, and they also held their own auction event.

A great night was had by all!

We were back again by 6 am Tuesday morning to serve a cooked breakfast, after which they all enjoyed a free day from driving, and instead were entertained by the Bash organisers at the Gymkhana grounds.

Tuesday night they moved to the William Creek Hotel for dinner, and breakfast again Wednesday morning, before making their way across to Coober Pedy.

The William Creek Progress Association were extremely thankful- and grateful- to receive a donation from Variety of \$150,000 towards a Rage Cage sporting area for the town. This complex will benefit not only our remote community children but all the visiting families who travel the Oodnadatta Track each year.



Helen Williams accepting the grant for the William Creek Progress Association of \$150,000 towards a brand-new outdoor sport and recreational facility!



Trevor Williams was amongst the volunteers who prepared the food for all the bash participants

Below and Left: Variety Bash participants



## BRONCO BRANDING NATIONAL FINALS 2025

This year the national finals of Bronco Branding were held in Jundah Queensland on Saturday, August 24th, a week after the William Creek event. A number of South Aussies travelled to the finals and were successful on the day.

**Congratulations to Logan Williams from Nilpinna Station SA on winning the NOVICE.**

1st - LBW: CATCHER Logan Williams BACK LEG Chris Reynolds, FRONT LEG Harvey Williams, BRANDER Bridie Ferguson 5:12.63

2nd- Lachiel CATCHER: Lachie Hoddle BACK LEG Harvey Williams, FRONT LEG Chris Reynolds, BRANDER Maggie Geiger 7:18.02

3rd - Parkdale CATCHER: Duncan Scobie BACK LEG Laura Axsentieff FRONT LEG Georgie Greg BRANDER Jane Scobie 8:04.50

Congratulations to Corey Ferguson from Jundah plus his ground crew on winning the SINGLES!!!

1st - Maxvale: CATCHER Corey Ferguson BACK LEG Harvey Williams, FRONT LEG Clint Raymond, BRANDER Lachie Hoddle

2nd- Stonehenge CATCHER: Cam Nunn BACK LEG Rob Francis, FRONT LEG Brodie Pidgeon BRANDER Peter Pidgeon

3rd - East Mac's CATCHER: Sean Leigh FRONT LEG Cam Nunn BACK LEG Rob Francis BRANDER Peter Kleinschmidt  
Congratulations to Corey Ferguson & Harvey Williams on winning the DOUBLES

1st - Maxvale: CATCHERS Corey Ferguson & Harvey Williams BACK LEG Clint Rayment, FRONT LEG Lachie Hoddle, BRANDER Logan Williams

2nd- Brad & Clint CATCHERS: Brad Marilyn & Clint Rayment BACK LEG Charlie Southern FRONT LEG Punk Geiger BRANDER Ty Norris

3rd - LBW CATCHERS: Jason Jones & Logan Williams BACK LEG Chris Reynolds FRONT LEG Harvey Williams BRANDER Bridie Ferguson

Jundah- Chris Reynolds and Bridie Ferguson



Jundah: Logan Williams



Jundah: Harvey Williams



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PUBLIC NOTICE - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & AGM



Government of South Australia  
Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.

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Call for Nominations  
and notice of  
Annual General Meeting

*Are you interested in local health services?*

*Looking for an opportunity to advocate for your local community?*

The **Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.** is looking for people like you to join as a Resident Member Representative. Nominations are called for seven (7) positions. We are looking for residents of the District Council area of Coober Pedy or, who lives outside the council area but who uses or may use services provided by or associated with the Far North Health Services.

As a Resident Member Representative, you will share your perspective, study issues and provide opinion to serve as an advocate for the Far North Health Services and bring the voice of the community to the group.

The **Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.** wants to hear from all backgrounds, abilities, identities and lived experience to help shape the services to better serve everyone in our community.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 5.30pm at the Coober Pedy Community Health Centre (meeting room), as well as online via teams. All welcome.

Following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting a process to determine representatives' appointment for a three (3) year period will take place.

Nominations must be in writing, signed by two (2) residents for the community and by the nominee who must also be a resident of the community.

Nomination forms are available by contacting [Health.EFNLHNCommunications@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.EFNLHNCommunications@sa.gov.au)

Your Nomination form, along with a current Curriculum Vitae, are to be forwarded in an envelope marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

Malinda Watson  
FNHAC Returning Officer  
PO Box 630  
PORT LINCOLN SA 5606

**By the close of business on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.**

HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM



**Coober Pedy Historical Society**

**A G M**

**2 pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**at the School Library**

**All members and friends are invited to attend  
as we review the past year  
and elect office bearers for 2026**

This will be followed with a presentation on the year 1965  
a year of great progress in a growing town

**Afternoon tea - All welcome**

**Thriving Communities Program  
is Now Open!**

The Thriving Communities Program consists of small grants for projects that build social capital through facilitating:

- community group participation
- a sense of belonging
- equity of access.

Projects that meet the aims of the program may include:

- physical infrastructure – new and expanded
- plant and equipment
- events to enhance community wellbeing and engagement, including promotional expenses capped at 10% of the grant
- training such as first aid, mental health first aid, child safe, cultural awareness and inclusion.

The grants support projects that can be completed within 12 months.

The Thriving Communities Program is non-competitive which means each application is assessed as it is submitted.

You can apply for a grant amount of between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

Total funding available for all grants in 2025–26 is \$1 million.

**Applications close 5.00 pm, 15 October 2025.**

For more information on the eligibility and guidelines, head to the website [https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding/thriving\\_communities\\_program](https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding/thriving_communities_program)  
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# BHP earmarks \$555 million to boost copper production in South Australia



FILE PHOTO: A view shows the BHP Limited logo at their headquarters in Melbourne, Australia, March 24, 2025. REUTERS/Hollie Adams/File Photo © Thomson Reuters

(Reuters) -BHP said on Wednesday it would invest more than A\$840 million (\$555.16 million) in its Olympic Dam copper operations in South Australia as the miner prepares to make an investment decision by mid-2027 to double output from the state.

South Australia is home to one of BHP's three copper growth projects, including Olympic Dam.

The Olympic Dam project holds one of the world's largest deposits of copper, uranium, and gold, making it vital for BHP and Australia's role as a major global supplier of

copper, a key metal needed for the transition to a low-carbon world.

The project has consistently produced more than 300,000 metric tons of copper annually for the past three years.

BHP, the world's largest listed miner, is now preparing to make a final investment decision by mid-2027 for a smelter and refinery expansion at Olympic Dam, with an aim to double copper output in South Australia to 650,000 tons by mid-2030s.

The A\$840 million investment will fund key initiatives, including an underground access tunnel, a new backfill system, expanded ore pass capacity, and a new oxygen plant to enhance smelter efficiency.

"Together, these projects and those underway elsewhere across Copper SA will improve efficiency and support future growth options of South Australia's copper province," BHP said.

The investment is expected to create nearly 200 construction jobs, reinforcing South Australia's position as a major global copper supplier, the company said.

(\$1 = 1.5131 Australian dollars)  
(Reporting by Roshan Thomas in Bengaluru and Melanie Burton in Melbourne; Editing by Subhranshu Sahu)

# Stalking, cyber stalking and cyber bullying

## Stalking and harassment

It is an offence to unlawfully stalk and harass another person. Under s 19AA of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 (SA), a person stalks and harasses another if they do any of the following on at least 2 separate occasions, provided they intend to cause physical or mental harm or serious apprehension or fear, or ought reasonably to have known physical or mental harm or serious apprehension or fear would be caused:

- follows another person
- loiters outside a person's home or some other place they frequent
- enters or interferes with another person's property
- gives or sends offensive material to another person or leaves it where they will find it
- publishes or transmits offensive material in such a way that it will be found or brought to the other person's attention
- publishes or transmits material that appears to have been prepared, published, transmitted or authorised by the other person in a manner that could reasonably be expected to cause apprehension or fear in that person
- communicates with another person, or to others about that person, by mail, telephone, facsimile or the internet in a manner that could reasonably be expected to cause fear or apprehension in that person
- monitors, tracks or surveils the other person, or the person's movements, activities or associations
- acts in any other way that could reasonably be expected to create apprehension or fear in another person.

This offence was broadened on 8 June 2025 by an amendment to the existing mental element which removed the requirement that a defendant intend to cause serious physical or mental harm. An alternative mental element was also added to capture defendants who may not subjectively intend to cause fear but who knew or ought to have known that their conduct would cause physical or mental harm or serious apprehension or fear.

**An offence of stalking and harassment may be aggravated if:**  
the behaviour breaches a court order or an injunction (for example, an intervention order)  
the offender had an offensive weapon  
the victim is a vulnerable person (including if the victim is a current or former spouse or partner)  
another reason listed in s 5AA of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 (SA) applies.

**The maximum penalty is imprisonment for 3 years for a basic offence, and imprisonment for 5 years for an aggravated offence.**

## Alternative charge of offensive behaviour

Where a person is charged with stalking and harassment they are taken to have been charged in the alternative with offensive behaviour. This means that if the court is not satisfied that the offence of stalking and harassment has been made out but there is sufficient evidence to establish an offence of offensive behaviour, the court may convict the person of offensive behaviour [Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 (SA) s 19AA(3) - see also Summary Offences Act 1953 (SA) s 7].

## Cyber stalking and cyber bullying

Cyber stalking is the use of information technologies to harass and intimidate an individual. It is similar to traditional forms of stalking but the use of sophisticated technology can make intrusions into a victim's life far beyond those possible by physical harassment. Some incidents of cyber stalking may be captured by South Australian offences such as the offence of stalking and harassment discussed above, particularly since amendments came into effect on 8 June 2025 clarifying that certain stalking conduct includes conduct engaged in or undertaken via the internet, social media platform, telephone, or email [see Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 (SA) s 19AA(2)].

**Cyber bullying** may constitute an assault under s 20 of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 (SA) if the bully threatens to physically hurt the victim, provided there is a real possibility that the bully will carry out the threat or they are in a position to carry out the threat and intend to do so. See also Assault.

Cyber bullying may also be illegal under federal criminal law. Under the Commonwealth Criminal Code, contained within Schedule 1 to the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth), it is an offence to use a carriage service (such as the internet) to menace, harass or cause offence [s 474.17]. This carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 5 years.

**Doxxing:** It is also a federal offence to use a carriage service (such as the internet) to publish or release someone's personal data in a manner that is menacing or harassing [s 474.17C]. **This offence is commonly known as doxxing.** Personal data includes a person's name, photograph, telephone number, email address, residential address and work address. **Doxxing carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 6 years.**

It is also an offence to release or publish the personal data of one or more members of a particular group in a manner that is menacing or harassing [s 474.17D]. This is intended to cover behaviour that targets individuals who belong to a group that an offender believes are distinguished by their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, nationality or ethnic origin. This carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 7 years.

Cyber stalking or cyber bullying behaviours may constitute image-based abuse. See Distribution of invasive images (image-based abuse).

# The fight against illicit tobacco continues in South Australia



Since June 5, 2025; 71 closure orders have been issued to stores in South Australia caught selling illicit tobacco and vapes. In that time, we have seized product valued at more than \$4.2 million including:

- 3,376,290 cigarettes**
- 10,667 vapes**
- 1.1 tonnes of loose tobacco**

This takes the total value of product seized since the taskforce began its work on 1 July last year to more than \$47 million. Two long term closure orders have also been issued with another three being progressed.

In addition to closure orders, South Australia has the toughest penalties of any state or territory with fines of up to \$6.6 million for those caught selling a large commercial quantity of illicit tobacco and vapes.

The Minister has also informed the landlords of stores that have been closed as it is now an offence to knowingly lease a property to someone selling illicit tobacco.

The taskforce, which operates within Consumer and Business Services (CBS), works closely with state and federal agencies including SAPOL and the Australian Border Force to share intelligence and crackdown right across the country.

The illicit tobacco trade is not new, and nor is it a problem isolated to Australia. This is a global problem, and the Australian Government has already made significant investments totalling over \$345 million since January 2024, building on Australia's world-leading tobacco and vaping reforms and partnering with the States and Territories to tackle this transnational criminal enterprise.

Over the last financial year, there has been a 320% increase in the number of illicit cigarettes seized at the border compared to four years ago. The ABF continues to further increase the volume of seizures this financial year.

South Australia's response to the illicit tobacco trade has been recognised as the best in the nation earning an A+ on a recent national scorecard by the Australian Council on Smoking and Health.

## Cyber stalking and cyber bullying

Prosecuting stalking-type offences has traditionally been difficult due to the requirement to establish multiple instances or a pattern of behaviour and to prove the offender's intent to cause harm or create fear. The expansion of legislation to allow for intervention orders on the basis of cyber stalking provides an alternative to prosecution [see Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009 (SA) s 8(4)]. While criminal offences must be proved beyond reasonable doubt, an application for an intervention order requires only that it can be established that a danger exists on the balance of probabilities. Further, an intervention order is ongoing and remain in force until a court determines that circumstances have changed justifying its removal. This may offer a longer period of protection than a criminal conviction and sentence of imprisonment. For more information, read the Law Handbook chapter on Intervention orders or read our Applying for an intervention order publication.

**Many websites, such as Facebook, will remove offensive pages and content and can also ban cyber bullies from using the site. Contact the website administrator or company to request the removal of material.** Alternatively, a report may be made to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. The Online Safety Act 2021 (Cth) has expanded the powers of the eSafety Commissioner to deal with online abuse.

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Cfs Training**

CFS TRAINING WEDNESDAY  
EVENING - 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 program



**Italian Club**

Italian Club Coober Pedy  
is open April - December  
Thursday 5-10pm and  
Friday nights 5 - 1am.



**Greek Charcoal BBQ**

Friday nights at the  
Greek Hall.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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**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  
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**CROATION CLUB**

Happy Hour 6-7pm

**SUNDAYS**



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

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**OCTOBER 2025**

Term dates for 2025 Term 4 – Monday 13 October to Friday 12 December



**Coober Pedy Miners  
Association Inc.**

would like to invite

all PSPP permit holders and  
CPMAI members to come to the  
Italian Club for our

**Annual General Meeting  
and BBQ**

**SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025**

**12:30 PM AGM**

At the Italian Club  
Italian Club Road, Coober Pedy

Come along for updates on the industry and share  
your thoughts. Please attend to renew your  
membership or sign up for a new membership.  
Raffle happening on the day.  
Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Buy when**



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**COOBER PEDY  
DRIVE-IN THEATRE**

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

**Saturday 11th October 2025**

**Life of Chuck (M)**

Gates Open: 7:45pm

Movie Start: 8.15 pm

**Friday 17th October 2025**

**The Long Walk (MA)**

Gates Open: 7.45pm

Movie Start: 8.15pm

**Saturday 25th October 2025**

**Kangaroo (PG)**

Gates Open: 7.45pm

Movie Start: 8.15pm

**Friday 31st October 2025**

**I Know What You Did Last**

**Summer (MA)**

Gates Open: 7:45pm

MovieStart:8.15pm

**Saturday 1st November 2025**

**Bad Guys 2 (PG)**

Gates Open: TBA

Movie Start: TBA

**Saturday 8th November 2025**

**Downton Abbey: The Grand  
Finale**

Gates Open: TBA

Movie Start: TBA

**Friday 14th November 2025**

**Primitive War (MA)**

Gates Open: TBA

Movie Start: TBA

**Friday 21st November 2025**

**One Battle After Another (MA)**

Gates Open: TBA

Movie Start: TBA

**Saturday 22nd November 2025**

**Regretting You (M)**

Gates Open: TBA

Movie Start: TBA

**Saturday 29th November 2025**

**Roofman (M)**

Gates Open: TBA

Movie Start: TBA



# Coober Pedy & Andamooka Opal Fields - Outback SA

## Opal Adventures

**Umoona Opal Mine & Museum:**

A great starting point to learn about opal mining, Aboriginal and European settlement, and see the underground living quarters.

**Old Timers Mine:**

Explore a historic opal mine dating back to 1916, including an underground home built in the 1960s.

**Tom's Opal Mine:**

Offers interactive opal mining experiences, including using UV torches, and caters to both adults and children.

**Noodling:**

A popular activity where visitors sift through mining leftovers for opals, often enjoyed by kids inside the town boundary at "The Jeweller Shop" off Umoona Road.

## Underground Experiences:

**Faye's Underground Home:**

A specialty museum showcasing an underground home with spacious rooms and preserved memorabilia.

**Underground Churches:**

Visit the Serbian Orthodox Church, St Peter and Paul Catholic Church, and the Catacomb Church, all unique examples of underground construction.

## Outback Adventures:

**Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park:**

A beautiful area with dramatic, colorful landscapes, including the iconic Breakaways.

**Dog Fence:**

A long fence built to keep dingoes away from livestock, offering a glimpse into the region's unique environmental challenges.

## Other Notable Attractions:

**Josephine's Gallery and Kangaroo Orphanage:**

A gallery and sanctuary where visitors can see and learn about kangaroos.

**The Big Winch:**

Offers panoramic views of the town and surrounding landscape, especially stunning at sunset.

**Crocodile Harry's Underground Nest & Dugout:**

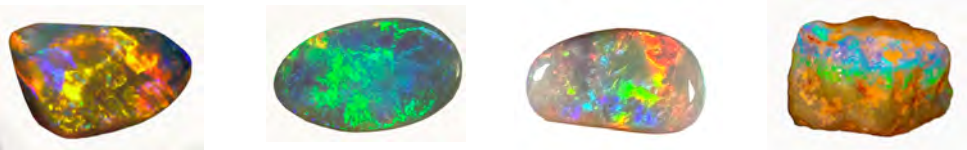
A unique and quirky underground attraction.

**Outback Mail Run**

Join Bruce on his journey Mondays and Thursday leaving from Coober Pedy and visiting Oodnadatta and William Creek. Or, on Saturdays departing from Coober Pedy and visiting the stations to the west and the Painted Desert.

**Coober Pedy Tourist Information Centre:**

A place to get information about tours and other activities.



## Friday to Sunday

**Coober Pedy RSL**

Weekly - Sunday afternoon\$ from 4.00pm.  
Happy hour and members draw between 5.00pm and 6.00pm

**Coober Pedy CROATION CLUB**

Weekly on Saturdays - Happy Hour 6-7pm

**Coober Pedy parkrun.**

Weekly, 8am Saturday mornings Town Oval



**Coober Pedy Greek Charcoal BBQ.**

Most Fridays at Greek Hall.  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063689523307>

Unique

There Is Only One

Coober Pedy

## OUTBACK SA FEATURING the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPAL FIELDS

THE SA OPAL FIELDS , LAKE EYRE, GREAT VICTORIA DESERT, SIMPSON DESERT, STUART HWY - DARWIN







WILL YOU STEP UP  
TO PROTECT **YOUR**  
COMMUNITY?

We're run by volunteers (not full-time staff),  
so here is the best way to get in touch:


COOPER PEDY CFS BRIGADE

Admin & Finance enquires: Ann Gerschwitz 0439 325 806 or  
ann.gerschwitz@sacsvolunteer.org.au

Recruiting enquiries: Linda Buckeridge on 0401507690 or  
linda.buckeridge@sacsvolunteer.org.au

OUR TRAINING TIMES

Every Wednesday night at the Station  
Doors open at 6pm, training starts 6:30pm

 502 Hutchinson Street,  
Cooper Pedy SA 5723

We look forward to chatting with you soon.

1300 364 587 | [cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteer](https://cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteer)

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN  
COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE  
IS **RECRUITING NOW.**

Please note:

All training and protective clothing is provided by  
the CFS. All volunteers are required to consent to  
a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.  
We will provide consent forms for this free-of-  
charge service.



VOLUNTEER FOR  
A **LIFE-CHANGING**  
EXPERIENCE.

It takes a mighty team of all  
different ages, genders and abilities  
— and we welcome everyone!

WHY VOLUNTEER?

You'll be equipped to help your community when  
it's needed most. A volunteer role opens you to  
training in life-changing skills, including:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  <b>Basic<br/>firefighting</b> |  <b>Structural<br/>firefighting</b> |
|  <b>Mapping</b>                |  <b>Communications</b>              |
|  <b>Leadership</b>             |  <b>Teamwork</b>                    |
|  <b>First aid</b>              |  <b>Operational<br/>support</b>     |

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

- The desire to help protect your community as  
part of a dedicated team.
- Willingness to be trained in providing assistance  
in emergency situations and/or providing  
support to the team on the ground

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

Cooper Pedy CFS trains on Wednesday nights each  
week. Doors open 6pm and training begins at  
6:30pm.

We encourage you to attend training regularly to  
stay familiar with equipment, skills and your team.

Many CFS volunteers also work full-time or part-  
time. Employers often release CFS volunteers from  
work to respond to emergencies as they arise. If  
your employer is unable to release you, you can  
commit to volunteering outside of work hours.

ABOUT THE SOUTH  
AUSTRALIAN **COUNTRY**  
FIRE SERVICE (CFS)

The CFS is a volunteer-based fire and  
emergency service dedicated to protecting life,  
property and environmental assets in regional  
and semi-metropolitan South Australia.

We couldn't do it without people like you!  
With approximately 14,000 volunteers, the CFS  
cares for more than 425 communities across the  
state through a range of fire and emergency  
services.

Our volunteers are people from all walks of life,  
with one extraordinary difference — they step  
up to regularly commit their time and energy to  
assist their communities when it's needed most.

YOUR COMMUNITY COUNTS  
ON THE CFS FOR:

- Suppressing bushfires
- Suppressing structural fires
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Hazardous materials incidents
- Advice on building fire safety
- Risk and response planning
- Community education and awareness  
programs

Our volunteers can also play vital roles through:

- Administration
- Radio operations
- Finance
- Mapping
- Logistics
- Brigade and group meeting participation
- Equipment and brigade maintenance
- Organising cadet programs



ASSOCIATIONS

COOBER PEDY MINERS ASSOC.

Coober Pedy SA 3723  
**Committee Elected for 2024/25**  
President: Matt Graham,  
Secretary:Jacqui Boland  
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  
**Commitee members**  
Catherine Bell,  
Rachel Crothers,  
David Hammermeister

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: Irene Spillman,  
Mim Ward, Daniel Tsharke, Clarissa Bigelow  
**https://www.cooberpedy.com/contact-2/**

Coober Pedy Sports & Rec  
Assoc. Inc

Jordan Riessen- Chairperson  
Gwen Martin - Treasurer  
Gwen Martin - Secretary  
Jon Fatt-Clifton - 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 2025/2026**  
President Daniel Lamb  
Senior Vice President Stephen Scott  
Junior Vice President John McDermott  
Secretary John Di Donna  
Treasurer Suzanne Bunker  
Public Relations Greg Sparrow  
**Committee Members**  
Robert Gigos; CharissaLamb; Phil Gerschwitz;  
Jesse Manfred  
**Contact Secretary: 0427 649 389**

Coober Pedy RSL Sub-Branch

President: Rod Hagel  
Vice President: Mick Cox  
  
Secretary: Kingsley Kammermann  
Treasurer: Miriam Kammermann  
Committee Members:  
  
Rayleen Hagel  
Roz Jazepczyk  
Michael Stocks  
  
CooberPedyRSL,  
Edward Street COOBERPEDY SA 5723  
Email: CooberPedy@rslsa.org.au

Coober Pedy Historical Society Inc

**Committee Elected 20/10/2024**  
Chairperson: Trish Turner  
Secretary: Jenny Davison  
Treasurer: Sue Britt  
Public Officer: Judy Harper (30-3-25)  
**Contact: cooberpedyhs@gmail.com**

DUSTY RADIO INC

**Committee 2025**  
**Chairperson**  
Secretary: Patsy Anne Noble  
Treasurer:  
Public Officer: Patsy Anne Noble  
Social Media Officer:  
Committee member:  
Committee member:  
**https://www.dustyradio.com.au/**



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.** Ph: 86723903  
MAP BUS Tues to Sat. 4pm-12am.  
Sobering Up Centre Tues - Sat 4pm - 8am

**Umoona Tjitji Tjapu Tjuta Childcare Centre**  
Lot 315 Robins Blvd  
(08) 8672 5644

**Umoona Aged Care**  
Lot 89 Hospital Rd  
(08) 8672 5605

**National Indigenous Australians Ag. (NIAA)**  
17/18 Paxton Rd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 5077

**Far North Health Advisory Council**  
C/- Coober Pedy Hospital  
(08) 8672 5009

**C.P. Community Correctional Centre:**  
Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 3091

**Uniting Country SA**  
Paxton Rd  
1300 067 777

**TAFE SA**  
Adult education school  
Hutchison St. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8678 9000

**Coober Pedy Magistrates Court**  
Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 5601

**Child Abuse Report Line (CARL)**  
131478

**Aboriginal Family Support Services**  
Lot 1991 Aylett Street, Coober Pedy  
(08) 8672 3066



# New reforms to outlaw predatory practice targeting victims

Reforms to better protect victims of personal injury from predatory money-grabbing behaviour have passed State Parliament.

The laws will ban the practice known as ‘claim farming’, where an individual or business makes unsolicited contact with a victim who may have grounds for a civil injury claim, in order to obtain their personal information and receive a kickback for referring them to a law firm to pursue compensation.

The Bill will prohibit:

\*making unsolicited personal contact with another person to solicit or induce them to make a personal injury claim in the expectation that in exchange, they will receive a benefit.

\*giving or receiving a benefit in exchange for the personal details of a person who has or may have a personal injury claim.

The practice of claim farming drew nationwide attention following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, with a number of victim-survivors reporting having been cold-called by businesses and law firms soliciting for clients in compensation claims.

Common methods of claim farmers often involve inappropriate or exploitative methods of contact, applying high pressure and making deceptive promises of quick and easy compensation. Such contact to an injured person disrespects their autonomy and well-being, and in many cases they may not be ready to speak about the events leading to their injury.

Under the new laws, anyone who engages in the practice could be fined up to \$50,000, with lawyers who participate in these behaviours also facing disciplinary action through the Legal Practitioners Act.

The new offence would still allow contact of a victim at their request, for a class action, or altruistic approaches where the person making the approach does not expect or intend to receive, and does not receive, a benefit as a result of the approach. Outlawing claim farming will also not prevent victims from bringing a claim for compensation.

Kyam Maher MLC Attorney-General said, "Targeting vulnerable people who have been injured, including victims of abuse - at a point in their life where they desperately need help and support simply to try and make a quick buck - is gutter behaviour."

"Whilst all persons with an injury are vulnerable to some degree, claim farmers often target people with vulnerabilities additional to the injury."

"It is immoral behaviour that soon, due to the Government's proactive work in this area, will be illegal."

"People who have suffered an injury through no fault of their own deserve better, and these laws will help prevent predatory operators who seek to profit from their misfortune."

Knowmore Legal Service welcomes the passing of the new law, which will provide the strongest protections against claim farming for victims and survivors of child abuse that Australia has seen.

"This is a massive step towards protecting survivors of child abuse who pursue redress and justice making options. South Australia has raised the bar, and the rest of the country should take notice," said Jackie Mead, CEO of Knowmore.

Claim farming is an exploitative business practice that involves someone contacting a survivor without their permission and selling their information to a law firm, which then locks the survivor into a costs agreement with fees to be paid to the claim farmer.

Knowmore assists many survivors of child abuse who have experienced claim farming and been retraumatised by the experience. Survivors tell us they feel harassed, pressured, confused and taken advantage of by claim farmers.

Friday 10 October 2025



## To contact the Courts Administration Authority

(CAA)for information about courts in the Far North region of South Australia, you can use the following contact details:

Phone: +61 8 8204 2444 or Freecall 1800 571 191. Email: enquiry@courts.sa.gov.au.

Live Chat: Available in the bottom right corner of the CourtSA website: www.courts.sa.gov.au.

The CourtSA Registry Services team is available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. They can assist with inquiries, but cannot provide legal advice.

# Cooper Pedy Magistrate Court

Malliotis Blvd. Cooper Pedy (08) 8672 5601



Cooper Pedy Circuit dates in November 2025

November 3, 4, 5, 6

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/case-lists/cooper-pedy-list/>

## Boost to community safety at major shopping centres

SA Police will now have the authority to conduct metal detector wand searches at eight major suburban shopping centres under new powers provided by the Malinauskas Labor Government's nation leading knife law reforms.

From 26-9-2025 the following areas are now Declared Shopping Precincts under the Summary Offences (Knives and Other Weapons) Amendment Act 2025:

- Marion Shopping Centre; • Elizabeth Shopping Centre; • Arndale Shopping Centre
- Burnside Village; • Hollywood Plaza; • Parabanks Shopping Centre
- West Lakes Shopping Centre; • Munno Para Shopping Centre

The new powers also enable police to order a person or group posing a risk to public safety and order to leave the shopping centre for 24 hours. If they re-enter or attempt to there is a maximum penalty of \$1250.

These shopping centres are the first to be declared, but other public events and places which may be declared under the Government's reforms include a public place holding a public event; a public transport hub; a public transport service; or any other shopping precinct.

If other areas or events are declared they will also be published on the SA Police website and in the Government Gazette.

While South Australia hasn't seen the extremes of knife related incidents that have occurred on the Eastern States, there have been some incidents here which we want to stamp out before they escalate to those extremes. In June last year, Westfield Marion was sent into lockdown following a brawl in a food court. SA police later arrested two teenage boys and seized two expandable batons.

In October last year an 18-year-old man was stabbed during a fight in the food court at the Elizabeth Shopping Centre and a security guard was also attacked with a knife on the same day at the Elizabeth bus and train interchange.

Declarations are able to be made over certain areas or at public events where there is an increased risk to public safety and in making any declaration, the Commissioner of Police must be satisfied that search powers in that area are necessary or appropriate, and would likely be effective in deterring or detecting the commission of a weapon-related offence.

Penalties include:

- Possessing a prohibited weapon: up to \$20,000 fine or 2 years imprisonment.
- Carrying an offensive weapon: up to \$2,500 fine or 6 months imprisonment.
- Failing to leave or re-entering a declared area when ordered: up to \$1,250 fine.

This new police declaration power of certain public places is just one element of the State Government's sweeping new knife laws which are the toughest in the nation.

The new laws also included machetes and swords being made prohibited weapons and a total ban on the sale of knives to minors under 18 years old. Part of those reforms also included creating a new offence for any person who supplies a knife to a child who is suspected of using that knife unlawfully.

Attorney General Kyam Maher said, "The comprehensive law reforms introduced and passed by the State Labor Government will help authorities better tackle knife crime with a view to ensuring a safer community for all South Australians. The safety of the community is a top priority for this Government, and we are committed to ensuring our state has strong and effective laws.

These measures are all about allowing SA Police to better protect the community and being able to identify any dangerous weapons before an incident unfolds.

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Narelle Kameniar said, "South Australia Police is thankful to have additional powers to protect the community as they frequent different areas of South Australia. These laws will give police more tools to prevent crime and remove dangerous weapons from circulation by conducting searches on any person or their property.



**Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7946**  
**New grant opportunity!**

**Farm Business Transition Program Round 1**

Delivered on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

The Farm Business Transition Program aims to provide assistance to sheep producers impacted by the phase out of live sheep exports by sea through grant funding to obtain advice and make changes to their business operations.



Applications are now open and close 9:00 pm AEDT on Monday 1 December 2025.

The Australian Government is inviting applications in an open competitive process to apply for a grant under the **Farm Business Transition Program (the program)**.

The grant can be used for a range of planning, professional and technical advice, application of research and development innovations and extension activities, and investment in on-farm infrastructure and improvements to increase the uptake of alternative farming systems and practices.

**Grant funding of up to \$75,000 per eligible applicant** will be available to applicants to contribute to the future costs associated with the transition.

Co-funding of 1-1 is required for applications submitted under this program and the applicant must match the dollar value of the grant funding approved. In-kind contributions will not be counted towards matched funding.

Contact Details: Community Grants Hub  
**Email Address:** support@communitygrants.gov.au  
**Eligibility:** Find out more on GrantConnect. <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=60adf4c9-949c-4679-abec-4cd249fb1b28&keyword=GO7946>

**Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7936~**  
**Livestock Transport Industry Transition**  
**New grant opportunity!**

An iconic 3 trailer Australian road train Livestock Transport Industry Transition - Round 1. Delivered on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

The Livestock Transport Industry Transition Program aims to provide assistance for livestock transport businesses affected by the cessation of live sheep exports by sea from 1 May 2028, by providing grant funding to transition to other transport-related activities.



Applications are now open and close 9:00 pm AEDT on Monday 1 December 2025.

**Description:** The Australian Government is inviting applications through an open competitive process to apply for a grant under the **Livestock Transport Industry Transition Program (the program)**. The grant can be used for a range of planning, professional and technical advice, training and co-funded investment in asset modification and acquisition.

This program will provide support for livestock transport businesses, including those who have made investments in transportation of sheep and the delivery of essential export related goods such as feed, bedding, water systems, veterinary supplies and handling equipment specifically for the live sheep export by sea trade, to transition to other transport-related activities which may require further investment.

**Grant funding of up to \$40,000 per eligible applicant** will be available to applicants to contribute to the future costs associated with the transition to other transport-related activities.

Co-funding of 1-1 is required for applications submitted under this program and the applicant must match the dollar value of the grant funding approved. In-kind contributions will not be counted towards matched funding.

Community Grants Hub. Email Address: support@communitygrants.gov.au <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=3f2c469d-23e2-4e95-a897-7c003421510e&keyword=go7936>

**Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program**  
**Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7867**

**Agency:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts.

**Close Date & Time:** 1-Mar-2026 5:00 pm (ACT Local Time)

**Description:** The Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program is a closed non-competitive program. Only projects identified by the Australian Government will be invited to apply for funding.

The purpose of the program is to deliver vital community and sporting infrastructure, open space improvements and other community priorities.

The objectives of the program are to:

- build resilient communities through the provision of social and community facilities;
- improve community amenity, accessibility and liveability through investment in community infrastructure; and
- drive economic growth in communities and the broader region.

The intended outcomes of the program are to:  
improve the social and economic viability of local communities;  
improve social amenity and support social cohesion; and  
increase positive health, accessibility and wellbeing outcomes.

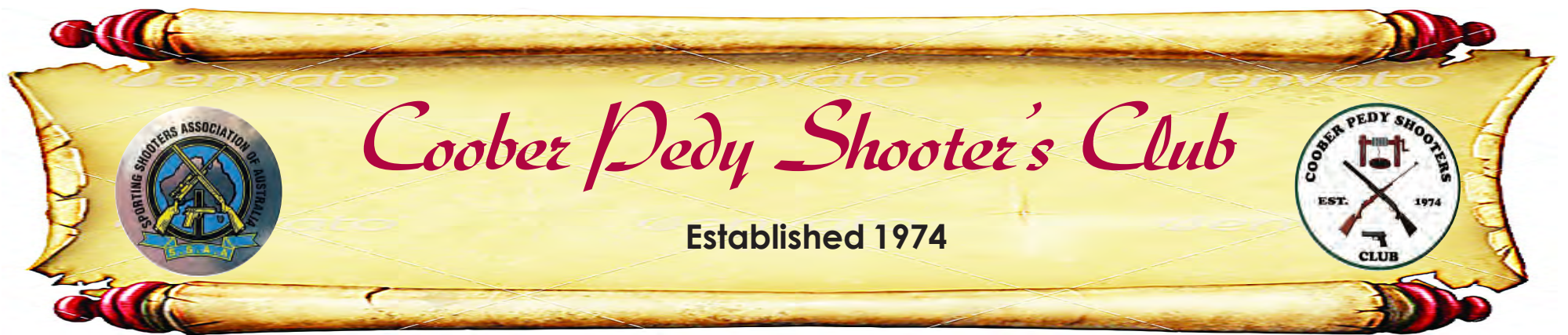
**Eligibility:** To be eligible you must be the organisation with overall responsibility to deliver the project and be invited by the Australian Government. Total Amount Available (AUD): \$560,900,000.00

**Instructions for Application Submission:**  
If your project has been identified to receive Australian Government funding under the program, we will write to invite you to apply. This correspondence will include information on the process for applying and provide the program guidelines and application form. <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=85a6106f-7a2e-4574-8c31-90f36d3b5738>

All applications must be received by 5:00pm (local time) on 1 December 2025 unless an extension has been granted in accordance with the program guidelines.

You must submit your application and all supporting documents via email (MLCIP@infrastructure.gov.au) by the due date.





**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  
IPSC**

**27 September**

**4 October**

**11 October**

**18 October**

**25 October**

**DISCIPLINES  
INCLUDE:**

- ♦ Air Rifle/  
pistol
- ♦ IPSC
- ♦ ISSF
- ♦ Rifle Metallic  
Silhouette
- ♦ Combine  
Service
- ♦ Black  
Powder
- ♦ Service pistol
- ♦ Shotgun
- ♦ Steel  
Challenge

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

- ♦ Darts
- ♦ Archery

**Starting Time: 9:00 AM**

**Sundays 50m FLY  
Match**

**28 September**

**5 October**

**12 October**

**19 October**

**26 October**

**AGM 28th September — 2:00 PM—Location Shooting club**

**NEW TIMES For DAY LIGHT SAVING Sunday (Rifle) 9.00 AM**



**MEMBERSHIP Renewal Now Due 2025**

**Single Membership \$ 100.00**

**Couple Membership \$150.00**

**Family Membership \$ 200.00**

**Affiliate Membership \$20.00**

**SSAA MEMBERSHIP DUE NOW**

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