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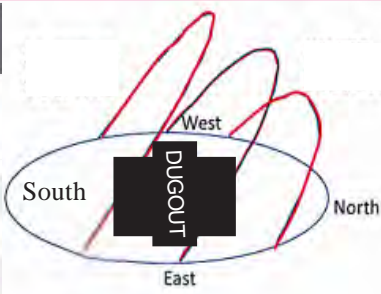
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	SAT Nov 8	SUN Nov 9	MON Nov 10	TUE Nov 11	WED Nov 12	THU Nov 13	FRI Nov 14
Summary	 Mostly sunny	 Sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly cloudy	 Late shower	 Mostly sunny
Maximum	24°C	24°C	28°C	28°C	30°C	31°C	34°C
Minimum	12°C	11°C	12°C	14°C	17°C	21°C	19°C
Chance Of Rain	5%	10%	5%	5%	10%	40%	20%
Rain Amount	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	< 1mm	1-5mm	< 1mm
UV Index	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
Wind Speed	9am 33 km/h 3pm 24 km/h	9am 27 km/h 3pm 20 km/h	9am 22 km/h 3pm 9 km/h	9am 30 km/h 3pm 10 km/h	9am 27 km/h 3pm 15 km/h	9am 27 km/h 3pm 22 km/h	9am 23 km/h 3pm 22 km/h
Wind Direction	S SSW	SSE S	SE S	SSE SE	E NE	NE N	W W
Relative Humidity	59%	25%	46%	23%	42%	18%	47%



**Summer solstice/
Mon, 22 Dec 2025,
1:32 am**

Bi Monthly

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



Margaret Mackay
Editor

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

Bi Monthly

Local Scribes

The Opal Capital of the World

An Historic, Underground Town built on the back of OPAL MINING. OPAL - AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL GEM

***Coober Pedy - situated on the LARGEST OPAL FORMATION in the world**

***Over 40 Nationalities bonded by the OPAL Industry**

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

Four pillars of Democracy are
LEGISLATIVE : The body which makes laws for the state.
EXECUTIVE : Executes and enforces laws.
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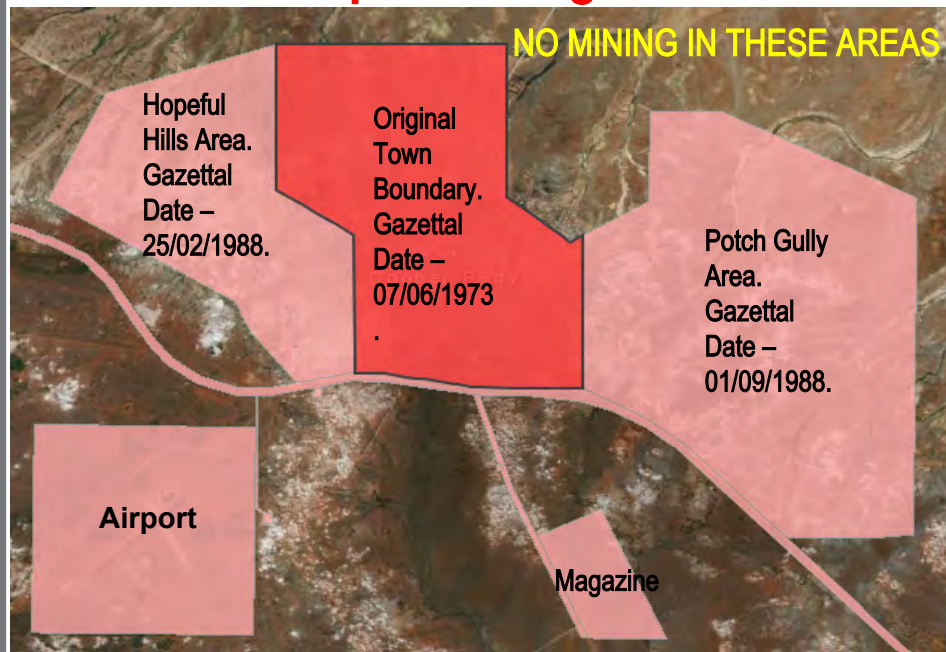
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Before mining for opals in South Australia
YOU MUST

- 1) hold a current Precious Stones Prospecting Permit (PSPP)
- 2) pay a fee when applying for the permit and for the registration of claims and other relevant documents.



- 3) Shift a lot of dirt



November 2025 Australian Gem & Mineral Calendar

Sat 8th November 2025 Mudgeeraba, Northern Gold Coast, SE Queensland
Mudgeeraba Community Gem Show (replacing washed out show in March)
Mudgeeraba Showgrounds - Sat 8:00am - 3:00pm

Sat 8th and Sun 9th November 2025 Newcastle, NSW
Newcastle Lapidary Club Gem and Jewellery Fair
At Newcastle PCYC, Young and Melbourne Roads Broadmeadow NSW
Sales of jewellery, gemstones, opals, mineral specimens, rocks, resin art, enamelling, beads and tools.
Demonstrations of faceting and jewellery making.
Free entry and parking. Full canteen service available.
9:00am to 4:00pm Saturday and 9:00am to 3:00pm Sunday.
Email: newlap@gmail.com
Facebook: : <https://www.facebook.com/Newcastle-Lapidary-Club-616736661717997/>

Sun 30th November, 2025 - Tarrawanna, NSW
ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB INC - "Open Day" Christmas Market
51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna 2518
- 9:00am to 2:00pm - FREE ENTRY

View the Club Rooms, purchase Mineral Specimens, Fossils, Lapidary Materials and Jewellery.

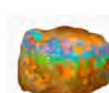
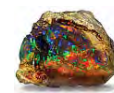
Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle Lunch available.

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Active Claims as at 07-11-2025

Andamooka 171; Coober Pedy 468; Mintabie 11; Stuart Creek 1



Letter to Editor

ADDRESSING "MISLEADING" ADVICE ABOUT OPAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Typical Opal in the rough. A skilled cutter will transform rough opal into gem quality stones for jewellery

Dear Editor,

It has come to our attention that a particular online seller on Facebook has made, in our opinion, mischievous and misleading statements during a live stream to the public on Sunday 02 November 2025. We believe these comments have the potential to be very damaging for the Coober Pedy Opal Industry

We have extracted a few comments made during the live stream which are;

Quote 1 -Some of the Opal fields in Coober Pedy and Lightning Ridge (but mostly Coober Pedy) have unstable and cracky opal and he highly suggests not to buy opal from specific fields. Stating, that after cutting, a year later the stones will crack and or explode.

To put a blanket over certain fields is completely incorrect and misleading. These parameters are surely imaginary? High quality and stable opal along with faulty opal can be found in any field. There are multiple factors surrounding what might cause faulty opals. I.e. explosive blasting, opal level depth, matrix or rock on the opal, opal in or on gypsum, formation etc. There are many more factors why some opal may not be gem quality. If opal is found to have cracks, natural or circumstantial, those pieces can generally be used to make triplets. This knowledge comes with experience.

Quote 2 -White based opal is crap and suggests its being sold at an inflated price.

All opals are beautiful and valuable. Opal colours and patterns are a personal choice. Coober Pedy is famous for white based opal along with crystal and black opal.

We can only hope that the particular online seller does a better job in the future with educating their clients with facts, and supporting the industry that supports them.

A large number of miners are very unhappy with the comments made by this seller.

Names Supplied



The Birdsville Track and Cooper Creek - Heavy Vehicle Barge Official Opening, Connecting the Outback, with Geoff Brock MP

"On Wednesday 5 November 2025 I had the privilege of attending the official opening of the new Cooper Creek Barge - a vital piece of infrastructure that will make a real difference for our pastoralists, freight operators, and remote communities", reports Geoff Brock MP from the Cooper Creek

"After months of isolation caused by record flooding, this \$27.4 million investment, jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments, is now reconnecting the Birdsville Track, a lifeline for South Australia's cattle industry and outback tourism."

"The vast floodwaters covered over 32,000 square kilometres, nearly half the size of Tasmania, cutting off access to processors and stranding well in excess of 20k head of cattle."

"The new barge, the largest of its kind in South Australia, can carry fully loaded A-double trucks up to 36.5 metres long, transporting up to 160 cattle per trip. It's a game-changer for livestock transport and essential services."

"Standing beside the mighty Cooper Creek and seeing the sheer scale of the water, I couldn't help but reflect on the legacy of the MV Tom Brennan, the very first barge built in 1949 to serve this crossing. That humble steel punt, powered by a 4hp outboard motor, was a lifeline for drovers and mail contractors like Tom Kruse. It served faithfully for over a decade before being replaced by a small barge capable of carrying a single car, and now, more than 60 years later, we welcome a new chapter."

"Driving across the barge myself was a surreal experience, a testament to what can be achieved when government and community work together. This isn't just a transport solution; it's a symbol of connection, commitment, and continuity for the people of the outback."



The Hon Geoff Brock MP cutting the ribbon with Sharon Oldfield and Darryl Bell, "Two long standing station owners who I was privileged to ask to join me in the ribbon cutting", said Geoff.



The new barge in action on the Cooper Creek



The original barge M V Tom Brennan



The dinghy locals use to get to Marree



The new barge Photo: Department for Infrastructure and Transport

TOM VENNING MP, MEMBER FOR GREY TAKES COOBER PEDY CRISIS STRAIGHT TO CANBERRA

Federal Member for Grey, Tom Venning, and Liberal candidate for Stuart, Leon Stephens, have called out the State Government for leaving the outback township of Coober Pedy behind; and committed to championing the town's issues in Canberra.

5 Nov 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxxGaEValA8>

Coober Pedy is facing mounting challenges, but Mr Venning and, Mr Stephens have a plan for Coober Pedy and are calling on the State and Federal Governments to deliver; 'PLANS NOT PROMISES'

- **A genuinely funded State-Federal taskforce for Coober Pedy to deliver:**
- **Upgraded water and electricity infrastructure**, and transparency by the State Government on costs, timelines and subsidies.
- **Restoration of elected local government in Coober Pedy** as soon as feasible, the community must have a voice.
- **Commonwealth funding tied to training and employment programs in the town:** ensuring that local youth can access trade training, opal cutting, tourism operations and other local-industry opportunities.
- **Secure air services and upgrade of the airport** to maintain connectivity, plus targeted support for outback roads to keep station access viable and local pastoralists and businesses open.
- **Strengthening volunteer and emergency services in Coober Pedy:** recruitment pathways, incentives and dedicated funding to retain essential personnel for police, ambulance and mfs.
- **A clear plan to hold the State Government to account** for the delays, particularly the financial plan to exit council administration and the water-infrastructure strategy. The community must know the timelines and details.
- **A fairer cost base for residents:** remote living should not equate to paying three times more for water or being subject to utility practices deemed unjust by the Ombudsman.

Coober Pedy is more than just a tourist town; it's a regional Australian icon doing its best in a tough environment. It's a symbol of what happens when remote communities fall between the cracks: high costs, declining services, community fatigue, and decline.



Tom Venning MP after meeting with the people of Coober Pedy, delivered a speech in Federal Parliament relating the community fatigue experienced and the current state of the essential services assets after nearly 8 unproductive years in Administration.

The community welcomed Tom Venning and Liberal Candidate for Stuart Leon Stephens, and are feeling hopeful of Federal support, after years of autocratic style rule and zero progress. Heavily invested locals are concerned for the future of the opal mining town in the hands of inexperienced FIFO operators who prefer to keep the community at a distance and make decisions behind closed doors with their preferred city consultants. The end of administration won't come soon enough for the exhausted locals.

Tom Venning, Member for Grey said, "Coober Pedy shows us that when governments treat remote communities as afterthoughts, the social, economic and human consequences mount."

"The people of Coober Pedy deserve plans, not promises, and I am committed, as is my colleague Leon Stephens, to advocating for real solutions for the people here."

"The time for words is over; someone needs to step in and deliver a clear pathway for Coober Pedy. The people, and the towns contribution to the state deserves better. Remote Australia should not be a backyard for neglect."

"This is a great town, the hospitality on this trip has been so warm. I would hate for a series of bad decisions by government to result in that great soul being stripped away."

Leon Stephens, Candidate for Stuart said, "We aren't just here for a photo-op. We are committed to taking Coober Pedy's fight to Adelaide and Canberra to force a real plan, not another raft of reviews."

"People here are so resilient, they are dealing with something they do not deserve. There are great opportunities for exporting opals, some of the best people in the world are here to teach young locals about presentation and grading."

"This community wants to get on with it, but they are being tied up by red tape. There are so many opportunities, not just opals, but tourism, remote education, and more."

"Seeing the recent auditor-general report showing the \$285.2 million wastage on hydrogen in Whyalla makes me sick. Especially when you think of what a fraction of that money could do in a town like Coober Pedy in the way of essential services."



Tom Venning MP and Leon Stephens, Liberal Candidate for Stuart, visited the RSL at Coober Pedy on Sunday & Monday 19th /20th October 2025 and met with the locals



Tom and Leon were able to visit an underground mining operation during their stay at Coober Pedy



Tom, Leon and Bernadette Abrahams met with the Coober Pedy Community Alliance (Ratepayer and Resident) Committee on Monday 20th October.

NO CAMPING, NO DRINKING, NO TOILET? - WHO IS PROVIDING COMFORTS FOR THESE LAW-BREAKERS?

Nervous tourists, disappointed and embarrassed local residents are watching helplessly asking age-old questions as the annual alcohol seekers flock to Coober Pedy to set up party areas for the summer.

Most of these are inside the boundaries of private but currently vacant homes that the council presumably is collecting rates on. Then there are the community spaces: Kean Reserve; the Children's Playground, the Town Triangle and more. All dry areas, with No Camping available, yet here we have the opposite.

This is not a case of homelessness, as was established some decades ago, and so the questions keep coming.

Why isn't the DCCP who is responsible for the upkeep and integrity of KEAN reserve, the playground and the Triangle, among many other areas, demanding their protection from the police?

The community is demanding to know WHO is providing these comforts? And is this law breaking exercise being funded out of TAX PAYER'S MONEY?

Some are suggesting the Welfare Departments are a party to the law breaking.. Would that be correct? This town wants answers and effective solutions!!

Perhaps the welfare contingencies could be better utilised managing a wet area for drinkers closer to the APY Lands[?] We know it can be done, so why isn't it?



Bins available but nobody using them



Dry area is being overlooked by everyone.



Tent City built by out of town drinkers on the Triangle



Influx of camp dogs in town



Tent City squalor



Campers sleeping in the children's playground



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES

Key contacts
Police Emergency 000

Dial Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.
Police Assistance 131 444

Dial 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance.

POLICE NEWS

Coober Pedy Crime Report:

Coober Pedy - 11/10/2025 til 23/10/2025

25/10/2025 – Two cars crash on German Gully Road. Police, SES and SAAS were called to two separate crashes on German Gully Road. One vehicle rolled over while another slid down an embankment in separate incidents. No persons were injured in either incident.

27/10/2025 – At about 3.30 pm police responded to a report of a small grass fire burning on Robins Blvd Coober Pedy. A witness was able to extinguish the small fire. Police located a male nearby who was arrested and charged with property damage by fire. He will appear in the Coober Pedy Magistrates Court at a later date.





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CFS TRAINING WED EVENING - 6PM at STATION.



Camping in children's playground with assistance



Drinking in Dry Zone; Littering



For the attention of our Members, please see followup
correspondence regarding concerns - Historic Building.



The Chief Executive Officer
District Council of Coober Pedy
Garry Herdegen

Subject: Formal Community Notice - Protection of Heritage Materials

Dear Mr Herdegen,

It has come to the attention of the Coober Pedy Community Alliance that the Council may be considering, or has received, an offer to dispose of aluminium materials forming part of the Coober Pedy community's historic building, originally retrieved from the Maralinga test site by the Coober Pedy Progress Association and community volunteers in 1976.

Our members discussed this matter at a recent meeting and expressed unanimous concern.

Given the lack of clear consultation with the community on matters affecting local heritage, we have resolved to take immediate steps to safeguard this important community asset.

The Coober Pedy Community Alliance is preparing to initiate a formal heritage preservation process to ensure that the integrity and historical significance of this structure, and all associated materials, are properly recognised and protected.

This process will be undertaken in good faith by the community to provide stability of purpose and continuity of care that extends beyond the term of the current Administration.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Council refrain from undertaking, approving, or permitting any removal, disposal, demolition, or alteration of the building or its components until appropriate consultation has occurred and the community's heritage interests have been duly considered.

Please note that we will also be seeking advice and assistance from relevant heritage and parliamentary representatives in support of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John Di Donna

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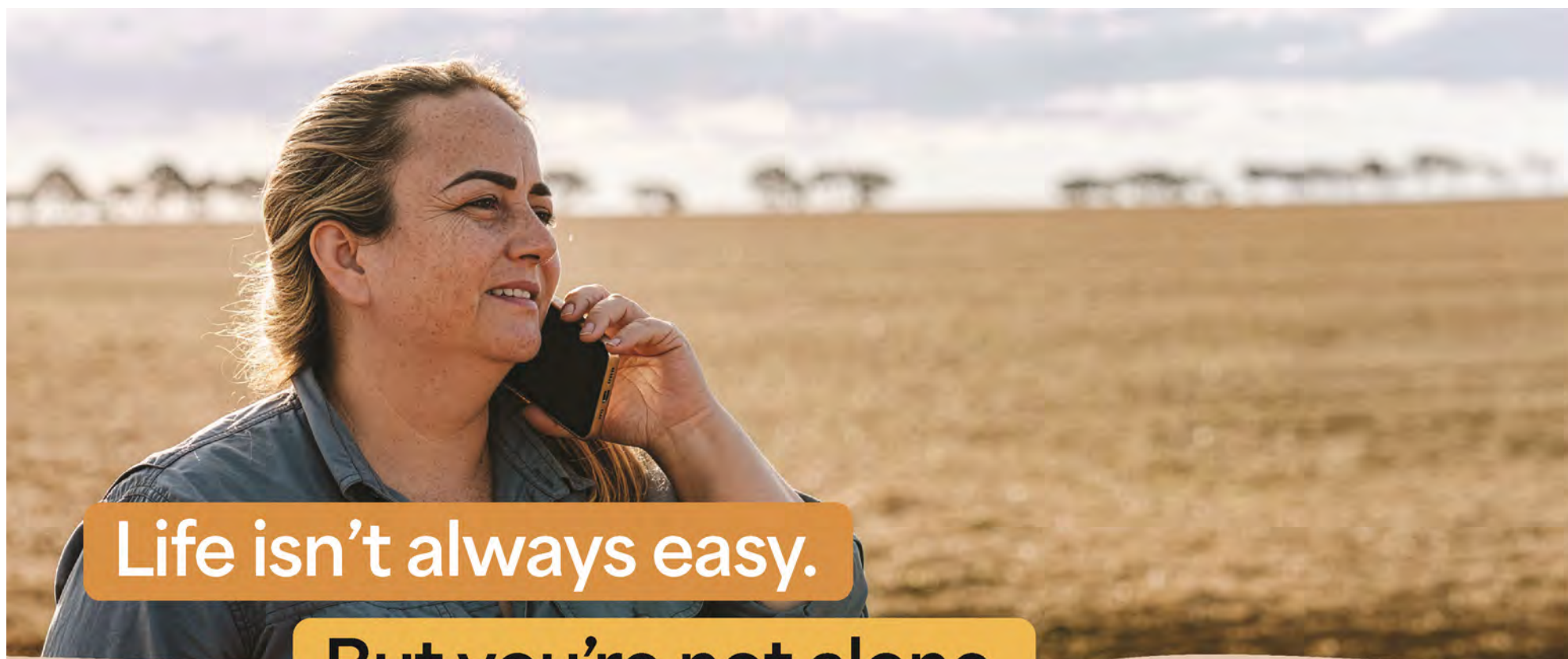
NEXT MEETING OF THE COOBER PEDY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE WILL BE ON SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 2025 at 4PM, ITALIAN CLUB

Full Agenda will follow in the next few weeks with your input.

- 1.) Community Presentation
- 2.) Nominations for future community awards will be sought.
- 3.) Short Term Accommodation concerns, continued...
- 4.) Heritage concerns, continued...
- 5.) Water concerns, continued...
- 6.) Information for members re: savings on hot water.
- 7.) Discussion re: concerns that children's playground (dry area)
has been targeted as a summer party area (ongoing annual occurrence)
Relocation of Playground has been suggested.
- 8.) Discuss MY LOCAL SERVICES APP (see below)
- 9.) Forms available for the Membership and the Community
Satisfaction Survey - ongoing.

The MY LOCAL SERVICES APP is a FREE smartphone application for residents of South Australia that provides an easy way to report issues to their Local Council.

Report issues: **Submit PHOTOS AND REPORTS** about water leaks; dumped rubbish; potholes; broken bins; broken or missing Street Signs; graffiti etc directly to the council for attention. **If you have any issues we'll try and help.**
<https://www.localcouncils.sa.gov.au/my-local-services-app>



Life isn't always easy.

But you're not alone.

Things have been hard for regional communities over the last few years, and it's not just about the land but the people.

Many are feeling stressed, anxious and overwhelmed about the future. Some individuals struggle to sleep, and others have trouble concentrating. If this sounds like you or someone in your family, then it's important to know that help is here.

Free and accessible mental health and wellbeing support is available locally.

Face-to-face, phone and online support is available from a range of professionals who understand what you're going through and can help you get back on track.

Visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/droughtmentalhealth
to find the support that's right for you.

**DROUGHT
RESPONSE**



MEMORIAL: FIREFIGHTER GEOFF SQUIRES

21 November 1952 - 5 November 2025

This week in Coober Pedy we reflect on one of Coober Pedy's long term volunteer firefighter's Geoff Sykes who passed away suddenly on the 5th November 2025, overseas.

Matthew Corner former CFS Unit Captain offers a recap of Geoff's time in the CFS.

Geoff was a mentor for many Brigade Captains over the years, including myself. In February 2024, as Brigade Captain, I had the privilege of presenting Geoff with his National Service Medal, recognising his over 20 years of dedicated service with the Coober Pedy Brigade.

Geoff was a stubborn individual, but a highly skilled firefighter, mentor and reliable lieutenant, always willing to lend a hand during call outs and community events. Matt Corner.

On the 20th January 2024, Geoff Squires was awarded the Emergency Services NATIONAL MEDAL at a ceremony at the Coober Pedy CFS headquarters with 18 of Geoff's colleagues in attendance.

Previously, in 2014 Geoff was awarded his 10 year Service Medal. However, the National Medal is Australia's most awarded civilian medal. It recognises long and diligent service by members of recognised government and voluntary organisations that risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in enforcement of the law or in times of emergency or natural disaster.



Above: Firefighter Geoff Squires after being awarded the Emergency Services, NATIONAL MEDAL in January 2024

This includes government organisations such as ambulance, correctional, emergency, fire and police forces, and voluntary organisations such as lifesaving or search and rescue groups.

In awarding the medal, Captain Matt Corner said that Geoff Squires was the longest, active serving member of the Coober Pedy CFS. Joining in in 2003, 20 years ago, Geoff had a demonstrated sense of reliability and hard work. "Geoff simply got in there and got the job done!

If something needs fixing, he will just get in there and fix it," said Unit Captain Matthew Corner.

"Geoff is one of our most experienced fire fighters having filled the roles of Lieutenant 1, Lieutenant 2, Senior Fire-Fighter. He is trained in HAZMAT, Breathing Apparatus, as well as fires at road crashes (MVA Motor Vehicle Accidents) with many more qualifications and experiences."

"At Coober Pedy Geoff worked as a qualified mechanic. He was also a long term local. He always put his hand up to participate in Community Engagement events and was a very reliable member when the pagers sounded for call outs."

"Along with attending many house fires over his time, Geoff also volunteered and travelled to both the Sydney bushfires and the Kangaroo Island fires."

"Locally he attended many dry lightning and other fires on the surrounding pastoral properties. There was one significant fire on Hamilton Station where the Unit spent the entire weekend fighting the fires."

"Hamilton Station is situated 114 km northeast of Oodnadatta on the Mount Dare Road," concluded Captain Matt Corner at the time.

Beginning as a CFS volunteer at Coober Pedy in 2003 Geoff had previously been a member at Crystal Brook and Wilmington Fire Units. At his presentation Geoff spoke of some of his experiences to the guests.

There were some years at Coober Pedy when membership was low and Geoff filled almost every role in responding to incidents, fires at road crashes (MVA Motor Vehicle Accidents)

Part of attending MVA's is the sad and tragic task of removing people from crashed vehicles. Geoff recall having to remove at least a dozen deceased people from various fires. "I have even rescued a Kangaroo from a house fire," said Geoff.

Geoff recalled some of the notable fires that he had attended. "Back at the time that Ian Gordon was the Unit Captain, we attended a clinic fire up on the APY Lands. That fire sustained \$3M worth of damage," said Geoff.

Along with attending many house fires over his time, Geoff also volunteered and travelled to the Sydney bushfires and the Kangaroo Island fires.

Region 4 is the largest of the six CFS Regions and covers 809,000 square kilometres (about 66%) of the State.

With a population of about 71,000 people, the Region takes in the Mid North, Flinders and North East and North West Pastoral areas.

Below: Geoff Squires with the CFS Unit preparing for the CFS Annual Community Christmas Event for the families of Coober Pedy



Geoff being congratulated by Captain Matthew Corner



Coober Pedy Regional Times ©

Urgent action on climate change essential for human rights

Australian Human Rights Commission

The Australian Human Rights Commission is calling for urgent action from government and business to address the escalating impacts of climate change on Australians' human rights.

Launching its first major report on climate change, Human rights on a warming Earth, Commission President Hugh de Kretser said, 'The evidence on the extreme threat to humans posed by climate change is clear. By focussing on the human rights impact, we can focus on the action governments and business must take to protect current and future Australians.'

'People's rights to life, health, housing, food and water are not luxuries. They are legal obligations that Australia has committed to uphold under international law. In the face of climate change, these rights are increasingly under threat.'

The report outlines recommendations to government and industry, including:

- * urgently phasing out fossil fuels
- * ending subsidies for fossil fuel companies, and
- * supporting workers affected by the transition to renewables.

President de Kretser emphasised the need for a more rapid shift away from fossil fuels, guided by human rights principles.

'Australian governments and businesses must act with greater urgency to protect our human rights from climate change. Central to this is cutting fossil fuel pollution and speeding up the transition to renewable energy.'

'The International Court of Justice in its recent landmark decision confirmed that nations have a legal duty to prevent significant harm to the climate system and could be liable for harm caused by continued fossil fuel production, consumption and subsidisation.'

The report also recommends that the Australian Government establish an Australian Human Rights Act.

'We need to protect Australians' human rights in law through a Human Rights Act. This is what the Australian Parliament's human rights committee recommended last year.'

'A Human Rights Act would help to guide governments to make the right decisions on climate change. It would help to ensure the transition to renewables is just and fair. It would help to better plan, adapt and respond to more frequent and severe disasters,' President de Kretser said.

The report highlights the disproportionate impact of climate change on certain groups in Australia.

'Climate change will not affect people equally. Those who are already disadvantaged are more vulnerable to harm. People living in poverty, older people, people with a disability, First Peoples, children and rural communities will be hit harder.'

'The pace at which we act will determine how dangerous the future is. If we want to protect our quality of life, we must address climate change with greater urgency,' President de Kretser said. Read the executive summary and full report. <https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/commission-general/publications/human-rights-warming-earth>



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



We have had a great start to the term and it is great to see **quality teaching and learning** occurring both inside and outside our classrooms and learning areas. Our Teachers have continued to work collaboratively with our experts, coaches and leadership to continue to deliver the SA curriculum in Maths and English.



The subject selection process for our Years 10 and 11 students going into Years 11 and 12 respectively is also on track. This will be finalised shortly with the involvement of all parents/caregivers.

We have also witnessed an increase in our student enrolment since the start of the term.



Our staffing process for 2026 is on track and further announcements will be made in due course. We are working on our student class placements for 2026 and this will be finalised by the end of this term ready for the start of the next school year. Our school values recognition and awards assemblies have been going very well. We look forward to your continual support during the term.

We have shared some of the exciting learning and work happening at our school in this newsletter.

Let us continue to keep the bar very high!

Mr Maurice Saah
Principal



Our Years 11/12 Students are also working very hard to complete all their required SACE assessments. Our teachers are supporting them to meet all set deadlines.

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

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Cocaine drivers put on notice



06 Nov 2025 South Australia Police will now be targeting people who consume cocaine and drive.

Commissioner of Police Grant Stevens said cocaine effects may last a short time but can be detected up to 24 hours after consumption.

"We know that consumption of cocaine can lead to overconfidence and aggression, reduced inhibition, increased risk-taking behaviours, agitation and loss of concentration, delusion, and affected vision, all traits you don't want in a person driving," Commissioner Stevens said.

"It is crucial that roadside drug testing includes cocaine to keep these dangerous drivers from our roads."

So far this year, drug driving contributed to eight people losing their lives, and 76 received life changing serious injuries. More than 2,600 drug drivers have received expiation notices.

This is compared to 2024, where drug driving was a factor in 14 of the lives lost on our roads and 129 lifechanging serious injuries.

A new road safety campaign to educate road users about the consequences of driving under the influence of cocaine will launch statewide.

"This new campaign highlights the overconfidence that taking cocaine induces, causing offenders to overlook the risk they pose to themselves and other road users," Commissioner Stevens said.

"The new drug test will reinforce our existing capabilities and become the new norm for our random drug testing campaigns, including the blitz operations conducted throughout the year," Commissioner Stevens said.

Severe penalties apply to drivers who commit drug driving offences including an immediate loss of licence along with the potential to immediately impound the vehicle.

The penalty is a \$875 fine, a \$102 victim of crime levy, a minimum of three months of disqualification, and four demerit points.

Refusing, or failing to comply to a random drug test is also an offence, incurring an immediate loss of licence, six demerit points, and a court imposed penalty with a minimum of 12 months disqualification.

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FAR NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AGM



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Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.

**Far North Health Advisory Council Inc
Annual General Meeting**

Looking for an opportunity to advocate for your local community about health services?

The Far North Health Advisory Council (FNHAC) advises Eyre and Far North Local Health Network about local health and aged care services.

Join FNHAC's Annual General Meeting and have your say; you might even want to join the HAC.

When: Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 5.30pm

Where: Coober Pedy Community Health Centre (meeting room), as well as online via teams.

For more information, go to Ceduna District Health Advisory Council or contact Health.EFNLHNCommunications@sa.gov.au

All welcome.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



**District Council
of Coober Pedy
Community Engagement**

The District Council of Coober Pedy invites feedback regarding the draft **Community Health and Wellbeing Plan**.

Community consultation is now open and will close at 5pm on Friday 5 December 2025.

Copies are available at:

- Coober Pedy School Community Library;
- Civic Centre (Council Office); and
- Council's Website:

Written submissions

December 2025 and can be made by:

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



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Police Assistance 131 444**

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Remote Travel Quick Tips

Plan. Prepare. Prevent!





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RESOURCES

- Ensure you have adequate food/water for the trip. Carry an extra supply for three to four days. In mild weather, each person needs six litres of water per day. In extreme weather, carry 10 litres of water per person per day.
- Carry safety and recovery equipment, e.g. first aid kits, shovels, recovery straps and tools. If possible, take two spare tyres.
- Plan and identify fuel stops carefully. Your vehicle will use more fuel than normal driving.




In extreme weather, carry 10 litres of water per person per day.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Provide a trip itinerary to relatives and friends. Have regular check-in times.
- Do not rely on mobile phone coverage. Carry a backup satellite phone or emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB).
- Install the emergency+ or what3words apps which can help locate you. Note these may require mobile coverage.
- Learn to read from paper maps as a backup to GPS devices.


Remote Travel - Quick Tips - PLAN, PREPARE, PREVENT



Install the emergency+ or what3words apps on your smartphone.

MECHANICAL

- Learn basic mechanical skills before going (e.g. change a tyre, check fluid levels, clean an air filter) and carry basic spare parts. Even if you do not know how to install them, another traveller might.
- Understand your vehicle's limitations and suitability for your route (2WD/4WD).
- Ensure your vehicle is in good mechanical order.
- In the event of a breakdown open your bonnet and STAY with your vehicle. This will make it easier to find you.



In the event of a breakdown open your bonnet and STAY with your vehicle.

WEATHER

- Regularly check for changing weather conditions at the Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au
- Never drive into flooding or moving water. Visit www.sa.gov.au/emergencies
- Regularly check current fire bans and incidents in your area by visiting the Country Fire Service www.cfs.sa.gov.au
- Check South Australian outback road conditions at Department for Infrastructure and Transport: www.dit.sa.gov.au

Remote Travel - Quick Tips - PLAN, PREPARE, PREVENT

Check outback road conditions at www.dit.sa.gov.au



KNOWLEDGE

- Prior to leaving on your trip, plan your route and early exit points in case of vehicle, medical or supply issues.
- Learn and practice basic first aid and survival skills before going.
- Share driving; rest a minimum of 15 minutes every two hours.
- Be realistic about how far you can drive in a day.

Rest a minimum of 15 minutes every two hours.



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assistance



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

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 Di Donna
on 0427 649 389

CROATION CLUB



Happy Hour 6-7pm

SUNDAYS



KIDS CHURCH/CLUB
Catacomb
Anglican Church

Every Sunday at 10 am
(40 mins) - church
starts at 9:30 am

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK PAGE for latest updates
Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389

COOBER PEDY RSL

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

NOVEMBER 2025

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

Public Meeting about Regional Tourism (Leigh Creek): On November 11, the South Australian Tourism Commission will hold a public meeting in Leigh Creek to discuss future tourism priorities for the Flinders Ranges and Outback region. The event will help guide future planning.

Woven within Stars (Port Augusta): An art exhibition, presented at the Port Augusta Cultural Centre - Yarta Purtli, runs until November 14, 2025.

Wadlata Outback Centre (Port Augusta): This award-winning center offers an introduction to the Flinders Ranges and Outback. It serves as a gateway to the region for travelers heading north.

Wilpena Pound : Consider a guided tour to explore the dramatic landscapes of Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges National Park, where you can also learn about the area's Aboriginal history.

Arkaroola Wildemess Sanctuary : Experience a thrilling 4WD Ridge Top tour and enjoy astronomical views at Arkaroola's observatory.

Quorn: The Flinders Ranges Council event calendar lists weekly activities in Quorn, including Pilates, yoga, and meditation classes. The Quorn Courthouse is also open on select dates in November.

Lake Eyre (Kati Thanda)

Scenic Flights: Book a scenic flight over Lake Eyre to appreciate its scale from above. Tours often include flights over both the north and south parts of the lake.

Important considerations for November travel

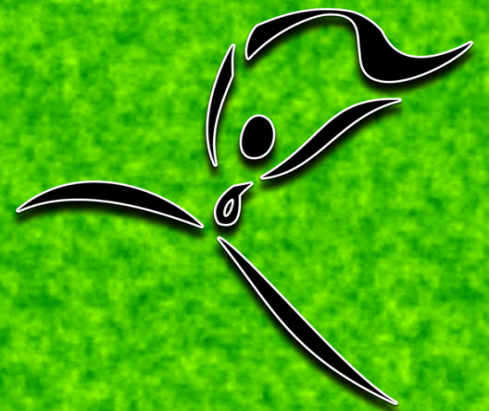
Temperature: November is a summer month in the Outback, and travelers can expect extreme heat.

Hydration: Always carry at least two liters of water when exploring outdoors.

Protection: Wear sun protection, including light-colored, long-sleeved clothing.

Business Hours: Be aware that some restaurants, cafes, tours, and attractions may have reduced operating hours during the hotter summer months.

**See
Eat
Sleep
Underground**



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

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

Friday 12th December 2025

Elf (PG)

Gates Open: 8pm

Movie Start: 8:30pm

Blair Boyer: 3D printed guns to be banned in South Australia



The State Government will introduce a bill this week to ban the possession of blueprints to manufacture 3D printed guns – another step in the Malinauskas Labor Government’s strong action to strengthen community safety.

It comes as a growing trend in the production of blueprints for 3D printed guns – files usually obtained online allowing people to make lethal weapons without serial numbers – continues. This growing threat is undermining the firearms licencing system and posing a serious threat to community safety.

The Firearms (Digital Blueprints for 3D Printing) Amendment Bill is a vital step to ensure the state’s firearms legislation stays up to date with emerging technology. Those caught in unauthorised possession of blueprints to make 3D guns, could face imprisonment of up to 15 years and fines of up to \$75,000.

The Bill does not target the legitimate use of 3D printing technology. The Bill is purely focused on the unregulated and dangerous use of the technology to produce firearms illegally.

Consultation on the reforms took place with law enforcement, legal experts and community stakeholders as we work together to close the loophole for criminal activity.

The State Government’s strong action since coming to government to make our community safer includes:

- * The toughest knife laws in the nation.
- * New laws to crack down on adults who recruit children to commit crime, with penalties of up to 15 years imprisonment.
- * Introduced legislation for strong new powers for police to respond to street gangs.
- * Record investment in SAPOL to prevent and respond to crime, including \$172 million for additional sworn police officers, \$12 million to accelerate police recruitment and \$31.1 million for essential infrastructure and equipment upgrades.

Blair Boyer MP Minister for Police said, "The Malinauskas Government is committed to community safety with these measures responsible and necessary to ensure we keep up to date with emerging technology.

Our top priority is to keep South Australians safe, and this new legislation is the perfect example of how we take action when it is needed. There will always be deceitful people who seek to work outside of the law and this is us acting as quickly as possible to ensure any loopholes are closed, and that police have the powers they need when these issues arise.

For 10 consecutive months, South Australia’s crime rate has reduced. The new laws and extra investment in SAPOL we have made since coming to government are working and we will continue to do what is necessary to keep the community safe.

To contact the Courts Administration Authority

(CAA)for information aboutcourts in the Far North region of South Australia, youcan use the following contactdetails:

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

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

The CourtSA Registry Services team is availablefrom 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. They can assistwith inquiries, butcannot provide legal advice.

Coober Pedy Magistrate Court

Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy (08) 8672 5601

Coober 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/coober-pedy-list/>

Real consequences for serious repeat young offenders

The Government is moving to better protect the community from serious repeat young offenders, with tough new provisions set to be introduced into State Parliament.

The reforms have been developed as part of the Government’s **Young Offenders Plan**, and aim to give authorities better power to deal with young offenders who repeatedly break the law.

The reforms tighten the provisions targeted at youths who repeatedly commit serious offences, to better identify and manage repeat young offenders, with tougher sentences applying to them. This will mean young people declared as serious young offenders will need to spend at least four fifths of any sentence in detention. These declarations will occur automatically, rather than at the court’s discretion.

The changes would also introduce a presumption against bail for serious repeat young offenders when they are arrested for a new, serious offence.

As part of the Young Offenders Plan, the Government is investing \$3 million over 3 years from the Justice Rehabilitation Fund (JRF) for targeted intervention programs to break the cycle for young people most at risk of repeat offending.

The Department of Human Services is leading the development of these individualised and clinically-informed programs.

Kyam Maher MLC said, "*While we have one of the lowest young offender rates in the nation, there’s no room for complacency.*

Our Young Offenders Plan is providing more ways to rehabilitate young offenders where possible, while ensuring all appropriate measures are available in those cases where community safety is being put at risk.

Identifying those young offenders who repeatedly engage in serious offending is an important step in ensuring any response through the courts is appropriate and recognises the importance of protecting the community.

Tightening up these measures will ensure repeat offenders are subject to tougher sentencing and – in the event they face further serious charges – will face a presumption against bail while their matter progresses through the courts.

These are considered, sensible reforms that will help better protect the community."



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.

ASSOCIATIONS

Updated Local Service
Provider Listings

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Coober Pedy Medical Practice
Lot 89 McDougal Road
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Umoona Tjutagku Health Service
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13 24 68

District Council of Coober Pedy
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(08) 8672 4600

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

Umoona Community Council Inc
Umoona Rd
(08) 8672 5246

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Umoona Aged Care
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Far North Health Advisory Council
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(08) 8672 5009

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(08) 8672 5601

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COOBER PEDY, SA 5723
Committee Elected for 2024-2026

Coober Pedy Shooters Club Inc

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COOBER PEDY MINERS ASSOC.

Coober Pedy SA 3723
Committee Elected for 2025/26
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Committee Members: Rod Wells, Mish Blanus,
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Coober Pedy SA 3723
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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

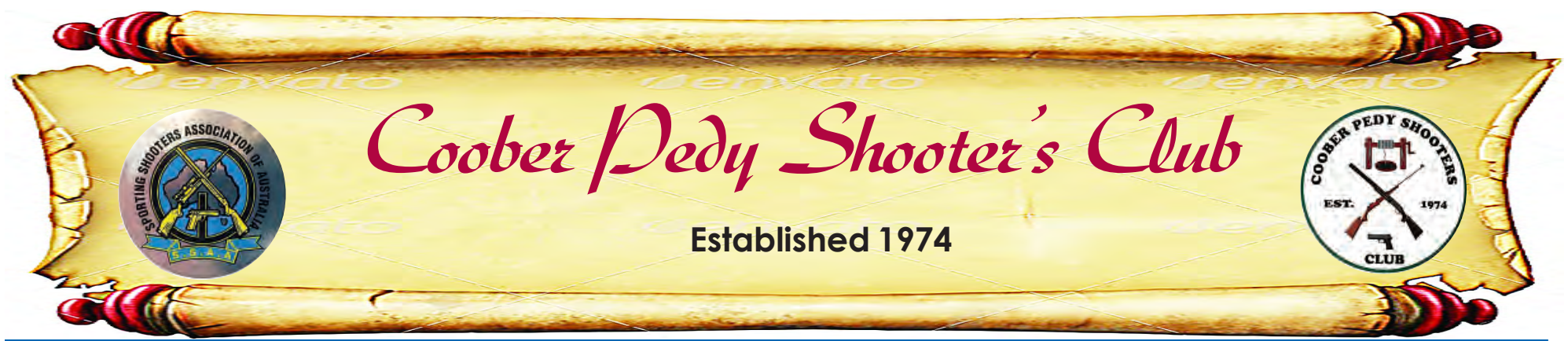
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Karen Harvey,
Rosslyn Jazepczyk;
Peter Cech,
Mitchell Rosewarne

Coober Pedy GEM TRADE SHOW

Committee Elected 18-12-2024
President - Corey Edwards
Secretary - Tara-Jane Smith
Treasurer – Emily Pennisi
Committee members
Catherine Bell,
Rachel Crothers,
David Hammermeister



Cooper 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

1 November

8 November

15 November

22 November

29 November

DISCIPLINES
INCLUDE:

♦ Air Rifle/
pistol

♦ IPSC

♦ ISSF

♦ Rifle Metallic
Silhouette

♦ Combine
Service

♦ Black
Powder

♦ Service pistol

♦ Shotgun

♦ Steel
Challenge

Cooper Pedy
Shooter's
Club supports:

♦ Darts

♦ Archery

Starting Time: 9:00 AM

Sundays 50m
Rapid Fire

2 November

9 November

16 November

23 November

30 November

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

Sign-up online

<https://ssaasa.org.au>.... Or at the club

Any Enquires regarding Membership, sponsorships, donations, or shooting, please contact
Suzanne Bunker - - Email cpssc.treasurer@gmail.com
John Di Donna - Mobile 0427 649 389 - Email. jdiddonna@dodo.com.au

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