

SWEDISH SERIES HÅRT VÄDER (Hard Weather) CAPTURES LIFE IN THE EXTREMES AT SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S OPAL FIELDS

The Swedish television series Hårt Väder (Hard Weather), produced by SVT, is currently filming across the South Australian opal fields including Andamooka, Cooper Pedy and surrounding outback country as part of its upcoming second season.

The program follows Swedish adventurer, entertainer, actor and author David Batra as he explores life in some of the world's most extreme climates and the people who make their homes there. In the first season Batra experienced the freezing cold of Siberia, the extreme heat of Death Valley, hurricanes in Oklahoma and the monsoons of Bangladesh. The new season has already taken him to the unpredictable wilderness of Alaska, the southernmost city in the world and even Antarctica, before arriving on the famous South Australian opal fields.

Filming in Andamooka and Cooper Pedy focuses on how local people live and work through some of the longest and most intense heat waves on earth, while continuing the long tradition of opal mining that has defined these desert communities for generations.

Before becoming a public figure Batra trained as a civil engineer and today balances work as an explorer, performer and writer. He has appeared in the film Return of the Jönssonligan and is the author of the record selling book The one who does not remove the lint shall die. He is also known for the television series Magpie Neighborhood.

Batra said he has enjoyed his time on the South Australian opal fields and meeting the people who give the region its character. He said he has a particular fascination with opals, describing the stone as the only gemstone that reflects his full emotional spectrum.

Among the locals he met was long time Andamooka resident Margot Duke who has faithfully recorded daily weather observations for the Bureau of Meteorology for an extraordinary sixty years, sharing stories about the town's climate and the long history of weather monitoring on the opal fields.

During filming at the weather station a bearded dragon made a surprise appearance and quickly became an unexpected star of the shoot as the cameraman dropped to ground level to capture the moment.

The crew also visited Cal the Stoner's Outdoor Intricarved Stone Sculpture Studio where the artist creates detailed stone sculptures in the open air. Cal told the film crew he enjoys Andamooka's climate compared with his previous studio in St Kilda in Victoria because the mild winter weather allows him to work outdoors all year round.

Additional filming in Andamooka included the Andamooka Observatory, the Andamooka Underground Art Gallery and the Andamooka Opal Showroom Underground Opal and Mineral Museum, highlighting the town's deep opal heritage, its creative community and the remarkable dark night skies that stretch above the desert.

Batra is sometimes nicknamed the Indiana Jones of Stockholm, a playful nod to his Indian heritage and his bold and unconventional expeditions.

For the communities of Andamooka and Cooper Pedy the visit from the Swedish television crew offers a rare opportunity for the landscape, the heat and the enduring culture of the South Australian opal fields to be shared with audiences on the other side of the world.



Photo by: Albin Olsson

Swedish actor David Batra - following weather extremes across the globe



Swedish TV crew filming Margot Duke at the Andamooka weather station for the series Hårt väder ("Hard Weather").



Margot Duke shares her 60 years of weather observations in Andamooka with Swedish TV host David Batra and the film crew.



A curious bearded dragon steals the spotlight during filming in Andamooka

MORE RAIN & STORMS FORECAST FOR THE FAR NORTH, INCLUDING COOPER PEDY

Residents across Cooper Pedy and the wider Far North are being advised to watch the weather closely over the coming days as a band of rain and storm activity is expected to move across the inland. While the opal fields are often known for missing major rain systems there are times when the district receives widespread falls.

Forecast guidance indicates showers and thunderstorms developing through the weekend with rainfall possibly reaching around 16 millimetres on Saturday and around 13 millimetres on Sunday across parts of the region. Conditions may remain unsettled into Monday with lighter falls possible around 2 millimetres before clearing briefly.

Another system may approach later in the week with the potential for heavier rain returning around Wednesday where some forecasts indicate totals that could reach up to 35 millimetres if storms develop across the area.

Residents and travellers across the Far North are encouraged to monitor the forecasts and remain mindful of local road and track conditions as rainfall in the outback can quickly affect creek crossings and unsealed roads. Even moderate rainfall can cause temporary closures.

Sunday 15 March		North West Pastoral area
	Min 22 Max 34 Showers increasing. Possible rainfall: 0 to 6 mm Chance of any rain: 80%	Partly cloudy. High chance of showers west of Cooper Pedy, slight chance elsewhere. The chance of a thunderstorm in the far west in the afternoon and evening. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending east to southeasterly in the evening. Overnight temperatures falling to between 17 and 24 with daytime temperatures reaching 27 to 35.
Sun protection recommended from 10:00 am to 5:20 pm, UV Index predicted to reach 11 [Extreme]		
Monday 16 March		North West Pastoral area
	Min 19 Max 24 Rain. Possible rainfall: 6 to 35 mm Chance of any rain: 90%	Cloudy. High chance of rain. The chance of a thunderstorm. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h. Overnight temperatures falling to between 17 and 21 with daytime temperatures reaching the low to mid 20s.
Sun protection recommended from 9:50 am to 5:20 pm, UV Index predicted to reach 12 [Extreme]		
Tuesday 17 March		North West Pastoral area
	Min 19 Max 24 Shower or two. Possible rainfall: 0 to 4 mm Chance of any rain: 60%	Cloudy. High chance of showers north of Marla, medium chance elsewhere. The chance of a thunderstorm north of Cooper Pedy. Winds southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h. Overnight temperatures falling to between 16 and 19 with daytime temperatures reaching the mid to high 20s.
Sun protection recommended from 10:00 am to 5:10 pm, UV Index predicted to reach 10 [Very High]		



A wall of water approaching Cooper Pedy in 2017

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COOBER PEDY

	Fri. 13 Mar	Sat. 14 Mar	Sun. 15 Mar	Mon. 16 Mar	Tue. 17 Mar	Wed. 18 Mar	Thu. 19 Mar
	 Clear.	 Sunny.	 Shower or two.	 Rain.	 Shower or two.	 Cloudy.	 Partly cloudy.
Max. Temperature		33 °C	35 °C	27 °C	24 °C	28 °C	30 °C
Min. Temperature		18 °C	23 °C	21 °C	19 °C	19 °C	18 °C

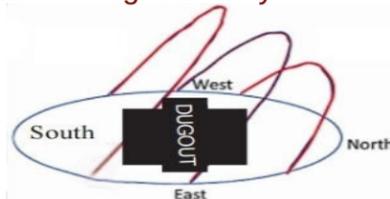


On March 3, 2026, a spectacular total lunar eclipse (often called a "Blood Moon") occurred. Coober Pedy residents were able to witness the event

Average Annual Rainfall: Approximately 144 mm to 175 mm (roughly 5.7 to 6.9 inches).

Wettest Month: February is typically the wettest month.

Driest Months: April is generally the driest, though the area experiences low, erratic rainfall throughout the year.



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Winter Solstice on June 21,
Spring Equinox on September 23,
Summer Solstice on December 22

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MARGARET Reporter, Coober Pedy been the Editor 2005 and a contributor 1990s,



news stories, photography, advertising and the coordinating of community contributions.

Sgt Angus the Coober Station after experience on Lands, and Marla in the West Coast



Sgt Lovelock is previously from Adelaide where he began his career in policing 12 years ago.

MIKE GILLAM writer- who divides his his Art Gallery and his Dugout Mike also for the Alice



JOHN DI raised in the Australian a long-term Coober Pedy. person John is commuter



North and Flinders highways and byways, covering the entire Far North & East and Outback of South Australia.

is a freelance photographer time between in Alice Springs in Coober Pedy. writes essays along the Far North and Penong.

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Woomera Prohibited Area Access Forms

All WPA opal mining and precious stone prospecting permits have a common expiry date of 31 March. You must reapply each year for access to the WPA under a permit

Permit Application Forms can be accessed here, or alternatively opal miners can fill them in at the Mines Department Office.

<https://www.defence.gov.au/bases-locations/sa/woomera/access/forms>

Active Claims as at 10/03/2026

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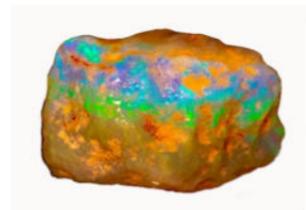
Coober Pedy – 430

Mintabie – 11

Stuart Creek – 1

NOTICE:

The “amnesty” period for the working conditions ends on the 15/03/2026.



Gem Trade Show Meet & Greet

will be on held on Friday the 3rd April at the Outback Bar & Grill at 5pm

The GTS has expanded into another room this year so the show is bigger. See below

The Miners Association will have a table available at the Gem Trade Show for any miners that want to drop in and sell some parcels.





Opal Mining and Prospecting

Application for Opal Mining and Precious Stone Prospecting Access (W006) →

Opal Miners Feedback Survey →



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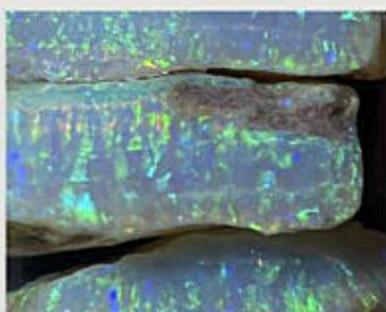
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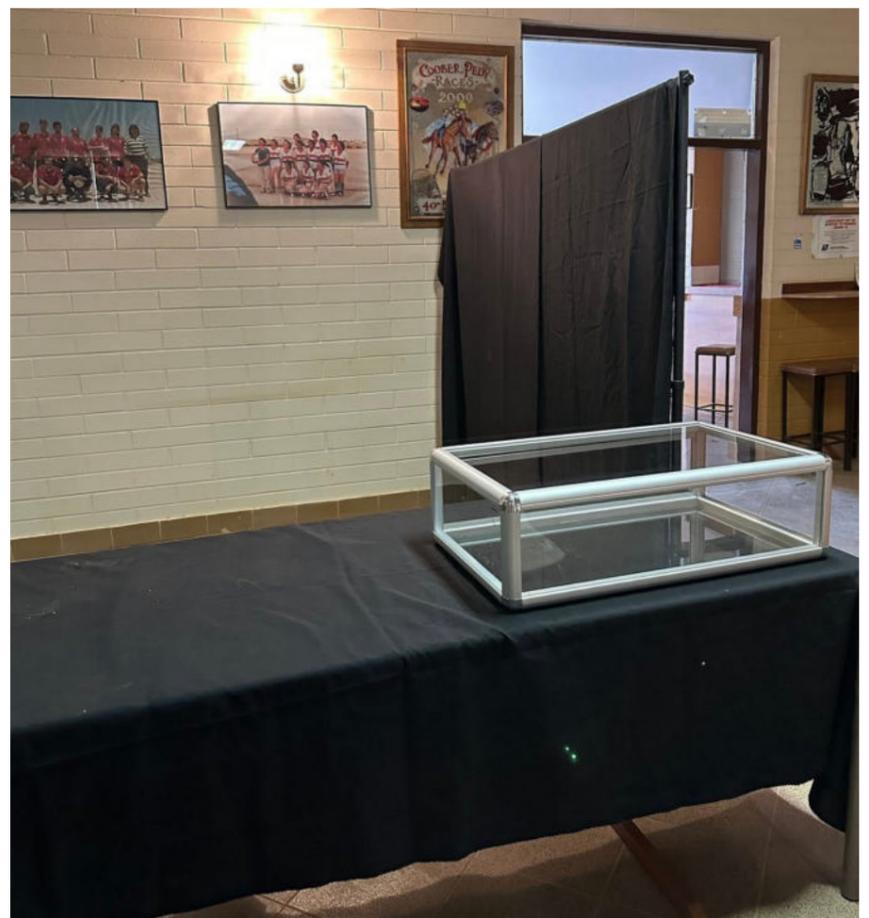
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TOM VENNING MP: RELIEF FUNDING SECURED FOR OUTBACK ROADS

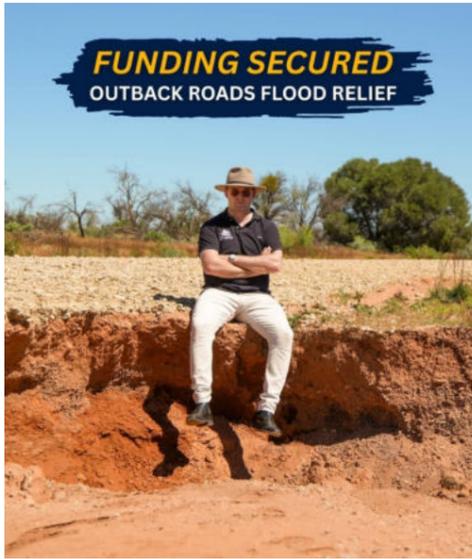
Following advocacy from Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP, his team, and impacted councils, the South Australian and Commonwealth Governments have officially activated Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the recent severe flooding.

This assistance will share the costs of counter-disaster operations and the reconstruction of essential public assets, particularly severely damaged outback roads, across the following areas: Berri, Baramba, Ceduna, Cleve, Coober Pedy, Flinders Ranges, Orroroo-Carrieton, Peterborough, and Port Augusta, as well as the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, and one Pastoral Unincorporated Area.

This funding follows meetings by Mr Venning with Federal Minister Catherine King and talks with State Minister Emily Bourke, demonstrating the power of local advocacy.

Mr Venning extends his gratitude to stakeholders, community members who provided crucial evidence of the damage, and media outlets that championed the cause.

"There hasn't been a lot of good news lately, but I'm pleased to share some. It turns out you can still be highly effective in opposition when fighting for regional South Australia."



Federal Member for Grey Tom Venning MP

"A massive thank you to everyone who reached out with stories and photos of the road and infrastructure damage, and to the media who got behind this cause; it all helped."

"After taking this issue to Ministers King and Bourke, my office was contacted on Wednesday night by the office of the Hon Kristy McBain MP notifying us that we have secured the emergency relief our remote councils desperately need."

"Having spoken to the Flinders Alliance and hearing more about the damage endured by the Mount Remarkable and Northern Areas Council areas, it is disappointing these two council areas are not included, and I am following this up with Minister McBain."

"While this announcement is fantastic, I encourage the department to work with the affected communities so funding can quickly flow to the assessment, design and rebuilding of damaged roads and infrastructure. Ensuring these recovery projects are fully supported will be critical to helping these communities get back on their feet."

NOTE: It is disappointing that Mount Remarkable and Northern Areas Council areas are not included, and I am following this up with Minister McBain.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2025-26 VOLUNTEER GRANTS, NOW OPEN

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2025-26 Volunteer Grants program.

This program provides grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 to help local organisations support and strengthen their volunteer base.

These grants are about backing our volunteers who give their time so generously, ensuring organisations have the support they need to continue supporting our community.

Expressions of interest close 5pm Thursday 2 April 2026.

For more information, head to <https://tomvenning.com.au/grants/>

Tom Venning Member for Grey said, "We are fortunate to have many volunteer-run groups that devote their time to make our community strong and more connected in regional South Australia."

"Volunteer groups are the lifeblood of regional South Australia. These grants remove barriers to volunteering so your group can continue to thrive."

"These grants can be used to purchase communication or insurance items and/or purchase items for the main purpose of supporting volunteer groups and volunteer-run activities."

"I encourage all eligible groups across regional South Australia to apply."

LIBERAL MEMBER FOR STUART ANNOUNCES MAJOR PLAN TO CUT POWER PRICES



Leon Stephens is a sixth-generation Port Pirie local, current Mayor, businessman, and Liberal Party candidate for the South Australian seat of Stuart.

Liberal candidate for Stuart, Leon Stephens has highlighted the impact of high energy prices in Coober Pedy, with energy affordability one of the most pressing cost-of-living issues facing the town.

With homes and businesses in Coober Pedy heavily reliant on electricity for cooling, mining operations, and day-to-day living, Leon said high prices and unreliable energy are placing unsustainable pressure on the local community.

“If elected a Hurn Liberal Government will introduce practical and realistic measures to help reduce energy costs for families and businesses in Coober Pedy,” he said.

“Remote communities like Coober Pedy face unique challenges when it comes to energy supply and affordability. People here are often paying more, with fewer alternatives and that needs to be recognised in government policy.

“Supporting energy affordability is essential to protecting local jobs, keeping businesses viable and ensuring residents can continue to live and work in regional and remote South Australia.”

Leon announced a Liberal Government will introduce two practical programs to ensure remote South Australians are not crippled by rising energy costs:

- \$20 million fund to help small businesses slash power bills, with up to \$50,000 for solar and batteries.
- \$20 million program to put solar on rental homes, offering landlords a \$2,000 grant and interest-free loan while easing costs for renters.

These initiatives aim to reduce power costs for both businesses and households,” Leon said.

“Remote communities are often left out of energy saving opportunities communities like Coober Pedy, the cost of power is a major concern”.

“The Liberal Party is committed to lowering the cost of living, supporting regional small businesses, and delivering more affordable energy for all South Australians.”

POLICE NEWS

Coober Pedy - 28/02/2026 till 12/03/2026



Anyone with information on the following incidents is asked to call crime stoppers on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

28/02/2026 – Overnight a jerry can of fuel was stolen from the rear of a Utility vehicle parked at a business on Hutchison Street Coober Pedy.

02/03/2026 – Overnight unknown persons have unsuccessfully attempted to gain access to a vehicle parked on Flinders Street causing minor damage.

06/03/2026 – A business premises on Robins Boulevard suffered damage to a fence.

11/03/2026 – Overnight unknown persons have unsuccessfully attempted to gain access to a business premises on Hutchison Street causing damage to an external door.

12/03/2026 – In the early hours of the morning unknown persons have gain access to a business premises on Paxton Road. It appears nothing was stolen during the break in.

12/03/2026 – Overnight a business premises on Hutchison Street was broken into and a small amount of property stolen.

Electoral Commission
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

VOTING IN REMOTE AREAS
2026 South Australian State Election
Election Day - Saturday 21 March 2026

The South Australian First Nations Voice to Parliament is also being held at this same time.
 Voting in remote areas for the State Election will be available in the District of Stuart at the following times:

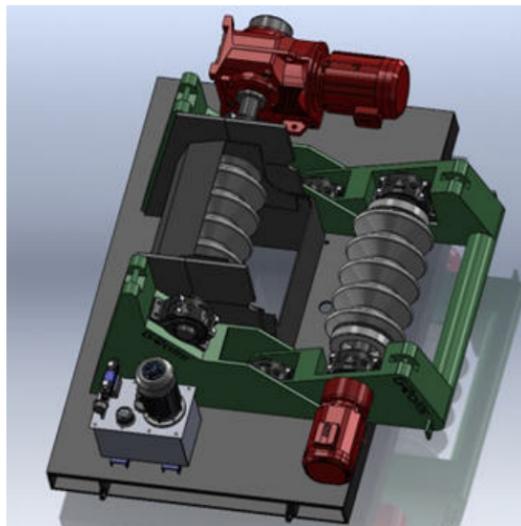
<p>Amata (APY) Wednesday 11 March PY-Ku Board Room 9:00 am - 1:30 pm (NT time)</p> <p>Blinman Wednesday 11 March Town Hall 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (SA time)</p> <p>Coober Pedy Saturday 14 March TAFE SA 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (SA time) Sunday 15 March TAFE SA 9:00 am - 11:00 am (SA time)</p> <p>Indulkana (APY) Friday 13 March PY-Ku Board Room 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (NT time)</p> <p>Kaljiti Thursday 12 March PY-Ku Board Room 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (NT time)</p>	<p>Marla Tuesday 10 March Town Hall 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (SA time)</p> <p>Marree Tuesday 10 March Community Hall 9:00 am - 12:30 pm (SA time)</p> <p>Mimili Thursday 12 March PY-Ku Board Room 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (NT time)</p> <p>Nepabunna Wednesday 11 March Nipapanha Community Hall 9:00 am - 10:30 am (SA time)</p> <p>Oodnadatta Thursday 12 March Town Hall 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm (SA time)</p> <p>Pipalyatjata (APY) Tuesday 10 March PY-Ku Board Room 9:00am - 12:00 pm (NT time)</p>	<p>Pukatja/Ernabella Wednesday 11 March General Store 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (NT time)</p> <p>Roxby Downs Saturday 14 March Roxby Downs Christian Community Church 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm (SA time) Sunday 15 March Roxby Downs Christian Community Church 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm (SA time) Monday 16 March Roxby Downs Christian Community Church 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm (SA time)</p> <p>Umuwa Tuesday 10 March Rec Shed 12:30pm - 3:30 pm (NT time)</p> <p>Yunta Thursday 12 March Yunta District Hall 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (SA time)</p>
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMPANY DEVELOPS NEW WAY TO SLASH MINING COSTS AND EMISSIONS



Researcher Mark Drechsler working in the lab with the new crushing technology



The GRoll crushing equipment that promises to slash mining costs and emissions

Researchers strike gold with new technology that promises to slash mining costs and emissions

An energy-efficient and low-emission alternative for grinding copper and gold ore deposits could potentially transform mineral processing worldwide.

New crushing technology developed by South Australian company **Gyratory Roller Solutions Pty Ltd** (**GRolls**) and being investigated by Adelaide University researchers is showing significant advantages over conventional grinding techniques.

GRolls Director and Adelaide University PhD candidate **Mark Drechsler** said the crushing technology reduces the need for grinding and milling (known as comminution), saving operating costs and reducing the industry's carbon footprint at the same time.

"Ore crushing and grinding are traditionally one of the most energy-intensive processes in mining, accounting for more than 1% of global energy use and up to 80% of a mine's site power consumption," said Drechsler, who is based at Adelaide University's **Future Industries Institute (FII)**.

The GRolls crushing technology uses a unique combination of pulsed compression, tension and shear forces to break down ore. This configuration reduces more than 40% of particles to below 425 microns in a single pass and generates less than 14% of fine particles smaller than 75 microns.

The technology performs particularly well with finer ore feeds under 2.36mm.

"Our testing shows that GRolls can process hard porphyry copper-gold ores while using significantly less energy and no grinding, making it more sustainable and cost-effective."

When modelled against an existing conventional grinding operation at a copper-gold operation in NSW, the GRolls circuit demonstrated a 20% reduction in energy consumption and nearly halved the total comminution cost.

"These are significant savings," Drechsler said. "Not only do you reduce power use, but you eliminate the cost of grinding minerals. There are also potential savings in water usage and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions."

With ore grades declining and deposits becoming more complex and remote, the new technology offers a viable alternative for the mining industry," according to FII metallurgist **Dr George Abaka-Wood**, who supervised Drechsler's project.

"The team is committed to showing the downstream benefits of using dry crushing technology in collaboration with other innovative technologies to address the need for more energy-efficient and higher processing efficiencies within mineral processing flowsheets," he said.

Co-author of the study, Research Leader Minerals and Resource Engineering at the Future Industries Institute, **Professor Bill Skinner**, said the GRolls technology offered a compact, scalable simple solution that can be used dry or wet, in standalone units or integrated into existing circuits.

"This could be a game changer for mineral processing," Prof Skinner said. "It offers an opportunity to simplify processing circuits while improving sustainability across the board".

GRolls hopes to commercialise the technology in the next 12 months with the help of a \$300,000 South Australian Government Seed-Start grant.

The research is supported by the **ARC Centre of Excellence for Enabling Eco-Efficient Beneficiation of Minerals**.

Drechsler will present his findings to the upcoming **MetPlant conference** in Adelaide on 23-25 March.

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Community Questions for “STUART” Candidates

Brandon Turton, One Nation Candidate for Stuart



Brandon Turton (One Nation)

1. Power reliability and cost : What specific actions will you take in your first term to improve power reliability and reduce electricity costs in Coober Pedy, and how will you fund them?

If elected as Member for Stuart, I will back One Nation's range of measures aimed at reducing energy prices by at least 20%, and improving reliability of power. These include encouraging more competition among energy providers to lift service standards and drive down operational costs, and continuing –in principle –subsidising the small-scale renewable energy scheme to help more Australian households and small businesses to install solar panels and reduce their electricity costs.

Abolishing any and all net zero commitments is also a key One Nation policy. One Nation's policy of axing the Department of Climate Change and all related agencies, regulations and programs would save at least \$30 billion a year.

2. Water security and infrastructure: Given the neglect of our essential infrastructure over the past 8 years under Administration, what is your plan to secure long-term, affordable water supply and upgrade damaged water infrastructure?

- Locals built the local water network, yet Labor has proposed a quick fix to effectively hand it over to SA Water. This ignores the local 'ownership' factor, plus the reality that it provides jobs for local families. Without control of it, we risk losing local families, and more local wealth. In this case the community consultation that has been lacking so far is key, and that's exactly what I promise to engage in, should I be fortunate enough to be elected on March 21.

- Allowing farmers to build on-farm dams up to four megalitres capacity.

3. Roads and transport access: Which roads affecting Coober Pedy and the Far North (Stuart) will you prioritise for upgrades, and what timeline and budget will you commit to?

- Stuart Highway must be prioritised to be flood resilient and safe, as it is the primary roadway that connects SA to the NT.
- Critical locations in consideration include the roadway passing through Glendambo, Woocalla Creek, and Lake Windabout.
- Next would be the road connect to the APY Lands to ensure remote communities are not isolated.

4. Health services and emergency care: How will you improve access to doctors, nurses, specialists, aged care, mental health services, and emergency care for local residents?

We want to provide incentives – for example financial supports for education, training and establishing practices (for example, payroll tax or land tax discounts) – to entice GPs and other health practitioners to SA's remote regions. One Nation also wants to reform Medicare to better remunerate GPs so they can return to bulk-billing, and crack down on Medicare fraud which is estimated to cost up to \$3 billion per year.

5. Housing quality and availability: What will you do to help restore the quality of existing housing, with vacant housing currently being dismantled by outside influences?

One Nation will reduce housing demand by substantially lowering immigration to sustainable levels and permanently banning foreign ownership of residential property. We will increase supply by cutting red tape, releasing under-utilised government land, supporting regional landholders to build additional dwellings, and reducing government taxes and charges that can account for nearly half the cost of a new home.

6. Jobs and economic diversification: Bearing in mind Coober Pedy is in a remote location and needs to generate self-sufficiency, how will you help create stable, long-term jobs beyond tourism and mining?

We have a policy of State Government-based water management to ensure long-term water availability at a sustainable cost. We would better invest in health services and social services to reduce the reliance on FIFO out models.

7. Cost of living and working in a remote town: What concrete measures will you support to reduce the higher costs of food, fuel, freight, and basic goods for remote areas? One Nation's suite of targeted measures would provide immediate relief to Australian households and businesses. Our plan includes electricity bill reduction by changing the National Electricity Market (NEM) rules to enable and incentivize cheaper coal and gas-fired baseload power while supporting nuclear energy in the medium term. Fuel price relief is obviously more important to this region now than ever, so cutting the fuel excise would be a step in the right direction.

8. Education, training, and keeping young people local: How will you improve local education, training, and apprenticeship pathways so young people can build a future in their home town?

- Fund/run courses at TAFE related to mining/material processing targeted at the opal industry; this will keep the skill set and craft in Coober Pedy.
- Fund/run courses at TAFE related to firearm safety training to reduce the reliance on facilitators from neighbouring towns.
- Partnership deals with local mining companies to train tradies and operators from local towns before outsourcing to the major cities (e.g. Adelaide).

9-13: Public safety and antisocial behaviour: The town faces serious problems with vandalism, arson, theft, and alcohol-related disorder. What specific, funded measures will you implement to improve safety?

The uniparty always talk tough on crime, yet do we ever see much impact on our crime rate? One Nation believes strongly in law and order being maintained, and for punishments to be served – rather than a revolving door of recidivist offenders we see at the moment. If practical and warranted, I would advocate for increased police resources. These resources must be deployed on an 'as needs' basis statewide. This would possibly mean more police for our area.

14. Community voice in decision-making: How will you ensure local stakeholders have a genuine say in decisions about power, water, housing, and services, before decisions are finalised?

Unlike representatives from the uniparty, if elected for One Nation I will be free to draft any appropriate legislation impacting these areas. Labor and Liberal policies go through so many pairs of hands before being released. Instead, I'll listen to locals and take their views on board, rather than give lip service. That's the difference.

15. FIFO problem/current fad: Remote areas are being robbed of their "Local Council". Will you assist to stabilise tenure of public servants involved in the management of our Council and Essential Services by offering relocation packages?

That's a proposal that, if elected, I would look at. Currently, I wouldn't give any assurances either way.

6. Growing threats from Government Departments:

One Nation is proud of its continued commitment to regional and rural South Australia. We understand that South Australia is much more than just Adelaide. As such, I would be the loudest voice outlining why the Far North and its people need special consideration

17. Accountability and delivery: What three specific, measurable commitments will you make for this town in your first term, and how can voters track whether you deliver them?

1. Energy:
 - a) Changing the management of energy from the council back to the state government.
 - b) Reducing electricity prices by reversing "net zero" targets, supporting coal and nuclear power, and cutting subsidies for renewables.
 - c) Construction of a new black coal ultra-supercritical (USC) power plant (USC plants have higher thermal efficiencies and, as a result, lower emissions) at Port Augusta to reduce the vulnerability of unreliable renewable energy infrastructure.
2. Local government reform:
 - a) Return local governments to their primary functions, such as local infrastructure, road safety, and essential waste management, while ending "cost shifting" onto ratepayers.
 - b) Cap annual rate increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
3. Cracking down on repeat offenders. One Nation will advocate for more public funding for Operation Flinders and the referral of suitable young offenders to their programs as part of their rehabilitation and education.

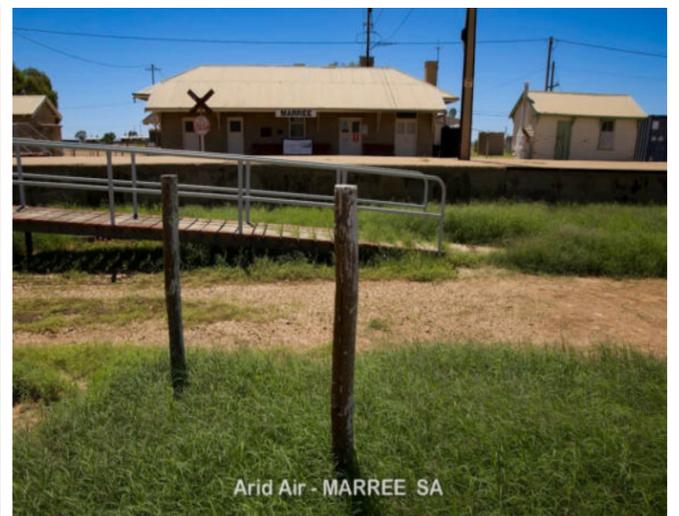
THE OUTBACK AROUND MARREE TURNS GREEN IN 2026

12/3/26 The landscape around Marree SA and the historic Ghan railway line has turned GREEN for the first time in a very long time after recent soaking rain across the region!

Ground that is usually just sand is now covered in fresh grass around town. It is a rare sight in this part of the outback.

While the Outback Highway from Lyndhurst, the Birdsville Track and the Oodnadatta Track remain closed for now near Marree due to flooding, it has been an incredibly busy week. Arid Air has been helping reunite families separated by floodwaters and transporting essential freight for the Marree Hotel.

Between these flights we have also been carrying out reconnaissance flights across the region to track the unfolding floodwaters and changing landscape, while also checking on fences and road conditions.



TOP: The latest high definition satellite image of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre captured this week, revealing three striking colours across the lake: the Warburton Groove, Belt Bay and Madigan Gulf.

LEFT: Historic Ghan Train stationed at Marree.

BELOW: Aerial view of Marree nestled in greenery.

Stay tuned and please FOLLOW ARID AIR at MARREE for further aerial updates as this extraordinary season continues to unfold with Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre filling with flood water. <https://www.facebook.com/aridairflights>



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 Cooper Pedy

Thursday 5-10pm and Friday nights 5 - 1a m.

Greek Charcoal BB



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

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



GOLF 8.30 am

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

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK PAGE for latest updates Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389

COOPER PEDY RSL

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



Stuart Highway Corridor - Pit-Stop Check

Andamooka: A quirky, historical gem where 'noodling' for opals is a way of life. Don't miss the world-class stargazing under some of the darkest skies on the planet Best for an overnight detour to experience underground history and the world's rarest opals.

Kingoonya :A slight detour off the highway, but worth it for the Outback charm and the friendly Kingoonya Hotel.

Pimba: A tiny, remote outback settlement in South Australia, located 441 km north of Adelaide at the junction of the Stuart Highway and the turn-off to Woomera/Roxby Downs. Primarily a key pitstop for travellers, it is renowned for Spud's Roadhouse , offering fuel, food, and accommodation. It also acts as a stop for the Ghan and Indian Pacific trains.

Glendambo is the crucial "halfway" point between Port Augusta and Cooper Pedy for fuel and a classic pub meal.

Cooper Pedy: Opal Capital of the World: Sleep underground, noodle for opal, explore the breakaways at sunset, and experience a town where the 'fairway' is dirt and the treasures are hidden beneath your feet."

William Creek: Australia's smallest town with a big personality. Located on the world's largest cattle station, and a gateway to scenic flights over the Painted Hills and Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre.

Marree: Where the Oodnadatta and Birdsville Tracks meet. Discover the rich Afghan cameleer history and take scenic flights to witness the filling of Lake Eyre, amazing outback wildlife and the mysterious Marree Man from above.

Oodnadatta: Home of the iconic Pink Roadhouse. A must-stop for a 'burger and a photo' before you tackle the legendary red tracks of the deep outback.

Cadney Park Homestead: located 150 km north of Cooper Pedy on the Stuart Highway in South Australia, is a remote, family-friendly oasis offering motel-style rooms, cabins, and pet friendly caravan/camping sites. It features a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, and fuel services, making it a popular stop for travellers.

Marla: The essential rest point before the long stretch toward the NT border; great for early morning starts.

COOPER PEDY
 RETAIL, BUSINESS AND
 TOURISM ASSOCIATION

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

JAN 1 New Year's Day	JAN 26 Australia Day	MAR 9 Adelaide Cup Day
APR 3 Good Friday	APR 4 Easter Saturday	APR 5 Easter Sunday
APR 6 Easter Monday	APR 25 Anzac Day Lest We Forget	
MAY 4 Labour Day	JUN 8 King's Birthday Crown, royal emblems	
OCT 5 Labour Day (SA specific) Workplace unity, family time	DEC 24 Christmas Eve	DEC 25 Christmas Day
DEC 26 Proclamation Day / Boxing Day Beach, sports	DEC 28 Additional Holiday for Proclamation Day Holiday activities, family fun	

Travelling North - Stuart Highway



ANDAMOOKA: Fuel, food, and a stop-over; PLUS:
 Historic Cottages (1930s homes); Opal Noodling (Fossicking);
 Underground Museum (Opal display); Yacht Club (Cafe/Gallery);
 Duke's Bottlehouse Museum & Motel; Stoner's Studio (Sculptures);
 Mining Machinery (Historic); Observatory Tours (Stargazing);
 Lake Torrens (Salt lake); Op-Shop (CWA)



Return Services League
 Coober Pedy Sub Branch Inc
 POBox 689, Coober Pedy SA 5723
 ABN 86 819 005 052

ANZAC DAY 2026

Saturday 25 April 2026



6am - Dawn Service at RSL followed by Gunfire Breakfast
 10am - Anzac Day March leaving RSL - walking to the Memorial in front of Catholic Church on Hutchison Street.
 Service will start once Veterans arrive.
 12 - 2pm Lunch Available
 Come and try your hand at Two-Up
 5pm-6pm - Happy Hour
 6:15pm - 8pm Dinner Available
 Live Music

"LEST WE FORGET"

March 2026: The Season Begins

William Creek: Gymkhana & Motorkhana (March 28) Weekend of festivities in William Creek. This is the premier event of the month for the region. It features high-energy horse events, motorbike skills challenges, and novelty races. (* William Creek Bronco Branding is in August)

Andamooka: After Dark Stargazing (Daily)
 March offers incredible night sky clarity. The Andamooka Observatory runs its nightly "Nocturnal Tours" starting at 7 PM, combining high-tech telescope stargazing with UV-light opal "noodling".

Coober Pedy: The Painted Desert Tour (Every Saturday) with the **Outback Mail Man** who runs 4WD expeditions north to the Arckaringa Hills and the Moon Plains. It's another great way for tourists to see the colorful breakaways without navigating the remote tracks themselves

Twice Daily Tours – Oasis Tourist Park Coober Pedy
 Mornings Town Tour 8.30am
 Late Afternoon – Breakaways Sunset Tour 4.45 pm

Coober Pedy Drive-in runs every weekend on a Friday or Saturday night <http://www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au/>

April 2026: Easter Long Weekend

Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show : A premier opal industry event. Tourist can browse through world class opals and witness the vast displays.

Coober Pedy Speedway: Easter Sunday.
 Offering thrilling, high energy dirt track racing under the stars.

ANZAC DAY
Coober Pedy Dawn Service: Saturday 25 April 2026.

A uniquely "Outback" service held at the RSL; followed by Gunfire Breakfast, then at 9.45am the Veterans and supporters march to the Town Centre for the 10am Service

Marree: A community-focused service that serves as a vital gathering for those traveling the Oodnadatta Track.

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Reminder for tourists that the **Coober Pedy Opal Festival** has moved to June 2026 (June 12–14). Plan for a return winter trip for the big street parade. Incorporating food, beverage, craft and market stalls, games and entertainment, the festival provides activities for all ages

William Creek Gymkhana and Motokhana March 28th 2026



The Bronco Branding and Cow Work to be held on August 15, 2026



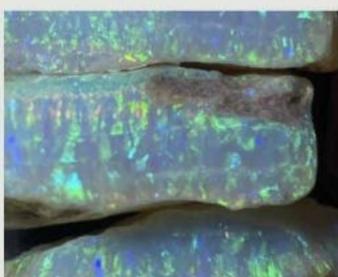
COOBER PEDY GEM TRADE SHOW - 2026

2026 COOBER PEDY GEM TRADE SHOW



FRIDAY 3RD APRIL
MEET & GREET
LOCATION - TBA

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL & SUNDAY 5TH APRIL
9AM - 5PM
GEM TRADE SHOW
LOCATION - CROATIAN CLUB



CONTACT US CPGEMTRADESHOW@OUTLOOK.COM

EMPLOYMENT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE SO SOUTH AUSTRALIA THRIVES
Government of South Australia

TEAM SUPERVISOR (REMOTE)

Department for Correctional Services
Coober Pedy Community Correctional Centre
Ongoing
Vac No: 831599
\$98,478 - \$116,216 pa (ASO6/PO3/AHP3)

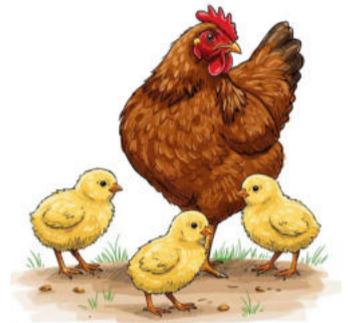
For more information and how to apply visit: www.iworkfor.sa.gov.au

Applications close:
11pm, 22 March 2026

IWORKFOR.SA.gov.au

FOR SALE

* DAY OLD CHICK \$6.50,
* 16 WEEKS POL PULLETS \$26.00,
* 574 MAGILL ROAD
MAGILL,
*MAGILL GRAIN STORE,
08 8331 8159



Coober Pedy Drive In

March Movies

7th - Zootopia 2
21st - The Housemaid
25th - David (sponsored community event)
28th - Mercy
Gate and Movie times TBA



No walk ins under 16 unless accompanied by guardian Children to be supervised at ALL times



Car \$30 (2-7people), Adult \$15, student/concession \$10, child \$5

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

WHEN TO CALL 000

Is your situation life-threatening due to any of the below?

- All fires, including bushfire and house fire
- Dangerous or life-threatening situations - Police
- Health & Medical - Ambulance
- Major gas leaks
- Accidents where there is fire or the need for medical assistance

WHEN TO CALL 132 500 (SES)

Flood or storm assistance:

- Serious damage to home
- Property at risk of flooding
- Tree fallen on car or home



NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Often situations that seem urgent and overwhelming can be dealt with using local services such as a handyman, arborist or local council.

For non-urgent situations visit ses.sa.gov.au or refer to the following numbers:

SES Infoline
1800 362 361

Police
Non-urgent matters
131 444

Crime Stoppers
(report crime anonymously)
1800 333 000

Local Councils
(Fallen trees on local roads, footpaths and parks)
lga.sa.gov.au/councils

Roads and traffic
Accidents resulting in a traffic hazard
131 444

Major arterial roads
(dangerous conditions, road hazards and signal faults)
1800 018 313

Electricity
Power network faults and emergencies, including loss of supply
13 13 66

SA Water
Burst water mains
1300 650 950

Sewer blockage or overflow
1300 883 121

Gas leaks
1800 GAS LEAK
1800 427 532

Health & medical
Health Direct - free health advice from trained clinicians
1800 022 222

Mental health emergencies
13 14 65

Poisons Information
13 11 26

131 444 POLICE ASSISTANCE

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WILLIAM CREEK GYMKHANA & MOTOKHANA

MARCH 28TH 2026 - 8.00AM

Horse Events

JUNIOR & JUVENILE HORSE EVENTS
 Sponsored by William Creek Hotel & Wrightsair

1. Junior Walk & Trot
2. Junior Bending
3. Junior Keyhole
4. Junior Quoits
5. Junior Barrels
6. Junior Can & Stick
7. Junior Consolation
8. Junior Monte Carlo u/8
9. Juvenile Walk, Trot & Lead
10. Juvenile Bending
11. Juvenile Keyhole
12. Juvenile Quoits
13. Juvenile Barrels
14. Juvenile Flag & Barrel
15. Juvenile Swap Over (2)
16. Juvenile Consolation

ADULT HORSE EVENTS

17. Billa Kalina Pastoral Bending
18. Goolagong Angus Stud Keyhole
19. Dick Nunn Memorial Barrels
20. Nutrien Livestock Balaklava Flag & Barrel
21. Australian Meat Group * Thread the Needle
22. Williams Cattle Company ** Knock Out Pony Poles
23. Welke Transport * Swap Over Race (2)
24. Dunns Earthmoving * Teams Potato Race (3)
25. OMS Mechanical Walk, Trot & Gallop

AT THE GROUNDS

Free Camping & Showers
 Horse Yards Available
 EFTPOS/Square Facilities

FRIDAY

Bar open/tea available 4-9pm
 Horse Events: RXG Drilling Horse Quoits,
 Windy Creek Pastoral Tilting the Ring,
 Kent Saddlery Whip Cracking
 Outback Pest Control Crowd Novelty Events

SATURDAY

RFDS in attendance
 Rural Aid in attendance
 Food/Bar available all day
 Schnitzel Tea
 Live Music - Gav Chandler

CROWDEVENTS

Roxby Earthmoving ** Ringers Challenge
 Senturion Steel Boot Toss
 Wonambi Opal Egg Toss
 D & G Tyres Bar Quoits
 Fire Equip Maintenance Group Piggy Back Races
 Ben Du Bois Electrical & Refrigeration Stepping the Distance
 Geoff & Adam Kohler Kids Coin Drop



\$23,000
 Money & Prizes



Motorbike Events

JUNIOR & JUVENILE MOTORBIKE EVENTS
 Sponsored by Brendan Ehlen
 & CMV Group Foundation

26. Junior Boys Bending
27. Junior Girls Bending
28. Junior Run & Ride
29. Junior Boys Barrels
30. Junior Girls Barrels
31. Junior Keyhole
32. Junior Go Slow
33. Junior Mystery Pair Swap Over (2)
34. Junior Consolation
35. Junior Monte Carlo u/8
36. Juvenile Boys Bending
37. Juvenile Girls Bending
38. Juvenile Hop, Skip & Jump
39. Juvenile Mystery Pair Swap Over (2)
40. Juvenile Boys Barrels
41. Juvenile Girls Barrels
42. Juvenile Keyhole
43. Juvenile Run & Ride
44. Juvenile Bang & Go Back
45. Juvenile Consolation

ADULT MOTORBIKE EVENTS

46. Costello Cattle Company Mens Bending
47. Adelaide Galvanising Industries Ladies Bending
48. BHP ** Knock Out Figure 8 (16+)
49. Circle C Barrels
50. KLR Jamestown Ladies Barrels
51. Perrys Fuel Gretna Green (16+)
52. MyEnergy Engineering Ladies Swap Over Pairs (2)
53. Sheehan Transport & Cattle Contracting Run & Ride
54. JMC Diesel * Teams Race (3)
55. DK Pastoral * Thread the Needle
56. Ridsdale Electrical Keyhole
57. McArdle Freight * Track Mono (timed)

WHAT TO KNOW

Preferred nominations to be completed
 via pre-nom platform
 Limited secretary box Saturday
 ** Feature Events
 Leading Rider Prizes
 Encouragement Awards
 Horse of the Day

Rules/Conditions:

- All riders compete at their own risk
- Competitors must sign a waiver form & pay insurance
- Maximum of 2 horses per events permitted
- Junior (under 10 years) Juvenile (10-15 years) Senior (16+ years)
- Leading rider points to unassisted riders
- Consolation Race is for competitors who have not placed in any event
- Can ride up an age group at discretion of committee/dependent on numbers
- Committees' decision is final and not subject to any appeal/protest
- The committee reserves the right to change/alter programme at any time
- Enquiries and pre-nominations to Hollie nilpinna.stn@bigpond.com/042875285/facebook messenger

**Only 2 weeks until the
 William Creek Gymkhana
 & Motokhana!**

There's so much happening across the weekend - action-packed horse events, thrilling bike competitions, and plenty of crowd novelties to keep everyone entertained. It's shaping up to be a fantastic weekend for competitors and spectators alike.

A huge thank you to our incredible sponsors and hardworking committee - thanks to their support we have an amazing \$23,000 up for grabs in prize money and prizes!

Pre-nominations will be released closer to the event and are the preferred method of nominating, so keep an eye out for those details.

We're looking forward to a great weekend of fun, sportsmanship, and community friendship. Make sure you mark it on your calendar - you won't want to miss it!



**William Creek
 Gymkhana &
 Motokhana
 Saturday March 28
 Beginning at 8am**



William Creek Australian National Bronco Branding Championships August 15th 2026



A few highlights from William Crk Gymkhana 2022



ASSOCIATIONS

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

Coober Pedy Retail, Business & Tourism Assoc. Inc

Committee Elected for 2026
 President: George Kountouris
 Vice President: George Russell OAM
 Treasurer: Nick Brellas
 Secretary/Public Officer: Nicky Kountouris Committee
 Members: Irene Spillman, Michael Farkas, Sean Harrison

<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 20/10/2025
 Chairperson: Trish Turner
 Secretary: Jenny Davison
 Treasurer: Sue Britt
 Public Officer: Judy Harper
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/>



COOBER PEDY MINERS ASSOC.

Coober Pedy SA 3723
Committee Elected for 2025/26
 President: Matt Graham,
 Secretary:
 Treasurer: Nicko Farantouris

Committee Members: Rod Wells, Mish Blanus, Mike Eakins, Steve Perkins, Lachlan 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**
 LiaPantelis, YukoCastles, MarzenaMazurkiewicz,
 DonnaClements, SarahRethus.

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

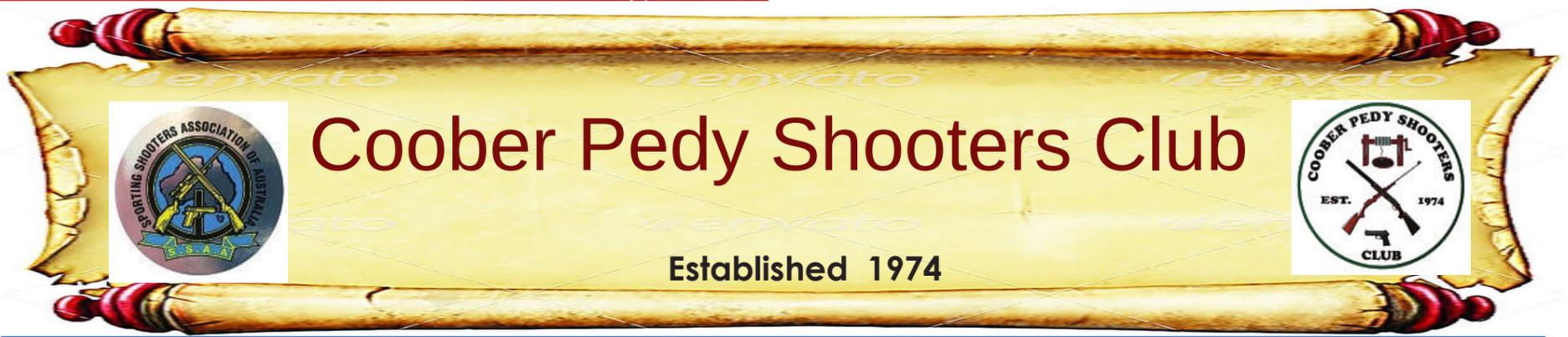
Chantelle Bamford Chairperson
 Lyndal Price Deputy Chairperson
 Tanya Lauder Secretary/Treasurer
 Gemma Hoad- Committee member
 Mitchell Hoad - Committee member
 Clydine Carboni - Committee Member
 Kaysy Clet de Leon-Committee member
 Gary Herdegen (Council) Committee Member
<http://www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au/documents.html>

Coober Pedy Italian Club Inc

Committee Elected 18/10/2025
 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,
 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



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).

**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 Times 9:00

AM

**Saturday — Pistols
IPSC**

<i>14 March</i>
<i>21 March</i>
<i>28 March</i>
<i>4 April</i>
<i>11 April</i>

Starting Time: 9:00 AM

**Sundays 25 Scoring
50m Benchrest
Match**

<i>15 March</i>
<i>22 March</i>
<i>29 March</i>
<i>5 April</i>
<i>12 April</i>



MEMBERSHIP Renewal Now Due 2026

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 cpsc.treasurer@gmail.com

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



The Coober Pedy Shooter's Club is affiliated with the
 Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (South Australia) Incorporated.
<https://ssaasa.org.au>

