

'OPALS ON TIKTOK' GROUP TRAVEL TO COOPER PEDY FOR SOME R & R

Roger Bulovic is known locally as an opal miner and a partner in the Bulovic family's Opal Miner's Enterprises operation. Together, Dean, Mika and Roger hosted the Opals on TikTok group during their visit to Cooper Pedy.

Roger said, "It was an absolute pleasure to host our valued TikTok family here in Cooper Pedy."

The group from 'Opals on TikTok' travelled across Australia and internationally to experience opal mining firsthand after meeting each other on Roger's TikTok Opal Auctions. Together they gained an appreciation for the hard work involved in producing the world's most beautiful gemstone while also experiencing Cooper Pedy's natural beauty".

"Thanks again to everyone for making the journey. We look forward to welcoming you back soon."

Sellina Takurra from Perth is one of the standout opal enthusiasts and shared why the trip was so important to her, and what sparked her love of Cooper Pedy opal.



"I came to celebrate two birthdays with my friends from TikTok who share a love of opal," said Sellina.

"I have always collected shiny things. As a young adult, I started acquiring jewellery from eBay, and much of it was Cooper Pedy opal jewellery."

"As a hobbyist jeweller and opal cutter, I came to Cooper Pedy to see the full process of how opal is mined. I have enjoyed the hospitality of our host Roger Bulovic, and the Bulovic family, who allowed myself and my friends to see how they work their opal claims. We saw how quickly a claim can become an absolute disaster, meaning no opal, and experienced all the ups and downs."

"The online opal scene on TikTok brings people from many different backgrounds together. Through this group, I met others who enjoy collecting, cutting and setting opal. The plan was set for everyone to meet up in Cooper Pedy."

Other members of the group included Karleen and Neil McTaggart, who travelled from Queensland, and James Barradell, who came across from New Zealand. Telisha McDermott was also celebrating a birthday. Chris and Nate Taverner travelled from Adelaide with a group of friends who had connected on TikTok.

"We have all become very good friends through talking every day, sharing our love of opal and everything connected to it."

We met Roger Bulovic on TikTok and he became part of our opal family. It was also my birthday, which made the trip even more exciting as I could celebrate with friends."



Hostess Mika Bulovic, with Vixy, Karleen and Sellina from the Opals on Tiktok "family" visiting Cooper Pedy



James Barradell and Telisha McDermott with Karleen and Neil McTaggart on the Olympic Opal Field.

Karleen described their trip to Cooper Pedy. "As the excitement of our Cooper Pedy trip slowly fades, I'm reminded of the power of connection and community."

"Meeting fellow Opal enthusiasts who became good friends from across Australia and NZ was incredible, and I'm so thankful to Roger, Mika & Dean, George 'The Bomb King' from the Opal Hunter show, and the entire crew for making it a trip to remember."

"We enjoyed fantastic food, drinks, and conversations, but importantly, we forged lasting bonds. Here 's to many more adventures together! Let's make it happen soon!"

For those interested in exploring this vibrant Tiktok niche, daily auctions hosted by Roger Bulovic can be viewed on Tiktok at <https://www.tiktok.com/@opalterraaustralis>

Travis and Amz from Adelaide also joined the gathering, with many first connecting through Roger's live auctions on TikTok.

Vixy from Perth took a road trip to Cooper Pedy in her bus after meeting Roger and Mika online, arriving at the same time as the TikTok group. For Vixy, it was a 50th birthday journey.

"I left Perth on 20 March and arrived in Cooper Pedy on 27 March in time for the Cooper Pedy Gem Trade Show. I met up with the TikTok crew on 17 April, and now I've fallen for Cooper Pedy."

The camaraderie among members of the Australian opal community on TikTok is enthusiastic, educational and deeply passionate. Because opals are incredibly unique and varied, the community thrives on shared discovery and visual appreciation.

A significant part of the community centres around lapidaries, gem cutters, revealing brilliant flashes of colour from rough, unassuming stones. With no two opals ever identical, the community celebrates individuality rather than conformity, with members appreciating the distinct patterns and "personalities" of each stone.

The group's respect for the hard work of outback mining was evident during their time on the Bulovic claims, gaining firsthand insight into what it takes to bring each stone to the surface. The TikTok group, many of whom are experienced collectors and sellers, were clearly in their element in Cooper Pedy.

Many sellers now host daily TikTok Live sales and auctions. These streams are fast-paced, filled with friendly banter and shared excitement as participants bid on or claim stones. There is also a strong crossover between gem cutters, jewellers and enthusiasts, with frequent collaborations to turn loose stones into custom jewellery pieces.

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WEATHER COOBER PEDY

Coober Pedy

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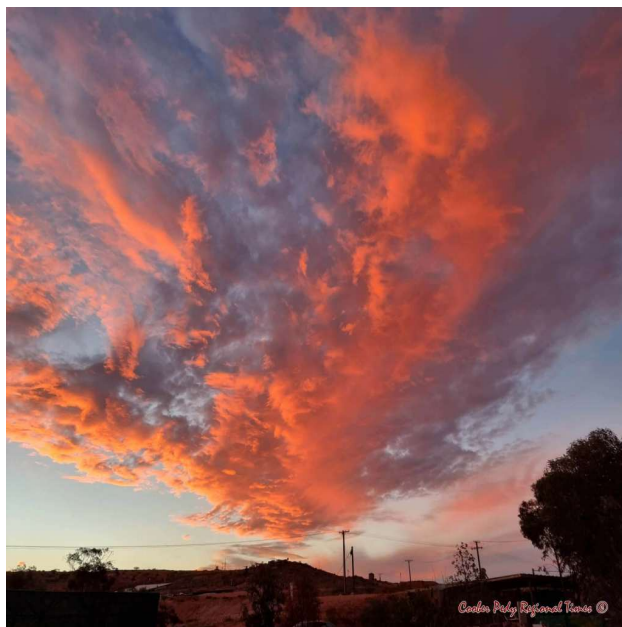
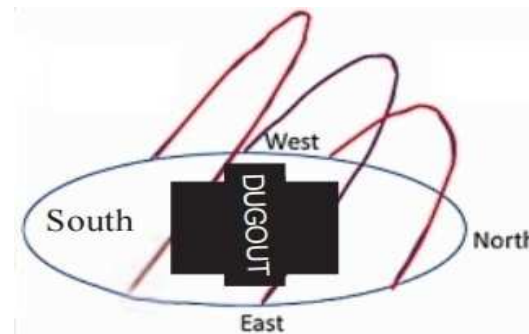
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	Fri. 24 Apr	Sat. 25 Apr	Sun. 26 Apr	Mon. 27 Apr	Tue. 28 Apr	Wed. 29 Apr	Thu. 30 Apr
	 Mostly sunny.	 Mostly sunny.	 Mostly sunny.	 Sunny.	 Mostly sunny.	 Sunny.	 Sunny.
Max. Temperature	29 °C	30 °C	25 °C	24 °C	27 °C	30 °C	30 °C
Min. Temperature		15 °C	14 °C	11 °C	12 °C	14 °C	15 °C

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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1990s, covering general news stories, photography, advertising and the coordinating of community contributions.

MACKAY News Resident and Ratepayer has of CPRT since volunteer since the mid covering general 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.

Lovelock joins Pedy Police gaining local the APY also 2 years at Far North, and Penong.

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



is a freelance photographer time between in Alice Springs in Coober Pedy. writes essays Springs News.

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DONNA was South Outback and is resident of As a business a regular, along the Far



Active Claims as at 24/04/2026


**Andamooka – 157
 Coober Pedy – 431
 Mintabie – 10
 Stuart Creek – 1**



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PERMITS

All claim holders / miners in the Coober Pedy southern fields within the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) are required to renew their WPA permits as at the 31st March each year.


- * A Defence Permit may be issued for a period of up to 1 year.
- * 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.



Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Inc.




2026




Gem & Mineral Show



Tea Tree Gully Primary School
Memorial Drive, Tea Tree Gully

Saturday 18th April - 10am to 4pm
Sunday 19th April - 10am to 4pm

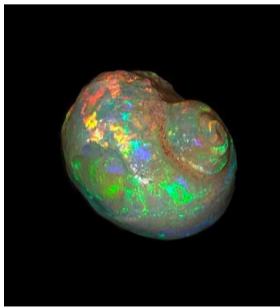
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 Children under 12 Free with an Adult

For more information contact
 Augie Gray 0433 571 887

PLEASE NOTE: To preserve the floor, NO STILETTOS or STUDED FOOTWEAR.



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OPALS ON TIKTOK GIRLS MEET COOBER PEDY'S 'BOMB KING'



Above: Sellina Takurra from Perth shows us some of her opal spoils.

Left: George Aslamatzis with the 5 girls from Opals on Tiktok during their trip to Coober Pedy recently.



POLICE NEWS

DRINK DRIVER AT COOPER PEDY X 4 TIMES LEGAL LIMIT

STEP BACK & STAY DOG SAFE



Opal City Services - OCS Pty Ltd STOLEN VEHICLE S913BZK. This vehicle was stolen from our depot last night if you see it or have any information please get in touch with us 0438804033 **Vehicle found Thursday.**



A drink driver nearly four times the legal limit was detected in Cooper Pedy this on Friday morning

POLICE INVESTIGATE COOPER PEDY CRIME SERIES

22 Apr 2026 4:52pm: Police have arrested a youth following an investigation into a series of break-ins and thefts from businesses in Cooper Pedy.

About 3.30am on Saturday 18 April, a business on Hutchison Street was broken into and a Toyota Land Cruiser was stolen.

On the same night, the stolen Land Cruiser was used to break through a fence and gain entry to a business on Umoona Road where two Toyota Hilux's were stolen.

Patrols responded and located the Hilux and Land Cruiser on Hutchinson Street, and the second Hilux was located on Burke Street.

Following investigations, a 13-year-old boy from Port Augusta was arrested and charged with serious criminal trespass, theft and driving without a licence. He was refused police bail and appeared in the Adelaide Youth Court yesterday. CO26000166539

Police are also investigating a break-in that occurred about 2am on Monday 20 April at a business on Hutchinson Street, Cooper Pedy. A white Toyota Hilux, a grey Toyota Kluger, a white Ford Ranger and a white Isuzu truck were stolen.

The vehicles were seen driving in the Cooper Pedy area in an unsafe manner; however, they were later recovered by police on Ward Street, Cooper Pedy.

Then just after midnight on Wednesday, 22 April, a business on Seventeen Mile Road at Cooper Pedy was broken into and a white Toyota Hilux was stolen with South Australia registration S913BZK. This vehicle has not yet been located.

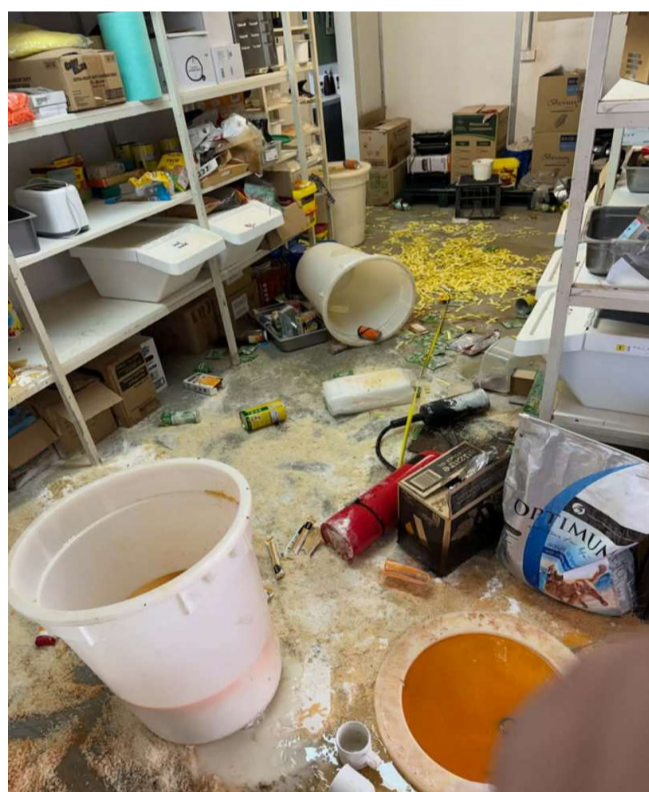
This vehicle was sighted at an incident on Van Brugge Street where the occupants caused damage to numerous vehicles. Investigations are continuing and police believe the break-ins and thefts to be linked to the same group of suspects.

Anyone with information or has any CCTV that may assist in the identification of the offenders or to assist with the investigation is asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au – you can remain anonymous. Please quote reference 104396.

Just after 11am on Friday 24 April, Cooper Pedy Police stopped a vehicle for a mobile driver test on Giles Street, Cooper Pedy.

The driver, a 33-year-old Cooper Pedy woman, recorded a blood alcohol reading of 0.188 - nearly four times the legal limit.

She was reported for drink driving and issued with a 12-month instant loss of licence. Her vehicle was impounded for 28 days, and she will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date. 108854



Part of the damages sustained at the CU River Mining Camp on Crowders Gully Road by three underaged youth a few weeks ago. Youth are still active around the community.

A new campaign is encouraging South Australians to "Step Back" and give dogs space to help prevent bites and attacks.

Led by the Dog and Cat Management Board, the campaign reminds people that even friendly dogs can bite if they feel scared, stressed, tired or unwell.

Around 500 people are hospitalised each year from dog bites, with 464 cases recorded in 2024–25. Young children and older people make up about a quarter of these injuries.

The campaign teaches people to recognise warning signs before a dog bites. These include backing away, growling, cowering, and signs of stress like scratching or licking its nose.

More than 1,100 dog attacks were reported to councils in 2024–25, but many incidents are believed to go unreported, [and many reports to councils are not followed up]

Dog owners are reminded to take responsibility by training and socialising their pets, and keeping people safe at home and in public. Strong penalties apply for serious attacks.

Simple safety tips include supervising children around dogs, asking permission before approaching a dog, and never disturbing a dog while it is eating.

The message is simple. Giving dogs space can help prevent injuries and keep both people and pets safe.

Think first then dial



Triple Zero
Police, Fire, Ambulance
in an emergency



131 444
Police Assistance Line for non-urgent police assistance



1800 333 000
Crime Stoppers
report crime anonymously





National
Fuel Security
 Plan

To keep Australia moving, the government has been working to secure fuel supply and has put in place the 4-level National Fuel Security Plan.

We're now at Level 2. So, consider simple actions to use less fuel, like using your car less.

Every little bit helps

For fuel saving tips, visit fuelplan.gov.au

- 4 PROTECTING CRITICAL SERVICES
- 3 TAKING TARGETED ACTION
- 2 KEEPING AUSTRALIA MOVING**
- 1 PLAN AND PREPARE

National Fuel Security Plan



Australian Government

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ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026

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REMINDER: TOM VENNING MP, URGES CONSTITUENTS TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON ELECTORAL CHANGES

Federal Member for Grey, Tom Venning MP, is urging constituents to make their voices heard regarding the Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to rename the historic electorate of Grey to O'Donoghue and significantly alter its boundaries.

While expressing deep respect for the profound contributions of both South Australian founding father Sir George Grey and trailblazing Indigenous rights advocate Dr. Lowitja O'Donoghue, Mr. Venning criticised the costly logistical overhaul required for the name change as unnecessary "busy work for bureaucrats" during a cost-of-living crisis.

Tom Venning MP, Member for Grey said, "I greatly respect the work and legacy of both individuals, but it is my belief that we don't honour history by editing it, we honour it by adding to it."

"At a time when the government is telling everyday Australians to tighten their belts, forcing a name change that requires new signage, updated collateral, and wasted resources across four offices is just expensive busy work for bureaucrats."

"This shift brings Riverlea, a city fringe suburban development, into an electorate that represent farmers, fishers, miners, tourism, and two heavy industry hubs in the shape of Port Pirie and Whyalla. The demographics do not make sense"

"It is strange also that the boundaries bring in half of Light Council, and now half of Playford Council. Logic says we should have simply taken all of Light or all of Playford."

"While I will also be making a submission, ultimately, this is not my decision to make, so I am encouraging everyone to go to the AEC website and make a formal submission."

AEC SUBMISSION SITE:
<https://formupload.aec.gov.au/Form?FormId=RedisIdeasa>



Return Services League

Cooper Pedy Sub Branch Inc
PO Box 689, Cooper Pedy SA 5723
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25th April 2026
ANZAC DAY



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 - "Double Jays"

"LEST WE FORGET"



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ANZAC DAY 2026 MARCH TO CENOTAPH

10:00 am sharp - leaving the RSL along Hutchison Street to the Memorial in front of the Catholic Church.

A short service will commence when the Veterans have arrived.



"LEST WE FORGET"

Free Community Event - Richardson Place - Kombi Keg Pop Up Bar - (BYO allowed no glass)

Saturday 16 May 2026
1pm - 9pm

World Food **World Music & Dance** **Family Activities**

- Beyond India
- OG Smash Burgers
- Desert Kids
- Smokey Uppercuts
- Smash Burgers (Cancer Council fundraiser)
- MOD Pizzeria
- Titas Treats
- Rotary
- Jojo's Street Kitchen
- Sippin' Sunshine

- Exodus Reggae
- Irish Jig Dancers
- Amazing Drumming Monkeys
- Drumming Workshops
- Hahndorf Music
- Hula Hoop Artist
- DJ

- Parade of Nations
- Kids Corner
- Outdoor Games
- Face Painting
- Balloon Twister
- Connections in Culture
- Handmade gifts, novelty showbags, balloons and lots more stalls!

ROXBY COUNCIL BHP Ahrens ENERVEN Monadelphous STEVENS ROXBY SIGNS VEDIA

Saturday 16th May 2026 at Roxby Downs

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLE & AUSTRALIANS TOGETHER FOR THE BETTER OF OUR BEAUTIFUL NATION

Kangaroo Jack: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61588105485795>

AEC Online forms

Provide ideas on the proposed redistribution of South Australia's federal electorates



All fields are required unless marked optional

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My idea on the proposed South Australian Redistribution

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BIRDSVILLE RACES 2026

ORIGINAL OUTBACK RACING

4 & 5 SEPTEMBER

BIRDSVILLE RACES Roadies

GEOFF BROCK MP OFFICIALLY DECLARED, MEMBER FOR STUART

On April 8th Geoff Brock was officially declared as the Member for Stuart. "I'm incredibly honoured to continue serving our communities in the next term", said Geoff.

"Thank you to everyone who voted and placed their trust in me. It means a great deal, and it's something I carry with genuine humility and responsibility."

"This role has always been about people, about listening, showing up, standing up for what matters, and working together to strengthen our communities. I'm proud of what we've achieved so far, and I'm excited to keep doing this work alongside you in the years ahead."

Geoff acknowledged and thanked all the other candidates who put their hand up to serve. "Choosing to stand takes courage and commitment, and our community benefits from people who care enough to get Involved", said Geoff.

"And a special thank you to not only my volunteers but to all the volunteers across every campaign who gave their time to support our democracy."

"Lastly I want to sincerely thank my partner Lyn, my family, and my staff. Your constant support, patience, and belief in me make this work possible, and I couldn't do any of it without you."

"I'm grateful, motivated, and looking forward to what we can continue to achieve together!"

Left: Geoff Brock MP with the "Declaration of Results" for the District of Stuart.



COOPER PEDY CFS IS RECRUITING



WILL YOU STEP UP TO PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY?

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

COOPER PEDY CFS BRIGADE

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

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

OUR TRAINING TIMES

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

502 Hutchinson Street, Cooper Pedy SA 5723

We look forward to chatting with you soon.

1300 364 587 | cfs.sa.gov.au/volunteer

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Please note:

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



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COOPER PEDY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE & COOPER PEDY MINERS ASSOCIATION

TOWN MEETING: Discussions

Saturday 2nd May, 2026 at 4PM, Italian Club



To discuss the application by Antakarinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara Corporation RNTBC asking the Federal Court of Australia to vary a Federal Court Determination on the Cooper Pedy area



The applicant seeks orders under s 13(1)(b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), including that the Relevant Determination be varied to:

- delete paragraphs 10 and 11 relating to pastoral lease improvements
- include new schedules describing areas:
 - o where native title exists
 - o excluded from the determination because native title has been extinguished
 - o where, pursuant to a proposed ILUA, native title is surrendered
- other minor variations, such as to correct or update parcel descriptions.

For PASTORALISTS, this represents a fundamental change in land control. Under the original 2011 rules, infrastructure and the land immediately surrounding it were largely treated as areas where native title was "wiped out," giving the leaseholder clear, unilateral authority. The removal of these paragraphs means that native title rights may now overlap with these improved areas, potentially requiring more formal discussions and access agreements rather than relying on automatic legal exclusions. This creates a greater need for pastoralists to engage directly with native title holders to ensure operational certainty.

OPAL MINERS face a similar shift toward a more structured and agreement-based system. The revision aims to provide high-precision mapping to clarify exactly where native title exists, where it has been extinguished, and where it is being surrendered through Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). While this increased clarity can reduce long-term legal uncertainty, the reliance on ILUAs means that future mining access and exploration may depend more heavily on successfully negotiated outcomes and specific permissions rather than broad historical assumptions. In essence, the region is moving away from rigid legal rules toward a model of negotiated co-management.

Because these changes will redefine land use and development approvals across the District Council of Cooper Pedy and surrounding pastoral areas, the community has a limited window to respond. Anyone whose interests, be they mining claims or pastoral leases, may be affected has until 21 July 2026 to file a Form 5 with the Federal Court to become a party to the application. After this date, participating in the legal process becomes significantly more difficult, leaving the future of land access to be decided by the court and the current applicants.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, on or before 21 July 2026. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After 21 July 2026, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party. The Miners' Association and the Community Alliance will assist.

JOIN US FOR A SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTER THE MEETING



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 drink ing 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

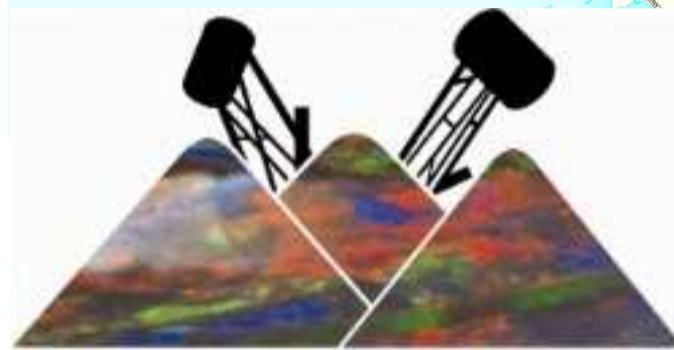
SUNDAYS

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



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

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 senic flights to witness the filling of Lake Eyre, amazing outback wildlife and the mysterious Marree Man from above.

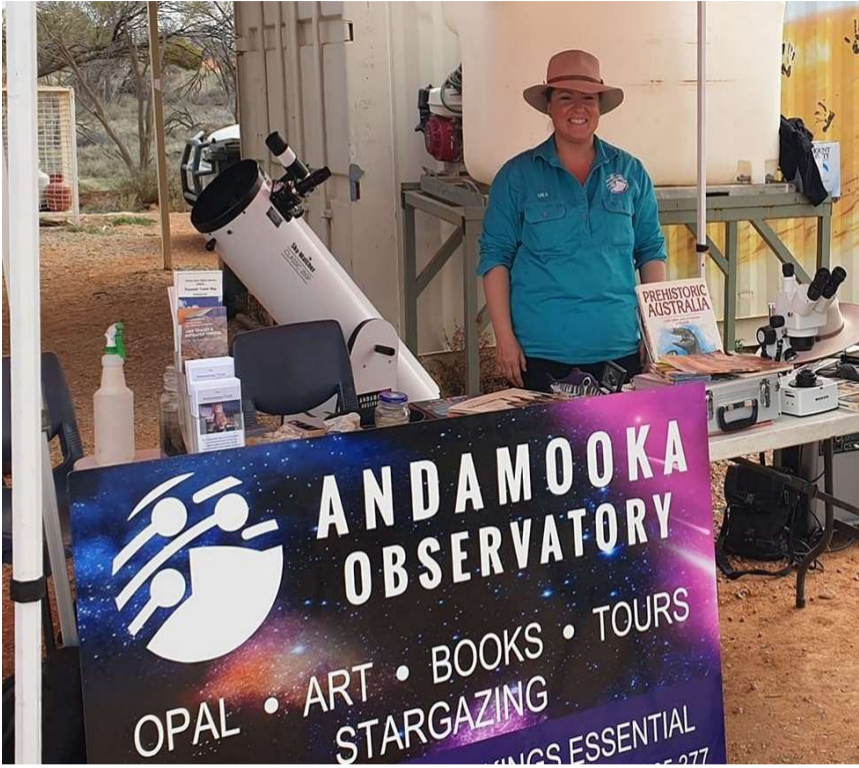
Oodnadatta: Home of the iconic Pink Roadhouse. A must-stop for a 'burger and a photo' before you tackle the legendary red tracks of the deep outback.

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.

Travelling North - Stuart Highway

April - May 2026



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)

37th COOBER PEDY OPAL - FESTIVAL - 2026
 12, 13, 14 JUNE. Save the date

If you've been thinking about getting involved, now's the time
 Email: info@opalfestival.com.au
 to secure your sponsorship or stall and be part of the action.

Please find a link to the sponsorship form -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aUXVzjrUSoRTm_gDaHUZM-c89w6cOmF7/view?usp=sharing

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 Arkaringa 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

2026	2027
28th Feb CRICKET	6th March CRICKET (TBC)
9th May GYMKHANA	8th May GYMKHANA
11th July BRONCO BRANDING	10th July BRONCO BRANDING

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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Coober Pedy Drive-in runs every weekend on a Friday or Saturday

COOBER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

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

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

Ghan Coach Drivers – HR License Paid



The Ghan is looking for friendly and well-presented Coober Pedy locals to showcase their town to our guests. For a period of time we are offering fully paid HR 'heavy rigid open' vehicle licensing for Coober Pedy residents who are interested in creating a career driving day trip coaches for the iconic Ghan rail journey as it visits CP.

The successful candidates will be paid to travel to Adelaide to complete licensing over two days and return to CP to undertake full training on driving, tour guiding, coach presentation and other guest services.

From December to March there will be opportunity to drive coaches on tour in Victoria, covering areas such as Stawell, Grampians, Inverleigh, Golden Plains Shire and attractions in Melbourne.

These positions are central to ensuring a high level of service delivery for guests during off train excursions. Drivers will be responsible for the complete operation and safety of the coach. You will be a confident individual with excellent communication skills to actively engage with our guests, ensuring an excellent guest experience.

There are three positions available: HR Open Licensing will be completed in Adelaide over two days, we will pay all licensing, travel and accommodation requirements for the right people.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Deliver high standard of customer service to all passengers / customers, creating a positive experience on every service
- Comply with company and department safety policies & procedures
- Consistently ensure the safety of yourself, your passengers and your vehicle
- Provide interactive and engaging day tours for guests
- Clean and maintain the inside and outside of Coach, and assist with cleaning and detailing, of other coaches to prepare for next day tours.
- You will work a varied roster of 5 days on, 2 off

In addition, we expect you to be able to manage your time well and conduct pre-departure safety checks.
 Meals during your rostered days are paid.

To be successful in this role you must have or be willing to obtain:

- South Australian Driver Accreditation
- Working with Children (Employment) clearance
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate (or ability to obtain one)
- Satisfactory national criminal history check
- An outstanding safety focus, including basic fatigue management competency and a commitment to your own fitness for duty
- Experience delivering excellent customer service
- Exceptional personal presentation and 'can do' attitude.

What We Offer

- Generous discounts on Journey Beyond travel and experiences
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If you are interested in this role, email: hr@journeybeyond.com.au or visit the link below: Your Rail Journey starts here!
e.com/journey-beyond/j/7F06E9FE35/apply/

DCCP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



District Council
 of Coober Pedy
 Community Engagement

The District Council of Coober Pedy invites feedback regarding the following key plans:

- Draft Annual Business Plan (incorporating the Annual Budget) 2026-27
- Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-27 to 2035-36
- Draft Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan 2026-27 to 2035-36

Community consultation is now open and copies of the draft Plans are available at:

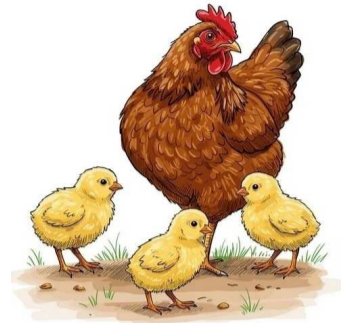
- Coober Pedy School Community Library;
- Civic Centre (Council Office); and
- Council's Website.

Written submissions inclusive of accurate details of the author can be made by:

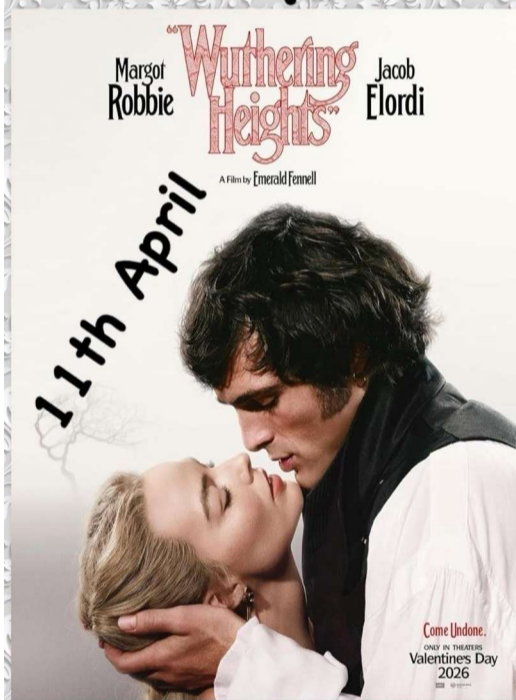
- Emailing dccp@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au;
- Visiting www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au
- Mail to Attn: Chief Executive Officer
 District Council of Coober Pedy
 PO Box 425
 Coober Pedy SA 5723 or
- Dropping them directly into our office at Lot 773
 Hutchison Street Coober Pedy.

FOR SALE

- * DAY OLD CHICK \$6.50,
- * 16 WEEKS POL PULLETS \$26.00,
- * 574 MAGILL ROAD
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- *MAGILL GRAIN STORE,
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Coober Pedy Drive In April Movies



Gates open 7pm
Movie starts 7:30pm



Please check website for further details

- *No walk ins under 15 years without parent or guardian
- * children to be supervised at all times

EMERGENCY 000 131 444 POLICE ASSISTANCE

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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

Edward Street COOBER PEDY SA 5723
 Email: CooberPedy@rslsa.org.au

Coober Pedy Community Alliance

Chairperson: John Di Donna
 Vice Chair: George Rosewarne
Committee members
 Teena Rosewarne (JP)
 Margaret Mackay(Media Officer)
 Email: cpc.chairperson@gmail.com
 Meetings held monthly at Italian Club.



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**
 Lia Pantelis, Yuko Castles' Marzena Mazurkiewicz,
 Donna Clements, Sarah Rethus.
 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>

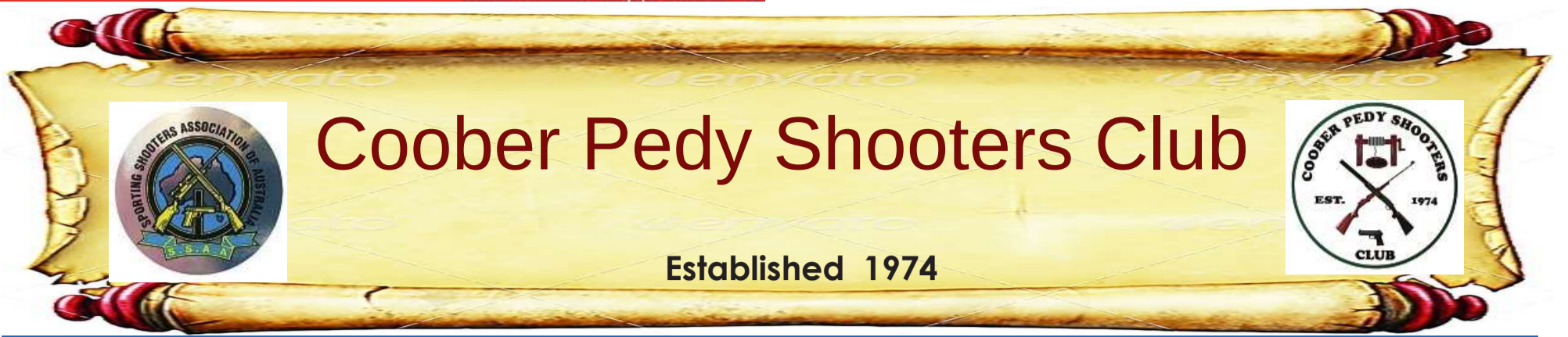
Coober Pedy Italian Club Inc

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).

Starting Times 9:00 AM
Saturday — Pistols
50M Rapid Fire
65 Rounds

<i>18 April</i>
<i>25 April</i>
<i>2 May</i>
<i>9 May</i>
<i>16 May</i>

- DISCIPLINES INCLUDE:**
- ◆ Air Rifle/ pistol
 - ◆ IPSC
 - ◆ ISSF
 - ◆ Rifle Metallic Silhouette
 - ◆ Combine Service
 - ◆ Black Powder
 - ◆ Service pistol
 - ◆ Shotgun
 - ◆ Steel Challenge
- Coober Pedy Shooter's Club supports:**
- ◆ Darts
 - ◆ Archery

Starting Time: 9:00 AM
Sundays
100m Benchrest Match

<i>19 April</i>
<i>26 April</i>
<i>3 May</i>
<i>10 May</i>
<i>17 May</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



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