

COOBER PEDY WINS BACK THE OUTBACK SPEEDWAY CHALLENGE

At Easter this year, local driver Derek Rowe rose to the occasion with an outstanding performance in the 12 lap final of the annual Outback Speedway Challenge between Alice Springs and Coober Pedy.

Starting from eighth position on the grid, Derek worked his way through the field with skill and determination to claim victory and return the Outback Speedway Challenge trophy to Coober Pedy.

His win was particularly impressive as he was not considered one of the favourites heading into the final race, making the achievement even more memorable for local supporters.

Congratulations go to Derek Rowe on a superb drive and to the Coober Pedy Speedway Club for bringing the trophy back home.

The trophy now proudly hangs in Johns Pizza Bar, a major sponsor of the Coober Pedy Speedway, where it will remain until next Easter when the Alice Springs team returns in an attempt to win it back.

Acting Club President Mick Frakas presented the trophy to Derek Rowe before it was officially placed on display at Johns Pizza Bar

Winner, Derek Rowe had the following to say.

"It was a great weekend of racing and it was fantastic to have the Alice Springs drivers come down and compete with us again. There is always a lot of friendly rivalry between the two clubs and that is what makes the Outback Speedway Challenge so exciting."

"I honestly did not expect to win from eighth position but everything seemed to come together on the night. It was great fun racing against such a strong field and I am proud to bring the trophy back to Coober Pedy."

"The Alice Springs drivers always put on good competition and that makes the win even more special. I am already looking forward to next Easter".

"A big thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, officials and spectators who support our speedway and make these events possible."



Photo Left: Coober Pedy Motor Club Acting President Mick Frakas presenting the Outback Speedway Challenge trophy to Club Member Derek Rowe



Speedway committee mtg & presentation at JPB



A PROUD HISTORY OF OUTBACK SPEEDWAY

The Coober Pedy Speedway is one of the true sporting icons of the outback.

Operated by the Coober Pedy Motor Club, the dirt track was originally established in 1983 by former sidecar riders Nipper Crabb and Bob White.

Built in the heart of the South Australian opal fields, the venue was initially designed for solo motorcycle and sidecar racing before expanding to include a variety of car racing classes and junior events.

For decades the speedway became an important social and sporting gathering place for the town, attracting competitors and spectators from across the region. Like many country speedways, the track faced difficult times and ceased operations around 2013. However, the spirit of the local community never disappeared.

In April 2018, a dedicated committee led by local volunteers including Terry and Jo Brennan Kuss worked tirelessly to restore the venue.

Their efforts culminated in a hugely successful open day that attracted hundreds of residents and marked the beginning of a new era for the club.

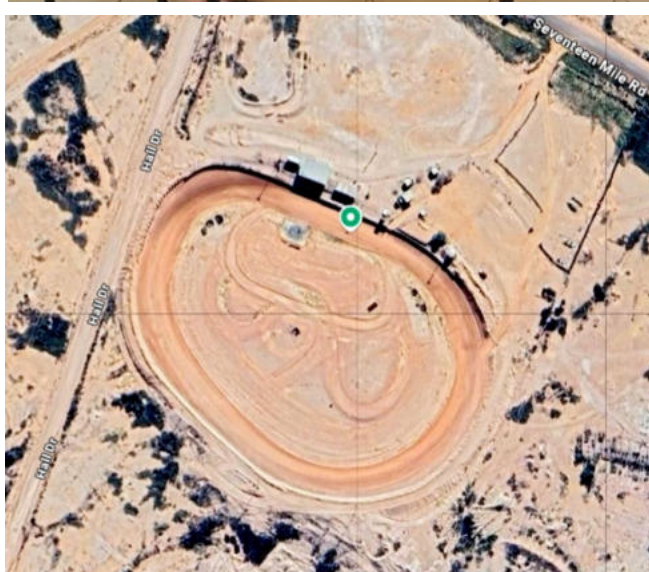
Today the Coober Pedy Speedway continues to operate as a not for profit community organisation and remains an important part of local life. The venue hosts exciting race meetings featuring cars, motorcycles and the popular Skid Kids events, giving local children the opportunity to experience the thrill of the dirt track between senior races.

More than four decades after its foundation, the Coober Pedy Speedway continues to showcase the passion, resilience and community spirit that make outback sport so special.

Anyone interested in following upcoming race meetings, working bees, club news or stories from the early days of the speedway can connect with the Coober Pedy Motor Club Facebook Group.



Derek's Dirt-track racing car is a sky blue Ford.



Current aerial view of the CP Speedway track

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WEATHER COOBER PEDY

Coober Pedy

Forecast issued at 3:30 pm CST on Friday 12 June 2026.

	Fri. 12 Jun	Sat. 13 Jun	Sun. 14 Jun	Mon. 15 Jun	Tue. 16 Jun	Wed. 17 Jun	Thu. 18 Jun
	 Mostly clear.	 Shower or two.	 Shower or two.	 Shower or two.	 Shower or two.	 Showers easing.	 Partly cloudy.
Max. Temperature		22 °C	20 °C	25 °C	24 °C	19 °C	16 °C
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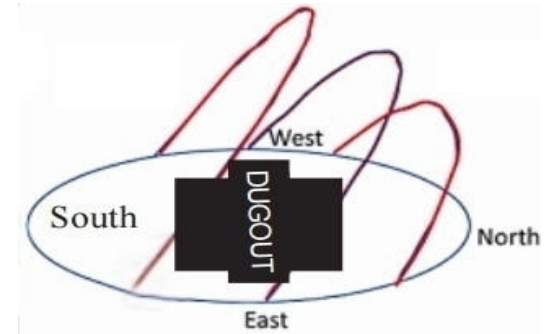
AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL

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.

Winter Solstice on June 21,
Spring Equinox on September 23



LOCAL SCRIBES

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



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

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



Sunset at Ryan's Hill Coober Pedy

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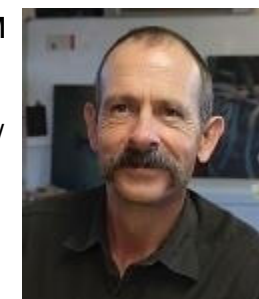
Sgt Angus the Coober Station after experience on Lands, and Marla in the West Coast



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 along the Alice Springs News.

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



covered the entire Far North & East and Outback of South Australia.

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Andamooka – 161

Coober Pedy – 452

Mintabie – 11

Stuart Creek – 1



Opal Mining Regulations 2012

Part 6—General provisions for tenements

19—Insufficiently defined tenements

(1) If a precious stones tenement is not defined by posts and boundary markers in accordance with the requirements of these regulations, a person authorised by the Director for the purposes of this regulation may, by notice in writing to the holder of the tenement, require the holder to rectify the situation within a specified period (of at least 7 days).

(2) If a notice under subregulation (1) is not complied with within the time specified by the notice, the Director may apply to the Warden's Court for an order cancelling the tenement and for appropriate consequential orders (and the Warden's Court has jurisdiction to make those orders).



AusQuest Copper-Gold Coober Pedy South Australia

(100% AQD - Subject to strategic Alliance Agreement with a subsidiary of South32 Limited)

AusQuest Limited (ASX:AQD) is actively preparing for approximately 4,500m of Reverse Circulation (RC) drilling at the Coober Pedy Copper-Gold Project in South Australia.

The project, located on the Gawler Craton, is targeting large-scale iron-oxide copper-gold (IOCG) deposits.

Key aspects of the project include: Location: ~15km southwest of the Coober Pedy township and ~100km northwest of the Prominent Hill copper-gold mine.

Partnership: Explored under a Strategic Alliance Agreement (SAA) with a subsidiary of South32 Ltd (ASX: S32), which provides funding for the Australian operations.

Recent Progress: Completed detailed gravity and Induced Polarisation (IP) surveys that successfully outlined multiple drill targets. Upcoming Operations: Drilling is designed to test four geophysical targets associated with the Elizabeth Creek Fault zone

The Coober Pedy Project is located ~15km SW of the town of Coober Pedy, South Australia, on the north-eastern margin of the Gawler Craton, approximately 100km NW of the Prominent Hill Copper Gold deposit.

The Project, which consists of one Exploration Licence covering an area of ~170km², was acquired to explore for iron-oxide copper-gold (IOCG) deposits. Regional magnetic and gravity data, plus analytical results from historic drilling (five holes) highlighted the prospectivity of the area.

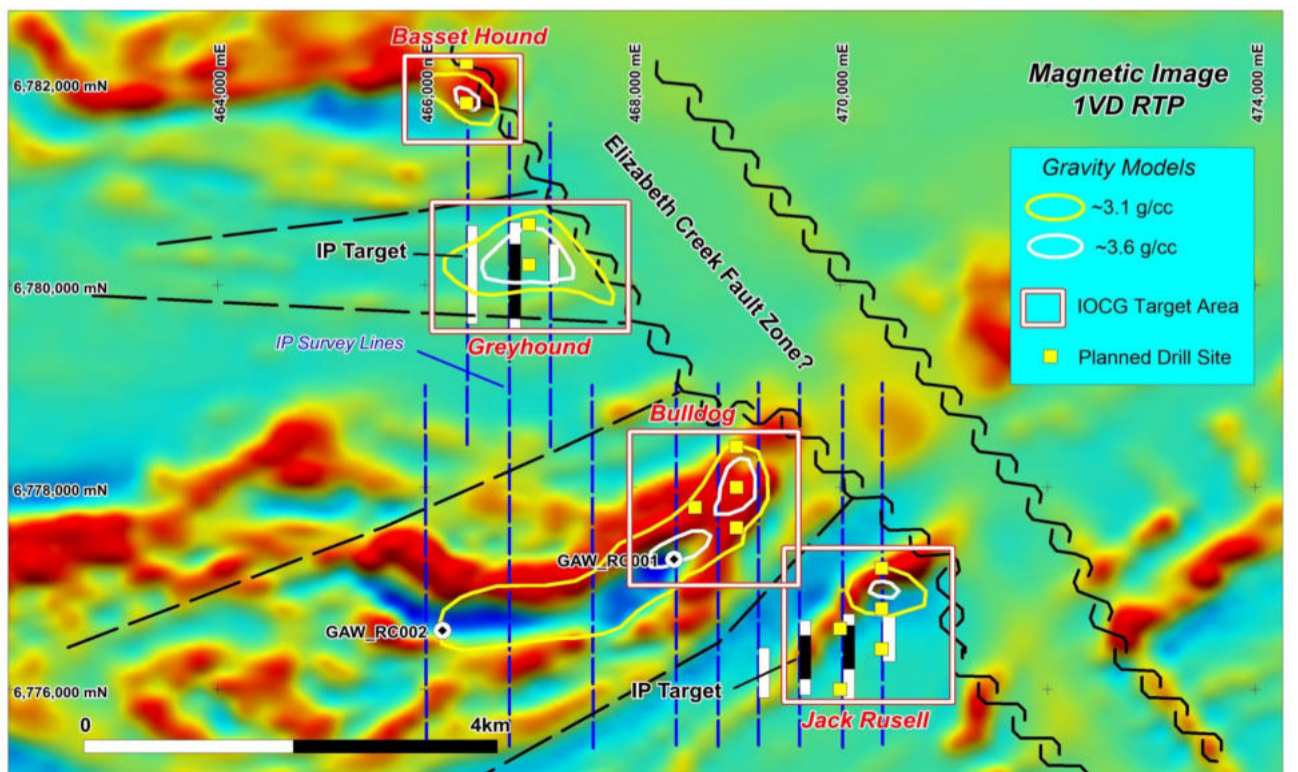
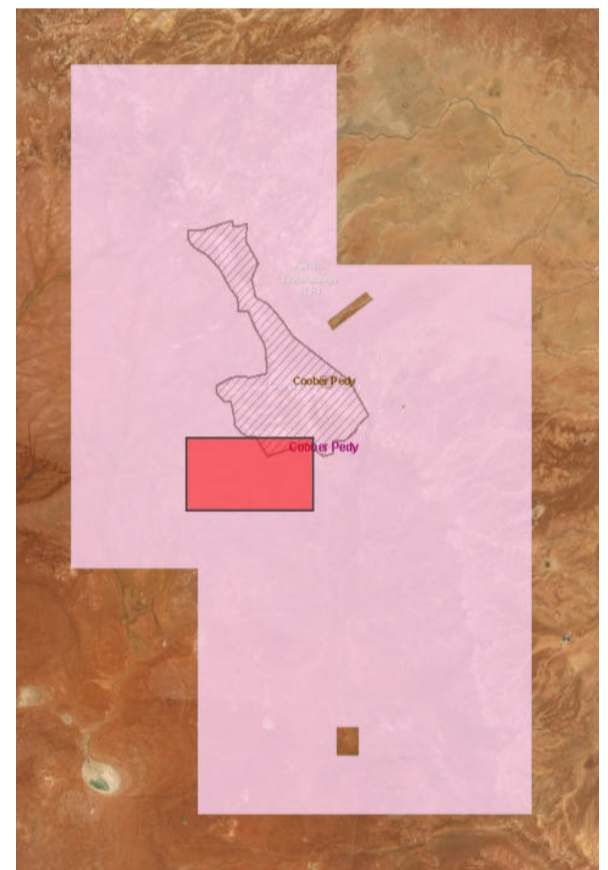
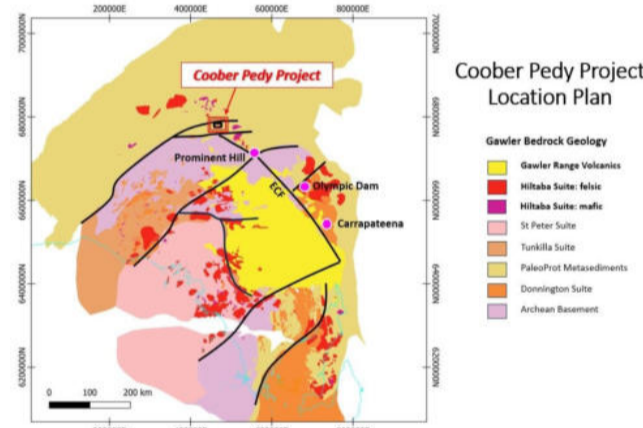
Detailed gravity and MIMDAS Induced Polarisation (IP) surveys completed by the Company outlined a range of geophysical targets that could be closely associated with IOCG-style mineralisation similar to that found at Prominent Hill.

A major RC drilling program (~4500m) has been designed to test four targets that are located close to the interpreted position of the Elizabeth Creek Fault zone, one of the regional structures considered to be associated with IOCG mineralisation in the district. Drilling is expected to be completed in 2026.

RIGHT: SARIG MAP, outlining the Coober Pedy Precious Stones Field (PSF) in pale pink & the AusQuest Limited Exploration Lease (EL) in red.

The EL does reside inside the CP PSF.

The striped area is the major working field.



POLICE REPORT: COOPER PEDY 28/5/26 to 07/6/26
 Anyone with information on the following incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

*** Cooper Pedy Police ask that if anybody is aware of any information relating to any of these unsolved crimes to please ring SA Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000. Do your part to help us do ours and together we can make a safer community. ***

Police wish to advise that they will be proactively conducting random breathe testing during the Cooper Pedy Opal Festival and conducting traffic enforcement duties on the Stuart Highway.

28/5/26A good Samaritan found \$700.00 in a shopping basket at the Cooper Pedy IGA and handed it to staff members. The police were notified, identified the owner and returned it to a grateful 'Jim'. Police would like to express their thanks to the honesty of the good Samaritan and the staff of the IGA.

13/5/26 A male adult was arrested on Umoona Road, COOPER PEDY for theft and carrying an offensive weapon and will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

14/5/26A male adult was arrested in Paxton Road, COOPER PEDY for aggravated assault on his partner and was remanded in custody.

14/5/26A motor vehicle was rummaged through after a side window was smashed overnight in Malliotis Blvd, COOPER PEDY. Nothing was stolen and the offender(s) are still to be identified.

14/5/26A female adult was reported for exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol, 0.081%, a six month immediate loss of licence was issued after being stopped in Giles Street, COOPER PEDY driving a motor vehicle. She will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

14/5/26A 46 year old man was reported for driving while unauthorised and driving an unregistered motor vehicle as a result of previously losing his licence for a drink driving offence.

15/5/26 A 30 year old man was arrested for aggravated serious criminal trespass and theft after breaking into a dugout on Marquardt Road, COOPER PEDY. He was later released on police bail to reside outside of COOPER PEDY and will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

15/5/26A 33 year old man was arrested for exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol, 0.166% and driving disqualified. He will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

16/5/26A 37 year old man was arrested for driving disqualified, failing to stop for the police and other traffic offences on Jewellers Shop Road and other places in COOPER PEDY. He will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

16/5/26 A 30 year old man was arrested for disorderly behaviour and throwing rocks in Stuart Street, COOPER PEDY. He will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

18/5/26A 65 year old man was reported for exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol, 0.092%, his vehicle was impounded and he received a six-month immediate loss of licence. He will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

21/5/26The victim left his vehicle running outside of the Shell Service Station while he went into the shop to buy some cigarettes. Two unknown offenders then stole his vehicle valued at \$8,000.00 which also contained his work tools. Police are still trying to identify these offenders from CCTV and ask anyone with information to ring SA Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

21/5/26 A 47 year old man was arrested for assaulting his partner in Grey Street, COOPER PEDY and was remanded in custody. He will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

22/4/26An unoccupied dugout was broken into and property stolen on Hospital Road, COOPER PEDY. Police are still trying to identify the offender(s) from CCTV and ask anyone with information to ring SA Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

23/5/26A 54 year old man was arrested for aggravated assault and breaching an intervention order in Brady Street, COOPER PEDY. He was arrested and remanded in custody.

***Refer SAPOL media release ***
 26/5/26Police attended a fatal crash involving a car and a truck about 150 kilometres south of COOPER PEDY on the Stuart Highway. The Stuart Highway was closed for several hours and Major Crash are investigating.

29/5/26A 23 year old woman was arrested for assaulting a family member and will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

2/6/26Police attended a house in Grey Street, COOPER PEDY for a disturbance and witnessed a 28 year old female smash a window. She was arrested and will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

3/6/26Police attended a car fire in the IGA Carpark the result of a suspected electrical fault. The car became fully engulfed and local CFS attended with the police. No one was injured and the fire was contained.

6/6/26Police attended a disturbance in Grey Street, COOPER PEDY involving numerous people. One of the antagonist's was arrested for disorderly behaviour and will face the COOPER PEDY MAGISTRATES COURT at a later date.

7/6/26Overnight the Cooper Pedy CFS Shed was broken into and offices rummaged through. Although nothing was stolen a lot of damage was caused. Anyone with any information can ring SA Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

7/6/26An attempted break in occurred at a business premises in Nicholas Street, COOPER PEDY. There are no suspects.

REPATRIATION OF ABORIGINAL ANCESTOR IN FAR NORTH

South Australia Police (SAPOL) has played a significant role in the repatriation of an Aboriginal man to his Country, following nearly 70 years of separation.

Thomas Cowell, a Lower Southern Arrernte (Irrwanyere) man who worked driving cattle in South Australia's far north, died on 27 March 1959 at Kopperamanna Bore. Local police attended at the time to investigate his death and, after determining there were no suspicious circumstances, respectfully buried him nearby.

In 1966, following local flooding, Mr Cowell's gravesite was disturbed, and police returned to recover his remains. Despite efforts, no family could be located, and his remains were subsequently transferred to the South Australian Museum, where they have been cared for over the past six decades. Through the tireless work of the SA Museum, Mr Cowell's relatives were recently identified and arrangements to repatriate his body commenced.

On Wednesday 27 May, Sergeant David Finlayson from Cooper Pedy and Senior Community Constable William (Bobby) Bailes from Oodnadatta travelled to Mt Dare, where they met with representatives from the South Australian Museum and Mr Cowell's family to begin his return to Country. Police spent time with the family at Mt Dare, sharing stories and cultural practices around a campfire, including the cooking of malu (kangaroo) tail in the coals.



On the morning of Thursday 28th May, SAPOL members joined the family, SA Museum and community representatives at a ceremony in Mt Dare, before travelling to the burial site in Witjira National Park, near the Northern Territory border, for Mr. Cowell's burial.

Following the ceremony, police accompanied the family to Dalhousie Springs, a significant traditional meeting place where Dreamtime stories and cultural traditions were shared.

Sergeant David Finlayson said it was a deeply moving experience to be involved in such an important cultural event.

"It was a privilege to be part of returning Mr Cowell to his Country and to stand alongside his family during such a significant moment," Sgt Finlayson said.

"Spending time with the family, sharing stories, and witnessing the strength of culture and connection to Country was something I'll never forget."

SAPOL acknowledges and thanks Mr Cowell's family and the SA Museum for including police in this important event and for the opportunity to be part of such a significant cultural process.



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2026

South Australians are being encouraged to recognise police officers who go above and beyond for their communities, with nominations now open for the 2026 South Australia Police Officer of the Year award.

Presented annually by the Rotary Club of Unley since 1978, the award recognises police officers who demonstrate exceptional professionalism, courage, compassion and commitment to community service.

Community members are invited to nominate officers who have made a meaningful difference through their policing work, acts of kindness, support for vulnerable people, or volunteer contributions outside of duty.

Commissioner of Police Grant Stevens said the award demonstrates the important connection between police and the communities they serve.

"Every day, police officers across the state quietly make a difference in the lives of others, often in challenging and confronting circumstances."

"We encourage people to take the time to nominate an officer who has had a positive impact on their life or community."

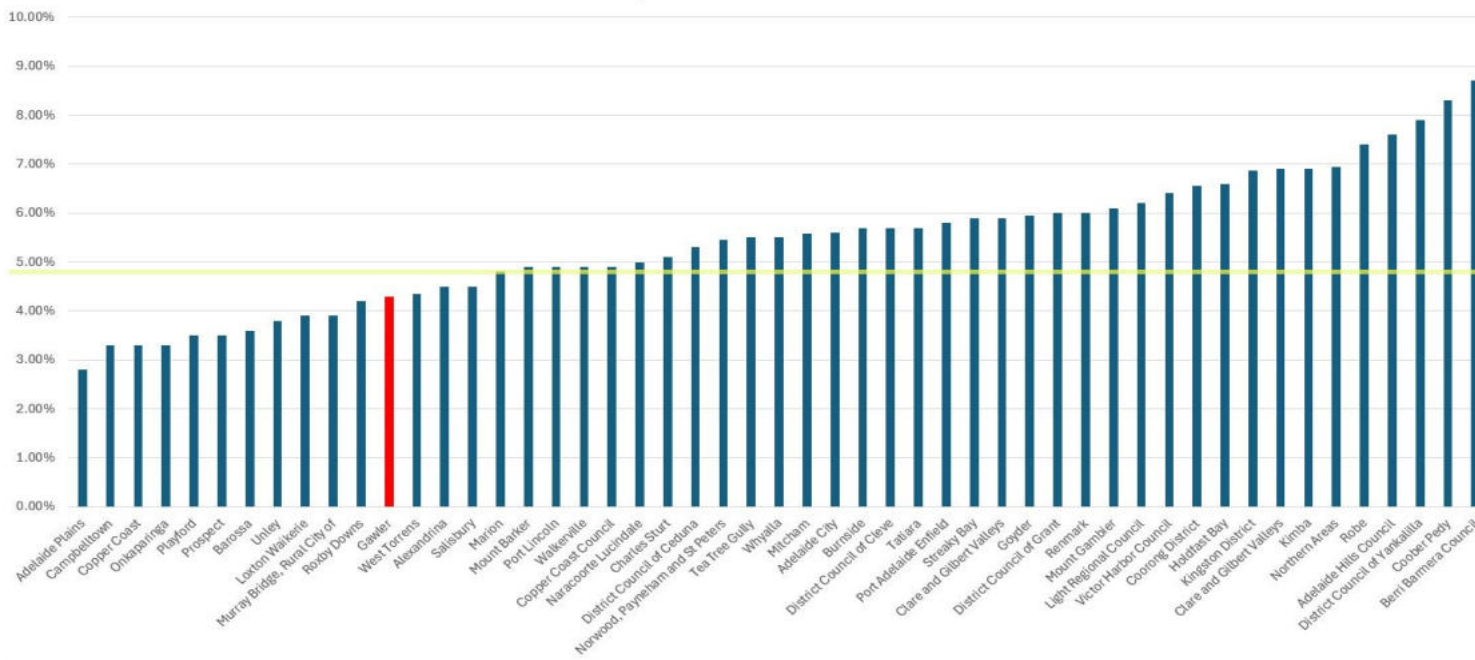
Nominations open Friday 29 May 2026 and close Friday 10 July 2026. Nomination forms can be downloaded via the Rotary Club of Unley website and submitted by email to pooty@unleyrotary.org.au or by post to the Rotary Club of Unley.

The recipient will be announced at a public ceremony during the Royal Adelaide Show on Friday 11 September 2026.

COUNCIL RATES IN SA

What are council rates?

Proposed 2026/2027 Rate Rise



Council rates are collected by South Australian councils to fund essential services and facilities for their communities.

Almost everyone who owns property in the state is required to pay rates to their local council. This includes homes, farms and businesses.

SA councils spend over \$2.5 billion a year servicing their regions. This can include infrastructure renewal, community programs or maintaining parks and reserves. Almost 71% of council revenue comes from rates.

Other funding comes from state and federal government grants, and fees and charges.

In South Australia, council rates are a form of property tax, not a fee for service. Council rates represent less than 3% of the total taxes paid by Australians. South Australian households pay on average around \$39 per week in council rates.

South Australian councils are responsible for around \$29 billion worth of public assets.

HOW ARE COUNCIL RATES CALCULATED IN SA?

To calculate council rates, councils first decide on the services, infrastructure and programs they will deliver for the coming year. This is set out in their Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Councils use this budget to work out how much money they need to collect through rates.

Councils divide the amount of funding they need by the total value of properties in the council area. This gives councils a figure called the 'rate in the dollar'. The rate in the dollar is then multiplied by the value of an individual property.

Councils use the value of a property to work out how much each ratepayer should pay.

For example, if the rate in the dollar is 0.00254 and the property value is \$200,000, the rates for that property will be \$508.

Councils can use valuations provided by the State Government's Office of the Valuer-General or a private valuer. Most councils use valuations from the Valuer-General. You can object to your property valuation if you think it is incorrect.

To find information about objections, check your rates notice or visit your council's website. You can look up your council's contact details by using the map of SA councils.

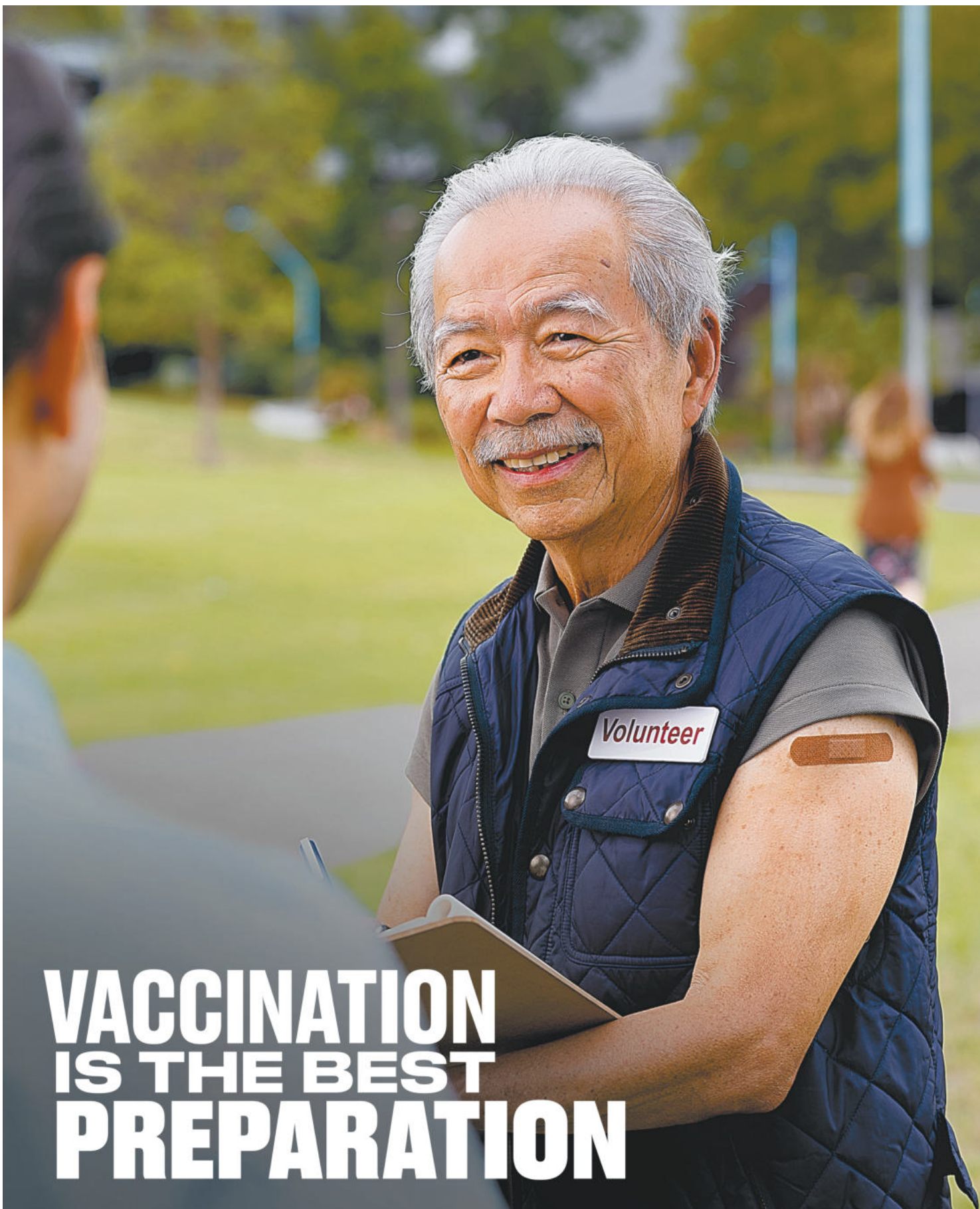
Councils have flexibility to decide how to set their rates. They can use one rate that applies to everyone, or they may have different rates for different types of properties and locations.

For example, a residential rate may be different to a commercial and industrial rate.

Some councils may also need to include other service charges, such as wastewater or sewer management. These services are listed separately on a council rates notice.

If you are struggling financially or need support to pay your rates you can ask your council for options.

<https://www.localcouncils.sa.gov.au/how-councils-work/council-rates>



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Influenza, COVID-19 and RSV viruses are always changing, and the risk of serious illness goes up if you're over 65. By vaccinating regularly, you can protect yourself before a new strain goes around.

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"THANK YOU COOBER PEDY" - Matt O'Brien Photographer

The hospitality I experienced was extraordinary



Nicko Farantouris & Matt at OTM



Matt on the job at Coober Pedy

The thing I kept telling everyone when I arrived was that I'm interested in the parallels. Living underground is genuinely unique—there is nothing else like it. But what got me is how much of life inside a dugout isn't that different from anywhere else. Kids watching ABC Kids, toys on the floor, nap time, meal times. None of that changes. The way most people set their dugouts up, it doesn't feel too far off a home anywhere, and yet you're underground, in one of the most singular places you'll ever stand. It's the ordinary and the extraordinary in the same room.

A lot of it comes from my own kids, honestly. I love shooting them around the house. The candid family stuff I keep for us and don't put online is the photography that matters most to me. And it got me thinking: here's one of the most unique places in Australia, and no one's ever pointed that lens at the families living in it. Plenty of people have shot the town, but nobody's shot that.

To be clear, I'm not there to shine a spotlight or sensationalise the place. I'm just shooting real life as it is. That's what's fascinated me my whole career, and it's why I've done street photography for twenty years. Honest, unposed, nothing dressed up.

Through the lens, what stood out was how the homes work as homes. The light, mostly. There's not much natural light below ground, so everything relies on lamps, doorways, and whatever spills through from a shaft. It does something to a room you can't replicate above ground. Then there is the constant cool of the place while it's whatever temperature it wants to be up top. Beyond that, it's just the ordinary stuff: someone making coffee, or kids' drawings on a sandstone wall.

The town shaped the project more than I did. I went out with a rough idea of what I was after and Coober Pedy kept rearranging it. I'd plan one thing and end up somewhere unexpected, talking to someone I hadn't planned to meet. The best moments weren't the ones I went looking for; they were the ones people handed me.

The hospitality was better than I had any right to expect. People let me into their homes, which is no small thing out there. One bloke apologised for the mess and I told him that was exactly what I wanted—real living, nothing staged. By my last day, families I hadn't even met were passing my name around. That's the town, not me.

One of the mums said something that stuck with me. She mentioned it's rare to get natural photos of yourself just being a parent. Not posed, just real. That's the photography I value for my own family, and hearing it back from someone in the town meant a lot.

What I hope people outside the region take from it is pretty simple: it's a place where people actually live. It's not a curiosity or a film set. It's families raising kids and getting on with it, in homes that happen to be carved out of a hill. Less "look at this strange place," and more "look at this home."

I've shot all over the world—a lot of trips over a lot of years, and this is the first one where everything just fell into place. It's also my first big project since getting back to serious work, and it couldn't have gone better because of the people here. You can be the best photographer going, but it counts for nothing if folks won't have you in their lounge room.

So to everyone who welcomed me in, thank you. You let a stranger into your homes on trust, and I'll do right by it. I'm back at Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all again.

Matt O'Brien



Local family participating in the "Growing up Underground" project.



Matt experiences interludes of opal mining underground



Matt underground mining with Jock Riach



Matt, at the Old Timers Mine.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



HIGHLIGHTS!

Dear Valued Sponsors,

On behalf of the William Creek Sporting Club, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your generous support as a sponsor of the William Creek Gymkhana & Motokhana event. This event was held on April 28th, 2026. Your backing played a vital role in ensuring the success of this fantastic community event.

This year presented some challenges, with the event originally scheduled for March 25th needing to be postponed due to rain and road closures in the region. Despite this, the rescheduled event was a tremendous success and a testament to the resilience and determination of our community.

A particularly special addition to this year's event was our ANZAC Day service, which saw over 100 people in attendance, including many of our competitors on horseback. It was a meaningful and respectful moment that brought everyone together in reflection and community spirit.

It was also fantastic to see so many junior competitors getting involved and participating with such enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of this event for the next generation.

The day was filled with excitement and variety, featuring horse gymkhana events, bike motokhana events, and a range of crowd favourites. The end-of-day novelty events were a standout, especially the Roxby Earthmoving Team Ringers Challenge and the Caterpillar Race, which brought plenty of laughter and entertainment for all involved.

The day finished off with dinner, live music, and the bar remaining open late into the evening-providing a wonderful opportunity for families, competitors, and visitors to come together and enjoy the outback atmosphere. We are incredibly grateful to the many volunteers who contributed their time and effort in the lead-up, throughout the event, and during the clean-up. Their dedication combined with your valued sponsorship is what makes an event like this possible.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank everyone who travelled to William Creek and adapted to the changed date to be part of this event. The strong attendance was a true reflection of the community spirit that makes our region so special.

Once again, thank you for your generous support. We look forward to working together in the future.

Kind Regards
 Hollie Williams
 William Creek Sporting Club



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ITALIAN CLUB KITCHEN OPENS AFTER MAJOR UPGRADE

After months of hard work, determination and community support, the Italian Club has officially reopened its kitchen following a complete refurbishment that has transformed one of Coober Pedy's most valued community facilities.

What began in November last year as a planned kitchen renovation quickly grew into a much larger project. Once the old kitchen was stripped out, it became clear that significant upgrades were needed to bring the facility up to modern standards.

The committee discovered that the kitchen space had originally been built as the club bar, creating major challenges with plumbing and drainage. Rather than a simple renovation, the project became a complete rebuild from the ground up.

One of the largest tasks involved installing new drainage and a grease trap system. A channel had to be cut through the middle of the concrete floor and a large excavation completed to accommodate the new infrastructure. At the same time, the entire electrical system servicing the kitchen was replaced and connected to its own dedicated circuit.

The upgrade also included raising the roof over the cooking area to improve airflow and ventilation, along with the installation of completely new gas lines throughout the kitchen.

As the scope of the work expanded, so did the time and cost involved. However, the project was made possible through the generosity and commitment of local businesses, volunteers and sponsors who donated countless hours of labour and support.

The Italian Club has extended its sincere thanks to the many tradespeople who contributed their expertise, often volunteering their time to help bring the project to completion. Special thanks have also been given to Peak Mine, Audacious Mining and Old Timers Mine for providing much-needed financial support.

Additional assistance came through a government grant which enabled the purchase of new commercial kitchen appliances, helping deliver a modern and well-equipped facility ready to serve both locals and visitors.

Committee members say the project involved plenty of blood, sweat and tears, but seeing the finished result has made every challenge worthwhile.

The reopening celebrations were held on Thursday and Friday, 4 and 5 June, with the new kitchen showcased to the community. Guests were also able to enjoy meals prepared by Cucinare, the team now operating from the upgraded facility, along with live music from Jay, Julie and Jolanda.

The Italian Club committee says the project is another example of what can be achieved when the Coober Pedy community comes together.

"The generosity of this town never ceases to amaze us," the committee said.

With a modern new kitchen, improved facilities and strong community backing, the Italian Club is looking forward to welcoming locals and tourists alike for many years to come.



See before and after Kitchen upgrade photos on the "Italian Club Coober Pedy" FB page



The Double Jays, performing on Friday night



A great social atmosphere for the opening



There wasn't an empty chair in the building



Marcus, Ricky and Robert catching up



Pablo, George L., Jake and Zoe by the fire



A great opportunity for groups to get together.



Jolanda and Julie provided the entertainment on Thursday night



Justin Lang with a few of his mates, enjoying the event

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Italian Club Pres. Brett Smith chatting with Outback Bar & Grill's Alex Pantelis and Christina Pakis



Italian Club committee members Nicko Farantouris and Brett Smith with photo-bomber Colin Renfrey



Marcus Hammermeister and Izzy Zelenko



Family night out for many of the locals



Yolanda Boucher (centre) catching up with a group of Victorians who were heading for the Fink Races



More locals stepping out for the celebration



An extremely busy night for the Italian Club with the new kitchen back in business. Local and travellers took advantage of the special night.



Dining out on Thursday night was the crew from Alexander Symonds Surveyors from Whyalla. SA Water has hired the surveying company to recover the underground water network plans for Coober Pedy's water supply that went missing during the Colin Pitman period of employment 7 - 8 years ago.



BOWEL CANCER WAITS FOR NOONE

A new hard-hitting campaign for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program launches this week with a stark reminder: Bowel cancer waits for no one.

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) campaign returns to our screens with a new advertising campaign from Cancer Council Australia and the Australian Government, aiming to help drive more Australians to complete their free at-home bowel cancer screening test.

Currently, less than half (41.7 per cent) of Australians do their bowel cancer screening test. If participation increases to 60 per cent, 84,000 lives could be saved by 2040. Backed by deep campaign research, the new creative is designed to reduce emotional and social barriers so bowel cancer screening feels normal, easy, and safe.

Bowel cancer is Australia's second biggest cancer killer but if found early, more than 90 per cent of cases can be treated with success.

Federal Health Minister Mark Butler said, "The Albanese Government is funding this vital campaign because we know bowel cancer screening saves lives.

"Bowel cancer waits for no one; it is claiming the lives of 100 Australians per week."

"My message to Australians is simple: do not delay your bowel cancer screening test. It is a free, simple test that could potentially save your life."



Cancer Council Australia CEO Jacinta Reddan said, "We are proud to be working with the Australian Government again to roll out a new concept for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

"Research tells us that most Australians know the importance of screening for bowel cancer, but many still delay taking the test. People put it off, life gets in the way, or fear of what the result might show holds them back.

"Prioritising your health is the best thing you can do. If you're aged 45-74, join the millions who have done the test – it could potentially save your life."

The campaign is running across television, radio, digital, and social media with tailored messaging for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including Arabic, Mandarin and Vietnamese-speaking Australians, and people living in rural and remote areas, where screening rates remain significantly lower than in major cities.

The free at-home test is simple, quick, and completed in the privacy of your own home. The test detects blood in the stool which can be an early sign of bowel cancer, often before any symptoms appear.

If you are aged 50 to 74, a free test kit will automatically be sent to your home every two years. If you are aged 45 to 49, you can request your first free kit at ncsr.gov.au/bowel-test or by calling 1800 627 701. If you have any signs or symptoms or are unsure whether screening is right for you, speak with your GP.

For more information, visit bowelcancer.org.au.

THE AUSTRALIAN BRONCO BRANDING CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE BEING HELD AT WILLIAM CREEK IN AUGUST

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BRONCO BRANDING CHAMPIONSHIPS WILLIAM CREEK

FRIDAY 14TH & SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

FRIDAY AFTERNOON
 COW WORK EVENTS 2:00PM START/ LOCAL CRICKET MATCH 2:30PM
 PLUS MEET & GREET/ SAUSAGE SIZZLE DINNER & BAR

ALL DAY SATURDAY
 BRONCO BRANDING 8:00AM START
 ALL DAY CATERING/ BAR/ BBQ DINNER

FREE CAMPING & SHOWER FACILITIES **FREE ENTRY THANKS TO BHP COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

<p>1. WILLIAM CREEK HOTEL MINI COW WORK (8 & Under) ALSO SPONSORED BY: Outback Mail Run Tour Nominations \$10/ One round only Combined prize money of \$100</p> <p>2. MY ENERGY ENGINEERING JUNIOR COW WORK (12 & Under) ALSO SPONSORED BY: Circle C Contracting Nominations \$10/ One round only Combined prize money of \$230</p> <p>3. DUNNS EARTHMOVING JUVENILE COW WORK (16 & Under) ALSO SPONSORED BY: Cooper Pedy Regional Times Nominations \$10/ One round only Combined prize money of \$330</p> <p>4. THOMAS FOODS INTERNATIONAL OPEN WITH ENCOURAGEMENT COW WORK ALSO SPONSORED BY: McArdle Freight & Farinola Diesel Services Nominations \$25/ 2 Rounds Combined prize money of \$1600</p>	<p>5. BHP NOVICE BRONCO BRANDING ALSO SPONSORED BY: Roxby Earthmoving & Nutrien Livestock Balaklava Nominations \$20/ One round only 1st- \$1300/ 2nd- \$650/ 3rd- \$325 + Horse Envelope of \$100 for 1st place.</p> <p>6. HUGHES MINING LABOUR HIRE SINGLES BRONCO BRANDING ALSO SPONSORED BY: Flying Fuels & Fire Equipment Maintenance Group Nominations \$40/ Top six to finals 1st- \$2700/ 2nd- \$1350/ 3rd- \$675 + Horse Envelope of \$100 for 1st place.</p> <p>7. AUSTRALIAN MEAT GROUP DOUBLES BRONCO BRANDING ALSO SPONSORED BY: One Stop Water Shop & Sheehan Transport & Cattle Contracting Nominations \$50/ One round only 1st- \$2700/ 2nd- \$1350/ 3rd- \$675 + Horse Envelope of \$100 per horse for 1st place.</p> <p>BRONCO BRANDING ACCOLADES Cash & Prizes to be won HALE RIVER HOMESTEAD FASTEST CATCH BILLA KALINA PASTORAL GROUNDS PERSON OF THE DAY WONAMBI OPALS MYSTERY CALF CATCH HORSE OF THE DAY</p>	<p>8. OMS MECHANICAL CHUTE DOGGING ALSO SPONSORED BY: Southern Wire Nominations \$20 1st- \$400/ 2nd- \$200/ 3rd- \$100</p> <p>9. GOOLAGUNG ANGUS STUD LEWIS BRUHN MEMORIAL STEER RIDE ALSO SPONSORED BY: Leon, Deb & Molly Bruhn Nominations \$20 1st- \$400/ 2nd- \$200/ 3rd- \$100</p> <p>10. WELKE TRANSPORT KIDS PODODY RIDE (8 to 12 years of age) ALSO SPONSORED BY: Pink Roadhouse Nominations \$10 1st- \$50/ 2nd- \$25/ 3rd- \$10</p> <p>11. WILLIAMS CATTLE COMPANY KIDS MUTTON BUSTERS (7 & Under) 1st- \$50/ 2nd- \$25/ 3rd- \$10</p> <p>THANKS TO MARLA OODNADATTA ICPA & OUTBACK COMMUNITIES AUTHORITY</p> <p><small>NOMINATIONS open 1 August via FACEBOOK William Creek Sporting Events. Cow work norms will close on 7 August & Bronco Branding Norms will close on the night of 14 August. Contact Hollie Williams via email niprma_stn@bigpond.com. Early norms receive free competitors insurance. Bronco Branding draw on Friday night. Bronco Branding SA rules apply. All competitors compete at their own risk and are required to sign for personal accident insurance on the day. President: Matthew Williams Phone: 0427 707 975</small></p>
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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@sacfsvolunteer.org.au

Recruiting enquiries: Linda Buckeridge on 0401507690 or linda.buckeridge@sacfsvolunteer.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

A SAFE COMMUNITY STARTS WITH YOU.

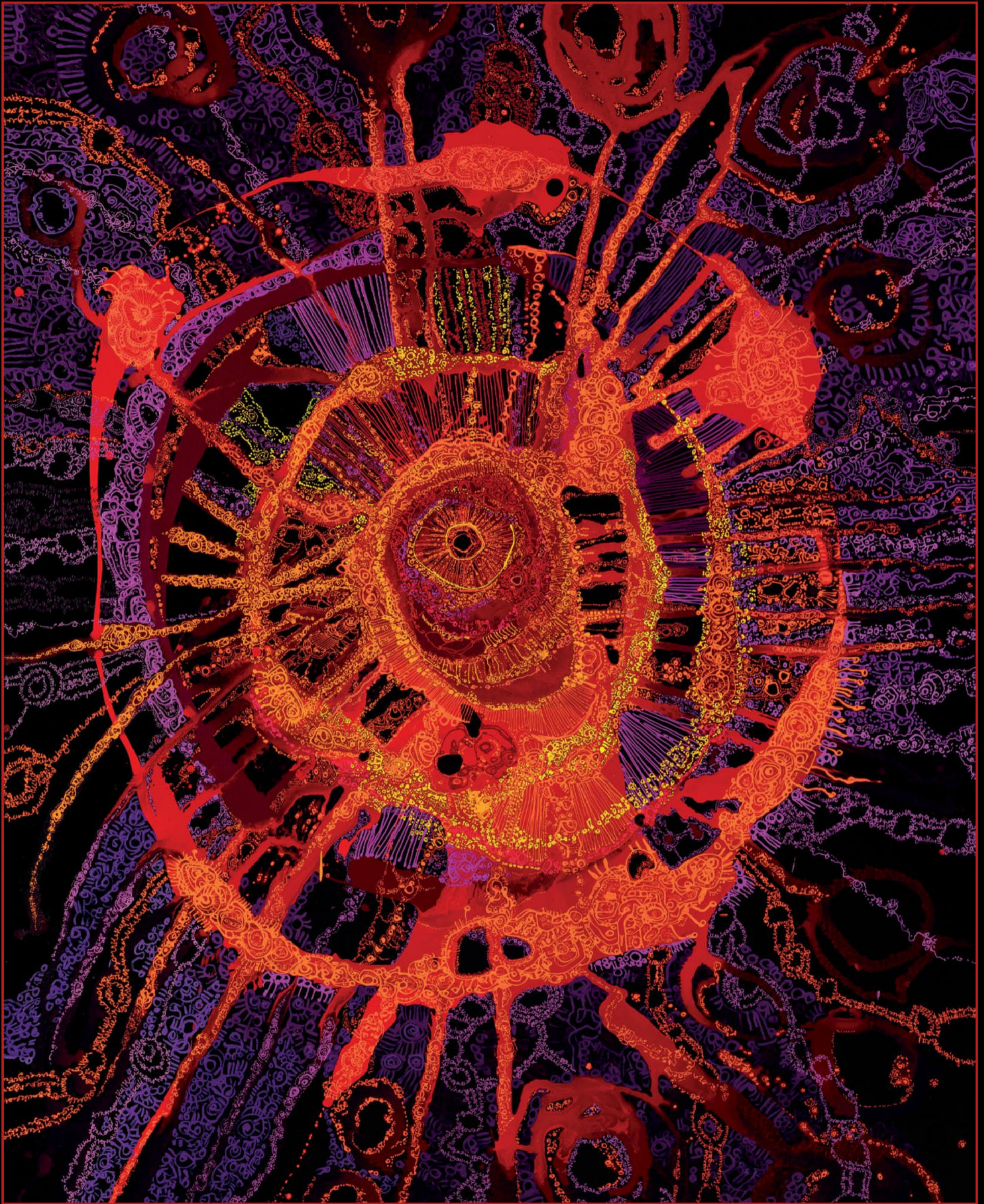


THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE IS RECRUITING NOW.

Please note:

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





NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026

Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

Paralpi extends Zaachariaha's acclaimed *Inma* series and reflects a deeply cultural and immersive narrative grounded in Country. The artwork depicts the sounds of *Paralpi*, a significant place just outside Mimili on the eastern APY Lands in South Australia. As Zaachariaha describes, *Paralpi* is a place where people come to embrace and celebrate children, where they are taught by Elders to move and mimic their Clan emblem – for Mimili, this being the maku (witchetty grub).

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Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas.



Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok.



DCCP – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The District Council of Cooper Pedy invites you to Have Your Say on the naming of a new road proposed to be opened as part of the Black Flag Opal Field Project.

A Report providing information on the Black Flag Opal Project was presented to Council at its Meeting of 27 May 2026 and can be viewed on Council's website under the Council Agendas and Minutes heading.

Community engagement is now open and will close at 5pm on Thursday 18 June 2026.

Community Engagement Forms are available at:

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

Written submissions will be accepted until 5.00pm on 18 June 2026 and can be made by:

- * Emailing dccp@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au;
- * Visiting www.cooperpedy.sa.gov.au
- * Mail to Attn: Chief Executive Officer

District Council of Cooper Pedy|
PO Box 425

Cooper Pedy SA 5723 or

* Dropping them directly into our office at Lot 773 Hutchison Street Cooper Pedy.

* Fill in form here:

<https://www.cooperpedy.sa.gov.au/forms/community-engagement-naming-of-a-new-road>

on the right track
ABORIGINAL ROAD SAFETY AND DRIVER LICENSING PROGRAM

Home Your licence Remote Driving safely Family Resources

Driving lessons & tests – Cooper Pedy

On the Right Track is a South Australian Government initiative, delivered through the Department of Infrastructure & Transport.

This program assists people in regional & remote areas obtain their SA Drivers Licence through the provision of driving lessons and driving tests.

They visit Cooper Pedy every few months & can take bookings and enquires on 1800 768 279.

Their NEXT VISIT to COOPER PEDY WILL BE 23, 24 & 25 JUNE 2026.

While their primary focus is to aboriginal communities, this service is available to all people living in Cooper Pedy.

You can find more information about their service at On The Right Track - Home or search for their Facebook site – On The Right Track Remote.

THE INNAMINGKA RACES 29-30 AUGUST 2026

The Innamingka Races (Gymkhana and Motorkhana) are a true outback weekend, bringing together racing, camping, community and a whole lot of character in one of the most unique settings in South Australia.

Save the date ÿ 29th-30th August 2026

Come for the races, stay for Cooper Creek, the night skies, the pub, the people and the stories you'll still be talking about long after the dust settles.



The KINGOONIA Kamp Oven Kook-Off was another great success thanks to the sponsors, the cooks and thank you to everyone else that came to support this great event.

Winners for mains was a three way tie: Horse, Namu and Team Retired.

Second was a draw, Felix and Emily, and Mav.

Third was Team Boo Lenny
Dessert was Country Mile and Oats

Money on the day was approx \$12 K, all going to RFDS
Cheers John Julie Dotty



KINGOONIA KAMP OVEN KOOK-OFF



FOR SALE

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Other situations that seem urgent and overwhelming can be dealt with using local services such as a handyperson, electrician or local council.

For non-urgent situations visit 085.53.gov.au or refer to the following numbers.

WHEN TO CALL 000	WHEN TO CALL 132 500 (SES)	Local Councils	Emergency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your immediate life threatening situation • All fire, including bushfire and house fire • Response to life threatening situation - Police • Health & medical assistance • Major gas leaks • Assistance when stuck & in the need for medical assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood or storm assistance • Serious damage to home • Property or car blocking road • Tree fallen on car or house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Councils • Water rates or local health, sewage and parks • Gas leaks • Sewerage • Power network faults • Recreational parks • Telephone • Water supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & medical • Health Direct - Free health advice from national clinicians • Mental health • Medicare • Police • Police Information • 00 00

Cooper Pedy Amateur Race Club Inc
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064694198407>

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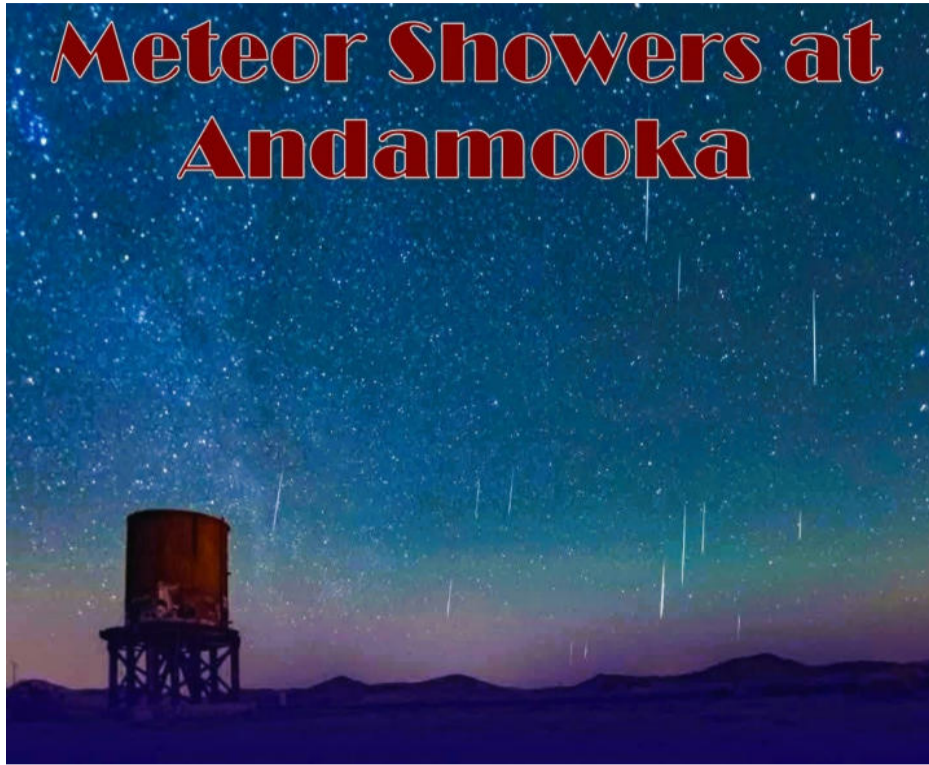
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Travelling North - Stuart Highway



Meteor Showers at Andamooka

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

Andamooka: After Dark Stargazing (Daily)

The Andamooka Observatory is an off-grid art space/observatory that offers astronomy, opal mining, and tag-along tours. <https://www.facebook.com/andamookaobservatory>

Cooper 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 Cooper Pedy

Mornings Town Tour 8.30am
 Late Afternoon – Breakaways Sunset Tour 4.45 pm

Discover Cooper Pedy's Rich History - Uncover the past at **The OLD TIMERS MINE**, on Crowders Gully Road.

Explore the captivating depths of history at Old Timers Mine, an extraordinary destination nestled in the heart of Cooper Pedy, South Australia.

Delve into the enchanting world of opals through our underground experience, featuring self-guided tours, opal noodling pits, and a mesmerising display of opal jewellery.

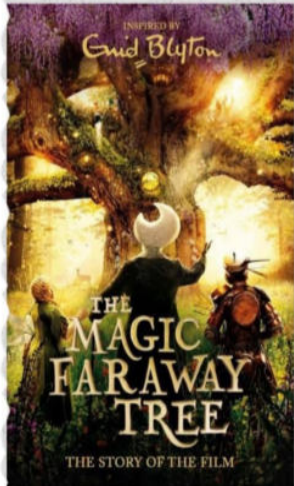
Unearth the rich tapestry of the past in our historic museum. With a commitment to reliability, expertise, and authenticity, we ensure an unforgettable journey through time and tradition. Join us and discover the allure of Old Timers Mine firsthand.

COOPER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

COOPER PEDY DRIVE IN June Movies

GATES OPEN 6PM, MOVIES START 6:30PM

SATURDAY 6TH



FRIDAY 12TH



SATURDAY 20TH



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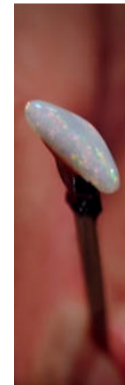
STUDENT / CONCESSION \$10

CHILD \$5

NO WALK INS UNDER 15 WITHOUT GUARDIAN CHILDREN TO BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES



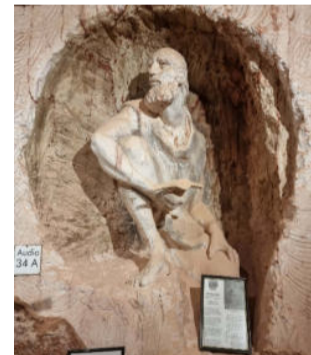
Senator Pauline Hanson, with Nicko Farantouris at the Old Timers Mine



Amazing jewellery display



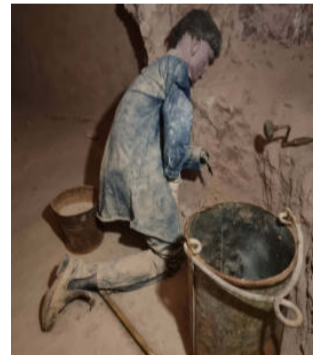
Nicko presents Pauline with an opal pendant on behalf of the people of Cooper Pedy



Carving - "Old Timer" by Norm Aston.



Climbing a shaft manually.



Digging opal by hand at OTM.



Original underground kitchen at the Old Timers Mine Cooper Pedy



Jewellery Shop at the Old Timers Mine Cooper Pedy

WEDNESDAY

Cfs Training

CFS TRAINING WEDNESDAY EVENING - 6PM at STATION.

Mine Rescue/SES

1st Wednesday of the month 7.30pm, and 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am at Mine Rescue shed

FRIDAYS

CP Shooters Club

See back page for latest program



Italian Club

Italian Club Coober Pedy

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

CROATIAN CLUB



Happy Hour 6-7pm

SUNDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK PAGE for latest updates Ring John DiDonna on 0427649389

COOBER PEDY RSL

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

Far North South Australia outback events for June, July, and August 2026 feature a mix of iconic community festivals, race days, and heritage rail journeys.

June 2026

Coober Pedy Opal Festival: June 12–14, 2026. A massive three-day celebration of outback mining culture, local arts, food (such as the opening dinner), and community.

Afghan Express Heritage Rail Journey: June 20, 2026. Travel along the historic Ghan route from Port Augusta through the spectacular Pichi Richi Pass, hauled by original 1920s steam locomotives.

Farmers & Graziers Squatters Cup: June 21, 2026. Held by the Port Augusta Racing Club, this event features country-style Fashions on the Field, outback races, and live music.

Marree Australasian Camel Cup: June 27, 2026. A classic outback event offering a full day of camel racing, family entertainment, and bush hospitality in Marree.

July 2026

City of Port Augusta Cup: July 5, 2026. The most significant social event on the racing calendar in the region, featuring thoroughbred racing, community barbecues, and hot donuts.

Oodnadatta Bronco Branding will be held on 11 July 2026, making it a spectacular winter season for outback sports.

Wintertime Snow & Shine: July 18, 2026. While technically at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, it is the state's largest wintertime automotive festival, often drawing travellers heading north or south.

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



August 2026

The Australian National Bronco Branding Championships are being held at William Creek on 14 & 15 August 2026. Combining the William Creek Campdraft, Bronco Branding, and Cow Work across a weekend of festivities.

Mount Isa Mines Rodeo (August 7–9) and the Broken Hill Mundi Mundi Bash (August 20–22).

Birdsville Races 2026

Monday 31 August 2026 - official weights are declared for the horses.

Thursday 3 September 2026: The official opening event marquee doors open in the evening

Friday 4 September 2026: Day 1 of racing, featuring the Akubra Big Red Day.

Saturday 5 September 2026: Day 2 of racing, featuring the iconic TAB Birdsville Cup Day.

STUART HIGHWAY CORRIDOR - Pit -Stops

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 Coober Pedy for fuel and a classic pub meal.

Coober 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 Coober 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.

LOCAL GROUPS

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
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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
Committee Elected for 2024-2026

Coober Pedy Shooters Club Inc

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
 Email: CooberPedy@rslsa.org.au

Coober Pedy Motor Club - Speedway

Executive Committee Members
 Acting President - Mick Frakas Mob 0439596489
 Acting Vice President - Verdun Myat
 Secretary - Fiona Scutter
 Treasurer - Irene Spillmann
 General enquires 0428356669

Coober Pedy Community Alliance

Chairperson: John Di Donna
 Vice Chair: George Rosewarne
Committee members
 Teena Rosewarne (JP)
 (Media Officer) Margaret Mackay
 Email: cpca.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:
 Grounds Keeper: Dylan Lewis Bar Manager:
 Stephen Borrett
 Committee Members: Sue Britt, Bob Martin
Contact: cooberpedygolfclub@gmail.com

Coober Pedy Area School Governing Council 2026

Maurice Saah (Principal)
 Elected Staff Representative: Veronika Witham
 Elected Parent Members: Sabrina Troisi; Jo Anne Vanajek; Roger Vanajek; Ariane Montminy-Roberge; Sarah Rethus; Rukmalee Dissanayake
 Elected Community Member; Gary Herdegen
 Student Representatives; Satkirat Kaur; Mitchell Hoad
 Election of office holders (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer) will take place on 16th June, 2026

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>

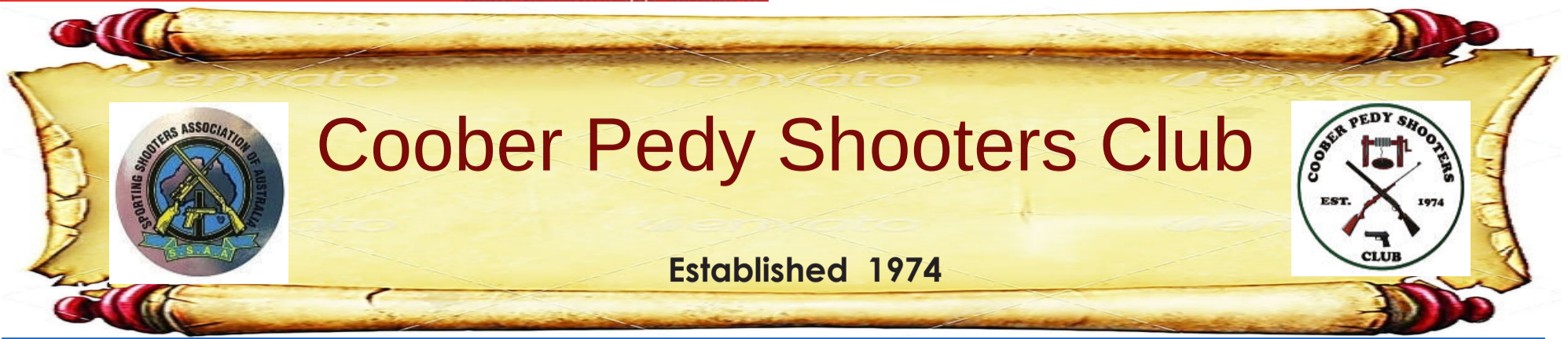
Coober Pedy Italian Club Inc

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
IPSC

23 May
30 May
6 June
13 June
20 June

- 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
50 m Benchrest
Match

24 May
1 June
7 June
14 June
21 June



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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