

OPINION PIECE: STATE ADMINISTRATION TURNS INTO CHAOS. FRINGE GROUP CONSTRUCTED BY FIFO PUBLIC SERVANTS, LUNGES FOR CONTROL OF THE OPAL CAPITAL !

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For eight long years, Coober Pedy has been stripped of its democracy and run haphazardly from the outside, by State appointed "administrators".

Over this nearly decade-long "administration," high-salaried state-appointed bureaucrats have taken the reins, collected hefty paycheques, and handled town affairs, yet our local infrastructure continues to crumble into a state that resembles a town neglected - a ghetto.

Now, instead of balancing the books or fixing basic services, state officials and administrators are actively handing away community-built assets, like our local water supply to SA Water, while shifting the blame onto local residents.

Recent reports on council operations, including financial oversight reviews from regulators like ESCOSA, reveal that the worst of this financial mismanagement didn't just happen in the past; it continued right under the watch of state administration.

Rather than taking responsibility for failing to fix these systems after eight years, the State Government's latest legislation (Local Government Transition Out of Administration Amendment Bill 2026) moves to cancel our periodic local council elections entirely.

The new Minister for Local Government Rhiannon Pearce MP. apparently met with a small selection of Coober Pedy residents or workers in July, but clearly omitted consulting with the bulk of ratepayers in Coober Pedy.

Based on that brief encounter she has forwarded a submission to Parliament that paints a bleak, unfair portrait of our town. It blames and punishes the entire community for the actions of a few past councillors who the state government itself failed to properly regulate, prosecute, or oversee.

To make matters worse, a small, relatively invisible group, locally, calling itself Coober Pedy Together (TG/CPT) has stepped into the gap, claiming to speak for us all.

They have put forward a 10-point plan for our town's future, signed off on a restrictive constitution, and travelled to Parliament House in Adelaide to present their vision, all while state politicians point to them as proof of "community support" for delaying true democratic elections.

The big question every genuine resident must ask: Were you ever consulted, or are the highly-paid bureaucrats and their hand-picked group still deciding our town's fate without us?

All residents should now receive a shock to discover what has been going on behind the scenes politically in our home town, Coober Pedy, the Opal Capital of the World.

Local Govt Minister Rhiannon Pearce MP said in Parliament, "The Bill [presented by the latest Local Government Minister] will uncouple the Council's maximum defaulting period from the local government periodic elections.

To support this, the Bill will amend the Council's maximum period to be a date specified by a proclamation made by the Governor, on the Minister's recommendation.

Ancillary to this, the Bill will stop the Council's April 2027 periodic elections, and anything done for the purposes of the election will be taken to be void and of no effect."

Editor: Margaret Mackay



The 10 point plan the CPT cooked up for our Opal Mining Town

1. Council & Local Governance

Their Claim:Rebuilding the relationship between the town and the District Council.
The Reality:After years of council administration and rising living costs, residents are asking for real transparency and local democratic control. A small group meeting behind closed doors does not replace genuine local representation. Under this system created by bureaucrats to bypass broader consultation, it has created huge divisions and confusion in the town, that didn't exist previously.

2. Upgrading the Regional Airport

Their Claim:Upgrading local aviation infrastructure to improve flight options.
The Reality:While better flights help visitors and contractors, everyday locals are asking why funding talks prioritise an airport runway while local roads, power lines, and community assets struggle for basic upkeep. The council exists primarily to provide maintenance to the ratepayers of the town.

3. Community Health & Wellbeing

Their Claim:Improving outback medical resources and mental health support.
The Reality:Remote health services remain stretched thin. Flying off to Adelaide for high-level talk-fests has yielded little (if any) direct improvement for families waiting weeks to see a doctor or specialist locally.

4. Local Education Pathways

Their Claim:Creating local training and career paths for local youth.
The Reality:Stemming the flow of young people leaving town requires actual local job creation, trade apprenticeships, real funding and a genuine vocational support network in the community, not just woke-style courses, creative writing, glib rhetoric and continuous planning documents

5. Re-Branding:"The Hub of the Far North" vs. "Opal Capital of the World"

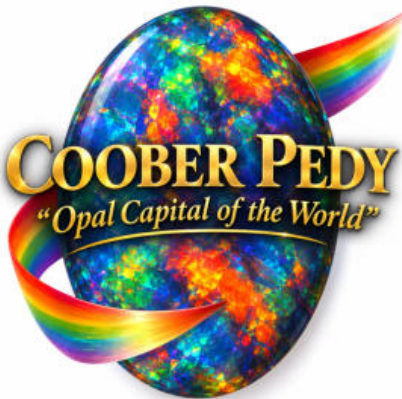
Their Claim:Positioning Coober Pedy as the central administrative and supply "Hub of the Far North".
The Reality:Coober Pedy's world-famous identity, heritage, and tourism pull come from being the Opal Capital of the World. Replacing our global identity with a bureaucratic label like "The Hub" does nothing to draw tourists or support local small businesses and independent opal miners. There has been absolutely NO public discussion on this subject.

The long term locals recognise that the opal industry has picked up, with more registered opal businesses than before. Coober Pedy also pays more tax than ever before due to online trading.

The Opal Capital of the World needs the educational tools and training for our Primary Industry - Opal, re: the correct way to run our businesses.

Age Care style courses are huge at TAFE, but Coober Pedy has no mainstream Aged Care at all. Trade-based education is also very important to this community and to the future of its school leavers.

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Coober Pedy							
Forecast issued at 3:30 pm CST on Sunday 27 September 2026.							
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	 Clear.	 Partly cloudy.	 Wind easing. Mostly sunny.	 Partly cloudy.	 Showers. Possible afternoon storm.	 Partly cloudy.	 Possible shower.
Max. Temperature		35 °C	36 °C	33 °C	27 °C	24 °C	21 °C
Min. Temperature		19 °C	20 °C	17 °C	19 °C	12 °C	13 °C

The average annual rainfall at Coober Pedy is about 144 mm (5.68 inches), according to official climate records (BOM)

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.

Spring Equinox occurred on 23 September 2026



Harvest Moon rising at Coober Pedy Sept.

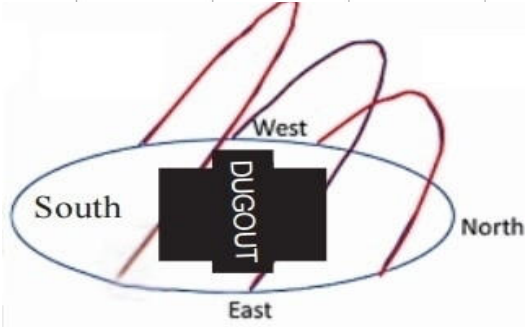
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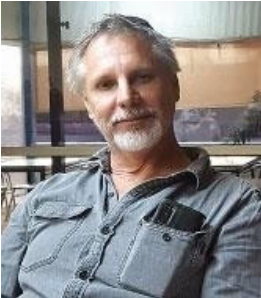
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POLICE REPORTS



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Opal Mining Regulations 2012

Part 4—Mode of taking possession etc

10—Mode of taking possession

(1) This regulation sets out the requirements for a valid pegging under the Act.

(2) A post must be securely placed in the ground at each corner of the relevant area.

(3) The post must—

(a) be devoid of marks or writing that refers to a previous pegging; and

(b) have a cross-sectional dimension equal to or exceeding 7 centimetres; and

(c) project at least 75 centimetres above the ground;



Active Claims as at
25/9/2026
Andamooka – 177
Coober Pedy – 461
Mintabie – 11
Stuart Creek – 1



The upcoming OPAL and GEM shows in Australia between September 2026 and April 2027 include regional lapidary club fairs, major state mineral shows, and iconic outback trade events.

GEMKHANA 2026 (State Gem and Mineral Show) – Saturday, 26 – Sunday, 27 September 2026, organized by the Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW.

Beenleigh Gem Festival – Saturday, 3 October 2026 at Beenleigh Showgrounds, Queensland.

Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show – 26 – 28 March 2027, featuring rough opal, polished stones, and outback jewellery in South Australia's opal capital.

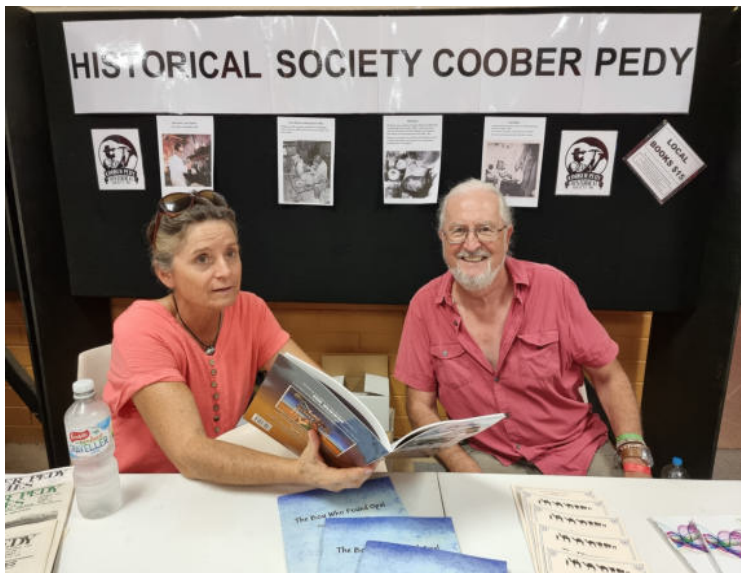
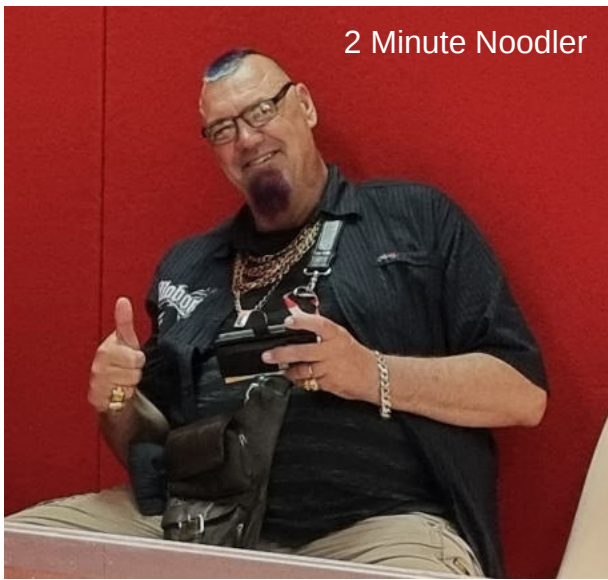
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LIGHT FROM DEEP TIME



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6. Tourism & Destination Developm

Their Claim:Growing outback tourism products and seasonal events.
The Reality:True tourism development comes from supporting local operators, shopkeepers, and miners on the ground. Yet, major decisions are being made without open public forums or input from long-term tourism operators.

7. Policing & Emergency Services

Their Claim:Securing state resources for local safety and emergency response.
The Reality:Town safety is a vital baseline, but residents deserve direct answers from state authorities on how funding is actually being allocated on the street.

8. Essential Worker Housing

Their Claim:Pushing for 40+ dedicated modular homes to house government workers, police, and nurses.
The Reality:Housing key workers is important, but introducing a state-backed 10-year guaranteed lease scheme directly impacts the local property market.

If government workers move entirely into separate complexes, what happens to local families who rely on rental income to survive?

Furthermore, building cheap, imported modular boxes risks creating a two-tiered system between out-of-town workers and locals living in aging infrastructure.

9. Media, Film & Creative Industries

Their Claim:Working with state film bodies to bring television and movie productions to the area.
The Reality:Filming brings short-term buzz, but temporary movie sets do not solve the long-term, everyday crisis of basic utility costs and service delivery.

10 Direct Government Advocacy

Their Claim:Sending local delegations to lobby politicians directly in Adelaide.
The Reality:The CPT group and others recently travelled to Adelaide ahead of the Bill to Parliament that seeks to remove Democratic voting rights from the population at Coober Pedy.

While the group (and others) were in Adelaide, they met with politicians, but this was not an open invitation to the wider community, nor was their agenda known by the majority of town-folk.

With public funds already spent on remote administrators and executives, ratepayers are left asking why an unelected group (constantly struggling for members) is speaking on their behalf without local consultation.

Editor: Margaret Mackay



Paid Consultants, Restrictive Rules, and the Hybrid Threat

Concerns over representation go back to the origins of this group. Coober Pedy Together was originally backed by council administration, which paid external consultant Michael Edgecombe over \$85,000 a year.

This cost was e xtracted directly from Ratepayer funds by administrators yet delivered no clear or equivalent, positive outcomes for everyday residents.

While community pressure eventually stopped that direct funding, Edgecombe remains involved in pushing the Hub of the Far North plan despite not being a local resident or ratepayer.

Furthermore, the official constitution of Coober Pedy Together reveals a tightly controlled setup.

Their internal Facilitation Group holds full discretion to accept or reject any resident's membership application without giving any reason, while holding sole authority to decide who is allowed a voting voice.

A group that can hand-pick its members and lock out critical local voices cannot claim to speak for the whole town.

The State Government's proposed hybrid governance model claims to offer a smooth transition, but under the hood, it creates a dangerous loophole. Under proposed Section 273A amendments, state ministers gain the power to hand-pick appointed members, assign financial controllers, and cancel periodic elections indefinitely.

This model opens the door for un-elected groups to be elevated into positions of authority without ever facing a public vote from the people of Coober Pedy.

Below: Mayor Steve Baines, Minister Simon Crean, and Water Supply Manager Phil Van Poorten.

Back to Basics: Demanding True Accountability

Creative writing, high-level political talk-fests, and strategic branding plans will not fix the real issues facing our town. Coober Pedy does not need more fly-in, fly-out decision-makers or small committees operating without public consultation.

What we need is to get back to basics through clear, open communication where decisions about our town are made in public town hall meetings. Ratepayers deserve full transparency on how public money is spent and who is profiting from community planning.

Politicians and task forces making decisions about Coober Pedy need to stand in front of the community and listen directly to the people who live here.

Our community has proven its resilience time and time again. We are not against positive change, but we deserve a real voice and our democratic vote to decide what our future looks like.

HAVE YOUR SAY: How do you feel about the state government cancelling our elections? Do you feel represented by unelected committees speaking in Adelaide? Join the community discussion, attend the upcoming town meetings, and sign the petition to demand our democratic rights back.

BELOW: Coober Pedy has enjoyed a long history of using its home-grown assets to provide jobs for local families.

In July 2012, Coober Pedy Mayor Steve Baines and Water Supply Manager Phil Van Poorten officially received a \$910,000 funding announcement hand-delivered by the Federal Minister for Regional Australia, Simon Crean.

The Commonwealth grant was awarded to the District Council of Coober Pedy under Round 2 of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

The federal dollars went directly toward the town's \$1.84 million "Water for Growth" project, which focused on crucial local infrastructure improvements



POLICE NEWS CONTIN..

Car break-ins at Cooper Pedy

Police are investigating a spate of car break-ins at Cooper Pedy early on Friday morning.

Between 3am and 3.15am on Friday 25 September, several vehicles parked at a motel on Crowders Gully Road were broken into. Windows were smashed to gain entry to the vehicles where a number of personal items and cash were stolen.

A KTM motorbike was also stolen from the rear of a 4wd, but was recovered later this morning on Italian Club Road.

Police would like to hear from anyone who may have seen the stolen motorbike (pictured below) being ridden in the township or has any CCTV or dashcam footage.

While conducting enquiries into these offences, Cooper Pedy police arrested a 37-year-old local man after he was found in possession of a number of rings and other property believed to be stolen. The man was charged with unlawful possession and bailed to appear in the Cooper Pedy Magistrates Court on 30 November.

Police are seeking to identify the owners of the jewellery items depicted and ask anyone who recognises the pieces to contact Cooper Pedy Police Station.

Investigations are continuing and anyone with information that may assist the investigation is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at www.crimestopperssa.com.au or on 1800 333 000 and quote #250585.



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Pictured above are items missing after vehicle breakins at Cooper Pedy



LETTER TO THE
EDITOR
Re: Council Elections

A hybrid model, or a new way around the ballot box?

Dear Editor, As a Cooper Pedy ratepayer, I have been following the proposed changes to local government with increasing concern

After almost eight years without an elected Council, Cooper Pedy was expecting to return to the ballot box as confirmed by The Hon Joe Szakacs MP during the election campaign period late last year (2025)

Instead, the proposed Local Government (Transition Out of Administration) Amendment Bill 2026 would stop the April 2027 Council election.

Why? The Government says it wants to see an elected Council return "as soon as possible". It also says a transitional "hybrid governance model" could help Cooper Pedy emerge from administration.

But what exactly does that mean?

Under the proposed new section 273A, who will decide how many Council members are elected and how many are appointed?

Who will decide which Council positions are filled by election and which are filled by appointment?

And who will choose the appointed members?

These are not minor questions.

The Bill also allows a proclamation to appoint a person to authorise specified Council decisions, including the annual business plan and long-term financial plan.

So if Cooper Pedy eventually has elected representatives sitting alongside appointed members, who will actually have the final say?

Will the elected members have the same authority as the appointed members?

Or could an appointed person have authority over important decisions made by an elected Council?

The Government's Second Reading Speech says the Minister visited Cooper Pedy and met with several stakeholder groups, including Cooper Pedy Together, Umoona Community Council and AMYAC.

It then says the Minister heard from members of the community that the Council should not be returned to a fully elected Council in the short term.

So I have another question. How many Cooper Pedy residents were actually consulted about this?

Were ordinary ratepayers given an opportunity to vote on whether they wanted a fully elected Council or a hybrid arrangement?

Can the views expressed by selected stakeholder groups reasonably be regarded as the views of the wider ratepayer community?

There is also the question of timing.

The Bill would stop the April 2027 election and uncouple the end of Cooper Pedy's administration from the normal Council election cycle.

If the election is stopped, what guarantees do Cooper Pedy residents have about when they will next be able to elect their own representatives?

The Bill provides for transitional arrangements to continue for a period, but who decides when that transition has gone on long enough?

After almost eight years without an elected Council, Cooper Pedy ratepayers deserve clear answers.

When will the people of Cooper Pedy once again have the right to choose their own Council, and who gets to decide?

A concerned Cooper Pedy ratepayer
Name & details supplied



COOBER PEDY POLICE ROUNDUP SEPTEMBER 2026

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

On 27/8/26 a residence in Marquardt Road, COOBER PEDY was broken into by an unknown offender(s) but nothing was stolen.

On 24/9/26 a COOBER PEDY man was reported for breaching his intervention order and will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 22/9/26 a COOBER PEDY man was arrested for assaulting his mother. He will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 21/9/26 a 21-year-old man from VICTORIA was detected driving a motor vehicle in COOBER PEDY and was reported for exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol, (0.091%). He was issued with an immediate loss of licence and his company car was impounded. He will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 21/9/26 a 31-year-old COOBER PEDY woman was located in the Desert Cave Hotel in breach of her barring order. She was removed and reported for the offence and will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 21/9/26 a 41 year old man from WHYALLA was arrested for carrying a knife in Hutchison Street, COOBER PEDY. He will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

Between 17/9/26 & 19/9/26 a vacant property in Hutchison Street, COOBER PEDY was broken into.

On 19/9/26 A business on Paxton Road, COOBER PEDY was broken into and four diagnostic tools, laptops and other items were stolen. The offender(s) are unknown and police are seeking any information relating to this crime.

On 18/9/26 a 42 year old woman from INDULKANA was arrested for disorderly behaviour in Hutchison Street, COOBER PEDY. She will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 17/9/26 a 38 man from COOBER PEDY was arrested for breaching his intervention order in Williams Street, COOBER PEDY and he will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 17/9/26 a 38-year-old man from COOBER PEDY was detected driving a motor vehicle in Clarke Street, COOBER PEDY while contravening the conditions of his learners licence. He was reported for exceeding the prescribed concentration of alcohol, (0.075%) and will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

On 17/9/26 a 42 year old woman from INDULKANA was located in the Opal Inn, COOBER PEDY breaching her barring order. She was removed from the premises, reported for the offence and will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date. This woman had previously been arrested for similar offending.

On 17/9/26 a 32 year old man from PT AUGUSTA was reported for driving disqualified on Umoona Road, COOBER PEDY and had his vehicle impounded. He will face the COOBER PEDY Magistrates Court at a later date.

Between 16/9/26 & 17/9/26 a shed on Kunoth Street, COOBER PEDY was broken into and a motorcycle was stolen. It was recovered nearby. Police are seeking information relating to the identity of the offender(s) and anyone else who may have been riding the motorcycle illegally.

Between 15/9/26 & 16/9/26 a tandem work trailer containing tools was left on the side of the Stuart Hwy, COOBER PEDY about 15 kms south of the township. The trailer had flat tyres and when the owner returned in the morning he discovered that it had been set fire to and had been totally destroyed. The trailer and contents were valued at about \$140,000.00. The offender(s) are unknown and police are seeking any information relating to this crime.

On 10/9/26 a shed on Burford Place, COOBER PEDY was broken into. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

Between 3/9/26 and 10/9/26 a domestic premises on Burford Place, COOBER PEDY was broken into while the owner was away by unknown offender(s).

On 10/9/26 a domestic premises was broken into in Henri Street, COOBER PEDY and cash, cards and keys were stolen by unknown offender(s).

RESPONSE TO GUS LAMONT REWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

24 Sep 2026 1:51pm. Major Crime detectives are pleased with the response from the South Australian public since yesterday's announcement of a reward for information on the disappearance of Gus Lamont.

A reward of up to \$1 million has been posted for information into the disappearance of four-year-old Gus Lamont.

The reward will be paid for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the disappearance of Gus Lamont and/or the recovery of his remains.

The disappearance of Gus Lamont from Oak Park Station on 27 September 2025 was declared a major crime in February 2026.

Since yesterday's announcement, 34 calls and two emails have been received by Crime Stoppers.

With increased media coverage this week in the lead up to the anniversary of Gus's disappearance, an additional nine Crime Stoppers calls were received this week prior to yesterday's press conference.

Major Crime Investigation Branch Officer in Charge Detective Superintendent Darren Fielke encourages anyone with information to come forward.

"Task Force Horizon investigators are pleased with the response we have received so far. All these reports are currently being assessed and will be investigated further where appropriate," he said.

Anyone with information relating to the disappearance of Gus Lamont is urged to contact Crime Stoppers online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au or free call 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

UPDATE: SEARCH CONCLUDES FOR MISSING PERSON BENJAMIN

23 Sep 2026 9:20am. A police search in the state's Far North has been unsuccessful in locating missing person Benjamin.

The search, coordinated by the Missing Persons Investigation Section was conducted between 15 – 17 September and involved members from the Mounted Operations Unit, State Emergency Service (SES), uniformed police, detectives and specialist ground and aerial support assets.

A foot and mounted search of an area spanning eight square kilometres along with a 50-kilometre perimeter search by police trail bikes was conducted in the Wirraminna area, approximately 40 kilometres south of Glendambo where Benjamin was last seen on the Stuart Highway on the afternoon of Friday 26 September 2025.

A blue 2006 Hyundai Getz with Western Australia registration plates 1IGG659, which was being driven by Benjamin, was located abandoned on Saturday 27 September 2025 in scrub about 10 kilometres off the Stuart Highway near Wirraminna.

At the time of his disappearance, extensive ground and aerial searches were conducted involving local police, PoIAir, drones, SES volunteers and local trackers.

Benjamin is described as being about 180cm tall, of medium build, with brown eyes and dark brown hair worn in a mullet style.

Anyone with information about Benjamin's movements or whereabouts is urged to contact Crime Stoppers online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au or free call 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously.

Police continue to hold grave concerns for his welfare and safety. Police will reconsider further searches of the area if any new information is provided. Quote reference 249443.

Between 9/9/26 & 10/9/26 a domestic premises in Sutley Parade, COOBER PEDY was broken into by unknown offender(s) who attempted to steal a motorcycle.

Between 16/7/26 & 8/9/26 a domestic premises on Burke Street, COOBER PEDY was broken into and ransacked. A TV, house hold items and a Baby Q Weber BBQ were stolen by unknown offender(s).

Between 4/9/26 & 6/9/26 a domestic premises on McKenzie Road, COOBER PEDY was broken into and a jar of rough opal was stolen by unknown offender(s).

Between 5/9/26 & 6/9/26 several vehicles were broken into in Crowders Gully Road, COOBER PEDY and cash and other personal items were stolen by unknown offender(s).

Between 30/8/26 & 31/8/26 several vehicles in Crowders Gully, COOBER PEDY were broken into and cash, alcohol and other valuables stolen including an E-scooter by unknown offender(s).

Blair Boyer MP
Minister for Health and Wellbeing

South Australia's Food Safety laws under review

South Australia's Food Safety laws are being reviewed for the first time in almost 25 years.

The review will consider whether the laws still work effectively as food businesses and the industry change.

Q: What could change for food businesses?
A: The review will look at:

FOOD BUSINESS LICENSING, including whether businesses such as food trucks operating across several council areas can have a simpler licensing process.

FOOD BUSINESS NOTIFICATIONS, including whether the current system properly identifies and manages risks from unsafe food.

RED TAPEwith the aim of making requirements more streamlined and easier for businesses to follow.

The review will also consider new food products, changing food manufacturing methods, delivery apps and how to respond to incidents such as deliberate food tampering.

The Food Act provides the legal framework for food safety in SA, including powers to inspect and audit businesses and manage food recalls.

Food businesses, industry, councils, regulators and the community will be invited to comment on the discussion paper through the YourSAy website in the coming months.

Feedback will help develop possible changes to the Act. Further consultation on proposed changes is expected in mid-2027.



COMPLIANCE & FREE TRAINING PATHWAY

Please follow these steps to resolve any non-compliance and return to trading legally:

Step 1: Submit Your Free Food Business Notification (FBN)

- * Download the standard SA Health Food Business Notification Form.
- * Fill out your ABN, owner details, contact information, and operating style.
- * Cost: Free.
- * Submission: Email the completed form immediately to the District Council of Coober Pedy at dccp@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au or hand-deliver it to the council office at Lot 773 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy, SA 5723.
- * Save your sent email or council submission receipt to provide to the club.

Step 2: Complete Your Free Food Handler Training

- * Direct all staff who handle food for local food businesses to visit the state-supported training portal: DO FOOD SAFELY PROGRAM
- * Complete the free, self-paced online food safety course (takes approximately 45–60 minutes).
- * Complete the assessment quiz at the end. You must score 80% or higher to pass.
- * Cost: Free.
- * Certification: Download the PDF completion certificate immediately upon passing. Print or email these copies to the club administration.

In Coober Pedy, operating a food business without completing a Food Business Notification (FBN) breaches Section 86 of the South Australian Food Act 2001.

Because the District Council of Coober Pedy enforces local food safety laws, failing to register before handling or selling food can lead to strict penalties.

The maximum court-imposed penalties and on-the-spot expiation fees depend on how your business is legally structured:

Legal Penalties for Operating Without an FBN	
Business Structure?????	On-the-Spot Expiation Fee?????
Maximum Court Fine	
Individual / Sole Trader?????	\$300??\$25,000
Body Corporate / Registered Company? \$1,500?????	\$120,000
Additional Enforcement Consequences	

If an Environmental Health Officer (EHO) discovers an unnotified business during a local sweep or following a consumer complaint, they can take further legal actions under guidelines detailed by SA Health:

Enforced Business Closure: Authorities can demand you cease operations immediately until an inspection is cleared and registration is finalised.

Improvement Notices: You may be issued formal instructions to correct facility layouts or equipment to meet the Food Safety Standards.

Public Shaming: Successfully prosecuted individuals or entities are named publicly on the statewide SA Health Food Prosecution Register.



Parliament of South Australia

On a motion passed in the Legislative Council the Social Development Committee is required to inquire into and report on:

The adequacy of the existing financial assistance provided to formal and informal foster and kinship carers by the Department for Child Protection.

Written submissions are now being received. Any person or organisation wanting to make a written submission to the inquiry is invited to do so by **Friday 6 November 2026**. Unless determined otherwise by the Committee, submissions are made publicly available on the internet. Please note, the Committee reserves the right to determine which witnesses will be invited to provide an oral submission.

Additional information on the Committee and making a submission to the inquiry is available at <https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/committees/sdc>

Please address enquiries and submissions to:
The Secretary, Social Development Committee,
E-mail: sdcc@parliament.sa.gov.au
or to GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001
ph: 08 8237 9416

Hi everyone, **INVITATION to ANDAMOOKA**

A personal invitation to come and join us in Andamooka on Saturday 3 October for Opal Evolution III: Light from Deep Time and our Gate 54 Garden Party. We would love to see you there!

This year is a little special, as it will be our last Opal Evolution in Andamooka for a while. In 2027, Andamooka will instead welcome the National Opal Symposium, while Opal Evolution heads to the big smoke to be part of Fire & Rainbow at the South Australian Museum in Adelaide.

GATE 54 JET SET LOUNGE – ANDAMOOKA AIRPORT GARDEN PARTY

11am–3pm | \$60 + booking fee

Your ticket includes a drink on arrival, canapés and lunch.

It's 1970s themed, so dust off the flares, frocks and fabulous shirts and come dressed for a groovy time! 🕺🎶

OPAL EVOLUTION III | LIGHT FROM DEEP TIME - From 7pm | Free

As the sun goes down, our illuminated parade will bring the creatures of the ancient Eromanga Sea to life, joined this year by the Roxby All Stars alongside our wonderful Andamooka community, and Arid Recovery Partners.

After the parade, settle in around the mullock heaps for a relaxed outdoor gallery under the stars – film, storytelling and huge projections of opal, fossils, colour and light transforming the mining landscape into giant canvases.

DJ A2B2 will create the soundtrack to the lights and video projections, while everyone mingles, chats, grabs something to eat or drink and takes it all in.

And we want you to be part of the glow! Neon and UV-reactive clothing is highly encouraged – think glow party. 🌈🌟

Come for one event or make a whole day and night of it and come to both. Bring your partner, family and friends – the more the merrier.

Saturday 3 October 2026 | Andamooka

All the details and bookings are through the Nature Festival program:

Garden Party – Andamooka Airport: Gate 54 Jet Set Lounge Andamooka Airport Garden Party | Nature Festival SA. <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/andamooka-airport-garden-party>

Opal Evolution III: Light from Deep Time – One Tree Hill, Andamooka (Grosser Street, behind Cal the Stoner's) Opal Evolution Light From Deep Time | Nature Festival SA <https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/opal-evolution-andamooka>

Looking forward to welcoming you! 🧡

Leila Day, Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Association Incorporated (AOFTA) Ph: 0466 265 377

FOR SALE

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

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A Special Meeting that was to be held on Saturday 3 Oct has unfortunately been cancelled.

The meeting was to discuss serious local issues with One Nation's Mr. Carlos Quambera MLC.

The Alliance Committee will liase with Mr. Quambera and we will have our discussions at the next monthly meeting.

We thank Mr. Quambera for the time he gives to Coober Pedy, and we look forward to his next visit in the near future.

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POSITION VACANT

Coober Pedy

New Position - Motor Mechanic Pasmin Pty Ltd

Duties: Performing servicing, diagnosis, repairs and maintenance to a diverse range of vehicles, also tyre fitting. Complete job sheets and communicate with customers as required.

Qualifications: Certificate III Automotive Technology

Experience: Minimum 2 years

Driving Licence: Australian LV Manual licence with good driving history

Pay: \$75,000 to \$90,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Applications providing details of qualifications, experience, and with a minimum of two referees to neville@pasmin.com.au

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Government of South Australia

Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.

Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.

Call for Nominations and notice of Annual General Meeting

Are you interested in local health services?

Looking for an opportunity to advocate for your local community?

The **Far North Health Advisory Council Inc.** is looking for people like you to join as a Resident Member Representative. Nominations are called for two (2) positions. We are looking for residents of the District Council area of Coober Pedy or, who lives outside the council area but who uses or may use services provided by or associated with the Far North Health Services.

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

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

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 4 November 2026 at 5.00pm** at the **Coober Pedy Community Health Centre (meeting room)**, as well as online via teams. **All welcome.**

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

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

Nomination forms are available by contacting Health.EFNLHNCommunications@sa.gov.au

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

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

By the close of business on Wednesday, 21 October 2026.

W35221

EMERGENCY CONTACTS		NON-EMERGENCY CONTACTS	
WHEN TO CALL 000 Is your situation life-threatening due to any of the below? • All fires, including bushfire and house fire • Dangerous or life-threatening situations - Police • Health & Medical - Ambulance • Major gas leaks • Accidents where there is fire or the need for medical assistance	WHEN TO CALL 132 500 (SES) Flood or storm assistance: • Serious damage to home • Property at risk of flooding • Tree fallen on car or home	For non-urgent situations visit SES.sa.gov.au or refer to the following numbers: SES Infoline 1800 362 363 Police Non-urgent matters 131 444 Crime Stoppers (report crime anonymously) 1800 333 000 Local Councils (fallen trees on local roads, footpaths and parks) sa.gov.au/municipalities	Roads and traffic: Accidents resulting in a traffic hazard 131 444 Major arterial roads (dangerous conditions, road hazards and signal faults) 1800 018 333 Electricity Power network faults and emergencies, including loss of supply 13 13 66 SA Water Burst water mains 1300 650 950 Sewer blockage or overflow 1300 883 121 Gas leaks 1800 GAS LEAK 1800 427 532 Health & medical Health Direct - Free health advice from trained clinicians 1800 022 222 Mental health emergencies 13 14 65 Poisons information 13 11 26

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OPEN LETTER TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

What evidence says Cooper Pedy is not ready for an elected local government?

Hon Rhiannon Pearce MP
PO Box 1104, GOLDEN GROVE VILLAGE SA 5125

Dear Minister,

Re: Cooper Pedy and the return to elected local government

The Cooper Pedy Community Alliance is writing on behalf of residents and ratepayers who are increasingly concerned and confused about the proposed arrangements for Cooper Pedy's return from administration to local government.

At a recent community meeting, residents expressed strong concern about the apparent decision to delay or alter the normal process of returning Cooper Pedy to elected local government.

Residents have a simple question:

What evidence does the Government have that Cooper Pedy is not ready to return to elected local government?

Cooper Pedy residents have continued to participate in Australia's democratic processes. They have voted in Federal and State elections and continue to take part in the democratic life of the community.

We understand that local government has different responsibilities from State and Federal government. However, if the Government considers that Cooper Pedy should not return to a fully elected council, residents are entitled to understand the evidence and reasoning behind that decision.

We therefore respectfully ask the Minister to identify:

- 1.What specific evidence demonstrates that Cooper Pedy is presently unable to return to elected local government?
- 2.What assessment, report or other documented advice has the Government relied upon in reaching that conclusion?
- 3.Who undertook or provided that assessment?
- 4.What criteria were used to determine whether Cooper Pedy was ready to return to elected representation?
- 5.Were Cooper Pedy residents given an opportunity to respond to that assessment or to provide evidence of their own views and capacity?
- 6.If the Government has relied upon the views of particular organisations, groups or individuals, how were those views determined to represent the broader community of Cooper Pedy?
- 7.What steps has the Government taken during the period of administration to prepare Cooper Pedy for a return to elected local government?

We are particularly concerned that residents should not be left with the impression that they are somehow considered incapable of participating in local democracy without being told the evidence upon which that view is based.

If there are genuine concerns about the capacity of the community or future councillors, we believe those concerns should be identified openly and addressed through appropriate support, training and transition arrangements rather than used as an indefinite reason to delay the restoration of elected representation.

Cooper Pedy residents have now lived under administration for many years.

The residents of Cooper Pedy deserve to know what the Government believes is still missing, what needs to be achieved, who determines when those requirements have been met, and when residents can expect to regain their right to elect their own local representatives.

We therefore respectfully request a written response setting out the evidence, assessment and criteria relied upon by the Government in making these decisions.

This is not a request for preferential treatment. It is a request for transparency and accountability concerning the democratic rights of the people of Cooper Pedy.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

John Di Donna

For and on behalf of the Cooper Pedy Community Alliance

ANDAMOOKA - via Stuart Highway



Saturday 3 October 2026 | Andamooka

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Gate 54 Jet Set Lounge Andamooka
Airport Garden Party | Nature Festival SA
<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/andamooka-airport-garden-party>

The Andamooka Observatory is an off-grid art space/observatory that offers astronomy, opal mining, and tag-along tours.

<https://www.facebook.com/andamookaobservatory>

Opal Evolution III: Light from Deep Time – One Tree Hill, Andamooka (Grosser Street, behind Cal the Stoner's)
Opal Evolution Light From Deep Time | Nature Festival SA
<https://www.naturefestival.org.au/event/opal-evolution-andamooka>

Andamooka: After Dark Stargazing (Daily)

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)

Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11 AM – 3 PM

Andamooka Airport Kaleidoscope Garden Party

Andamooka Airfield Access Road, Andamooka, SA, Australia, South Australia 5722

Meet your hosts



Andamooka Airport YAMK
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The Andamooka Airport is operated by the Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Association (AOFTA)...



Opal Evolution Andamooka
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Opal Evolution Festival celebrates Andamooka's opal, opalised fossils, opal mining, art, and the night skies. October 3-5 2025 & building up to ...

On Saturday 3 October 2026, Andamooka Airport will host the inaugural Kaleidoscope Garden Party for 1971 Gate 54 Jet Set Lounge from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, a daytime celebration of Opal Evolution III: Light from Deep Time.

Your ticket includes one drink on arrival, canapés and lunch. Additional drinks will be available to purchase throughout the event.

Tickets are \$60 per person, plus a booking fee. Proceeds from the garden party will support the ongoing maintenance of the Andamooka Airport.

What to Expect

- Welcome drink and canapés on arrival.
- Music from 1970s, specially curated by Cal the Stoner.
- Lunch in the airport garden.
- A presentation about the garden's design, native plant selection and climate-resilient purpose.
- Time to relax, explore the garden and enjoy the 1970s atmosphere.
- Additional drinks available to purchase throughout the afternoon.

After the garden party, continue your day at the free Opal Evolution Festival evening event, with food and drinks available to purchase.

While you're planning ahead, don't forget these upcoming events:

Fire & Fire and Rainbow South Australian Opal, Gemstone and Mineral Show

South Australian Museum, Adelaide

11–13 June 2027

National Opal Symposium

Andamooka & Roxby Downs

16–17 June 2027

Whether you're flying in for the day or making a weekend of it, we'd love to welcome you to YAMK.

STUART HIGHWAY

Corridor & Byways

2026

REGULAR TOURS at COOBER PEDY

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

NOBLE TOURS - COOBER PEDY



(Duration approx. 4.5 - 5 hours - including pick ups and drop offs)
The best of Coober Pedy and the Breakaways in one tour! Experience Coober Pedy in the comfort of our spacious and air-conditioned 4WD bus.

The tour includes: Visit the tour guide's modern underground house (dugout) the Serbian Underground Church. Dingo Fence; Moon Plains; The spectacular Breakaways; A visit to our private claim in the opal fields (large tunnel formations) for an underground mine tour.

• <https://nobletoursaustralia.com.au/new-page>

COOBER PEDY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Come on down this Saturday 26th... you don't wanna miss this.
Just a reminder, children are to be supervised at all times and no walk ins under 15 years without a guardian

Coober Pedy Drive In Upcoming Movies



October

3rd One night only

10th End of Oak street

24th The Dog Stars

November

7th Tad & the magic Lamp

14th Heart of the Beast

21st Verity

December

5th Pressure

12th The Hunger Games Sunrise on the Reaping



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.

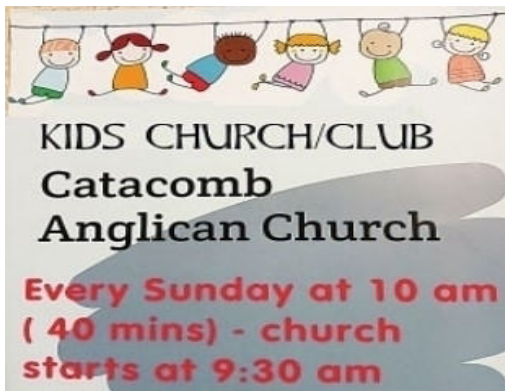
Alcoholics Anonymous

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



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

GOLF 12.00 noon

<https://www.cooberpedygolfclub.com.au/play-a-round>

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

SEPTEMBER

Friday 25 September to Sunday 27 September
William Creek Outback Fly-In



OCTOBER

Saturday 3 October Coober Pedy - Speedway

Saturday 10 October to Saturday 17 October – Alice
Springs Show: Running alongside the Masters
Games, bringing community exhibits, entertainment,
and agricultural displays to town.
Saturday 31 October Coober Pedy Speedway

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1 November to Monday 30 November
Saturday 21 November Coober Pedy Speedway

DECEMBER

Friday 25 December Christmas Day
Thursday 31 December New Year's Eve Community
Celebrations.

National Opal Symposium 2027 Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 June 2027. Andamooka & Roxby Downs



FIRE & RAINBOW

South Australian Opal, Gemstone & Mineral Show

THE SHOW: 11-13 JUNE 2027

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM | ADELAIDE

Event week: 7-13 June 2027

OPENING THE OPAL VAULT

A premium Museum-backed opal event buyers and exhibitors cannot afford to miss.

In June 2027, Fire & Rainbow brings opal buyers, exhibitors, collectors, makers, regional voices and the public into the South Australian Museum for a one-of-a-kind celebration of South Australian opal, the Far North and the state's mineral story.

Special Museum drawcard

The event will feature significant South Australian Museum opal stories and special collection moments, including rarely publicly seen opal collection material where approved by the Museum and subject to curatorial, conservation and security settings.

MAIN PUBLIC SHOW Friday 11 - Sunday 13 June 2027	TRADE ONLY Friday morning 11 June 2027
SCHOOL / EDUCATION DAYS Wednesday 9 - Thursday 10 June 2027	GALA CELEBRATION NIGHT Friday 11 June 2027

Why buyers, trade and exhibitors need to be there

- Trade-first access for accredited buyers and invited networks
- Curated opal, gemstone, jewellery, mineral and geoscience exhibitors
- Premium Museum setting, collection stories, public program and Friday gala

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST hello@saogma.com.au

For trade, exhibitor, buyer, sponsor and partner conversations. Booth and floorplan information to follow.

Stay on after Adelaide: National Opal Symposium 16-17 June 2027 in Andamooka and Roxby Downs.

Presented by the South Australian Opal, Gemstone and Mineral Association

In major partnership with the South Australian Museum | An annual South Australian event

Fire & Rainbow 2027 | Show days 11-13 June 2027 | hello@saogma.com.au

EVENT CALENDAR COOBER PEDY & OUTBACK

SAVE THE DATES



STUART HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PIT STOPS in SA

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.



MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES



CBS is receiving a growing number of enquiries and complaints about the condition of rental properties. Since South Australia's rental reforms commenced 1 September 2025, rental properties must meet minimum housing standards set by the Housing Safety Authority. This helps ensure that rental premises are safe and suitable for tenants to live in.

Landlords are responsible for making sure any fixtures, fittings or facilities provided with the property are properly installed, fit for purpose and in good working order. Anything that could pose a health or safety risk should be addressed as soon as possible.

It's important that tenants complete a 'Request for repairs' form to ask the landlord/ agent to undertake repairs to meet housing standards.

If the landlord/ agent doesn't resolve the issue within a reasonable time, the tenant can apply to SACAT - an independent tribunal - for a decision. A copy of the 'Request for repairs' form can be lodged as part of this process.

SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION REGISTER



Short stay accommodation is under the spotlight over concerns that properties are moving from the long-term rental market.

To improve oversight of the sector, a parliamentary Select Committee inquiry has recommended establishing a short stay accommodation register. The inquiry examined concerns around noisy guests, unauthorised parties, alleged criminal activity, and rental availability, while also recognising the role this accommodation plays in supporting tourism and events. It also highlighted the need for better data on the number of active short stay accommodation properties and occupancy rates.

Industry and community feedback is invited to inform how a proposed register is implemented, along with a supporting code of conduct.

To find out more, read the Short Stay Accommodation Register Discussion Paper which is available at YourSay | Short Stay Accommodation Register and provide your feedback.

<https://mailchi.mp/b53f6eca4bb7/update-for-consumers-business-landlords-and-tenants-in-sa-4736461>



CBS CONNECT

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES



Each year CBS sets compliance and enforcement priorities to target areas where regulatory action can make the biggest difference, helping to prevent harm, improve compliance and build confidence in the marketplace.

Our 2026-27 priorities focus on the following sectors and areas.

Essential goods and services

Addressing unlawful conduct by providers, including when urgent repairs are needed by tradespeople, and also focusing on fuel price reporting requirements.

Product safety

Monitoring compliance with mandatory standards for children's products, toppling furniture, and lithium ion and button batteries, and checking product safety risks in online marketplaces.

Housing and property sector

Focusing on building indemnity insurance requirements, solar installers, unlicensed trades, misleading real estate agent conduct, and exploitation of people who live in rooming houses and residential parks.

Labour hire

Ensuring labour hire providers are licensed and remain suitable to hold a licence.

Gambling operations

Monitoring industry compliance with requirements relating to barring and self-exclusion, early interventions for people at risk of gambling harm, betting Player Activity Statements, and addressing unapproved betting.

Restricted products

Ensuring the responsible sale and supply of tobacco and liquor products by licensees, and disrupting the unlawful sale of tobacco and vapes.

In addition, CBS remains responsive to significant, emerging and intelligence-led risks impacting consumers and business in South Australia.

BEWARE DODGY LOCKSMITHS

Rogue operators are posing as legitimate locksmith businesses and charging hundreds or even thousands of dollars more than initially quoted.



We've received reports of people being misled, overcharged or pressured into paying inflated invoices.

Red flags include:

- * unusually low upfront prices
- * websites advertising 24/7 or emergency locksmith services with no clear local address or verifiable business details
- * refusal to provide a quote or invoice
- * poor workmanship or unnecessary damage to locks or doors
- * final charges much higher than the original quote.

OUR 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
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
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 (July2026)

President: Mick Cox
Vice-President: Leighton Bosswell
Secretary: Kingsley Kammermann
Treasurer: Miriam Kammermann
Committee Members:
Raylene Hagel
Roz Jazepczyk
Michael Stocks
Frank Farr
Freda Farr
Tim O'Reilly

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](mailto: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 Garner
Treasurer:
Public Officer: Patsy Anne Garner
Social Media Officer:
Committee member:
Committee member:
<https://www.dustyradio.com.au/>



COOBER PEDY MINERS ASSOC.

Coober Pedy SA 3723
Committee Elected for 2026/27
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/](http://www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au/documents.html)
[documents.html](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 CFS

Brigade Captain - Ann Gerschwitz
Administration & Training Coordinator - Ann Gerschwitz
1st Lieutenant - Linda Buckeridge
OH&S Coordinator - Linda Buckeridge

2nd Lieutenant - Phil Gerschwitz

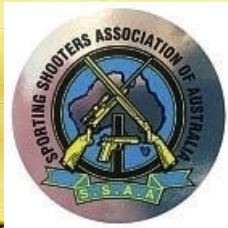
Senior Firefighter - Rajith Bandara
Communication Coordinator - Rajith Bandara

Senior Firefighter - Christian Richards (Crispy)

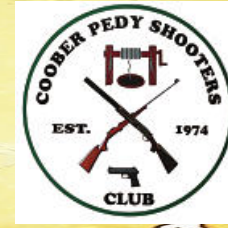
Equipment Coordinator - Jesse Manfred

Donna Ilkin - Finance & Logistics Coordinator





Cooper Pedy Shooters Club



Established 1974

Cooper Pedy Shooter Club welcomes all new members, visitors and Sponsors

If you don't have a firearm, come along & our members will assist you with all enquiries.

Minimum age for shooting at the club is 10 yrs (Rifles and Air Pistol)
& 10 yrs (Pistols).

Starting Times 9:00 AM

**Saturday — Pistols
IPSC**

5 September

12 September

19 September

26 September

3 October

**DISCIPLINES
INCLUDE:**

- ♦ Air Rifle/
pistol
- ♦ IPSC
- ♦ ISSF
- ♦ Rifle Metallic
Silhouette
- ♦ Combine
Service
- ♦ Black
Powder
- ♦ Service pistol
- ♦ Shotgun
- ♦ Steel
Challenge
- Cooper Pedy
Shooter's
Club supports:
- ♦ Darts
- ♦ Archery

Starting Time: 9:00 AM

**Sundays
100 m Benchrest
Match**

6 September

13 September

20 September

27 September

4 October

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

Robert Gigos - - Email cpssc.treasurer@gmail.com

John Di Donna - Mobile 0427 649 389 - Email. cpssc.secretary@gmail.com



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