

ONE NATION'S CARLOS QUAREMBA TAKES A CLOSE LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF COOBER PEDY AFTER 8 YEARS OF ADMINISTRATION.

The long-term sustainability of Coober Pedy, policing and the local council topped One Nation MP Carlos Quaremba’s agenda during his trip to Coober Pedy last weekend – his second visit in recent weeks.

Mr Quaremba, who was elected to the SA upper house in March, drove up specifically to hear from locals about some of the major issues facing the town.

He said a highlight was the opportunity to attend last Saturday’s Coober Pedy Community Alliance meeting, when a range of key hyper-local issues were aired.

A major policy focus for Mr Quaremba is reforming SA’s local government sector and he welcomed discussions about the financially stricken District Council of Coober Pedy, which has been under administration since 2019.

“We had good, open and forthright discussions about what the Coober Pedy council looks like going forward,” Mr Quaremba said.

“Locals are open to having their council getting back to rates, roads and rubbish, which means not looking after major infrastructure.

“One Nation is going to support local people, where we can, to understand the local government sector.”

While in town Mr Quaremba also spoke to local police representatives, focusing on the town’s crime problem.

“It was good to hear first-hand some of the problems they face, specific to the area,” he said.

“Staffing numbers at Coober Pedy is an ongoing issue and to date, the State Government doesn’t seem to have proposed any solutions.”

In SA parliament last week, Mr Quaremba’s One Nation colleague, Rebecca Hewett MLC, probed the State Government about “chronic understaffing at Coober Pedy Police Station”.

Ms Hewett also referenced “SAPOL’s failure to implement the independent recommendations arising from the South Australian Employment Tribunal proceedings” which she claimed has “created an unsafe system of work”.

“The Premier and the Attorney-General have both been placed on notice that these deficiencies are exposing police officers and the community to foreseeable health and safety risks,” she said.

“The Attorney-General has also been warned that, without urgent intervention, these known and unmanaged hazards could result in a preventable tragedy.

“Meanwhile, community constables are increasingly being required to undertake mainstream policing duties, undermining the cultural connections and functions those positions are intended to maintain. I understand that several community constables have resigned, citing their treatment by SAPOL.”

Meanwhile a visit to the Coober Pedy Shooters Club Inc. was also part of Mr Quaremba’s trip, which stretched over three days.

John Di Donna, Secretary of the Coober Pedy Shooter's Club, and Chair of the Coober Pedy Community Alliance welcomed Carlos Quaremba to Coober Pedy on Saturday morning over breakfast at the Outback Bar & Grill.

John said, " One Nation's MLC Carlos Quaremba's interaction with the locals was genuine, straightforward and down-to-earth. He is a sharp and engaging communicator who doesn't beat around the bush and speaks plainly, with a strong focus on common sense and practical solutions.

With his experience in local government and business, he brings valuable real-world experience to the table. He is also prepared to listen to the ongoing issues facing Coober Pedy and is willing to engage directly with the community, hear their concerns and work towards addressing the issues that matter to local people, the stakeholders.

“Coober Pedy is an area worth fighting for,” Mr Quaremba said. “The reason I’ve been visiting is because One Nation actually cares about rural and regional South Australia, unlike the major parties that give lip service to those areas and only show an interest when an election rolls around.”



Carlos Quaremba addressing the Coober Pedy Community Alliance meeting on Saturday 5th Sept.



John Di Donna showing Carlos around the Shooting Range at Coober Pedy



Carlos speaks with members of the Shooter's Club at Coober Pedy

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Coober Pedy

Forecast issued at 3:45 am CST on Friday 11 September 2026.

	Fri. 11 Sep	Sat. 12 Sep	Sun. 13 Sep	Mon. 14 Sep	Tue. 15 Sep	Wed. 16 Sep	Thu. 17 Sep
	 Partly cloudy.	 Sunny.	 Mostly sunny.	 Partly cloudy.	 Mostly sunny.	 Sunny.	 Sunny.
Max. Temperature	23 °C	28 °C	34 °C	30 °C	27 °C	26 °C	28 °C
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Approximately 144 mm to 175 mm (roughly 5.7 to 6.9 inches).

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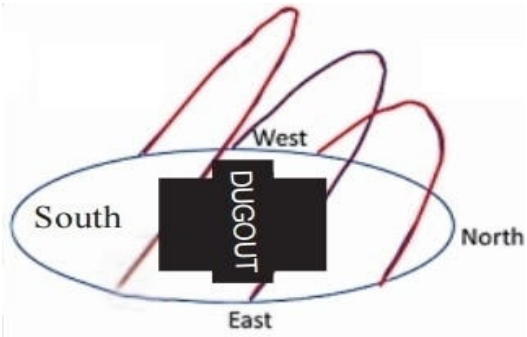
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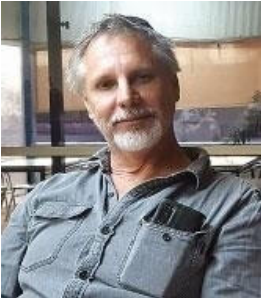
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REMOVAL of MACHINERY OPAL MINING ACT 1995

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Precious stones tenements—Part 3

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- (6) An application under subsection (5) must be made within 2 years from the date of sale (and after the expiration of that period no further claim may be made in relation to the machinery or goods).



Shane Hoobin



LICKERS

- opal industry news

Active Claims as at

8/9/2026

Andamooka – 176

Coober Pedy – 460

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.

Caloundra Jewellery and Gem Show – Saturday, 19 September 2026 at 9 Caloundra Road, Caloundra, Qld.

Australian Opal Centre Tour – 22 – 30 September 2026, a multi-state immersive opal field tour.

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.





DEATH OF A MAN AT COOBER PEDY, NOT SUSPICIOUS

11 September 2026

UPDATE: Death at Coober Pedy not suspicious

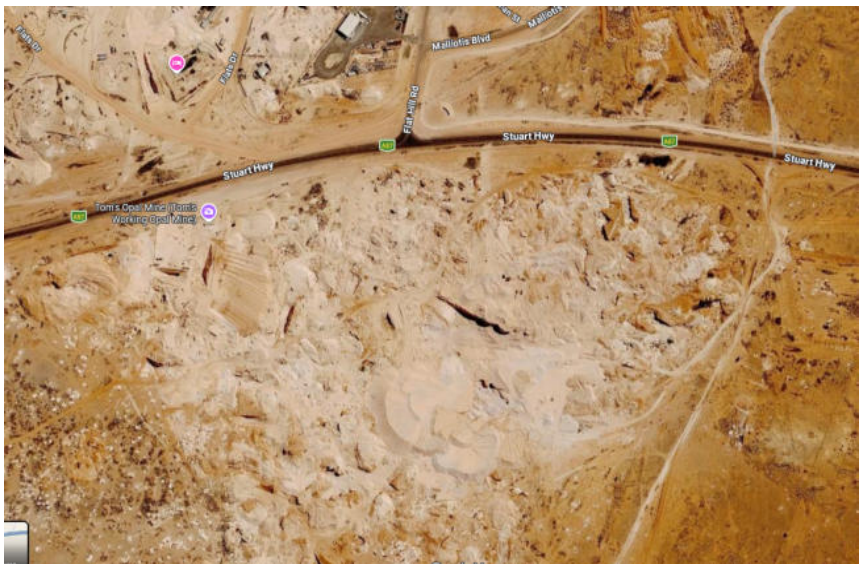
The death of a man at Coober Pedy has been found to be not suspicious.

Just before 9.30am on Thursday 10 September, police were called to an open cut mine just south of the township of Coober Pedy after a man's body was located.

Coober Pedy Police, along with Major Crime detectives and Forensic Response officers attended the scene.

Following a post mortem today (Friday 11 September), the death of the 36-year-old local man has been deemed non-suspicious.

Police will be preparing a report for the Coroner.



UPDATE: Human remains found at Yorkey Crossing identified

09 Sep 2026 5:04pm
Police have confirmed the human remains located outside of Port Augusta on Friday 4 September have been identified as those of missing person Joshua who went missing on 23 January.

There are no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death and a report is being prepared for the Coroner.

Police wish to thank the public and SES volunteers for their efforts and assistance in this matter.

TEEN ARRESTED AFTER QUORN BREAK-INS

A teenager has been arrested after several break-ins in Quorn.

About 4.40am on Friday 11 September, police were called to a business in Sixth Street after reports of a break-in.

CCTV footage showed that a group of up to four suspects had broken into the store, along with four other businesses in the area.

Items stolen included cash, knives, meat, a laptop computer and tobacco products. Further investigations led police to arrest a 15-year-old boy from Port Augusta this afternoon.

He was charged with aggravated serious criminal trespass and theft and refused bail to appear in court on Monday.

Investigations are continuing and further arrests are likely.

Anyone with information about any of the break-ins is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or online at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

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Everyone experiences menopause differently.

Many women experience symptoms for a number of years before reaching menopause.

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Australian Government

If you're wondering about menopause, there's information and support at health.gov.au/menopause



Authorised by the Australian Government, Canberra.

"CAMPUS ALIVE" KICKS OFF NEW SEMESTER AT COOPER PEDY TAFE

Students and lecturers at the Cooper Pedy TAFE campus came together this week for Campus Alive, marking the beginning of the new semester.

Campus Alive is a TAFE-TALK SA student engagement and orientation event designed to welcome both new and returning students and give them an opportunity to meet one another, connect with their lecturers and settle into the new semester. The event also provided an opportunity for TAFE SA to thank students for choosing to study at TAFE and recognise the important role they play in the campus community.

Students attending the Cooper Pedy event included those studying Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability), Certificate III in Community Services, and Certificate II in Community Services through the SEE Program.

Campus Alive events are held across TAFE SA campuses at the beginning of each semester and typically include food and drinks, music, games and giveaways. For the Cooper Pedy students, it was a chance to start the semester by getting to know each other and their lecturers and building connections within the local TAFE community.

PHOTO: Campus Alive at Cooper Pedy TAFE. Students and staff gathered to welcome the new semester with food, conversation and a chance to get to know one another. From left are students Mark and Carol, Tanya, Paul and Sharlyn, TAFE staff members Dinusha, Sonia, Barbara and Nekia, and student Janice.



Above Left: Remote Administrative Officer - Prashnita Sonia Singh "Student Engagement & Customer Service Department /Remote Administrative Officer at the Cooper Pedy Campus" organised the event, and recorded their "Campus Alive" activities for future referencing some of their experience at TAFE. In this photo behind Sonia, are Nekia, Mark, Carol, Suzy and Janice.



Students Paul and Sharlyn, tuck into the Pizza.



Inspiring TAFE "Go Get It" bags.



The TAFE students enjoying their day with a few activities, social stimulation and some enjoyable tucker.



Mirza a student of Cert III in Community Services enjoying lunch at "Campus Alive" with his wife Hira



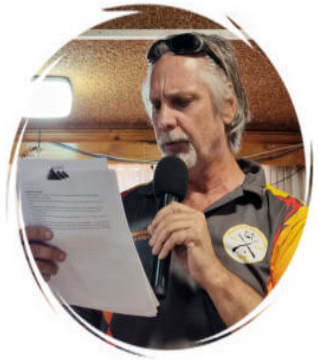
Each student was provided with a few collectibles.

COOPER PEDY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

MEETING: **Saturday 26 September, 2026 at 4PM**, Italian Club

AGENDA

- 1.) POLICE REPORT / DISCUSSION - Snr Sgt Simon Haebich
- 2.) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT / DISCUSSION
- 3.) UPDATE ON SURVEYS & SUBMISSIONS - Parcel Freight Survey; Buffel Grass; "A Safer Cooper Pedy", Vocational training in Cooper Pedy
- 4.) DISCUSSION: Serious concerns have been raised regarding an attempt to alter the culture and economics of Cooper Pedy, without consultation!



**4.) JOIN US FOR A SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
COMPLIMENTS OF THE ITALIAN CLUB**



Parliament of South Australia

PETITION 1, 2026

**IMMEDIATE BAN OF GREYHOUND RACING
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

As resolved on a motion in the House of Assembly, the Social Development Committee is conducting an inquiry into Petition No. 1, 2026 —

Request:

Your petitioners request that your Honourable House will urge the Government to take immediate action to ban greyhound racing in South Australia.

Any person or organisation wanting to make a written submission to the inquiry is invited to do so by Friday 9 October 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: sdc@parliament.sa.gov.au
or to GPO Box 572, Adelaide 5001
ph: 08 8237 9416

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Correction:
Survey forms will be available
at the next Cooper Pedy
Community Alliance meeting
Saturday 26th September 4pm
Italian Club



Dear Managers/Business Owners and Others

We are seeking some very quick feedback from local organisations about VOCATIONAL training in Cooper Pedy.

With concerns about youth employment and the current level of teenage crime in our community, we are looking at whether local training opportunities could do more to help young people gain useful skills and find employment.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to answer the five questions below.

We are particularly interested to know how many of your employees/children/attendees currently undertake TAFE or OTHER training, and whether you find the training beneficial, and what additional courses you believe would be useful in Cooper Pedy for all youth equally.

No names or personal information are required.

Thank you very much for your assistance. Your organisation's experience could help identify practical training opportunities that meet the needs of our local community, employers and school leavers.

Kind regards, **Cooper Pedy Community Alliance**

SURVEY

How many people employed by or attending your organisation currently attend a vocational course in Cooper Pedy or elsewhere?

___ people.

Overall, how satisfied are you with the TAFE training available in Cooper Pedy?

☐ Very satisfied ☐ Satisfied ☐ Not satisfied ☐ Not applicable

Do you believe the local TAFE courses currently available provide useful skills and employment opportunities for local people?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partly

Are there any courses or skills you believe TAFE could offer in Cooper Pedy to help all local people, particularly young people, obtain employment?

Eg. Hairdressing, mechanics, hospitality, construction, administration, aged care, childcare, community services and similar

Would your organisation be interested in employing or supporting trainees/apprentices who completed locally relevant TAFE training?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Possibly

Optional final question:

5. Is there anything else you would like to offer about vocational training needs in Cooper Pedy?

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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



SPECIAL MEETING - COOBER PEDY CFS

Time: Monday 21 September at 6pm

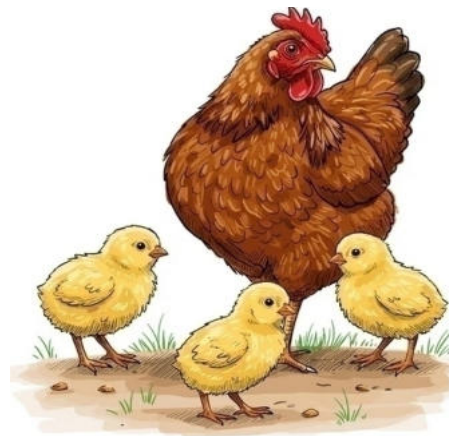
Location: Coober Pedy CFS STATION

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• Dangerous or life-threatening situations - Police	• Property at risk of flooding	Police 131 444	Accidents resulting in a traffic hazard	Burst water mains	Health Direct - Free health advice from trained clinicians
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BUFFEL GRASS: HAVE YOUR SAY

Parliamentary inquiry finally takes action

South Australia's growing **Buffel Grass problem** is now the subject of a parliamentary inquiry.

Buffel grass is an invasive weed that can destroy native vegetation, increase fire risk and threaten Aboriginal cultural heritage, communities and infrastructure.

The Parliament's Natural Resources Committee is seeking views from **Aboriginal communities, landholders, pastoralists, scientists, conservation groups and regional communities** about the spread of Buffel Grass, its impacts and what more needs to be done.

Written submissions close Friday 9 October 2026.

If you have experienced the impacts of Buffel Grass or have views about how it should be controlled, this is your opportunity to be heard.

Submission information and the Terms of Reference are available on the South Australian Parliament's Natural Resources Committee Current Inquiries page.

<https://committees.parliament.sa.gov.au/committee/391/Natural%20Resources%20Committee/55/55th%20Parliament%205%2F3%2F2022%20-%20Current/55>

BUFFEL GRASS SUBMISSION - COOBER PEDY RATEPAYERS

The buffel grass invasion in outback towns like Coober Pedy has not improved since being legislated as a declared weed in 2015. Despite heavy annual levies from the Landscape board, residents paying the levy must remove buffel grass and other pest species at their own expense. Local councils are given the responsibility of removing buffel grass in public areas, but it is not enforced.

Submission to the Inquiry into Buffel Grass
To: The Parliamentary Officer
Natural Resources Committee
Parliament of South Australia
North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000
Email: NRC.Assembly@parliament.sa.gov.au
Date:

Subject: Submission to the Inquiry into Buffel Grass - Coober Pedy Community Alliance & Ratepayer Perspective

Dear Committee Members,

1.Introduction and Reason for Submission

This submission is formally lodged by the Coober Pedy Community Alliance, acting as the unified voice for a vast number of local ratepayers and residents who are deeply aggrieved by the state of our township. The community of Coober Pedy is currently facing an unprecedented environmental, financial, and public safety crisis, with residential blocks and private properties literally choking under heavy buffel grass infestations.

As a collective of regional ratepayers, our members share a profound sense of frustration regarding a stark local paradox: we actively pay a regional landscape levy, yet private landholders receive zero tangible support, coordinated assistance, or practical tools to manage this rapidly accelerating biosecurity threat.

2. The Fire Threat and Institutional Failure in Coober Pedy

In our unique arid environment, buffel grass is no longer an abstract environmental nuisance; it is an immediate threat to our properties and lives.

- * Homes Actively Threatened by Fire: It is firmly on the public record that multiple local fires have actively threatened Coober Pedy homes directly due to dense buffel grass infestations. Members of our Alliance and their immediate neighbours have been subjected to these terrifying fires. Because this weed burns significantly hotter and faster than native desert vegetation, it creates a catastrophic fuel load right against our residential lines.
- * Lack of Council Enforcement: Local government is supposed to be part of the framework to manage township biosecurity. However, the local council completely fails to enforce buffel grass removal on unmanaged town blocks and public areas, allowing massive seed banks to flourish unchecked right next to private yards.
- *A Complete Lack of Oversight: There is currently a total breakdown of regulatory accountability at every level. The Landscape Board collects our money but does not provide town-level eradication, the local council avoids its enforcement responsibilities, and the state government leaves remote communities completely isolated to fight a systemic crisis alone.

3. The Unsustainable Reliance on Volunteers

Amidst this total failure of regulatory oversight, the only entity actively fighting for our township has been our local volunteer Country Fire Service (CFS) brigade.

- * Praise for the Local CFS: The Coober Pedy Community Alliance wishes to formally commend our local volunteer firefighters who have repeatedly stepped up over the years. Beyond putting their lives on the line to defend homes from buffel grass fires, these volunteers have gone above and beyond by doing their absolute best to help eradicate this feral weed around the town.
- * Not a Long-Term Solution: While our community is profoundly grateful for their dedication, leaning on a small pool of local volunteers to manage a massive, institutional biosecurity failure is completely unsustainable. It is unfair and dangerous to expect volunteers to continually shoulder the physical and operational burden of weed eradication because government bodies refuse to fulfill their statutory duties.

4. The Policy and Financial Inequity

Under existing South Australian declarations, the legal burden of eradication falls entirely on the individual property owner. However, fighting a town-wide infestation is an impossible task for an isolated homeowner.

- * The Levy Disconnect: Coober Pedy residents contribute financially to regional land management through the Landscape Board levy. Despite this financial contribution, there is a total absence of localized, practical intervention for private landholders. We are paying into a system but are left entirely on our own to deal with the consequences.
- * The Cycle of Re-infestation: Even when individual property owners spend significant time, money, and physical effort to clear their land, it is a losing battle. Because adjacent council land, roadsides, and unmanaged crown blocks remain heavily infested due to a lack of local government action, cleared private properties are re-seeded and choked again after the very next rainfall.

5. Recommendations for the Committee

On behalf of the vast number of complainants within our community, the Coober Pedy Community Alliance urges the Committee to recommend the following structural changes:

- * Mandatory Accountability and State Oversight: Establish strict oversight mechanisms that hold regional Landscape Boards and local councils legally accountable for failing to enforce and execute weed management policies in regional townships.
- * Direct Reinvestment of the Landscape Levy: A fixed portion of the Landscape Board levy collected from outback communities must be ring-fenced and directly reinvested into local, on-ground resources. This should include funding community weed-busting trailers, heavy-duty slashers, and free or subsidized chemical spray distribution for private residents.
- * Coordinated Town-Wide Clearing Strategies: The state government must mandate and fund a coordinated blitz involving the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board, local council administrators, and Crown Land managers to clear massive fire fuel breaks and public buffers around townships so private efforts are not rendered useless.

6. Conclusion

Remote towns like Coober Pedy are on the absolute frontline of the buffel grass crisis. Our ratepayers are doing their part by paying their levies, but we are being left to suffocate under a weed because of an absolute breakdown in regulatory oversight. We ask the Committee to listen to the collective voice of outback residents and ensure that our financial contributions translate into real accountability, enforcement, and physical protection for our homes.

Thank you for considering the submission of the Coober Pedy Community Alliance.
Sincerely,

John Di Donna, on behalf of the
Coober Pedy Community Alliance (Committee and Members)
Coober Pedy, SA 5723
Contact Email: jdidonna@auinternet.net
Contact Phone: 0427 649 389

ANDAMOOKA - via Stuart Highway



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>

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

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

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

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

Coober Pedy Drive In September Movies



5th Spider-Man Brand New Day

19th Shawshank Redemption

26th Moana

Gates open at 6:30pm
Movie starts 7pm

Car \$30 (2-7p)
Adult \$15
Student/Con \$10
Child \$5

No walk ins under 15 without guardian

Children are to be supervised and with guardians at all time

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



GOLF 8.30 am
MINE RESCUE/SES

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9am

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK page for latest
updates, or Ring John Di Donna
on 0427 649 389

CROATION CLUB



Happy Hour 6-7pm

SUNDAYS

CP SHOOTERS CLUB

See BACK PAGE for latest updates Ring
John DiDonna on 0427649389

COOBER PEDY RSL

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

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 10 September R U OK? Day

Thursday 10 September to Friday 25 October –
Desert Mob (Alice Springs): A massive, highly
regarded annual gathering and exhibition
celebrating contemporary Aboriginal desert art and
culture, hosted by Desart.

Sunday 13 September – Bush Bands Bash (Alice
Springs): An iconic annual celebration bringing
remote Indigenous bands from across the desert to
perform live on stage.

Sunday 13 September to Friday 18 September
Outback Adventure Rally through Marree, William
Creek, Oodnadatta, Coober Pedy and Woomera

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



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

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.



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.

OUR LOCAL GROUPS

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 Vanajak; Roger Vanajak; 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
Kaisy 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 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
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/



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

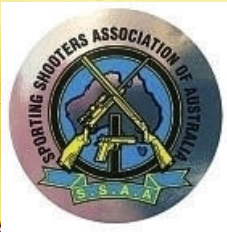
Uniting Country SA
Paxton Rd
1300 067 777

TAFE SA
Adult education school
Hutchison St. Coober Pedy
(08) 8678 9000

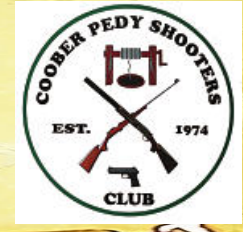
Coober Pedy Magistrates Court
Malliotis Blvd. Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 5601

Child Abuse Report Line (CARL)
131478

Aboriginal Family Support Services
Lot 1991 Aylett Street, Coober Pedy
(08) 8672 3066



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



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

