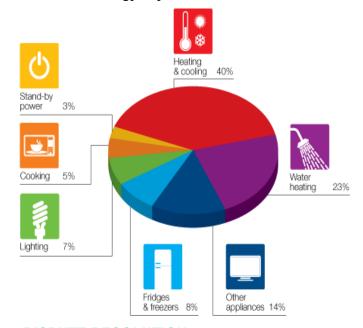
#### **SAVING ENERGY**

Saving energy can be as simple as turning off a switch rather than leaving any appliances on stand-by. Did you know heating, cooling and water heating add up to more than 60% of an average home's energy use.

Practical ways to save energy in your home:

- Reduce the area you heat or cool;
- Take shorter showers;
- Turn off second fridges and freezers;
- Turn of lights when you leave the room;
- Adapt your clothes to the season;
- Switch off appliances rather than using stand-by power.

#### What uses energy in your house:



# **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

# Energy & Water Ombudsman SA (EWOSA)

If you have raised your electricity related issue with a Council officer and feel like the dispute has not been resolved properly, you can contact EWOSA for a free and independent assessment.

You can visit www.ewosa.com.au, call 1800 665 565 or text 0488 854 555.

#### FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact one of the Council's Revenue Officers on 08 8672 4600.

A copy of the Hardship Policy for Residential Customers can be collected from the Council office, or downloaded from:

www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/services/council-payments/financial-hardship

Alternatively, you may wish to contact an organisation listed below should you require financial counselling assistance.

Centacare Catholic Country SA (www.cccsa.org.au) 0447 015 020

Unit 6, 24-25 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy

**Uniting Country SA** (www.ucsa.org.au) 0438 577 250
Paxton Road, next to the school, Coober Pedy

Australian Red Cross (www.redcross.org.au)

0498 016 689 or 0439 846 732 Unit 6, 24-25 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy

#### **GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS**

#### Concessions SA

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- live at the property;
- be listed first on the electricity bill;
- hold an eligible concession card or receive an eligible Centrelink payment;
- not be living with anyone who has an income of more than \$3,000 per year, unless they either:
  - get an allowance from Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
- \* are your spouse, domestic partner or dependent

To find out more call 1800 307 758 or you can alternatively collect an application form at the Council offices.

# INTERPRETER SERVICES AVAILABLE

# The Department of Home Affairs' Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

The TIS is a free interpreting service for people who are not proficient in the English language. TIS' number is 1800 131 450. Council can phone TIS on your behalf if you wish to have the use of the interpreting service during any meetings with Council representatives.



# **ELECTRICITY INFORMATION BROCHURE 2022**

#### **Contact Details**

Monday to Friday

Enquiries: 08 8672 4600 | 9:00am - 4:30pm Works Depot: 08 8672 4626 | 7:30am - 3:30pm

Website - www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au Email - dccp@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

Electricity on-call (24/7 emergency): 0417 814 617 Water on-call (24/7 emergency): 0417 811 470



**District Council of Coober Pedy** 

Details of your contract for Electricity Supply can be found at:

https://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0038/846686/Conditions-of-Connection-Sale-and-Supply-Contract-March-2020.pdf

#### **CONNECTING METER**

#### **Tenants**

At the commencement of tenancy, a \$335.00 (\$1,000 for a business) security deposit is required for electricity to be connected. The security deposit is payable by the tenant. The tenant will also need to complete an Application for Connection of Electricity Form which can be collected from the Council office or downloaded from:

#### www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/services/forms

An Owner's Authority Form will also need to be completed by the owner of the property before electricity can be connected.

#### **Owners**

New owners are required to complete an Application for Connection of Electricity Form after disconnection by an exiting tenant or after purchasing a property.

#### **DISCONNECTING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

To disconnect your electricity supply you will need to complete a Disconnection of Electricity and Water Supply Form which you can collect from the Council office or download online at:

# www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/services/forms

Please note that Council requires 3 business days notification to disconnect your electricity supply.

Once the property has been vacated, a final account will be issued. Your security deposit will be subtracted from the final bill and any remaining funds will be transferred the nominated bank account stated on the Disconnection of Electricity and Water Supply Form.

# **POWER OUTAGE OR FAULTS**

There are several reasons why there may be a power outage. If you experience a power outage, firstly establish whether or not the outage is at your premises only or more widespread. Power outages can occur for a range or reasons, such as storms, bushfires, flooding, faulty appliances or blown fuses. Unplug all appliances during a power outage to prevent any damage that may be caused by potential power surges when the electricity supply is re-established.

If your meter is not receiving any power you can ring the Electricity On-Call number 0417 814 617.

#### **ELECTRICITY NOTICE INFORMATION**

Electricity notices are sent out on the second week of every quarter. The billing quarters are March, June, September and December of every year.

#### **EZYBILL**

You can now register to receive your electricity notices by email via Ezybill. To do this:

- 1. Go online to cooberpedy.ezybill.com.au
- 2. Create your account
- 3. Register your property

# Tariff Charges 2021—2022

Tariff charges for residents:

Supply Charge (/day) \$0.887 All kWh per day (/kWh) \$0.32

Tariff charges for businesses:

Supply Charge (/day) \$0.93 All kWh per day (/kWh) \$0.349

Electricity tariffs are set by the Government of South Australia and not the Council.

# **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

BPAY (reference details on bill)

Easy and secure way to manage your bills through your online or mobile banking from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. More info: www.bpay.com.au

#### **BY PHONE**

Have your account number and your credit/debit card ready and phone 08 8672 4600.

(VISA and Mastercard only)

#### **BY MAIL**

Post the payment slip (located at the bottom of your bill) and your cheque made payable to:

District Council of Coober Pedy

Coober Pedy, SA, 5723

#### IN PERSON

Take your notice to the Council office (Lot 773 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy) to pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

The Council office is open for payment Monday to

#### CONNECTING YOUR SMART METER

Once the electricity is connected, press any button on your meter to wake the display. After the meter has received signal, it will show the 'READY' icon and display the words 'Press A', 'Connect':

- 1. Press the 'A' button;
- 2. The screen will display the words 'Press B,' 'Confirm';
- 3. Press the 'B' button.

An audible click will be heard as the electricity is connected.

## IN HOME DISPLAY

The Pipit 500 is an In-Home energy Display (IHD) which receives information wirelessly from your new smart electricity meter. The default screen (titled 'Usage Now') shows two displays; the Instantaneous use dial (left), and the Daily totals graph (right).

# Instantaneous use dial (left)

This dial shows how much electricity is being used right now. As your load increases (as you turn on more or more energy hungry appliances), the dial will fill.

The number in the middle of the dial shows exactly how much electricity you are currently using.

# Daily totals graph (right)

This column graph shows the cost of consumption since midnight. By pressing the View selection button (A), you can choose to view:

- · Today's use vs daily target
- · Today's use vs yesterday's use
- · This week's use vs last week's use
- · Tariff information.

