

2018 Council Elections

You can make a difference

You can influence what happens in your local community in two ways – by nominating for a position on council, or by voting for a candidate who represents your views.

To ensure you have the opportunity to vote, you must be enrolled on either the State Election Roll, or your council's supplementary roll.

The community elects their council members every four years and the next general elections happen in November 2018

Key Dates

2018 Councils Elections timetable

Roll close - 5pm Fri 10 Aug 2018

Nominations Open - Tues 4 Sept 2018

Nominations Close - 12 noon Tues 18 Sept 2018

Mail out of voting materials - Mon 22 - Fri 26 Oct 2018

Close of voting - 5pm Fri 9 Nov 2018

For more information please visit: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/>

DCCP "Youth Shed" Funding Finished

District Council of Coober Pedy have been receiving Youth Funding for over 10 years from the State Government. The funding has provided us with the ability to deliver a diversionary program that engaged youth within the Community. We have been able to extend the learning processes for those youth who engaged with our program and for some we have been able to provide clarity in terms of their pathways into young adults.

The State Government decided that the model they believe best suits youth is the case management of youth.

This service, we believe, is a referral service that aligns those youth who disengage from school with services they believe will get the youth back on track, for example, back to school or further education, employment and housing etc. DCCP did apply for funding, and we emphasised the continuation of activities-based youth program, as we

believe, based on our years of experience, that the engagement around programs and activities is a much more effective model. Unfortunately, this was not supported and Aboriginal Family Support Services received the funding for the case management model in support of State Government preferences.

DCCP have sought funding through Prime Minister & Cabinet and await their response. We will continue to lobby to keep the shed open in order to continue to run activities-based youth support and diversionary programs. At this point no advice has been received.

The last day of program delivery for the Youth Shed was a Disco on the 29th June 2018. Close to 100 participants attended the event.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved in the creation of the wonderful space the Youth Shed. Without the help of the community it would not have been possible.

6 Simple Steps to register as a new owner on Dogs and Cats Online

Your dog and the law

There are many changes to the law that will affect you and your dog.

From 1st July

- mandatory microchipping and desexing
- a new registry and standards/guidelines for breeders and sellers
- a new statewide database (Dogs and Cats Online)

Go to [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](https://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au)

1. Select 'Register as New Owner' if you don't have any registered dogs or cats or a log in to Dogs and Cats Online.

2. Enter your personal details including an email address and contact phone number.

3. Breeder registration, if applicable, for breeder of dogs or cats for sale.

4. Enter the dog and/or cat details and upload certificates of desexing and microchipping.

5. Enter your payment details if registration fees are payable.

6. Create a password within 24 hours, following the link sent to your email.

What you need before you start:

- An email address
- Drivers licence, if applicable
- Any valid concession cards
- Desexing and microchipping certificates
- Credit card or electronic banking
NB: if you are unable to pay electronically, please contact council.



District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter

Welcome to the Opal Capital of the World

June / July 2018

Energy Dispute

Council have been in negotiations with the Energy Generator over the power costs levied for Coober Pedy's power.

In simple terms the major portion of the dispute was for charges levied by the energy generator as a charge for Parasitic power. This is power that is burnt off or wasted when excess power is produced by the Solar, Wind and/or Diesel generators.

Some of this power capacity is required in reserve to compensate for any fluctuation in any one source of power to the system.

The Council disputed the quantity of the parasitic power in Council's bill and that Council should only pay for power transmitted through the "custody transfer meter".

The Energy Generator has now minimised the production of Parasitic power. The outstanding bill with the power generator shows in the Council's monthly report as an amount outstanding and Council chose to identify this amount as an outstanding debt on its balance sheet. Council could have shown a portion of this amount as contingent liability or debt for which it is not liable.

Council have a 20 year deed agreement with the State

Government that subsidises an amount in excess of the equivalent of the Adelaide prices through the Regional Assistance Grants scheme. The payment of the parasitic power amount in the bill has been agreed to be met by the State Government through the negotiation. The net effect is that the State Government will meet all reasonable costs in excess of those levied through the customer's power bill. The council thanks all of those involved in the negotiation.

The economic equation supported by the council is:

Power generation costs (EDL) excluding parasitic power minus (Power Rates income from Coober Pedy community + REAS subsidy from the state government.) = zero

The REAS subsidy = Expenditure – Revenue

Revenue is the Council's gross earnings including sales revenue + connection costs + interest on cash holdings + government diesel rebates.

Expenditure is the sum of the Council's operating costs, maintenance costs and other costs including reasonable charges by the energy generator.

Natural Disaster Funding Potential Windfall

The Council have lodged an application for Natural disaster funding for two successive flood events in 2016 for a total of \$5.5 Million. The application should have been lodged immediately following the flood event to compensate for works subsequently undertaken on roads. The current council and administration have taken this claim up as a matter of urgency and have been rewarded in being offered a grant for a substantive portion of the claim. Negotiations are continuing for the remainder.

A substantive reason for the shortfall on the Council's current balance sheet is due to the slow response to claiming this amount from the State Government's Natural Disaster Fund.

There are two positive outcomes from this grant

- The condition of the roads following the flood event will be reinstated to at least pre-storm event condition;
- The pressure on Council's debt level will be significantly reduced with a reduction in the cost of servicing the road network without using valuable rate income

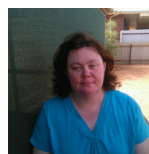
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Opening Hours
Council Admin Building
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 5:00pm
Please note the till is closed at 4:30pm.

Works Department
Monday - Friday
7:30am - 4:00pm

Depot Yard Sales
Tuesday and Thursday
8:00am to 12:00pm

Waste Depot Opening Hours
Monday & Wednesday
12:30pm - 4:00pm
Saturday
9:00am - 1:00pm
Closed Public Holidays



2018 Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon

The 2nd June saw the Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon take place entirely within the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park. The weather was beautiful, the competitors were keen and the volunteers were ready for a great day. Over 100 competitors registered for the various events. Alexander Ham won the 42.2km Male Marathon category and Sarah Healy won the 42.2km Female Marathon category. The loop track provided greater spectator involvement and also better safety for participants. We had a large number of local entrants and all race results are online with the link available from the website www.greatkanku-breakawaysmarathon.com.au.

Spectators and community members enjoyed a free reconciliation week lunch, soup and scones over the day thanks to the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park Co-management Board, and Youth Shed - Sophie Reynolds and Chris Durdin. They also were able to learn some Yankunytjatjara language at

the Umoona Language Centre stall, pick up some information from Red Cross and make their mark on canvas paintings for decorating next years marathon. The children's fun tent gave the younger attendees activities to keep them busy.

Getting to the park was no problem thanks to OZ Minerals, All Site Transport and Remote School Attendance Strategy who ran courtesy busses all day. The bus was very popular and ran very smoothly. Thanks to bus drivers!

The event would not have been possible without the assistance of the many, many volunteers and community organisations. Thank you to all of the individuals, CFS, SES, Lions Club, Youth Shed, Red Cross, Gliding Club, SAPOL, Umoona Language Centre, Child and Parenting Support program, Race Club, Golf Club, SA Ambulance and many others for their help before, during and after the event.

Finally thank you to our major sponsors. Thanks to all of our sponsors SA Arid Lands NRM, Healthy Parks Healthy People (a Department for Environment and SA Health initiative), OZ Minerals, Shell Coober Pedy, Coober Pedy

Fitness Centre and Coober Pedy Sport and Recreation Committee, WrightsAir, Mud Hut Motel, Tourism Central Australia, Theiss, All Site Transport, Shell, Opal Cave, John & Yoka's Opals & Art, Opalios, Opals on Hutchison, Coober Pedy Pharmacy, Notorious Traders, Carter IGA, Josephines Gallery, Seven Stones, Silver & Gold Jewellery, Jills Wear-House Arcade, Johns Pizza Bar

We have already started planning for next year so mark it in your calendars now, 2019 Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon 1st June 2019!

Photos By Chris Warrior



Council Meeting Dates 2018

Ordinary Council Meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Agenda & Minutes can be found on the District Council of Coober Pedy Website:
<https://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/page.aspx>