



District Council of Coober Pedy Newsletter

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Staff Profile

Who do you call when you want to know anything Works Department related? KA – that's who!

Kylie-Anne, or KA as she prefers to be known, has been working with Council for over eight years. Her knowledge of anything and everything Works Department related is invaluable to Council and our community.

KA particularly likes working on community projects. Helping community members find solutions to problems is what keeps her motivated.



The friendly face of the works dept

"Good communication and a willingness to listen on both sides, is the secret to Council and our community working well together," said KA.

"I do my best to understand what is wanted, versus what is possible, versus what is needed and try to find a compromise so that all parties leave the Depot happy."

This may not always happen, but Council employees are here to serve our community as best we can. KA exemplifies this ethos.

KA says she is owned by her pet cat Flynn, is a "gamer girl", and has volunteered around town on various community-based, not-for-profit committees over the years, including the drive-in. She has also volunteered with the SES-Mine Rescue Squad in the past.



Lock up (on left) at Mines Dept & Police Station 1968



The Lockup in its last home on Umoona Road



Brian lifting the Lockup with a forklift

Coober Pedy Historical Society

Late last year the Historical Society became aware of a small police lockup on a vacant Government Housing property that was soon to be put up for sale. This lockup had been used in Coober Pedy from the early 1960's until c.1968 when the first Police Station and better cells were built. Letters were written to SAPOL, SAPOL Historical Society and Government Housing requesting that the Coober Pedy Historical Society be allowed to take possession of and relocate the lockup in order that it be preserved. Thanks to special efforts by Senior Constable Nicola Toone and Nigel Wayne this request was finally granted.

Next came the problem of shifting it, which was not going to be as easy as in 1965 when the structure was in good condition.

The McArdle crew of Brian, Olivia, Travis and Ben are to be commended for their beautifully coordinated team work and generous community spirit in shifting the lockup to its final home with the original Police lockup on Umoona Road. A sincere "Thank you" to all involved.

Jenny Davison
Secretary, CPHS



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From the Administrator

In mid-2019, a process was kicked off by a group of citizens to develop a plan for the town. While a lot of work was done by a group of energetic citizens, the pandemic intervened. *Coober Pedy Together* is designed to reactivate this process. It is important that over the coming months we get as many people involved as possible. Further details are provided later in this newsletter.

Parkrun is an event which is run on a weekly basis across the globe. It involves people of all ages either running or walking five or two kilometres. A group of locals and non-locals are endeavouring to establish a Coober Pedy parkrun. If successful, it will be one of the remotest, if not the remotest parkrun in Australia. Obviously, its establishment will depend on the level of volunteer commitment. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me.

As mentioned previously, consultation has commenced on options for the future governance of Council after November 2022. This is an extremely important decision for the town and one that citizens need to have their say on albeit the State Government will make the final decision. It is the Council's intention to conduct a poll of citizens on the question of whether the community wants an elected Council rather than an Administrator in the future. The poll will hopefully be conducted by the end of this calendar year.

I keep hearing from citizens that I am finishing my term as Administrator in November 2021. Unless I don't know something, this is incorrect! For the record, I intend to continue in my role until the next scheduled Local Government elections in South Australia which are due to take place in November 2022.

Until next time.

Tim Jackson
Administrator
0417 016 161



Service Contact Numbers

Administration Office
(08) 8672 4600

Mini Gems Childrens' Centre
(08) 8672 4623

Library
(08) 8672 4635

Electricity, Water, Works Depot
(08) 86724 626

On-Call Numbers
Aerodrome
0400 108 230

Dog Control
0408 693 672

Electricity
0417 814 617

Water
0417 811 470



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Volunteers

Did you know that there are 900,000 active volunteers in South Australia? Volunteering that can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem and life satisfaction. We are encouraging those with vision and ideas to bring them to the table and become involved in events, provide community advice and assist the socially isolated or people with disabilities. Some ideas already being discussed include main street beautification, care boot sales, bingo and a theatre group, just to name a few. For further information, please contact Desley Cuplin on 0448 280 829

Smart Meter - Update

Cooper Pedy's Smart Meter project is progressing well and is ahead of schedule. As of 20 September, 291 meters have been installed. Grey zone and Blue zone have been installed. Orange zone installations have begun with an expected completion date of 30 September. Green zone installations are planned to begin on 1 October.

The zoned map is updated regularly and can assist you with knowing when your area is scheduled for Smart Meter installation. Please understand that we are operating in an environment with many variables and this is an approximate timeframe only. The map is available on the IGA and Post Office noticeboards, at the Council office, and on Council's website and Facebook page. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Council's Revenue Officer, Cherry Amiyon on 08 8672 4600 or camiyon@cpcouncil.sa.gov.au

Cooper Pedy Together

Cooper Pedy Together is a chance for the community to come together to dream about what the future of Cooper Pedy will look like. A workshop will be held **Thursday 30 September at the Cooper Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club from 4:00pm - 8:00pm**. The link to RSVP for the event can be found on Council's website. Dinner provided!

Citizenship Ceremony

On Thursday 16th September, Council had the honour of conferring 5 locals as Australian Citizens with our very first zoom citizenship, due to COVID-19. We welcome our new residents as they call Australia home from Sri Lanka, India and France. Cooper Pedy has a long history of migrants and we are delighted to officially welcome them to our multicultural town.

Community Clean Up

Local children from one residential area in Cooper Pedy took it upon themselves to glove up and pick up the rubbish that had been littering their street for months.

"The rubbish is a bad problem in our area and across our whole town", commented one of the children. "People just don't seem to care where they throw their rubbish."

The children were hoping that their good deed was an inspiration to other young people, and were sending the message that everyone should care about our community.

Well done you three, and you are certainly an inspiration.

Veronika Witham



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Good Sports Information Session

Are you part of a sporting club in Cooper Pedy?

Are you looking to get involved in sports?

Are you keen to know more about how local sport supports community?

Then come along to a Good Sports Information Session on **Wednesday**

29 September 5:00 – 6:30pm at the Cooper Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club. Light refreshments will be provided.

Good Sports is Australia's largest community health sports program. It has been helping build strong community sporting clubs across Australia for over 20 years. Designed for busy sports clubs, Good Sports takes the guess work out of complying with legal requirements and gives you the upper hand when it comes to attracting funding, new members and volunteers. You can find more information at <https://good-sports.com.au/>

The session will be facilitated by Gabby Fisher and Lisa Lawton from the Australian Drug Foundation.

Cooper Pedy Splashes Into Swimming Pool Season

The Cooper Pedy Swimming Pool season commenced on Saturday 25 September. Our swimming pool is a community hub and focal point for social interaction, especially amongst younger members of our community.

Swimming pools in remote communities are one of the single most important facilities influencing health, social wellbeing and education outcomes.

On behalf of the community, Council thanks Mr John Gardner MP, Minister for Education, for the Government of South Australia's ongoing support for our pool.



Entry fees

General Admission

Adult	\$6
Child	\$3
Toddler	\$1
Spectator	\$1

Concession Ticket Book

Adult 10 Tickets	\$48 each
Child 10 Tickets	\$24 each

Monthly Pass

Family	\$75 per month
Adult	\$35 per month
Child	\$30 per month

Season Pass

Family	\$220 per year
Adult	\$110 per year
Child	\$72 per year
Toddler	\$36 per year



Operating hours

School Holidays

Monday to Friday
6:30am to 8:15am
1:00pm to 7:30pm
7:30pm to 8:00pm (adult lap swimming only)

Saturday to Sunday

1:00pm to 7:30pm
7:30pm to 8:00pm (adult lap swimming only)

School Term Times - 2021 and 2022

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

6:30am to 8:15am
3:15pm to 7:30pm
7:30pm to 8:00pm (adult lap swimming only)

Wednesday

2:15pm to 7:30pm
7:30pm to 8:00pm (adult lap swimming only)

Saturday to Sunday

1:30pm – 7:30pm
7:30pm to 8:00pm
(adult lap swimming only)

