

THE GREAT BREAKAWAYS BOLT REPORT

Clair Alford, Event Officer

The GREAT Breakaways Bolt is in its sixth year and is a testament to the community spirit that is still alive in Coober Pedy today. There was some doubt that this event would run with only 14 people registered the day before forms were due, but fortunately a rush of entries came in at the last minute.

The 'Bolt' used the same track as in previous years, starting at Breakaways Lookout One, following the dog fence, travelling along the Oodnadatta track into town via Flat Hill Road. Participants had the option of running, walking or cycling (or a combination of the three) 5, 10, 15, 20 or the full 35km. All participants made it back before the cut off time of 5½ hours. The weather was good for those running or walking, with many participants going further than they thought possible. Unfortunately for cyclists a head wind for part of the way made riding difficult.

There were many impressive results; especially the younger cyclists who rode the full 35km: Sebastian Clark, Hugh Bulotano, Joshua Carboni, Kasey Watt and Ishka Maat. Special mention also goes to Anna Bootle and Jesse Fairfull who cycled, ran & walked the whole distance to the oval. Once again Jimmy Nikoloudis was the first walker across the line with the time of 4hr 29min (almost ¼ hour quicker than last year). This year a number of female runner & cyclists completed the 35km quest.

When participants reached the oval they were greeted by Sue Radeka with a selection of warm foods & drinks and Sharyn Baines (Shaz's Massage Therapy) who performed leg massages to help participants recover. The day concluded with presentations.

This year the money raised from entry fees & donations (\$2,600) will be donated to the Coober Pedy Karate Club Inc to help with the purchase of equipment. Well done to everyone who was involved in the fundraising efforts.

A huge thank you goes to all of the 30+ volunteers who freely gave their time for this event; it could not have happened without you. A special thanks to Jayde for your support and meticulous record keeping which made this event easy to organise. Thanks also to the Ambulance Officers, CFS and Coober Pedy Police Officers who patrolled the track and made sure everyone was safe.

Thanks also goes to all our sponsors who help make this event possible every year. Major sponsors for 2014 were:

Arrium Mining	Carters IGA	District Council of Coober Pedy	Exact Mining
GT Signs	IMX Resources	John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant	Mine Rescue Squad / SES Coober Pedy
The Miners Store Supermarket		OZ Minerals	Shell Coober Pedy

Prize money was donated from OZ Minerals, IMX Resources, Arrium Mining & The Coober Pedy Sport & Rec Committee for the male and female, runners and cyclists who came in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Congratulations to all those who competed in the event.

Prize Winners

Male Cyclists

1st Damien Bachmann - time 1.43
2nd Peter Kyrtzaliotis - time 2.19
3rd tie between Sebastian Clark, Hugh Bulotano, Joshua Carboni - time 3.28

Female Cyclists

1st Caris-Haf Britton - time 2.00
2nd Amandine Bachmann - time 2.21
3rd Beverly Mason - time 4.16

Male Runners

1st David Busuttill - time 2.36
2nd Philip Woodward - time 3.43
3rd Clint Indelicato - time 4.27

Female Runners

1st Tahnee Bensen - time 3.43
2nd Susie Boyd Brown - time 4.15
3rd - no third

Checkpoint Volunteers: Steve & Sharyn Baines, Wayne Borrett, Maria Brellas, Shai Burns, Susie Crisa, Donna Dixon, David Halkias, Monique Harding, The Hoad Family, Stathi Ikononopoulos, Desrey Jones, Sue Lange, Lauren Palmer, Chris Radford, Freiya Reef MacNicol, Sophie Reynolds, Lulu Riesen, Michelle Riha, Trish Turner, Khuram & Humera Saleem

Vehicle & Oval Volunteers: Rose Berry, Phil Cameron, Julie Carmichael, The Clark Family, Marie Larsen, Dennis Markovich, Les Pullen, Grant Steele

Plans are already taking place to make the 2015 'Bolt' even better. If you've got suggestions or would like to get involved please email Clair Alford at calford@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au or give me a call during business hour on (08) 8672 4624



Elsie, Ginevel & Rachel - full of enthusiasm as they near the 12.5km checkpoint



Jimmy 'the runner' heading towards the finish



Sara from Oodnadatta running the 20km



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Community News



Citizenships 25 June 2014
Congratulations to all those who took the pledge

My Local Services App

The Local Government Association has released a new app in order to connect communities with their local councils through the use of smart phones. My Local Services works across the state to deliver information about local services to local communities.

The app can be downloaded on iPhone and Android. Search "My Local Services" in the App Store or the Play Store.

Features include:

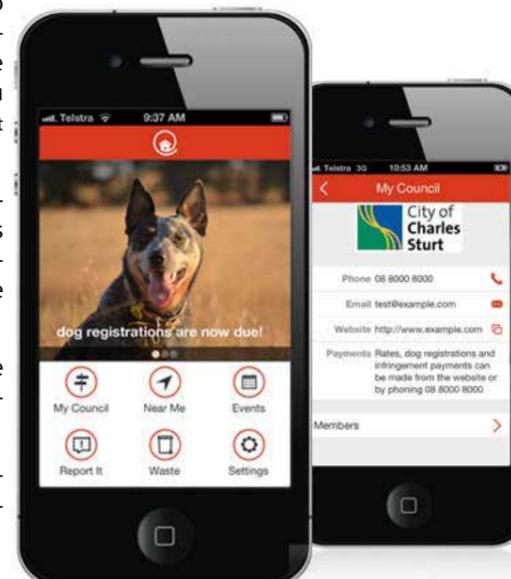
Spotlight - Delivers key messages to the Home screen of the App. Spotlights can link to web pages on the Council website to further inform you of upcoming events etc. (This feature not yet enabled for Coober Pedy)

Near Me - Easily discover nearby Council facilities such as parks, playgrounds and libraries. The inbuilt mapping application on the device can then guide you to the nearest Council park.

Events - Lists Council events that are coming up and are relative to your location.

Report It - Gives you the ability to report issues which require Council attention such as pavement failures etc.

Push Notifications - You can set reminders related to bin set-out, events and payment due notices.



July Events:

Saturday 5 July 1.00pm
Coober Pedy Saints home game vs Olympic Dam

Saturday 12 July 1.00pm
Coober Pedy Saints home game vs Andamooka - Indigenous Round Game - with special guernsey designed by Football Club President Ben Buller



Saturday 12 July 8.00am
30th Oodnadatta Bronco Branding and Campdraft - Australia's longest running bronco branding



Saturday 19 July 8.00pm
Highway of Lost Hearts
Greek Orthodox Community Hall
Supported by Coober Pedy Drive-In Committee



If you would like your event listed in the newsletter, on Facebook or added to the 'events calendar' on the tourism website please email newsletter@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au or call (08) 8672 4600

MAYORS REPORT June 2014

Mayor Steve Baines

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Councillor Robin Walker.

Robin was a kind and generous man and a passionate advocate for the community in which he lived. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the youth of Coober Pedy were catered for and was a great crusader for equality.

I am sure you will join me in extending our sincere condolences to Robin's family.

I have received a framed certificate of appreciation from the Ulysses Club Inc, Alice Springs AGM Event Committee for Council's sponsorship of the event.

The local business owners that I have spoken to advise that the event generated plenty of traffic and resulted in a significant boost to our towns economy. Motorcycles were still exploring the region several weeks before and after the AGM event and many have indicated that they will return at a later date to explore Coober Pedy and surrounds further. All in all I believe Council's sponsorship of the event was extremely successful and will continue to reap rewards into the future.

The Mayor verbally added to his report.

I attended the Coober Pedy Saints 10th anniversary celebrations on Saturday night and accepted a plaque of appreciation on behalf of Council for Council's continued support of the club over the past 10 years.

I present the plaque to Council.

Notice is hereby given that as part of the 2014/2015 Budget considerations, Council has now developed its Draft Annual Business Plan. Council is also required to undertake community consultation as part of the budgetary process so that it may brief and take submissions from the community for consideration in preparing its final budget for the 2014/2015 financial year.

To achieve this Council will be holding a public meeting as follows:

Date & Time: Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 5.30 pm
Location: Council Chambers

Hard copies of the draft 2014/2015 Annual Business Plan are now available for inspection (free of charge) or purchase (at a cost of \$10) from the front counter of Council or can be downloaded from Council's website www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au

Council invites submissions which may be forwarded to Mr Damien Clark, Finance & Administration Manager, District Council of Coober Pedy, PO Box 425, Coober Pedy SA 5723, or by email to dclark@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au and should be received no later than close of business on **Monday 14th July 2014.**

Phil Cameron, Chief Executive Officer

The District Council of Coober Pedy facebook page was created in November 2013 to further develop ties within the local community and surrounds. So far it has over 500 likes & a reach of up to 5,000 people.



Like our Page on Facebook to get the latest updates, photos, event info and more: [facebook.com/Coober.Pedy.Council](https://www.facebook.com/Coober.Pedy.Council)

News from the Works Depot

The Works Depot are inviting 'expressions of interest, as and when required' from the public for the hire of the following:

Building Contractor - Bricklayer - Paver - Plumber - Electrician - Auto Electrician - Carpenter - Glazier - Locksmith - Welder - Mechanic - Crash Repair - Handy Man - Front End Loader - Bobcat - Grader - Water Cart - Backhoe - Excavator - Trucks - Crane

Please contact the Council Depot during office hours if you have the necessary skills or machines, either Jan Van Der Merwe, Vonnie Ferguson or Kylie-Anne on 8672 4626, with expressions of interest and the appropriate licenses and registrations.

Have you seen these?

A Program of Events for the Centenary Year is now available from a range of locations both in Coober Pedy and on the road from North to South.

One of the highlights of Coober Pedy's centenary next year will be a Reunion on Sunday April 5th at the Coober Pedy Area School.

The Centenary Committee wants it to be a huge event, bringing together some of the great characters who have contributed to Coober Pedy's colourful history.

Mayor Steve Baines says Coober Pedy is famous for being a unique place because so many unique people have lived here over the years. "Coober Pedy has always attracted very special people, often a bit different from the mainstream, and the effect of that over the past 100 years has made the town what it is today", he said. "I don't think there's anywhere else in Australia quite like Coober Pedy and I know there are hundreds, if not thousands, of past residents who'd agree with me. It's the people who make the town, and we want as many of those people as possible to come back here for the Reunion Lunch. I think we're sure to see some long-lost friends get together again in the true spirit of the town, which would be a wonderful thing".

The reunion will be the culmination of an action-packed and exciting week which also includes a Centenary Street Party on April 2 with food and live music; the 100-Year Ball on April 3; the Opal Festival on April 4 and the Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show on April 4 and 5.



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Visitors of the Month

Jan Clark & John Dawson

Visitors encountered a huge and 'friendly' snake, travelling to Coober Pedy on the William Creek Road. What a great wild life experience!

Jan Clark and John Dawson from the Blue Mountains in NSW have been travelling through the Flinders Rangers. As they were heading towards Coober Pedy on William Creek Road they spotted a large snake slithering across the road & pulled over to get a photo. Jan says she couldn't believe how inquisitive the snake was, even coming towards them and checking them out.

Thanks to comments on our Facebook post we have identified the type of snake - **Woma Python**

Woma Pythons can reach a length of 2.3m and are a stocky, robust medium sized python. They are found over much of arid Australia. For more information visit: www.designerserpents.com.au



2014 SA Accredited VIC Conference

Desrey Jones, Tourism Officer

I recently attended the Accredited Visitor Information Centre Conference in Kangaroo Island from Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd May 2014 as a part of the accreditation requirement of SATC.

This years annual Accredited Visitor Information Centre Conference was held in Kangaroo Island and was attended by more than 40 delegates from all over South Australia. There were some really great speakers, including Sealink Business Development Manager Mike Furber who spoke on improving financial performance in VIC's, CEO Rodney Harrex who presented a talk on 'South Australian Tourism Commission'.

I got the most out of the VIC 'initiative' where all VIC representatives presented a short talk on one idea we have come up with at our VIC. I presented 'visitor of the month' which goes in our local newspaper, Facebook & Council newsletter. In brief, what I do is take photos of several tourists throughout the month and get their story - where they are from, where they have been, any interesting facts about themselves and how they are spending their time in Coober Pedy. At the end of the month one visitor is chosen and their story distributed to various media outlets. A copy is then sent to the visitor as a memento of their time spent here and as free advertising for the town. Another benefit from showcasing visitors to the town is it helps make locals aware that people travelling through our town are vital for Coober Pedy's sustainability and that visitors have great stories. It also makes visitors feel more involved in the town and gain understanding of tourism based projects. I have received some encouraging feedback from several VIC managers that attended, telling me they are going to try this at their VIC.

There were some really great ideas from a lot of the centres some of which I found to be very helpful. There were some ideas shared that weren't particularly useful for Coober Pedy specifically but I think the exercise of sharing everyone's different ideas openly provides an opportunity to gain feedback, think about the ideas in more depth and change your perspective or improve on the idea by changing certain aspects to suit your specific VIC.





Cooper Pedy's Youth Activities

Date: June

2014

Issue:

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Royal Australian Air Force

The Youth Shed was very fortunate to have visitors from the Royal Australian Air Force.

We were spoilt by being taken out to the airport to look at an aeroplane! Some of the young people that came to the Airport had never been inside of a plane before.

The two pilots were female and their names were Flight Lieutenant Anna Watson and Flying Officer Aimee Mocatta.

We had to be lead out to the aeroplane, single file, in two separate groups.

Each young person got to sit in the cockpit and look at all the gadgets!

It was fantastic! We would like to say a really big thank-you to Squadron Leader Darren Shorter & Sergeant Trevor Seebohm for organising the trip.



Royal Australian Air Force.....

.....Active Boys Group

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Active Boys Group is always a hit! They have been having fun doing skateboard painting, 'Minute to Win It' games, pool competitions and lots, lots more! For the pool competition we have to congratulate Cameron Lennon for winning!

Late Night Fridays

Friday Nights are becoming very popular! We had our biggest night a couple weeks ago with 31 young people attended the program. At Late Night Friday's we have dinner and watch a movie projected onto the wall. Ages 11-17 years of age 6:00pm till 10pm.



Child Community Links



The Amazing Drumming Monkeys

*Wanting to say a big thanks to **The Amazing Drumming monkey's** they have been to town and there show was "fantastic" the children loved it!*

***Thankyou** to Little Musician, Kindy, Mini Gems, CPAS & the reception class, year 1 and year 2 for coming and having a great time!*

WORK anybody interested

Still Looking for somebody that would like to work during the holidays at the Holiday Activity program for a few hours

- Must Have police clearance
- Be Reliable
- First Aid & child notification (or must be willing to get them at a later date)

“ SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMING UP FAST “

So keep your eye's open for the registration form Don't forget to fill it out and return it if you would like to join in and have some fun then come along.

KEEP IN MIND in July School Holidays there will be a car wash fundraiser for the All Access Playground.



COST IS

Inside—\$10.00

Outside—\$10.00

DATES ARE: Thursday the 10th July & Friday 11th July

TIMES: 9:30am till 12:30pm

Please start getting your cars dirty for a good cause!

*Please book through **Sandy Williams (red cross)** or **Donna Clements (District Council of Coober Pedy)** or any shops there's a poster*

For more information please contact
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